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Journal of Hydrographic Party U.S.C.S. R.E. Halter Commd'g.

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U.S.C.S.
Hydrographic Party.

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Counting House Almanac – 1869.

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Section I

Journal
of the daily operations of the hydrographic party
of Sub Asst. R.E. Halter

1866

Day, month, date, year
Time, Wind (direction & force), Therm., Remarks

1866 August 16th Portland Harbor
1866 August 17th **Herring Gut**

1866 August 20th Thompson's Island

1866 August 22nd Caldwell Island

1866 August 24th Gay Island

1866 August 28th Ram Island

1866 September 1st Allen Island

1866 September 7th **Mosquito Harbor**

1866 September 8th **Tennants Harbor**

1866 September 20th Fogg's Hill

1866 September 22nd Harts Wharf

1866 September 24th Pleasant Point & Davis' Cove

1866 October 1st **Tennants & Seal Harbors**

1866 October 5th Nortons Island

1866 October 8th Whuber's Bay (sp?)

1866 October 10th Muscle Ridge channel

1866 October 10th Whuber's Bay

1866 October 16th Ash Point

1866 October 19th Muscle Ridge channel, False White Head,
Mestkreage River entrance

1866 October 26th "Received telegram with instructions to break up party."

1866 November 3rd Davison Islands & Portland Harbor.

1868 Jan 13 **Galveston Harbor**

- 1868 Jan 15 ...Capt. Thompson...
...anchor 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ off Swan Lake...
- 1868 Jan 20 ...over to Bolivar Light...
- 1868 Jan 26 ...anchor off Kuhns whf.
- 1868 Feb 4 ..anchor in Bolivar channel...
- 1868 Feb 8 ...went to Pelican Is....
- 1868 Feb 21 ...under way for Matagorda...
- 1868 Feb 23 ...anchor off Steamboat Wharf Indianola
- 1868 Feb 24 ...went to Half moon Reef Light...Port Lavacca...Gallinipper Point...
- 1868 Feb 25 ...Mr. Halter, Mr. Dillaway & Capt. Thompson...
- 1868 Mar 4 ...Lavaca Bay...
- 1868 Mar 9 ... Mt. Halli (?)...
- 1868 Mar 15 ...Pelican Spit...
- 1868 Mar 27 ...Mr. Goodfellow came on board...
- 1868 Mar 31 ... Frank Larabee discharged.
- 1868 Apr 1 ...Lieut Stanton...San Jacinto River...Red Fish bar.
- 1868 Apr 3 ...Virginia Point...

1868 July **Portland, Me.** W.I. Vinal (?), Scripsit.

- 1868 Jul 6 ...Portland Harbor...
- 1868 Jul 8 ...Mr. Harding...
- 1868 Jul 11 ...Steamer Eudeuvoir (?)...
- 1868 Jul 12 ...Mr Bradford...
- 1868 Jul 13 ... Mssrs Sullivan, Bradfor and Anderson...
- 1868 Jul 14 ...Mr. Woolsy the paymasters writer...Mr. Halter...F.R. Bibber to
Westport...Muscougus Bay...New Harbor..Schr "Dana" ...Slssfscoe
(?) River...Georgetown Cove...Sheepscot River...

1868 Jul 16 ...Mr. Jas. Meily...Mr. Harding...

1868 Jul 17 ...Winter Harbor...Malvin Freese (?) sick.

1868 Jul 18 ...Metinic Island...”Isle a Halt”(?)...

1868 Jul 19 ...Long Island Harbor...

1868 Jul 21 ...Cranberry Island Harbor...

1868 Jul 22 ...Wi__tin (?) Harbor...Mr. Anderson...Westport.

1868 Jul 23 ...New Horbor...

1868 Jul 24 ...Round Pond...

1868 Jul 27 ...Daman’s cota...Shark Rock...

1868 Jul 28 ...Mr. Hardwig...Yellow Fead...Brown’s Head...

1868 Jul 30 ...Towns’ End...Long Cove...

1868 Aug 3 ...Mr. Hackleton and Prof Johnson of Wesleyan University...

1868 Aug 12 ...Fielas(?) home sick...

1868 Aug 26 ... Mr. Woolsey sick...

1868 Sept 11 ...Davis Island Harbor...

1868 Sept 12 ...Mssrs Paterson & Woolley...

1868 Sept 19 ...Mr. Harding...

1868 Sept 22 ...Mrs. Harding... Mr. Fendall’s(?) party...

1868 Oct 3 ...Tennant’s Harbor...

1868 Oct 6 ...Permnaguia(?) Pt.

1868 Oct. 7 ...Hogden’s Mills...

1868 Oct 12 ..Thumbeaf(?) Id., John’s Bay.

1868 Oct 14 ...Little River...Booth Bay Harbor...

1868 Oct 15 ...Capt. Kurt(?)...Linican’s(?) Bay,,,

1868 Oct 18 ...Wiggin's sick...

1868 Oct 20 ...Boothbay...

Season 1868 & 9

W. I. Vindl(?), Scribes.

Jersey City Nov. 30th 1868

1868 Nov 30 Survey Steamer "Endeavor"...Allicon's Dry Dock...Mr. Jenkins
(?)...Mr. Halter...Mr. Vnial(?)...Capt. Hallett.

1868 Dec 1 Capt. F.C. Thompson(?)...

1868 Dec 2 ...Mr. Halter went home...

1868 Dec. 5 ...Messers Vindl & Thomes went to Staten Island...

1868 Dec. 7 ...Party went to hear Henry W. Beecher. Mr. Halter returned.

1868 Dec 12 Engaged a sailing master named Chandler...

1868 Dec 13 ...Mr. Chandler ...could not go south in the steamer.

1868 Dec 14 Engaged a new sailing master....Discharged sailing master for
drunkenness.

1868 Dec. 15 Engaged Capt. J.R. Mulcove(?) as sailing master.

1868 Dec 16 ...wrote to Mr. Patterson; with Mr. Thomes consulted Mr. Blunt and
engaged Henry Robinson as Captain...Mr. Fowler very much
dissatisfied.

1868 Dec 17 Discharged S..Fowler engineer, engaged Philip Caufisla (or Schofisla)
in his place.Sandy Hook....

1868 Dec 18&19 ...sighted Cape Charlso(?)...Hampton Roads....

1868 Dec 20&21 ...Capt. Patterson...Elizabeth River...Black Water
River...P??go Ferry... Chesapeake & Seb?marl? Canal Rates.

1868 Dec 22 ...Black River Flats, C???tuck Sound...Chesapeake and Albermarle(?)
Canal, North River, Albemarle Sound...Roanoke Marshes...

1868 Dec 23 ...Bay(?) River...mouth of N??se River...

1868 Dec 25 ...Ocracock(?) Lighthouse...

- 1868 Dec 26 ...Cape Lookout...
- 1868 Dec 27 ...Frying Shoals...Cape Roman...
- 1868 Dec 28 ..."Martins Industry"...
- 1868 Dec 29 ...Savannah River...
- 1868 Dec 31 ...Capt. Robinson ...V[essel] H. Livingston. Capt. Concklin...Fsmantina(?). Capt. Fsmey(?) "Bache"..Key West...Mr. Hosmer. .. Sebert(?) Holley, steward & John Glover, cook discharged....

1869

- 1869 Jan 1 ...Jeckyl (?) Creek.
- 1869 Jan 2 ...Amelia River opposite New Femandinia(?)...
- 1869 Jan 4 ...N.Y. Harbor.
- 1869 Jan 10 ... Capt. Fsmey...Capt. Couckling....
- 1869 Jan 12 ...Fort Clinch (?)...
- 1869 Jan 14 ...Mr. Bissell reported...Discharged R.W. McGingin(?)....
- 1869 Jan 25 ...Messrs Yulu (?) & Roberts on board...underway...for Charleston S.C. via inside passage...Atamahah (?) River at 5 pound Island....
- 1869 Jan 26 ...Dasisen (?) River...Mud (?) River...
- 1869 Jan 27 ...met the Coast Survey Schooner "Bache" at entrance of Rowerly (?) Marshes ... bound to Thunderbolt...Skull Creek... Mr. Ogden...Sub Assistant Chas. Frosmen ??(?)
- 1869 Jan 29 ...Sullivan's Island..Fort Marshall signal...Moultine(?) & Sumpten (?) Beacons....
- 1869 Jan 30 ...Holly Island....
- 1869 Feb 1 ...R.P. Queen...
- 1869 Feb 2 ... Statistics of work at Femandina Fla...
- 1869 Feb 3 ...Mr. Boutillis (?)...
- 1869 Feb 5 ...Mr. Halter sick with Plsunsy (?)...

1869 Feb 12 ...Mr. Bowditch on board....

1869 Feb 16 ...Mr. Jackson, Assistant Light Ho. Inspector dined aboard.

1869 Feb 18 ...Capt. Stone, U.S. Navy on board.

1869 Feb 19 ... a party of Gentlemen including Capt. Stone, Mr. Bowditch, Dr. ----
& Mr. Jones, pilot come on board....

1869 Feb 22 ...Morris Island....

1869 Feb 24 ...on the way to St. Andersens(?). Passed Martin's Industry Lt.
Ship....

1869 Feb 25 ...Altamah Creek....

1868 Feb 26 ...anchor off Brunswick City, Ga....St. Simon's Sound....

1869 Feb 27 ...N.S. Finney former assistant on the Coast Survey on board. Capt.
Ilely (?) of the Schr. "Bailey" also on board....

1869 Mar 4 ...Mr. Bisell....

1869 Mar 5 ...Mr. Iardella(?)....

1869 Mar 6 ...Mr. Halter went to Savannah last night.

1869 Mar 7 ...Sch. "Bailey" left for working ground.

1869 Mar 9 ...Estella river....Cumberland Isa.

1869 Mar 11 ...St. Andrew's Sound...St. Andrew's Bar Pilot...

1869 Mar 14 ...Mr. Edicott (?) & Colonel Collinis on board.

1869 Mar 16 ...anchored off Little Cumberland Island...

1869 Mar 17 ... Henry Jones sick.

1869 Mar 19 ...Anchored off Jeckyl Island.

1869 Mar 20 ...Mr. Halter received news of his promotion to the grade of Assistant
to date from January 1st 1869. Assistant Harduya (?) on board....

1869 Mar 22 ...St. Simon's Island...Henry Jones discharged, drunk & disorderly.

1869 Mar 23 ...St. S??ious' Lt.....

1869 Apr 3 ... Wm. Ruffin deserted.

1869 Apr 11 ...met Sch. Caswell at Ioboy (?) Inlet...Wallburg Creek...

1869 Apr 13 ...arrived in Savannah

1869 Apr 14 ...went out-side from Wassaw Sound...Mud River...

1869 Apr 15 ...Jekyl Creek...Jekyl Island...

1869 Apr 16 ...Little Satilla River...

1869 Apr 26 ...In afternoon took a party of ladies on board the steamer and ran down to St. Simon's and back...

1869 Apr 29 ...Dover creek...

1869 Apr 30 ...Ran out to Pelican Shoal buoy...

1869 May 11 ...Jointis (?) Creek...Little Cumberland Island...

1869 May 16 ...Turtle River...

1869 May 18 ...St. Simon's Buoy...

1869 May 19 ...Altanah(?) River...

1869 May 21 ...Charleston Harbor...Mr. Halter remained in Charleston to go to Washington by rail to-morrow...

1869 May 23 ...Smithville

1869 May 24 ...Smithville Harbor...Fort Fisher...

1869 May 25 ...Beaufort Harbor opposite Fort Macow...

1869 May 27 ...goosemount wharf at Fort Macon...Str "Moscasin"(...)...

1869 May 28 ...bouy of Branfort Harbor...Ocracock (?) Inlet opposite Portsmouth...

1869 May 29 ...sighted Hatteras Lt...

1869 May 30 ...Cape Fsury (?) Lt....

1869 May 31 ...Arrived in N.York Harbor ... anchor opposite the Patterson (?) Dock, Jersey City...

1869 June 1 ... Lying in N.York Horbor river engaged with ship's duty.
[last entry]

Names in the Halter Log Book

Persons

Anderson, Mr.	Fsmey (?), Capt.	Meily, Jas.
Beecher, Mr. *	Glover, John, <i>cook</i>	Mulcove (?), Capt. J.R. (<i>sailing master</i>)
Bibber, F.R.	Goodfellow, Mr.	Ogden, Mr.
Bisell, Mr.	Hackleton, Mr.	Paterson, Mr.
Bissell, Mr.	Hallett, Capt.	Patterson, Capt.
Blunt, Mr. **	Halter, Mr.	Queen, R.P.
Boutillis (?), Mr.	Harding, Mr.	Roberts, Mr.
Bowditch, Mr. ***	Harding, Mrs.	Robinson, Henry, Capt.
Bradford, Mr.	Harduya (?) (<i>Assistant</i>)	Ruffin, Wm.
Caufisla, Philip (or Schofisla (?))	Hardwig, Mr.	Stanton, Lieut.
Chandler (<i>Sailing master</i>)	Holley, Sebert (?), <i>steward</i>	Stone, Capt., U.S. Navy
Collinis, Colonel	Hosmer, Mr.	Sullivan, Mr.
Concklin, Capt.	Iardella (?), Mr.	Thomes, Mr.
Dillaway, Mr.	Ilelsy (?), Capt. (<i>of the Schr.</i> <i>"Bailey"</i>)	Thompson, Capt. F.C.
Endicott (?), Mr.	Jackson, Mr. (<i>Assistant Light</i> <i>Ho. Inspector</i>)	Vinal (?), W.I. (<i>Scriptsit</i>)
Fendall, Mr.	Jenkins, Mr.	Wiggin, Mr.
Fielas (?), Mr.	Johnson, Prof. (<i>Wesleyan</i> <i>University</i>)	Woolley, Mr.
Finney, N.S. (<i>former assistant</i> <i>on the Coast Survey---</i>)	Jones, Henry	Woosly, Mr. (<i>paymasters</i> <i>writer</i>)
Fowler, Mr. S.	Jones, Mr. (<i>pilot</i>)	Yulu (?), Mr.
Freese, Malvin	Kurt (?), Capt.	
Frosmen—(?), Chas, <i>Sub</i> <i>Assistant</i>	Larabee, Frank	
	McGingim (?), R.W.	

***Henry Ward Beecher** . Probably the political and social reformer and prominent clergyman in nineteenth century America.

****Mr. Blunt**. Probably George Blunt, son of Edmund March Blunt. He and his brother, Edmund, the younger, devoted their lives to charting and the sea. George became a publisher of charts and nautical books in NY. Revised the *American Coast Pilot* several time and was a major force behind causing the federal government to organize the Lighthouse Board. After the death of his father in 1862 and his brother in 1867, he sold the copyright for *American Coast Pilot* to the U.S. Coast Survey.

www.msa.md.gov/msa/scpecol/sc2200/sc2269/html/cartographers.html

*****Mr. Bowditch**. Probably Jonathan Ingersoll Bowditch, son of Nathaniel. In 1868 the newly organized U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office bought the copyright to *The New American Practical Navigator*.

Place names

Albemarle Sound, NC	Georgetown Cove, FL(?)	Permnaguia (?) Pt.
Allen Island, ME	Goosemount Wharf (Ft. Macon), NC	Pleasant Point, TX
Allicon's Dry Dock	Half Moon Reef Light, TX	Port Lavacca, TX
Altamah Creek	Hampton Roads, VA	Portland Harbor, ME
Amelia River, FL	Harts Wharf	Portland, ME
Ash Point, ME	Hatteras Lt., NC	Portsmouth
Altamaha River, GA	Herring Gut, ME	Ram Island, ME
Beaufort Harbor, NC	Hogden's Mills	Red Fish Bar, TX
Black River Flats	Holly Island	Roanoke Marshes, NC
Black Water River, FL	Indianola, TX	Round Pond (NC or ME)
Bolivar Channel, TX	Ioboy (?) Inlet	Rowerly (?) Marshes
Bolivar Light, TX	<i>Isle a Halt</i> , ME	San Jacinto River, TX
Booth Bay Harbor, ME	Jekyll Creek, (GA or FL)	Sandy Hook, NJ
Branford Harbor, CT	Jekyll Island (GA or FL)	Savannah, GA
Brown's Head, ME	Jersey City, NJ	Savannah River, GA
Brunswick City, GA	John's Bay	Seal Harbor, ME
Caldwell Island, ME	Jointis (?) (John's?) Creek	Shark Rock, ME?
Cape Charles, VA	Kuhns Wharf, TX (Galveston)	Sheepscot River, ME
Cape Fsury (?) Lt.	Lavaca Bay, TX	Skull Creek
Cape Lookout, NC	Linican's (?) Bay	Slsfscoe (?) River
Cape Roman Georgetown Harbor	Litter River, VA	Smithville
Charleston Harbor, SC	Little Cumberland Island, GA	Smithville Harbor, NC (?)
Charleston, S.C.	Little Satilla River, NY (LI)	St. Andersens (?)
Chesapeake and Albemarle Canal, VA	Long Cove, NY (LI)	St. Andrew's Bar Pilot, FL
Cranberry Island Harbor, ME	Long Island Harbor, NY	St. Andrew's Sound, FL
C----tuck Sound	Matagorda, TX	St. Simon's Island, GA
Cumberland Island, GA	Mestkreaige River (entrance)	St. Simon's Sound, GA
Daman's (Damon?) cota	Metinic Island, ME	Steamboat Wharf, Indianola, TX
Dasisen (?) River	Morris Island, SC	Sullivan's Island, SC
Davidson Island	Mosquito Harbor, ME	Sumpten (?) (Sumter?) Beacon
Davis Island Harbor, FL	Moultine (?) Beacon	Swan Lake, SC (?)
Davis' Cove, NJ	Mt. Halli (?)	Tennant's Harbor, ME
Dover Creek	Mud River, W. VA	Thompson's Island, MA
Elizabeth River, VA?	Muscle Ridge Channel, ME	Thumbaef (?) Id.
Estella River	Muscougus Bay, ME	Thunderbolt
False White Head, ME	New Fernandina. FL	Town's End, VT
Fernandina, FL	New Harbor, ME	Turtle River
Fogg's Hiss	New York Harbor, NY	Virginia Point, TX
Fort Clinch, FL	North River	Wallburg Creek
Fort Fisher, NC	Nortons Island, ME	Washington, D.C.
Fort Macon, NC	Ocracock Inlet, NC	Wassaw Sound, GA
Fort Macow, NC	Ocracock Lighthouse, NC	Westport
Fort Marshall signal, NY	Patterson Dock, Jersey City, NJ	Whuber's (?) Bay
Frying Shoals, NC	Pelican Island, TX	Winter Harbor, ME
Gal Island	Pelican Shoal Buoy, TX	Yellow Head, ME (?)
Gallinipper Point, FL	Pelican Spit, TX	
Galveston Harbor, TX		

Place Names by State

Connecticut

Branford Harbor

District of Columbia

Washington

Florida

Amelia River
Black Water River
Davis Island Harbor
Fernandina
Fort Clinch
Gallinipper Point
Georgetown Cove (?)
New Fernandina
St. Andrew's Bar
St. Andrew's Sound

Georgia

Altamaha River
Brunswick City
Cumberland Island
Little Cumberland Island
Savannah
Savannah River
St. Simon's Island
St. Simon's Sound
Wassaw Sound

Maine

Allen Island
Ash Point
Boothbay Harbor
Brown's Head
Caldwell Island
Cranberry Island Harbor
False White Head
Herring Gut
Isle a Haut
Metinic Island
Mosquito Harbor
Muscle Ridge Channel
Muscouge Bay
New Harbor
Nortons Island
Portland
Portland Harbor
Ram Island
Seal Harbor

Shark Rock (?)
Sheepscot River
Tennant's Harbor
Thompson's Island
Winter Harbor
Yellow Head (?)

New Jersey

Davis' Cove
Jersey City
Patterson Dock, Jersey City
Sandy Hook

New York

Ft. Marshall signal
Little Satilla River
Long Cove
Long Island Harbor
New York Harbor

North Carolina

Albemarle Sound
Beaufort Harbor
Cape Lookout
Fort Fisher
Fort Macon
Fort Macow
Frying Shoals
Goosemount Wharf
Hatteras Lighthouse
Ocracock Inlet
Ocracock Lighthouse
Roanoke Marshes
Smithville Harbor (?)

South Carolina

Charleston
Charleston Harbor
Morris Island
Sullivan's Island
Sumpten Beacon (?)
Swan Lake (?)

Texas

Bolivar Channel
Bolivar Light
Galveston Harbor
Half Moon Reef Light
Indianola

Kuhns Wharf (Galveston)
Lavaca Bay
Matagorda
Pelican Island
Pelican Shoal Bouy
Pelican Spit
Permnaguia Pt. (?)
Pleasant Point
Port Lavaca
Red Fish Bar
San Jacinto River
Steamboat Wharf (Indianola)
Indianola
Virginia Point

Vermont

Town's End

Virginia

Cape Charles
Chesapeake & Albemarle
Canal
Elizabeth River (?)
Hampton Roads
Litter River

West Virginia

Mud River

Unidentified Place Names

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Davidson Island
Dover Creek
Estella River
Fogg's Hiss
Gal Island
Harts Wharf
Hogden's Mills
Holly Island
Ioboy (?) Inlet
Jekyll Creek (GA or FL)
Jekyll Island (GA or FL)
John's Bay Jointis (?) or John's Creek, (GA)
Linican's (?) Bay
Mestkreage River
Moultine (?) Beacon
Mt. Halli (?)
North River
Portsmouth
Round Pond (NC or ME)
Rowerly (?) Marshes
Skull Creek
Slssfscocoe (?) River
St. Andersens (?)
Thompson's Island (MA?)
Thumbeaf (?) Id.
Thunderbolt
Turtle River
Wallburg Creek
Westport
Whuber's (?) Bay

Ships

Bache, Coast Survey Schooner

Caswell, Schooner

Dana, Schooner

Endeuvior (?), Steamer

H. Livingston

Martin's Industry, Light Ship

Moscotin (?), Steamer

George M. Bache. Possibly the second schooner named after George M. Bache. Lieutenant George M. Bache, USN, was a brother of Alexander Dallas Bache, second Superintendent of the Coast Survey.

Caswell. Named for Alexis Caswell (1799-1877), Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy at Brown University from 1828-1863; President of Brown from 1868-1872; then a trustee.

Dana. Named for American geologist James Dwight Dana, 1813-1895.

Endeavor. Originally built during the Civil War as a Confederate gunboat and named the *Lady Davis*. While still on stocks, set on fire and damaged when Union forces captured Norfolk. Vessel completed and named *General Curtis*. Eventually sold to the Coast Survey for \$20 on March 8, 1867. Renamed *Endeavor*.

www.history.noaa.gov/ships/cgs_ships.html

Martin's Industry Lightship. See: Holland, Francis Ross. *America's lighthouses: an illustrated history*,

p.58.

Other

Chesapeake & Seb—marl (?) Canal Rates.
Wesleyan University