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**Shipping Account Books**

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## PMM 99

# Amos D. Carver Shipping Account Books

**Carver, Amos D.**, 1863-1948

Account books, 1896-1926

3 volumes (.25 linear feet)

Ship chandler, ship owner, and maritime businessman

Three account books with records of expenses, income, and dividends paid to the owners of the ship BANGALORE, bark PURITAN, schooner DOLLY MADISON, and schooner NANCY HANKS, all managed and partly owned by Amos D. Carver. The volumes provide a record of early twentieth century maritime investments for large coasting schooners and ships in the Cape Horn grain trade.

In English

Found in collection; LB2021.5

Finding aid available; folder level control

### Subject Headings:

Carver, Amos D. (Amos Dow), 1863-

BANGALORE (ship)

DOLLY MADISON (schooner)

NANCY HANKS (schooner)

PURITAN (bark)

Accounts

Coasters (ships)

Coastwise shipping

Investments

Schooners

Shipping

Ships, Iron and steel

### Local Subject Headings:

Cape Horn trade

### Restrictions

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

### Condition:

This collection is in fair condition. Spines are missing on two of the three volumes, and the bindings are fragile. Many pages were cut from the back of the BANGALORE account book prior to arrival at the museum.

### Related Materials:

More material on the Carver family's whaling enterprises is in PMM 5, the American Whaling Company Papers, and PMM 25, the American Whaling Corporation Papers.

### Historical Note:

Amos Dow Carver (1863-1948) was a merchant and ship owner in the early twentieth century. He was the son of George A. Carver (1836-1908), one of a large family of sea captains from Searsport, Maine. George A. Carver moved his family to New York in 1877, when he

retired from the sea to join the ship chandlery firm Baker & Carver. Amos D. Carver followed his father into the business and eventually became president of the chandlery, then named Baker, Carver & Morrell.

Amos D. Carver was active in many areas of maritime business in addition to ship chandlery. He owned and managed a number of Maine ships, many co-owned with other Searsport families. These included the ship BANGALORE and bark PURITAN, British-built iron vessels that Maine investors purchased from British builders, and schooners that were built during the war effort for World War I. He also was active in founding the American Whaling Company, an industrial whaling firm, in 1930, and was part of a group that purchased and operated the Chester Shipbuilding Company, a steel shipyard in Pennsylvania.

Amos D. Carver married Inez Scott Nickels. They had one son, Clifford N. Carver, who was actively involved in many of his father's business interests, including the Baker, Carver & Morrell chandlery.

### **Scope and Content:**

Three account books kept by Amos D. Carver for the ship BANGALORE, schooner NANCY HANKS, and schooner DOLLY MADISON, all managed and partly owned by Amos D. Carver. The BANGALORE was employed in the long-distance grain and case oil trades around Cape Horn. The two schooners sailed in the coasting trade along the U.S. Atlantic Coast. Each volume contains the vessels' expenses, income, and dividends paid to the owners, calculated at the end of each voyage. Expenses, itemized by creditor, include entries for dockage, cargo handling, crew, captains, provisions, supplies, and insurance. The account book for the schooner NANCY HANKS also includes construction expenses, as paid by the owners. Shareholders for each vessel are listed in the front covers.

The front pages of the account book for the schooner DOLLY MADISON contain accounts for the bark PURITAN. These were bound together, presumably when the book was repurposed for the DOLLY MADISON.

### **Item List:**

MS 235	Account book, ship BANGALORE, 1896-1906
MS 143	Account book, schooner NANCY HANKS, 1917-1926
MS 142	Account book, schooner DOLLY MADISON, 1919-1926 Includes accounts for the bark PURITAN, 1908-1911