

Forbes W. Manchester Correspondence

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Collection Summary

Title: Forbes W. Manchester Correspondence

Span Dates: 1858-1869

ID No.: MSS84129

Creator: Manchester, Forbes W.

Extent: 58 items ; 1 container ; .2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Whaler. Correspondence to Forbes W. Manchester, primarily from his wife Rhoda M. Manchester, written in 1858 and 1859 while he was on a whaling voyage to the Indian and Pacific oceans aboard the *Henry Kneeland*. There are several letters written by Manchester while he was on the *Henry Kneeland* as well as a few written in 1869 from Martinique while he served in the coastal trade on a ship carrying lumber.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Manchester family--Correspondence.

Manchester family.

Manchester, Forbes W.

Manchester, Rhoda--Correspondence.

Organizations

Henry Kneeland (Whaleship)

Subjects

Coastwise shipping--Martinique.

Lumber trade--Martinique.

Whaling ships.

Whaling--Indian Ocean.

Whaling--Pacific Ocean.

Places

Little Compton (R.I. : Town)--History.

Occupations

Whalers (Persons)

Administrative Information

Provenance

The correspondence of Forbes W. Manchester, whaler, was purchased by the Library of Congress in 1997.

Processing History

The Forbes W. Manchester correspondence was arranged and described in 1998. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Forbes W. Manchester is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The Forbes W. Manchester correspondence is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Forbes W. Manchester Correspondence, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The correspondence of Forbes W. Manchester (circa 1829-) consist of letters spanning the years 1858-1869. The letters are primarily from his wife, Rhoda M. Manchester, of Adamsville (Little Compton), Rhode Island, to Manchester in 1858 and 1859 while he was on a whaling voyage to the Indian and Pacific oceans aboard the *Henry Kneeland*. Her letters provide details about the home life of a whaling family, events in the community, and news of other whaling vessels. There are several letters written by Manchester while he was on the *Henry Kneeland* as well as a few written in 1869 from Martinique while he served in the coastal trade on a ship carrying lumber. Also included are letters to Manchester from other family members. Most of these handwritten letters are accompanied by typed transcripts.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1858-1869, undated (6 folders)