

# Henry Frederick Willink letters, excerpts, and article

## Descriptive Summary

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## Biographical/Historical Note

Henry Frederick Willink, Jr. (1825-1906) was born in Savannah. After a brief schooling at Chatham Academy he went to work in his father's shipyard. After seven years there he went to work in a shipyard in New York where he remained for 9 years. He returned to Savannah in 1851 and commenced his own shipyard business. He built several vessels for the Confederate States Navy - gunboats, torpedo boats, ironclads. After the Civil War he rebuilt his shipyard, and under a contract with the U.S. Government, removed obstructions from Savannah River which had been sunk as barriers. He organized the Southern Wrecking Co., built a marine railway on Hutchinson Island, and engaged in several enterprises on Savannah River. In the 1870's he became manager of the Savannah Dry Dock Co. He was elected an Alderman of Savannah in 1877.

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## Scope and Content Note

The papers are: typed extracts from the *Daily Morning News*, 1850-1852, pertaining to the work at the shipyard of H.F. Willink; The *Times* article; statement of Miss Daisy Willink concerning the activities of her father as the builder of several Confederate naval vessels at Savannah; clipping from *Savannah Morning News*, June 29, 1942, about Willink's activities as the builder of CSN vessels; two letters from the Veterans administration concerning Miss Willink's application for a death pension based upon her father's service in CSN, March 8, 1960, August 17, 1960; letter to Miss Willink from Edward C. Mueller, July 29, 1962, thanking her for material about her father, a copy of Mueller's "East Coast Florida Steamboating, 1831-1861", reprinted from *Florida Historical Quarterly*, and a negative of a photo of Henry F. Willink, Jr.

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## Index Terms

Letters (correspondence)  
Shipbuilding--Georgia--Savannah.  
Shipyards--Georgia--Savannah.  
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## Container List

Item 1: Typed excerpts from Savannah area newspapers concerning the shipyard of Henry Frederick Willink ( 4.0 p. )

Item 2: Typed extract from *The Times*, 1879 May 31 ( 6.0 p. )

About Henry Frederick Willink as an alderman in Savannah. Additionally there is a photocopy of the original article.

Item 3: Essay about Henry Frederick Willink, Jr. ( 5.0 p. )

Author unknown. All information taken from *The Times* (Savannah) May 31, 1879. Includes a typed copy of the essay.

Item 4: Typed statement from Daisy Willink ( 2.0 p. ) (2 copies.)

Regarding her grandfather and father Henry Frederick Willink, Sr. and Jr. respectively.

Item 5: News clipping from *Savannah Morning News*, 1942 June 29 ( 1.0 p. ) (Photocopies.)

Item 6: E. E. Johnson to Daisy Willink, 1860 March 8 ( 1.0 p. )

Response letter from Veterans Administration to Miss Willink about her application for death benefits because of her father's service during the Civil War.

Item 7: E. E. Johnson to Lillian Bragg, 1960 August 17 ( 1.0 p. )

Response letter from Veterans Administration to Lillian Bragg about Daisy Willink's application for death benefits because of her (Willink's) father's service during the Civil War.

Item 8: Edward A. Mueller to Daisy Willink, 1962 July 29 ( 1.0 p. )

Thank you letter for materials Miss Willink sent to Mueller re Henry Frederick Willink, Jr.

Misc Items: Loose newspaper clippings of items referenced above