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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The J. V. Paterson Notebook contains a manuscript copy of "Specifications of a Steel Paddle Wheel Saloon River Steamer," with information on how to construct bulwarks, promenade decks, galleys, and a captain's bridge.

Creator

Paterson, J. V., 1867-1947

Extent

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Biographical Note

J. V. Paterson is probably naval architect and draftsman James Venn Paterson, Sr., who was born in Glasgow, Scotland, June 17, 1867. Paterson attended Albany Academy in Glasgow, then graduated from University of Glasgow in 1888. During and following his studies, Paterson apprenticed at at two shipyards before being appointed a draftsman in the Southampton naval works, eventually rising to chief draftsman. The following year, Paterson immigrated to the United States, where he became consulting naval architect of the International Navigation Company, which operated the Red Star and American trans-Atlantic lines. He married Marie Josephine Vandeventer in 1898; the couple would have two children. In 1906, Paterson was named general manager of the Moran Company, a Seattle, Washington shipbuilder. After a 1912 takeover by the Seattle Construction and Dry Dock Company, Paterson became company president, a position from which he resigned in 1916 to become an independent contractor, building submarines. James Venn Paterson died May 19, 1947, and was buried in Lake View Cemetery, Seattle.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of a single notebook containing a manuscript copy of "Specifications of a Steel Paddle Wheel Saloon River Steamer." The first page bears the notation "J. V. Paterson, 18/Feby/91." The specifications include not only directions for such structural elements as beams, bulkheads, and plating but also amenities and decor. (That the specifications are for a British ship can be inferred from mention of the Union Jack, such terms as "centre" and "the W. C.," the *Oban Times* (a Scottish newspaper), and the Board of Trade.)

Related Archival Materials

The DeGolyer Library at Southern Methodist University maintains the James Venn Paterson papers.

Keywords

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