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Brown Ship Chandlery, Inc.
Marine Transportation & Lighterage, Inc.

Records, 1941-1984
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Ship chandlery in Portland, Maine

Articles of incorporation, minutes, stockholder letters, and stock certificates from the Brown Ship Chandlery, a marine outfitting business in Portland, Maine, and its subsidiary, Marine Transportation & Lighterage, Inc. The bulk of the material is focused on corporate affairs, but references major chandlery operations like outfitting Victory ships during World War II.

In English
John A.H. Carver; Gift; 1993; LB1993.220
Finding aid available; folder level control

Subject Headings:
Brown Ship Chandlery, Inc.
Marine Transportation & Lighterage
Business enterprises—Maine—Portland
Ship chandlers
Ships—equipment and supplies
Victory ships

Acquisition:
This collection was donated by John A.H. Carver, who was an officer in the Brown Ship Chandlery.

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

Condition:
This collection is in good condition.

Historical Note:
The Brown Ship Chandlery was founded in 1941. It was organized from the start as a corporation, and, until the end of World War II, was engaged in the large-scale business of outfitting victory ships that were built in South Portland. After the war, the Brown Chandlery provided equipment and supplies to cargo ships calling at Portland, often to oil tankers supplying the Portland-Montreal Pipeline. In 1953, the firm established a subsidiary company, the Marine Transportation & Lighterage, Inc., which operated the lighters THOR and LEONA for the chandlery. Both businesses were sold to the operators of Portland’s Union Wharf in 1984 and the original corporations liquidated. The chandlery business continued with the same name under new ownership into the twenty-first century.

The Board of Directors for the Brown Ship Chandlery included several descendants of sea-going Searsport families, including John A.H. Carver and Brooks Colcord.
**Scope and Content:**

This collection contains articles of incorporation, by-laws, minutes, shareholder letters, stock certificates, and records of dissolution from the Brown Ship Chandlery and its subsidiary, the Marine Transportation & Lighterage, Inc., of Portland, Maine. The bulk of the material addresses strictly corporate affairs like appointing officers, managing stocks, and defining the role of the board of directors. The operations of the chandlery and lighterage business are usually referenced where major financial decisions or the director's approval were required, whether taking out large loans to buy stock for outfitting victory ships during World War II or building a new lighter. The records are complete from the founding of the Brown Ship Chandlery in 1941 to the liquidation and sale of both companies in 1984.

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