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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

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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 Peggy Westerfield collected historical documents, manuscripts, and textiles for many years.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.

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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 Russell family of Pittsfield and Dover-Foxcroft, Maine (F21 & F22). There are photocopies of two non-personal letters from P.T. Barnum.

Included in the collection: Truair, John. *Call From The Ocean, or An Appeal to the Patriot and the Christian in Behalf of Seamen*. New York, The American Seamen's Friend Society, Printed by John Gray & Co., 1826.

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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.

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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)

III. Miscellaneous: Map of Georgia; North Carolina Court List; Tax List; Lottery Letter; Truair, John. Call From the Ocean, or An Appeal to the Patriot and the Christian in Behalf of Seamen. New York, The American Seaman's Friend Society, Printed by John Gray & Co., 1826. (4 folders)

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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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

Title/Description	Instances	
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 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 1	folder 1
Personal letters - from members of the same greater family, mother Mary N. Morgan and her married children. Also, an unsigned poem, "Warning or Beware"; and a printed agreement of the West Danville Burying Ground Society with Lewis Goss of Auburn <u>Physical Description:</u> 45 letters	box 1	folder 2
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.	box 1	folder 3

Physical Description: 23 letters

Personal letters - from Thomas McDonald to Mary Bickford, including a note on an envelope (the last 5 from California), 1855-1862 <u>Physical Description:</u> 11 letters	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 hand-written poem, "All to Christ I Owe.", 1860-1863 <u>Physical Description:</u> 6 letters	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 <u>Physical Description:</u> 12 letters	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

Title/Description	Instances	
"Journal begun Monday June 9, 1817"	box 1	folder 9
Diary - "Reuben St. Johns Book, bought April; 17, 1830, price 25 cents", Jun. 9, 1817-Feb. 14, 1818	box 1	folder 10
"Memorandum and Diary" 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.	box 1	folder 11
Copybooks, 1814-1840	box 1	folder 12

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Title/Description	Instances	
Log of the ship "St. Andrew" and the Brig "Puritan" kept by William Rivers ("of Boston bound to Liverpool"), 1866, late 19th century	box 1	folder 13
Logs: (1)"Elvira Owen", 45 day passage from New York to Havre and back; (2) Brig "Phoebe" from Castine to Martinique, from time of departure (including details of the rigging and hull structure), April 4, 1840	box 1	folder 14

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	box 1	folder 15
Account Book	box 1	folder 16
Account Book	box 1	folder 17
Account Book	box 1	folder 18
Account Book of George G. Lovejoy, Rockland, Maine	box 1	folder 19
Accounts Book (in English money), Dec.15,1841-April 6,1858	box 1	folder 20
Estate Records of Samuel B. Russell, June 8, 1785	box 1	folder 21
Deeds of Record involving land sales and transfers between S.B. Russell, M.B. Russell, H.B. Russell, G.E. Russell and others, 1836-1888	box 1	folder 22

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Miscellaneous

Title/Description	Instances	
Map of Georgia, 1828- 1887	box 1	folder 23
Superior Court Sittings - North Carolina, Judge Robert B. Gilliam, "for the month ending"	box 1	folder 24
Tax List - ("Commonwealth tax No.3, 1783, Southwitt Bill") Listed in English currency units. Names include Elijah Howard, Ephraim Randell, Alisha Leacky., Sept.30, 1867	box 1	folder 25
Paperback tract, Call From the Ocean or Appeal to the Patriot and the Christian In Behalf of Seamen" by John Truair, 1783	box 1	folder 26
Lottery solicitation letter from Fletcher & Co., 1826	box 1	folder 27

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