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Asa Jones Collection, 1845-1892
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Extent: 1 folder in multi-folder box.

Scope and Contents Note: The collection consists of receipts, promissory notes, and other documents, primarily from Asa Jones, spanning the 1850s to the 1890s. Receipts include those for town taxes, building materials, flowage charges*, railroad certificates, and a receipt for 1/32 ownership of a schooner (unnamed) being built in Camden, Maine. There are also receipts bearing the names of his wife Sophronia, and Cyrus and Silas Jones.

*Note: Flowage is when water naturally moves from a higher property to a lower property. The owner of the higher property has the right to let the water flow onto the lower property, and the owner of the lower property has to allow it. It is essentially a special rule that says water can move downhill. There may be a charge associated with the water use.

Biographical information: These documents appear to have belonged to the Asa Jones who was born in 1813/14 and died on June 17, 1886. There are numerous Asa Joneses on Cape Cod in the 19th century., as well as Sophronias. Sophronia S. Jones, born on July 26, 1823, appears to have been this Asa Jones' wife. If we have the right Asa and Sophronia, they had one daughter, Olive L., who died in January of 1904. According to Olive's obituary, her mother Sophronia was alive at the time of Olive's death. (Another Sophronia – Sophronia B. -- died in 1889 and is buried in the Sandy Street Cemetery.)

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- Information on Asa Jones and family
- Asa Jones receipts and documents, 1845-1892 (though Asa Jones died in 1886, the receipts dated after his death are for estate charges and taxes, since the property was most likely still in this name.)
- Cyrus and Silas Jones receipts, 1853
- Sophronia (Mrs. Asa) Jones receipts, 1889-1892