

INVENTORY OF THE
ROTCH COLLECTION
IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Content: Business records and personal papers of a
Nantucket and New Bedford, Mass., family,
1764-1947.

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INTRODUCTION

The major portion of papers in this collection were given to the Old Dartmouth Historical Society on 17 May 1946 as a bequest from the estate of Francis Rotch. Other materials were either purchased by or donated to the Society between ca. 1928-1981.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Between ca. 1760-1900, members of the Rotch family of Nantucket and New Bedford, Mass., played a vital role in the development of their communities as centers of the whaling industry. The family's close association with New Bedford began in 1787 with the emigration of William Rotch, Jr., from Nantucket, where he had been trained in the counting house of William Rotch Sr. & Sons. Young Rotch established his own business which, in turn, launched the careers of three of his sons, William Rodman, Joseph, and Thomas, as merchants involved in different aspects of the whaling industry. Business ventures directed or financially supported by the Rotches between 1787-1896 included William Rotch Jr. & Sons, William R. Rotch & Company, Rotch Wharf Company, Rotch Candle House, and New Bedford Cordage Company. Members of the family also held a vital interest in numerous local banks and textile mills. While most Rotches were merchants and businessmen, the family also included a notable inventor and other individuals not involved in commercial pursuits.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers in this collection reflect the activities of Rotch family members between 1764-1947. In particular, these materials focus on the business affairs of William Rotch, Sr. (1734-1828), William Rotch, Jr. (1759-1850), three of the younger William's sons, William Rodman (1788-1860), Joseph (1790-1839), and Thomas (1791-1840), and Joseph's son, William James Rotch (1819-1893). Dominating the collection are correspondence, directors' minutes, ships' papers, legal documents, financial accounts, and other records of William Rotch Jr. & Sons, 1789-1863, William R. Rotch & Company, 1813-1859, Rotch Wharf Company, 1831-1896, and Rotch Candle House, 1839-1849, as well as similar documents reflecting other Rotch family commercial interests. A related group of materials, dating from 1768-1870, consists of the business, personal, and estate records of James Arnold (1781-1868), partner and son-in-law of William Rotch, Jr.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE (cont.)

This collection also encompasses papers concerning non-commercial activities of various Rotches. Notable among these items are specifications and patents, ca. 1797-1822, for improvements in whaling and fishing equipment and domestic devices invented by Francis Rotch (1750-1822), and correspondence, journals, and memoirs written by various Rotch women. The latter documents, dating from about 1821-1910, concern family life, religious attitudes, travel experiences, and social activities of Mary Rotch (1777-1848), Anne Waln Morgan Rotch (1800-1884), Eliza Rotch Farrar (1791-1870), and Anne Hudson Morgan (1850-1947).

Materials in the Rotch Collection have been organized into sub-groups representing business records and personal papers of family members. These sub-groups are listed in the inventory in rough chronological order according to the birthdate of each person. Business and personal papers remain intermingled within each sub-group, thus reflecting the arrangement scheme used by the Rotches themselves. Whenever possible, correspondence has been chronologically divided by year, then alphabetically arranged within each year by name of writer. Other papers, organized into series by type of document, are arranged in chronological order except for ship's papers, which are grouped according to name of vessel. Researchers should note that most of the correspondence of William Rotch, Sr., consists of transcripts. The locations of the originals of these documents is described in the Collection File for Mss 2. Published works which may serve as guides to persons and businesses represented in this collection include THE ROTCHES, by John M. Bullard (1947) and Joseph L. McDevit, Jr.,'s, THE HOUSE OF ROTCH (1978).

- Sub-group 1. William Rotch, Sr., Papers, 1765-1821. Business and personal correspondence; financial accounts; ship's papers; legal documents; and autobiographical sketch. 6 inches.
- Sub-group 2. Francis Rotch Papers, ca. 1797-1822. Correspondence and patent specifications. 5 inches.
- Sub-group 3. William Rotch, Jr., Papers, 1789-1863. Business correspondence; financial accounts; ship's papers; and legal documents, chiefly relating to William Rotch Jr. & Sons. 2 feet.
- Sub-group 4. Benjamin Rotch Papers, 1818, 1827. Personal correspondence. 5 items.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE (cont.)

- Sub-group 5. Thomas Rotch Papers, 1795-1822. Business correspondence, house designs and specifications. 11 items.
- Sub-group 6. Mary Rotch Papers, 1843-1847. Personal correspondence. 5 items.
- Sub-group 7. William Rodman Rotch Papers, 1813-1859. Business correspondence, financial accounts, ships' papers, legal documents, and stock certificates, chiefly relating to William R. Rotch & Company. 10 inches.
- Sub-group 8. Joseph Rotch Papers, 1809-1836. Business correspondence, financial accounts, ships' papers, estate records. 57 items.
- Sub-group 9. Thomas Rotch Papers, 1818-1823. Business correspondence and financial records. 23 items.
- Sub-group 10. Francis Rotch Papers, 1819. Receipt. 1 item.
- Sub-group 11. Anne Waln Morgan Rotch Papers, 1828-1867. Family correspondence and journal concerning European travels. 5 inches.
- Sub-group 12. Eliza Rotch Farrar Papers, 1821-1830, 1861. Family correspondence and memorial. 13 items.
- Sub-group 13. Benjamin Rotch Papers, 1833. Business letter. 1 item.
- Sub-group 14. Benjamin Smith Rotch Papers, 1839-1849. Rotch Candle House day book. 1 item.
- Sub-group 15. William James Rotch Papers, 1831-1896. Chiefly directors' minutes, financial accounts, and estate records relating to Rotch Wharf Company, the Arnold Charitable Fund, and James Arnold. 5 inches.
- Sub-group 16. Francis Morgan Rotch Papers, 1830-1844, 1862. Programs, commission, and transcripts of Civil War letters. 15 items.
- Sub-group 17. Francis Rotch Papers, 1884-1914. Business correspondence, financial accounts, and legal documents, principally concerning lumber businesses in Wisconsin and Washington. 46 items.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE (cont.)

- Sub-group 18. Anne Rotch Hudson Morgan Papers, 1907-1910. Personal correspondence and memoir. 3 items.
- Sub-group 19. Eliza Morgan Bates Swift Papers, 1915-1916. Business correspondence. 13 items.
- Sub-group 20. John Morgan Bullard Papers, 1929-ca. 1947. Correspondence, drafts, research notes. 9 items.
- Sub-group 21. Francis Rotch Papers, 1904-1944. Military papers, house specifications. 14 items.
- Sub-group 22. James Arnold Papers, 1817-1870. Business and personal correspondence, financial accounts, ships' papers, estate records. 9 inches.
- Sub-group 23. Thomas Arnold Papers, 1768-1814. Business correspondence, financial accounts. 9 inches.
- Sub-group 24. Miscellaneous documents, ca. 1808-1830. Circulars, drafts, memoranda. 5 items.

DESCRIPTION

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Sub-group 1. William Rotch, Sr., Papers, 1765-1821

Series A. Correspondence, 1771-1812

Folder 1. 1771
 " 2. 1785
 " 3. 1786
 " 4. 1787-1791
 " 5-6. 1792
 " 7. 1793-1795, 1802-1812

Series B. Financial Records, 1765-1814.

Sub-series 1. Journals, 1769-1779

Volume 1. 1769-1772
 " 2. 1771-1775
 " 3. 1775-1779

Sub-series 2. Bills and receipts, 1778-1779

Folder 1. 1778-1779

Sub-series 3. Ships' papers, 1765-1814

Folder 1. NEPTUNE (Sloop), 1765; PATIENCE (Sloop),
 ca. 1785; PEGGY (Snow), 1776
 " 2. POLLY (Sloop), ca. 1785-1814

Series C. Legal Documents, 1781-1821

Folder 1. Deeds and leases, 1781, 1795, 1821

Series D. Autobiographical Sketch, ca. 1814

Volume 1. "Copy of an Autobiographical Memoir of
 William Rotch," ca. 1814

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Sub-group 2. Francis Rotch Papers, ca. 1797-1822

Series A. Correspondence, 1811-1820

Folder 1. 1811, 1814-1815
 " 2. 1816
 " 3. 1817
 " 4. 1818, 1820
 " 5. n.d.

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Series B. Bills and Receipts, 1815

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Series C. Patent Papers, ca. 1797-1822

Sub-series 1. Specifications, 1812-1822

- Folder 1. 1812-1813
- " 2. 1814
- " 3-5. 1815
- " 6. 1817
- " 7. 1818-1819
- " 8. 1811
- " 9-10. n.d.

Sub-series 2. Notes, drafts, drawings, 1815-1821

- Folder 1. 1815
- " 2. 1817
- " 3. 1821
- " 4. n.d.

Sub-series 3. French patent papers, ca. 1797-1806

- Folder 1. Correspondence, 1800-1801, 1806
- " 2. Legal documents, ca. 1797-1806
- " 3. Notes, ca. 1797-1806

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Sub-group 3. William Rotch, Jr., Papers, 1789-1863

Series A. Correspondence, 1790-1837 ✓

- Folder 1. 1790
- Volume 1. 1792-1796
- Folder 2. 1796, ¹⁷⁹⁷
- Volume 2. 1796-1797
- " 3. 1798-1800
- Folder 3. 1799-1800
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- Volume 5. 1804-1808
- Folder 4. 1805, 1807, 1813
- " 5. 1814-1816
- " 6. 1818-1824, 1837

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Sub-group 3 (cont.)

Series B. Financial Accounts, 1789-1846

Sub-series 1. Day books, 1799-1829
Volume 1. 1799-1829

Sub-series 2. Journals, 1813-1816
Volume 1. 1813-1816

Sub-series 3. Ledgers, 1796-1807
Volume 1. 1796-1807

Sub-series 4. Petty ledgers, 1790-1802
Volume 1. 1790-1801
" 2. 1796-1802

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Sub-series 5. Cash books, 1788-1835
Volume 1. 1788-1793
" 2. 1796-1799. Also includes cash book records
for William R. Rotch & Company, 1820-1849
" 3. 1814-1821
" 4. 1831-1835

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Sub-series 6. Sales account books, 1789-1796
Volume 1. 1789-1796

Sub-series 7. Bank books, 1824-1846
Volume 1. Bedford Commercial Bank, 1842-1846
" 2. Fairhaven Bank, 1831-1837
" 3. Merchants Bank, 1824-1835

Sub-series 8. Invoices of shipments, 1807-1819
Volume 1. 1807-1809, 1818-1819

Sub-series 9. Bills and receipts, 1795-1840
Folder 1. 1795-1803, 1808-1817
" 2. 1818-1828, 1833-1840

Sub-series 10. Ships' papers, 1794-1825
Folder 1. BUTLER (Sloop), 1816; CLIPPER (Schooner),
1810-1815
" 2. GOVERNOR STRONG (Sloop), 1815; HARPONIER
(Ship), 1804; INDUSTRY (Schooner), 1794; *Lydia, 1799*
MARY (Schooner), 1805; NEPTUNE (Ship), 1813;
NEW HAZARD (Brig), n.d., PARTHIAN (Brig),
1823; REGULATOR (Sloop), 1815; SUSAN (Ship),
1800; SYLPH (Schooner), 1813
" 3. WILLIAM (Ship), 1819; WILLIAM THACHER (Brig),
1819-1825

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Series C. Legal Documents, 1801-1832

Folder 1. Deeds, estate records, 1801, 1806, 1809, 1815, 1832

Series D. Stock Certificates, 1819-1848

Folder 1. For New Bedford Bridge Company, 1819-1848

Series E. Estate Records, 1851-1863

Folder 1. 1851-1852, 1863

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Sub-group 4. Benjamin Rotch Papers, 1818-1827

Series A. Correspondence, 1818, 1827

Folder 1. 1818, 1827

Sub-group 5. Thomas Rotch Papers, 1795-1822

Series A. Correspondence, 1795-1822

Folder 1. 1795, 1800, 1822

Series B. House Designs and Specifications, ca. 1796-1810

Folder 1. ca. 1796-1810

→ Sub-group 6. Mary Rotch Papers, 1843-1847

Series A. Correspondence, 1843-1847

Folder 1. 1843-1847

Sub-group 7. William Rodman Rotch Papers, 1813-1859

Series A. Correspondence, 1816-1852

Folder 1. 1816, 1818

Volume 1. 1818-1838

Folder 2. 1824

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" 4. 1826-1827

" 5. 1828-1829

" 6. 1830

" 7. 1831

" 8. 1832-1835

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Series B. Financial Records, 1813-1859

Sub-series 1. Journals, 1824-1843

Volume 1. 1824-1832

" 2. 1834-1843

Sub-series 2. Ledgers, 1817-1831

Volume 1. 1817-1831

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Sub-series 3. Cash books, 1820-1849

Volume 1. 1820-1849 SEE S-g 3, Series B, S-s 5, Volume 2

Sub-series 4. Sales records, 1817-1836

Folder 1. 1817

" 2. 1818

" 3. 1834-1836

Sub-series 5. Bills and receipts, 1813-1859

Folder 1. 1813, 1816, 1818-1819

" 2. 1820-1832

" 3. 1833

" 4. 1834-1839

" 5. 1846-1849

" 6. 1853-1859

Sub-series 6. Ships' papers, 1817-1835

Folder 1. ALFRED (Ship), 1825; ANN (Sloop), 1826;
BEDFORD (Sloop), 1825; BOSTON (Sloop), 1819;
CATHARINE (Sloop), 1818-1819; COLLECTOR
(Sloop), 1817-1818

" 2. ELIZABETH (Bark), 1825, 1828-1829, 1833

" 3. ELIZABETH (Ship), 1824-1825, 1828

" 4. EXPERIMENT (Sloop), 1824-1825; GEORGE AND
ALBERT (Ship), 1818; HENRY (Sloop), 1819;
JUSTINA (Sloop), 1819; MINERVA (Ship),
1824-1825, 1828

" 5. ORION (Ship), 1817; OROZIMBO (Ship), 1833;
POMONA (Sloop), 1819; PROTECTION (Brig),
1817-1818; RODMAN (Ship), 1819; RODMAN
(Sloop), 1820; SARAH (Brig), 1832-1835;
SOPHIA (Ship), 1820; TIMOLEON (Ship), 1825;
WILLIAM & MARY (Schooner), 1817

Sub-series 7. Bank drafts, 1819-1821

Folder 1. Bedford Commercial Bank, 1819-1821

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Series C. Deeds, 1831-1848

Folder 1. 1831-1834, 1848

Series D. New Bedford Bridge Company Records, 1851-1857

Folder 1. Correspondence, stock certificates, power of attorney, 1851-1857

Sub-group 8. Joseph Rotch Papers, 1809-1836

Series A. Correspondence, 1829

Folder 1. 1829

Series B. Financial Records, 1824-1836

Sub-series 1. Bank books, 1835-1836

Folder 1. Bedford Commercial Bank, 1835-1836

Sub-series 2. Bills and receipts, 1822-1836

Folder 1. 1822-1830

" 2. 1831-1836

Sub-series 3. Ships' papers, 1829-1834

Folder 1. BENEFACTOR (Brig), ca. 1834; ERIE (Sloop), 1829; INDIA (Ship), 1834; JANE (Schooner), 1830

" 2. Private underwriting accounts for whaleships, 1833

Series C. Estate Records, 1820-1831

Folder 1. Correspondence, bills, and receipts of Richard C. Plummer, 1820-1831. Estate administered by Joseph Rotch

Series D. Notebook, 1809

Volume 1. "Joseph Rotch's Piece-Book, Sandwich Academy. 1809."

Sub-group 9. Thomas Rotch Papers, 1810-1823

Series A. Correspondence, 1814

Folder 1. 1814

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Series B. Financial Records, 1810-1823

Folder 1. Sales accounts, bills, and receipts,
1810-1815, 1821, 1823

Sub-group 10. Francis Rotch Papers, 1819

Series A. Financial Records, 1819

Folder 1. Receipt, 1819

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Sub-group 11. Anne Waln Morgan Rotch Papers, 1828-1867

Series A. Correspondence, 1828, 1843-1846

Volume 1. 1828
" 2. 1843-1844
" 3. 1844-1845
" 4. 1845-1846

Series B. Journals, 1864-1867

Volume 1. 1864-1867

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Sub-group 12. Eliza Rotch Farrar Papers, 1821-1830, 1861, *1939*

Series A. Correspondence, 1821-1830, *1939*

Folder 1. 1821-1830

Folder 2. Correspondence from Benjamin Ellis regarding Elizabeth Rotch Farrar, 1939

Series B. Memoir, 1861

Volume 1. "Memorials of the Life of Elizabeth
Rotch, Being Recollections of a Mother, by
Her Daughter . . .," 1861

Sub-group 13. Benjamin Rotch Papers, 1833

Series A. Correspondence, 1833

Folder 1. 1833

Sub-group 14. Benjamin Smith Rotch Papers, 1839-1849

Series A. Rotch Candle House Records, 1839-1849

Volume 1. Day book, 1839-1849, *Wm. P. S. Carwell
apothecary bill, 1841*

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Sub-group 15. William James Rotch Papers, 1831-1896

Series A. Rotch Wharf Company Records, 1831-1896

Sub-series 1. Director's Records, 1831-1896

Volume 1. Articles of incorporation, minutes of meetings, 1831-1896

Sub-series 2. General Accounts, 1831-1896

Volume 1. Day book and journal, 1832-1896; stock book and journal, 1831-1892.

Series B. James Arnold Estate Papers, 1867-1882

Sub-series 1. Correspondence, 1869-1873, 1881

Folder 1. 1869-1873, 1881

Sub-series 2. Financial records, 1869-1882

Folder 1. Bills and receipts, 1869-1878, 1882

" 2. Bank drafts, 1870-1876

Sub-series 3. Wills, 1860-1867

Folder 1. 1860-1867

Sub-series 4. Executors' records, 1867-1874

Folder 1. Documents of William James Rotch and Francis Rotch, Executors of James Arnold Estate, 1867-1874

Series C. Arnold Charity Fund Papers, 1869-1884

Sub-series 1. Correspondence, 1870, 1881-1882

Folder 1. 1870; 1881-1882

Sub-series 2. Financial records, 1869-1884

Folder 1. Expenditure records, 1869-1884

" 2. Receipts, 1870-1884

Series D. Bills and Receipts, 1831-1871

Folder 1. 1831, 1842, 1846-1855, 1860, 1870-1871

Series E. Journal, ca. 1842

Folder 1. "Buds for Babe," written for son Charles Morgan Rotch (1842-1845)

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Sub-group 16. Francis Morgan Rotch Papers, 1830-1844, 1862

Series A. Correspondence, 1862

Folder 1. 1862

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Series B. Programs and Commission, 1830-1844, 1862

- Folder 1. Exhibition and Class Day programs, Harvard University, 1830-1834, 1844; annotated
- " 2. Military commission, 1862

Sub-group 17. Francis Rotch Papers, 1884-1914

Series A. Correspondence, 1888-1897

- Folder 1. 1888, 1896-1897

Series B. Financial Records, 1885-1902

- Folder 1. Accounts, bills, receipts, insurance policies, 1885-1897
- " 2. Stock certificates, 1886-1887, 1896-1897, 1902

Series C. Legal Documents, 1884-1899

- Folder 1. Deeds, military discharge, 1884-1890, 1896, 1899

Sub-group 18. Anne Rotch Hudson Morgan Papers, 1907-1910

Series A. Correspondence, 1907

- Folder 1. 1907

Series B. Memoir, 1910

- Volume 1. "A Book About Anne Morgan Rotch . . .," 1910

Sub-group 19. Eliza Morgan Bates Swift Papers, 1915-1916

Series A. Publication Papers, 1915-1916

- Folder 1. Correspondence, notes, and agreement concerning publication of 'JOURNAL OF WILLIAM ROTCH, 1915-1916

Sub-group 20. John Morgan Bullard Papers, 1929-ca. 1947

Series A. Correspondence, 1929

- Folder 1. 1929

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Sub-group 20 (cont.)

Series B. Drafts and Research Notes, ca. 1947

- Folder 1. "Who Were the Rotches?"
- " 2. "The English Rotches."
- " 3. "Francis Rotch, 1788-1874."
- " 4. "Benjamin Rotch Jr., 1793-1854."
- " 5. "Elizabeth Barker Rotch, an Exile From Home,"
by Alfred Rodman Hussey
- " 6. "Memorandum Written by William Rotch in 1814
in the 80th Year of His Age."
- " 7. "The Respectful Petition of the Christian
Society of Friends . . . February 10, 1791."
- " 8. Notes to THE ROTCHES

Sub-group 21. Francis Rotch Papers, 1904-1944

Series A. Military Papers, 1904-1944

- Folder 1. Discharges, appointments, clippings, 1904-1944

Series B. House Specifications, 1935

- Folder 1. 1935

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Sub-group 22. James Arnold Papers, 1817-1870

Series A. Correspondence, 1819, 1851-1868

- Folder 1. 1819
- " 2. 1851-1867
- " 3. 1868

Series B. Financial Records, 1817-1868

Sub-series 1. Ledgers, 1817-1847

- Volume 1. 1817-1847

Sub-series 2. Cash books, 1817-1843

- Volume 1. 1817-1843

Sub-series 3. Ships' papers, 1831-1864

- Folder 1. ARNOLDA (Ship), 1835, 1839; BARCLAY (Ship),
1834, 1843, 1850, 1852, 1854; BRUNSWICK
(Ship), 1851
- " 2. CAMBRIA (Ship), 1832, 1838
- Volume 1. CAMBRIA (Ship), 1842-1846
- Folder 3. CAMBRIA (Ship), 1851
- " 4. FRANCES (Ship), 1830, 1832-1833, 1839, 1850,
1852, 1854

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Sub-group 22, Series B, Sub-series 3 (cont.)

- Folder 5. HENRY TABER (Bark), 1855, 1859, 1864;
HILLMAN (Ship), 1851, 1854, 1856, 1862;
JAMES ARNOLD (Ship), 1852-1853, 1857,
1861-1862; L. C. RICHMOND (Ship), 1841,
1844; NIMROD (Ship), 1850, 1854; OCEAN
WAVE (Bark), 1856
- " 6-8. OSCEOLA (Brig), 1848-1850
- " 9. WILLIAM (Ship), 1857; WILLIAM AND ELIZA
(Ship), 1831, 1835, 1848, 1852, 1855-1856

Sub-series 4. Bank drafts, 1858-1868

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Sub-series 5. Bills and receipts, 1818-1868

Folder 1. 1818, 1823-1824, 1831-1835

" 2. 1840-1849

" 3. 1850-1859

" 4. 1868-1868

Series C. Legal documents, 1826-1870

Sub-series 1. Mortgages, deeds, leases, 1832-1863

Folder 1. 1832, 1839, 1844-1846, 1850

" 2. 1854-1855, 1857-1859

" 3. 1860-1863

Sub-series 2. Thomas Arnold estate records, 1826-1829

Volume 1. Account journal, 1826-1829. Also includes
invoices of James Arnold, 1840-1844

Sub-series 3. Sarah Rotch Arnold estate records, 1850-1870

Folder 1. Financial documents, 1850, 1864, 1869-1870

" 2. Legal documents, 1853-1869

Series D. Memoranda and Certificates, 1828-1866

Folder 1. Insurance papers, lottery listings, stock
memoranda, 1828, 1837, 1848, 1866

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Sub-group 23. Thomas Arnold Papers, 1768-1814

Series A. Correspondence, 1784-1794

Volume 1. 1784-1794

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Series B. Financial Records, 1768-1814

Sub-series 1. Ledgers, 1773-1800

Volume 1. 1773-1796

" 2. 1796-1800

Sub-series 2. Day books, 1785-1795

Volume 1. 1785-1787

" 2. 1790-1795

Sub-series 3. Bills and receipts, 1768-1814

Folder 1. 1768, 1783-1792, 1814

Sub-group 24. Miscellaneous Documents, ca. 1808-1830

Folder 1. Circulars, drafts, memoranda, ca. 1808-1830

ADDED ENTRIES

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 Account books--New Bedford, Mass.--1788-1896
 Account books--New Bedford, Mass.--1817-1868
 Account books--New Bedford, Mass.--1831-1896
 Account books--New Bedford, Mass.--1839-1849
 Account books--Providence, R.I.--1773-1800
 Arnold, James, 1781-1868
 Arnold, Jonathan, 1706-1796
 Arnold, Sarah Rotch, 1786-1860
 Arnold, Thomas, 1752-1826
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 Benevolent institutions SEE Charities
 Bullard, John Morgan, 1890-1965
 Business records--Mass.--Nantucket
 Business records--Mass.--New Bedford
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 Businessmen--Mass.--New Bedford
 Candlemaking
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 Charitable bequests--Mass.--New Bedford
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 Decedents' estates--Mass.--New Bedford
 Discoveries (in science) SEE Patents
 Docks--Mass.--New Bedford
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 Estates of decedents SEE Decedents' estates
 Factors SEE Commission merchants
 Family--Mass.--New Bedford
 Farrar, Eliza Rotch, 1791-1870
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 Merchant ships' papers SEE Ships' papers
 Merchants--Mass.--Nantucket
 Merchants--Mass.--New Bedford
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 Morgan, Anne Rotch Hudson, 1850-1947
 Nantucket, Mass.--Commerce
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 New Bedford, Mass.--Commerce
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 Plummer, Richard C 1801-1831
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 Roache family SEE Rotch family
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 Rotch, Benjamin, 1764-1839
 Rotch, Benjamin, 1793-1854
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 Rotch, Francis, 1863-1918
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 Rotch, Joseph, 1790-1839
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 Swift, Eliza Morgan Bates, 1879-1923
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