

**Sturgis Library Archives
Town and Local History Collection**

**D. G. and W. B. Bacon Company Account Book, 1857-1867
MS. 99**

Extent: 1 large box

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of a ship agent's account book / ledger for the D. G. and W. B. Bacon Company. The ledger is a large calf bound folio kept by the sons of Captain Daniel C. Bacon of Bacon Farm in Barnstable Village. Many well-known ships are mentioned including the *Game Cock* and the *Vancouver*. This is a rare piece of Cape Cod maritime history showing the numerous ventures the Bacon family participated in. The ledger covers the years 1857-1867. Many of the ventures are in vessels bound for China. The ledger lists the names of ships, names of owners of ships, sales, transactions, notes payable, interest, cash, etc.

Biographical Note: Daniel C. Bacon was born in Barnstable around 1788. He went off to Boston in 1802 as a young man of 14 or 15, to sail as a mate on William Sturgis's ship *Atahualpa*. He was first mate on the *Xenophon*, and became its Captain in 1807. He later sailed on Theodore Lyman's ship and distinguished himself in trade with China and in the Pacific Northwest fur trade. In the 1820s he retired from the sea, moved to Boston with his family and became a prosperous merchant and owner of thirty ships. He built the Bacon Farm on Main Street in Barnstable, Massachusetts as a summer residence. He died in 1856.

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Acquisition: Purchased from Robert C. Eldred Co. Auctioneers of East Dennis, Massachusetts in 1994.

Related material:

- *Daniel Bacon Biography* : MS. 51 and KITTREDGE B BACON BAC
- *Bacon Family Collection of Deeds* : MS. 73
- An important collection of related letters is held in the Mystic Seaport Manuscript Collection: *D.G. & W.B. Bacon & Co. Letters (Coll. 107)*
<http://library.mysticseaport.org/manuscripts/coll/coll107.cfm>

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Contents: 1 leather-bound ledger.