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Schooner Colin C. Baker Papers**

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Content: Papers of the Schooner Colin C. Baker, coastal vessel out of Boston, under the command of Captain Browning K. Baker of West Dennis.

SUBJECT NOTE

The Colin C. Baker was a Mid and North Atlantic coastal vessel. The three-masted schooner was built at Bath, Maine in March 1873 as a full model double decker with a trunk cabin and center board. She was constructed of oak and yellow pine wood, with copper and iron fastenings. The vessel weighed 410 tons and was 132 feet long, with a berth of over 31 feet, and a depth of over 14 feet.

Her home port was Boston and she sailed under the command of Captain Browning K. Baker, Jr. of West Dennis, who was born in 1839 and died in 1920. Captain Baker was part owner and sole commander of the vessel for the entirety of her sailing days, from 1873 to 1917, except for a period in the late 1890s when she was commanded by Captain Rodger S. Hawes, also of Dennis. The Colin C. Baker was abandoned at sea September 16, 1917 at a latitude of 21 47'N and a longitude of 32 29'W, without loss of any of the six lives aboard.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These papers document the voyages of the schooner Colin C. Baker from 1874 to 1903, under the command of Captain Browning K. Baker, Jr. They are an open collection, donated by Walter E. Babbitt, and are organized into one series called the Shipping Papers Series.

The materials relate to the shipping transactions of the Captain while trafficking in the coastal trade of the North Atlantic, especially carrying coal and other mined commodities. The papers document the coastal shipping process, including the loading, transport and discharge of cargo, insurance of cargo and ship, purchase of materials and supplies, vessel repairs, payment of crew wages and pilotage and wharfage fees.

SERIES LIST AND DESCRIPTION

Series 1: Shipping Papers, 1874-1903

Receipts for portage, wharfage, duty, and commission fees; cargo, materials, provisions, insurance and payroll; cargo manifests, bills of lading, account inventories and correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

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AA 4 Account Inventory, Feb. 28, 1887

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Receipt, Goods, March 3, 1883