

## W.E. Darwell fonds [textual records, graphic materials]

### SUPPLIED TITLE NOTE

Title based on the name of the records creator.

### FONDS NUMBER

VMM18

### DATE(S)

1836-1908

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

12.5 cm of textual records; 4 photographs (1 framed)

### ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY / BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William Everleigh Darwell was born in England in 1843. When he was 13 years old, he entered into the Royal Navy. His maritime career spanned thirty-seven years from 1856 to 1893, during which time he rose from midshipman to captain. He served on a number of vessels including the H.M.S. *Esquimalt*; the *Landrail*; the *Excellent*; the *Racer*; the H.M.S. *Lynx* on an expedition up the Niger River in 1869; the *Duke of Wellington*; the H.M.S. *Coquette* on the Gold Coast during the Ashantee War of 1873-1874 (he was awarded the Ashanti medal for his action); the H.M.S. *Ranger*; and the H.M.S. *Tyne* during naval and military operations in the eastern Sudan where he was awarded the Egyptian medal and Khedive's Bronze Star. In 1890 he was appointed to the Kingston division of the HM Coastguard where he served until his retirement on April 13, 1893. William E. Darwell passed away in 1919.

### SCOPE & CONTENT

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### ARRANGEMENT

Arrangement based on subject of records.

### LANGUAGES

English

### RESTRICTIONS

**Access:** Some records in this fonds are very sensitive to handling. Please consult with Archivist before reviewing materials.

### RELATED VESSELS

HMS *Ganges* ; HMS *Tyne* ; HMS *Coquette* (1871)

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#### Maritime service records

**Photographs**

**Correspondence with family and friends**

**"HMS Ganges" logbook, Esquimalt Harbour, Vancouver Island (original)**

**"HMS Ganges" logbook, Esquimalt Harbour, Vancouver Island (research use copy)**

**Maritime memorabilia**

**"HMS Tyne" hurricane and collision**