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| <p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Salter, Charles Henry, Notebook, 1820-1846</p> | <p>Location:</p> <p>Folio volumes "S"</p> |
| <p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 folio volume, 162 leaves (85 blank)</p> | <p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p> |
| <p>Finding aids:</p> <p>For genealogical information see: William M. Emery, <u>The Salters of Portsmouth, New Hampshire</u> (New Bedford, Mass.: New Bedford Printing Co., 1936), pp. 44-45</p> | |
| <p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Gift of Matt B. Jones, 1936</p> | |
| <p>Collection Description:</p> <p>Captain Charles Henry Salter (1814-1884) of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, was a shipmaster. He commanded the ship <u>Typhoon</u> which was built in 1851.</p> <p>Salter's notebook contains navigational notes and exercises, a diary/log of his sailing experiences from 1830 to 1843, and ship expenses and personal accounts.</p> <p>The navigational notes, dating from 1828 to 1831, include rules for plane sailing, logarithms, parallel, traverse, middle latitude, and mercators sailing. There are instructions for finding latitude, the true time of day, longitude, and the method of keeping a journal at sea. In addition, there are lunar tables and practice problems.</p> <p>Salter made brief diary entries relating the weather conditions, his duties and activities, and miscellaneous other personal and shipping information as he served on the ship <u>Montgomery</u> from 1830 to 1834 and as a mate on the <u>Susanna Cumming</u> from 1834 to 1841. From 1844 to 1846 he served on the ship <u>Venice</u>. These ships made coastwise trips of the eastern United States and trans-Atlantic voyages to Liverpool, England and Havre, France. They transported: pig iron, cotton, passengers, hay, salt, rice, cheese, and other food goods.</p> <p>Salter's accounts list miscellaneous personal items which he purchased in the various ports and his salary and other sources of income. He also included a record of his account with the Portsmouth Savings Bank from 1826 to 1836. There are also ships' accounts, which relate cargo sales, passenger charges, repair services and other shipping expenses.</p> | |

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