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Biographical Sketch

1809
November 7, born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire

1811
Daniel Marcy's mother died

1821
Daniel Marcy's father died

1821-1831
worked as a farmer, as a deck hand aboard Portsmouth
docked vessels and attended school for several months
of the year under the tutelage of William Harris of
Portsmouth

1831
engaged as a seaman on the ship Liverpool

1839
married Henrietta Priest, daughter of Franklin Priest
of Portsmouth

1842-1852
entered into an arrangement with his brother, Peter
and several others for the building of ships at
Portsmouth. Specifications were that the first voyage
of each new ship was to be made under Daniel Marcy's
command

1850
Daniel Marcy's wife died

1852
married Katherine T. Lord, daughter of Captain Ebenezer
Lord of Portsmouth

1854-1857
member of the New Hampshire State House of Representatives

1857-1858
member of the New Hampshire State Senate

1858
unsuccessful candidate for election to the Thirty-sixth
Congress of the United States

1860
Delegate to the National Democratic Convention in Charleston,
South Carolina

1860
unsuccessful candidate for election to the Thirty-seventh
Congress of the United States

1863-1865
elected and served as a Democrat in the Thirty-eighth
Congress of the United States
1864 unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Thirty-ninth Congress of the United States

1871-1872 member of the New Hampshire State Senate

1876 unsuccessful candidate for Governor of New Hampshire

1877 unsuccessful candidate again for Governor of New Hampshire

1877-1893 with his brother, Peter Marcy and his son, Captain J. Truro Marcy, engaged in the revival of ship building at Portsmouth, New Hampshire

1893 November 3, died in Portsmouth, New Hampshire; interment in Proprietor's Burying Ground

Children by marriage to Henrietta Priest:

Henry L. Marcy
Judah T. Marcy
Henrietta Marcy (married S.B. Cunningham of Portsmouth)

Children by marriage to Katherine T. Lord:

George Marcy
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Scope and Content Note

The Daniel Marcy Papers span the years 1838-1881 and comprise seven and one-half manuscript boxes or approximately three linear feet of manuscripts. The bulk of the collection consists largely of business correspondence and is arranged chronologically. Correspondence with brothers, Samuel and Peter, can be found throughout the entire collection although the largest concentration is in Boxes 1-3. Marcy also corresponded with his two sons, Henry L. and Judah Touro, however not extensively. Other than this family correspondence there is very little personal correspondence within the collection. Also filed chronologically among the correspondence are numerous shipping records which relate to the correspondence. An alphabetical listing of correspondents by box is appended to the inventory of this register.

Daniel Marcy grew up in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and at a very early age followed the inclination for a sea-faring life. At the age of twenty-one, Marcy moved to New Orleans where he became employed in the service of Messrs. R. D. Shepard and Judah Truro, two wealthy residents of that city, largely interested in shipping and commerce. For eleven years he worked for them as a shipmaster in the foreign trade. In 1842 Marcy returned to Portsmouth, where, in an arrangement with his employers and his brother Peter, he became the superintendent of a ship-building operation. Under terms of the agreement, one ship was to be built each year under Captain Marcy's supervision and when each was completed, he was to take command of the ship for its first voyage. This arrangement continued until 1852.

Although a committed Democrat, up to this point, Marcy had taken no active part in politics. In 1854, he was elected to the New Hampshire State Legislature and continued in that service for a number of years. In 1863 he was elected and served as a member of the Thirty-Eighth United States Congress, where he became known for his vigorous support for increased aid for sick and wounded soldiers.

In both 1876 and 1877, Daniel Marcy was the choice of the Democratic State Convention as their candidate for governor. Because of the strength of the State Republican party both campaigns were unsuccessful, although vigorously fought. In his later years, Marcy continued to hold various public offices and with his brother Peter, and his son Judah Touro, engaged in the revival of ship-building at Portsmouth. Daniel Marcy died in Portsmouth, New Hampshire on November 3, 1893.

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Preble, George A.
Reynes, Charles
Rogers, George H.
Sale, William A.
Shepherd, R.D.
Stringer, William
Swasey & Rowell
Tarlton, James N.
Thomson, Berent
Thwing, S.C.
Tobey, Stephen
Truro, Judah
Varney, Moses
Walker, W.L.
White, Thomas
Willey, William A.

Box 2
Badger, David D.
Bellamy, Charles G.
Bernard, David
Bradford, John
Brown, Franklin
Brown, John
Brown, Samuel P.
Brown, Willard
Buck, Henry
Box 2 contd.

Burick, James H.
Clark, Samuel
Colcord, Charles J.
Collins & Shine
Cotting, J.G.
Crosby & Co., George
Drake, Phineas
Eames, Ezra
Folsom, William N.
Frost, John N. Jr.
Frost & Forrest
Gardiner, C.F. & H.D.
Hastings, Ira
Hickey, Joshua
Holyoke, C. & R.
Hughes, H.N.
Hutch, Daniel P.
Jones, Henry
Lawrence, G.W.
Leach, Joseph
Locke, Elisha
March, George J.
Marcy, Henry (son of Daniel Marcy)
Marcy, Peter
Marcy, Samuel
Marcy, Samuel Jr.
May, George H.
Milton, A.T.
Morse, J.P.
Moses, Oliver
Morton, Robert
Nickerson, J.J.
Onderdonk, Isaac
Petigrew, William
Purley, Jonas H.
Raiden, B.
Raitt, Jackson
Rice & Knowlton
Russell, Sampson L.
Salter, James H.
Salter, Thomas P.
Sawyer, S.G.
Shapley, William
Snow, Freeman
Stearns, W.F. & Co.
Strong, S.C.
Swasey & Rowell
Thayer & Warren
Thomas, John
Thompson, George W.
Thompson, Nathaniel L.
Thomson, Berent
Thwing, S.C.
Tivendale, T.
Train, William G.
Trussell, A.W.
Tufts, Elisha
Waddell, D.J.
Walker, W.L.
Warner, Henry
Wells, John
White, Thomas J.
Whitney & Co., J.P.
Wilkinson, William
Willey, William D.
Williams Anthon & Co.
Young, Samuel

Box 3

Adams, E.G.
Badger, David D.
Barrett, J.S.H.
Bartlett, J.P.
Brooks, Charles H.
Brown, John
Bruce, James S.
Buck & Co., Charles
Burdick, James H.
Chadbourn & Co., James H.
Chase, L.P.
Coffin, C.H.
Cotting, J.G.
Cronan, D.
Curtis, H.T.
Dale, Ansel
Douglas & Westcott
Dow, James H.
Fisk, W.L.
Folsom, William
Frisbee, John L.
Frost, William L.
Gardner, T.O.
Glidden, W.T.
Hanscom, George A.
Hastings, Henry
Hatch, Albert R.
Hatch, Nathaniel
Hickey, Joshua W.
Holyoke, C. & R.
Howe, Robert Jr.
Jenness, Richard
Keyser, J.S.
Lewis, Henry
Box 3 contd.

Locke, Elisha
Marcy, Daniel (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
Marcy, Henry L.
Marcy, J. Touro
Marcy, Katherine T.
Marcy, Peter
Marcy, Samuel
Marcy, William Henry (cousin of Daniel Marcy)
Milton, A.T.
Minot, John B.
Monroe, Robert
Moore, Robert R.
Nickerson, George F.
Parsons, R.C.
Pate, Thomas & Sons
Perkins, Louis W.
Petigrew, William
Pickering, J.J.
Rand, John
Robie, Nathan H.
Ross, William Jr.
Salter, James H.
Salter, Thomas P.
Sewall, Day & Co.
Shaw, Frank
Spinney, Joseph S.
Tarlton, James N.
Taylor, John
Thayer, Frank N.
Thomas, John
Thomson, Berent
Thwing, S.C.
Towl, George P.
Townsend, Henry L.
Trefethen, S.C.
Twombly, Reuben
War, Charles
Warren & Thayer
White, A.H.
Young, Samuel

Brown & Wilde
Cheney & Co., Ray
Choate, Daniel L.
Clark, Sam
Coffman, J.W.
Coleman & Bailey
Cooke, George B.
Crocker, William A.
Custis, H.T.
Davis, C.M.
Delano, M.P.
Duncan, C.C.
Duncan & Kendell
Fernald, Ellen P.
Foss, Everett O.
Frost, W.S.
Gardner, T.O.
Glidden & Williams
Hall, C.C.
Ham, Rufus
Harrington, E.W.
Hastings, Henry
Haven, Richard G.
Heath, E.W.
Hickey, Joshua W.
Holyoke, C & R.
Huntington & Co., J.M.
Jenness, Richard
Kelly, D.D.
Kendall, George W.
Keyser, E.S.
Lincoln, William A.
Locke, Elisha
McCusker & Hoffman
Marcy, Daniel (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
Marcy, Daniel (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
Marcy, Henry L.
Marcy, J. Touro
Marcy, Peter
Marcy, Samuel (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
Matthews, William G.
Merchant & Breck
Morrill, Joseph
Page, Richardson & Co.
Paine, A.
Patten & Co., George W.
Pickett, Charles
Preble, George A.
Preston, George H.
Rand, Frank W.
Redding, J.R.
Rice & Knowlton
Ross, William Jr.
Salter, James H.
Salter, Thomas P.
Sherburne, Edward P.
Sherman, R.C.
Swamscott Machine Co.
Box 4 contd.

Tardy, John E.
Tarlton, J.M.
Thayer, Frank N.
Thayer & Peabody
Thomas, John
Thomson, Berent
Thwing, S.C.
Townsend, H.L.
Train, W.G.
Tucker, R.H.
Vaughan, G.T.
Warren, George
Washburn Huckins & Co.
Welch & Co., Samuel
Williams, Benjamin F.
Wood, Thomas O.
York, R.G. & Sons
Young, George E.

Box 5

Ball, T.M.
Bartlett, M.
Benedict, John M.
Brooks, Charles H.
Brown & Co., Vernon H.
Browne & Co., James
Bush, John C.
Carter, N.F.
Cobb, Frederick
Cram, Edward P.
Curtis & Peabody
Custis, H.C.
Davis & Co., C.M.
Dean, George M.
Dewhurst, S.E.
Dickie, John
Duncan, C.C.
Duncan & Davenport
Fenner, B.W.
Folsom, Henry P.
Frost, William S.
Gardner, T.O.
Hatch, Albert
Haven, Richard S.
Heckscher, Charles A.
Hickey, Joshua
Huckins, P.S. & J.B.
Jenness, Richard
Kelly, D.D.
Kendall, George W.
Knowlton & Co., D.

Leslie, Edwin H.
Lewis, John
Long, Thomas
Lyman, S.R.
Marcy, Daniel (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
Marcy, Henry L.
Marcy, J. Touro
Marcy, Samuel
Melvin, Thomas J.
Merchant & Carman
Meserve, George P.
Minot, John
Mohr Brothers & Co.
Moulton, H. Frank
Nickerson, Caleb
Pettigrew, T.J.
Preble, George A.
Quin, J.
Robbins, George Washington
Rogers, Gorham
Ross, John C.
Ross, William Jr.
Salter, Thomas P.
Sherburne, E.P.
Sherman, R.G.
Sloman, Robert M.
Smith, Charles W.
Smith, O.C.
Smith Douglas & Co.
Stevenson, Augustus
Sweat, L.D.M.
Thomas, John
Thompson, William
Thomson, Berent
Thwing, S.C.
Townsend, Henry L.
Treadwell, Thomas P.
Vaughan, O.A.J.
Weeks, James H.
Whipple, Henry
Whitney & Stephens
Williams, Benjamin F.
Wyatt, William H.

Box 6

Badger, D.D.
Browne & Co., James
Burke, Edmund
Burnham, L.C.
Butler, James H.
Cable & Behrens
Cate, Joseph G.
Clark, Samuel
Box 6 contd.

Clark, Samuel
Clement, N.H.
Cloherty, James
Conroy, Edward
Converse, J.
Cummings, T. & J.B.
Downs, Charles H.
Drew, E.C.
Duncan & Davenport
Eastman, B.
Endicott, J.B.
Freese, Joseph W.
Glover, Joseph B. & Co.
Guest, John
Harriman, J. & Sons
Hastings, Henry
Haven, R.S.
Hill, John M.
Holbrook, John R.
Klingenberg, Carl J.
Knowlton, D. & Co.
Locke & Blake
Lord, William
Loveing, James M.
Marcy, Daniel P. (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
Marcy, Henry L.
Marcy, Peter
Marston, S.R.
Nickerson, J.J.
Noel, S.W. Jr.
Norton, S.W.
Page & Brown
Peabody, Willis & Co.
Phillips, J.D.
Pickett, Charles
Preble, George A.
Quinn, J.W.
Reid, Charles & Son
Ripley, David & Sons
Rolls, Joseph L.
Ross, John C.
Ross, William Jr.
Salter & Livermore
Salter, Thomas P.
Seely, Richard
Sinclair, John G.
Small, Edward A.
Stachow, J.
Stinson & Co., E.P.

Thomas, John
Thomson, Mrs. L.
Thwing, S.C.
Train, C.W.
Washburn & Clifton
Whitney, William
Whittemore, C.C.

Box 7

Allen, Francis
Baker, James & Sons
Ball, T.W.
Boulton, English & Brandon
Bowers, W.W. D.T.
Brown, Vernon H. & Co.
Browne & Co., James
Burr, C. Chauncey
Channell, William P.
Davis, C.M. & Co.
Dixon & Brothers
Drew, E.C.
Duncan, Charles D.
Frost, W.S.
Gibson, Nehemiah
Ham, Rufus
Hamblin, E.
Hammond, William
Harriman, J. & Co.
Holyoke, R.
Jenness, Richard
Jewell, J.W.
Knowlton, D. & Co.
Leach, Joseph (nephew of Daniel Marcy)
Lincoln, Thayer
Locke, Elisha
Loud, P.W.
Lynn, John W.
Marcy, Henry L.
Marcy, Judah T.
Marcy, Peter
Martin, William R.
Murray, John J.
Nickerson, Mrs. Frank A. (niece of Daniel Marcy)
Norton, S.W.
Penhallow, J.W.
Pettigrew, Mary E.
Pike, John W.
Redding, John R.
Ricker, Charles C.
Box 7 contd.

- Ross, John C.
- Ross, William Jr.
- Salter & Livermore
- Salter, Thomas P.
- Small, James
- Sutton, George D.
- Thomas, John
- Thwing, S.C.
- Weston, John Jr.
- Williams, Blanchard & Co.

Box 8

- Allen, George E.
- Badger, David D.
- Bernard, David
- Black & Co., John
- Brown's Lumber Co.
- Chase, F.D.
- Dickey, E.J.
- Downing, F.A.
- Downs, C.H.
- Foster & Roby
- Gregg & Co., H.L.
- Ham, Rufus
- Haven, Richard G.
- Hickey, Joshua W.
- Huckins, P.S. & J.B.
- Hyde, Thomas W.
- Knowles, J.N.
- Knowlton & Co., D.
- Locke, Elisha
- Marcy, Judah T.
- Marcy, Peter
- Neal, John
- Nickerson, George P.
- Nickerson, J.J.
- Page, Newell & Richardson
- Perry, A.A.
- Preble, George A.
- Roberts, William
- Roblings, John A. & Sons
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The Daniel Marcy Papers span the years 1838-1881 and comprise seven and one-half manuscript boxes. The bulk of the collection consists largely of business correspondence and is arranged chronologically. Correspondence with brothers, Samuel and Peter, can be found throughout the entire collection although the largest concentration is in Boxes 1-3. Marcy also corresponded with his two sons, Henry L. and Judah Touro, however not extensively. Other than this family correspondence there is very little personal correspondence within the collection. Also filled chronologically among the correspondence are numerous shipping records which relate to the correspondence.

Daniel Marcy grew up in Portsmouth, N.H. and at a very early age followed the inclination for a sea-faring life. At the age of twenty-one, Marcy moved to New Orleans where he became employed in the service of Messrs. R.D. Shepard and Judah Truro, two wealthy residents of that city, largely interested in shipping and commerce. For eleven years he worked for them as a shipmaster in the foreign trade. In 1842 Marcy returned to Portsmouth, where, in an arrangement with his employers and his brother Peter, he became the superintendent of a ship-building operation. Under terms of the agreement, one ship was to be built each year under Captain Marcy's supervision and when each was completed, he was to take command of the ship for its first voyage. This arrangement continued until 1852.

Although a committed Democrat, up to this point Marcy had taken no part in active politics. In 1854, he was elected to the New Hampshire State legislature and continued in that service for a number of years. In 1863 he was elected and served as a member of the Thirty-Eighth United States Congress, where he became known for his vigorous support for increased aid for sick and wounded soldiers.

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In both 1876 and 1877, Daniel Marcy was the choice of the Democratic State Convention as their candidate for governor. Because of the strength of the State Republican party both campaigns were unsuccessful, although vigorously fought. In his later years, Marcy continued to hold various public offices and with his brother Peter and his son Judah Touro engaged in the revival of ship-building at Portsmouth. Daniel Marcy died in Portsmouth, New Hampshire on November 3, 1893.