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Record Unit 207

Whaling and the Vineyard, 1793-1925

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Historical Note:
Prior to 1740, Vineyard whaling was based on the Wampanoag practice of shore whaling. However, as the shore whales became scarce, Vineyard sloops ventured farther into the Atlantic. By the time of the American Revolution, there were 12 Vineyard whaling vessels. The heyday of Vineyard whaling was between 1820 and 1860. Island whaling captains and crews were in great demand at home and at nearby ports as the nation’s demand for oil steadily increased. The boast on the Vineyard was that Nantucket had the money, New Bedford the ships, but the men were Vineyarders.

As the Atlantic stock of whales declined, crews found themselves staying longer at sea and sailing into the Pacific in search of whales. The crews were away from home for as long as five years. Young men became masters in their early twenties and on the Vineyard it was the rewards of whaling that built the big houses and financed whaling related and other businesses. The wives and their young children frequently joined their Captain husbands on their ships.

During the Civil War, New England whaling was effected by the demands of the industrial war and thus there was a down-turn in business. Additionally, at the close of the war, New England whaling vessels fishing in the Artic were destroyed by rebel raiders.

But, it was the discovery of petroleum in 1859 that sped the decline of whaling. While whale oil and other products like baleen were still being used throughout the 19th century, the conversion over to petroleum in industrial economies had a lasting impact. In the latter part of the 1800's
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the San Francisco became the whaling hub, as Arctic whaling for bone in steam whalers gained importance. Although many Vineyarders were still in command, the crews were from the west coast and the Pacific islands. Nevertheless, some Vineyard crews continued whaling in the Arctic until the 1890s. Whaling continued on the east coast until well after World War I. The last whaling voyage from New Bedford left in 1924.

Scope and Content Note:
The collection is made of a mix of primary documents and photocopies of newspaper and journal articles. The strength of the collection is in its holdings of correspondence. The collection does contain both personal and business correspondence. Beyond insights into the personal lives of crew members, the correspondence section does provide some insight into the business relations between ship owners, captains, and crew.

The collection also holds business records and copies of some ship log books. These records reveal the cost of maintaining a ship during an extended whaling voyage. Furthermore, the records reveal the consumption patterns on a ship. Finally, these records reveal how these vessels conducted trade all along their route.

Along with these primary documents, the collection does hold a great deal of accounts of the social world aboard a ship. The articles range from the social hierarchy aboard a ship to mutinies. Additionally, the articles touch on such issues as families on aboard a ship.

The collection also provides a great deal of information of the origins of whaling on Martha’s Vineyard. But, it also spends a great deal of time focusing on such important events as the impact of the Civil War on whaling to the adventures and dangers of whaling in the Arctic.

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Folder 34: Account book, “Outfits for a Whaling Voyage”, bark Fortune. 1854; Account book “Articles for A Whaling Voyage” ship Virginia, 5th voyage inscribed on front cover.” Mr. Spooner please ascertain what is on the next ship before you mark the book for there is many things marked that is not in the good ship Virginia;” Account book “Outfits for a Whaling Voyage”, inscribed inside “copied from ship Virginia 5th voyage 1850, Mr. Spooner;” Account
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Folder 12: Bill of sale of 1/3 part of 1/64th of *Champion* by Elihu P. Norton of Edg. to Harriet Butler and Almira Mayhew of Edgartown with list of owners. May 30th, 1834; Bill of sale of 1/64th of *Champion* by Sophronia A. Fellows of Edgartown to Samuel Osborn, Jr., with list of owners, Oct. 24th, 1860.

Folder 13: Powers of Attorney given to Taber & Reid by crew members of *Northern Light* for their shares, lays etc. Sept./Oct. 1861.

Folder 14: Clearance from Port of Edgartown for ship *Almira*, Aug. 8th, 1864; Clearance from Port of Edgartown for sch. *Montery*, May 5th, 1878.

Folder 15: Consent signed by Jane E. West for her son Joseph P. West to go whaling on bark *Andrew* and make his own arrangements as if he were 21. May 11th, 1867.


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Folder 19: Certification of Thomas Mellen as Master of steam vessels on “any Sea or Ocean”, 1881, 1883, 1885, and also as “pilot from San Francisco and return” for 1886 and 1888.

Folder 20: Contract between West Mitchell and J. and W.R. Wing for Mitchell to travel to San Francisco to be Master and then mate on bark *Alice Knowles* for Artic whaling cruise. New Bedford, Dec. 1, 1892.

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Folder 28: “Aboard a Whaler 100 Years Ago; Log of Capt. Allen Tilton, ship Loan”, V.G. Jan. 20th, 1928; Index to the abstracts of the Log of ship Loan of Edgartown; copies of transcripts of Loan logbook.


Folder 30: Extracts from log of Europa, Thomas Mellen of Edgartown, Master, Log kept by 1st Mate William Earle of Edgartown, Nov. 4,1868 – July 7, 1870. (typed mss.)


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Folder 36: “History of Willis Howes of Vineyard Haven” written by Emma Whiting, May, 1940. (Typed mss and photocopy)


Folder 38. Eight Months in Arctic Alaska and Siberia with the Arctic Whalemen, by Herbert L. Aldrich, “who made the cruise as guest of the fleet in 1887”. Reprinted in 1937 by the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

Folder 39: Typed manuscript of story told by Manuel de Loura, aboard the bark Mary Frazier, Charles Downs, Captain, 1887.

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Folder 4: List of Officers Composing Whaling Fleet San Francisco, Cal., James Laflin, Shipping Agent. 1895, 1904, 1905, 1908.

Folder 5: Crew list of *Attleboro*, n.d. possible Vineyarders listed; Crew list unnamed vessel, n.d.


Folder 8: Shipping paper from U.S. Consul, Santa Catharina, Brazil, Bark *Henry Tabor*, John W. Howland, master, crew listed, April 17th, 1867.

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Folder 16: “Clippings from Curator Tripp’s Scrapbook”, N. B. n.d.


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Folder 20: “Signals for Whaling” (flying colors) (original and photocopy) n.d.
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Folder 21: Murder and desertion on steam whaler Bowhead, Clippings, trial papers, 1906-1909, article from Oracle by John Burrige n.d.


Folder 23: “Thar She Blows; An Early New Bedford Whaling Tale” Paul Johnston, Random House, N.Y., N.Y. 1931; “The Whalemen’s Classic; Vineyard Version”. told by Mr. Simmons, the Mate. Typed mss. n.d.


Folder 29: Sea song “William Taylor”: handwritten copy about girl shipping as a sailor to find her lover, found in some old whaling papers, n.d. and typed copy


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Folder 33: Caroline Mayhew: Journal July 17, 1876- June 26, 1877. (original and transcription); Account of Caroline Mayhew’s voyage with her husband Capt. William Mayhew. Mss written by Ruby Holmes Martyn; References to other diaries kept by Caroline Mayhew; Letter, 1980, telling of the New Zealand trading station owned by Caroline and William Mayhew c. 1839.

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Folder 3: “My Adventures Afloat”, mss. of talk by Lucy P. Vincent Smith (Mrs. George ), 1925 (original handwritten notes and typed copy) re: voyage aboard bark *Nautilus* 1869; “My Adventures Afloat, or Leaves from my Log Book”. by Lucy P. Vincent Smith 1925. (Typed mss) re voyage aboard bark *Nautilus* 1869; Handwritten mss. by Lucy P. Vincent Smith about her visit to the Hawaiian Islands aboard bark *Nautilus* in 1872; Notes by Lucy P. Vincent about life in Cottage City in 1869-1879, between voyages with her husband. 1929. (Handwritten mss. and typed copy); “Twelve Works of Naïve Genius” edited by Walter Teller. Harcourt Brace, Jovanovich, N.Y. 1972 extract : “Journal Written on Bark Nautilus 1869-1874” Lucy P. Vincent Smith; Photocopy of photo of Lucy P. Vincent Smith. V.G. clipping Oct. 11th, 1991 re Mrs. Smith.


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Folder 20: Account signed by Captain and Officers of Northern Light at sea, April 12, 1869 as witnesses of mutiny aboard St. George, Capt. George H. Soule, with names of mutinous seamen. (Original)
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Folder 25: “Life on the Alabama” by one of the crew (P. D. Haywood) and other accounts by Jonathan McIntosh Kell, and on the Kearsage by John Browne, Century Illustrated Monthly, April, 1886


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Folder 4: “Arrival of the Officers and Crews Captured by the Pirate Alabama” Whalemen’s Shipping List and Merchant’s Transcript, Nov. 4, 1862; “The Alabama”, Whalemen’s Shipping List and Merchant’s Transcript, Nov. 25.1862; “Another Whaler Destroyed by the Rebel Steamer Alabama”, Whalemen’s Shipping List and Merchant’s Transcript, Dec. 16.1862; “The Cruise of the Alabama and the Sumter” Commander R. Semmes, C.S.N. Carleton Publisher, N.Y. N.Y. 1864;

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Folder 21: Lists of whales taken by various ships: 1840-1879 and of ships bespoke and cargoes.
Folder 23: Notes from logs of bark Europa, Thomas M. Pease, Master, 1857-1861, ships spoke, comparative study of the Pease and written journals.
Folder 26: Notes on whaling voyages, log book copies, compiled by Johnson Whiting of West Tisbury, 1930’s?
Folder 28: Transcription of Notes from Whale News, 1747; unidentified articles “The Sperm Whale” and “The Perils of The Whale Fishery.”
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Folder 1: “Voyage One of the Bark “Mary Frazier”, transcriptions of ship survey and repair documents, letters to Samuel Osborne, and the logbook, copies of bills to prepare and outfit the vessel for the voyage and oil shipped home. Compiled by John W. Osborn, Jr.

Folder 2: “Captains letters from the Bark “Mary Frazier to the Ships Owner Samuel Osborne, Jr. of Edgartown Massachusetts.” Transcriptions of letters and other documents; Voyage 1, 1876 – 1880, Henry G. Dexter, Captain; Voyage 2, 1880 – 1882, Joshua G. Lapham, Captain; Voyage 3 1883 – 1886; Voyage 3, 1887 – 1889, Joshua G. Lapham, Captain. Compiled by John W. Osborn, Jr.

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Item 2: Bill of sale of one share in the schooner Favorite to J. W. Norton of Chilmark, with signature of Thomas Cooke, Jr. Collector, 1836.
Item 6: “Whalemen’s Shipping Paper” bark Ellen, Edgartown, signed by Cornelius Marchant, as Master, and Crew members with their lays. April 17, 1860.
Item 8: “Articles of Shipping Agreement” bark Minnesota. Charles S. Downs, master, crew listed, attested by U. S. Consul, Seychelles, May 26, 1881.
Item 9: “Whalemen’s Shipping Paper, ship York of Edgartown, John W. Pease, master, crew list. Aug. 14, 1841 (original)