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**Cape Cod Sea Captain Letters
MS. 143**

Extent: 1 box

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of 17 letters written to Benjamin Delano, merchant and wharf owner from Kingston, Massachusetts. Most of the letters deal with the fishing industry and salt.

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BOX 1	Fldr 1A	Letter from Capt. Jabez Higgins, Orleans, 1823
	Fldr 1B	Letter from Capt. John B. Snow, Harwich, 1827
	Fldr 1C	Letter from Capt. James Needham, North Truro, 1830 or 1836 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note: According to Shebna Rich, author of <i>Cape Cod, Or Land Marks and Sea Marks</i>, wrote: "In the fall of 1836 James Needham, age 25, master of the schooner Coral Rock and others were lost on their homeward passage from the Grand Banks."
	Fldr 1D	4 Letters from Capt. Elijah Knowles, Orleans, 1831-1837 and excerpt from Wikipedia about the ship White Swallow. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note: Capt. Knowles was master of the Clipper Ship White Swallow. During a voyage in the 186-s his crew mutinied and took command of the ship. At the court trial of the mutineers, Knowles was accused of being unusually cruel and harsh to his crew. The entire crew was exonerated and found innocent.
	Fldr 1E	Letter from Nathaniel Freeman, Orleans, 1847
	Fldr 2A	Letter from Capt. Judah Chase, Harwich Port, 1858
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	Fldr 2D	Letter from Capt. William Baker, Hyannis, 1860 (Cotton trade)
	Fldr 2E	4 letters from Capt. Luther G. Northup, 1860-1861 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note: Includes printout of finding aid for the Kinston public Library's Arthur Beane Collection, which also includes letters from Northrup to Delano.
	Fldr 2F	3 letters from Capt. John Ireland, East Harwich, 1880