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SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains Nulton family genealogical material and memorabilia from Louis Nulton's distinguished naval career.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton was born in Winchester, VA, USA, on August 8, 1869, the son of Col. Joseph A. Nulton and Anna Virginia Clark. At age 16, he was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD. On Sept. 5, 1895, he married Minnie Clark Evans. They had two daughters. Nulton served in the U.S. Navy for 48 years, rising to full rank of Admiral in 1929. His excellent performance earned him many assignments in the international arena. He was praised by President Herbert Hoover in a letter for "attain[ing] the highest merit in battle efficiency of any division of its class" when Nulton served in 1929 as Commander of the U.S. Navy Battleship force in the Pacific. For this, he earned the rank of Admiral. After retirement, he and his wife lived in Winchester from 1933 to 1946. Admiral Nulton died November 11, 1954 and was buried in the U.S. Naval Academy Cemetery at Annapolis.

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CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Certificate designating Louis Nulton, Commander in Chief, Battle Fleet, May 21, 1921, 1 item, printed
Physical Location: Oversize, Box 21

Nulton Family Genealogical Material, unnumbered items, print (photocopy)

Nulton, Louis McCoy- Minnie Clark Evans Wedding Sept. 5, 1895

Souvenir booklet of their wedding, 1 item, 13 leaves, printed and typescript

Nulton, Louis M. – Naval Career, 6 items, printed, 1 item, manuscript, 5 leaves, printed(photocopy)

Nulton, Louis M. – Gift to Naval Academy in his Memory, 8 items, printed

Principles of the Deviation of the Compass and its correction, by Lieut.-Commander L.M. Nulton, U.S. Navy, 1906, 1 item, printed

U.S. Flagship “Chicago” photo album includes 22 photographs of the ship and crew. Louis Nulton, as a cadet, is pictured with Junior officers. 1 item printed

PHOTOGRAPHS

- [874-001] Admirals Richard E. Byrd and Louis McCoy Nulton, both Winchester natives, checking out a photographic display, circa early 1930s.
- [874-002] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (on right), et al outside building. Occasion uncertain, possibly daughter's wedding, 1922.
- [874-003] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (on right), et al outside building. Occasion uncertain, possibly daughter's wedding, 1922.
- [874-004] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (center, front row), and other Naval officers (unidentified), circa 1930.
- [874-005] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton takes command of US Battle Fleet, May 21, 1929.
- [874-006] Murals presented to the US Naval Academy by Minnie Clark Evans Nulton, in memory of her husband, Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton. USS Constellation (1854 version, see notes on controversy inside); mural by C.R. Patterson, circa second half of 20th century.
- [874-007] Murals presented to the US Naval Academy by Minnie Clark Evans Nulton, in memory of her husband, Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton. USS Delaware (see notes inside); mural by Howard B. French, circa second half of 20th century.
- [874-008] Murals presented to the US Naval Academy by Minnie Clark Evans Nulton, in memory of her husband, Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton. USS Monongahela (see notes inside); mural by Howard B. French, circa second half of 20th century.
- [874-009] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (et al), commandant, Philadelphia Navy Yard; presentation of testimonial by Navy Yard employees. Admiral Nulton on steps with binoculars around neck; the three women behind him are Virginia Adams Nulton Francis (daughter), Dorothy Evans Nulton (daughter), and Minnie Clark Evans Nulton (wife), June 6, 1923.
- [874-010] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (et al), commandant, Philadelphia Navy Yard; presentation of testimonial by Navy Yard employees. Navy Yard employees assembled for camera. Admiral Nulton and family in distance, June 6, 1923.
- [874-011] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (to left) on deck of USS California, being read in as Commander of the US Battle Fleet. Reading-in by Admiral William V. Pratt, newly promoted to Commander in Chief, US Fleet, May 21, 1929.
- [874-012] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (on right) on deck of USS California as Commander of the US Battle Fleet, May 21, 1929.
- [874-013] Admirals William V. Pratt and Louis McCoy Nulton, on deck of USS California. Admiral Nulton had just succeeded Admiral Pratt as Commander of the US Battle Fleet, while Pratt had been promoted to overall Commander in Chief of the US Fleet, May 21, 1929.

- [874-014] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (center, front row), and other Naval officers (unidentified), on shipboard, circa 1930.
- [874-015] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton, portrait photograph, inscribed "To Bess with love from Brother Lou," circa 1921.
- [874-016] Ensign Louis McCoy Nulton, newly commissioned Assistant Engineer in Engineering Corps. He would eventually attain the rank of Admiral, June 24, 1891.
- [874-017] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (1869-1954), in uniform and on deck as Commander US Battle Fleet, circa 1930.
- [874-018] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (1869-1954), in uniform and on deck of USS California, May 21, 1929.
- [874-019] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (on right), location and occasion uncertain, possibly US Naval Academy, Annapolis. (Admiral Nulton was Superintendent of the Naval Academy from January 1925 to June 1928.), circa mid-1920s.
- [874-020] Louis McCoy Nulton with second daughter Dorothy Evans Nulton (born 1907), circa 1907.
- [874-021] Louis McCoy Nulton and wife Minnie Clark Evans Nulton, on vacation at Mount Rainier National Park, circa 1920s.
- [874-022] Louis McCoy Nulton (Admiral, USN), outdoors in civilian clothes, circa 1930s.
- [874-023] Louis McCoy Nulton and wife Minnie Clark Evans Nulton, outdoors, circa 1930s.
- [874-024] Adams Lushbaugh, maternal grandfather of Minnie Clark Evans Nulton, circa 1870s.
- [874-025] Mary Adams Lushbaugh (Evans), mother of Minnie Clark Evans Nulton and Charles Adams Evans, wife of E.J. Evans, circa 1860.
- [874-026] Charles Adams Evans (1873-1904), brother of Minnie Clark Evans Nulton, circa 1880.
- [874-027] Charles Adams Evans (1873-1904), brother of Minnie Clark Evans Nulton, circa 1890s.
- [874-028] Charles Adams Evans (1873-1904), brother of Minnie Clark Evans Nulton, circa 1900.
- [874-029] Anna Virginia Clark Nulton, wife of Joseph A. Nulton and mother of Louis M. and Howard S. Nulton, circa 1900s.
- [874-030] Anna Virginia Clark Nulton, wife of Joseph A. Nulton and mother of Louis M. and Howard S. Nulton, circa 1900.
- [874-031] Howard Shepton Nulton, brother of Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton, circa 1900s.
- [874-032] Howard Shepton Nulton, brother of Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton, with niece Virginia Adams Nulton (Francis), 1918.
- [874-033] Howard Shepton Nulton, brother of Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton, with unidentified girl child, circa 1920s.
- [874-034] Minnie Clark Evans (Nulton), wife of Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton, circa 1890.
- [874-035] Minnie Clark Evans (Nulton), wife of Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton. Other woman (on left) is unidentified, circa 1890.
- [874-036] Minnie Clark Evans Nulton, wife of Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton, circa 1910s.
- [874-037] Minnie Clark Evans Nulton, wife of Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton, circa 1930.
- [874-038] Minnie Clark Evans Nulton, wife of Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton, circa 1950.
- [874-039] Formal photograph of Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (1869-1954), in uniform, February 1930.
- [874-040] Nulton-Francis wedding. Marriage of Virginia Adams Nulton (daughter of Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton) to Captain Dean Dalrymple Francis, USN. Bridal party, seated, 1922.
- [874-041] Nulton-Francis wedding. Marriage of Virginia Adams Nulton (daughter of Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton) to Captain Dean Dalrymple Francis, USN. Bridal party, seated, 1922.
- [874-042] Nulton-Francis wedding. Marriage of Virginia Adams Nulton (daughter of Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton) to Captain Dean Dalrymple Francis, USN. Wedding party, seated, 1922.
- [874-043] Nulton-Francis wedding. Marriage of Virginia Adams Nulton (daughter of Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton) to Captain Dean Dalrymple Francis, USN. Wedding party, seated, 1922.
- [874-044] Nulton-Francis wedding. Marriage of Virginia Adams Nulton (daughter of Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton) to Captain Dean Dalrymple Francis, USN. Naval officers. Captain Francis, 2nd from left, front row; Admiral Nulton, 3rd from left, front row, 1922.

- [874-045] Howard Shepton Nulton (left) and Louis McCoy Nulton (in civilian clothes, right) at 35 Boscawen Street, Winchester, VA, circa 1900s.
- [874-046] Evans family. Minnie Clark Evans (Nulton) seated on left, front row; Louis M. Nulton, standing, 4th from left, back row. Other identifications uncertain, may include: Charles Adams Evans, Mary Adams Evans, Edward J. Evans, circa 1890s.
- [874-047] Evans family. Minnie Clark Evans (Nulton) standing, 3rd from left (behind dog). Other identifications uncertain, circa 1890s.
- [874-048] Evans family. Minnie Clark Evans (Nulton) seated on steps. Other identifications uncertain, c. 1890s.
- [874-049] Evans family. Unidentified couple (possibly Edward J. and Mary Adams Evans?) & dog, c. 1890s.
- [874-050] Nulton family. Louis M. Nulton with wife and daughter (probably Virginia), circa 1900s.
- [874-051] Nulton family. Louis M. Nulton with wife and daughter (probably Virginia), circa 1900s.
- [874-052] Nulton family. Minnie Clark Evans Nulton with daughter (probably Virginia), circa 1900s.
- [874-053] Nulton family. Virginia Adams Nulton on steps with African-American nanny(?), circa 1900s.
- [874-054] Virginia Adams Nulton, standing on her own, circa 1903.
- [874-055] Edward J. Evans, father of Minnie Clark Evans Nulton and Charles Adams Evans, circa 1860.
- [874-056] Edward J. Evans, father of Minnie Clark Evans Nulton and Charles Adams Evans, circa 1870.
- [874-057] Edward J. Evans, father of Minnie Clark Evans Nulton and Charles Adams Evans, circa 1870s.
- [874-058] Minnie Clark Evans (Nulton), circa 1890.
- [874-059] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (1869-1954), in uniform and at desk while commandant of US Naval Academy, 1927.
- [874-060] Nulton family. L to r: Dorothy Evans Nulton Browning - (Mrs Laurance L Browning); Laurance L Browning, Jr.; Richard Nulton Francis; Adm Louis McCoy Nulton, USN Rtd; Louis Nulton Browning; Virginia Adams Nulton Francis - (Mrs Dean D. Francis); Mrs Minnie Clark Evans Nulton - (Mrs Louis M. Nulton); Robert Evans Browning; Dorothy Dalrymple Francis. Taken at the Nulton Family home, 321 North Loudoun St., Winchester, VA, circa 1937.
- [874-061] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (1869-1954), in uniform, half-length portrait, circa 1930.
- [874-062] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (1869-1954), in uniform, seated at desk, circa 1930.
- [874-063] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (1869-1954), in uniform, seated, circa 1930.
- [874-064] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (1869-1954), in uniform, half-length portrait, with medals, circa 1930.
- [874-065] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (1869-1954), in uniform, half-length portrait, with medals, circa 1930.
- [874-066] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (1869-1954), in uniform, half-length portrait, with medals, circa 1930.
- [874-067] Minnie Clark Evans Nulton (1870-1959, Mrs. Louis McCoy Nulton), circa 1930.
- [874-068] Minnie Clark Evans Nulton (Mrs. Louis McCoy Nulton), circa 1930.
- [874-069] Minnie Clark Evans Nulton (Mrs. Louis McCoy Nulton), circa 1930.
- [874-070] Howard Shepton Nulton (1871-1959, younger brother of Adm. Louis McCoy Nulton), circa 1930.
- [874-071] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (1869-1954), in uniform and on deck of USS California, May 21, 1929.
- [874-072] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (1869-1954), in uniform and on deck of USS California, May 21, 1929.
- [874-073] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (1869-1954), in uniform and on deck of USS California (other officer is unidentified), May 21, 1929.
- [874-074] Admiral Louis McCoy Nulton (1869-1954), in uniform and on deck of USS California, May 21, 1929.