PARROT/ TOSCAN FAMILY
FAMILY PAPERS, 1779-1937
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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:
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Parrott, John Fabyan Portsmouth, NH Berry, William
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du Plantier, Toscan Shipping
Toscan Family Women
Adams, John Q. (Pres.) subject, 1825 Portsmouth Marine Society, 1827
Brazil - Trade conditions, 1828 Toscan, Frederick
Jackson, Andrew(Pres.) - politics 1829, 1831 Robert P. Parrott
India, Calcutta - ice, 1836 Parrott, John T.
Parker, Robert Capt. Lee, NH
Porstmout Navy Yard, ca. 1814 Accounts - shipping
Ships - Barque Mary Cutts, Edward
Genealogy - Parrot Genealogy - Toscan
Genealogy - Brackett Spaulding, James A.
A brief note from Nathaniel Adams to Citizen Toscan, dated Portsmouth July 24, 1793, thanking him for his “generous donation to the poor in this town.”

Kingston (Jamaica) Aug 1, 1794 Letter to Toscan from J.F. Parrott.

Brookfield June 14, 1796 letter from John Toscan to Capt. John Parrott, with typed transcript, New York (by way of Portsmouth June 17, stamped)

Greenland, Nov 3, 1797 letter from Eliza Toscan & her husband addressed “Citizen John Toscan, Boston”

Undated letter from John F. Parrot to “Dearest Betsy” addressed Eliza F. Toscan Lancaster, NH favored by M.G. Brackett probably written from Greenland around 1798-1800

Lancaster Sept. 20, 1801 letter from John Toscan & his wife. recently returned to Greenland.


Brevet of Toscan’s appointments as vice-consul in French Versailles Dec 6, 1779 with original signatures of the King and of de Sartine, Minister of the Marine.

Three letters in French from August Toscan du Plantier & Marjorie Hall dated Grenoble 23 Sept. 1935; 12 Dec 1935 and 3 May 1937. The first letter encloses the copy of a letter dated Jan 28, 1857 from Mr. du Plantier’s grandfather, Toscan du Plantier to the French counsel in Philadelphia, telling of meeting Capt Frederick Toscan in 1825 or 1827 & giving genealogical information.
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Capt. W.F. Parrott  Capt. W.W. Parrott Note: the above letters were written to seven of the nine children of J.F. Parrott. The two children not included are Sarah P. and Robert P. Parrott.

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**William Walker Parrott to sister Eliz. Toscan “Betsy”, undated** just arrived in Tobago and heading for London expecting to arrive April 1st.

**Samuel Garrett to JFP Jan 27, 1804**  JFP’s accounts with Thomas Wilson as well as Garret’s comments that the goods Parrot brought are likely to yield a handsome profit.

**Wm W. Parrott to Eliza Toscan Savannah Feb 1, 1804**  Details of his and brother Enoch’s sailing dates plus mention of the death of Old Deacon Brackett.

**Susan Parrot (Enoch’s wife) to Wm. W. Parrott Portsmouth Oct 25, 1809**  Enoch sailing, Susan lonely, thinking of giving up housekeeping and boarding over winter.

**Wm. W. Parrott to JFP Gloucester Oct 25, 1811**  Asks for advice on movement of vessels, difficulty with port restriction, includes letter from William Pearce in London re the ship Falcon which met with misfortune. Same: Dec 12, 1811 shipping difficulties, possible war with England Mentions the Falcon, birth of a child, concern for Susan.

**E. Toscan in Greenland to Mrs. Martha Parrott, his daughter in Gloucester, 10 Jan 1812**  Busy preparing boys for voyages, sailing of other family members & local news.
Wm. W. Parrott to JFP  May 12, 1812
Necessity of war with England and Federalist opposition to it, family matters.
Same: Feb 22, 1813 recovering money & talk of Gideon Scott, notes victory of
the ship Constitution which should give energy to the Navy, new 74 gunship being
built in Portsmouth. Same: May 4, 1813 G. Scott and tricks played with money
Massachusetts politics, Wm sees War as giving country national character and in
30 years moving ahead of England.

Power of Attorney granted by JFP Oct 24, 1821 to John M. Forbes, Buenos Ayres
to collect money.

Sarah P. Parrott Portsmouth to JFP, U.S. Senate, Wash, DC Feb 1, 1822
Family matters, advantages & disadvantages of matrimony.

Bonaparte Toscan to Uncle JFP  New York  Mar 18, 1823
Visit to cousin Robert Parrott at West Point

Hannah Parker Parrott, Portsm, to Eliza D.T. Toscan in New Orleans  Feb 3, 1825
Eliza on brother Frederick’s ship coming to New Orleans, family news & William
Toscan on ship Neptune with Capt. Leach in snow storm.

Samuel W. Dana, Middleton, CT to JFP in Wash DC Feb 25, 1825
Congratulations on son Lt. Parrott being named assist. Prof. at Military Academy,
thinks newly elected President Adams will lessen party strife.

Sarah P. Toscan to Eliza D.T. Toscan  April 18, 1825
Family matters, “Bonaparte is farming for lack of anything else to do”

Portsmouth Marine Society, membership for Frederick Toscan Jan 10, 1827

Frederick Toscan, Rio de Janeiro to wife Martha, also 1st Cousin) in Portsmouth
Dec 24, 1828  Voyage, looking for better markets, misses family.

Frederick Toscan, Rio de Janeiro to Edward M. Parrott  Mar 14, 1829
Trade and commerce wretched since the peace, markets overstocked at all posts
from equator to River Plate, currency depreciated, too much competition, etc.

JFP( but actually from Edward M. Parrott to Frederick Toscan, May 14, 1829
signs bother but is actually cousin, writes that ‘Papa has become victim to the
relentless persecution, traversing the whole country under the auspices of Jackson
and his cabinet”’. William had gone to Trieste with Geo Langdon in a brig.
Town in deplorable state resulting from business failures.
Sarah P. Parrott to Capt. Frederick Parrott  March 28, 1831
Expresses concern for his long absences, news of his children, efforts to elect Papa to Congress Bu “Jacksonites were again successful. related news of Bonaparte in Florida, other news.

Capt. Frederick Toscan  Greenland, March 20, 1832  Typed copy of newspaper eulogy

Bonaparte Toscan to Mrs. Martha B. Toscan  April 29, 1832
Letter of sympathy at Frederick’s death

Hannah P. Parrott to Peter P. Parrott  Greenland  July 14, 1832
partial letter, family news, compliments on Peter’s success in Philadelphia

Robert P. Parrott in Washington, DC to JFP  Feb 10, 1834
Duties began today, still haven’t found room, info re Falcon and French claim, hopes Uncle William’s firm will survive failures.

Hannah P. Parrott to Capt. Robert P. Parrott  May 26, 1836
Family news, William got records amount of ice to Calcutta and received a silver cup as award,

Elizabeth Parrott to “Dear Greenleaf” ??  Aug 4, 1846
Social gossip

Georgiana Toscan to Peter P. Parrott  June 23, 1837
brief note says little

Peter P. Parrott to John T. Parrott (brother)  Oct 1, 1838
Wishes to get married, left Robert in Goshen as witness in law case.

Peter P. Parrott (Woodbury, CT) to Mrs. Hannah Parrott  July 10, 1839
Account of trip to Boston, Providence & New York, difficult to read, “Saw the President come out of the Washington Hotel in NY, “van Buren is to be at the Foundry today.”

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Hannah P. Parrott to John T. Parrott  Oct 21, 1840
Ellen & Hannah visit brother Peter, no particular news.

Robert P. Parrott, West Point Foundry to John T. Parrott  Jan 20, 1842  Family news
Mary Arden Parrott to John T. Parrott Jan 13, 1841 difficulties traveling in winter crossing the river on the ice to get from Greenwood to the foundry at West Point.

Mary A. Parrott to Hannah P. Parrott Dec 8, 1842 Family news.
Same? to Miss Augusta H. Toscan too difficult to read.

Fld 7 Fragment: adjournment of town meeting signed by Jn F. Parrott, Moderator


Frederick Toscan to brother William in Greenland. Dec 25, no year family news

William W. Parrott to sister Elizabeth April 19 from Salem William is interested in farming, is tired of roving about on the sea.

Hannah Parker? to sister Susannah Parker Portsmouth, family news

draft memorandum re: possible closing of Portsmouth Navy Yard by Congress because of snow storms and fog. Reference to the late War may date memo to ca. 1814. probably written by JFP


Account book. Bordeaux June 15, 1793 invoice of sundries shipped on board the Hannah. JFP Master, Edw. Church merchant and Consul of the U.S. Items include white wine, claret, brandy, sweet oil, hams, candles, lamp black, hair powder, old linen, silk stockings, cordage, anchors, etc. Four pages of accounts of the ship Hannah, carried passengers leaving Bordeaux June 15, 1793 for Lisbon. Provisions purchased in St. Thomas in Nov. & Dec. other expenses 1793 & 1794. May 9, 1794 the Hannah taking on sundries at Aux Cayes, Haiti, Oct 1794? expenses attending trial of ship, cargoes in Jamaica. In the Back two pages of verse composed by passengers on the Jupiter from London to NY no date.
FLD 9 JFP's letter book, business letters Aug 28, 1802 - Nov 20, 1807 written largely from Portsmouth Statement of the sales and returns of Ship Hannah's Cargo. Not dated. Ship apparently was captured by the British after leaving Haiti and forced to put in to Jamaica. Long process in court to have ship freed.

FLD 10
Series of six letters to Capt. JFP from Thomas Wilson in London April 1, 1801 to May 21, 1809.

Series of six letters to JFP from Bailey & Bogert, NY Feb 9 1800 to Jan 20 1809.

Four page account from William Berry of sums owed him by JFP Nov 23, 1831 to April 1, 1835 includes house rent & repairs, wages, horse & wagon, hay, etc.

FLD 11-15 genealogy
Picture of Mrs. George Fox Dickinson transferred to Special Collections
Parrott and related Family notes written by Corrine Parrott Dickinson
Single sheet biography of a Mr. Parrott
Fld 14 Cleeve Brackett, genealogy
Fld 15 related families, description of Nahum Parker, Parrott and Arden chart

FLD 16
James A. Spaulding, correspondence with W.R. Upton on Parrott genealogy
11 letters to cousin Margery about family genealogy 4 letter fragments
JAS autobiography
1 postcard

FLD 17
New clippings about family members
"French claims, 1832 relating to Admiralty claims, letter written by E.F.P. Toscan
1899 about a claim
Article on War of 1812
Story of the AM clipper ship
Dartmouth Alumni Magazine

FLD 18
Letter relating to Deborah Walker Parrott's tombstone 1931
1 photograph various family letters & photos
Ed. M. Parrott
four silhouettes various certificates 1930-1936
Misc signatures letter concerning War of 1812