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# PMM 59

## Captain Samuel M.H. Grant Papers

**Grant, Samuel M.H., 1819-1889**

Papers, 1840-1911

½ box (.25 linear feet)

Schooner captain from Sandy Point, Stockton Springs, Maine

Shipping papers, insurance documents, correspondence, and personal material from Captain Samuel M.H. Grant of Stockton Springs, Maine. The bulk of the collection comes from Grant's command of the schooner PRUDENCE in the 1840s and schooner SANDY POINT in the 1860s and 70s, both engaged in the coasting trade. There are also some personal accounts and correspondence among the Grant family, touching on maritime and family affairs.

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Finding aid available; folder level control

Subject Headings:

Grant, Samuel M. H., 1819-1889

Grant, Converse F., 1878-1968

PRUDENCE (schooner)

SANDY POINT (schooner)

Coal trade

Coasters (ships)

Coastwise shipping

Lumber trade

Merchant ships

Schooners

Ship captains

Sugar trade

Local Headings:

West Indies trade

**Acquisition:**

This collection was donated to Penobscot Marine Museum by Dr. Michael and Judy Stein in 2007.

**Restrictions:**

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

**Condition:**

The collection is mostly in good condition. There is some light wear around the edges of sheets and occasional foxing.

**Related Materials:**

More documents related to Converse F. Grant are in PMM 3, the Family Papers Collection.

**Historical Note:**

Samuel Manly H. Grant (1819-1889) was a sea captain from Sandy Point, Stockton Springs, Maine. He was one of six children of Samuel and Betsy Grant of Prospect, Maine. Grant apparently spent his entire career at sea, and by 1841 was in command of the schooner PRUDENCE. After the Civil War, Grant purchased a controlling interest in the 94-ton schooner SANDY POINT, built in Stockton, Maine, and sailed her until he retired.

Grant sailed in the coasting trade between New England and the mid-Atlantic, usually carrying lumber, coal, or mixed cargoes of manufactured goods. He occasionally made trips to the West Indies for sugar, including at least one visit to Haiti in 1871.

Grant married Rachel Lancaster (1819-1910) in 1842. They had five children: Melvin A. (1843-1917), Samuel M. (1846-1932), James S. (1848-1937), Sewall L. (1852-1853), and Abbie M. (b. 1855). Melvin's son, Converse F. Grant (b. 1878), was also a sea captain.

**Scope and Content:**

This collection contains shipping papers, insurance documents, correspondence, and some personal material from Captain Samuel M.H. Grant of Stockton Springs, Maine. The bulk of the collection is made up of accounts, bills, receipts, charter parties, bills of lading, insurance policies, and other records of the operation of the schooner PRUDENCE in the 1840s and the schooner SANDY POINT in the 1860s and '70s. Grant sailed both vessels in the coasting trade with occasional visits to the West Indies, and this collection documents that business both and after the Civil War.

There is a small quantity of correspondence here between Grant, his siblings, sons, and business partners, which discusses the coasting trade in detail. These also contain comments on the Civil War and notes from Grant's siblings who had moved west. Finally, there is a letter to Grant's grandson, Captain Converse F. Grant, discussing a cargo of lumber in 1911.

**Box and Folder List:**

Box	Folder	
1	1	Schooner PROVIDENCE, shipping papers, 1841-1843
	2	Schooner SANDY POINT, shipping papers, 1863-1869
	3	Schooner SANDY POINT, shipping papers, 1870-1871
	4	Schooner SANDY POINT, shipping papers, 1872-1876
	5	Marine insurance, 1869-1882
	6	Personal accounts, 1840-1858
	7	Correspondence, 1858-1875
	8	Circulars
	9	Converse F. Grant, 1911