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PMM 27

Bible and Religious Texts Collection

Penobscot Marine Museum, collector

Collection, 1831-1902

21 volumes (5.5 linear feet)

Open collection of Bibles and other religious texts owned by seagoing families and/or used aboard Maine vessels. Many have inscriptions, book plates, or other addenda indicating their origins and use. The books come from a wide variety of publishers and sources, representing many of the intellectual, social, and religious impulses that impacted maritime life. In English.

Open collection, assembled from many sources in multiple accessions.

Finding aid available; item level control

Subject Headings:

Merchant mariners

Religion

Sailors—religious life

Seafaring life

Ship captains

Acquisition:

This is an open collection, and is added to as material becomes available. It has been assembled from multiple sources and accessions.

Restrictions

This collection is open for research. Volumes in poor condition require special handling, but there are otherwise no special restrictions.

Condition:

Many of the volumes are in fair to poor condition, with cracked spines, detached cover boards, worn covers, dirt, and occasional mold damage.

Related Materials:

PMM 3, Family Papers, and PMM 32, Vessel Papers, and individual manuscript collections may contain more information on the vessels, families, and individuals represented in this collection.

Historical Note:

Bibles and religious texts were a feature of life aboard many Maine vessels. Some shipyards outfitted new ships with a bible, often embossed with the name of the vessel. Captains and their families might bring bibles, hymnals, and other religious texts with them, as might members of the ship's crew. Benevolent organizations like the American Seaman's Friend Society took an explicit interest in sailor's religious lives, and provided free bibles and other religious reading material. Religious volumes carried aboard often contain bookplates, stamps, and inscriptions, or other records of the book's origin and career at sea.

Scope and Content:

This is an open collection containing bibles and other religious texts owned by Maine seafarers or which were placed aboard Maine ships. Most have inscriptions, bookplates, notes, and other records of ownership and use. Some volumes were given by friends and family, some by benevolent organizations, and some, apparently by shipyards or ship owners. Several have been mended with seine twine and other materials available aboard ship.

Item List:

Object ID	Title	Description	Publisher	Place Published	Accession #
PMM 27-1	The Holy Bible	Holy Bible given to John G. P. Colcord by his beloved sister Mary A. Colcord who died December 18, 1846 aged 29 years 1 month and 6 days	S. Andrus and Son	Connecticut: Hartford	
PMM 27-2	The Holy Bible	Gordon Family Bible	Charles Gaylord	Massachusetts: Boston	
PMM 27-3	The Holy Bible	Whitney Family Bible	The University Press	England: Oxford	
PMM 27-4	The Holy Bible	Bible from the schooner CORA F. CRESSEY			
PMM 27-5	The Holy Bible	Bible from the ship MARY GOODELL	American Bible Society	New York: New York	
PMM 27-6	The Holy Bible	Bible with seine twine binding	Edmund Cushing	Massachusetts: Lunenburg	
PMM 27-7	Holy Bible References, Bible Dictionary, and Cities of the Bible	Bequest of Isaac Herbert Havener, Bucksport, Maine with family photos in back.	William J. Byrne	New York: New York	
PMM 27-8	The Cottage Bible and Family Expositor	John Carver Bible	Case, Tiffany & Burnham	Connecticut: Hartford	R1972.1
PMM 27-9	The Cottage Bible and Family Expositor	John Carver Bible	Case, Tiffany & Burnham	Connecticut: Hartford	R1972.1

PMM 27-10	The Holy Bible	Bible presented to the ship MONGONIA (Capt. B. Melcher) by John Smith while a passenger from Boston to London, 1864			1962.68
PMM 27-11	Holy Bible	Leather bound bible from the bark WEALTHY PENDLETON dated 1874.	American Bible Society		2012.13
PMM 27-12	Holy Bible	Holy Bible belonging to Captain Lincoln Gilkey and memorial card	American Bible Society		LB1977.1
PMM 27-13	Holy Bible	Holy Bible, 1881	American Bible Society		1971.32
PMM 27-14	The Holy Bible	Pocket Bible	American Bible Society	New York: New York	LB1981.42
PMM 27-15	Holy Bible: Old and New Testaments	Holy Bible: Old and New Testaments	A.J. Johnson Pub.		LB1983.182
PMM 27-16	Holy Bible: Old and New Testaments	Holy Bible: Old and New Testaments			LB1983.183
PMM 27-17	The Holy Bible	Butler's Edition Holy Bible inscribed to Miss Arabella P. Dunham 9/17/1836 as a wedding gift from her mother.	Butler		LB1983.310
PMM 27-18	The Complete Holy Bible	The Thompson Family bible.	Roby, Kimball & Merrill		LB1983.311
PMM 27-19	Polyglott Bible	English Version of the Polyglott Bible containing the Old and New Testaments	Fessenden & Co.	Vermont: Brattleboro	LB1988.112
PMM 27-20	Holy Bible	Holy Bible from the Library of Joseph H. Beale	American Bible Society		LB1995.39
PMM 27-21	Holy Bible	Bible with FLORENCE GENOVAR embossed on cover			LB2001.40