

Guide to the Nantucket Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1003

TITLE: Nantucket collection

DATES: 1663-1822

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Financial records, a diary, and legal documents relating to the Gardner, Pinkham, Swain, and Coffin families of Nantucket. Most prominent in the collection is Silas Gardner, with a diary, bills, and receipts (1776-1822). He was co-owner with his nephew, Paul Pinkham, Jr., of the schooner, *Pomona*, for which there are legal and financial papers. In addition there are papers relating to Grafton Gardner and George Swain, records for the sloop, *Caroline* (1798-1799), and documents concerning the division of the common lands of Nantucket (1663-1806).

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased in 1953.

Conditions Governing Access

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains approximately 250 items which relate chiefly to Nantucket, Massachusetts, and to the Gardner, Pinkham, Swain, and Coffin families who lived there. The bulk of the collection consists of receipts, bills, accounts, and other financial papers, deeds, papers pertaining to estates and to several ships. There is also a small amount of correspondence, and a short diary kept by Silas Gardner (1753-1826). Silas Gardner is the person best represented in the collection; his nephew Paul Pinkham, Jr. (1763-1807) is also prominent in the collection. The latter was a trader living in Nantucket, Londonderry (New Hampshire), and Cape Porpoise (Maine), and co-owner with Peter Gardner of the sloop *Pomona*.

These papers were purchased for Yale University in 1953.

Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1795-1817
b. 1, f. 2	Gardner, Grafton (1707-1796): legal and financial papers Gardner, Silas (1753-1826)	1760-1796
b. 1, f. 3	Bills and receipts by him	1776-1814
b. 1, f. 4	Bills and receipts to him	1789-1822
b. 1, f. 5	Diary Pinkham, Paul, Jr. (1763-1807)	1807-1809
b. 1, f. 6	Bills and receipts to him	1791-1807
b. 1, f. 7	Financial papers by him	1795-1799
b. 1, f. 8	Swain, George: "Directions to and from the Point Light on the NE Point of Nantucket"	undated
b. 1, f. 9	Nantucket, Mass., Proprietors of the Common Lands: papers relating to the division of common lands	1663-1806
b. 1, f. 10	Caroline (sloop): bills and receipts English	1798-1799
b. 1, f. 11	Pomona (schooner): legal and financial papers	1798-1799
b. 1, f. 11	Miscellaneous papers	1793-1797

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

Shipping -- Massachusetts -- Nantucket Island

Geographic Names

Massachusetts
Nantucket Island (Mass.) -- History
New England

Genres / Formats

Deeds
Diaries

Names

Gardner, Grafton, 1707-1789
Gardner, Silas, 1753-1826
Pinkham, Paul, 1763-1807
Swain, George, b. 1762

Families

Coffin family
Gardner family
Pinkham family
Swain family

Corporate Bodies

Caroline (Sloop)
Pomona (Schooner)