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<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Bowen, Ashley, Diary, 1748-1750; 1775-1777; 1789-1790</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Octavo vols. "B"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 octavo volume, 83 leaves</p>	<p>N.U.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>Finding Aids:</p> <p>This diary is reprinted in Philip Chadwick Foster Smith, ed., <u>The Journals of Ashley Bowen (1728-1813) of Marblehead</u> (2 vols.; [Salem, Mass.]: Peabody Museum of Salem in conjunction with the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 1973).</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Gift of the estate of William Bentley?</p>	<p>Copies available:</p> <p>No copies available due to the deteriorated condition of the original.</p>
<p>Collection Description:</p> <p>Ashley Bowen (1728-1813) of Marblehead, Mass., was a seaman and merchant captain, a ship rigger, mender of sails, prolific diarist, an untrained but expressive artist, a committed Anglican, a reluctant Loyalist; husband of three wives and father of fourteen children. Among his other achievements was his faithful recording of events in Marblehead during the early years of the Revolution, especially the coastal conflict between the Continental and Royal navies. This volume also contains an account of the history of St. Michael's Episcopal Church of Marblehead, as well as deliberations by delegates from Middle Atlantic and New England states in organizing the Anglican Church into the Episcopal Church in 1789 and 1790. There are also accounts for the period 1748 to 1750 for Marblehead fisherman John Palmer.</p>	