

Guide to the Nathaniel and Thomas Shaw Papers

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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: Account books, ledgers, a letter book and over 8,000 bills and receipts of Nathaniel Shaw and his brother, Thomas, who succeeded him in managing the family business. Many of the ledgers and accounts are for cargoes in Shaw's ships which were engaged in the West Indies trade. During the American Revolution Nathaniel Shaw was an active partisan of the colonies and his letter books refer to the ongoing situation. From 1776 he was "agent of the Colony [Connecticut] for naval supplies and taking care of sick seamen" and his ledgers document the financial side of these enterprises, including the accounts of privateers and the disposition of prizes taken by American ships during the war.

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Administrative Information

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Gift of Jane R. Perkins, 1927.

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Nathaniel and Thomas Shaw Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Existence and Location of Copies

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Separated Materials

Manuscripts of Elias Perkins (1767-1847; Y. 1786) have been separated from the Shaw Papers to make up the Elias Perkins Papers, Manuscript Group No. 1013.

Other Finding Aids

A [Name and Subject index](#) with packet numbers, microfilm reels and items not received by Yale Library (denoted with an asterisk *) is available.

Note not all items are included in the index.

A [List of items not received by Yale Library](#) is available.

Scope and Contents

Miss Jane R. Perkins of New London has recently presented to the Yale University Library the Nathaniel and Thomas Shaw Papers, in her name and that of her brothers, as a memorial to their father, Dr. Nathaniel Shaw Perkins, Yale 1812. The collection, consisting of account books, ledgers, a letter book and more than eight thousand bills, receipts, letters, etc., is packed in a large camphor wood chest brought from Hawaii by Miss Perkins's brother, Elias, who at one time was United States Consul to the Sandwich Islands.

Many hundreds of these papers are the receipts, accounts, and business letters to merchants in other cities that one would expect to find in the records of a large mercantile house of the day, but, even in business letters, Nathaniel Shaw sometimes commented on the affairs of the day. The opinions and judgment of a man of his standing are an authentic source of information about the attitude of the citizens and the conditions in New London preceding and during the Revolution. The Letter Book, in particular, has been consulted by local historians and has been quoted quite extensively by Miss Frances M. Caulkins in her *History of New London* published in 1895.

Nathaniel and Thomas Shaw were the sons of Captain Nathaniel Shaw, who was born in Fairfield, Connecticut, but moved to New London before 1730. In that year he married Temperance Harris, granddaughter of the first Gabriel Harris of New London. For many years he engaged as a sea captain in the Irish trade. Three of his six sons perished at sea at various times, at the ages of twenty, twenty-one, and twenty-two. Nathaniel and Thomas remained in New London, engaged in the West Indies trade and in the mercantile business. Daniel, the sixth son, also lived in New London, but did not engage in business with his brothers, much of his time being spent on farms in Jordan and East Haddam. He died in 1798, and his wife, Grace Coit, died two years later, leaving no children.

Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., the eldest son, born on the 5th of December, 1735, was one of the most prominent citizens and most enterprising merchants of New London, and was devoted to the welfare of the town and of the Colony. He was one of the original proprietors of the Union School, incorporated by the General Assembly in 1774, from which Nathan Hale went to join the Continental Army.

Among the first citizens to come forward for the cause of the Colonies was Nathaniel Shaw, Jr. In 1767, when the Selectmen of Boston wrote to New London, enclosing the Resolutions of October 23rd, both Nathaniel Shaw and his father, Captain Shaw, were on the Committee of Fifteen to whom they were referred. In 1770 Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., was one of the four delegates sent to the Grand Convention of the Colony of New Haven; and in 1774, when Parliament closed the Port of Boston and the Colonies were aroused, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., was put on the New London Committee. He served on this Committee of Correspondence again in 1776, 1777, and 1778.

The Letter Book contains many allusions to these stirring times. On October 22, 1773, at the end of a business letter to Peter Vandervoort, Merchant, of New York, Shaw writes:

"In regard to the Tea that is expected from Great Britian, I pray heartily that the Colonies will not suffer any to be landed, but in case your governor has any directions about the matter, its my opinion you will not oppose him. The people with us seem determined not to purchase any that comes in that way."

On December 14, 1774, he wrote to a friend:

"In consequence of the Cannon being mov'd from the Fort att New Port to Providence, we yesterday Remov'd ours into the Cuntry but I lement the Unhappy Situation we are in for want of Powder, we are universally without any, for our Town Stock, in this Town we have not a barrell and they know not were to git any I think if the Assembly is cal'd they should imediately give an order on the Treasury for a Sum of money Sufficent to Purchase 4 or 5 hundred barrells if they would Employ me to git it, unless sum accident I think I could have that Quantity hear in Ten Weeks yesterday Col. Huntington and Col. Spencer were in Town, and they both seem'd to be much in y opinion of the Necessity of sending for it Imediately if it should take with the Assembly your mentioning my Name will be Agreeable as I have a small vessell in Readiness that I am cartain is the fastest Sailor in the Colony can be Ready att a Days Warning."

The General Assembly approved of this recommendation, and early in 1775 Shaw was ordering powder and arms from the Islands. On the 25th of April, 1775, Shaw wrote to Mr. Peter Vandervoort of New York:

"We have no further News from the Eastward only that there is Thirty Thousand Provential Troops in the neighbourhood of Boston...the Communication between the Town & Country Intirely Stop'd and I believe its our Intention to keep it so. I think its now high time that all the Tory Party should be made to be Silent our Generall Assembly sitts Tomorrow and I pray God Almighty to Direct them to adopt such Measures as will be for the Interests of America."

The government had the highest opinion of Nathaniel Shaw's judgment, particularly in naval affairs, and on July 10, 1776, he was appointed by the Governor and Council of Safety "agent of the Colony for naval supplies and taking care of sick seamen." From that time until his death he was the accredited agent of Congress and the Colony. One of his account books has, at the end, "Commissary proceedings, October 11, 1781," with such entries as "Gave Aaron Olmsted a flag to go into New York to carry money to his friends, prisoners there, and carry Captain Williamson, Lady and Servant on Parole from Boston." The Letter Book contains copies of letters to Governor Trumbull, Robert Morris, Chairman of the Secret Committee at Philadelphia, the Marine Committee of Congress, General Gates, the Continental Navy Board, and the Commissioners of the Admiralty of the United States, about supplies and stores for the army, accounts for prisoners, and conditions in New London.

The Letter Book contains also copies of letters to Commodore Hopkins, who was in command of the first naval expedition under the authority of Congress. Four vessels under his command were fitted out secretly at New London, the "Alfred," "Columbus," "Andrea Doria," and "Cabot," to go south to annoy the British fleet. Commodore Hopkins returned from this expedition in April, 1777, when General Washington was on his way from Boston to New York. They met at New London on April the 9th, and Washington spent the night in the Shaw mansion, which had been built on Bank Street by Captain Shaw from stone blasted out of the rock on which it stands. The Muster Roll of the "Andrea Doria" and accounts of the Brig "Cabot" are among the papers. There are also the accounts for the ship "Oliver Cromwell," the largest state vessel of Connecticut, fitted in New London by Shaw, and a list of men "Deserted from 'Oliver Cromwell'."

In March, 1776, after a lengthy debate, the Continental Congress authorized the use of privateers. Many of these were fitted out at New London by Nathaniel Shaw, and among his papers are the accounts for some of them, including the "American Revenue," with the roll of officers; "The Two Brothers," the Brig "Nancy," and the Ship "Putnam," built by Shaw in 1778. One account book contains "Accounts of losses in vessels underwrote upon," with the premiums paid. There are also the accounts of prizes brought in and sales of their cargoes.

In 1781, when General Arnold led an expedition from New York against New London, and burned much of the town, the stone house where Nathaniel and Thomas Shaw lived was set on fire, but a neighbor, who had remained hidden near by, entered and put out the fires before serious damage had been done. An old wooden house next door, used by the Shaws as an office and storehouse, was destroyed, and in it a chest of valuable papers. Fortunately all the family papers were not in that building, and some have been preserved.

Nathaniel Shaw did not live to see the peace he had helped to gain. On December 11, 1781, his wife, Lucretia, the only child of Daniel Harris, died of a malignant fever that she had caught while tending some prisoners. Five months later her husband was killed by the accidental discharge of his own gun while out hunting.

After his brother's death, Thomas Shaw succeeded as head of the family and of the vast business interests. He, also, was a keen business man and a patriot, and a devout Congregationalist, contributing largely toward the building of the old Zion's Hill meeting house in 1786, and presenting the congregation with a parsonage in 1787. Thomas Shaw was a bachelor, and lived with his aged mother in the family mansion. At the age of fifty-seven, in 1795, he died, leaving his property to his brother Daniel, and to his sister's children. His widowed mother died the following year.

Of Captain Nathaniel Shaw's large family of six sons and two daughters, four sons met tragic deaths, and the two daughters died while still young. The elder, Sarah, married David Allen and died at twenty-five, leaving no children. The younger, Mary, married Ephraim Woodbridge, and died of consumption in June, 1775, at the age of twenty-four. She was the only one of Captain Shaw's family to leave descendants. Her husband died the following year, of the same disease, and their two young children, a boy and a girl, were left to their mother's brothers, who had no children. They are named as the beneficiaries under their uncle's will, in a letter describing his death written by Thomas Shaw.

Neither Nathaniel nor Thomas Shaw was a Yale graduate, but through their niece, Lucretia Woodbridge, the Shaw papers have been handed down in a family closely bound to Yale through generations, and so they form a peculiarly appropriate memorial to one of her descendants, Dr. Nathaniel Shaw Perkins, of the Class of 1812.

Ephraim Woodbridge himself was a graduate of Yale in the Class of 1765, and his daughter, Lucretia Shaw, married, on March 14, 1790, Elias Perkins, of the Class of 1786. He was the grandson of Dr. Joseph Perkins, who graduated from Yale in 1727. An older brother graduated in 1785, and a twin brother in 1787. Elias Perkins was a leading citizen of New London, a very prominent lawyer, the third mayor of New London, 1829-1832, member of Congress, 1801-1803, the first president of the New London Bank, representative in the General Assembly for eight sessions, state senator for six years, *anex officio* Fellow of the Yale Corporation, and judge of the County Court for many years. He had four sons and two daughters. Two of the sons died in infancy, but the other two, Nathaniel Shaw Perkins and Thomas Shaw Perkins, graduated from Yale in 1812.

Nathaniel Shaw Perkins, in whose memory the gift is made, was born in New London in 1792, received a Master's degree from Yale in 1815, and an honorary Doctor of Medicine in 1829. He practiced medicine for many years in New London and died in his seventy-ninth year, in the house in which he was born, after a life of great usefulness as a physician, much beloved and trusted. Six of his fourteen children survived him. One son, Nathaniel Shaw Perkins, Jr., graduated from Yale in 1842.

With the memorial gift of the Shaw papers, Miss Perkins sent interesting memorabilia of her grandfather and her father, including Elias Perkins's B.A. diploma; an undated manuscript "Oration - Yale College"; a manuscript "Dispute, Yale College April 18, 1784"; his appointments as judge and chief judge of the County Court; letters to Judge Perkins from Samuel Austin, Jonathan Trumbull, John Humphreys, Jeremiah Day, and Wyllys Warner; and Nathaniel Shaw Perkins's three diplomas received from Yale, B.A. 1812, M.A. 1815, and M.D. 1829; and his Warrants as Surgeon's mate of the 3d Regiment of Infantry of Connecticut, 16 July, 1813, and as Surgeon of the 2d Regiment of Horse Artillery of Connecticut, 13 August, 1816.

(The description of the papers is quoted from "The Nathaniel and Thomas Shaw Papers," by Mary Withington, *The Yale University Library Gazette*. Volume I, Number 4, April 1927.)

General

A Note on the Shaw Papers

The items in the Shaw Papers have been numbered, but are not arranged in numerical order. A catalogue of these items, arranged by name and subject, is in boxes 29-32, although not all items are catalogued and not all catalogued items are in the collection.

There is a manuscript inventory in 2 "order books" (located in box 33). Each item has a number. The "blue Y" next to the number in the order book indicates that the item was received by Yale, however a subsequent list indicates that some of these items were not received by the Yale Library. The account books are individually described. There is a partial name and subject index and a list of the item numbers and account books numbers which were not received by the Yale University Library; see Other finding aids.

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b. 12, f. 80reel 11U	Brig <i>Lucretia</i> : Item Nos. 4667-4697	1765
b. 13, f. 81reel 12U	<i>The Adventure, Sally, Lucretia</i> , etc.: Item Nos. 4698-4714	1760-1776
b. 13, f. 82reel 12U	Jabez Huntington: Item Nos. 4715-4740	1785-1791

b. 13, f. 83reel 12U	Nathaniel Shaw bills: Item Nos. 4741-4774	1770-1781
b. 13, f. 84reel 12U	Sloop <i>Lively</i> , Sloop <i>Calypso</i> , etc.: Item Nos. 4775-4808	1766
b. 13, f. 85reel 12U	Sloop <i>Groton packet</i> : Item Nos. 4809-4846	1775-1776
b. 13, f. 86reel 12U	Bills and accounts: Item Nos. 4847, 4849-4859, 4861, 4863-4884, 4886-4895, 4897-4939, 4940-4951, 4953-4958	1756-1790
b. 13, f. 87reel 12U	<i>Le Despencer</i> : Item Nos. 4959-5002, 5006-5059, 5061-5068 English	1779-1788
b. 13, f. 88reel 12U	Ralph Pomeroy account - <i>Adventure</i> 4th voyage: Item Nos. 5069-5107	1758-1781
b. 13, f. 89reel 12U	Sloop <i>Sally</i> , 1st - 6th voyage: Item Nos. 5108-5182 (Schooner , etc. 5156-5163, 5165-5167)	1757-1778
Nathaniel Shaw Items		
b. 14, f. 90reel 13U	Item Nos. 5183-5227, 5229-5245, 5247-5261, 5263-5272, 5274-5275, 5277-5297, 5299-5306, 5309-5317, 5319-5330	1768-1790
b. 14, f. 91reel 13U	Item Nos. 5332-5383	1771-1778
b. 14, f. 92reel 13U	Accounts: Item Nos. 5384-5400, 5403-5407, 5410-5428, 5430-5434, 5436, 5441, 5455-5457, 5467, 5482-5485, 5502-5503, 5506, 5587-5589	1782, etc.
b. 14, f. 93reel 13U	Brig <i>Nancy</i> bills, accounts, orders, etc.: Item Nos. 5507-5573	1777-1779
b. 14, f. 94reel 13U	Sloop <i>Macaroni</i> : Item Nos. 5578, 5580-5582, 5585-5587, 5590, 5593-5596, 5599-5600, 5602, 5604-5605, 5607-5613 1/2, 5615-5617, 5620-5623	1775-1777
Thomas Shaw Items		
b. 14, f. 95reel 13U	Writs: Item Nos. 5624-5783	1780-1795
b. 14, f. 96reel 13U	Item Nos. 5784-5969	1777-1794
b. 15, f. 97reel 14U	Bills, etc.: Item Nos. 5970-6091, (No number 6020)	1786-1794
b. 15, f. 98reel 14U	Letters, etc.: Item Nos. 6094-6161, 6163, 6165-6166, 6169-6173, 6175-6179 6181-6185, 6187-6209, 6211-6221, 6223-6235	1772-1789
b. 15, f. 99reel 14U	Accounts, etc.: Item Nos. 6237 1/2 - 6336	1791
b. 15, f. 100reel 14U	Letters: Item Nos. 6337-6342, 6345-6348, 6350-6367, 6370-6371	1794

b. 15, f. 101reel 14U	Notes of little or no value: Item Nos. 6372-6455	1761-1784
b. 16, f. 102reel 15U	David Greene and Hubbard & Greene: Item Nos. 6456-6489	1782-1793
b. 16, f. 103reel 15U	M. Arseneau: Item Nos. 6520-6528	1783-1784
Thomas Shaw Items		
b. 16, f. 104reel 15U	Accounts: Item Nos. 6529-6594	1781
b. 16, f. 105reel 15U	Item Nos. 6595-6614, 6616-6637, 6639-6660, 6662-6664	1779-1791
b. 16, f. 106reel 15U	Accounts: Item Nos. 6665-6693	1776-1784
b. 16, f. 107reel 15U	Letters: Item Nos. 6694-6748	1786-1787
b. 16, f. 108reel 15U	Schooner <i>Two Brothers</i> Item. Nos. 6749-6765, 6767-6770, 6772, 6775-6776, 6780, 6783-6784, 6786-6788, 6791-6792, 6795	1784-1792
b. 16, f. 109reel 15U	Thomas Shaw - J. Waters letters: Item Nos. 6800-6801, 6803-6805, 6807-6824, 6826-6828, 6830-6833	1782
b. 16, f. 110reel 15U	Col. Josiah Waters' letters: Item Nos. 6834-6836, 6839-6861, 6863-6864	1783
b. 16, f. 111reel 15U	E. Champlin's orders: Item Nos. 6865-6907	1783-1792
b. 17, f. 112reel 16U	Thomas Shaw: Item Nos. 6908-7000, 7002-7025	1770-1795
b. 17, f. 113reel 16U	Thomas Shaw: Item Nos. 7026-7172	1762-1785
b. 17, f. 114reel 16U	<i>American Revenue</i> , 7th cruise: Item Nos. 7177-7195 English	1777-1779
Thomas Shaw Items		
b. 17, f. 115reel 16U	Letters: Item Nos. 7196-7220, 7222	1789
b. 17, f. 116reel 16U	Item Nos. 7223, 7227-7228, 7230-7233, 7235-7249, 7251-7254	1776-1793
b. 17, f. 117reel 16U	Bills, etc.: Item Nos. 7255-7327	1790
b. 17, f. 118reel 16U	Accounts: Item Nos. 7328-7425	1787

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b. 18, f. 119reel 17U	Item Nos. 7426-7512, 7516-7518, 7520-7522, 7525-7556, 7558-7587, 7591, 7593-7600	1776-1795
b. 18, f. 120reel 17U	Item Nos. 7601-7668	1765-1788
b. 18, f. 121reel 17U	Item Nos. 7669-7674, 7676-7684, 7686-7687, 7689-7696, 7698-7702, 7704-7711, 7713-7741	1776-1795
b. 18, f. 122reel 17U	Letters: Item Nos. 7742-7758, 7760-7836, 7844-7863, 7865, 7868-7891	1764-1795
b. 18, f. 123reel 17U	John de Newville accounts, etc.: Item Nos. 7892-7956, 7958, 7964, 7967-7970	1781-1795
Thomas Shaw Items		
b. 19, f. 124reel 18U	Item Nos. 7977-7983, 7988, 7994, 8020, 8022, 2113	1766-1793
b. 19, f. 125reel 18U	Accounts: Item Nos. 8064-8157	1792
b. 19, f. 126reel 18U	Letters: Item Nos. 8158-8163, 8164-8175, 8178-8213	1792-1793
b. 19, f. 127reel 18U	Item Nos. 8214-8267, 8269-8274, 8280-8324	1770-1795
b. 19, f. 128reel 18U	Item Nos. 8325-8422	1765-1789
b. 19, f. 129reel 18U	Bills, etc.: Item Nos. 8423-8473	1795
b. 19, f. 130reel 18U	Item Nos. 8474-8476, 8480-8507	1770-1795
b. 19, f. 131reel 18U	M. Melally accounts, etc.: Item Nos. 8508-8580 (No. 8545 not used)	1776-1792
b. 19, f. 132reel 18U	<i>Adventure</i> , 2nd voyage: Item Nos. 8587-8589, 8593-8594, 8599, 8601, 8605-8608, 8613, 8636, 8653, 8660, 8662, 8672, 8697-8704 English	1756-1792
b. 19, f. 132reel 18U	Brig <i>Nancy</i> : Item Nos. 8687-8696	
Thomas Shaw Items		
b. 19, f. 133reel 18U	Item Nos. 8609, 8614-8615, 8617, 8623, 8630-8631, 8646, 8655, 8659, 8663-8666, 8668, 8674	1776-1800
b. 20, f. 134reel 19U	Unnumbered letter, Sears & Smith to John Deshon-James Tilley, April 29, 1785: Item No. 8564, 9113-9114, 9116-9120, 9123-9173, 9176-9178, 9180-9182, 9187, 9189-9195, 9199-9203, 9206, 9208-9209, 9213, 9227, 9230-9235, 9237-9243, 9246-9248, 9252, 9254	1776-1794

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b. 20, f. 135reel 19U	Letters: Item Nos. 8711-8722, 8725	1784-1785
b. 20, f. 136reel 19U	Receipts, orders, etc.: Item Nos. 8727-8756, 8758-8762, 8773	1771-1801
b. 20, f. 137reel 19U	Item Nos. 8775-8781, 8783-8791, 8793-8795, 8797-8877, 8879-8789 8891-8903, 8905-8906, 8909-8912, 8914-8932	1770-1795
b. 20, f. 138reel 19U	Notes, etc.: Item Nos. 8933, 8936-8940, 8942-8970	1779-1786
b. 20, f. 139reel 19U	Letters: Item Nos. 8971-8974, 8975, 8978-8986, 8989-8995, 8998-9003	1788
b. 20, f. 140reel 19U	Josiah Waters letters: Item Nos. 9005-9026	1784
b. 20, f. 141reel 19U	Thomas Shaw: Item Nos. 9028, 9044, 9046, 9050, 9051, 9052, 9070, 9074, 9075, 9078	1756-1778
b. 20, f. 141reel 19U	Sloop <i>Macaroni</i> , bills, first voyage: Item Nos 3103-3110	
b. 20, f. 142reel 19U	Thomas Shaw: Item Nos. 9027, 9027-9043, 9045, 9048-9049, 9053-9054, 9056-9058, 9061-9069, 9071-9073, 9076-9077, 9080, 9082, 9084-9094	1775-1788
b. 21, f. 143reel 19U	Isaac Wharton letters: Item Nos. 9095-9111	1786
b. 21, f. 144reel 19U	Death of Nathaniel Shaw: Item Nos. 9172-9173, 9183-9185, 9197-9198, 9210	1772-1785
b. 21, f. 145reel 19U	Schooner <i>Two Brothers</i> , etc.: Item Nos. 9258-9263, 9265-9266, 9271-9277, 9279-9288	1777-1791
b. 21, f. 146reel 19U	Ship <i>America</i> , etc.: Item Nos. 9289-9342	1771-1791
b. 21, f. 147reel 19U	Shaw vs. Stanton & Noyes: Item Nos. 9343-9345	1777-1791
b. 21, f. 148reel 19U	Rhode Island and Providence Plantations: Item No. 9346	1790
	Unnumbered items, not in inventory	1762-1780
b. 21, f. 149reel 19U	<i>Macaroni</i> - portage bill, 1775	
b. 21reel 19U	<i>Macaroni</i> - cargo, first voyage - sale	
b. 21reel 19U	<i>Macaroni</i> - cargo, first voyage - powder	
b. 21reel 19U	<i>Resistance</i> - Capt. Chew's account	
b. 21reel 19U	<i>Protest</i> , 1763	
b. 21reel 19U	<i>Endeavor</i> - Estimates	

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b. 21reel 19U	List of men of Col. Lippett's Regiment, etc.	
b. 21reel 19U	Deserted from <i>Oliver Cromwell</i>	
b. 21reel 19U	Account, Prize Ship <i>True Blue</i>	
b. 21reel 19U	Officers & Seamen, <i>American Revenue</i>	
b. 21reel 19U	List of men, Brig <i>Resistance</i>	
b. 21reel 19U	Charty Party, Schooner <i>Industry</i>	
b. 21reel 19U	Brig <i>Favourite</i> account	
b. 21reel 19U	Brig <i>Hampton</i> account	
b. 21reel 19U	Brig <i>Cabbot</i> receipt	
b. 21reel 19U	Ship <i>Trumbull</i> account	
b. 21reel 19U	Ship <i>Putnam</i>	
b. 21, f. 150reel 19U	<p>Transcripts of letters made by the Department of State for Nathaniel Shaw Perkins in 1900:</p> <p>15 Letters from Nathaniel Shaw to General Washington; Letters from F. Greene to General Washington; Letters from Nathaniel Minor to Governor Trumbull; Letter from Nathaniel Shaw to Governor Trumbull; Letter from Esek Hopkins to Nathaniel Shaw; 2 letters from Governor Trumbull to President Hancock; Letter to Governor Trumbull from Thomas Shaw and others.</p>	
Accounts		
b. 25reel 22U	<p>Ledger no. 1, of accounts with customers</p> <p>This was kept in conjunction with ledger no. 25. These two volumes with a few pages of accounts in no. 2 constitute the customer accounts of Shaw's mercantile business, 1765-1797. There are entries p.216 for settlement of the estate of the widow Ann Ledyard, 1791. (1 vol. - 40x26 cm.)</p>	1772-1795
b. 26reel 22U	<p>Ledger no. 2</p> <p>Containing 30 p. of entries recording debits and credits for services including some for farming; one p. of receipts, 1796-1799, for interest on a note from John A. Lawrence due the estate of Thomas Shaw. Most of the volume is blank. (1 vol. - 38x23 cm.)</p>	1790-1799

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b. 25reel 21U	<p>Ledger no. 3 in two parts</p> <p>The first part deals with the sale of clothing and cloth goods, with off-setting credits for shares in mercantile ventures sponsored by Shaw; and entries for supplying the ship <i>General Putnam</i>. The magnitude of some of the transactions is indicated by the accounts with Capt. Nathaniel Saltonstall and Amariah Joicelin pp. 71, 72. In inverse and reverse order there are lists of articles removed from, date of capture of, destination of, and list of men left in charge of, the prizes <i>Surprise</i>, <i>Joseph</i>, <i>Princess Royal</i>, <i>Dispatch</i>, <i>Elizabeth</i>, and <i>Carolina</i>.</p> <p>The second part contains 5 pp. of an inventory (probably that of a ship's cargo); a list of notes and securities held by Shaw, giving date, number, and in whose favor drawn; a list of securities given "soldiers in the Connecticut Line"; a list of Continental Loan Certificates; underwriting accounts showing rate, gains and losses on total premiums, adjusted premiums, vessels' name, makers' name, destination, and payee. (1 vol. - 48x26 cm., sewed in loose paper cover)</p>	1777-1795, 1778-1779
b. 26reel 22U	<p>Ledger no. 4, of mercantile accounts</p> <p>Including inventories of cargoes shipped, entries for the outfitting, supplying, and financing of various ventures, and 7 pp. of accounts of the building and outfitting of the sloop <i>American Revenue</i>. Cargoes shipped by Shaw included staves, shingles, headings, hay, meat, fresh vegetables, candles, horses, fowl, etc. There are accounts for the prize ship <i>La Jean Teresa</i>, 1757 [see Record no. 40], and entries concerning the estate of Josiah Rogers, 1761. More than half the pages are blank. (1 vol. - 37x14 cm.)</p>	1756-1780
b. 26reel 22U	<p>Ledger no. 5, describing the mercantile business of the Shaw's in account form</p> <p>The accounts are arranged alphabetically by customers with place of residence often indicated, and show sales of wheat, bread, meal, oats, sugar, salt, tea, butter, turnips, onions, beans, beef, mutton, veal, vinegar, molasses, rum, brandy, wine, flannel, oil, indigo, yarn, shingles, staves, planks, nails, iron, shovels, spades, axes, marine hardware, supplies, etc.</p> <p>There are a few credit entries indicating the purchase of hay, sugar, brandy, rum, molasses, peas, corn, and beef; also constant references to a "Ship Book", probably kept in conjunction with this ledger; annual property lists, 1768-1781, of Nathaniel and Thomas Shaw; and three pages of accounts with Nathaniel Shaw, Sr. (1 vol. - 31x16 cm., sewed in heavy paper cover)</p>	1765-1780
b. 22reel 20U	<p>Ledger no. 6, of accounts of the sloop</p> <p>Kept by the captain, William Leeds, listing officers and crew, articles of clothing to the latter, charges for food and services to the ship, and expenses incurred in disposing of the prize ships <i>Nancy</i>, <i>Dispatch</i>, and <i>Polly</i>, and their cargos.</p> <p>There are copies of five letters from Capt. Leeds to Patrick Moor, probably an owner, written from Basse Terre, Guadeloupe, describing privateering activities of the sloop in this region and giving information on the French and British fleets in these waters under D'Estaing and Byron, respectively. (1 vol. - 26x20 cm., sewed in paper cover)</p>	1779

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b. 22reel 20U	<p>Ledger no. 7</p> <p>Accounts of sale of marine supplies and services to vessels; maintenance and preparation for sale of prize vessels; 80 pages for the sale of cloth and cloth goods; and entries for the disposition of the prize vessel <i>Polly</i>. Accounts concerning the prize vessels <i>Arthol</i>, <i>Mary</i>, <i>Two Brothers</i>, <i>Sally</i>, and <i>Polly</i> are found throughout the ledger, as are those for the ships <i>American Revenue</i>, <i>Sampson</i>, and <i>Fair American</i>. (1 vol. - 28x18 cm., sewed in paper cover)</p>	1776-1781
b. 22reel 20U	<p>Sales ledger no. 8</p> <p>Recording sales of contents of numbered boxes, trunks, tierces, etc., presumably a ship's cargo. The first 26 pages are a continued list of articles sold, purchaser, and price, apparently recorded as each trunk or cask was opened.</p> <p>The next 37 pages are a record of these sales at vendue, arranged by purchasers, with an index to the names in back of volume.</p> <p>There is one page near the end of the volume headed "The Owner of the Sloop <i>American Revenue</i> 6th Cruise". Showing net proceeds "of the Prizes sold in West Indies" and of other ventures of this cruise. It is not clear that the preceding entries relate to this ship, but the allusion to prizes indicates the Revolutionary period. (1 vol. - 32x20 cm., sewed in paper cover.)</p>	undated
b. 22reel 20U	<p>Ledger no. 9</p> <p>Describing the outfitting of various warships, including the <i>Cabot</i>, <i>American Revenue</i>, <i>Defense</i>, <i>Revenge</i>, and <i>Oliver Cromwell</i>. There are charges for processing the prize ships <i>John</i>, <i>Sally</i>, and <i>Clarendon</i>; and a list of sale at "Public Vendue" of coffee from the prize <i>True Blue</i>; also, an account with the [Connecticut] Colony for military supplies. Miscellaneous customer accounts appear throughout. (1 vol. - 28x18 cm., sewed in paper cover)</p>	1777-1778
b. 22reel 20U	<p>9 folio pages [no. 12]</p> <p>Recording the disposition of the cargoes of the prize ship Putnam, and the ships <i>Nancy</i>, <i>Clinton</i>, and <i>Charming Nancy</i>, whose status is not clearly indicated. Some of the foods were given over directly to the Board of War, while the others were sold at auction and the proceeds distributed to owners and crew. An interesting account of the charges for disposition can be found on the last two pages. (1 vol. - 25x18 cm., uncovered)</p>	undated
b. 22reel 20U	<p>Ledger no. 13</p> <p>Entries for the sale of foodstuffs, hardware, and cordage. Cordage is bartered for yarn and meats. (1 vol. - 20x16 cm., lacking cover)</p>	1755-1757
b. 22reel 20U	<p>Ledger no. 14</p> <p>Concerning the sloop <i>Sally</i>, the prize schooner, <i>St. Ann</i>, and her capturer, the sloop <i>Blakeney</i>. Sales of the prize cargo of the <i>St. Ann</i> show amounts of each commodity, purchaser of same, and price; followed by record of sales arranged by purchasers, with credits to some for shares in the prize. Records of the sale of the privateer sloop <i>Blakeney</i> show purchasers, items purchased, and cost; followed by record of sale arranged by purchasers, with credits to those owners shares in the sloop. The last 4 p. are entries for the sloop <i>Sally</i> on her first, second and third voyages. (1 vol. - 23x19 cm., sewed in paper cover)</p>	1757-1758

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b. 22reel 20U	<p>Record no. 16</p> <p>Listing weights of cargoes of a prize taken by the ship <i>American Revenue</i>, and a prize taken by both the ships <i>American Revenue</i> and <i>United States</i>. The disposition of the proceeds to crew and owners is carefully computed. The weight of a shipment of hogsheads of sugar shipped for Messrs. Grilling and Dickson is recorded. Shaw deducted 12 per cent of the cargo for "fares", and recorded the date of this cargo. Most of the pages are blank. (1 vol. - 32x21 cm., sewed in paper cover)</p>	1777
b. 22reel 20U	<p>Pocket account book no. 18, of Elias Perkins</p> <p>Elias Perkins (1767-1845, Yale 1786), lawyer of New London, Conn., who married Lucretia Shaw Woodbridge, granddaughter of Nathaniel Shaw, Sr. Entries are not numerous and are for personal and legal matters. On last page are entries showing that Perkins boarded with Justice Oliver Ellsworth, from Nov. 1786 to some time in 1788, during which time he probably read law under Justice Ellsworth. Filed with Elias Perkins Papers (1 vol. - 17x10 cm., bound in paper)</p>	1786-1788
b. 22reel 20U	<p>Record no. 21</p> <p>Containing entries for personal accounts, records of Continental, State, and personal notes held by Shaw, and various records of legislation giving insight into the procuring, financing, and maintaining of the local and state militia. Near the middle of volume is "a Continental scale of depreciation of money". There is a page entitled "Connecticut Quota of Supply" listing various amounts of beef, salt, hay, and rum, followed by a list of "Prices [for foodstuffs] that each State are to Charge". (1 vol. - 17x10 cm., lacking cover)</p>	1777-1782
b. 28reel 20U	<p>Ledger, no. 25</p> <p>Of accounts with customers. Sales include those of wheat, meal, oats, bread, sugar, salt, rice, cinnamon, molasses, rum, tobacco, coffee, brandy, wine, vinegar, chocolate, butter, pork, beef, mutton, veal, fish, onions, turnips, beans, corn, oil, indigo, yarn, flannel, linen, cloth, articles of clothing, hides, shingles, staves, planks, boards, cordage, tar, pitch, calking, nails, iron, shovels, spades, axes, marine hardware and supplies. The origin of many of these goods is indicated in the contra or credit accounts with each customer. (1 vol. - 30x24 cm.)</p>	1765-1783
b. 22reel 20U	<p>Ledger no. 26</p> <p>Consisting mainly of entries describing Shaw's activities in the Revolutionary War. There are charges for the outfitting of the ships <i>Defense</i>, <i>Oliver Cromwell</i>, <i>Trumbull</i>, <i>Resistance</i>, etc.; for war supplies to the forts Trumbull, Griswold, and Stonington; to the State of Conn.; to Col. Woolcot's Regiment, stationed at New London; to the Hon. Marine Committee [the last on p. 100-106, 129]; and to the Continental Navy Board [p.131]. There are several pages of accounts headed "Expenses of Flags to New York", describing expenses incurred in sending prize vessels to New York, and transporting prisoners to New York and to various forts.</p> <p>Removed from this volume is an inventory and appraisal of the estates of Lynide and Richard Manwaring of Waterford, Conn., n.d., but not before 1825. (1 vol. - 32x20 cm.)</p>	1776-1779, 1796-1804

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b. 23reel 20U	Ledger and daybook no. 27 <p>Recording sales of the usual goods and produce. The first 118 pp. are customer accounts, many of which contain little more than the account heading. Nearly half of the book is devoted to daybook entries, 1781-1795.</p> <p>In back volume there are: six p. of "Duties Received", 1790-1794; a list of "Disposition of Certificates", 1789; and, in reverse and inverse order, lists of the capture of the prizes <i>Hunter, Polly, Liberty, Nancy, Charming Nancy, Clinton</i>, Showing their date of capture and goods removed from and prizemaster and crew left with same. A folio sheet, "Roll of the Officers and Men belonging to the Sloop American Revenue July 1778", was removed from this book. From other account books in this collection it is clear that the American Revenue shared in the disposition of these prizes; therefore it seems likely that the lists in no. 27 describe this shop's very active privateering record.</p> <p>There are 60 blank pages in this book, the first 34 pp. are missing, and the binding is in poor condition. (1 vol. - 33x20 cm.)</p>	1779-1795
b. 23reel 20U	Ledger no. 28 <p>Of accounts with customers for sale of the usual and produce dealt in by the Shaws. There are accounts with Peter Vandervoort, Thomas and Isacc Wharton, and Hubbard & Greene, jobbers for Shaw in New York, Philadelphia, and Boston, respectively. These transactions indicate the great amount of business done by Shaw. There is an account, 1775, with Joseph Trumbull, p. 43; several with the Town of New London; and charges for a 5 per cent commission from the sale of various cargoes, plus duties paid, wharfage, piloting, etc. There is an index of customers in the front.</p> <p>Removed from this volume was a memorandum, probably by Thomas Shaw, concerning charges of Peter Mumford against the estate of Nathaniel Shaw. Undated but not before 1792. (1 vol. - 30x19 cm.)</p>	1771-1795
b. 28reel 22U	Ledger no. 29 <p>Of customer accounts, indicating sales of rum, sugar, tea, molasses, tobacco, brandy, corn, pork, beef, fish, salt, chocolate, boards, nails, articles of clothing, hides, etc. Index in front. (1 vol. - 40x16 cm.)</p>	1770-1785
b. 27reel 20U	Daybook no. 30 <p>Describing sale of commodities indicated in no. 29 above. (1 vol. - 40x16 cm.)</p>	1775-1778
b. 23reel 20U	Ledger no. 31 <p>Accounts for sale of beef, sugar, coffee, and shares in mercantile ventures. Off-setting credits for customer's share in realized ventures are frequent. Near the end of volume are 2 pp. describing the disposal of the cargoes of the prizes <i>Hunter</i> and <i>Polly</i> to owners and crew, containing a list of owners and their respective shares in the capture. There is an index at the end. (1 vol. - 38x12 cm., sewed in newspaper)</p>	1778-1779
b. 28reel 22U	Daybook no. 32 <p>Recording fees charged for legal services, including pleading of cases in court, settling of financial disagreements, and claims, and serving summonses, etc. (1 vol. - 42x13 cm., lacking cover.)</p>	1778-1792

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b. 28reel 22U	Daybook no. 33 Entries for sale to individual customers and vessels of rum, wine, beef, pork, fish, sugar, salt, chalk, tallow, nails, cordage, powder, etc. (1 vol. - 40x16 cm., sewed in paper cover)	1779-1781
b. 24reel 21U	Ledger no. 34 Accounts dealing with the maintenance and supply of privateers operated by the government, the State of Connecticut, and Shaw; with the care of "Sick Prisoners from New York" (12 p.); charges for materials and labor on the ships <i>Le Despencer</i> , <i>Nancy</i> , <i>American Revenue</i> , <i>Defense</i> , <i>General Putnam</i> , <i>Oliver Cromwell</i> , <i>Trumbull</i> , <i>Elliot</i> , and <i>Pompey</i> ; and charges for dockage, storage, and legal expenses incurred in the disposition of the prizes <i>Polly</i> , <i>Berkley</i> , <i>Hazard</i> , <i>Sally</i> , and <i>Dove</i> . (1 vol. - 37x26 cm., sewed in paper cover)	1778-1780
b. 24reel 21U	Record no. 35 The sale at public vendue of the brigantine <i>Sally</i> and cargo (a prize of the ship <i>American Revenue</i>), including a list of all items sold, their purchasers, and price; and an account of all legal expenses and of the settlement with the owners. (1 vol. - 32x20 cm., covered in paper)	1777
b. 24reel 21U	Ledger no. 36 In the front of the volume are three pages of lists, 1758-1762, of vessels grounded, or captured by the British or French, their masters, destination, and the average loss incurred by underwriters on their shares of cargo; and in inverse and reverse order in back of volume, 14 p. of "Premiums received", 1756-1767, listing vessels, their masters, underwriters, destination, and the insurance rate charged on specified sums. Accounts, 1776-1778, record charges to various customers and off-setting credits to some on shares in mercantile ventures. Eight pages are devoted to the disposition of prizes taken by the ship <i>American Revenue</i> in 1777, including a list of sales at vendue with the customers designated for each item by lot. (1 vol. - 32x20 cm., sewed in paper cover)	1756-1778, lacking entries for 1763-1775 incl.
b. 24reel 21U	Volume no. 37 Consisting of several different records, including: 10 p. listing lands acquired, 1733-1791, by Nathaniel Shaw, Sr, and Jr., and Thomas Shaw, giving names of persons from whom acquired; 9 pp of "commissary Proceedings", 1781-1784, describing the administration of prisoners placed in Shaw's care, including charges to the "United States" for his services: in inverse and reverse order, charges, 1777, incurred in the disposition of the prizes <i>Two Brothers</i> , <i>Mary</i> , <i>Athol</i> , <i>Rebecca</i> , <i>Sally</i> , <i>Carolina</i> , and <i>Sheelah</i> ; and records, 1776-1779, of the 6th and 7th cruises of the privateer, <i>American Revenue</i> . (1 vol. - 32x21 cm., sewed in paper cover)	1733-1791
b. 24reel 21U	Record no. 38 Listing cargoes of a number of vessels on specified voyages and disposition of same to various customers. There is a record, May 1776-Jan. 1777, of supplies, including guns and powder, received from the Continental government, and the disposition of these supplies to various individuals and forts. An inventory of "Goods received on shore" from a prize ship captured by the ship <i>Andrea Doria</i> also appears. Scattered through the book are ledger entries to various people. (1 vol.-33x21 cm., sewed in paper cover)	1769-1777
b. 24reel 21U	Ledger no. 39 Containing accounts of Nathaniel Shaw's duties as Continental agent for the colony of Connecticut, in fitting and supplying vessels of the Continental	1776-1778

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and Connecticut Navy, caring for sick sailors, disposing of prize vessels and their cargoes, and as agent of supply for the Secret Committee of Connecticut. [See biography of Shaw in D.A.B.]. Most of the entries are for outfitting and supplying ships of the Continental and Connecticut Navies, including the *Alfred*, *Cabot*, *Andrea Doria*, *Hampden*, *Trumbull*, *Fly*, *Resistance*, *Schuyler*, and *Continent*. Shaw was rewarded with a 5 per cent commission on materials furnished to these ships, and on p. 53-54 there is an account with "The Honorable Marine Committee" of Philadelphia for settlement of the various charges incurred in this capacity.

Pages 8-11, 16 contain accounts of payments made by Shaw to townpeople of New London for room, board, and care of seamen ill from small pox or wounded in action around the Bahamas under Capt. Esek Hopkins, commander of the Continental Navy. [See: New London County Historical Society Collections, v; 2, p.46-47.]

On pp. 32-37 are accounts of sales of prizes, showing the distribution of proceeds: Shaw's commission, 1/3 of the remainder to the capturers, and 2/3 to the government. The proceeds from these sales are charged off on pp. 53-54 against the expenses incurred from outfitting the government ships.

In inverse and reverse order in the back of the book are charges for goods and services to the Ordinance Store of New York, the Marine Committee of Philadelphia, Col. Richmon's Regiment, the Continental Board of "Warr", the Continental Navy Board, Forts at Groton, Mamecock, and Stonington, and to General Washington, Joseph Trumbull, John Michel (the last including a charge to General Gates), and Barnabus Dean, procurer on the Secret Committee. (1 vol. - 28x18 cm., sewed in paper cover)

b. 24reel 21U	Record no. 40 The sale at public vendue at Newport, R.I. of the cargo of the prize ship <i>La Jean Teresa</i> which was captured by the sloop <i>Little Rogers</i> . There are 9 pp. of entries for the sale of sugar and coffee, listed by numbered lots with price and name of purchaser for each. (1 vol. - 34x20 cm., sewed in paper cover)	1757 May
b. 24reel 21U	Unnumbered ledger Accounts with vessels for the sale of rope, cable, marlin, yarn, planks, turpentine, hay, candles, corn, salt, beef, rum etc. (1 vol. - 30x16 cm.)	1760-1766
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