

# NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### Manuscripts

No. 26

Date processed: February 20, 1976

- I. Title RICHARDS FAMILY Papers, 1794-1887
- II. The papers of Richards Family deposited in the Library on January 14, 1976 by William Richards ~~DKK~~ as a gift. ~~converted the deposit to a gift~~
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 5 in.  
Approximate number of items: 245
- IV. Restrictions: none
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
- VI. Press release was issued on
- VII. Biographical note: Genealogy: Jonah Newton and Mary Newton had a daughter [Eliza] Eunis Newton Baldwin married Silas I. Baldwin (b.1801) had daughter [Alice] Gertrude Baldwin Richards (b.1834) married John M. Richards (b.1834) of West Haven. J.M.Richards owned two vessels: the Schooner John R. Watson and the Schooner J.M.Richards built in West Haven.  
Genealogy: Thomas Shreeve of N.J. daughter Hope Shreeve Cowperthwaite married William Cowperthwaite, had brother Stacy Cowp., of Phil. William Cowperthwaite was a merchant and owner of the Sloop Mercury.  
Genealogy: Archibald Blakeslee, son of Teiley [Tilley] Blakeslee of New Haven, had a daughter Ann Blakeslee.  
Archibald Blakeslee of New Haven and New York was a business partner of W.Cowperthwaite and according to the N.H.Vital Records died in an almshouse in 1830 at the age of 80.
- VIII. Analysis: The collection consists of loose documents: deeds, bills of sale, wills, mortgage deeds, accounts, receipts, notes, letters, checks, etc...., arrangement--see content sheet (collection in poor physical condition).

SUBJECTS: Genealogy  
Shipping  
New Haven History

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Teiley Blakeslee see N.H.Town & County Documents

CONTENT: Richards Family

Folder A. Gertrude Baldwin Richards

- document 1. Distribution of Jonah Newton's Estate, March 28, 1817  
2. N.H. Probate Court on Mary Newton's Estate, June 23, 1870.  
3. Appraised value of Silas I. Baldwin's Estate (son-in-law of J. Newton)  
4. Copy of receipt given to S.I. Baldwin by Mrs. [Alice Gertrude Baldwin] Richards, Aug. 27, 1887.  
5. Insurance policy with the Liverpool & London & Globe Co. Ger. Baldwin Richards--property insurance for \$1,000 on 276 Crown Street.  
6-7. Letters to Gertrude Baldwin Richards, signed Mother, Cleveland, Ohio July 1868.

Folder B. Silas I. Baldwin

- document 1. Receipt for purchase of shoes. 1835.  
2. Promissory note to Baldwin, 1837.  
3. Receipt of payment from Baldwin, 1851.  
4. Receipt of payment from Bladwin, 1852.  
5-8. Stock--Hampden RR. Co., 1853--1854.  
9. Hotel receipt, 1862.  
10. Promissory note to Baldwin from J.M. Rcihards, 1862.

Correspondence--incoming

11. D.J. Robertson, June 16, 1842.  
12. Rev. George Landon, Sept. 4, 1844.  
13. J. Muffield (?), Sept.

Folder C. John M. Richards--legal papers.

- document 1. Bill of sale, Scho. John R. Watson of New London, 1862.  
2. Mortgage of Vessel, 1862--New Haven.  
3-6. Quit Claim Deeds, J.M. Richards and S.I. Baldwin, 1862--1877.  
7. Mortgage on Vessel, 1877.  
8. Certificate of Classification, Scho. J.M.Richards by Lloyd American Universal on Feb. 12, 1877.  
9. Records of Survey of Schooner, Key West, Fl. June 7, 1878.  
10. Statement of repairs--Pensacola, Fl. July 15, 1878.  
11. Survey of damages done to schooner, Nassau, Sep. 19, 1878.  
12. Deposition made by Capt. William Malsbury, Nassau Oct. 2, 1878.

Folder D. John M. Richards--Correspondence: incoming, 1856--1877.

- document 1. Newell Sturtevant & Co., 1856.  
2-3. Eli Whitney, 1861.  
4. S. Malsbury (master of J.M. Richards), 1871.  
5-8. W. Frost, 1874.  
9. S. Malsbury, 1874.  
10-12. Benj. R. Jones, 1875.  
13-19. S. Malsbury, 1876-1877.

Folder E. J.M. Richards--correspondence: incoming, 1878--1879.

- document 1. Renner Pinckney, 1878.  
2. H.L. Slaght, 1878.  
3-8. S. Malsbury, 1878--1879.  
9. John Bliss & Co., 1879.  
10. D.L. Davis, undated.

Correspondence--outgoing

- 11-12. to Malsbury, 1878.  
13. note referring to Sam Howel, undated.  
14. letter to Malsbury from F.T. Moretett & Sons, 1879 plus envelope.

Folder F. Richards--bills  
document 1--16. Bills, 1871--1874.

Folder G. Richards--bills  
document 1--26. Bills, 1875.

Folder H. Richards--Bills  
document 1--5. Bills, 1876--1879.  
6. Undated  
7. Promissory note S. Malsbury 18??.  
8-17. Pages from small notebook--financial notations, accounts with and  
copies of notes or telegrams sent.

Folder I. Schooner J.M. Richards  
document 1--23. Shipping invoices for Schooner J.M. Richards, 1870.

Folder J. Schooner J.M. Richards  
document 1--23. Shipping invoices for Sch. J.M. Richards, 1870.

Folder K. Richards--Promissory notes  
document 1--13. Promissory notes signed by Richards payable to bank (printed  
form), 1876-1877.  
14--20. Promissory notes signed by Richards (hand written), 1873--1877.

Folder L. Richards--cancelled checks.  
document 1--74. Cancelled checks, 1875--1877.

Folder M. William Cowperthwaite  
document 1. Will of Thomas Shreeve, daughter Hope Shreeve Cowperthwaite May 4, 1782.  
2. Lawyers opinion of claims by W. Cowperthwaite against estate of T.  
Shreeve, Aug. 25, 1795.  
3. Bill of Sale, Sloop Mercury of Philadelphia, 1796.  
4. Bill of Sale, Sloop Mercury, 1797.  
5. "Transaction during the voyage to West Indies" no date or signatures.  
6. Letter to W. Cowperthwaite from James Huzzier, 1796.  
7. Letter to Stacy Cowperthwaite from W. Cowperthwaite (brothers), 1795.

Folder N. Cowperthwaite  
document 1. account of goods purchased for Cowperthwaite, 1794.  
2. receipt for goods, Daniel Wilmot, 1794.  
3. receipt, A. Blakeslee, 1797.  
4. bill, Capt. Much (?), 1797.  
5. bill, 1798.  
6. account of books purchased, Feb. 1798.  
7. bill for services from Dr. Benj. Say.  
8. shipping invoices (poor condition), May 1, 1796.  
9. shipping invoice, June 20, [1796?].  
10. invoice of Tobacco shipped on Sloop Mercury by Samuel Howell Jr. & Co.

Folder O. Archibald Blakeslee  
document 1. Mortgage, N. Phillips of Phil. & A. Blakeslee, 1798.  
Correspondence--incoming  
2. William Mott (Phil), 1795 [pertaining to Cowperthwaite]  
3-4. Sally Leffers (Swansborough, N.C.), 1797 [reference to W. Cowperthwaite  
as Billy].  
5. Benj. W. Law (Phil), 1799.  
6-8. John Gardiner, Jr. (Phil), 1800.  
9. Teiley [Tilley] Blakeslee (father of Archibald) of New Haven, March 14,  
1800. [describes business and asks son to mend his ways, return to

New Haven and join the business].

10. Ann Blakeslee (daughter of Archibald), March 3, ????

Correspondence--outgoing

11. To Stacy Cowperthwaite, 1795.

12. To William Mott, 1895.

13. Letter in Acadian French referring to Capt. Blakeslee and his Barge Ann of Baltimore.

14. Shipping invoice, 1797 (Sch. Fredrick, master Much [?])

15. Note referring to J. Andrews (undated, unsigned)

16. Note referring to Stacy Cowperthwaite.

17. Cover sheet "Notes & Accounts"

Folder P. Miscellaneous

document 1--3. "Bill of Exchange" George B. Granniss Esq., 1841.

4. Letter, no salutation or signature, 1797.

5. Letter to Mary Kelley from Hope Lippin, 1797.

6. Bill, Fred. Ives (N.Y.) Jan. 25, ????

7. Bill

8. Broadside to Taxpayers from Walter Osborn, Collector (1873?)