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Alvano Marshall Papers

Marshall, Alvano, 1847-1918

Papers, 1875-1881

1 box (.5 linear feet)

Schooner captain from St. George, Maine

Accounts, bills and receipts from the schooner GEORGE E. YOUNG, captained by Alvano Marshall of St. George, Maine, between 1875 and 1881. The collection documents routine ship's business in the coastal coal and lumber trades in New England, Mid-Atlantic, and southern US ports. There is no correspondence or personal material.

In English

Leesa Easton Clark; Gift; 1995; LB1995.16

Finding aid available; folder level control

Subject Headings:

Marshall, Alvano, 1847-1918

GEORGE E. YOUNG (schooner)

Coal trade

Coasters (ships)

Coastwise shipping

Lumber trade

Merchant mariners

Merchant ships

Schooners

Ships—equipment and supplies

Ships—maintenance and repair

Local Subject Headings:

Ice trade

Acquisition:

This collection was given to the Penobscot Marine Museum by Leesa Easton Clark, the granddaughter of Alvano Marshall.

Restrictions:

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

Condition:

The collection is in good condition.

Related Materials:

This collection was donated with forty navigational charts, presumably owned by Captain Alvano Marshall. These are also available for research.

Processing Note:

When the collection arrived, most of the papers were in packets with original paper labels. These were organized chronologically. Subsequent organization of the collection has also been chronological. A list of the original packets is in the accession records.

Historical Note:

Captain Alvano Marshall (1847-1918) was born in Martinsville, St. George, Maine, to Josephus B. and Hannah Marshall. He followed his father to sea and made a career on coasting schooners, primarily carrying coal and lumber from southern states to New England. Marshall's commands included the schooner GEORGE E. YOUNG, which he sailed from 1875 to 1882, the schooner GEORGE A. AMES, from 1883 to 1899, and the WOODWARD ABRAHAMS, all built in Waldoboro.

Marshall married Mary Emma Hart in 1877 and had one daughter, Elizabeth (b. 1878). After Emma's death, Marshall remarried Amy Wheeler and had a second daughter, Edith (b. 1888). The family moved to Boston, one of Marshall's frequent ports of call, by 1900. Later, they settled in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, where he served as a representative for the Raritan Dry Dock Company and a trustee for the local Baptist church. Marshall also maintained a home in Martinsville, where he is buried.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains accounts, bills, and receipts generated by the coasting schooner GEORGE E. YOUNG while under the command of Captain Alvano Marshall from 1875-1881. During these years, the GEORGE E. YOUNG operated in the coal and lumber trades between major east coast ports, including Boston, Providence, New York, Baltimore, Alexandria, Savannah, Mobile, and Pascagoula. The schooner also occasionally carried ice from Maine as a south-bound cargo to a coal or lumber port. The documents in this collection are from expenses incurred in port, like bills for ship chandlery, provisioning, pilotage, cargo handling, finding crews, and similar activities. It is especially detailed regarding sails, rigging, and other material purchased for repairs and routine maintenance of the vessel. The collection contains no correspondence, business or personal, or other material from the Marshall family.

Box and Folder List:

Box	Folder
1	1 [empty—contents removed to accession files]
	2 Schooner GEORGE E. YOUNG papers, August – September 1875
	3 September – October 1875
	4 October – December 1875
	5 February – April 1876
	6 August – October 1876
	7 October – November 1876
	8 November 1876 – February 1877
	9 February 1877 – August 1877
	10 July – September 1877
	11 October – December 1877
	12 December 1877 – February 1878
	13 February – June 1878
	14 September – October 1878
	15 December 1878 – March 1879
	16 April – May 1879
	17 June – July 1879
	18 July – September 1879
	19 September – December 1879
	20 February – May 1880
	21 May – June 1880
	22 August – September 1880
	23 September – October 1880
	24 October 1880 – April 1881
	25 June – August 1881
	26 April – September 1881