BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Samuel Hale (1758-1829) was born in Portsmouth, NH the son of Major Samuel Hale and Mary Wright. He was educated at his father's school. He trained as a tanner and currier then ran a lumber business on his father's lands in Barrington, NH. Next he opened a store in Portsmouth for general trade. When his brother joined him as a partner, they named the business "Samuel & William Hale". This name remained when they switched to the shipbuilding business. Samuel Hale moved his residence to Barrington. He served as town selectman, Representative of the General Court and State Senate, held various military positions and was judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

William Hale (1765-1848) was also born in Portsmouth, NH. He was a partner with his brother's business in Portsmouth. In 1797 when he moved to Dover, NH. He remained in partnership when the switch was made to shipbuilding. While Samuel Hale was politically active at the local level, William Hale became a major political figure in the state. He first became state senator in 1796, and served for the next four years. He was a member of the Governor's Council from 1803-1805. He sat in the U.S. House of Representatives during the eleventh Congress, 1809-1811, and the thirteenth & fourteenth 1813-1817. He retired to private life in 1817.

With the profits of the Samuel and William Hale firm invested in real estate throughout New Hampshire, he was able to become active in local interests such a Cocheco Manufacturing Co., the Dover Unitarian Society, the Strafford Agricultural Society, and the Gilmanton & Berwick Academies. He died in Dover November 8, 1848.

See also The Hale Family Papers, Acc # 1984-16.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

These papers contain a variety of information from the shipping business partnership of Samuel and William Hale. Types of material include contracts with sea men, wages paid; lists of cargo; duties paid; petitions filed regarding tempestuous weather, gales and damage to cargo; complaint of deserting sea men, captain who abandoned ship because of damage and shortage of provisions and left first mate to bring ship to port; insurance papers; repairs to ships; provisions stocked, sale of cargo and numerous small papers showing miscellaneous expenses.

SERIES I: SHIP AEOBUS
Jacob Treadwell, Master. Ports visited: Charlestown, Norfolk, Copenhagen, Rotterdam, Elsinore in Denmark, Baltic ports of Lubeck and Kiel, Tonning, Hamburg, Lisbon, Philadelphia, Falmouth

Box 1, fld 1-4 1803-1804
fld 5 Cargo book, 1804
fld 6-9 1805 including legal papers- Tonning
fld 10-12 1806
fld 13 Cargo book, 1807
fld 14-16 1807 (no papers for Oct-Nov)

Box 2 fld 1 1809, 1810, 1812
fld 2 no year
fld 3 no year

Oversize Box 5
Over. fld 1 1804 (11 items)
Over. fld 2 1805 (15 items)
Over. fld 3 1806 (13 items)
Over. fld 4 1807 (8 items)
Over. fld 5 1809 (1 item)

SERIES II: SHIP HANTONIA
Ship Master 1799-1802 John Watts Moulton. In 1801 bound for Ireland, soon after sailing met with tempestuous weather, lost foremost, considerable damage, water in cargo, etc. Returned to Portsmouth, petition to district Court with account of damage and sale of cargo. 1812 John Wharf, Master, Gothenberg Sweden. Ship was damaged in Sweden, Ichabod Rollins was sent over with power of attorney. Rollins disposed of cargo and refitted ship. Called the New Ship Hantonia she sailed to Portsmouth with John Adams as master in 1815. 1816-1820 Ichabod Rollins, Master from Liverpool to Gothenberg and return. 1821-1827 William
Tinsdale, Master New York, New Orleans, Gibraltar, Liverpool, etc.

Box 2, fld 5-6 1812-1813
fld 7-8 1815-1817
fld 9-10 1819-1821
fld 11 1822-1823
fld 12 1824-1827 & no date

Oversize Box 5
Over. fld 5 1799-1815 (14 items)
Over. fld 6 1816-1821 (12 items)

SERIES III: SHIP BALTIC
George F. Blunt, Master sailed to Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, Havana, Cuba, Liverpool, London, Boston, Charlestown. 1804 Oliver C. Blunt, Master sailed in March 1815 and reported to the American Consulate, Havana on April 15 that strong winds drove the ship on the Florida reefs. Threw part of cargo overboard to save vessel and get off reef. 1805-1810 Daniel Orr, Master, sale of ship 1810.

Box 2, fld 13 1800-1802
fld 14 1803
fld 15 1804-1810

Oversize Box 5
Over. fld 7 1801-1810 (16 items)

SERIES IV: SHIP LACONIA
1806-1810, John Walker, Master. Charleston, Hamburg, Lubeck, Rotterdam, Liverpool, Norfolk, St. Mary’s. Some of cargo shipped from Portsmouth to Charleston, SC in 1806; Protest statement 1810; was captured by French Privateer Le Decide. Mate and two sea men taken hostage and ransomed. Boat allowed to proceed to Portsmouth and hostages released when Hale paid $9,000. 1810-1812 Ebenezer Rowe Captain, Liverpool, Norfolk, Lisbon, Amelia Island, inventory of ship at St. Mary’s in 1812; for sale notice, Oct. 1812 Thomas Hunt Master bound from Scrubby Bluff to Savannah new owners John Francis and Richard Rollins estate.

Box 3, fld 1 1806-1807
fld 2 1808-1809
fld 3 1810
fld 4-6 1811
fld 7-9 1812
fld 10 1813 & no date
On Shelf Log book, Richard Rollins, 1812
SERIES V: BRIGANTINE GUSTAVIS
1796-1797 George Turner, Master Liverpool, 1798-1800
George F. Blunt, master Lisbon-west Indies; 1800-1801 John
Morris, Master Portsmouth to Philadelphia, Virginia,
Rotterdam, Gurnsey, St. Ubes & Isle of May.

Box 3, fld 11  1797-June 1800
fld 12     July 1800 - July 1801
fld 13     Sept, 1801 - Dec, 1801
fld 14     1815 & no date

Oversize Box 5
Over. fld 9  1796-1801 (10 items)

SERIES VI: SHIP MARTHA
1817-1819 Thomas Lunt, Capt. New Orleans, Charleston,
Amsterdam, Liverpool, Dover, Dublin, Ramsgate, St. Ubes.
1820-29 Thomas Lunt, Capt. Manifest. 1829-1833 Andrew
Hussey, Master to Rio de Janeiro; 1833-35 Eben Knight,
Master, Charleston, SC encountered gales, inspected &
repaired.

Box 3, fld 15  1817-1818
fld 16-19  1819
fld 20  1820-1821
Box 4, fld 1  1822-1823
fld 2  1824-1831
fld 3  1833-1835 & no date

Oversize Box 5
Over. fld 10  1810-1822 (12 items)

SERIES VII: SHIP LYDIA
George Humphreys, Master, 1821, Savannah, ship was
grounded and assisted by Capt. Miller of the Schooner
Gleaner. Statements of loss and damage. 1823-1827 Capt. E.
Thompson. 1828-1833 Wm. Parker, Master, West Indies and
Turks Island.

Box 4, fld 4  1821-1823
fld 5  1824-1828
fld 6  1829-1832
fld 7  1833-1836 & no date

Oversize Box 5
SERIES VIII: VARIOUS SHIPS

Box 4, fld 8
Barrington, 1794-1795

Barrington, 1794 (2 items)
Benjamin Balch Jr., Capt. to sail from
Piscataqua to New York, Carolinas,
Europe and return. While anchored in NY
another ship blew into it and Barrington
was damaged.

Box 4, fld 9
Diana, 1780
Capt. Thomas Manning/Martin

Box 4, fld 10
Ossian, 1808-1815

Ossian, 1812 (2 items)
1808-1815 Icabod Rollins, Master. In
1811 the ship left Liverpool for Amelia
Island with a cargo of salt. In
September they ran into a very heavy
gale, gales again in October near
George’s Bank and short of supplies went
to Portsmouth for repairs and supplies.

Box 4, fld 11
Romulus, 1802-1803

Romulus, 1802 (1 item)
On sale in Charleston, SC, 1802
inspected for Hale, work done on brig at
Sheaf Wharf, Portsmouth, sold at auction
1803.

Box 4, fld 12
Strafford, 1798-1799

Strafford, 1795-1799 (5 items)
1795-1799 Benjamin Balch Jr., Master,
Portsmouth, Europe, West Indies, St.
Ubes. Affidavit given in Norfolk 1799
re Capt. Balch, drinking and beating
sea men, insufficient provisions, gale,
ship damaged, Balch got picked up by a
Danish ship and abandoned the first mate
and crew to get back as best they could.

Box 4, fld 13
Various ships, 1790-1843
Maria & Eliza report of underwriters
and shippers re damages after storm.
Africana, Jonathan D.?, Master Havana
to Rhode Island & Boston carrying 5,000 Spanish Milled Dollars.
Schooner Caroline, Solomon Clark, Master, Havana to Boston, 5,000 Spanish milled dollars
Schooner Enterprize, John Trefethern, Master, Portsmouth to Pennsylvania, carried beef & pork.
Jane, E. McIntosh, Master Charleston to Boston
Brig Edward & Charles, Edward Pettingill, Master
Schooner Mary, Master Lunt Portsmouth to Philadelphia
Schooner Brilliant, Master Tullock, Portsmouth to Willington
Brig Timothy Pickering, Capt. Tilden
Survey of hatches
Grotins, Francis Sheaf, Commander, Europe to USA taken by American Privateer
Adonia, Ranger, Peace, Hitty, Pilgrim, Friendship

SERIES IX: MISCELLANEOUS

Box 4, fld 14-15 Building a new ship, 1789-1793
   Contract with Isaac Waldron and William Hale of Barrington with Thomas Chadborn to build a new ship. papers re: labor, supplies, lumber, etc.

fld 16 Receipts, 1789-1843

fld 17 Correspondence, 1789-1826

fld 18 Edmund Roberts, 1833
   Mission to Japan, exchange notes 1833, Edward Livingstone Sec. of State for E.R. to Fish, Gimmel & Co. and to Catherine Roberts., Notes from Mrs. Shaw's portfolio re Roberts

fld 19 Plainfield, NH 1830-1840
   John Bryant, treasurer, payments made 1830-31, mostly 1838-40

fld 20 Land papers, 1816 & envelopes
   Letters and receipts of land sale and land lists. Some names mentioned: John Hunt, Jacob Upham, Timothy Brooks, Samuel Blodgett of Randolf.
CARDS MADE FOR CATALOG:

Shipping
Hale, William (1765-1848)
Hale, Samuel (1758-1828)
Roberts, Edmund (1784-1836)
Privateers
Ships-Barrington
Ships-Ossian
Ships-Baltic
Ships-Aeolus
Treadwell, Jacob
Logbooks
Plianfield, H
Waldron, Issac

Ships-Lydia
Ships-Hantonia
Ships-Martha
Ships-Diana
Ships-Ossian
Ships-Romulus
Ships-Brig Gustavis
Ships-Strafford
Ships-Laconia
Rollins, Icabod
Japan
Portsmouth, H
Chadborn, Thomas
Hale, Samuel & William
Letterbooks, 1808-1828
2 vols.

Commercial shipping correspondence from the Hales in Portsmouth to ships captains in various ports.

1. Portsmouth, NH 2. Shipping