

**James H. Sherman Correspondence**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** James H. Sherman Correspondence

**Span Dates:** 1873-1876

**ID No.:** MSS84141

**Creator:** Sherman, James H. (James Henry)

**Extent:** 42 items

**Extent:** 1 container

**Extent:** .2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm97084141>

**Summary:** Whaler. Letters written by Sherman to his wife, Phebe A. G. Sherman of New Bedford, Massachusetts, while he served as first mate aboard the New Bedford whaleship *Milton* on a voyage to the Pacific Ocean from October 1873 to October 1876.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Sherman, James H. (James Henry)

Sherman, Phebe A. G.--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Milton (Ship)

### Subjects

Seafaring life.

Whaling--Massachusetts--New Bedford.

Whaling--New Zealand.

Whaling--Pacific Ocean.

### Places

New Bedford (Mass.)--Religious life and customs.

### Titles

*James H. Sherman papers*

*James Henry Sherman papers*

### Occupations

Whalers (Persons)

## Provenance

The correspondence of James H. Sherman, whaler, was purchased by the Library of Congress in 1997.

## Processing History

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of James H. Sherman is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of James H. Sherman are 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, James H. Sherman Correspondence, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The correspondence of James Henry Sherman (1844- ) consists of letters he wrote to his wife, Phebe A. G. Sherman of New Bedford, Massachusetts, while serving as the first mate aboard the New Bedford whaleship *Milton* on a voyage to the Pacific Ocean from October 1873 to October 1876. Sherman wrote most of the letters from whaling grounds in the vicinity of New Zealand. Most individual items contain several separately dated entries spanning weeks and even months. In addition to describing activities and events during the voyage of the *Milton* and providing details about whaling in general, Sherman's letters include professions of love and comments reflecting the strong religious faith of Sherman and his wife.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically.

## Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1873-1876 (6 folders)