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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Robert Provoost Purdy Papers
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Historical Note

Robert Provoost Purdy was born on December 25, 1840 in Cornwall, New York. Purdy served the Union as a Captain's clerk on the U.S. gunboat *Pembina* during the Civil War. He married Julia Mable Ludlum on November 6, 1869 and they had a daughter, Charlotte. Purdy passed away on December 13, 1914 in Brooklyn, New York.

Descriptive Entry

This collection consists of a journal Purdy kept while visiting the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In the journal Purdy described the various exhibits, including his visit to the United States Government Building where the Smithsonian coordinated all of the U.S. Government exhibits and prepared a display of its activities and collections for the exposition. Additional material relates to Purdy's efforts to secure his pension for his service during the Civil War. Materials include correspondence, a journal, a certificate, and other related materials.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Military pensions

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Centennial Exhibition (1876 : Philadelphia, Pa.)

Ludlum, Julia Mable

Pembina (Ship)

Purdy, Robert Provoost

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Geographic Names:

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Container Listing

Box 1

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| Box 1 of 1 | Journal - 1876 Centennial Exposition, Robert Provoost Purdy |
| Box 1 of 1 | Sworn statement of Robert Provoost Purdy, October 8, 1862 |
| Box 1 of 1 | Correspondence - John S. Hothersall to Robert Provoost Purdy regarding his service on the <i>Pembina</i> , May 17, 1888 |
| Box 1 of 1 | Correspondence - John S. Hothersall to Robert Provoost Purdy regarding his service on the <i>Pembina</i> , January 2, 1889 |
| Box 1 of 1 | Correspondence - John S. Hothersall to Robert Provoost Purdy, regarding his injury while serving on the <i>Pembina</i> , May 8, 1890 |
| Box 1 of 1 | U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions - Pension Certificate - Robert Provoost Purdy, September 22, 1904 |
| Box 1 of 1 | Deed - House and lot in Middletown, Orange County, New York, October 21, 1868 |
| Box 1 of 1 | Letters of Administration - Surrogate's Court - Estate of Robert Provoost Purdy Granted to Julia M. Purdy, January 19, 1915 |