

# Preliminary Guide to the Spalding Family Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1255

**CREATOR:** Spalding family

**TITLE:** Spalding family papers

**DATES:** 1832-1882

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, legal and financial papers mostly concerning shipping and the logbook of the ship, *Marion*, on a voyage to South America (1834-1835). Also included are papers concerning the accidental death of Lyman G. Spalding in 1881.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Biographical / Historical

A progenitor of the Spalding family, Edward Spalding, immigrated to America before 1640. His descendant, Lyman Spalding, was born on June 5, 1775, in New Hampshire. Lyman Spalding received a M.B. degree from Harvard, later receiving an honorary M.D. He also received the first honorary degree from Dartmouth Medical School, where he lectured. Lyman Spalding's son, Lyman Dyer Spalding, was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on July 2, 1810. He was a merchant in Portsmouth and in 1836, master of the ship, *Marion*. Lyman Dyer had five children with his wife, Susan Parker. Their first child, Lyman Greenleaf, was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and was killed by the premature explosion of a torpedo in Newport, Rhode Island, on August 29, 1881.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	General correspondence	1860-1879
b. 1, f. 2	Unidentified [family?] correspondence	1832, 1837
b. 1, f. 3	Papers re: the death of Lyman G. Spalding	1881-1882
b. 1, f. 4	Legal and financial papers, mostly re: shipping	1833-1862
b. 1, f. 5	Log book of the ship <i>Marion</i> : John Davis, master, 1834-1836; Lyman D. Spalding, master, 1836	1834-1836

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Families  
Merchants  
Shipping -- New Hampshire

### **Geographic Names**

Portsmouth (N.H.)

### **Genres / Formats**

Logs (records)

### **Names**

Spalding, Lyman D., 1810-1892  
Spalding, Lyman Greenleaf, 1845-1881

### **Families**

Spalding family

### **Corporate Body**

Marion (Ship)