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Summary Information

Repository: Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
Creator - collector: Westerfield, Peggy Hartshorn
Title: Westerfield Historical Collection
ID: SpC MS 0622
Date [inclusive]: 1783-1885
Physical Description: 1 linear foot (1 box)
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: This collection is a mix of personal and business documents concerning families other than the Westerfield Family. These documents include ships logs and diaries, personal diaries, account books, and letters. A few other family related documents are included.

Preferred Citation

Westerfield Historical Collection, [Folder No.], SpC MS 0622, Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

Biographical Note

Mrs. Peggy Westerfield collected historical documents, manuscripts, and textiles for many years. She sold and donated much to Colby College, Bowdoin College and the Brooklyn Museum.
Scope and Contents

A non-systematic collection of personal and business papers, including ship logs, diaries, account books, and family letters from 1783-1890. Most of the documents are from 1850-60, and chiefly from Maine. It is unknown whether all the material is from the same greater family, or perhaps miscellaneous collected material. Certain family connections are apparent in the personal letters.

Personal letters include family correspondence of late 18th century-19th century. Maine family names include: Goss, Sewall, Waterhouse, Morgan, Barber, Dunham, Merrill, Merritt, Bickford, Bromer, Dennison, Maxim, Thomas, McDonald, Murch, Philbrook, Clark, Cookson, Bridgham. Sentimental letters between Ambrose and Maria Philbrook (1855-59), and letters sent to Mary Bickford from her brothers and an admirer (1862-65) contain Civil War sentiments and experiences. L. Humphrey's diary (F11) reflects twenty-five years of his life in the early 1800's. The ship's logs contain drawings, doodles, and aside comments. 18th century documents include an accounts book (F20), and a tax list (F25). There is one published document in the collection, John Truair's Call From the Ocean or Appeal to the Patriot and the Christian In Behalf of Seamen (1826). Almost sixty years of land sales and transfers (27 documents) detail the rise to prominence of the Rusell family of Pittsfield and Dover-Foxcroft, Maine (F21 & F22). There are photocopies of two non-personal letters from P.T.Barnum.


Arrangement

Arrangement is basically as it was found, by type of correspondence. The folders are numbered consecutively, but have been arranged into three series: I. Personal Papers II. Business Papers III. Miscellaneous.
Series Description

I. Personal Papers: Letters (9 folders) Journals, Diaries, Copybooks (4 folders)

II. Business Papers: Log Books (2 folders) Accounts, Records, Deeds (6 folders)


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### Controlled Access Headings

- Ships
- Shipping
- Shipbuilding
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives
- Poetry
- Deeds
- Letters (Correspondence)
- Account books
- Diaries
- Logs (Records)
- Payrolls
- Copybooks
- Contracts
- Russell, Samuel B.
- Philbrook, Ambrose
- Phoebe (Brig)
- Elvira Owen (Ship)

### Collection Inventory

#### Personal Papers

**Letters**

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<th>Title/Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Personal letters - Family names include Sady E. North, Samuel Goss, H.B. Russell, Issac Merritt, N.L. Higbie, A.R. Waterman, Ida C. Fisher, H. Sewall to Jotham Sewall, June 14, 1795</td>
<td>box 1      folder 1</td>
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<td>Language of the Material: English.</td>
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<td>Personal letters - from members of the same greater family, mother Mary N. Morgan and her married children. Also, an unsigned poem, &quot;Warning or Beware&quot;; and a printed agreement of the West Danville Burying Ground Society with Lewis Goss of Auburn</td>
<td>box 1      folder 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Physical Description: 45 letters</td>
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<td>Personal letters - written chiefly to Mary Bickford, but including some between other cousins (perhaps enclosed and sent on?). Also, an unsigned poem of 16 lines, and Mary A. Bickford's teaching certificate.</td>
<td>box 1      folder 3</td>
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### Physical Description

- **Personal letters - from Thomas McDonald to Mary Bickford, including a note on an envelope (the last 5 from California), 1855-1862**
  - Box 1, Folder 4

- **Personal letters - Family names include Clara, C.S., C.M., Eleanor, and Ellen Maxim; Ellen Murch and Lois Thomas - all from Thorndike, Swanville and Alton, Maine. The handwritten poem, "All to Christ I Owe.", 1860-1863**
  - Box 1, Folder 5

- **Personal letters - Civil War letters from C.O. Stevens, G.W. Morgan, Luther Morgan, J. W. Morgan, and F. Barker to Mary Bickford, 1872-1896**
  - Box 1, Folder 6

- **Personal letters - Letters to and from Ambrose and Maria Philbrook and other family letters. An envelope with a family history; and 8 pages of notes and details of the Philbrook letters., 1862-1865**
  - Box 1, Folder 7

- **Personal letters - 2 copies of letters signed P.T. Barnum., 1855-1859**
  - Box 1, Folder 8

### Journals, Diaries, and Copybooks

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<td>&quot;Journal begun Monday June 9, 1817&quot;</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 9</td>
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<td>Diary - &quot;Reuben St. Johns Book, bought April; 17, 1830, price 25 cents&quot;, Jun. 9, 1817-Feb. 14, 1818</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 10</td>
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<td>&quot;Memorandum and Diary&quot; by L. Humphrey. Includes comments on the early 1800's, farm prices, teaching experiences, struggles with becoming a Baptist, and being elected a selectman in Jay, Maine.</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 11</td>
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<td>Copybooks, 1814-1840</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 12</td>
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### Business Papers

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<td>Log of the ship &quot;St. Andrew&quot; and the Brig &quot;Puritan&quot; kept by William Rivers (&quot;of Boston bound to Liverpool&quot;), 1866, late 19th century</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 13</td>
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<td>Logs: (1)&quot;Elvira Owen&quot;, 45 day passage from New York to Havre and back; (2) Brig &quot;Phoebe&quot; from Castine to Martinique, from time of departure (including details of the rigging and hull structure), April 4,1840</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 14</td>
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Handwritten contract for shipbuilding specifications, dated December 29, 1865. Also, the payroll for "S.S. Jonarranda" of New York, M.C. Brickley, Master. (undated), 1853, December 22, 1829

Account Book
Account Book
Account Book
Account Book of George G. Lovejoy, Rockland, Maine
Accounts Book (in English money), Dec.15,1841-April 6,1858
Estate Records of Samuel B. Russell, June 8, 1785

**Miscellaneous**

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<td>Map of Georgia, 1828-1887</td>
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<td>Superior Court Sittings - North Carolina, Judge Robert B. Gilliam, &quot;for the month ending&quot;</td>
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<td>Tax List - (&quot;Commonwealth tax No.3, 1783, Southwitt Bill&quot;) Listed in English currency units. Names include Elijah Howard, Ephraim Randell, Alisha Leacky., Sept.30, 1867</td>
<td>box 1</td>
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<td>Paperback tract, Call From the Ocean or Appeal to the Patriot and the Christian In Behalf of Seamen&quot; by John Truair, 1783</td>
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<td>Lottery solicitation letter from Fletcher &amp; Co., 1826</td>
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