

MARBLEHEAD



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LINDSEY FAMILY PAPERS

PAPERS, 1714-1891

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1994.71–1994.72
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Volume: 6 boxes
3.0 linear feet

Provenance: Part of this material was donated by Mrs. Gregory (Nancy) Coffin, Benjamin J. Lindsey, N. Allen Lindsey, Judith L. McDowell, Samuel Roads Jr., and Marion C. Smith. The provenance of the remaining material is unknown.

Conservation: The material was placed in acid-free folders; however, conservation of oversize materials was incomplete.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Joseph Lindsey was the progenitor of the Marblehead, Massachusetts, branch of the Lindsey family. He was born to Ralph and Mary Lindsey on September 23, 1714, in Lynn, Massachusetts, and he worked as a joiner in Marblehead. He married Rebecca Hendley in 1739, and they had five children: Mary, Sarah, Nathaniel, Rebecca, and Benjamin. Joseph Lindsey died on August 31, 1764, in Marblehead.

Nathaniel Lindsey Sr. was born on March 2, 1746, in Marblehead, the son of Joseph and Rebecca (Hendley) Lindsey. In 1775 he was in Capt. Francis Felton's company for Coast Defense, and in 1776 he served in Col. Timothy Pickering's Regiment. Several of his vessels served as privateers during the American Revolution. He served the town of Marblehead in several capacities, including tax collector, constable, selectman, and coroner. Nathaniel married Sarah Lee in 1767; they had four children: Joseph, Nathaniel, Sarah, and Rebecca. Nathaniel Lindsey Sr. died in Marblehead on August 20, 1798.

Nathaniel Lindsey Jr. was born in Marblehead on March 17, 1771, the son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Lee) Lindsey. He was a mariner like his father and was active in privateering during the War of 1812-1815. In 1812 he commanded the schooner *Growler* with a crew of Marblehead men. In 1829, sailing as master of the ship *Candace*, he was captured by pirates. He served as selectman in Marblehead in 1837 and as Postmaster from 1838 to 1841. Nathaniel married Sarah Barker, and they had six children: Nathaniel, Sarah, John Barker, Joseph, Benjamin, Mary, and Rebecca. Nathaniel Lindsey Jr. died in Marblehead on September 12, 1842.

Benjamin Hendley was born on August 8, 1672, in Marblehead, the son of Elias and Sarah (Thompson) Hendley. He was a mariner and shoreman in Marblehead. With his first wife Miriam, Hendley had one son: John; and with his second wife Mary he had two children: Nathaniel, and Rebecca, who married Joseph Lindsey in 1739. Benjamin Hendley died in Marblehead in 1764.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection spans five generations of the Lindsey family of Marblehead, Massachusetts. Included are Continental Army documents, shipping and privateering papers, Marblehead town records, bills and receipts, account books, business and personal correspondence, and estate papers. Also present are papers of Benjamin Hendley, related by marriage to the Lindseys. The collection is divided into six series.

SERIES I. Nathaniel Lindsey Sr. (1746-1798) Papers contains the major portion of this collection. Papers from 1775-1776 primarily document Lindsey's service in the Continental Army, while papers from following years deal primarily with privateering, and in particular with the brig *Terrible*. Included among the town of Marblehead papers are court cases, coroners' cases, tax collections, and accounts. Also present are account books and ledgers, and many bills and receipts spanning Lindsey's career.

SERIES II. Nathaniel Lindsey Jr. (1771-1842) Papers contains shipping and privateering papers from vessels captained by Nathaniel Lindsey Jr., in particular the ships *American Hero* and *Print*; the brigs *Legal Tender*, *Ruthy*, *Four Sisters*, and *Victory*; and the schooner *Spring Bird*. There are also bills and receipts documenting his career and papers from his time as Postmaster in Marblehead.

SERIES III. Joseph Lindsey (1796-1853) Papers contains papers of Joseph Lindsey, nephew of Nathaniel Lindsey Jr. Included are papers from his ship *Trescott* and also personal letters exchanged with his wife Deliverance (Bridgeo) Lindsey and sons Joseph and Philip Lindsey. Also

present in Series III are two items from the Bridgeo family, a deed signed by Philip Bridgeo and a silver nameplate memorializing his wife Hannah (Knight) Bridgeo.

SERIES IV. Joseph W. Lindsey (1823-1902) and Philip B. Lindsey (1825-1900) Papers contains the papers of Joseph Lindsey's sons Joseph William Lindsey and Philip Bridgeo Lindsey. Many of the papers are signed by both brothers. The collection also includes the ledger from their schooner *Erie*.

SERIES V. Benjamin Hendley (1672-1764) Papers contains legal and estate papers pertaining to Benjamin Hendley, father-in-law of Nathaniel Lindsey Sr. Hendley's estate was handled by his daughter Rebecca Lindsey and her son Nathaniel Lindsey and included are papers of Rebecca's. Also present are many accounts, receipts, and bills documenting Hendley's career as a shoreman in Marblehead.

SERIES VI. Other Papers in Lindsey Collection includes a few papers belonging to other members of the Lindsey family, and in particular Joseph (1714-1764). Other papers pertain to Joseph Potter, James Dennis, and John Prince, Marbleheaders who were contemporaries of Nathaniel Lindsey Sr. Finally, there are miscellaneous papers found in the collection. Of particular interest among the miscellaneous papers is an undated "Description of a House", containing detailed specifications for a house to be built by a Mr. Hooper.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RELATED COLLECTIONS

Marblehead Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War. Compiled by Benjamin J. Lindsey. 1912-1913. Acc. #0000.1741

Old Marblehead Sea Captains and the Ships in Which They Sailed. Compiled and published by Benjamin J. Lindsey. 1915

SERIES LIST

SERIES I. Nathaniel Lindsey Sr. (1746-1798) Papers

- A. General Papers
- B. Shipping and Privateering Papers
- C. Town of Marblehead Papers
- D. Accounts, Bills, and Receipts

SERIES II. Nathaniel Lindsey Jr. (1771-1842) Papers

- A. Shipping Papers
- B. Town of Marblehead Papers
- C. Bills and Receipts

SERIES III. Joseph Lindsey (1796-1853) Papers

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SERIES VI. Other Papers in Lindsey Collection

CONTENTS LIST**SERIES I. Nathaniel Lindsey Sr. (1746-1798) Papers**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Date</u>
A. General Papers			
1	1	Correspondence and legal papers	1769-1798, undated
	2	Papers related to Continental Army	1775-1778, undated
	3	Papers likely pertaining to Nathaniel Lindsey Sr.	Undated
B. Shipping and Privateering Papers			
	4	Shipping papers	1774-1794, undated
	5	Privateering papers	1777-1778
	6	Privateering papers	1779-1782
	7	<i>Spring Bird</i> (Schooner)	1777-1779, undated
	8	<i>Terrible</i> (Brig)	1779
	9	<i>Terrible</i> (Brig)	1780-1785, undated
	10	<i>Terrible</i> (Brig), prizes	1779-1780, undated
	11	<i>Terrible</i> (Brig), ledger	1779
	12	<i>Montgomery</i> (Brig)	1778-1782
2	1	<i>Porcupine</i> (Schooner)	1779, undated
	2	<i>Friendship</i> (Sloop)	1779-1780, undated
	3	Privateering—miscellaneous vessels	1777-1791, undated
	4	Accounts of goods sold at auction	1779-1783
	5	Accounts of goods sold at auction	1787-1797
C. Town of Marblehead Papers			
2	6	Accounts with the town	1774-1797, undated
	7	Court cases	1774-1798, undated
	8	Tax collections	1775-1799, undated
	9	Coroner's inquests	1779-1797, undated
	10	Accounts with poor of the town	1781-1791, undated
	11	Various estate papers	1787-1797, undated
D. Accounts, Bills, and Receipts			
2	12	Account book	1767-1795
3	1	Account book	1769-1773
	2	Accounts	1774-1793, undated
	3	Notebook	1778-1779
	4	Daybook	1791-1798
	5	Bills and receipts	1767-1771

SERIES I. Nathaniel Lindsey Sr. (1746-1798) Papers (contd.)

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	6	Bills and receipts	1772-1775
	7	Bills and receipts	1776-1779
	8	Bills and receipts	1780-1783
	9	Bills and receipts	1784-1785
	10	Bills and receipts	1786-1787
4	1	Bills and receipts	1788-1789
	2	Bills and receipts	1790-1791
	3	Bills and receipts	1792-1793
	4	Bills and receipts	1794-1795
	5	Bills and receipts	1796-1797
	6	Bills and receipts	1798-1799, undated

SERIES II. Nathaniel Lindsey Jr. (1771-1842) Papers**A. Shipping Papers**

4	7	Correspondence	1800-1818
	8	<i>American Hero</i> (Ship)	1800-1802, undated
	9	<i>Two Brothers</i> (Schooner)	1802-1807, undated
	10	<i>Print</i> (Ship)	1809-1811
	11	<i>Legal Tender</i> (Brig)	1816-1818, undated
	12	<i>Ruthy</i> (Brig)	1820-1824, undated
	13	<i>Four Sisters</i> (Brig)	1822-1824, undated
	14	<i>Victory</i> (Brig)	1824-1826, undated

B. Town of Marblehead

4	15	Marblehead Post Office	1833-1834, undated
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C. Bills and Receipts

4	16	Bills and receipts	1797-1802
	17	Bills and receipts	1803-1805
5	1	Bills and receipts	1806-1810
	2	Bills and receipts	1811-1820
	3	Bills and receipts	1821-1838
	4	Accounts and invoices	1839, undated

SERIES III. Joseph Lindsey (1796-1853) Papers

5	5	<i>Trescott</i> (Ship) papers	1835-1840, undated
	6	Personal correspondence	1836-1847, undated

SERIES III. Joseph Lindsey (1796-1853) Papers (contd.)

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Date</u>
5	7	Philip Bridgeo, deed	1791
	8	Hannah Bridgeo, silver nameplate	1845

SERIES IV. Joseph W. Lindsey (1823-1902) and Philip B. Lindsey (1825-1900) Papers

5	9	Joseph W. and Philip B. Lindsey papers	1850-1879, undated
	10	Joseph W. Lindsey papers	1866-1889
	11	Philip B. Lindsey papers	1868-1891, undated
	12	<i>Erie</i> (Schooner), ledger	1852-1853

SERIES V. Benjamin Hendley (1672-1764) Papers

5	13	Legal and estate papers	1732-1793, undated
	14	Accounts, bills, and receipts	1723-1739
	15	Accounts, bills, and receipts	1740-1749
6	1	Accounts, bills, and receipts	1750-1755
	2	Accounts, bills, and receipts	1756-1760
	3	Accounts, bills, and receipts	1761-1765
	4	Accounts, bills, and receipts	1766-1770
	5	Accounts, bills, and receipts	1771-1780
	6	Accounts, bills, and receipts	1781-1794, undated

SERIES VI. Other Papers in Lindsey Collection

6	7	Papers of other Lindsey family members	1714-1828, undated
	8	Joseph Potter papers	1750-1771, 1791, undated
	9	James Dennis papers	1767-1780, 1801- 1808, undated
	10	John Prince papers	1777-1793, 1825, undated
	11	Miscellaneous papers	1717-1807, 1827- 1843
	12	Miscellaneous papers	Undated

SUBJECT HEADINGS

Bridgeo, Hannah (1758-1845)
Bridgeo, Philip (1759-1820)
Dennis, James (d.1779)
Hendley, Benjamin (1672-1764)
Lindsey, Joseph (1714-1764)
Lindsey, Joseph (1796-1853)
Lindsey, Joseph William (1823-1902)
Lindsey, Nathaniel (1746-1798)
Lindsey, Nathaniel (1771-1842)
Lindsey, Philip Bridgeo (1825-1900)
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Prince, John (1735-1787)
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 Erie (Schooner)
 Friendship (Sloop)
 Legal Tender (Brig)
 Montgomery (Brig)
 Porcupine (Schooner)
 Print (Ship)
 Ruthy (Brig)
 Spring Bird (Schooner)
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 Trescott (Ship)
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 Victory (Brig)
United States—Continental Army
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