

## Collection Information

*Collection Number:* 2016.034

*Collection Title:* Joshua Stevens Estate Papers

*Dates:* 1861-1876

*Size:* Approximately .5 linear ft., 1 box

*Creator/Collector:* Captain Joshua Stevens, Mary Ann Starrett Stevens (1817-1872)

*Acquisition Info:*

*Custodial History:*

*Languages:* English

*Repository:* R.W. Woolworth Library and Genealogical Research Center

*Processed by:* Elizabeth Boucher, 2016

*Access Restrictions:* Collection is open for research

*Publication/Intellectual Property Rights:* Contact the Stonington Historical Society to inquire about licensing and publication.

*Related Collections:* Stephens Family File (Vertical File 3:1)

*Location of Originals:* Woolworth Library Stacks, Shelf 6-5 A

*Subject Headings:*

## Biographical Information/Organizational History

Capt. Joshua Stevens (the son of Stanton and Eunice Stevens) was a wealthy Stonington whaling captain, married to Mary Ann Starrett Stevens (1817-1872) in Stonington, CT, 1835. The couple had one child, Francis Pendleton Stevens, born in Stonington, 1836. Their portraits hang in the Woolworth Library.

Captain Stevens participated in the first season of whaling at Magdalena Bay, Mexico in the winter of 1845-1846, aboard the Stonington ship *United States*.

## Scope and Content Note

Collection of ledgers, account books and papers relating to the Estate of Joshua Stevens.

## Collection Inventory

Folder 1 - Joshua Stevens account book, 1861-1862 (labeled "Bordeaux Trip, 1861/Slop Chest Book and Ledger")

Folder 2 - Stevens Estate check book, kept by W.J. Pollard, Executor, April 10, 1873 - November 6, 1876. First National Bank of Stonington.

Folder 3 - Estate Breakdown (probate records and account lists), Joshua Stevens, 1873-1874

Folder 4 - Probate court records and receipts, 1873-1874 and instructions to Executor (signed J. Milton Stevens and Irene B. Stevens), 1874

Folder 5 - Joshua Stevens Last Will and Testament, August 17, 1872

Folder 6 - Ledger, Estate contents, March-September, 1873 (with duplicates)

Folder 7 - "Ledger back-up materials" undated

Folder 8 - Household listings/accounts (1871), cash disbursement book (1867-1873) and miscellaneous notes

Folder 9 - Ledger (records of store accounts and periodical subscriptions, 1870-1873)

Folder 10 - Mrs. J. Stevens account book (1868-1873), Stevens address book and account book (includes Palmer names)