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# PMM 51

## Brig J.H. LANE Papers

### J.H. LANE (brig)

Papers, 1869-1874

0.5 linear feet (1 box)

Brig built in Searsport, Maine, engaged in sugar and petroleum trades.

This collection contains charter parties, bills, accounts, articles of agreement, customs certificates, and other business records from the Searsport brig J.H. LANE between 1869 and 1874, while the brig was commanded by Captain Franklin A. Shute. The collection documents routine ship's business while carrying sugar, petroleum, and mixed cargoes between North American, Caribbean, and European ports.

In English.

Geneva Staples; Gift; 1984; LB1984.226

Finding aid available; folder level control

### Subject Headings:

J.H. LANE (brig)

Shute, Franklin A., 1830-1878

Accounts

Customs administration

Merchant ships

Lumber trade

Merchant mariners

Petroleum—Transportation

Shipping

Sugar trade

### Local Subject Headings:

West Indies trade

### Acquisition:

This collection was given to the Penobscot Marine Museum by Geneva Staples in 1984.

### Restrictions

This collection is open for research. There are no special restrictions.

### Condition:

The collection is in good condition.

### Processing Note

According to accession records, this collection arrived at the Penobscot Marine Museum still filed in original envelopes. Since then, the envelopes have been opened, documents flattened and housed in archival folders. The organization presumably reflects that of the original envelopes, rather than a chronological format.

**Historical Note:**

The J.H. LANE was built in Searsport, Maine, in 1869. She was built by George A. Carver for Captain Franklin A. Shute (1830-1878) of Searsport, her first captain and principle owner. The J.H. LANE principally sailed in the Caribbean sugar trade, carrying lumber and mixed cargoes from northern US ports to Cuba in return for molasses and sugar. She also frequently carried petroleum to Europe, and occasionally went to New Orleans for cargoes of cotton.

After Franklin A. Shute died in 1878, his brother, Alonzo Shute (1833-1906) assumed command the brig. Alonzo remained with the J.H. LANE until the brig was driven ashore near Waveland, Florida, in April 1886.

**Scope and Content:**

This collection contains bills, accounts, charter parties, and other business records from the Searsport brig J.H. LANE between 1869 and 1874, while under the command of Franklin A. Shute. During these years, the LANE primarily sailed to Cuban or Italian ports in the sugar and petroleum trades, respectively, though she also made trips to Canada, Prussia, and New Orleans. The bulk of the material documents routine business undertaken while in port, like customs clearances, port fees, provisioning, stevedoring, maintenance, and accounts with local merchants. Charter parties, crew lists, and bills of lading survive for some of the voyages.

The collection does not contain letters, either business or personal, or other material from the ship's captain or owners.

**Box and Folder List:**

Box	Folder	
1	1	Disbursements, 1869-70 St. John, NB to Cuba, 1869-70
	2	Boston to New Orleans, 1870 Disbursements, 1872
	3	Bills of exchange Bills of lading, 1872-1873 Charter parties, 1869-71 Stettin, Prussia, 1871 Pensacola, FL, to Cuba, 1874
	4	Boston to Italy, 1870-1871 St. Thomas, 1873 Sydney, Cape Breton, Canada, 1873
	5	Crew Lists
	6	Philadelphia to Leghorn, Italy, 1870
	7	Cuba, 1872 Philadelphia to Cardenas, 1872 Portland, ME 1871

- Philadelphia, 1870
- New York, 1872
- 8 Philadelphia, 1872
- Philadelphia to Genoa, 1872
- Philadelphia, Genoa, Messina, and Boston, 1873