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Description of the Papers

These papers of Joseph Porter, ship captain from Freeport, Maine, span the years 1809 – 1924, but essentially document the travels of his ship the Eliza Ann in the years 1809-1812. Consisting of 55 original documents, 1 photograph and 12 transcripts and/or clippings, the material is composed of correspondence, accounts, cargo lists, crews lists, receipt for wages, port forms from Liverpool, England and Norfolk, Virginia, A Bill of Health and a Roll of Equipage. There is documentation on Porter's ship America in 1815 and the building of a corvett (vessel of war) in 1816. The firm of S. & S. Porter, run by Captain Porter's brothers in Portland, Maine, and other U.S. and British merchants, are represented in the correspondence. An 1887 photograph of a wheel shop in Portland, Maine is identified with the Porter family; a clipping on the log of the Eliza Ann, one relating to Mrs. Lois Cushing Porter, and four transcripts of 1811 correspondence complete the collection.

Folder	Description
	Chronological Files:
1	1809
2	1810
3	1811 March-July
4	1811 August – November
5	1812
6	1815-1816
7	1817-1818 & undated
8	Photograph, 1887

Folder	Description
	Clippings:
9	[Christian Science] Monitor: Log of the Eliza Ann, 1924
10	Mrs. Lois Cushing Porter, 1882
11	Note, typed: The Ship America, undated
12	Transcripts, hand written, 1811