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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator:	Littlefield, Edwin F.
Title:	Edwin F. Littlefield Papers
ID:	SpC MS 0301
Date [inclusive]:	1814-1922
Date [bulk]:	1859-1897 (bulk)
Physical Description:	2 cubic feet (2 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Business and personal papers of Edwin F. Littlefield, a ship captain from Winterport, Maine. Very little biographical information is available about Littlefield, but it appears that he was a ship owner, captain and agent between 1854 and 1897, the year of his death.

Preferred Citation

Edwin F. Littlefield Papers, SpC MS 0301, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Biography

The collection contains the business and personal papers of Edwin F. Littlefield, a ship captain from Winterport, Maine. Very little biographical information is available about Littlefield, but it appears that he was a ship owner, captain and agent between 1854 and 1897, the year of his death. He was involved in management of the ships Alert, Callender, Jenny Lind, Joseph Clark, and William Wilcox, among others.

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Scope and Contents of the Records

The collection was re-folded sometime after its arrival at Fogler Library; many of the folder headings assigned then have been retained in the present arrangement. Materials purchased by the Library in 2002 have been integrated into the collection.

The collection begins with personal and business correspondence to Littlefield, 1859-1897. Frequent correspondents include Edward D. Peters and Co., commission merchants in Boston; W.H.H. Curtis of the steam yacht Nourmahal; Alvah Littlefield of Alvah Littlefield and Co., apothecaries in Boston; and Edwin Littlefield's son, Charles E. Littlefield.

The next section of the collection contains Littlefield's legal and financial papers, including deeds and insurance documents for his personal property as well as an account book and a cashbook. Ships' papers for the various vessels with which he was involved follow the financial material. Included in these folders are bills and receipts for ships' stores and provisions, correspondence to Captain Littlefield, etc. The collection also contains a folder of Winterport town documents, mostly of the town clerk, a small group of papers of Charles E. Littlefield, Edwin Littlefield's son, and a folder of store invoice forms from the U.S.S. Siren.

Also included in the collection are papers of Amaziah and Martha Long of Tenants Harbor, Maine, as well as letters of the Thorp(e) family, postcards received by members of the Tufts family, and a small group of papers of Ellery Bowden of Winterport. The connection of these families and individuals to each other and to the Littlefields is unclear.

The researcher may also want to consult the Edwin F. Littlefield Collection (Coll. 92) owned by the G.W. Blunt White Library, Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, Connecticut.

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Conservation Note

The collection has been re-housed in acid-free folders and boxes.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Restrictions on Access

Kept at Fogler Library's offsite storage facility. One week's notice required for retrieval.

Provenance

The Little field papers were purchased by the Special Collections Department, Raymond H. Fogler Library, University of Maine in 1969, 1970, and 2002.

Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the Library.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Ships' papers
- Shipowners -- Maine -- Winterport
- Shipping -- Maine -- Winterport
- Ships -- Maine -- Winterport
- Winterport (Me.) -- History
- Account books
- Correspondence
- Bills of sale
- Receipts (Financial records)
- Picture postcards
- Family papers

- Photographs
- Littlefield, Edwin F.
- Littlefield, Charles E., 1851-1915 (Charles Edgar)
- Bowden, Ellery
- Long family
- Thorpe family
- E. F. & A. Littlefield (Winterport, Me.)
- Alert (Ship)
- Callender (Ship)
- Jenny Lind (Ship)
- Joseph Clark (Ship)
- Siren (Ship)
- William Wilcox (Ship)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Box 1	
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Correspondence, 1859-1897	Box 1 Folder 1-4
Correspondence from E.D. Peters and Co., 1860s - 1870s	Folder 5
Correspondence from W.H.H. Curtis, 1897	Folder 6
Correspondence from Alvah Littlefield, 1870-1889	Folder 7
Correspondence from Charles E. Littlefield, 1877-1878	Folder 8
Envelopes	Folder 9
Deeds, insurance documents, etc.	Folder 10
Bills and receipts, 1850s - 1890s	Folder 11-12
Account book, 1848-1855	Folder 13
Cashbook, 1858-1872	Folder 14
Cashbook, 1869-1879, Ship Alert and other accounts	Folder 15
Papers, 1870-1880, Ship Alert	Folder 16
Bills and receipts, 1874-1884, Ship Alert	Folder 17
Papers, 1860-1873, Ship Callender	Folder 18
Papers, 1850-1861, Ship Jenny Lind	Folder 19-20
Papers, 1862-1870, Ship Joseph Clark	Folder 21-23

Box 2

Title/Description	Instances
Papers, 1869-1884, Ship William Wilcox	Box 2 Folder 1-2
Account book, 1849-1854, Ships Nancy Treat, Albania, and others	Folder 3
Miscellaneous documents re shipping	Folder 4
Winterport town documents, 1860s-1890s	Folder 5
Papers and correspondence of Charles E. Littlefield, 1890s	Folder 6
U.S.S. Siren: Store invoice forms, 1898	Folder 7
Advertising cards	Folder 8
Miscellaneous pamphlets	Folder 9
Amaziah Long: Account books with grocers, 1880s - 1890s	Folder 10
Amaziah Long: Account books with grocers, 1892,1894	Folder 11
Correspondence to Martha Long, 1870s - 1890s	Folder 12-13
Long family documents	Folder 14
Thorp family letters, 1814 - 1816	Folder 15
Thorp family letters, 1849 - 1851	Folder 16
Tufts family postcards (Maine scenes)	Folder 17
Papers of Ellery Bowden, 1922	Folder 18
Unidentified photographs	Folder 19
Miscellaneous documents	Folder 20
Miscellaneous correspondence	Folder 21
Miscellaneous envelopes	Folder 22-23