

**BRISTOL HISTORICAL & PRESERVATION SOCIETY**  
**(Bristol, Rhode Island)**  
**MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS**  
**(as of February 20, 2016)**

Note: Regarding the use of *account books* as historical evidence, we recommend that all researchers (who have not already done so) consult Christopher Densmore, "Understanding and Using Early Nineteenth-Century Account Books," in *The Midwestern Archivist*, vol. V, no. 1.

**ACCOUNT BOOK, DRY GOODS FIRM, 1886-1889.** 1 thick folio vol. in clamshell box.

Indexed at front. Men's and women's clothing, accessories (gloves, parasols, ties, etc.), cloth and ribbons by the yard, notions, etc. Named customers include Bristolians like Russell Bullock, Henry Battcher, Benjamin Benson, W.H. Buffington, Henry De Costa, LeBaron Colt, Samuel Chaffee, Anna Coggeshall, various Easterbrooks, Maggie Flanigan, several Gladdings, and so on right through the alphabet. Includes among credit accounts some labor accounts, e.g., Patrick Mahoney (tailor), p. 45, express and teamster work by C.E. Card, p. 91.

**ACCOUNT BOOK, UNIDENTIFIED BUSINESS, 1852, 1872, and ca. 1880-1890.** 1 thin folio volume in blue-green stone-marbled wrap.

Regarding later entries: there are substantial accounts dating 1872-73 with John B. Taylor as Treasurer for the Com'r of Asylum & Overseers of the Poor; and in 1888-90 John Shepard (p. 4) rented a house, office, or store from this acct book's owner; cf. pp. 7-8, 27-28, where John Shepard cash payments recorded *sub* Greene, Anthony & Co.

**ACCOUNT BOOK, UNIDENTIFIED GROCERY BUSINESS, 1831-1832.** 1 folio volume.

Daybook, Bristol, October 18, 1831, to November 27, 1832, with subsequent leaves torn out at early date. Specifies named goods sold to named customers for specified \$ amounts. Occasional wholesale purchases of large amounts of specified goods from named sellers also recorded. Loosely inserted: 4 contemporary ms. chits and 1 proper letter, all to William H. Manchester. Wove papers, no watermarks (including loose insertions).

**ACCOUNTING LESSONS EXERCISE BOOK, 1865.** 1 thin folio volume.

Kept by Bristolian Lewis Shepard Munro (1844-1912) while studying at Schofield's Commercial College, Providence, RI, under the school's founder, Albert G. Schofield. The firm "Schofield & Munro," which figures in many entries, is a fictitious business invented for pedagogical purposes. Related item (in Library): 8-page advertisement for Schofield's school (with historical sketch) follows p. 200 in *The Bristol, Warren, and Barrington Directory for 1884*.

**ALMY (ALICE B.) PAPERS, ca. 1940-1986.** 4 boxes (1.6 linear feet).

Principally genealogical notes and related papers written or kept by life-long Bristolian Alice Bateman Almy (1883-1986), a founder of **BHPS** and the local **DAR chapter**, regarding her own and others' ancestry. Also included are photographs of the Almy family home on Constitution St., Bristol, DAR papers, civic service awards and notices of recognition, and letters to and from **Blanca Colomina** of Moline, Illinois ca. 1970-1980 regarding her Bristol/Cuban (in part, Wilson family) ancestry, DAR membership, etc. Related collections include BHPS's own archive. Regarding Almy-Colomina correspondence about Wilson ancestry, see also **BENSON RESEARCH FILES**, Cuba section, Wilson folder.

**BABBITT (JACOB) PAPERS, mostly ca. 1830-1879.** 2 boxes (0.85 linear feet).

Business and other papers (bills, receipts, deeds, incoming correspondence) of Jacob Babbitt, Jr. (1809-1862), who (like his father) was a Bristol West Indies merchant and cotton goods manufacturer, and (unlike his father) died of wounds sustained in battle during the Civil War. Included are papers pertaining to the Babbitts' Bristol firm, **Babbitt & Green**, JB Jr.'s sister **Sarah Babbitt Green** and her husband **Scott Green** (partner in Babbitt & Green; d. 1867), and JB Jr.'s own widow, née **Abby Eliza Briggs**. Two folders hold printed materials published by the G.A.R. post named after Babbitt, one of which prints a biographical sketch of him (*Roster of Babbitt Post no. 15, G.A.R. Bristol* [1890], pp. 5-15). Possibly related collections: CASH BOOK, ca. 1835-1837 and 1863-1867; and GREEN (S.) LEDGER, 1833-1863.

**BANK OF BRISTOL LEDGERS, 1804-1805.** 2 folio volumes in clamshell boxes.

Both volumes of laid paper watermarked "E House" (cf. Gravell, 2nd ed., # 448), i.e., paper made in Coventry, Conn., by Elijah House. Part and parcel of the DeWolf Papers. See finding aid by Nancy Kougeas.

BATT, CAPT. JAMES (1777-1835). See under **MUNRO (WILFRED H.) LETTERS**.

**BENSON (CLAIRE) RESEARCH FILES.** 9 boxes (3.9 linear feet).

Late 20th- and early 21st-century research notes (mostly printouts of computer keyboarded notes and essays), including chronologies, with transcriptions and photocopies of selected source materials (and printouts of materials found on the internet), as well as outlines for historical talks (and publicity materials for these talks) by local historian and BHPS volunteer and board member Claire Benson. Six boxes hold Benson's research files on Bristol's connections with **Cuba**, especially **Matanzas**; folders in these boxes are organized in two series: (1) places; (2) people. Three boxes hold files on the **Colt family** (especially Elizabeth Bullock Colt, Theodora DeWolf Colt, and Samuel Pomeroy Colt) and their Bristol friends and rivals.

**BOWEN (CHAMPLAIN) ACCOUNT BOOK, 1870-1881.** 1 folio volume.

The 1876-77 *Bristol and Warren Directory*, p. 13, lists Champlain Bowen of Bristol as a gardener—and p. 80 lists Thomas Norris and George W. Simmons as the town's two undertakers. Following the extant contemporary ms. index (to excised entries), the first 114 number-stamped pages of this account book were excised at an early date, but pp. 115-135 and 337-340 carry what appear to be Champlain Bowen's daybook accounts for "attending the funeral[s]" of named people, sometimes "with hurse" (i.e., hearse) on specified dates.

**BRADFORD-WHEATON-ARBOUR PAPERS, mostly 19th century.** 1 thin box (0.25 linear feet).

Printed items, manuscripts, and photographs connected with the lives of Bristolians Peter James Bradford, his wife Lucretia Smith Coit, their forebears, children, descendants, and other relatives. Includes **Civil War** materials. Donors have requested the right to make additional donations. Related items: (a) group of miniature dolls, doll furniture, etc., in small box, the furniture and box made by Peter James Bradford for his infant daughter Mary Elizabeth Bradford (later M.E.B. Wheaton) in the 1840s, enjoyed by her descendants into the 21st Century; (b) quarto Bible given to Mary Elizabeth Bradford on the day of her wedding (at St. Michael's Church, Bristol) to William L. Wheaton of Providence, inscribed with family records (births,

marriages, and deaths) from 1863 to 2011. Initial gift made in loving memory of Jane Wheaton Arbour by her husband and children, 2015.

**BRISTOL DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.** See under **BRISTOL FORTNIGHTLY SOCIETY COLLECTION**, 1897-1950 (below).

**BRISTOL FERRY LIGHT JOURNALS, 1873-1917.** 4 folio volumes in clamshell boxes.

Daily account of winds and weather, with occasional references to named ships, information on work performed at the lighthouse station, inspections, deliveries by named supply ships and boats, etc. Gift of Mary Santilli, 1982.

**BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDER BOOK ON FIRES, 1929-1931.** 1 narrow folio volume, cloth covers, disbound.

Inscribed on front "Jack Graber Chief Engineer 1929-". Fire claims dating Monday, Feb. 11, 1929, to Monday, April 6, 1931.

**BRISTOL FORTNIGHTLY SOCIETY COLLECTION, 1897-1950.** 2 boxes (0.85 lin. ft.).

Founded in 1897 as a women's social and reading club limited to 20 members at any one time. The records preserved here (largely meeting minutes) cover topics discussed (e.g., "Russia in the past," history and work of the Perkins Institution for the Blind, current world political events, the F.D. Roosevelt administration), named individuals' contributions to the discussions, proposals for future discussion, named members' talks about foreign places they have visited (some European, some South American, etc.), invitations extended to named speakers on specified topics, the group's sewing of named objects for charitable distribution. The records include regular references to meetings of the Rhode Island Federation of Women's Clubs. Later records suggest this group eventually interested themselves in local public sanitation (e.g., they supplied garbage/trash cans for placement on Bristol streets) and health work. In the latter field they were responsible for increasing the number of district nurses available to Bristol's residents, hence the inclusion here of some of the Bristol District Nursing Association's annual reports.

**BRISTOL FREE SCHOOL FUND RECEIPT BOOK, 1820.** 1 small volume, oblong octavo, in clamshell box.

Partially printed receipt book (with printed label "Manufactured by Miller & Hutchens, Providence—and sold by William Muenscher, Bristol, R.I.") recording contributions "to augment the Free School fund," Oct. 1-Nov. 1, 1818, completed in ms. by John DeWolf as treasurer. Contributions from named Bristolians range from \$5.00 to \$500.00. Thickish wove paper, no apparent watermarks.

**BRISTOL HISTORICAL & PRESERVATION SOCIETY ACQUISITION RECORDS.**

1.25 linear feet.

Notebooks covering the Society's acquisitions from the Society's founding to the present.

**BRISTOL HOME FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN COLLECTION, 1866-1960.** 3 boxes (1.25 linear feet).

Six bound volumes of records commencing shortly before the Home's incorporation by the State in 1867, together with files of indentures committing named children to the Home, insurance policies on its building, holograph draft report (dated "St Michael's Bristol July 29 ...

1888,” [19]pp., with corrections and emendations) on the children’s home (attributed to A.L. Locke by the donor, George L. Howe, 1959), and other papers.

**BRISTOL JAIL PAPERS, ca.1815-1926.** 4 boxes of loose papers + 3 vols. (1.5 linear feet).

Loose papers: Various jail-related legal forms, wholly ms. and partially printed completed in ms. Volumes: **(1)** Folio volume (laid paper, no watermarks; bought for \$1.25 from John Brewer, Bookbinder and Bookseller, No. 2, Market Square, Providence, with his ticket on front paste-down) inscribed at front “This book bought August 24th, 1815, For the use of the Jail in Bristol, Wm. Throop, Jun. Sheriff,” wholly ms. entries Sept 21, 1815-Aug. 1824, with partially printed additions—additions being on various papers, some with watermarks, viz., (a) wove marked “A 1816” (Gravell 2nd ed. # 3), undated doc. signed Jos. W. Torrey JP), (b) wove marked “T A & B” (Gravell 2nd ed. # 910), doc. signed Henry Bowen, Sec’y, Feb. 1820, (c) wove marked “D AMES” (cf. Gravell 2nd ed. # 33), doc. signed Jacob Babbitt & Co., 27 Aug. 1819; (d) probably imported laid marked “(Crown)GR 1813”, doc. signed Wm. Miller 19 Sept. 1821; **(2)** Small quarto volume inscribed at front “Private property Philo V. Cady 1904 Sheriff” but donated by Henry F. Serbst as the “Bristol Town Jail Register kept by Town Jailer Henry Serbst [donor’s grandfather] 1904-April 18, 1926”; **(3)** Partially printed folio register of arrests, of which 86 leaves are completed in ms. Dec. 5, 1910-Dec. 18, 1920, giving names of prisoners, arresting officers, offences, ages, nationalities, residences, occupations, and “remarks.”

**BRISTOL JAIL RESEARCH FILE.** 1 box (0.4 linear feet).

Miscellaneous 20th-century photocopies, newspaper stories (some photocopied from much earlier originals), publicity materials, etc., pertaining to the history of BHPS’s headquarters and the families that once lived in it. Includes typescript for a talk of the jail’s history, “The State’s Gaol in the County of Bristol,” by Judge Frank L. Martin.

**BRISTOL LISTS OF VOTERS, 1850-1852, 1856, 1860, and 1869-1870.** 1 thin oversized flat box.

4 oversized fascicles, viz.: (A) Lists of voters [for] 1850, 1851, 1852; (B) List of voters [for] 1856; (C) List of Electors [for] 1860 (D) List of voters [for] 1869-1870. Claire Benson noted on Sept. 24, 2015, that Primus Clark, whose name appears on the 1856 list, might be the African-American sailor and resident of Bristol’s Goree neighborhood mentioned in Thompson, *Sketches of Old Bristol* (1942), pp. 17 and 256.

**BRISTOL MARK MASTERS LODGE RECORD BOOK, 1805.** 1 small notebook.

In this volume (in marbled wraps), Bristol’s Mark Masters Lodge, which was founded with the permission of Rhode Island’s Royal Arch Masons Grand Chapter in 1805 (for which see Henry W. Rugg, *History of Freemasonry in Rhode Island* [1895], pp. 186-7), recorded its by-laws, membership qualifications, officer elections, and membership. Also included are pages on which members inscribed their signatures and described or drew (and colored) their marks, e.g., John Earl drew a rampant eagle, William Bradford an anchor, etc. In 1825 this lodge was merged into the Hope Chapter. [-Nancy Kougeas. Rev.] Laid paper watermarked “E Burbank | 1803—(Massachusetts Arms)” [Mass. Arms *without* letter M underneath], i.e., Gravell 2nd ed., # 176 (where E Burbank 1803 is *not* coupled with any Mass. Arms).

**BRISTOL MUSIC CLUB COLLECTION, mostly 1866-1871.** 1 box (0.25 linear feet), containing 1 quarto volume in clamshell box and 1 folder of loose papers.

Quarto volume comprises: By-laws (7 pp.), “History of the formation of the Bristol Music Club and the motives of its founders” (3 pp.), meeting minutes 1866-1871 (17 pp.), and financial accounts 1866-1873 (3 pp.). File of loose papers includes receipts for printing (40 half-sheet posters, 300 tickets, 1000 bills), bills for blankbooks, use of halls, expense sheets, meeting motions, by-laws, minutes, etc.

**BRISTOL PROBATE COURT ACCOUNT BOOKS, 1844-1850 AND 1882-1883.** 2 small quarto volumes in clamshell boxes.

Records of payments for registration of deeds, recording of wills, opening of vaults (for bodies of specified relatives of payees), burials, gravestones, etc.

**BRISTOL TRAIN OF ARTILLERY PAPERS, 1794-1951.** 1 thin box (0.25 linear feet).

Artificial collection of pamphlets, printed ephemera (including banquet menus), manuscripts and typescript records, photocopied newspaper article, etc., documenting the history of the organization. Most papers post-date 1870. Includes: *The Charter and Regulations of the Artillery Company in the Town and County of Bristol* (Warren: Nathaniel Phillips, 1794), a circa 1830 12mo reprinting of the charter, and a 5pp. typescript “Brief History of the Bristol Train of Artillery. Compiled by the late Colonel Merton A. Cheesman” (Cheesman worked for part of his life as Col. Samuel P. Colt’s private secretary). Transferred from BHPS vertical file and pamphlet boxes, 2015.

**BROWNELL (CHARLES DEWOLF).** See under **HOWE (GEORGE L.) PAPERS** and **BENSON RESEARCH FILES**, Cuba section, Brownell file.

**BULLOCK (JONATHAN RUSSELL) GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, 1891.** 1 volume.

“Richard Smith of Bristol 1680 and some of his descendents,” written in 1891. Detailed genealogical record copied by Jonathan Russell Bullock (1815-1899) of Bristol. 78 pp. + 3 mounted photographs (reproducing in full a 1780 manuscript). Acc. # 2013-38. Gift of Sophie Silva of Vail, Arizona, 2013.

**BURNSIDE (AMBROSE E.) LETTER COPY BOOK, 1858-1861?** 1 folio volume in clamshell box.

Onion-skin paper press copybook of Burnside’s business (as well as a few personal?) letters, mostly from Chicago (and New York?). First 74 leaves excised (if extant, location unknown). Includes at least one reference to Bristol. Loosely inserted: (1) retained secretarial copy of LS A.E. Burnside, New Berne, N.C., July 3, 1862, to Hon. E.M. Stanton; (2) LS A.E. Burnside, Providence, Dec. 7, 1867, to Lt. Henry H. Adams; (3) pen and ink **cartoon** of Burnside (in full-length profile) and other soldiers captioned at top ‘Presenting “that~sword.”’

**CASH BOOK, ca. 1835-1837 and 1863-1867.** 1 folio volume in clamshell box.

Creator as yet not securely identified, but the earlier part of the volume might be the Bristol firm **Babbitt & Green’s cash book**; and the later part might be the household expenses of Jacob Babbitt’s widow, Abby. Acc. # 2001-32. Related collection: **BABBITT (JACOB) PAPERS**, mostly ca. 1830-1879.

**CHURCH FAMILY POETRY ALBUM, 1860s et seq.** 1 thinnish folio volume.

Folio account book used primarily as an album for inscribing poems, some signed with initials (e.g., “To Annie,” by “E.O.B.”), some with initials and place (e.g., “The Little Soldier

Boy” by “A.L.C. Bristol, RI”; “I think of thee” by “A. Rockwood Ashburnham, Mass.”; “A Wish,” by “J. S. Adams Winchendon, Mass.”; “The pride of Narragansett Bay,” by “M Scrooby Providence RI”). Several longer poems are signed (with variant signatures) by Frances E. Church of Bristol and dated 1862. Contains **Civil War** material. Scattered inscriptions suggest our Church family heading; but of it we remain uncertain. Several pages contain discontinuous accounting (income from shoemaking?) and diary-like entries dating from the 1870s. One of the latest entries (p. 61) reads “1903 february the 21 Emly dide of saturday”. Loosely inserted between two leaves toward end: clipped newspaper appearance of Charles Dickens’s *The Life of Our Lord*—“narrative written 85 years ago ... now published for first time” (i.e., in 1934). Acc. # 2015.56.11.

### **COGGESHALL FAMILY PAPERS, 1824-ca. 1900.** 1 thin box (0.25 linear feet).

Artificial collection assembled Aug. 2015 from several locations in BHPS. Includes: (1) **THOMAS J. COGGESHALL ACCOUNT BOOK, 1824-1845.** 1 volume, small quarto (of machine-ruled wove paper, no watermarks; large squarish letterpress manufacturer’s label of John Hutchens, no. 1, Market-square, second story, Providence, R.I., on front pastedown end-paper). Recording: his payments to named men for goods and services received; and his charges to named men for goods and services sold to them. Isaiah Simmons often carted barrels of fish and loads of hay for Coggeshall; other named men bought hay, apples, etc. Coggeshall bought named books from George A. Rhodes of Pawtucket, furniture from William Wardwell, the mowing and haymaking labor of other named men, etc.--n.b. on verso of penultimate leaf “**Dimensions for Barn [?] frame**” with list of timbers dated Oct 1836; (2) **WILLIAM P. COGGESHALL JOURNAL, 1844.** 1 small volume. Diary “of events and recitations” kept by William P. Coggeshall (? perhaps William Parker Coggeshall, b. Bristol 1828; d. Bristol 1887) while at school in Ellsworth, Maine, under a teacher named Hyde, May 1 to December 15, 1844; (3) **Misc. papers** (transferred from BHPS Genealogy vertical files 8/17/2015), including an 1859 property deed, two 1862 Civil War railroad passes issued to George Coggeshall by Gen. Burnside’s office, and a Coggeshall family reunion scrapbook, ca. 1884 (with a broadside poem, a cloth badge, etc.), with later newspaper clippings pasted in.

### **COGGESHALL FARM MUSEUM COLLECTION, 1967-1990.** 2 boxes (0.85 linear feet).

Copies of early board minutes, correspondence regarding the museum’s establishment and early operations, restoration work, property planning, and the like. Some photographs.

### **COIT (BERNARD BYRON DIMAN) NOTEBOOKS, 1853-1862.** 2 quarto vols. in 1 box.

Mostly closely written study notes (in Latin) and sermons (in English), with an essay on the history of Rome, some diary-like entries, copied poetry, etc., dating 1853-1860. Bristol-born Coit (1828-1863)—who like all his siblings was baptized in St. Michael’s Episcopal Church—added Bernard to his name when he converted to **Roman Catholicism**. He began writing the present materials on loose sheets while studying in **Rome, Italy, at the Catholic Propaganda** in 1853. He appears to have had these sheets bound in R.I. in the spring of 1860. To some of his sermons he appended places and dates of delivery, as at the end of “Love of our Enemies” (2: 37-47): “Baltimore Nov. 28, 1858 | Warren July 3, 1859 | So. Prov. Oct. 9, 1859 | Providence Feby. 29, 1860”. Minor later content dates to 1862. Related items: 4 vols. from his 11-vol. set of Catholic periodical *The Evergreen* (NY, 1849 et seq.) inscribed “*Byron D. Coit*”, etc. in Library; card-de-visite photograph of Coit in his clerical vestments; possibly related item (in Library): Henrietta M.K. Brownell’s novel, *God’s Way Man’s Way: A Story of Bristol* (New York: The Catholic Publication Society, 1885), which is dedicated to “To the memory of A Dead Priest,” i.e., Bernard Byron Diman Coit?

**CORLISS STEAM ENGINE COMPANY RECORD BOOK, 1862-1899, and PAPERS.** 1 oversized volume and 1 file folder of loose papers together in clamshell box.

**Record book** commences with stock certificate stubs, followed by the Act of Incorporation, By-laws, then meeting minutes. Following the minutes are stubs or uncut sheets of share certificates, some of which are completed in ms. Exiguous account book entries at end, some of which date back to 1857 and would therefor appear to be retrospective. The volume was water-damaged at an early date and later rebound. **Loose papers** comprise: 20 printed stock share certificates completed in ms. and cancelled; several business letters and legal documents.

**DEWOLF PAPERS.** 17 boxes (10.5 linear feet) + 1 control box.

The bulk of this collection is composed primarily of the papers of John D'Wolf (b. 1760) and secondarily of his brother, Senator James D'Wolf (b. 1764). John, who married Susan Reynolds (b. 1759) is often referred to as "farmer John" because of his skills running a farm in Bristol. However, he was also a partner in many D'Wolf enterprises, including the slave trade, the Arkwright Mill in Coventry, R.I., and the Bank of Bristol. As a young man, John fought in the Revolutionary War aboard armed privateers, and, like James, was captured by the British and imprisoned. After the war of 1812, he was appointed the Principal Assessor for the First Rhode Island District, and this collection includes extensive correspondence regarding his work in this capacity. This collection is primarily a financial one, and approximately three-quarters of it consists of bills, orders, receipts, promissory notes and agents' statement, many related to D'Wolf ships. The slave trade is well represented in this collection. It includes navigational logs to Africa, bills of sale for slaves, orders to captains, and other materials which document the family's participation in the slave trade from 1786 to 1808 (although it was illegal under Rhode Island law during this period). Some documents in the collection suggest that the D'Wolfs continued to make slaving voyages after the enactment of the Federal prohibition in 1808. The collection also contains information about the D'Wolfs' Cuban sugar and coffee plantations, and about the expatriate community that grew up in Cuba. The letters of Sarah "Sally" Sabin Wilson often mention slaves and include glimpses of their daily life, an account of a Cuban slave uprising, and a deadly cholera epidemic. (Also relating to Sally Sabin are receipted bills recording the costs of her tuition, clothing, etc., when she was the minor ward of John DeWolf before her marriage to J. Oliver Wilson.) Other family members represented in the collection include William, Levi, and Charles, and their father Mark Anthony. There is extensive correspondence related to John D'Wolf Jr. (who taught at Brown Univ.) and his son John D'Wolf 3rd, as well as their nephew George, whose failure brought down the Bank of Bristol in 1825. [—Nancy Kougeas. Rev.] See the finding aid compiled by Nancy Kougeas.

**DEWOLF (I.) LEDGERS.** 3 oversized volumes in clamshell boxes.

(1) "Ship Book I DWolf No 1" 1795-1815, leather-bound, laid paper, looks American, apparently no watermarks; (2) "I DWolf No 1" mostly 1797-1801, narrow folio, vellum-bound, laid paper, apparently no watermarks; (3) "I D.W. No. 2" 1802-1816, leather-bound, laid paper, apparently no watermarks. Part of the DeWolf Papers. See finding aid by Nancy Kougeas.

**DEWOLF (JOHN) PAPERS, 1800-1838.** 2 boxes (0.85 linear feet).

Principally (A) diaries, pocket notebooks, and (B) promissory notes of the noted progressive Bristol farmer John DeWolf (1760-1841). **(A) Diaries, etc.** Weather and other annotations (mostly farming related) written by farmer John DeWolf on the printed leaves and interleaving of **printed almanacs**, mostly 1818-1838. Together with several other printed almanacs and 5 small

pocket notebooks in wrappers (2 with ciphering but little or no other writing), including: (i) accounts for “**Capt. Peter Hurd’s New Vessel**,” 6 Sept. 1800-23 Oct. 1801 (9 pp. + blanks); (ii) misc. accounts in marbled wrap, 1801-1803 (16 pp.); and (iii) misc. accounts in pinkish wrap, ca. 1808-1811 (44 pp.). **(B) Partially printed promissory notes**, signed by John DeWolf, ca. 1820-1839, together with the 20th-century shoebox in which Agnes Herreshoff donated them. Related collections include the DeWolf Papers.

**DEWOLF (JOHN, JR.) PAPERS, ca. 1820-1876.** 1 box (0.4 linear feet).

Removed from a dilapidated accordion letter file by Nancy Kougeas. Letters and documents saved by John DeWolf, Jr., with later typewritten precis of contents. Includes, among other items: Sylvia DeWolf letters to her husband, brothers, and father; John Sabene Wilson letters to Sidney DeWolf; William Wintrop’s will; Easton-Andrews 1850 Paris, France, marriage contract and other papers relating to them; etc.

**DEWOLF (LOUISE H.) PAPERS.** 6 boxes (2.1 linear feet).

Mostly greeting cards, correspondence, photographs, printed ephemera, and printed pamphlets sent to or kept by Louise Henry DeWolf (1898-1986) of Bristol. Also included is a file of ca. 1820s ms. receipts, etc. of **James DeWolf**.

**DEWOLF-GIBSON-KNOWLTON PAPERS.** 1 clamshell box (0.33 linear feet).

Gibson family papers, 1852-1909. Personal papers of attorney Daniel W. Knowlton (husband of Josephine Gibson), 1926 and 1954. Some papers pertain to the Gibson-Knowlton family house on Bristol Neck, “Longfield.” Copies and originals of DeWolf family deeds, 1797-1890. Misc. papers 1747-1863. Gift of Richard Donnelly. Related items (in Library): Josephine Gibson Knowlton’s two photographically illustrated family histories, *Longfield*, *The House on the Neck* (1956), and *Butter Balls and Finger Bowls* (1960).

**DIMAN FAMILY PAPERS, mostly ca. 1820-1859.** 1 thin box (0.2 linear feet).

Mostly Diman family deeds, mostly 1820s-1850s, with one dated 1864. Also: **Jeremiah Diman’s “Sketches of the Revolutionary War,”** 2 ms. fascicles totaling 20 pp., first fascicle written on wove paper captioned at end “This was written by Deacon Jeremiah Diman born in Bristol Jan. 4, 1767”; second fascicle being a copy of first dated “Bristol, Rhode Island, February 13, 1844.” Also: 2 ALSs 1836 and 1840 Byron Diman to **Mrs. Henry Wight**; 1 ANS 1816 Byron Diman to **Hezekiah Sanford** (militia related); several receipts; and a **Blackstone Canal** document, 1849.

**DIMAN (JEREMIAH LEWIS) HISTORY LECTURES, 1871-1875.** 4 notebooks.

Lectures delivered by Bristol native Prof. J. Lewis Diman, perhaps at Brown University, probably as written out by one of his student auditors. Shelved (by tradition) in the “Gov. Bradford Desk.” For fuller description see item no. 161 (p. 66) in Arbour, *An Old Desk and Its Books* (BHPS, 2015).

**DIMOND (FRANCIS MOORE) ACCOUNT BOOK, 1827-1832.** 1 vol. in clamshell box.

Indexed at front. First part of volume includes: entries pertaining to named ships’ arrivals and departures; accounts with named parties; accounts recording speculative investments in whiskey, hams, cheese, flour, lard, candles, sour beef, coffee, etc. Second part, kept in a hand different from that which wrote entries in the first, comprises accounts with named Bristolians, largely their purchases of textiles and (mostly) related goods. Much later labels attribute the

volume to the businessman, lawyer, banker, and R.I. governor Francis Moore Dimond (1796-1858), son of Bristolians Elizabeth (Martin) Moore Diman (*sic*) and her second husband Royal Diman (*sic*). Machine-ruled wove paper, apparently no watermarks. Related item: framed bust-length oil portrait of FMD as an older adult.

**FALES FAMILY PAPERS, mostly 1826-1840s.** 1 thin box (0.2 linear feet).

Mostly deeds. Together with 2 leaves, 4 pp., dated 1904-1905 carrying debit and credit accounts for A. Failes/Fales, excised from an account book. Artificial collection brought together from different locations in BHPS 8/18/2015.

**FINNEY (JOSIAH) ACCOUNT BOOKS, 1776-1793.** 1 small volume.

Josiah Finney's Bristol **rum distillery** was located on Thames Street. This account book specifies rum production amounts, purchasers, and payments. Finney sold the distillery and wharf to William D'Wolf who eventually took his brother James DeWolf into partnership. More than one blank incised much later, e.g., "James E French Bristol RI 1829". Imported laid paper with typical watermark (crown encircled Britannia?). In 2009 the Public Archaeology Lab photographed in color every page of this account book. These photographs are housed in two white vinyl looseleaf binders with line-for-line transcriptions by BHPS volunteer June Truitt on facing leaves. Transcriptions shelved in the library room. [-Nancy Kougeas. Rev.]

**FULTON-DEWOLF COLLECTION, 1761-1901.** 1 box (0.4 linear feet).

Papers of the Winthrop family of Boston and Cambridge, Mass., and the DeWolf family of Bristol. Includes a letter from **Ebenezer Kinnersley** to Harvard Prof. of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy John Winthrop, which refers to electrical experiments and Benjamin Franklin (blank portions of Kinnersley's ms. covered with Winthrop's mathematical calculations). Acc. # 2008-66. Provenance: by descent to Peter Pardee, the donor.

**GLADDING (JOHN ANDRUS CROSSMAN) PAPERS, mostly ca. 1858-1883.** 1 thin box (0.2 linear feet).

Family letters and official papers documenting J.A.C. Gladding's military service during the Civil War, related (and other) receipts, related later pension papers, some Bristol property deeds, and genealogical papers. Among latter is (tattered) elephant folio broadside "Genealogical Chart of the Gladding Family" within elaborate typographical border (Providence: H.H. Thomas & Co., Evening Press Office, 1865).

**GOODING (J.) ACCOUNTS, 1829-1835, 1843-1844.** 1 thin box (0.2 linear feet).

PHOTOCOPIES ONLY of daybook recording sales from Taunton store, 1829-1835, mostly earthenware dishes, glassware, tinware, thimbles, fancy goods, twine, notions, etc. Also photocopied pages from a related Bristol ledger dating 1843-1844. BHPS does not possess the originals.

**GOODING (JAMES M.) ACCOUNT BOOK, 1857-1876.** 1 folio volume.

Record of his work for the town of Bristol, sales of butter, eggs, onions, apples, etc., repairing of clocks and watches, repairing of pianos, etc.

**GOODING (JOSEPHUS) ACCOUNT BOOK, 1838-1844.** 1 folio volume.

Daybook recording purchases by named Bristolians of groceries, notions, paper goods and writing supplies, named books, etc. First 14 leaves later used as scrapbook for clipped newspaper articles. Gift of JG's grand-daughter Mrs. Frederick Nelson, 1952.

**GREEN (S.) LEDGER, ca. 1833-1863.** 1 folio volume in clamshell box.

Perhaps kept by Scott Green, son-in-law and business partner of Jacob Babbitt. Possibly related collection: BABBITT (JACOB) PAPERS.

**GUIERAS (GERTRUDE E.) DIARY, 1875-1876.** 1 small volume.

Social and emotional diary kept by Bristolian Gertrude E. Guiteras (1855-1940), 26 pp. Includes references to her brother Ramon (1858-1917) and their mother Elizabeth Wardwell Guiteras (1827-1905). See her front-page obituary in the Dec. 31, 1940, *Bristol Phoenix*. Related items: two genealogical volumes (Guiteras-Wardwell family) in Library; photocopy of her last will and testament and related research notes in BENSON RESEARCH FILES, Cuba section, Guiteras folder.

**HOOVER (ADM. GILBERT C.) COLLECTION, 1947-1949.** 1 box (0.4 linear feet).

Documents written and/or sent by and to Admiral Hoover (1894-1980) mostly during his tenure as Bristol Town Council President. Materials include invitations to local events, Town Council budget documents, correspondence about problems with the town sump and sewer projects. Also included are four years of date books, articles on local politics, town ordinance books, voting documents, and a binder with papers on a Roger Williams College capital campaign, to which Hoover contributed. The bulk of the collection comprises clipped newspaper articles that interested Adm. Hoover. [-Carol Gafford]

**HOWE COLLECTION.** 1 thin box (0.2 linear feet).

Papers relating to Halsey DeWolf Howe, Wallis E. Howe Jr., Bishop M.A. Dewolf Howe, 3 photographs of Weetamoe Farm (Bristol), printed invitations, newspaper articles (several whole newspaper issues), Mary Locke Howe's cased King's Medal for Service in the Cause of Freedom (during World War II), George VI coronation token (1937), etc. Acc. # 2009-42.

**HOWE (GEORGE) DIARY, 1832-1834.** 1 box (0.4 linear feet).

Original and transcript of elaborately illustrated manuscript diary, with correspondence and poetry, kept by Bristolian George Howe (1791-1837) during his extended stay (away from his wife and children) on the **Cuban sugar plantation Nueva Esperanza (New Hope)**. Among diary illustrations is George Howe's uncaptioned self-portrait. Transcription by BHPS volunteer June Truitt. Related items include: (1) in Biographical/genealogical vertical file: family relationship tree, time line of major life events/accomplishments, copy of portrait; (2) in DeWolf Family Papers: much later account book covering New Hope Estate operations 1859-1860.

**HOWE (GEORGE L.) PAPERS.** 4 boxes (1.6 linear feet).

Manuscript and typewritten notes for, and drafts of, several published works of author George Locke Howe (1898-1977), together with related correspondence and other papers. Among works represented here with typescripts are *Mount Hope* and *Slaves Cottage*. Also present are a motion picture script dated 1950 for "Decision before Dawn," legal agreements regarding "Call it Treason," unrevised galleys for *Mount Hope*, a looseleaf binder of photographs entitled "Misc. pics and [picture] research for Geo. Howe's book," papers relating to the landscape painter **Charles DeWolf Brownell** (b. 1822, d. 1899), and two leather-bound books, viz.:

an early edition (lacking titleleaf) of *Blunt's American Coast Pilot*, and *The Merchant's and Seaman's Expeditious Measurer* (New York: E. & G.W. Blunt, 1844). Includes also: Type-written "Reminiscences of my life, by M.A. DeWolfe Howe (1808-1895) Reproduced by George L. Howe from typescript lent by his Uncle, M.A. DeWolfe Howe, Christmas 1955," 87pp.

HOWE, MARK ANTHONY DEWOLFE (Bishop). See HOWE (GEORGE L.) PAPERS.

**INGRAHAM (HANNAH) COPYBOOK, 1816.** 1 small volume (limp covers).

Selections written on separate sheets (as handwriting exercise?), hand-stitched together by Hannah after the fact, then inscribed with date? Includes "Picture of a New England village By T. Dwight, D.D.," "The Miser," "A Description of the Clock and Clock House at Strasburg," "An Elegant Morceau by A Cashmerian Indian," and the like. Also: "The Following Ode, composed by **Charles Collins**, Esq. was sung at the Episcopal Church in Bristol, by the request of Bishop Griswold on the publick thanksgiving agreeably [*sic*] to the Governor's proclamation on the 16th Inst." Laid and wove papers, some of former watermarked (not yet identified).

**I.O.O.F. RECORDS, mostly 1870-1968.** 3 boxes (1.33 linear feet) containing 7 volumes, etc.

Record books, printed ephemera, etc., of the Bristol lodge. Includes a volume, "Biographical Record" of members (largely ms., but including some clipped newspaper obituaries).

KINNERSLEY, EBENEZER (early electrical experimenter). See under FULTON-DEWOLF COLLECTION.

**LAKE (DANIEL G.) DIARY, 1857-1860.** 1 octavo volume in clamshell box.

Diary kept while serving in the United States Navy, *ca.* 261 pp.

**LUTHER (SARAH E.) ALBUM, 1825-1839.** 1 quarto volume.

Bristolian Sarah Eliza Luther (only daughter of Elizabeth (Luther) Luther and Col. Giles Luther, married Timothy Coggeshall in 1826) here collected inscribed poems from friends (e.g., Hopestill P. Monroe, Amanda Mason, Amelia Mason, E. Cushman, L. Ellis Boynton, A.F.P., G.E.L., Mary Slade, Eliza D. Slade, L.A. Barney—the last-named, from Warren, may have inscribed this volume's titlepage, cf. initials at bottom thereof). Some contributors added places (e.g. Bristol, Swansey) and/or dates, to their inscriptions. Wove paper (probably American), watermarked (on titleleaf only) "NH |DB" (N being backwards), not in Gravell, 2nd ed.

**McNEIL (GEN. JOHN) PAPERS, 1861-post-1891.** 1 thin box (0.2 linear feet).

Military service papers, printed railroad passes completed in ms. for Gen. McNeil, and other papers. Included is one photograph (tintype?) and two exemplars of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Commandery of the State of Missouri's memorial leaflet for McNeil (1813-1891), both printed on silk. Connection to Bristol not yet discovered.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH RECORDS, mostly 1870s-1927.** 2 folio volumes in separate clamshell boxes.

Manuscript account of church's history, followed by records (admissions, full members, dismissals, marriages, etc.) begun *ca.* 1873, in partially printed volumes. Some record entries retrospective, the church's earliest records not having survived. Related items include: broadside "Plan of Pews in the State Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Bristol, R.I., Dedicated September 17, 1856" (Bristol, 1856).

**MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPTS COLLECTION.** 9 boxes (3.8 linear feet) plus 1 scrapbook. Includes Albert Edmonds Collection. *See website menu for separate contents list.*

**MOUNT HOPE BANK ACCOUNT BOOK, 1821-1824.** 1 small volume in clamshell box.

Weekly summaries headed “State of the Bank,” comprising dollar figures for the following categories: notes, specie, bills of other banks, capital, circulation, Int[erest] recd, and deposits. Wove paper watermarked “R Parke & Co” (made in Taunton), cf. Gravell, 2nd ed., # 786.

**MOUNT HOPE INSURANCE COMPANY RECORDS, 1805-1806, 1810-1812.** 2 thick folio volumes in separate clamshell boxes.

Each volume comprises very large half-sheet partially printed forms completed in ms. Records include policy holders’ names, ships’ names, ships’ types (brig, bark, etc.), destinations on voyage out, stops on voyages back, insurance amounts, brief description of cargo, etc. Rei Battcher has entered the data preserved in these volumes into an Excel spreadsheet, which is available on BHPS computers. The forms constituting the **1805-1806** volume are uniformly well printed on fine thick laid paper watermarked “**T Gilpin & Co | Brandywine—(Strasburg bend and lily)TG**” (not in Gravell, 2nd ed., but cf., e.g., #390-391) and carry in a typographic ‘seal’ to left of first line of text proper the printer’s imprint: **Nath. Phillips, Print. Warren, R.I.** The forms constituting the **1810-1812** volume are uniformly *very well printed* on fine thick imported laid paper watermarked “(Sword-waving rampant lion)JKool—JKool” and carry in a typographic ‘seal’ to left of first line of text proper the printer’s imprint: **J.F. Phillips Prin. Warren.**

**MUNRO (ELLA C.) DIARIES, 1875-1916** (not continuous). 1 box (0.4 linear feet).

41 pocket diaries (i.e., 30 annual vols. and 11 monthly fascicles), 1875-1916, in which Ella Clark Munro (who ca. 1874 married Bristol-born Crawford Munro [b. 1834], a son of Bennett Munro [1785-1864] and his second wife Lucy Abell) concisely recorded selected activities, like housework, travel, visiting, sewing, clothes purchasing, moving house, and church-going. Includes entries about her sister Jennie (who lived with the Munros in Bristol), references to “canvassing” (e.g., 1888: Oct. 29, Nov. 21), and at least one reference to her reading of a specified book. Given by Kenneth Weaver in March, 1983.

**MUNRO (WILFRED H.) LETTERS, 1871-1872.** 1 box (0.4 linear feet).

43 letters, 9 mounted photographs, and 1 newspaper clipping, May 13, 1871, to March 5, 1872, written or sent by Wilfred H. Munro of Bristol to his parents at Bristol, while he was en route from Chicago, Illinois, to Salt Lake City, Utah, and while he was working in the latter city as Associate Principal of St. Mark’s School during part of this period. Included also are letters written during an excursion to coastal California during this period. The photographs are of Salt Lake City buildings and are on the card mounts of Salt Lake City photographer C.R. Savage; the versos of eight of the nine photographs are annotated by Wilfred Munro. Donated by Cynthia Dessen, September 23, 2015. **The following letters arrived with this gift** (their relation to the previous series, or its writer’s family not yet known), and are kept in the same box: **2 ALSs Capt. James Batt** (1777-1835) to his “Dear Wife & Children” at Bristol, dated Wilmington, Aug. 25, and Sept. 5, 1835 (shortly before his death), the first with a reply to “Dear Brother” dated Sept. 21, 1835, signed “Marie”, 2 pp. and 1 pp. respectively, both with integral address leaves (laid paper, no watermarks); 1 ms. copy (very late 19th- or early 20th-century) of a letter written by Capt. Batt at Bristol on Nov. 11, 1817, to his “Brother and Sister” directed to Mr.

Charles Curtis bricklayer —Pool Dorsetshire, England. A 20th-cent. copy photograph of a 19th-cent. portrait of an African-American or African-Hispanic gentleman also arrived with this gift.

**MUNRO FAMILY PAPERS, ca. 1813-1908.** 4 boxes (1.75 feet).

Artificial collection comprising files assembled from several places in BHPS and several different donations. Includes: George Munro's Daybook 1804-1811, his ms. rules for book-keeping, his Journal (accounts) 1826-1829; various Capt. Allen Munro papers, including an account book 1839-1897; **Robert Rogers's** appointment as Vice-Consul to Sweden, signed by Pres. James Madison and Sec. of State James Monroe; Herbert T. Bennett's mortgages and **Civil War** service papers; genealogical material, much of it compiled by Edward Munro (son of Bennett) in and soon after 1879; Bennett James Munro account books, scrapbook, etc.; and many family photographs, some of buildings. Collection not yet arranged for research (Jan. 25, 2016).

**MUNROE (H.A.) ROPE WALK ACCOUNT BOOK, 1832-1835, with additions dating 1851-1852.** 1 narrow folio volume in clamshell box.

Cordage, rope, and other purchases, 1832-1835, grouped under headings specifying the ships for which they were ordered. Later typewritten list of these ships' names loosely inserted inside front cover. Accounts dating 1851-1852 comprise: (1) "April the 26- 1851 An Account of Cost In Moveing of Rope Walk to make & Lay Out A Rode Runing Threw from Wood Street threw my Land Esterly to Communicat with a Street to be Laid By John Lawless & John Waldron to lead In to Mount Lane So Called"; and (2) "An Account of All my Tenants Occupying houses At the present Time October 20 1852".

**NAMQUIT MILL WEAVING RECORD BOOK, 1877-1886.** 1 folio vol. in clamshell box.

Productivity records (by month) for *many* named female and male employees for this period, together with summary figures by "Lower Shop" and "Upper Shop," with pieces and pounds totals. For brief reference to this Bristol cotton mill's founding see Munro (1880), p. 374.

**NATIONAL RUBBER COMPANY RECORDS, 1871-1874, 1909-1934.** 1 box (0.5 linear feet) containing 2 folio volumes.

Cash book, 1871-1874. Directors' Meeting minutes book, 1909-1934. For a sketch of this Bristol company's founding (in 1864) and earliest years see Munro (1880), p. 375. Related items: printed Rubber Company items (pamphlet and ephemeral), pastel double portrait of Rubber Company founder Augustus O. Bourne, and related Colt family items dating from Col. Samuel P. Colt's takeover and ownership of the company.

**NEWMAN (WILLIAM HENRY) NOTEBOOK, ca. 1860?** 1 small volume.

Notebook (24.0 x 18.2 x 1.1 cm.) in which are inscribed selected poems and songs, perhaps in sometime Bristolian W.H. Newman's hand (?), and a copy of a letter signed W.H. Newman on times past, apparently to a far-away sibling, and including a reference to the disappearance of William Morgan (1774-1826?) of Batavia, N.Y. Back pastedown endpaper inscribed "Miss Edith Newman." Edith was the Bristol-born (in 1845) daughter of William H. Newman and Hannah Martin Coit, who married at St. Michael's Church, Bristol, Dec. 29, 1837. Shelved (by tradition) in the "Gov. Bradford Desk." For fuller description see item 150 (p. 63) in *Arbour, An Old Desk and Its Books* (BHPS, 2015).

**NORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL (BRISTOL) RECORD BOOK, 1849-1860.** 1 folio volume in thin box.

Book of partially printed forms completed in ms. with all pupils' names, ages, absences, and grades for deportment and recitations.

**PAWTUCKET MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY RECORDS, ca. 1880-ca. 1897.** 1 thin box (0.2 linear feet) containing 4 thin volumes.

Series of four partially printed volumes completed in ms., each titled in print on its cover *Fire Insurance Policy Expiration Book, Presented To his Customers with the Compliments, of George T. Paine, Providence, R.I.* Policy holders appear to be Bristolians.

**PECK FAMILY PAPERS, ca. 1696-19th Century.** 5 boxes and 16 vols. (~ 4.25 linear feet).

**Boxes** include account books, business papers, and correspondence of Isaac Peck, Viet G. Peck, Nicholas Peck, Cap. Isaac Gorham, Sarah Gorham Peck, various Coggeshalls, and others. Note: earliest date reported in heading above may reflect presence of only one 17th-c. doc. **Volumes** comprise: **NICHOLAS PECK'S ACCOUNT BOOKS, mostly 1801-1852.** 15 folio and double folio volumes, all but one in clamshell boxes. Daybooks, ledgers, ships' accounts, etc. One chronological outlier carries relatively modern label incised "Nicholas Peck 1774-1776"; this folio account book in wraps carries unsigned (?) molasses sales and other accounts; and **PECK VIET G. PECK'S MATHEMATICS COPYBOOK, 1833, and SHIP'S LOG, 1835.** 1 volume in clamshell box. Two distinct mss. entered dos-a-dos in one volume. The earlier ms. commences "Addition of Decimals, July 15th, 1833,;" the other commences "Remarks on board Ship Canton Packet." The latter ms. is a ship's log commencing "Feb. 10, 1835. Sailed from Oahu..." At some early date the Mathematics ms. was wholly torn out of its place here, then reinserted. Wove paper watermarked "C & S" (cf. Gravell, 2nd ed., # 244-247).

**POKANOKET STEAM MILLS SALES BOOK, 1859-1862.** 1 very large folio volume in clamshell box.

For this Bristol cotton mill's founding see Munro (1880), p. 374. Acc. # 2001-33. Related item: early framed cross-stitch depiction of the mill building on Thames St., Bristol.

**POTTER (SIMEON) LEDGER, 1770-1805.** 1 thick, narrow folio volume in clamshell box. Daybook. Imported laid paper, watermarked "(Crown encircled Britannia)-LVC".

**POZZI (LOMBARD JOHN) PAPERS.** 1 box.

Place-holder entry pending transfer of Bristol architect, historical preservationist, and BHPS member and benefactor Lombard John Pozzi's papers from his home and home office to BHPS. Box currently contains one item transferred from one of Mr. Pozzi's desk-tops, viz., typewritten letter from George L. Howe, Salem, Va., Jan. 19, 1977, to L.J. Pozzi, about the writer's father Wallace Howe's Bristol work, his architectural drawings, and other matters. Bequeathed to BHPS by major benefactor Lombard John Pozzi, 2013. Related items: Pozzi family toys, family photographs, published books (on local history, American architecture, and other topics), and home furnishings (all, at this date, yet to be formally accessioned).

**PROVIDENCE, WARREN, & BRISTOL RAILROAD LEDGERS, 1872-1880, and 1884-1886.** 2 folio volumes in clamshell boxes.

**RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT COURTS ACCOUNT BOOK, 1849-1858.** 1 thin folio vol.

Day book of accounts (spine stamped in gilt: Ledger), that is, fines and charges for court and trial expenses of the several Rhode Island Court Districts, March 10, 1849, to Oct. 20, 1858. Acc. # 2013-3, donated by John White.

**RHODE ISLAND TAX BOOKS, 1815-1816.** 2 oversized volumes in clamshell boxes.

The more highly finished ms. volume is entitled on its front wrap “List of Taxes, payable for the 1815;-on Lands, Lots and Dwelling Houses,- within the First District of the State of Rhode Island.” Recorded on an inner page as having been received from the principal assessor, John D’Wolf, on 21 October 1815 by Chris. Raymond Perry (1760-1818) as Collector for the First District. The messier ms. volume is entitled on its front wrap “Memorandum Book of Accounts with the United States first Collection District- Kept by Principal Assessor for the Years 1814, 1815, 1816.” First of these is of unwatermarked wove paper, perhaps machine-ruled. Second of these is of *apparently* American laid paper watermarked “(Crown encircled [actually, tall oval] Britannia)—1811” (cf. Gravell, 2nd ed., Britannia figs.) Part and parcel of the DeWolf Papers, though shelved under the letter R.

**RICHMOND (LEMUEL C.) ACCOUNT BOOK, 1803-1817.** 1 folio volume in clamshell box with spine label “Ships Supplies Account Book”. Laid paper, apparently no watermarks.

**ROCKWELL (C.B.) DESIGNS BOOK, 1874.** 1 folio volume.

Designs recorded as tiny ms. x’s entered pattern-like into a store-bought volume of graph paper, with occasional ms. annotations and pasted-in textile scrap samples. Loosely inserted: note signed Helene Tessler recording receipt of this volume from Eleanor Rockwell Edelstein, July 2, 1986.

SABIN (SARAH “SALLY”). See under DEWOLF FAMILY PAPERS.

**SANFORD-SMITH FAMILY PAPERS, ca. 1830-1940.** 1 box (0.5 linear feet).

Miscellaneous papers, some maritime, some military service, documenting the lives of several members of these related Bristol families. Gift of Claire Benson, October 22, 2015. Not yet processed for research (Jan. 25, 2016).

**SANFORD (LOUIS CHILDS) COLLECTION, 1890-2015.** 1 box (0.5 linear feet).

1 small scrapbook, 1890-1946, containing letters, Christmas cards (each with original handwritten music), and a photograph sent by Louis C. Sanford (eventually Episcopal Bishop of San Joaquin, Calif.) to his school and college (Brown Univ.) friend Ernest H. Brownell (d. 1945). Together with Claire Benson’s research files on Bishop Sanford’s life and work. Research files donated Sept. 10, 2015.

**SERMONS, 1774-1775.** 1 small volume.

Unsigned manuscript volume of 21 Baptist sermons on specified texts delivered mostly in Philadelphia (but also in New York, Middletown, Pennepeck, Salem Court House, Newport, and Cohansey) on specified dates, very neatly written in small hand. Imported paper watermarked Britannia Pro Patria. Acquired by Pamela Meyer with the contents of 50 Franklin St., Bristol, ca. 1975 (?); donated to BHPS in 2015. Possibly related item: Samuel Jones, *Resignation: A Funeral Sermon, occasioned by the death of the Revd. Isaac Eaton ... 1772* (Philadelphia, 1772), which is shelved (by tradition) in the “Gov. Bradford Desk.”

**SHIPS' LOGS AND ACCOUNT BOOKS COLLECTION**, comprising:

- Anne* (ship) Log, 1825.  
Bennett (Capt. Albert C.) Log, 1840-1862.  
*Betty, Sarah, and Shannon* (ships) Log, 1789-1790.  
*Canton Packet* (ship) Log, 1835—see PECK (VIET G.) MATHEMATICS COPYBOOK (in Peck Family Papers).  
*Charlotte* (ship) Account book, 1805-1806.  
*Charlotte* (ship) Log, 1804-1805.  
*Charlotte* (ship), *Dolphin* (schooner), and *Punch* (schooner) Logs and Accounts, 1803-1806.  
*Charlotte* (ship) Log, fragment only, 1807.  
Coggeshall (Capt. Henry?) Log, 1834-.  
*Essex* (ship) Log, 1830.  
*General Jackson* (ship) Log, 1836-1841 [Box spine label erroneously reports date "1826".]  
*John* (ship) Journal, 1825-1828.  
*Narragansett* (ship) Log, 1811.  
*Parodi* (bark) Log, 1856 (Providence to Zanzibar, etc.).  
*Roger Williams* (ship) Log, 1827.

*Nota bene*: some of these Logs are part and parcel of the DeWolf Papers, and are referenced in the finding aid to that collection.

**SMITH (RICHARD D.) ACCOUNT BOOK, 1854-1866.** 1 folio volume.

Daybook (?), with Dividend & Interest accounts at back. Richard Dimock "Don Ricardo" Smith (1809-1873) was son of John Smith (1764-1839) and Ann Pratt Smith (1773-1855), Hartford, Conn., natives who dwelled in Bristol during the middle years of their lives. In 1825 they fled Bristol (first for Hartford, later for Cuba) rather than face the music after George DeWolf defaulted on a large note that John Smith had endorsed. By 1834 Richard D. Smith was back in Bristol, for he married Hannah Borden (1811-1884) in her parents' Bristol house that year. Some entries may be found to pertain to commerce with, or investments in, Cuba.

**SPALDING (EDWARD) PAPERS, 1824-1825.** 1 thin box (0.2 linear feet).

Edward Spalding (1792-1851) was a Bristol mercantile agent who worked in Cuba with Bristol families who had plantations or interests there. This collection's 31 letters were written to him when he in **Matanzas, Cuba**. Most are docketed by Spalding with date and sender's name and concern the selling of sugar and coffee. Correspondents include Bristolians Hersey Bradford and George D'Wolf. [-N. Kougeas.]

**SPAULDING (EDWARD) PAPERS, 1785-1803.** 1 thin folio volume in clamshell box.

Edward Spalding (d. 1803 or 1804?) was a Bristol, RI, merchant, shipowner, and bank director. The folio volume contains his accounts, 1785-1803. [-Nancy Kougeas.]

**SPOONER (WILLIAM H.) LETTERBOOK, 1887-1888, and GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH.** 1 folio volume and 1 small notebook housed together in one clamshell box.

Indexed at front. Folio volume of onion-skin paper press copies inscribed on front free endpaper: "Letters concerning Mines in Arizona in 1887-1888- from William H. Spooner Sec. for National Rubber Co.- Presented to Bristol Historical Society 1973- by his granddaughter Miriam MacCaughey-".

**WALDRON FAMILY PAPERS, 1785-1865.** 1 thin box (0.2 linear feet).

Family deeds, appointments, estate inventories, and the like. Transferred from Misc. Mss. August 2015. Related item shelved (by tradition) in “Gov. Bradford’s Desk”: Lt. Charles A. Waldron’s ms. entries in his copy of Asa Bullard’s *Soldier’s Diary and Book for Liesure Moments* (Boston, 1862), item 151 (p. 63) in Arbour, *An Old Desk and Its Book* (BHPS, 2015).

**WARREN (ELIZABETH S.) PAPERS, ca. 1970s *et seq.*** 7 boxes (2.9 linear feet).

Research notes, finished papers, and reports generated by Elizabeth Sargent (“Bonnie”) Warren of Barrington, R.I., during (and in some cases after) her 27-year career as Principal Planner with the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission.

**WEEDON (JOHN) ACCOUNT BOOK, 1857-1869.** 1 folio volume.

Accounts for his making of brackets, “Head for schooner,” coffins, “libra cases” (i.e., library cases?), specified pieces of furniture (or merely selling them?), mending chairs, putting rockers on a chair, varnishing doors, altering sofa—all for named Bristolians. Gift of Mary Santilli, March 1982.

**WIGHT (HENRY) DIARY.** 2 boxes. PARTIAL SET OF PHOTOCOPIES ONLY. BHPS DOES NOT POSSESS ORIGINALS.

Henry Wight (1752-1837) graduated from Harvard College in 1782 and was ordained pastor of Bristol’s Catholic Congregational Society church in 1785. He kept a diary of Bristol events throughout his long tenure in Bristol. Extracts, quotations, and paraphrases of Wight’s diaries appear in Bristol town histories by Munro (1880) and Thompson (1942). In some few cases, either Wight himself, or (perhaps more likely?) these extracts, quotations, or paraphrases, are not wholly correct (e.g., Thompson, 1942, p. 117, where Wight is quoted as reporting that in 1825 George DeWolf’s father Charles paid him \$30,000 for Linden Place, when in fact GDeW’s father Charles died in 1820). Wight’s son John Burt Wight transcribed some entries from his father’s diary from the period 1789-1854; this transcription is part of the John Burt Wight Papers, 1790-1883, Houghton Library, Harvard University.

**WILSON (SARAH née SABIN).** See under **DEWOLF FAMILY PAPERS.**

**WINTHROP FAMILY (of Boston).** See under **FULTON-DEWOLF COLLECTION.**