



Inventory of the Thompson Family Collection (Collection #4)

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Physical Description:

The Thompson family collection consists of two boxes of papers and account books and diaries, a log for the Ship Marcia Cleaves, which because of its size is wrapped separately, and miscellaneous papers that because of their size are stored in oversize and folio boxes. They mainly concern the maritime activities of Captain Charles, Nathaniel Lord, and Franklin N. Thompson, sons of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Thompson of Kennebunkport. (See the genealogy and biographical resumes included in this inventory for a more particular description of these men.) They cover the years 1811-1891.

The papers are in good condition. They have different accession numbers, as indicated in the folder breakdown. Some came to the museum from 20th century owners of the F.N. Thompson house on Summer Street, where they were found. Others were a gift of a descendent of the Thompsons, and still others do not have access information. The accession numbers involved are #2398; 68.160; 70.65; 70.68; and 82.I.22.

Note: a number of ships' papers without acquisition numbers are gifts of M/M Joseph Metcalf, Summer St., as per notes discourse other collection catalogue.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1:

- Folder 1: Ships' papers,
Paper, Ship *Nathaniel Thompson*, 1847.
Papers (2), Ship *James T. Titcomb*, 1846 and 48.
Papers (9), Ship *Horizon*, 1851-54. Including petition to 4th District Court of New Orleans by Charles Thompson, Master, et al, regarding 50 bales of hay, Feb.-July 1851.
Paper, Schooner *Nile*, 1857.
Receipts (7), David Clark, Kennebunk, to Charles Thompson, Kennebunk, July 11-December 22 "on account of new ship now building."
Papers (4), Ship *S. S. Thomas*, Jan 1 1876-April 4, 1879.
Receipt, Ship *Philena Winslow*, September 21, 1877.
- Folder 2: Ships' papers:
Manifest, Ship *Marcia Cleaves*, Mar. 27, 1843
Papers (19), Ship *Laurens*, 1844-65.
Paper, Ship *Lexington*, 1852.
Copies of painting and letter, *Lexington*.
- Folder 3: Receipts (24), Captain Charles Thompson, 1844-78.
- Folder 4: Letters to Capt. Charles Thompson, 1844-49. Most are from George Callender, Boston, Thompson's agent. These incorporate copies of letters from Nathaniel L. Thompson, Master of various ships, and the vessels' financial accounts.
- Folder 5: Letters to Capt. Charles Thompson, 1850. From his agent Callender, his brother F. N. Thompson, ship master, his wife Susan, etc.
- Folder 6: Letters to Capt. Charles Thompson, 1851-53. As above.
- Folder 7: Letters to Capt. Charles Thompson, 1854-56. As above.
- Folder 8: Letters to Capt. Charles Thompson, 1857-59. As above.
- Folder 9: Letters. Miscellaneous. (Relationship to Thompson not clear)
- Folder 10: Miscellaneous. Empty envelopes, calling cards, advertising cards for European hotels, etc. Includes membership certificate, American Colonization Society to Charles Thompson, May 16, 1856.
- Folder 11: Report. Case #621 District Court, Portland, Maine. U.S. vrs. N. Thompson, Francis Watts, and Tobias Lord, July 2, 1812. Regarding debt of plaintiffs to U.S. 3 copies (2 typed, 1 in pencil)

Box 2:

- Diary. Nancie Frances Hackett Thompson, 3rd wife Captain N. L. Thompson. 1869 Acq. #70.65
- Folder 1: Journal. "History of N.L. Thompson, March 8, 1830-Dec. 1852. Acq. # 70.68

Folder 2: Journal of A Voyage from New York towards Apalachicola. Ship *El Dorado* of Boston, F.N. Thompson, Master. Tues. Dec. 5 1865. Acq. #82.I.22.

Journal of a Voyage from Kennebunk towards L.E. long. N.B. Aug. 31, 1863, Barque *Delhi* of New York. (F.N. Thompson, Master.) Acq. # 82.I.22.

Diary. Nathaniel L. Thompson. Jan. 1 1875- Apr. 7 1880. Acq. # 68.160.

Folder 3: Journal of a Voyage from Havre towards New Orleans, Jan. 16, 1852; New Orleans toward Liverpool, Apr.12, 1852; Liverpool to Boston, June 18, 1852; Ship *Lexington*, F. N. Thompson, Master.

Also same ledger

Journal of a Voyage from St. Stephen towards Liverpool, August 13, 1856; Liverpool towards New Orleans, Oct. 20, 1856, Ship Golden Eagle, F. N. Thompson, Master. Acq. # 82.I.22.

Folder 4: Journal of a Voyage from Portland, Maine, towards New Orleans, January 9, 1860; New Orleans to Liverpool, England, March 28, 1860; Liverpool to New Orleans, July 30, 1860; New Orleans to Boston, Nov. 28, 1860, Ship *Armada* of Boston, F.N. Thompson, Master.

Also, same ledger.

Journal of a Voyage from Kennebunk towards New York, July 10, 1861, Ship *Cheltenham*, F.N. Thompson, Master.

Also, same ledger.

Journal of a Voyage, from New York to Liverpool, Aug. 9, 1861; Liverpool to New York, October 13, 1861, Ship *Golden Eagle*, F. N. Thompson, Master, Acq. # 82.I.22.

Journal of a Voyage from Kennebunk to New Orleans, Jan. 7, 1848; New Orleans to Havre, March 3, 1848; Havre to Newport, Wales, May 13, 1848; Newport, Wales to Boston, June 12, 1848; Boston to New Orleans, Oct. 20, 1848; New Orleans to Boston, Dec. 25, 1848, Ship *Nathaniel Thompson*, F. N. Thompson, Master.

Also, same ledger.

Journal of a Voyage from Portland to New Orleans Oct. 29, 1850; New Orleans to Havre, Dec. 14, 1850; Havre to New Orleans, Mar. 1, 1851, Ship *Lexington*, F. N. Thompson, Master. Acq. # 82.I.22.

Ledger, Franklin N. Thompson. Accounts, ships notes, etc, 1849-1861. Acq. #82.I.22.

Accounts Book. F. N. Thompson. 1864-88. Acq. # 82.I.22.

Folder 5: Account Book. F.N. Thompson, 1854-63. Acq. # 82.I.22.

Folder 6: Account Book. F.N. Thompson, 1842-68. Acq. # 82.I.22.

Ship's Account Book, F.N. Thompson (?), 1848-91. Many different vessels.

This collection also includes a separately wrapped Log Book for the Ship *Marcia Cleaves*, F. N. Thompson, Master, 1842. This log has been used as a scrapbook for poetry. It is recommended that at some point the poetry and newspaper clippings be removed. Some, which are loose, are in a folder inside the log. Among these is a published poem: "Hymn," by Miss E. W. Hatch, Kennebunk, July 4, 1876.

This collection also includes oversize papers which are stored as follows:

Miscellaneous Box (0) #2, Folder #9:

Ships' papers.

(3) Ship *Marcia Cleaves*, 1843 and 45.

(2) Ship *Lexington*, 1849-52.

(1) Ship *Laurens*, 1844.

Folio Box #1

Folder #2: Papers (4) Ship *Marcia Cleaves*, Francis Chadbourne, Master, 1843-45.

Folder #3: Papers (2) Ship *Golden Eagle*, F.N. Thompson, Master, 1853.

Also, A Chart of Boston Harbor, 1857, marked "F.N.T." (Franklin N. Thompson); Rolled and stored in Bay 1, Shelf 4/1.

The Thompson Family

Nathaniel Thompson, born Kennebunkport, 17 August 1781.

Elizabeth Smith Huff, born Kennebunkport, 1 Dec. 1787.

Married in Kennebunkport, 21 Sept. 1809, by Rev. Andrew Sherburn, of Kennebunkport.

Children, born of Kennebunkport, were:

1 Charles Thompson, born 31 Dec. 1809; died in Kennebunk, 6 Jan. 1894.

2 Nathaniel Lord Thompson, born 24 July 1811; died in Kennebunk, 8 Feb. 1889.

3 William Lord Thompson, born 19 April 1813; died in Kennebunk, 30 Dec. 1893.

4 Benjamin Franklin Thompson*; born 30 Nov. 1815, died in Kennebunk, 2 May 1891.

Nathaniel Thompson died in New Orleans, La., 10 June 1819. aged 37 yrs. 9 mos. 23 days.

Elizabeth S. widow of Capt. Nathaniel Thompson, died in Kennebunk, 11 Feb. 1876, aged 88 yrs. 2 mos. 10 days.

Marriages:

Charles Thompson and Susan D. Lord, 19 March 1838.

Nathaniel L. Thompson and Jane S. Lord, 28 August 1839.

William L. Thompson and Olive Mitchell, of Kennebunk, 29 Oct. 1830.

Franklin N. Thompson and Charlotte E. Warren, 7 August 1845.

Nathaniel L. Thompson and Elizabeth W. Lord, 7 June 1853.

Nathaniel L. Thompson and Nancy F. Hackett, 29 Dec. 1859.

Joseph Porter, of Kennebunk, and Mrs. Elizabeth S. Thompson, of Kennebunkport, 6 March 1836.

* Name changed to Franklin Nelson Thompson.

Family removed to Kennebunk in 1836.

Thompson Family Collection:

Col. William L. Thompson. He was President of the Ocean Bank 1854 to 1879. He built a house on Summer Street in 1855, which was sold in 1879 to Emery Andrews. In his later years he was an insurance agent. Democratic candidate for governor in 1873. William Titcomb, son of Joseph and Mary (Wise) Titcomb, was born July 21, 1862, and died April 6, 1933. Married Mariah, daughter of Capt. Ed Stone, January 1, 1899. Conductor on B & M RR. Agnes Titcomb married Charles H. Cole.

Capt. Charles Thompson. Son of Capt. Nathaniel and Elizabeth Smith (Huff) Thompson. Born in Arundel, now North Kennebunkport. Died January 6, 1894, aged 84. Master mariner, then retired. Married Susan Lord. He built a house on Summer Street in 1846, purchasing the south part of the Dr. Fisher estate.

Capt. Nathaniel Lord Thompson. Son of Capt. Nathaniel, brother of Charles. Born in Arundel July 24, 1811, and died February 8, 1889. Married Jane S. Lord, August 28, 1839, daughter of Clement, Elizabeth W. Lord on January 7, 1853, daughter of Captain Ivory, and Nancy Hackett on December 29, 1859, daughter of William Hackett, master mariner for 30 years. Ship builder of the landing and lower village. Mills and other buildings at the Village. He bought in 1841, the Dr. Fisher Estate on Summer Street. Sold one-half to his brother, Capt. Charles, and built a house in 1843. Now (in 1940) it is owned by his son-in-law Elliot Rogers.

Col. William L. Thompson. Son of Capt. Nathaniel. Born in Arundel, August 19, 1813, and died December 30, 1893, aged 80. Married October 29, 1839, to Olive, daughter of James Mitchell of the Sanford road. Ship builder and trader, auctioneer, etc. He built a house on Summer Street in 1854, which he sold in 1858 to Capt. William B. Nason, Jr. Built in 1861 and sold to Mousam Water Company in 1899 (?).

Capt. Franklin N. Thompson. Son of Capt. Nathaniel. Born in Arundel November 30, 1815. Died May 2, 1891. Aged 75. Married Charlotte, daughter of Alexander Warren. Master mariner. In later years Tax Collector. He bought the only brick house in the Village (built by Dr. Burleigh Smart in 1826 and bought by Capt. Thompson in 1852. Stable built and house ornamented soon after).

Charles H. Thompson. Son of Capt. N.L. Thompson. Born October 12, 1857. Married Addie F. Hayes of Rochester, N.H. He died in Providence, R.I. May 7 1925. His mother was a daughter of Capt. Ivory Lord. He engaged at one time in ship building.

Reference Resources:

Captain Nathaniel Lord Thompson of Kennebunk, Maine and The Ships He Built, 1811-1889 by Margaret Jefferds Thompson, With Introduction by Lincoln Colcord, Boston, Charles E. Lauriat Co., 1937.

See Collection # 82.I.22 for artifacts that belonged to this family.

Subject Tracings:

CLARK, David.
HATCH, Miss E. W.
THOMPSON, Charles.
THOMPSON, Franklin N.
THOMPSON, Nancie F. Hackett (Mrs. N. L.)
THOMPSON, Nathaniel
THOMPSON, Nathaniel Lord.

Ships:

ARMADA
CHELTENHAM
CONFIDENCE
DELHI
EL DORADO
GOLDEN EAGLE
HORIZON
JAMES T. TITCOMB
LAURENS
LEXINGTON
MARCIA CLEAVES
NATHANIEL THOMPSON
NILE
PHILENA WILSON
S. S. THOMAS

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