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Andrew S. Pendleton Papers

Pendleton, Andrew S., 1837-1913

Papers, 1865-1904

5 volumes (.5 linear feet)

Sea captain from Searsport, Maine

Account books and letter copy books from Captain Andrew S. Pendleton, covering the finances and business of the bark THOMAS FLETCHER, bark EMMA T. CROWELL, ship EMILY F. WHITNEY, and ship ARYAN. Pendleton was active in the transatlantic and Cape Horn trades, carrying bulk cargoes of cotton, coal, lumber, case oil, and guano between ports in England, Chile, China, Japan, and the United States. This collection is a detailed record of forty years of global shipping.

In English

William Pendleton; Gift; 1980; 1980.1

Finding aid available; folder level control

Subject Headings:

Pendleton, Andrew S. (Andrew Sherbourne), 1837-1913

Charles L. Wright Co. (New York)

Pendleton, Carver & Nichols (Searsport, Me.)

ARYAN (ship)

EMILY F. WHITNEY (ship)

EMMA T. CROWELL (bark)

THOMAS FLETCHER (bark)

Coal trade

Commerce

Cotton trade

Lumber trade

Merchant marine

Ship captains

Shipowners

Shipping

Ships

Local Subject Headings:

Cape Horn trade

Case oil trade

China trade

Guano trade

Acquisition:

This collection was given to the Penobscot Marine Museum by William Pendleton, part of a larger gift that included an account book from Phineas Pendleton (MS 57) and account books from a Searsport general store likely run by Martin Bailey (PMM 80).

Restrictions

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

Condition:

These volumes are in fair condition. Most have damage, including losses, on the spines and coverboards. Notches were cut into the front and back covers of MS 54. Bindings are generally in good condition, as are the text blocks. The tissue paper pages of the letter copy books are fragile by nature.

Processing Note:

This collection was originally grouped with MS 80, the Martin Bailey General Store Accounts. The two collections were part of the same donation, and Pendleton's aunt was Martin Bailey's second wife. However, as no relationship could be discerned between the Martin Bailey Store and Pendleton's activities at sea or ashore, a decision was made to catalog them separately.

Related Materials:

Penobscot Marine Museum holds more material on the Pendleton family in PMM 39, the William H. Pendleton papers.

Historical Note:

Andrew Sherbourne Pendleton (1837-1913) was a sea captain from Searsport, Maine. His father, John Park Pendleton, was also a master mariner. Andrew S. Pendleton started his career at sea in the 1850s, and, by 1861, was in command of the brig CELIA M. CARVER. His subsequent vessels included the bark THOMAS FLETCHER, from 1865 to 1880; bark EMMA T. CROWELL, which he sailed until 1894; the ship EMILY F. WHITNEY, from 1895 to 1901; and the ship ARYAN, from 1901 to 1906. In his early career, Pendleton primarily carried cotton and lumber between U.S. and European ports. Starting in the 1870s, Pendleton's business took on a more global nature, and he frequented Pacific ports like Hong Kong, Yokohama, Surabaya, San Francisco, and Valparaiso in addition to New York, Liverpool, and Buenos Aires. By the time he retired, Pendleton had been at sea for approximately fifty years.

Pendleton married Nancy P. Carver, also of Searsport. They had three children, at least one of whom was born at sea.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains account books and letter copy books kept by Andrew S. Pendleton over three decades of sailing. The account books contain summary accounts kept by Pendleton for the THOMAS FLETCHER, EMMA T. CROWELL, EMILY F. WHITNEY, and ARYAN. These record the vessels' expenses at each port visited, including customs fees, towing, dockage, provisioning, crew advances, doctor's bills, and pilotage. Such expenses are set against the vessel's earnings, with funds drawn or remitted to international banks. Each port is listed in the order Pendleton visited them; common ports include New York, Liverpool, Savannah, New Orleans, Buenos Aires, Valparaiso, San Francisco, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Yokohama, Surabaya, New Castle, and Port Townsend.

The three letter copy books contain copies of Andrew S. Pendleton's business correspondence from 1871 to 1884. These are outgoing letters written by Pendleton to ship owners, commission merchants, banks, and other businessmen involved in the affairs of the THOMAS FLETCHER and the EMMA T. CROWELL. They deal with freights and freight markets, insurance, finances, damages and ship repairs, loading, and other issues concerning the business, expenses, and profits of Pendleton's vessels. The vast majority are to Charles L. Wright & Co., managing owners of the THOMAS FLETCHER, and Pendleton, Carver & Nichols, owners of the EMMA T. CROWELL. Pendleton's correspondence occasionally touches on family matters, but there is little strictly personal correspondence.

Box and Folder List:

MS 243 Account book, Andrew S. Pendleton with bark THOMAS FLETCHER, 1865-1879
MS 54 Account book, Andrew S. Pendleton with bark EMMA T. CROWELL and ship
EMILY F. WHITNEY, 1883 – c. 1896
MS 52 Account book, Andrew S. Pendleton with bark EMMA T. CROWELL, ship EMILY
F. WHITNEY, and ship ARYAN, 1883-1904
MS 196 Letter copy book, Andrew S. Pendleton, 1871-1878
MS 197 Letter copy book, Andrew S. Pendleton, 1878-1884
MS 194 Letter copy book, Andrew S. Pendleton, 1884-1888