Midshipmen in Side Whiskers Shown in 1860 Class Album

Miss Helen Deaver and James M. Saunders of the Naval Academy Library staff examine documents of Admiral Winfield Scott Schley which have been added to the Naval Academy library collections.

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ANNAPOLIS, Nov. 20.—Back in the days when side whiskers were stylish and stovepipes were worn by young men, members of the Naval Academy Class of 1860 had their pictures made. Today, the Naval Academy Library has this Class Album, the earliest class pictures on record. It recently was presented to the Academy along with eight volumes of manuscript letters and reports, relating to the career of Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, by the admiral's granddaughter, Mrs. E. R. Snodgrass of Marblehead, Mass. The presentation was made through the effort of Prof. Richard S. West of the Department of English, History and Government.

Admiral Schley in 1864 commanded an expedition sent to rescue the C.S. War Eagle; in command of the C.S. Greyback; at the Battle of the Hampton Roads; at the Battle of the James, where he commanded the C.S. Monitor. He was involved in the noted Sampson-Schley controversy which resulted in a court of inquiry on charges he failed to carry out his senior's orders in the Cuban campaign.

Admiral Schley was commander of the South Atlantic Squadron until shortly before his retirement in 1881. He was born in Frederick County, Md., and married Miss Annie Rebecca Franklin of Annapolis. He had two tours of duty at the academy, once was head of the Department of Modern Languages.

Among the members of the class of 1860 was Charles William Reed of Mississippi, who served in the Confederate Navy as commander of the prize brig “Clarence.” With a crew of one officer and twenty men,
Greely Arctic Expedition survivors. His daily journal of events covering the perilous 1300-mile voyage now is in the academy museum.

During the Spanish-American War, he was with armament of one boat howitzer, supplemented by dummy guns made from spars, he took 21 prizes in as many days along the Atlantic Coast.