

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

**Ship Captains, Crew, and Families Photo Albums
MS. 120**

Extent: 2 albums

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of two albums of primarily carte de visite photographs of ship captains, their wives, their children, relatives, ship crew members, and some unconnected and unidentified people, most originally from Cape Cod. The majority of the photographs are dated 1870 and 1871. A number of them are taken in San Francisco, California and Liverpool, England. Most of the identified people lived in Harwich, Dennis, Chatham and Yarmouth.

It is unclear who owned the original album. The photographs were received already removed from the original album, though in many cases the captions were saved and accompany the photos. In some cases there is information on the back of the photo, in many cases not. Whoever wrote the captions appears to have known the people in the photos and the captions often supply information that is not on the back of the photo. Handwriting is sometimes a challenge and some names are spelled differently on the photo and the caption. We have retained as much information about the photo as possible and noted questions where handwriting is unclear or information provided is conflicting.

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