

Guide to the John Salter Correspondence, 1813-1857

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John Salter Correspondence, 1813-1857

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Salter, John, 1788-1858

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Abstract:

Correspondence of Captain John Salter, Portsmouth, NH, who was a captain in the merchant service and was associated with his brothers, William and Benjamin, who were in the cotton trade in the South.

Access and Use

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Captain John Salter, son of Captain John and Jane (Frost) Salter, was born on July 5, 1788. He married his cousin, Sarah Chase Tibbitts, on May 5, 1817 at Portsmouth, NH. Sarah, daughter of Richard and Sarah (Frost) Tibbets, was born in Portsmouth in 1792. John and Sarah had nine children: Ellen Maria (1818-1865), John Frederick (1819-1846), Frances Jane (1822-1852), Mary Tibbitts (1824-1898), Sarah Adaline (1827-1827), Augusta Pepperrell (1829-1914), Anna Elizabeth (1830-1832), Margaret Colton (1834-1834), and Emily Colton (1836-1861). John died January 10, 1858; Sarah died April 16, 1868 at Portsmouth.

Captain John Salter was a captain in the merchant service, apparently associated with his brothers William and Benjamin who were in the cotton trade in the South. They owned the ship *Eliza Grant*.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

There is a folder of family correspondence relating to the cotton trade, and two documents concerning the estate of John Salter, Sr., 1838. A folder of copies of letters from Salter to Judge Joel Parker protesting a court decision, 1846. Principally copies of letters, 1849-1857, protesting a bill passed in 1848, which authorized the building of wooden docks, basins, and railways at navy yards in Kittery, Philadelphia, and Pensacola. Salter charged ignorance in the navy and bribery of congressmen. Letters addressed to Presidents Millard Fillmore and Franklin Pierce, various secretaries of the navy, senators, congressmen, and newspapers; memorials to Congress included. Replies received from Representatives Amos Tuck and James Pike only.

Arrangement:

The materials in this collection are organized by subject.

Contents List**Box 1**

- Folder 1 Correspondence, incoming family, 1813-1856
- Folder 2 Correspondence, outgoing to Joel Parker, 1846-1848
- Folder 3 Correspondence, incoming and outgoing about building dry docks at Kittery, Philadelphia, Pensacola, and in California, 1849-1852
- Folder 4 Correspondence, outgoing about dry docks, the Secretary of Navy, and corruption in the Treasury, 1853-1856
- Folder 5 Correspondence, incoming and outgoing about presenting a resolution to the US Congress, 1855-1857

Subject Terms**People:**

- Ball, Edward, 1811-1872
- Bell, James, 1804-1857
- Brodhead, Richard, 1811-1863
- Clay, Henry, 1777-1852
- Clayton, John Middleton, 1796-1856
- Cloutman, John
- Cobb, Howell, 1815-1868
- Cooper, James
- Dobbin, James C., 1814-1857
- Fessenden, William Pitt, 1806-1869
- Fillmore, Millard, 1800-1874
- Graham, William A. (William Alexander), 1804-1875
- Hibbard, Harry, 1816-1872
- Houston, Sam, 1793-1863
- Kennedy, John P., 1795-1870
- Kittredge, George W., 1805-1881
- Martin, Noah, 1801-1863
- Morton, Jackson, 1794-1874

Norris, Moses, 1799-1855
Parker, Joel, 1795-1875
Pike, James, 1818-1895
Preston, William Ballard, 1816-1887
Salter family
Salter, John, 1788-1858
Sleeper, John S.
Soulé, Pierre, 1801-1870
Tappan, Mason W. (Mason Weare), 1817-1886
Tuck, Amos, 1810-1879
Wentworth, John, 1815-1888

Organizations:

Eliza Grant (Ship)
United States. Congress
United States. Navy
United States. Department of the Treasury

Subjects:

Construction
Cotton
Dry docks
Petitions
Politics and government
Shipping

Locations:

Portsmouth, NH
Washington, DC

Related Materials

Library

Salter, William Tibbits. *John Salter, mariner*. Philadelphia: John Highlands, 1900. Call number:
929.2 S1774

Museum

Painting, View of Salter's Island, Portsmouth Harbor by Timothy M. Newhall, 2014.029.01