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## Stephen R. Wise Papers, 1968-2009

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**Description:** 6.5 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Stephen R. Wise, a native of Toledo, Ohio, is a historian, educator, author, and the curator of the Parris Island Museum. He received his bachelor's degree from Wittenberg University and his master's degree from Bowling Green State University. He received his doctorate at the University of South Carolina. Since 1984 he has taught for the University of South Carolina Beaufort's military program as an adjunct professor. Dr. Wise served on the faculty for Penn Center's Gullah Institute and is an advisor to the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust. He is also currently serving on the editorial board for the South Carolina Historical Magazine. He lives in Beaufort, S.C.

**Scope and content:** Collection chiefly consists of research notes and other materials relating to two books authored by Stephen R. Wise, *Lifeline of the Confederacy: Blockade Running During the Civil War* (published 1989), and *Gate of Hell: Campaign for Charleston Harbor, 1863* (published 1994). Collection includes correspondence, mainly relating to blockade running and naval history; a draft of *Gate of Hell*; extensive research on blockade running vessels; and copies of photographs, illustrations, and maps used in or collected for both books.

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**Search terms:**

Wise, Stephen R., 1952-  
Confederate States of America Navy -- History  
United States Army Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, 54th (1863-1865)  
Blockade  
Morris Island, Battle of, S.C., 1863 (July 10-September 7)  
Charleston (S.C.) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865  
Confederate States of America Army -- Supplies and stores  
Fort Wagner (S.C.)  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Blockades

## BOX 1

- 1 Correspondence, 1968-1979, most of which relates to naval history.
- 2 Correspondence, 1980-1981, relating to research on Confederate blockade running, including many letters from Ian A. Grant in Brighton, England.
- 3 Correspondence, 1982-2009, some relating to blockade running research.
- 4 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1996-2003.
- 5 School paper, no date, relating to the "Naval War in the Atlantic" in WWII.
- 6 College essay, 1972, "The Fatherland of the French Foreign Legion."
- 7 Papers relating to two American naval history publications, with related correspondence, 1970s.
- 8 Writings by Stephen R. Wise, no date.
- 9 Essay or book chapter, no date, "Georgia Maritime Heritage."
- 10 Dissertation outlines, corrections, etc., and related correspondence, 1980 and undated.
- 11 Three issues of the *Naval Notebook*, 1980-1982, a naval history newsletter by I. A. Grant, R. P. Blackburn, and S. R. Wise.
- 12 Papers relating to a 1985 symposium on Confederate Maritime Trade.
- 13 Article published in the *Journal of Confederate History*, 1989, "Greyhounds and Cavaliers of the Sea."
- 14 Notices and reviews of the book *Lifeline of the Confederacy*; also, corrections.
- 15 Blockade running research: photocopies of shipping records, 1863-1865. The original folder was marked "Declaration - City Income Tax." These are records of goods shipped and brought into Charleston (?) by blockade running vessels.
- 16 Copies of cargo manifests of the *Antonica (Herald)*, 1863.

## BOX 2

- 1 Blockade running research: miscellaneous research.
- 2 Blockade running research: series of forms or worksheets containing information on individual blockade runners, alphabetically arranged, A.
- 3 Blockade running research: forms, B.
- 4 Blockade running research: forms, C.
- 5 Blockade running research: forms, D – E.

- 6 Blockade running research: forms, F.
- 7 Blockade running research: forms, G.
- 8 Blockade running research: forms, H – I.
- 9 Blockade running research: forms, J – K.
- 10 Blockade running research: forms, L.
- 11 Blockade running research: forms, M.
- 12 Blockade running research: forms, N – O.
- 13 Blockade running research: forms, P – Q.
- 14 Blockade running research: forms, R.
- 15 Blockade running research: forms, S.
- 16 Blockade running research: forms, T – U.
- 17 Blockade running research: forms, V – Z.

Blockade running research mainly about ships and captains, alphabetically arranged:

- 18 Blockade runner *Acadia*.
- 19 *Advance*.
- 20 *Alliance, Arago*
- 21 *America*.
- 22 *Badger, Banshee*.
- 23 *Bat*.
- 24 Bee company (Importing and Exporting Company of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C.). This is a translation of excerpts from August Conrad's memoir published in Germany in 1879. Conrad (Felix Clacius) was an employee of this blockade running company.
- 25 *Bermuda*.
- 26 Blatchford, Samuel. *Reports of Cases in Prize, 1861-1865* (photocopy), 1866.
- 27 *Bloomer*.
- 27 *British Queen*.

### BOX 3

- 1 Carlin, James.

2     *Calhoun, Carlo, Celt, Charles Morgan (Governor Moore), Chatham, Chicora*  
3     Cohen, S. A.  
4     *Clifton, Colonel Lamb, Condor*  
5     *Coquette*  
6     *Cornubia, and the Robert E. Lee (OR records about their capture)*  
7     *Craignish Castle, Adler, Triton, Curlew, Plover*  
8     *Dagmar, Deer, Dream, Don*  
9     *Denbigh*  
10    *Ella and Annie*  
11    *Falcon, Fanny, Fanny, Flamingo, Flora, Fox*  
12    *Fanny and Jenny (Scotia)*  
13    Ficklin, Benjamin, and Finney, William W.  
14    *Geogianna*  
15    *Gambia, General Whiting, Georgia Belle, Gladiator*  
16    Harlan and Hollingsworth Company  
17    *Harriet Pinckney, Helen, Hercules, Hope, Hornet*  
18    Hewett, William N. W.  
19    *Imogene, Iona, Isabel.* Information on the *Isabel* includes an original manuscript, 1862,  
    listing the names of officers on the USS *James L. Davis* entitled to a share in the prize for  
    the capture of the *Isabel*.  
20    *Juno (1), Juno (2), Jupiter*  
21    *Lady Sterling, Lark, Laurel*  
22    Lanier, Sidney and Clifford; and John B. Lafitte  
23    *Lelia*  
24    *Let Her Rip, Little Ada, Little Hattie, Little Lucy, Lizzie, Lloyd, Louisa Ann Fanny, Lucy*  
25    Lockwood, Thomas  
26    *Magnolia, Marmion, Mars, Mary, Mary Celestia*  
27    *Matagorda, Mazeppa, Maude, Minho*

#### BOX 4

- 1 *Nashville, Night Hawk, Owl*
- 2 Neill Brothers
- 3 *Pizzaro, Presto, Princess Royal*
- 4 C. K. Prioleau
- 5 *Ranger, Rattlesnake, Ray, Robert E. Lee, Rosine, Rothesay Castle, Ruby, Run Her*
- 6 *Sachem, Salvor, Scotia, Secret, Souve, Stag, Stono, Stonewall Jackson, Swan*
- 7 *Southerner*
- 8 *Syren*
- 9 *Talisman, Tennessee, Theodora*
- 10 *Union (aka Rosita, Carolina), Victoria, Virgin*
- 11 Usina, Michael P.
- 12 *Warrior, Wave, Wave Queen, Wild Dayrell, William G. Hewes, William H. Webb, Wren, Yorktown*
- 13 Wilkinson, John
- 14 Willis, Edward: "Vessels that Ran the Blockade" (in Charleston, North Carolina, and Texas)
- 15 Wilmington, N.C. (list of blockade runners entering and clearing)
- 16 Wilson, William

#### Additional blockade running research:

- 17 Information on various blockade runners with illustrations by Eric Heyl and others.
- 18 Information on steam vessels, including some photocopied from the *Journal of the Franklin Institute*, 1850s and 1860s.
- 19 Research on privateers, including John N. Maffitt and James I. Waddell.

#### BOX 5

- 1 Research on Confederate blockade running relating to support by and commerce with Great Britain. Includes information on ships built in Glasgow, Scotland, and Liverpool; various shipbuilders; commerce with Liverpool, etc.

- 2 Photocopies of records from the Thomas Haines Dudley Papers at the Huntington Library. Dudley was the U.S. Liverpool consul.
- 3 Information from the British Public Records Office.
- 4 Articles relating to blockade running at Bermuda and the Bahamas.
- 5 Research relating to blockade running at Galveston, Texas.
- 6 Research relating to blockade running in North Carolina.
- 7 Research relating to blockade running in Texas.
- 8 General research on blockade running: articles and book chapters.
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- 11 General research on blockade running: 19<sup>th</sup> century sources.
- 12 General research on blockade running.

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- 1 General research on blockade running: extracts from the OR.
- 2 General research on blockade running: "Fort Fisher: The Confederate Goliath." A master's thesis, 1979, by Rod Gragg.
- 3 General research on blockade running.
- 4 Paper: "Phantom Fleets of Privateers: Blockade Runners as Privateers and Commerce Raiders."
- 5 Material relating to Confederate maritime history, including papers on the *Phoenix* ("Mobile's Unknown Ironclad"), and the CSS Stephen Hart.
- 6 Maps used in or collected for *Lifeline of the Confederacy*.
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Papers relating to *Gate of Hell*:

- 8 *Gate of Hell* draft, part one.
- 9 *Gate of Hell* draft, part two.

#### BOX 7

Papers relating to *Gate of Hell*. These consist of research for the book, arranged in alphabetical order.

- 1 A: published sources, including “That Night at Fort Wagner” by J. W. Appleton.
- 2 B: published sources, including writings by William Wells Brown, and *Carl Bornemann’s Regiment*, and W. J. Buttgenbach’s “Coast Defense in the Civil War.”
- 3 C: articles mainly about the siege of Charleston from 19<sup>th</sup> century newspapers; also, articles about calcium lights.
- 4 C: information on civilian casualties during the bombardment of Charleston (up to Dec. 31, 1863).
- 5 C: coastal survey by A.D. Bache, 1861.
- 6 D: the *David*, and F.D. Lee’s “Giant David.”
- 7 D: article “A Littoral Frustration,” mainly about naval commanders Dahlgren and DuPont.
- 8 E: copy of an 1863 letter by Stephen Elliott, and information on his torpedoes, etc.
- 9 G: Georgia Confederate regiments.
- 10 J: English translation of *Gezogenen Geschutze der Amerikaner... (The Rifled Barrels of the Americans at the Siege of Charleston)* by C. Jacobi.
- 11 N: USS *New Ironsides*.
- 12 N: new lines on James Island (Confederate batteries in 1863).
- 13 N: New York Corps of Engineers.
- 14 P: Diary of Isaac Harrison Perkins, 1862-1865.
- 15 P: prisoners of war, black and white.
- 16 R: copies of manuscripts from the Cabot J. Russell Papers (NY Public Library).
- 17 S: Diary of George N. Stoddard (US soldier on Folly Island).
- 18 S: *Stories of Our Soldiers*.
- 19 T: copies of manuscripts of or relating to General Taliaferro.
- 20 U: research on United States Colored Troops (USCT).
- 21 U: U.S. soldiers’ letters from Morris Island.
- 22 V: Frank Vizetelly.
- 23 W: *The USS Water Witch*.

- 24 W: letter from “Wilson,” a Confederate soldier, about the July 18 attack on Battery Wagner (from the manuscript collection of Fort Sumter National Monument).
- 25 W: “The Story of Fort Sumter” by Stewart L. Woodford.
- 26 Information on various research sources.
- 27 Correspondence regarding corrections to the book, 1994-1995.

## BOX 8

### Research for *Gate of Hell*:

- 1 Notes on Confederate officers and units on Morris Island, ordnance, etc.
- 2 Copies of records from the SCDAH relating to a steam battery ram.
- 3 Papers of or relating to Clara Barton.
- 4 List of places in Charleston used as Confederate headquarters, from the “Beauregard Papers” (National Archives).
- 5 Copies of letters from the David Bullock Harris Papers at Duke University.
- 6 Miscellaneous information on the 55<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment, USCT, and an article about the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment and Robert G. Shaw.
- 7 Notes on Thomas A. Huguenin, and a copy of part of his autobiography.
- 8 Copy of *Correspondence Relating to Fortification of Morris Island and Operations of Engineers*” by Roswell S. Ripley.
- 9 Letters from the David Ludlow Thompson Papers (NY Historical Society).
- 10 Diary of Alexander H. Vance, 85<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers.
- 11 Copies of material from the Baron William Henry Von Eberstein Papers at East Carolina University.
- 12 Copies of letters written by a soldier or officer in the 61<sup>st</sup> North Carolina Infantry Regiment, serving on Morris Island, Sullivan’s Island, etc. The letters are signed “Andrew” and are mostly addressed to “Bettie” (or “Dear Wife”). Possibly Andrew Jackson Moore?
- 13 Information on Frank Vizetelly.
- 14 *Reminiscences and Sketches of Confederate Times* by James H. Powe.
- 15 Letters from the Theodore Honour Papers.
- 16 Maps and diagrams used in or collected for *Gate of Hell* (see also oversize material).



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- 19 CD-R containing images of the diary of Isaac H. Perkins, and an envelope with the image of the Swamp Angel (“3rd R.I. Heavy Artillery”).

#### BOX 9

- 1 Records of photographs ordered for use in *Gate of Hell*.

Miscellaneous papers:

- 2 Battery Wagner.
- 3 Charleston Civil War tour notes.
- 4 “The Sinking of the George Washington” by Stephen R. Wise.
- 5 *Glory* (film).
- 6 Rev. Samuel Harrison, USCT chaplain.
- 7 Articles, etc., relating to Morris Island and its preservation.
- 8 Robert Smalls.
- 9 Swamp Angel.
- 10 Paper by Kevin Lake: “Captain Francis D. Lee and the Politics of Command”
- 11 USCT.

#### BOX 10

Index cards, alphabetically arranged with information on blockade running sailing vessels, A – N.

#### BOX 11

Index cards, alphabetically arranged with information on blockade running sailing vessels, O – Z; and steam blockade runners, A – B.

#### BOX 12

Index cards, alphabetically arranged with information on steam blockade running vessels, C – F.

#### BOX 13

Index cards, alphabetically arranged with information on steam blockade running vessels, G – Mc.

## BOX 14

Index cards, alphabetically arranged with information on steam blockade running vessels, M –R.

## BOX 15

Index cards, alphabetically arranged with information on steam blockade running vessels, S –Z.

OVERSIZE materials (located in oversize manuscript box with the 33s):

Oversize miscellaneous items consist of an original “extra” issue of the *Richmond Enquirer*, June 29, 1862; a copy of Alabama’s ordinance of secession (1861); and reproductions of period newspapers such as *Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper*.

## VISUAL MATERIALS:

### BOX 1

- 1 Photographs and illustrations of Confederate blockade running vessels.
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- 4 Images of blockade runner captains and related officials.
- 5 Blockade running-related images from the Confederate Museum (Charleston, S.C.).
- 6 Sketches (cartoons) by Doyle Clifton “for blockade running talk, CSA fighting with broomsticks.”
- 7 Images of Captain Usina and Hobart Pacha.
- 8 Photograph of blockade runner captains at Nassau.
- 9 Images relating to *Gate of Hell*, including batteries on Morris Island.
- 10 Color illustrations of various ironclad vessels.
- 11 Miscellaneous photographs and images.

### BOX 2

Box of slides relating to blockade running.

### BOX 3

Box of slides relating to blockade running.

OVERSIZE visual materials:

- 1 Ink drawings of blockade running vessels, including the *Banshee*, *Atalanta*, etc.
- 2 Color illustration of the *Flamingo*.
- 3 Color illustration of the *Condor*.
- 4 Two ink drawings of the *Calhoun*.
- 5 Illustration of the *Stonewall*.
- 6 Ink drawing of the *Colonel Lamb*.
- 7 Maps and plans relating to *Gate of Hell*, including maps of Morris Island.
- 8 Maps and plans created for *Gate of Hell* by James Legge, including plans of Battery Wagner.
- 9 Map of Morris Island.
- 10 Watercolor illustration of the Charleston jail.
- 11 Watercolor illustration of African American prisoners in the Charleston jail.