



## **Inventory of the James Titcomb Collection (Collection #10)**

The Brick Store Museum  
Kennebunk, Maine

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### Physical Description:

This collection is comprised mostly of ledgers, 30 in all, which were used by James Titcomb and various partners in their business dealings. The early ledgers concern Titcomb's grocery business, but later ledgers concern his ship building and shipping activities. The ledgers date from 1812 to 1842 and are not sequential, as they were used for different purposes: general accounts, wage records, records timber purchased for ship building, etc.

There are some papers. Receipts, letters, accounts with individuals and for ships, etc., were in most of the ledgers. Where they created a sufficient bulk they were removed and put into folders (see Box and Folder breakdown). Where there were only a few papers, they were left in the ledgers until it is clear that they were not relevant to the pages wherein they had been left. In some cases notes were pinned to pages. These have been left.

The collection includes acquisition #'s 1593:1-27. A few of the ledgers do not, however, have acquisition numbers, although it is presumed that they were given at the same time.

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## Box and Folder Breakdown:

### Box 1:

- Folder 1: Papers removed from ledger with entries dating from 1837-1841 (Acq. #1593-4). Twenty pieces dating from 1838-42, plus scratch paper. Included is a copy of a resolution forming the Temperance Society of School District #2, Kennebunk, n.d.
- Folder 2: Papers removed from ledger with entries dating from 1833-41 (Acq. #1593-25). Twenty pieces dating from 1832-41, including an agreement with Jacob Perkins for work he will do on a new vessel and accounts for the Bark *Nimrod*, which was built by Perkins for Titcomb (as per Seth Bryant's list). Included also is scrap paper.
- Folder 3: Papers removed from ledger with entries dating from 1825-29 (Acq. #1593-22). Eight pieces dating from 1832-39. Included also is scrap paper.
- Folder 4: Papers removed from ledger with entries dating from 1823-24 (Acq. #1593-14). Forty-three pieces including many records of accounts with vessels and individuals, Also correspondence with Capt. Actor Patterson, of Kennebunkport. The papers date from 1830-38. Included also is scrap paper.
- Folder 5: Papers removed from ledger with entries dating from 1821-35 (Acq. #1593-19). Twenty-seven pieces plus scraps, dating from 1830-38.

Also in the box are the following ledgers, which have paper covers only:

- Ledger, 1812-13 (seem to be store accounts), Acq.# 1593-17
- Ledger, 1813, "Waste Book No.2", Acq. #1593-23
- Ledger, "Timber Book" 1831, Wages, 1831-33, Accounts, 1825-28.
- Ledger, "Timber Book" 1833-39, Accounts 1826-28
- Ledger, "Account of Plank" 1821 (?) -28

Stored with Box#1 are the following ledgers:

- Ledger, 1830-32, Acq.#1593-10
- Ledger, 1833-35, Acq.#1593-9
- Ledger, 1834-38, Acq.#1593-13
- Ledger, 1835-36, Acq. #1593-3. Has separate index book.
- Ledger, 1832-33, Acq.#1593-7
- Ledger, 1822, Titcomb and Burnham accounts, Acq. #1593-11
- Ledger, 1822-3, Titcomb and Burnham accounts, Acq. #1593-16
- Ledger, 1826-36, Acq.#1593-2
- Ledger, 1826-28, Acq.#1593-5
- Ledger, 1837-41, Acq.#1593-4
- Ledger, 1831-34, Acq.#1593-1
- Ledger, 1820-25, Acq.#1593-27
- Ledger, 1814-35, Acq.#1593-18
- Ledger, 1825-29, Acq.#1593-22
- Ledger, 1833-41, Acq. #1593-25. Has separate index box.
- Ledger, 1821-35, Acq.#1593-19
- Ledger, 1813-20, Acq.#1593-24
- Ledger, 1826-7, Acq.#1593-8
- Ledger, 1826, Acq.#1593-15
- Ledger, 1825-26, Acq.#1593-20
- Ledger, 1824-25, Acq.#1593-12
- Ledger, 1823-24, Acq.#1593-14
- Ledger, 1819-20, Acq.#1593-26
- Ledger, 1817-19, Acq.#1593-6
- Ledger, 1813-17, Acq.#1593-21

Reference Resources:

See Remich's *History of Kennebunk*, pg.539.

See William Barry's *Sketch of An Old River*.

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