

# MARBLEHEAD



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## BROUGHTON FAMILY

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

**Nicholson Broughton (1724-1798)** was born in Marblehead on September 13, 1724, the son of John and Sarah (Norman) Broughton. He became a skillful shipmaster at an early age. He joined the Continental Army as a captain under Col. John Glover in early 1775. Later in 1775 he received the first naval commission from George Washington and commanded first the schooner *Hannah* and then the schooner *Hancock*, which sailed with the schooner *Franklin*, commanded by John Selman, to intercept British powder ships. In 1776 he was commissioned as a major in the Essex County militia, under Col. Jonathan Glover. Nicholson Broughton married Sarah Pedrick in 1749, and they had five surviving children: Sarah, Mary, Anna, Eleanor, and Nicholson. Broughton died in Marblehead on August 3, 1798.

**Nicholson Broughton (1764-1804)** was born in Marblehead on October 29, 1764, the son of Nicholson and Sarah (Pedrick) Broughton. He enlisted at 13 years of age in the Continental Army. Later he engaged in the West India trade and commanded vessels including the schooners *Fox*, *Betsy*, *Joanna*, *John*, *Catherine*, *Molly*, and the brig *Fancy*. In 1797 his vessel was captured by the British, and again in 1799, when his vessel was run ashore at Monte Cristo, a French port under the control of Toussaint Louverture. His claims for reimbursement were subsequently assumed by the United States government as part of the French Spoliation claims. Nicholson Broughton married Susanna Glover in 1788, and their surviving children included Susanna, Nicholson, John, Norman, and Glover. Broughton died in Martinique on June 21, 1804.

**Nicholson Broughton (1790-1883)** was born in Marblehead on October 28, 1790, the first son of Nicholson and Susanna (Glover) Broughton. He went to sea at an early age and became a successful sea captain, vessel owner, and merchant. He commanded several vessels, including the schooners *Saratoga*, *Jefferson*, *Caesar*, the brig *Union*, and ship *Java*. Nicholson Broughton married twice. With his first wife Debby Waite Hooper he had a daughter Susan Glover. With his second wife Nancy Harris Hooper he had nine surviving children: Mary Hooper, Nathaniel Hooper, Nicholson, Robert Hooper, William Reed, John Glover, Louisa Hichborn, Elena Ingersoll, and Harriet Hooper. Nicholson Broughton died on December 5, 1883, in West Newton, Massachusetts.

**John Broughton** was born in Marblehead on July 8, 1792, the second son of Nicholson and Susanna (Glover) Broughton. Like his brothers he went to sea at an early age, and while a seaman on the privateer *Alfred* he was captured and imprisoned in Dartmoor Prison in England. He captained many vessels including the schooners *Caesar*, *Borneo*, *Spring Bird*, *Columbia*, and *Saratoga*, and the brigs *Fenwick*, *Nancy*, *Prudent*, *Cherub*, *President*, and *Antares*. He married Elizabeth Stewart in about 1816; they had nine children: John Glover, William Stewart, Susan Glover, Glover, Barradine, Elizabeth Stuart, Franklin, Horace, and Emma. Broughton died on October 24, 1860, in Marblehead.

**Glover Broughton** was born in Marblehead, Massachusetts, on August 28, 1796, the fourth son of Nicholson and Susanna (Glover) Broughton. In 1812 Broughton was a seaman on the privateer *America*. He was captured in the War of 1812 and was imprisoned in Dartmoor Prison in England. He survived and returned to Marblehead. Broughton commanded several ships, including the schooner *Speedwell*, ship *Java*, and the brigs *Nancy*, *President*, *General Glover*, and *Hardy*, and he became a wealthy and successful merchant. He married Susanna Glover in 1827, and they had four surviving children: Glover, Lydia Hooper, Sarah Hooper, and Charles Glover. After retiring from the sea, Broughton became a selectman in Marblehead and then served as town clerk for many years. Glover Broughton died in Marblehead on February 4, 1869.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains papers of the Broughton family of Marblehead, Massachusetts. Included are business correspondence, legal documents including French spoliation claim documents, wills, ledgers, account books, letter books, essays and memorials, foreign port certificates, a plan of Dartmoor Prison in England and other materials relating to the prison, a muster roll from the Continental Army, and papers pertaining to Marblehead town business. The collection is divided into six series based on five members of the Broughton family, all of whom were sea captains.

**SERIES I. Nicholson Broughton (1724-1798) Papers** contains two copies of the muster roll of the Twenty-first Regiment of the Continental Army in June 1775, under Captain Nicholson Broughton, and Col. John Glover. There are also two copies of a contract drawn up by Marblehead merchants in 1775 to protect the rights of Marblehead fishermen and signed by Jeremiah Lee, John Glover, (Nicholson) Broughton and (Robert) Girdler.

**SERIES II. Nicholson Broughton (1764-1804) Papers** contains documents and correspondence pertaining to the French spoliation claim of Nicholson Broughton. There are copies of a petition written in French by Broughton in 1799, a copy of a letter from Toussaint Louverture, translations of French documents, and a letter written by Glover Broughton in support of the claim. Series II also contains a ledger detailing the settlement of Nicholson Broughton's estate.

**SERIES III. Nicholson Broughton (1790-1883) Papers** contains a copy of an account of merchandise for the ship *Java* at Whampoa, Canton, Nicholson Broughton master. Of note is that the duties on this cargo bought in China in 1818 were \$39,758. There are also invoices of goods shipped on *Java* from 1820 to 1822. [On the reverse side is a copy of the document in French issued to Broughton's father from Toussaint Louverture.] Series III also contains a letter written by Broughton regarding his daughter Susan's share in real estate occupied by the Methodist Episcopal Church in Marblehead.

**SERIES IV. John Broughton (1792-1860) Papers** contains foreign port certificates for Broughton's schooners *Caesar* and *Spring Bird* and also a copy of the inquest into the death of his son John in New York in 1853.

**SERIES V. Glover Broughton (1796-1869) Papers** contains the major part of this collection. The material spans Glover Broughton's career as a captain, a merchant, and active townsman in Marblehead. The early material includes a foreign port certificate for the schooner *Speedwell* and an account book for the brig *Nancy*. The account book includes a few invoices for cargo shipped on other vessels from and also a letter book containing business correspondence from 1839 to 1844 and a list of fishing vessels from Marblehead in 1840. The first ledger contains detailed accounts from 1823 to 1830 and also a list of personal furniture expenses in 1827. The second ledger, *Glover Broughton's Ledger B*, contains accounts from 1835 to 1844.

The legal papers include Glover and Lydia Broughton's wills, citizenship papers of Peter Bateman, a deed of sale from John Proctor to Broughton, and also the wills of Peter Bateman, Abel Gardner, and Elizabeth H. Broughton. The correspondence pertains largely to Glover Broughton's duties as Marblehead town clerk and also to his efforts to obtain pensions and bounty land warrants for survivors and widows of Marblehead privateers. Also present are requests for marriage certificates.

The Dartmoor Prison papers include a tribute written in verse by Glover Broughton to the prisoners killed in the massacre of 1815, a lithograph copy of the plan he drew of the prison, and the copyright for the original drawing. The memorial to the privateersmen of the War of 1812 contains a series of petitions submitted to the United States Congress requesting bounty land for the survivors. There is also a list of Marblehead privateers during the War of 1812.

The bound volume *Applications for Arrears of Pay, Rations, Bounty and Pensions* contains declarations and applications on behalf of survivors of the American Revolution, War of 1812, or Civil War. The applications for government pensions or bounty are letters written by Glover Broughton on behalf of Marbleheaders who served in the Civil War together with documentation for those claims. Finally, a large certificate documents Glover Broughton's membership in the Bunker Hill Association.

**SERIES VI. Genealogy of Broughton and Waite Families** contains three oversize monographs (one in duplicate) detailing the history of the Broughton and Waite families from their history in England through the nineteenth century in Marblehead. Included are pedigree charts, drawings, photographs, and portraits, as well as photographs of some of their Marblehead homes. Also present is information on other families including Glovers, Hoopers, and Mavericks.

### RELATED COLLECTIONS

*General Glover* (Brig), Logbook, 1835-1836. Acc. #1920.84

*General Glover* (Brig), Logbook, 1836. Acc. #1920.85

*Hardy* (Brig), Logbook, 1836-1837. Acc. #1920.68

*Hardy* (Brig), Logbook, 1837. Acc. #1920.69

Letter from Toussaint Louverture, 1800, and account of merchandise on *Java* (Ship), 1818, (heliotype copies). Acc. #1899.46.03 [Oversize]

Petition from Nicholson Broughton, 1800 (heliotype copy). Acc. #1899.46.02 [Oversize]

Plan of Dartmoor Prison, color keyed in sepia tones by Glover Broughton. Acc. #1923.2 [Oversize]

Plan of Dartmoor Prison, colored lithograph copy by Glover Broughton. Acc. #1998.209.01 [Oversize]

*Shawmut* (Brig), Logbook, 1838. Acc. #1920.70

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**SERIES II. Nicholson Broughton (1764-1804) Papers**

1	2	French spoliation claim documents and correspondence	1850-1852, undated
	3	Ledger, Nicholson Broughton estate	1804-1808

**SERIES III. Nicholson Broughton (1790-1883) Papers**

1	4	Account of merchandise and invoices shipped on <i>Java</i> (Ship), 1818 (copies)	undated
1	5	Letter from Nicholson Broughton regarding daughter Susan	1832

**SERIES IV. John Broughton (1792-1860) Papers**

1	6	Foreign port certificates, <i>Caesar</i> and <i>Spring Bird</i> (Schooners)	1822-1825
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**SERIES V. Glover Broughton (1796-1869) Papers**

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2	1	Legal papers and wills	1827-1828, 1848-1886
	2	Correspondence and notes	1852-1868, undated
	3	<i>Massacre at Dartmoor Prison, England, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1815</i> , lithograph of Dartmoor Prison (copy), and copyright	1853, undated
	4	<i>Memorial: Privateersmen of Marblehead War 1812-1815</i> , and list of Marblehead privateers	1853-1866
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**SERIES VI. Genealogy of Broughton and Waite Families**

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| 3(OS) 4 | <i>Broughton and Waite Genealogy</i> , by Henry E. Waite<br>(two copies) | undated |
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