WILLINK, HENRY FREDERICK, B. 1825.  
Henry Frederick Willink papers, 1861-1879

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Willink, Henry Frederick, b. 1825.
Title: Henry Frederick Willink papers, 1861-1879
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 243
Extent: 0.25 linear foot (1 box) and 1 oversized papers box and 1 oversized papers folder(OP)
Abstract: Papers of Savannah shipbuilder and alderman, Henry Frederick Willink, Jr. from 1861-1879.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Citation
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Biographical Note
Henry Frederick Willink, Jr., shipbuilder and alderman, was born April 3, 1827, in Savannah, Georgia; it is uncertain when or where he died. As a member of the Savannah shipbuilding firm of Willink & Miller, he contracted with the Confederate Navy (1861) for the construction of the gunboat, Macon, and ironclad steamers, Savannah and Milledgeville, the last of which was partially complete when the city of Savannah was captured in December 1864. According to a May 1879 issue of the Savannah Times, Willink was at that time a Savannah alderman.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of correspondence, receipts, and ship plans relating to the building of the armored vessels Savannah, Milledgeville, and Macon. Correspondence is with Confederate Navy Commanders Stephen R. Mallory and Thomas W. Brent (some of which mentions the armored vessel Fingal, soon to be the Atlanta). Receipts are for payment of slave laborers on shipbuilding projects. Plans for the vessels include the signatures of John L. Porter, CSA Naval Constructor, and William A. Graves, CSA naval engineer.
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