



The U. S. Frigate "Constitution."

USS Constitution "Old Ironsides"

The *USS Constitution*, a 44-gun frigate, was one of the first three naval ships built by the United States. It won brilliant victories over British frigates during the War of 1812 and is, without doubt, the most famous ship in the history of the United States Navy. It has been rebuilt and is anchored in the Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston. How did the *USS Constitution* get her nickname, *Old Ironsides*?