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### Description

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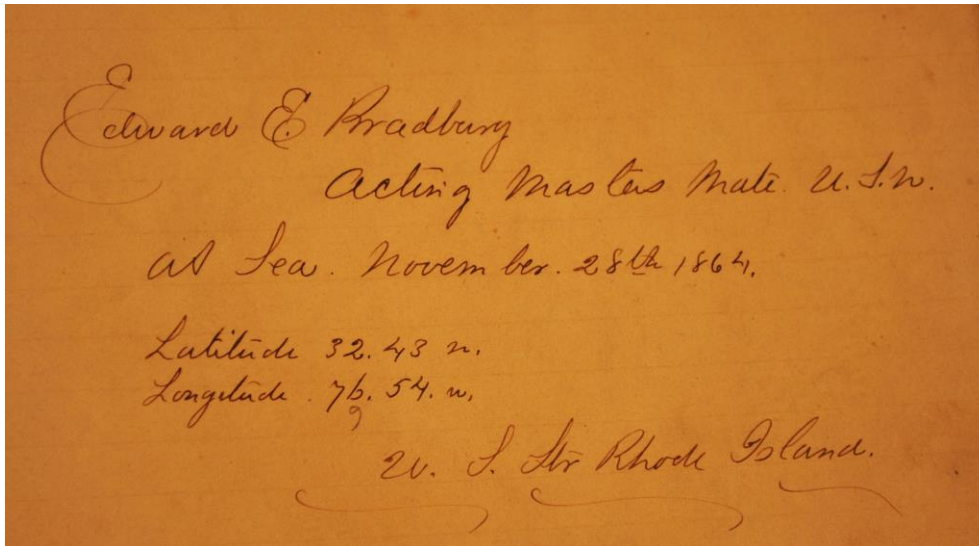
### Keywords

US Navy, Abraham Lincoln, journal, Edward Emerson Bradbury

### Disciplines

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**Guide to the  
MS-245: Edward E. Bradbury  
Civil War Naval Ledger**



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(1 box, .8 cubic feet)

Location: Special Collections

Inclusive Dates: November 1864-July 1865

Bulk Dates: 1865

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### **Provenance**

This collection was purchased from Kurt Gippert Bookseller in March 2019.

### **Biographical Note**

Edward Emerson Bradbury (1845-1909) was a U.S. Navy sailor from 1862-1909. Bradbury first served aboard the U.S.S. *Kensington* in February 1862 as a Yeoman and then a Paymaster's Steward until August 1863. Bradbury then served on the U.S.S. *Hendrick Hudson* as a Paymaster's Clerk until November 1863. In February 1864, Bradbury was appointed an Acting Master's Mate aboard the U.S.S. *Saco* until May 1864. In August 1864, Bradbury, as Acting Master's Mate, was assigned to the U.S.S. *Rhode Island*, on which he kept a daily log. On January 15, 1865, Bradbury was engaged in the Second Assault on Fort Fisher in North Carolina. In July 1865, Bradbury was accidentally shot in his right arm and admitted to the Pensacola Naval Hospital in Florida, where his arm was then amputated. Following the end of the American Civil War, Bradbury was listed as unfit for duty, but stayed in the Navy and was assigned to many different ships like the U.S.S. *Vermont*, U.S.S. *Idaho*, U.S.S. *Vandalia*, U.S.S. *Speedwell*, and the U.S.S. *Sabine*. On February 15, 1909, Edward Emerson Bradbury died from heart disease in Bradford, Mass. and is buried there.

Bradbury was married to Annie Frances Stackpole (1850-1917) and they had two children, Dorothy Bradbury (1886-1891) and Philip B. Bradbury (1891-1950). They lived in Haverhill, Mass.

### **Historical Note**

A few major events come up in Bradbury's journal/ledger, one of which is the death of Abraham Lincoln and 21-gun salute from surrounding ships is described after the fall of Richmond. The longest of the entries is two pages, and contains Bradbury's experiences in the Second Assault on Fort Fisher. The ship, on which Bradbury served, the U.S.S. *Rhode Island*, was responsible for recovering the crew of the sunken ironclad U.S.S. *Monitor* in 1862. The ship was renamed the *Charleston* and sold for merchant service in October 1867.

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## **Subjects**

Abraham Lincoln  
American Civil War  
Bradbury, Edward E. (1845-1909)  
Journal  
United States Navy

## **Series Description**

This collection is one Series. **Series 1:** Civil War Naval Journal

## **Box List**

### **Box 1**

1-0 Finding Aid and Biographical Information

### **Series 1 Civil War Naval Journal**

1-1 50-pages

- Title Page
- Pages 1-3, seamanship instructions
- Followed by daily logs