

# Guide to the Robert W. Simpson Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1103

**CREATOR:** Simpson, Robert W.

**TITLE:** Robert W. Simpson papers

**DATES:** 1839-1862

**BULK DATES:** 1858-1862

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Personal and business correspondence of Robert W. Simpson, ship's log, and business and financial papers concerning the voyages of the *Carlyle* before and during the Civil War.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Biographical / Historical

Robert W. Simpson was from Brunswick, Maine. Between 1858 and 1862 he was captain and part owner of the ship *Carlyle*, which called at New Orleans, Liverpool, Kronstadt, and possibly other places.

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## Scope and Contents

Personal and business correspondence of Robert W. Simpson, ship's log, and business and financial papers concerning the voyages of the *Carlyle* before and during the Civil War.

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## Collection Contents

### Letters to Robert W. Simpson

b. 1, f. 1 - 3	From brothers and sisters in Brunswick, Maine, and elsewhere in the northeastern United States	1860 July-1862 March
b. 1, f. 3	From commercial associates in American and foreign ports, especially Taylor, Tipper & Co., ship merchants and brokers of Liverpool	1860 July-1862 March

### Notebook

b. 1, f. 4	Record of wages received by Robert W. Simpson	1839
b. 1, f. 4	Log of round-trip voyage between the eastern United States and southeast Asia with instructions for navigating Cape Horn	[1839?]-1841
b. 1, f. 4	Account book for provisions	1861
b. 1, f. 5	Shipping papers	1847, 1858-1860
b. 1, f. 6	Chart of nautical signals	undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Business  
Shipping

### **Geographic Names**

New England  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865  
-- Economic aspects

### **Occupations**

Shipmasters

### **Names**

Simpson, Robert W.

### **Corporate Body**

Carlyle (Ship)