

Henry Walker Family Papers, 1814-1933, undated

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	MRQ, US.
Repository:	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Call Number:	MSS 50
Creator:	Henry Walker family
Title:	Henry Walker Family Papers
Dates:	1814-1933, undated
Size:	2 boxes, 1 oversize folder (1.626 linear feet)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	Henry Walker was a mariner in the Boston area. The materials in the collection document Walker's life and that of his family members through maritime and legal documents, letters, and photographs.

Biographical Sketches

Henry Walker was born in Stratford, Connecticut, on 1 September 1788 to Josiah Walker (born 1760) and Phoebe Curtis. He became a master mariner and sailed all around the world. In 1817, he married Anna Nancy Woodbury (1792-1845) in Boston. They had nine children: Henry (1819-1900); William Alden (1820-1820); Elizabeth Anna (born 1822); Maria Alice (1824-1825); George Woodbury (1825-1850); William Z. (1827-1862); Charles Woodbury (1829-1869); Franklin (1830-1867); and Marie Antoinette (born 1832).

According to a note in the collection, Walker was involved in the War of 1812. He sailed in the American vessel *Volant* from the Bay of Biscay, France, on 20 February 1813, and was captured by the British brig *Curlew* on 26 March 1813. He was confined with others in prison in Halifax, Nova Scotia. As a consequence of a service rendered to an English officer during the conflict and boarding of the *Volant*, Walker received a pass forbidding his re-arrest by any English vessel and was released from prison. (See Box 1, Folder 13 for the full story.)

Walker lived with his son, Henry Walker, Jr., and Henry's wife, Mary J. Walker, in his old age in Hopedale, Massachusetts. Walker died on 3 December 1872 in Hopedale.

William Z. Walker was born in Salem, New Hampshire, on 21 October 1827. He served in the United States Civil War and was killed while leading Company L of the 9th New Jersey Volunteers into action at the battle of New Bern, North Carolina.

Charles Woodbury Walker was born in Salem, New Hampshire, on 22 February 1829. He went to California in 1849 for the Gold Rush. He served in the 9th United States Infantry in the Mexican-American War. His death date is unknown, although it is sometimes reported that he died in Kingston, New Mexico, in 1869. There is a letter to his sister in the collection dated 1873 and a photograph dated 1902 in which he appears.

Arrangement

Series 1. First Generation, 1814-1849, undated

Series 2. Second Generation, 1830, 1849-1902, undated

Series 3. Other Walker Family Papers, 1838, 1903-1908, 1933, undated

Series 4. Woodbury Family Papers, 1889-1891, undated

Scope and Content Note

This collection documents the lives of ship captain Henry Walker and his family in papers and photographs. It is organized into four series. Series one contains papers and photographs of Captain Henry Walker (1788-1872). Series two contains the papers and photographs of Capt. Henry Walker's sons, Henry, George, William, Charles, and Franklin. Series three contains a letter to Robert G. Walker, some papers and photographs of George W. Walker, grandson of Capt. Henry Walker, and undated notes about Capt. Henry Walker and the family. Series four contains a photograph and obituary of Washington Woodbury, a letter from Louis Woodbury, and a genealogy of the Luke Woodbury and Elizabeth Kemp family.

Administrative Information

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Custodial History:	Loaned to the Haverhill Public Library in the 1970s.
Acquisition Information:	On loan from Haverhill Historical Society. Several documents and photographs were donated to the Society by George W. Walker.
Processing Information:	Processed by Tamara Gaydos, 2021. Revised by Elizabeth Smith.
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Related Collections:	None.
Separated Material:	None.
Conservation Notes:	Photographs were sleeved to protect them. Almost all documents were deacidified and encapsulated in Mylar by the Haverhill Historical Society.
Subjects:	Abuellino (Brigantine) Account books Brilliant (Brig) California--Gold discoveries Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.) Cyanotypes Franklin (Ship) Haverhill (Mass.)--History Hopedale (Mass.) Indentures Orlando (Ship) Photographs Poetry Ship's papers--19 th century St. Thomas (Schooner) United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865 United States--History--War of 1812 Volant (Ship) Walker, Anna Nancy Woodbury, 1792-1845 Walker, Charles Woodbury, 1829- Walker, Franklin, 1830-1867 Walker, George Woodbury, 1825-1850 Walker, George Woodbury, 1861-1951 Walker, Henry, 1788-1872 Walker, Henry, 1819-1900 Walker, Mary Webster, 1810- Walker, Robert G., 1803-1862 Walker, William Z., 1827-1862 Woodbury, Louis, 1844-1916 Woodbury, Washington, 1803-1891

Collection Inventory

Series 1: First Generation, 1814-1849, undated

This series contains the papers and photographs of Captain Henry Walker (1788-1872).

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Ships' papers, 1814-1830, undated; tax bills, 1836-1849; indenture, 1846; copy of list of "prize goods" taken from the <i>Volant's</i> cargo, undated	1	1
Papers regarding the brigantine <i>Abuellino</i> , 1817 and <i>Volant</i> , 1818	2 OS	1
Letter to his wife, Anna Nancy Woodbury Walker (1792-1845), 1821	2 OS	2
Account book, 1828-1831	1	2
Photograph, 1848; photo of an unidentified woman, undated;		
photograph of house [31 Salem Street] in Bradford, undated	1	3
Drawings of the ship <i>Shawmutt</i> and ship <i>Abuellino</i> , undated	1	4

Series 2: Second Generation, 1830, 1849-1902, undated

This series contains the papers and photographs of Capt. Henry Walker's sons, Henry, George, William, Charles, and Franklin. It includes a lock of hair from William Z. Walker after his death.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Henry Walker (1819-1900), photograph, 1872; photos of his sons and his house, 1897-1904, undated	1	5
George Woodbury Walker (1825-1850), letter to Mr. Tenney, 1849; photograph, undated [circa 1850]	1	6
William Z. Walker (1827-1862), summons, 1853; poem, 1861; lock of hair, 1862; clippings, undated; poem, undated	1	7
William Z. Walker (1827-1862), photograph in military uniform, undated [sister Lizzie Walker Tenney on verso of carte-de-visite]	1	8
Charles Woodbury Walker (1829-1869), <i>Abstract of Infantry Tactics</i> , 1830	1	9
Charles Woodbury Walker (1829-1869), letter to his sister, [1873?]; clippings about the Gold Rush, 1849, 1893, undated; photographs, 1849, 1869-1870, 1902	1	10
Franklin Walker (1830-1867), photographs, undated [circa 1855]	1	11

Series 3: Other Walker Family Papers, 1838, 1903-1908, 1933, undated

This series contains a letter to Robert G. Walker, some papers and photographs of George W. Walker, grandson of Capt. Henry Walker, and undated notes about Capt. Henry Walker and the family.

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Robert Green Walker (1803-1862), letter from his wife, Mary, 1838	2 OS	3
George W. Walker (1861-1951), photographs, 1904-1908, 1933, undated; pass to see <i>USS Olympia</i> , 1899; letter from Illinois Silver Mining & Milling Company about Charles W. Walker's death, 1903; dance card, undated	1	12
Notes about Capt. Henry Walker, undated	2	4
Notes about Walker family members, undated; partial copy of a poem, undated	1	13

Series 3: Woodbury Family Papers, 1889-1891, undated

This series contains a photograph and obituary of Washington Woodbury, a letter from Louis Woodbury, and a genealogy of the Luke Woodbury and Elizabeth Kemp family.

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Washington Woodbury (1803-1891), photograph and obituary, 1891	1	14
Louis Woodbury (1844-1916), letter regarding coat of arms, 1889	1	15
Genealogy of Luke Woodbury and Elizabeth Kemp family, undated	FFC 5	Dwr 2