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NEWS OF OTHER SOCIETIES
AND INSTITUTIONS

Maine State Library, Museum and Archives: On June second at high noon, the new five million dollar Maine State Library, Museum and Archives Building was officially dedicated.

"The dedication of the Maine State Library, Museum and Archives Building marks the end of a long effort to obtain the facilities that will enable Maine to preserve and present its historic heritage more effectively.

The ceremonies note the end of one effort and the beginning of another. The building is the goal toward which many Maine citizens gave unstintingly of their time and talents. Now that it is a reality, it falls upon the people of the State, as well as the three agencies, to use the building and its facilities effectively as a means to achieve multiple purposes involving both Maine's past and its future." --from page six of the *Dedication Program*.

Hours for the new *Maine State Library* are from 9:00-4:00, Monday through Friday. The *Law Library* remains in the State Building and retains the hours 8:00-5:00, Monday through Friday.

The *Maine State Museum* is open to the public 9:00-4:00, Monday through Friday. In August, a special exhibit featuring the *Dr. Freddy and Regina T. Homburger Collection* will serve as a rather spectacular opener.

The Public Search Room of the *Maine State Archives* is open from 8:30-4:00, Monday through Friday. Records presently available for public search include:

- (1) Census of Maine: original census schedules for 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880.
- (2) Census of Maine: Microfilm copies of census schedules for 1790-1880.
- (3) Delayed returns of Maine vital statistics to 1892 from selected Maine towns.
- (4) Microfilm copies of selected Maine town records.
- (5) Microfilm copies of Maine Mortality Schedules for 1850 and 1860.

Maine Maritime Records at Mystic Seaport: Papers of several shipowners or agents, shipmasters, a few shipbuilders, logbooks of various vessels and some miscellaneous items are among the Maine materials in the *G. W. Blunt White Library* of the *Marine Historical Association* at Mystic, Connecticut.

The materials listed below are available during regular

library hours to anyone seriously interested in maritime history. The library is open from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday, throughout the year. While it is not necessary, advance notice of a visit is greatly appreciated. With a few exceptions, the records listed here are all original manuscripts. The few items that are copies have not been identified for this list.

Those merchant shipowners and/or agents whose papers we have include:

Hiram Balch, Lubec and Trescott, 5000 pieces, 1792-1896; operations of the brig *Hannah Balch* and the schooners *Peru*, *Augustus*, *Dingo* and *Susan Sturges* and records as Treasurer of Lubec.

John Bunker, Trenton, ledger, 1850-1854; accounts with brig *Montilla* and schooners *Packet* and *Morning Star*.

Charles C. and William D. Crocker, Bath, 71 pieces, 1825-1882.

Nelson Ingalls, Machiasport, ledger, 1861-1879; accounts of vessels in which he held shares.

Oliver Jordan, Thomaston, ledger, 1817-1839; accounts of sloop *Jane*, schooner *Eliza Ann* and brig *Ann Maria*.

Edwin F. Littlefield, Winterport, 3400 pieces, 1832-1896; operations of the ships *Jenny Lind*, *Callender*, *Joseph Clark*, *William Wilcox* and *Alert* and the schooners *Morris W. Child*, *Jennie Lockwood*, *Lelia Smith*, and *Josephine Ellicott*.

James Lowell, Bath, 145 pieces, 1817-1855; operations of the schooner *Harmony*, the ship *Roger Sherman* and the brigs *Sarah*, *Neutrality* and *Pleiades*.

S. Nickerson & Sons, Boothbay Harbor, 4 account books; fishing schooners *Bertha D. Nickerson*, *Frank G. Rich*, *Louis & Rosie* and *Natalie B. Nickerson*.

John & E. Smith, Paris, account book, 1802-1805; records of brig *Hudson* of Wiscasset.

Samuel Staples & Son, Lubec and Trescott, 1350 pieces, 1858-1909; operations of the schooners *Carl D. Lathrop*, *Catherine Wilcox*, *Charles E. Sears*, *Clara Jane*, *Del Norte*, *General Meade*, *Lark*, *Leopard*, *Nellie J. Dinsmore*, *Samuel Ford* and *Willow*.

E. P. Treat & Co., Frankfort, 2000 pieces, 1840-1894; operations of numerous vessels in trade to the West Indies and South America.

J. S. Winslow & Co., Portland, dividend records of schooners managed, 1911-1917.

Shipmasters whose papers are in our manuscript collection include:

Garrison Arrey, Winterport, biographical sketch; commanded bark *Elizabeth*, 1864, and ship *Duke of Newcastle*, 1868.

George W. Dow, Bucksport, 153 pieces, 1847-1863; commanded brig *Wenonah*.

James Drummond, Bath, 21 pieces, 1820-1840; commanded brig *Caledonia* and ship *Hanover*.

Daniel Jones, 19 pieces, 1847-1862; commanded bark *Quinebaug* and ship *W. V. Moses* of Bath.

Alfred Pinkham, Boothbay, 500 pieces, 1870-1885; commanded sloop *Ella* and schooners *Diploma*, *Cynosure*, *Matilda*, *Boxer* and *Stephen G. Pinkham*.

John Spear, Rockland, 100 pieces, 1855-1874; commanded ship *John Spear*.

E. P. Stinson, Bath, 6 letters, 1856-1858; commanded ship *Tempest*.

John Wall, Jr., Tenant's Harbor, ledger, 1878-1881; commanded schooner *Sara Potter* of St. George. Also contains letters regarding building a new schooner in 1881-1882.

Nehemiah G. Wilson, account book, 1858-1862; commanded brig *J. P. Ellicott* of Bucksport.

Joseph Young, Yarmouth, account book, 1864-1865; commanded bark *Eureka* and ship *Alice Vennard*.

Papers of shipbuilders or pertaining to shipbuilding include the following:

William S. Hanscom, Eliot, letter copybook and memorandum book,

1846-1847; mostly devoted to ship *Elizabeth Hamilton* but has material on other vessels.

Hodgdon Boat Yard, East Boothbay, list of vessels built there 1819-1967.

William Rogers, Bath, 1890, agreement to complete construction of a new vessel, probably the barkentine *Kremlin*.

Waldoboro, printed list of vessels built there, dated 1852.

Logbooks or seamen's journals for the following vessels are in our collections:

Schooner *Abigail*, Ellsworth, 1838; ship *Adams*, Castine, Moses Gay, Jr., 1842-1851; ship *Alfred D. Snow*, Thomaston, Edwin A. Robinson, 1877-1879; brig *Amelia*, Eastport, 1849-1850; schooner *Arborer*, Ellsworth, 1842-1843; bark *Canada*, Portland, Woodbury Dyer, 1851; schooner *Charles E. Hellier*, Bangor, Samuel S. Mitchell, 1869-1870; brig *Clara M. Goodrich*, Portland, Walter W. Look, 1867; bark *Eliza White*, Portland, J. H. Varney, 1863-1865; ship *Enos Soule*, Freeport, Drinkwater, 1865-1877; bark *Fannie*, Rockland, George P. Hinckley, 1868-1869; brig *J. M. Sawyer*, Damariscotta, Simeon Sawyer and J. M. Sawyer, 1855-1856; bark *J. S. Winslow*, Portland, Morton, 1876; brig *James Davis*, Stockton, Richard C. Dow, 1862-1863; schooner *L. M. Strout*, Bangor, Hatch, 1869; schooner *Mary Ann*, Steuben, Willson Godfrey, 1821; brig *Matamoras*, Machias, W. Wass, 1852; bark *Mendota*, Bath, W. F. Nash, 1884-1885; schooner *Merino*, Wiscasset, William McClintock, 1811; brig *Metamoras*, Addison, L. C. Hopkins and W. Wass, 1850-1851; bark *Miriam*, Camden, A. H. Parker, 1878-1880; brig *Montrose*, Portland, John Poland, Jr., 1848-1849; brig *St. George*, Thomaston, William McHyler, 1849-1851; schooner *Samuel Dillaway*, Bath, A. H. Smith, 1895-1898; ship *San Joaquim*, Portland, Drinkwater, 1878; bark *Sarah*, Portland, Thomas Ingelson, 1876-1877; ship *Ocean Belle*, Waldoboro, James Brown, Jr., 1860-1861; ship *Wallace*, Wiscasset, A. T. Lane, 1858-1859 and 1860-1861; ship *Weston Merritt*, Bristol, Kellerman, 1860; and schooner *Yankee Blade*, Bucksport, Arthur Hegan, 1850-1852.

Among the miscellaneous items are the following:

Charter party, ship *Alice Thorndike*, Portland, 1858; statement of partial loss, bark *Almira Robinson*, Bath, 1888; insurance policy, bark *Baltic*, 1841, by Georges Insurance Company,

Thomaston; bill of sale, schooner *Charles P. Notman*, Bath, 1894; bill of sale, schooner *Enterprise*, Machias, 1840; statement of general average, bark *I. Sargent*, Machias, 1877; crew list and accounts, schooner *Merom*, Portland, 1906; crew list, brig *Oswego*, Waldoboro, 1835; and certificate of repairs, *Robert Morris*, Castine, 1836.

-----The above information was kindly compiled by Dr. Charles R. Schultz, Librarian, G. W. Blunt White Library.

Maine Business Records in the Merrimack Valley Textile Museum: The Library of the *Merrimack Valley Textile Museum* located in North Andover, Massachusetts, is open from 1:00-5:00, Monday through Friday, and in the mornings by prior arrangement (Telephone: 617-686-0191). The following important Maine business records are located there:

Amos Abbott Company of Dexter, 166 volumes, 32 document cases, 1829-1941. The business records of this woolen manufacturer include: Journals, Ledgers & accounts, Correspondence, Time Books & Payrolls, Cloth Sample Books, Insurance Survey of 1874.

Barron, Springall & Company of Dexter, 7 volumes, 1862-1876. Papers include Day Book, Cash Books & Ledgers from this dealer in chemicals, dyestuffs, drugs, stationery and music.

Georges River Mills of Warren, 5 volumes, 1883-1887. Order Books, with samples of styles ordered by each customer of this woolen manufacturing company. Insurance survey of 1882. A few volumes of textile samples not included in the above total are in the museum's textile collection.

R. D. Nesmith & Company of South Berwick, 4 volumes, 1845-1851. Manuscripts of this woolen manufacturing company include: Account Book of supply materials delivered, Payroll & Manufacturing accounts, Work & Time Book-Production Record.

-----Compiled from the listing kindly supplied by Helena E. Wright, Keeper of Prints and Manuscripts, Merrimack Valley Textile Museum.