

Leonard James Dow Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Leonard James Dow Papers

Span Dates: 1945-1967

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1956-1963)

ID No.: MSS53298

Creator: Dow, Leonard James, 1902-1967

Extent: 2,500 items; 9 containers; 4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Naval officer. Correspondence, subject files, speeches and articles, and miscellaneous material relating primarily to Dow's post-retirement career as consultant in civil defense, antisubmarine warfare, and communications for government and private industry.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Carney, Robert Bostwick, 1895-1990.

Dow, Leonard James, 1902-1967.

Halsey, William Frederick, 1882-1959.

Hayward, John Tucker, 1910-

McLean, Noel B.

Mendenhall, William K.

Slonim, Gilven M.

Smith, Lloyd Preston, 1903-

Stassen, Harold Edward, 1907-2001.

Veeder, Ronald A.

Subjects

Anti-submarine warfare.

Civil defense.

Communication.

Submarines (Ships)

Occupations

Consultants.

Naval officers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Leonard James Dow, naval officer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1967. The collection was converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History

The papers of Leonard James Dow were arranged and described in 1975. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Additional Guides

In 1976 the Library published *Leonard James Dow, Wiliam Hemsley Emory, Cornelius Marius Schoonmaker, Montgomery Meigs Taylor, Registers of Their Papers in the Library of Congress*.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Leonard James Dow is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Leonard James Dow are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Leonard James Dow Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1902, July 26	Born, Bowling Green, Ohio
1926	Graduated, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Duty in <i>Oklahoma</i> (battleship)
1927	Duty in <i>Saratoga</i> (aircraft carrier)
1928	Married Helen E. MacCollum Duty at United States Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.
1929	Designated naval aviator
1933	Participated in mass flight from Norfolk, Va., to Coco Solo, C.Z.
1937	Duty at United States Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.
1941	Communications officer, Aircraft Battle Force
1944	Participated in attacks on Marshall and Gilbert Islands, in raids on Wake and Marcus Islands, and Battle of Midway; took part in combat operations in Ryukyu Islands, Formosa, and the Battle of Leyte Gulf
1945	Commandant, United States Naval Air Station, Dallas, Tex.
1949	Commandant, United States Naval Base, Kodiak, Alaska
1952	Commanded <i>Wright</i> (aircraft carrier)
1953-1956	Member of advanced study group, United States Naval War College, Annapolis, Md.

- 1956 Appointed rear admiral
Retired from United States Navy
Consultant, the Executive Office of the President, Special Projects
- 1957 Executive assistant, Westinghouse Electric Corp.
- 1962 Executive assistant, Research Triangle Institute, Durham, N.C.
- 1967, May 29 Died, Annapolis, Md.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Leonard James Dow (1902-1967) span the years 1945-1967, with the bulk of the material from 1956 to 1963. The collection consists of correspondence, subject files, speeches and articles, and miscellaneous material.

Much of the material concerns Dow's career after his retirement in 1956 from the United States Navy. Subject files treat his association with business firms and his position as consultant for civil defense, antisubmarine warfare, and communications. There are also papers concerning Dow's duty in the South Pacific and his membership in an advanced study group at the United States Naval War College.

Prominent correspondents include Robert Bostwick Carney, William Frederick Halsey, John Tucker Hayward, Noel B. McLean, William K. Mendenhall, Gilven M. Slonim, Lloyd Preston Smith, Harold Edward Stassen, and Ronald A. Veeder.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of file and therein by subject, name of person or organization, or type of material.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	General correspondence, 1955-1963 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Subject file, 1945-1963
BOX 1	Antisubmarine warfare (2 folders)
BOX 1	Bibliographies and information lists (2 folders)
BOX 2	Bureau of ships
BOX 2	Carney, Robert Bostwick
BOX 2	Civil defense
BOX 2	Fallout protection
BOX 2	Miscellany
BOX 2	Notes
BOX 2	Printed matter (1 folder)
BOX 3	(1 folder)
BOX 3	Classified log
BOX 3	Defense Information, Inc. (2 folders) (2 folders)
BOX 3	Employment of retired officers
BOX 3	Expense reports
BOX 4	Halsey, William Frederick
BOX 4	Correspondence
BOX 4	Communications and Battle of Leyte Gulf
BOX 4	Miscellany
BOX 4	Marketing and budget data
BOX 4	Missiles and space
BOX 4	National Security Industrial Association
BOX 4	Correspondence
BOX 4	Miscellany
BOX 4	Antisubmarine warfare
BOX 5	Naval War College, Annapolis, Md.
BOX 5	Oceanography
BOX 5	Miscellany
BOX 5	Printed matter (5 folders)
BOX 6	Operations research
BOX 6	Organization miscellany
BOX 6	Organization planning (2 folders)
BOX 6	Proposal data (2 folders)

Container List

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BOX 6	Research reference material
BOX 7	Speeches and articles file
BOX 7	Speeches, 1945, undated
BOX 7	Speeches and articles by others, 1954-1963 (2 folders)
BOX 7	Miscellany
BOX 7	Biographical material, 1958
BOX 7	Newspaper clippings, 1945-1965
BOX 7	Notes
BOX 7	Photographs
BOX 8	Printed matter
BOX 8	Miscellaneous
BOX 8	1953-1957 (3 folders)
BOX 9	1962-1967, undated (3 folders)
BOX 9	Retired flag officers, 1958-1963 (2 folders)