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Gamaliel R. Pendleton Papers

Pendleton, Gamaliel R., 1822-1892

Papers, 1839-1875

½ box (.25 linear feet)

Sea captain and farmer from Islesboro, Maine

Accounts, bills, promissory notes, tax receipts, and other papers from Captain Gamaliel R. Pendleton of Islesboro, Maine. The collection contains material from the coasting schooners DEMOCRAT and CHALLENGE, which Pendleton commanded in the 1850s, as well as from Pendleton's life and affairs on Islesboro. Most of the documents are financial; there are some notes and court filings, but no correspondence.

In English

Mark Smith; Gift; 2017; LB2017.21

Finding aid available; folder level control

Subject Headings:

Pendleton, Gamaliel R., 1822-1892

CHALLENGE (schooner)

DEMOCRAT (schooner)

Islesboro (Me.)

Coasters (ships)

Coastwise shipping

Rural conditions

Schooners

Acquisition:

This collection was given to Penobscot Marine Museum by Mark Smith in memory of his mother, Katherine Nickels Smith, in 2017. It was part of a larger donation of manuscript materials from the Nickels family, now PMM 49, as well as some unrelated manuscript collections.

Restrictions

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

Condition:

This collection is mostly in good condition. Some documents have dirt, surface stains, and/or tears.

Historical Note:

Gamaliel R. Pendleton (1822-1892) was a master mariner from Islesboro, Maine. The son of Samuel and Lucy (Sprague) Pendleton, he was active in the antebellum coasting trade, often sailing between New England and Southern States. He commanded the schooners DEMOCRAT and CHALLENGE in the 1850s, but retired from the sea in the 1860s to be a farmer in Islesboro.

Gamaliel Pendelton married Matilda Sawyer, also of Islesboro. They had three children: Irene (b. 1848), Lavinia (b. 1851), and Alpheus Alonzo (b. 1855).

Scope and Content:

This collection contains shipping and financial records from Gamaliel R. Pendleton of Islesboro, Maine. Shipping papers, which make up about one third of the collection, are primarily composed of bills and receipts from the schooners DEMOCRAT and CHALLENGE for regular expenses in the coasting trade. Also included are a few earnings statements, receipts for seamen's wages, certificates for fugitive slave inspections, and a survey of the CHALLENGE taken after running aground near Edgerton, Massachusetts.

Financial records from Gamaliel Pendleton comprise much of the rest of the collection. These include accounts for provisions and household goods purchased as far away as Bangor and Boston, promissory notes signed by Pendleton, and Pendleton's tax receipts from the 1840s through the 1870s. There are also deeds for land, oxen, and a boat; paperwork from the First Baptist Church of Islesboro; court filings related to the misconduct of Islesboro residents; and detailed medical prescriptions.

Box and Folder List:

Box	Folder	
1	1	Shipping papers, schooner DEMOCRAT, 1852-1853
	2	Schooner CHALLENGE, 1857-1859
	3	Gamaliel R. Pendleton, promissory notes and receipts, 1843-1875
	4	Bills and accounts, 1847-1865
	5	Tax receipts, 1847-1874
	6	Deeds and court filings, 1847-1858
	7	Medical prescriptions
	8	First Baptist Church, 1851-1859
	9	Deeds, Phebe Pendleton and Simon Pendleton