BROWN FAMILY PAPERS (1780 – 1872)

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Captain John Brown was born in Marblehead before February 27th, 1736, the fourth son of Thomas Brown and Mary Nicholson.

Thomas Brown was born in Marblehead before April 30th, 1768, the third son of John Brown and Amy Peach. *While we believe this to be the Thomas Brown mentioned in this collection, we are not certain. There are other possible Thomas Browns in the family who could be the one mentioned in all these documents.

Samuel Knight was born in Marblehead on September 1st, 1765, the son of William Knight and Mary Chinn. Samuel Knight married Ammey Brown, daughter of John Brown and Amy Peach.
William P. Brown (1778 – 1838) was born in Marblehead in 1778, the fifth son of John Brown and Amy Peach.

William P. Brown (1803 – 1883) was born in Marblehead in 1803, the son of William P. Brown and Rebecca Dixey.

Samuel H. Brown was born in Marblehead on April 26th, 1810, the son of William P. Brown and Abigail Horton. Samuel H. Brown married Mary Elizabeth Graves.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains papers of the Brown family of Marblehead, Massachusetts. Included are receipts, bills, boat documents, and a few legal documents such as deeds, ledgers, and miscellaneous documents. The collection is divided into series based on members of the Brown family and boats.

SERIES I. Captain John Brown Papers contains receipts and taxes.

SERIES II. William P. Brown Papers contains documents pertaining to both William P. Brown (1778 – 1838) and William P. Brown (1803 – 1883). There are receipts and bills as well as a deed for a boat.

SERIES III. Samuel Knight and Thomas Brown Boat Papers contains documents detailing boat fares.

SERIES IV. Boat Papers contains Schooner General Jackson, Schooner William Franklin, and Brown, Pitman, and Lovett boat documents.

SERIES V. Samuel H. Brown Papers contains bills, receipts, and taxes collected over 30 years.

SERIES VI. Miscellaneous Papers contains various miscellaneous documents pertaining to the Brown family and other miscellaneous documents.

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SERIES I. Captain John Brown Papers

A receipt of payment to the town of Marblehead signed by Sheriff Michael Farley and mentioning the Honorable Henry Gardner. Dated 1780.

A receipt of payment for something. Mentions Samuel Knight and is signed by Thomas Kesch or Kerch. Dated 1792.

Scrap paper, also contains a receipt of payment from Samuel Newell. Dated 1792.

Receipt of payment to the treasury office of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Signed by the treasurer. Dated 1797.

Bill for tax on a pew in the meetinghouse addressed to the heirs of John Brown. Signed by the collector, John Doliber. Dated 1818.

**SERIES II. William P. Brown Papers**

A receipt for multiple pairs of shoes purchased by William P. Brown from John Gilley. Date is unknown.

A receipt for fabrics bought by William P. Brown from G.G. Newhall. Date is unknown.

An account of hours of labor signed by William Vickery. J.W. Green is mentioned. Date is unknown.


A receipt for fabrics and more purchased by William Brown from Martin Wells. Dated 1810.


A receipt for a pair of boots. Signed by David Perkins. Also mentioned William Sparhawk. Dated 1835.


A receipt for payment from William P. Brown to Henry Ken for ballast and a team of men moving. Dated 1835.

A receipt for payment for repairing a boat. Signed by Samuel Seech. Dated 1835.

A torn receipt for fish signed by A. Adams. Dated 1835.

A receipt for things purchased by William P. Brown from George Le Master. Dated 1835.
A receipt for a pair of boots purchased by William P. Brown from David Perkins. Dated 1835.
A receipt for payment for something from William P. Brown to Danvers Foundry. Signed by Charle Chaplin. Dated 1835.
A receipt for two sheets of copper purchased by William P. Brown from John Aucker. Dated 1835.
A receipt for wood and more purchased by William P. Brown from Caleb Prentiss. Dated 1835.
A receipt for sails and other things William P. Brown purchased from Francis P. Dated 1835.
A receipt for molasses and flour purchased by William P. Brown from Everett & Ware. Dated 1835.
A receipt or record of something. Signed by Moses Hawks. Dated 1835.
A receipt or record of something from William P. Brown to Henry J. Levitt. Dated 1835.
A receipt for a spade purchased by William P. Brown from Francis P. Dated 1835.
A receipt or record of something. Signed by Nathaniel Brimblecom. Dated 1835.
A receipt or record of payment to J. W. Green. Dated 1835.
A receipt or record of payment to J. W. Green. Dated 1835.
A receipt for fabrics and sewing supplies purchased by William P. Brown from Jason Chamberlain. Dated 1836.


SERIES III. Samuel Knight and Thomas Brown Boat Papers

An account of the fall fare of the Schooner Robbin by Samuel Knight. Dated 1792.
An account of the fall fare of the Schooner Roberts by Samuel Knight. Dated 1792.

An account of the first fare by Samuel Knight. Dated 1796.

An account of the second fare of the Schooner Robbin by Samuel Knight. Dated 1796 and 1797.


An account of the fall fare of the Schooner Robbin by Samuel Knight. Dated 1799.

An account of fish caught on board Schooner Robin. Dated 1815.

SERIES IV. Boat Papers

Boat Papers Folder 1 of 3 (Thomas and William – Schooner General Jackson)


A receipt for things purchased by the owners of the Sch Gen Jackson from Thomas Devereux and Ezra Osborn. Dated 1835.

A receipt of things purchased by the owners of the Sch Gen Jackson from Ezra Osborn. Dated 1835.


A receipt for payment to Nathaniel Homan for labour performed for the Sch Gen Jackson. Dated 1835.


A receipt for payment by Thomas and William Brown to George Knight. Dated 1835.

A receipt for payment for docking and removing the Sch Gen Jackson at Derby Wharf. Signed by Mr. Knight. Dated 1835.


Boat Papers Folder 2 of 3 (Sch William Franklin)

A receipt for payment to William Sparhawk for labor, board, and nails. Undated.


A receipt for something purchased from John S. Goodwin for Sch William Franklin. Dated 1853.

A receipt for an insurance policy for the William Franklin. Dated 1854.

A receipt for something for Sch William Franklin. Dated 1854.


A receipt for things purchased for the William Franklin from Thomas Gillent. Dated 1854.

A receipt for supplies purchased for the William Franklin from D. S. Simpson. Dated 1854.

A receipt for a padlock purchased by the William Franklin from William F. Cloon. Dated 1854.

An account of things purchased for Sch William Franklin from Henry Pitman. Dated 1854.


A receipt for something purchased for Sch William Franklin from John Pitman. Dated 1854.


A receipt for things purchased for Sch William Franklin from D. S. Simpson. Dated 1854.

A receipt for something purchased by the owners of Sch William Franklin from William Stacy. Dated 1854.

A receipt for a kettle and lamps purchased for Sch William Franklin from Benjamin Cole. Dated 1854 and 1855.

A receipt for wood purchased for Sch William Franklin from Thomas and Daniel Appleton. Dated 1854 and 1855.
An account of things purchased for Sch William Franklin from Henry F. Pitman. Dated 1854 and 1855.

A receipt for things purchased for Sch William Franklin from Benjamin Cole. Dated 1854 and 1855.

An account of things purchased for Sch William Franklin from Joseph W. Dated 1854 and 1855.

A receipt for replenishing the meal chest for Sch William Franklin. Signed John Roundly. Dated 1854 and 1855.

An account of things purchased for Sch William Franklin from Henry F. Pitman. Dated 1854 and 1855.


Boat Papers Folder 3 of 3 (Brown, Pitman, Lovett Boat Documents)


Two receipts for bounty for Sch General Jackson. Signed by Frederick L. and Benjamin Martin. Dated 1842.


An account of labour done by Woodbury Swett on Sch General Jackson and Sch Benjamin Franklin. Dated 1848.


An account of things purchased for Sch William Franklin from H. Pitman. Dated 1865 and 1866.


**SERIES V. Samuel H. Brown Papers**

Folder 1 of 3 (Samuel H. Brown Papers 1830’s)


A receipt for clothes or fabric purchased by Mary Elisabeth Brown from S. Le Master. Dated 1838.

A receipt for silk hose purchased by Mary Elisabeth Brown from S. Le Master. Dated 1839.


A receipt for a payment towards Samuel H. Brown’s account with Benjamin B. Graves. Dated 1836.


A receipt for something purchased by Samuel H. Brown from George Le Master. Dated 1836.


A receipt of something purchased by Samuel H. Brown from J. W. Green. Dated 1836.


A receipt for something purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Devereux & Chinn. Dated 1837.

A receipt for a hat purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Benjamin D. D. Dated 1837.


An account of fish from Sch Elizabeth purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Joseph Snellen. Dated 1837.


An account of fish from Sch Elizabeth purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Joseph Snellen. Dated 1838.

A receipt for a flake hire by Samuel H. Brown paid to Edward Crowningshield. Dated 1838.

A receipt for a flake hire by Samuel H. Brown paid to Edmund Kimball. Dated 1838.

A receipt for something purchased by Samuel H. Brown from N. Lawrence. Dated 1838.
A receipt for a teapot purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Dan Weed. Dated 1838.
A receipt for a kettle purchased by Samuel H. Brown from J. Goldsmith. Dated 1839.
A receipt for something purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Devereux & Chinn. Dated 1839.
A receipt for something purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Joseph Snellen. Dated 1839.
A receipt for payment from Samuel H. Brown to Edward Harris for work done. Dated 1839.
Folder 2 of 3 (Samuel H. Brown Papers 1840’s) 
A receipt for wood purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Phares Shirley. Dated 1840.
An account of shoes purchased by Samuel H. Brown from John Orne Jr. Dated 1840.
A receipt for kitchen goods purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Harris Silver. Dated 1841.
A receipt for something purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Shepard and Chamberlin. Dated 1841.
A receipt for a boiler purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Harris Silver. Dated 1841.
A receipt for something purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Benjamin D. Dixey. Dated 1841.
A receipt for payment made by Samuel H. Brown to William Knight for part of bounty on Sch General Jackson. Dated 1842.


A receipt for tuition paid by Samuel H. Brown to A. Graves. Dated 1842.


An account of goods purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Harris Silver. Dated 1842.


A receipt for something purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Shepard and Chamberlin. Dated 1843.


A receipt for tuition paid by Samuel H. Brown to Mary E. Merritt. Dated 1843.


A receipt for shoes purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Thomas F. Dated 1843.


A receipt for coffin cloth purchased by Samuel H. Brown from S. Homan. Dated 1844.

A receipt for something purchased by Samuel H. Brown from James Goodwin. Dated 1844.


A receipt for something purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Benjamin Selman. Dated 1845.


A receipt for payment made by Samuel H. Brown to William P. Brown for his part of a sale. Dated 1847.

An account of goods purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Joseph Snellen. Dated 1848.

A receipt for payment made by Samuel H. Brown to John Smethery for labor on Sch William Franklin. Dated 1848.

A receipt for payment made by Samuel H. Brown to Thomas Wooldridge for use of fish flakes. Dated 1849.


An account of shoes purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Thomas F. Dated 1849.

Folder 3 of 3 (Samuel H. Brown Papers 1850’s – 1870’s)


A receipt for furniture purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Whipple & Fellows. Dated 1850.

A receipt for payment made by Samuel H. Brown for the Christian Register to David Reed. Dated 1850.

An account of goods purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Thomas Evans. Dated 1850.

A receipt for furniture purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Whipple & Fellows. Dated 1852.

A receipt for kitchen goods purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Harris Silver. Dated 1852.


A receipt for payment made by Samuel H. Brown to Benjamin S. Graves for labor on Sch General Jackson. Dated 1853.

A receipt for rent paid by Samuel H. Brown to Elizabeth Brown. Dated 1853.

An account of groceries purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Thomas P. Dated 1853.


A receipt of payment made by Samuel H. Brown to George Chamberlin and John Shepard. Dated 1857.


A receipt for carpeting purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Childs, Crosby, & Lane, Geo. W. Chipman & CO. Dated 1862.


A receipt for clothes purchased by Samuel H. Brown from Sam Graves. Dated 1864.

A receipt for yarn purchased by Samuel H. Brown from George Chamberlin. Dated 1867.
A receipt for goods purchased by Samuel H. Brown from George Chamberlin. Dated 1868.
A receipt for something purchased by Samuel H. Brown from George Chamberlin. Dated 1869.
A receipt for goods purchased by Samuel H. Brown from George Chamberlin. Dated 1869.
A check received of Samuel H. Brown for six dollars. Dated 1870.
A receipt for payment made by Samuel H. Brown to W. Crampton for tailoring services. Dated 1871.
A receipt for payment made by Samuel H. Brown to W. Crampton for tailoring services. Dated 1871.
A receipt for something purchased by Samuel H. Brown from George Chamberlin. Dated 1872.
A receipt for vest purchased by Samuel H. Brown from S. Graves, Jr. Dated 1878.

SERIES VI. Miscellaneous Brown Papers
Folder 1 of 2 (Miscellaneous Brown Papers)
Various receipts and accounts that are illegible or have no names.
Folder 2 of 2 (Miscellaneous)
Various scraps of paper that have no clear writing or connection to the collection.