

James H. Sherman

A Register of His Correspondence in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: James H. Sherman Correspondence

Span Dates: 1873-1876

ID No.: MSS84141

Creator: Sherman, James H. (James Henry)

Extent: 42 items; 1 container; .2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Whaler. Letters written by Sherman to his wife, Phebe A. G. Sherman of New Bedford, Massachusetts, while he served as first mate aboard the New Bedford whaleship *Milton* on a voyage to the Pacific Ocean from October 1873 to October 1876.

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.

Personal Names

Sherman, James H. (James Henry)

Sherman, Phebe A. G.--Correspondence.

Organizations

Milton (Ship)

Subjects

Seafaring life.

Whaling--Massachusetts--New Bedford.

Whaling--New Zealand.

Whaling--Pacific Ocean.

Locations

New Bedford (Mass.)--Religious life and customs.

Occupations

Whalers (Persons)

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The correspondence of James H. Sherman, whaler, was purchased by the Library of Congress in 1997.

Processing History:

The James H. Sherman correspondence was arranged and described in 1998. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of James H. Sherman is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, James H. Sherman Correspondence, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The correspondence of James Henry Sherman (1844-) consists of letters he wrote to his wife, Phebe A. G. Sherman of New Bedford, Massachusetts, while serving as the first mate aboard the New Bedford whaleship *Milton* on a voyage to the Pacific Ocean from October 1873 to October 1876. Sherman wrote most of the letters from whaling grounds in the vicinity of New Zealand. Most individual items contain several separately dated entries spanning weeks and even months. In addition to describing activities and events during the voyage of the *Milton* and providing details about whaling in general, Sherman's letters include professions of love and comments reflecting the strong religious faith of Sherman and his wife.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1873-1876 (6 folders)