



William Brewton papers, 1807-1840
SCHS Call # 1010.00
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Creator: Brewton, William, 1792-1835.

Description: 25 items

Biographical/Historical Note: Shipmaster. The son of Robert Brewton (1719-1778) of Charleston, S.C., he was born in Philadelphia, Pa. In 1820 he married Ann Thomas (1795-1885). Captain William Brewton was lost off the coast of South Carolina in 1835.

Scope and content: Papers attributed to William Brewton (1792-1835) chiefly consist of correspondence. Business correspondence of Captain Charles King and Captain William Brewton with various shippers and exporters including William Ker of Philadelphia (Pa.) and others in Port Au Prince (Haiti), New York (N.Y.), Havana (Cuba), and elsewhere concern sailing orders, schedules, freight charges, and shipments of coffee, cotton duck, and other items.

Personal correspondence includes letters (1822-1825) from Charles King in Liverpool (England), Bordertown (N.J.), and elsewhere to his niece Ann Brewton (Mrs. William Brewton) in Philadelphia (Pa.) mainly concerning family matters and his health; and two letters (1840) to Mrs. Brewton in Philadelphia (Pa.) from H.S. Innes in New York (N.Y.) and Norfolk (Va.).

There are also a few accounts including one (1829) for sales of nankeens sold by Lise Rigail at Port Au Prince (Haiti) and Captain William Brewton's account (1832) with William Ker. Also included is a receipt (1831) of Mrs. Ann Brewton pertaining to her right to burial ground at the Sixth Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia, Pa.); and William Brewton's letter of application (1834 March 11) to the Philadelphia Board of Health for the position of steward at the lazaretto.

Note: Two letters are written in French

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Merchant marine. Business and personal correspondence (1807-1840) of Captain Charles King and William Brewton with various shippers and exporters; William Kerr, Philadelphia, PA; Ann Brewton; and others from Port Au Prince, Haiti, various ports in Europe, Philadelphia, PA, New York, NY, and elsewhere. Letters regarding sailing orders, schedules, freight and voyages, health, and family matters. Scattered accounts of freight.