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Individuals who lived or worked in coastal Maine

This is an open collection containing manuscript material by and about individuals and families from coastal Maine. A majority lived in Searsport and nearby towns and were active in the maritime world. Document types include, but are not limited to, correspondence, letters, diaries, business papers, deeds, photographs, and memorabilia. About 320 surnames are represented, generally by less than two folders of material.

In English

Organized into series, alphabetically by family name

Open collection; multiple sources and accessions

Finding aid available, folder level control

Subject Headings:

Searsport (Me.)

Biography

Country life

Domestic life

Genealogy

Merchant mariners

Military history

Seafaring life

Ship captains

Ship captains' spouses

Voyages and travels

Acquisition:

This is an open collection, assembled from multiple sources over many years. New material is added as it enters Penobscot Marine Museum's collection.

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Condition:

Materials in this collection are generally in good condition.

Processing Note:

This collection serves to organize individual documents and small groups of manuscripts which are unrelated to existing manuscript collections. Some documents may be closely related to other collections but filed here because they do not share provenance. PMM 3 is intended to house primary documents; research notes, articles, genealogies, and other secondary materials are housed in research files maintained by the library.

Because this is an open and growing collection, it is organized solely by family name. New material is added as it is collected.

Related Materials:

Related material may be found in PMM 32, the Vessel Papers Collection; the bound manuscripts series; and in individually cataloged manuscript collections.

Scope and Content:

This is an open collection containing correspondence, letters, diaries, business papers, deeds, obituaries, photographs, speeches, and memorabilia of families or individual persons who lived in coastal Maine, primarily in Searsport and nearby towns. The bulk of the material dates from the 19th century; a few items are from the 18th century and a growing portion is from the 20th century. Common subject areas include community events, family history, domestic life, shipping and seafaring, life at sea, rural life, military history, and travel. About 320 surnames are represented, generally by less than two folders of material.

Box and Folder List:

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