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MS. 156 Schooner Liberty Accounts & Daybook, 1825-1828

Extent: 1 book in multi-folder box

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of the accounts and daybook of the Schooner Liberty. The book includes lists of provisions, wages, port charges, and other transactions. Refers to names of the crew, merchants, and others. There are two names written in the front of the book and in other places throughout – Mary A. Allen and Mercy Baker. They may be the daughters of the primary owners of the ship. About 2/3 of the way through the book are cursive writing exercises, probably done by the two girls / women.

Names referred to in the account book also include (in order of appearance) Solomon Crowell, Samuel Smalley, Benjamin Thacher, John Baker, Simeon Crowell, Eleazer Baker, Hemon Baker, Elisha Allen, Judah Baker, Capt. Luther Child, James Baker, Peter Baker, Ezra Baker, Joshua Baker, Albert Baker, Henry Crowell Enoch Baker, Freeman Davis, Amos Baker, William Baker, Obed Baker, Anthony Crowell, and others.

Historical and Biographical Information: It is unclear if Schooner Liberty is the same ship referred to in *Alphabetical List of Ship Registers, District of Barnstable, 1814-1913*, which states that Liberty was a *sloop* based in Yarmouth, and built in Barnstable in 1806. Registered in 1816. It states that the owners were Silvester Baker and Jabez Allen, among others, which certainly coincides with the names of the two girls/women in the front of the book. But a schooner and sloop are not the same type of ship, the schooner having two or more masts and the sloop only one. It is possible an error was made in the *Ship Registers* book.

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