

JOHN HANCOCK ANDREWS

PAPERS, 1719-1874

MSS 2

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Hancock Andrews (1775-1832), the son of James and Mary (Glover) Andrews, was a prominent Salem, Massachusetts, merchant known for his worldwide trade in flour, sugar, molasses, rum, opium, pepper, and oil. Before establishing himself as a merchant, John mastered the schooner *Polly* (1800) and the brig *Cynthia* (1802-1806). From 1802 to 1832 John owned parts of at least ten vessels in partnership with Samuel Endicott, Samuel Page, Jeremiah Shepard, Thomas Perkins, and Stephen C. Phillips (see Appendix I for more ships owned by John Andrews). His vessels traded in many ports in the Southern Hemisphere: Havana, Bahia, Rio de Janeiro; in Europe: St. Petersburg, Antwerp, Gallipoli, Marseilles; and in the Far East: Canton, Sumatra, Batavia.

The domestic activities of John Hancock Andrews included investment in the New Hampshire Iron Company of Danvers of which he was appointed director in 1809, as well as owning stock in the Salem Turnpike and Salem Bridge Corporation. John married Nancy Glover. They had eight children: John P., Nancy, Samuel, William, Caroline, George, Ellen Maria, and James. William (b. 1810) attended Harvard University and Samuel (b. 1813) became a minister. John Putnam Andrews (b. 1805) followed his father into maritime commerce, mastering his father's brig *Rebecca* (1825-28) before owning his own vessels. He later inherited his father's house at 393 Essex Street, Salem, Massachusetts.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The **John Hancock Andrews Papers** contain correspondence and business papers for Salem, Massachusetts ship captain and merchant, John Hancock Andrews. The collection contains papers for various ships dealing with accounts of voyages and prices received for goods shipped and has been arranged into three series.

Series I. Ships' Papers are arranged alphabetically by ship's name. Correspondence and business papers for each ship are arranged in chronological order. Most of the letters are addressed to John H. Andrews and partners from his ship masters and deal with accounts of the voyage and prices received for goods shipped. Foreign merchants' comments on specific ships and cargoes are also included in the Ships' Papers. Of special interest are letters concerning the opium trade on board the brig *Eliza* and bark *Patriot*, though Andrews' main interest lay with the sugar trade between Havana and Europe on board the brig *Herald*, schooner *Jeremiah*, brig *Rebecca*, and schooner *Union*. Trade in oil between Naples, Gallipoli, and St. Petersburg aboard the brig *Rebecca* and bark *Patriot* is also described. Two of Andrews' ships were lost to privateers, the ship *Jeremiah* in 1811 and the *Union* in 1819, though both were later in his service. Recordings of the prize hearings, translated from Danish, are included in Folders 5 and 9.

Series II. Shipping Business Records are sorted chronologically and contain accounts of cargoes bought and sold, legal papers, and current price lists sent from European merchants trying to solicit trade. Letters from commission merchants (1822) refer to bankruptcies in Russia, trouble between Turkey and Russia and the reduction in trade with Russia after 1815, particularly in oil. Letters from Andrews' son, John P. Andrews, in Baltimore (1827) contain discouraging comments about the flour and cotton markets.

Series III. Personal Papers contain correspondence from his son William at Harvard University (1828). Miscellaneous family papers deal with various members of the Andrews' family before (1719-1796) and after (1832-1874) John Hancock Andrews. The Deborah Helme estate papers include the Salem Turnpike and Chelsea Bridge Corporation, the New Hampshire Iron Company, and the Danvers and Beverly Iron Works Company, all of which Andrews was involved in.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RELATED COLLECTIONS

Phillips Family Papers, *MSS 58*

Rebecca (Brig) Logbook, 1821, *Log 3042 (OS)*

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	5	<i>Jeremiah</i> (Schooner)	1810-1818
	6	<i>Patriot</i> (Bark)	1811-1822
	7	<i>Polly</i> (Schooner)	1800
	8	<i>Rebecca</i> (Brig)	1810-1831
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		New Hampshire Iron Factory; Danvers and Beverly Iron Works Company papers	1800-1818

APPENDIX IVESSELS OWNED BY JOHN HANCOCK ANDREWS

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Master(s)</u>	<u>Ports</u>	<u>Cargo</u>
<i>Cynthia</i> (Brig)	1802-1817	John Lee, William Brown, Allen Putnam	West Indies	sundries
<i>Eliza</i> (Brig)	1823-1827	Allen Putnam	southeast Asia, Europe	opium, coffee, pepper
<i>Hallengren</i> (Brig)	1813-1815	Peter Hefers	Portsmouth, St. Bartholomew	sundries
<i>Herald</i> (Brig)	1826-1832	Royal Prescott	Havana, Europe	rum, sugar
<i>Jeremiah</i> (Schooner)	1810-1818	William R. Russell, John Graves	Havana, Europe	sugar
<i>Patriot</i> (Bark)	1811-1822	James Buffington, Nathan Frye, Jeremiah Page, Holten J. Breed	Havana, Archangel, China Mediterranean	oil, tea, sugar, pepper, opium
<i>Polly</i> (Schooner)	1800	John H. Andrews	Salem, West Indies	sundries
<i>Rebecca</i> (Brig)	1810-1827	Jeremiah Page, William Duncan	Havana, St. Petersburg, Gallipoli	oil, sugar
<i>Union</i> (Schooner)	1819-1822	Allen Putnam	Kingston	sugar
<i>Washington</i> (Brig)	1824	George Holmes	Salem, Bahia	