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Charter Parties, 1916-1927

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Ship brokerage in New York, New York.

Four volumes containing copies of charter parties negotiated by Emory Sexton & Co. and its predecessor, Sexton & Bryant, between 1916 and 1927. Many of the charters are for lumber cargoes, often Southern yellow pine or mahogany, cedar, and logwood from the West Indies and Gulf of Mexico, as well as cargoes of coal and salt. Emory Sexton & Co. worked with a wide variety of schooners, many from Maine, as well as with coastal steamships.

In English

Emory Sexton & Co; Gift; 1961; 1961.40

Finding aid available; folder level control

Subject Headings:

Emory Sexton & Co. (New York, NY)

United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation

Coasters (ships)

Coastwise shipping

Lumber trade

Mahogany

Schooners

Ship brokers

Shipping

Local Subject Headings:

West Indies trade

Acquisition:

This collection was donated by Emory Sexton & Co.

Restrictions

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

Condition:

This collection is in fair condition. The paper leaves to which the charter parties are glued are acidic and yellowing, though most of the charter parties are in good condition. Covers are heavily worn, and the fabric is peeling from the spines of all four volumes.

Historical Note:

Emory Sexton & Co. was a ship brokerage in New York, New York. It was founded about 1915 as Sexton & Bryant, a partnership between Emory Sexton (1879-1944), from upstate New York, and Benjamin O. Bryant (b. 1886), from Jonesport, Maine. As ship brokers, Sexton & Bryant acted as middlemen between merchants and ships, arranging cargoes for vessels and finding vessels to carry shippers' goods. The firm specialized in lumber cargoes, especially mahogany, cedar, and other fancy woods from the Caribbean and West Indies. Sexton & Bryant worked with schooners from Maine and beyond, alongside a growing proportion of coastal steamers.

Sexton & Bryant was renamed Emory Sexton & Co. about 1922, though Bryant and his brother, Harvey N. Bryant (b. 1890) were still involved with the firm. Emory Sexton & Co. stayed in business until the 1970s, directed, in later years, by Burton W. Kellogg (1911-1973) of Westfield, New Jersey.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains four volumes of charter parties arranged by Emory Sexton & Co. and its predecessor, Sexton & Bryant, between 1916 and 1927. Copies of the original charter party forms are pasted into the books along with any relevant correspondence. An index of vessels chartered is in the front of each volume. A majority of cargoes are for lumber, including yellow pine, mahogany, and cedar, as well as coal and salt. Most of the voyages chartered are to and from ports on the U.S. Atlantic Coast, the West Indies, Central America, and Canada, though a few are for voyages to South America and Europe. Schooners and sailing vessels make up a large share of the charters here. The names of the charterers and ship owners are specified, as are the cargoes, loading arrangements, and, often, return cargoes.

The charter parties in this collection continue throughout World War I, and reflect the wartime disruptions for the merchant marine. Most charters signed during the war years include correspondence with the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation for approval of the proposed voyage.

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MS 202	Charter parties, September 1918 – October 1920
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