

Woods Hole Historical Collection  
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**Howes (Sea Captains) Collection**  
1847 - 1994

3 boxes

## HOWES (Sea Captains) COLLECTION

### HISTORY

The **Howes (Sea Captains) Collection** concerns Anthony Howes (1812-1874), Levi Anthony Howes (1845-1930) and his son James Sturgis Howes II (1880-1930). This collection was the origin of WHHC's two very important Ship's Logs of the *Amulet* and *Hippogriffe*, written by Captain Anthony Howes of East Dennis in the 1840s and 1850s. His relations, Levi Anthony and James Sturgis Howes II, eventually came to Woods Hole and lived in a house on the current site of MBL's Whitman-Rowe Laboratory on lower Water Street between MBL Street and Albatross Street. James Sturgis Howes was also a captain; in the collection there are logs of his time on a training ship, the *U.S.S. Enterprise*, of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, in 1899 and 1900. He was afterwards a commercial ship's captain and later participated in a very interesting scientific voyage on the *Arcturus* to the Sargasso Sea with Dr. William Beebe in 1925.

The collection was given to WHHC by Ellen Howes in 1986 of Cumberland, Rhode Island. She was the wife of James Sturgis Howes, Jr. (1912-1964).

The Howes genealogy is very extensive. All Cape descendents trace their ancestry to Thomas Howes and his wife Mary Burr. Three branches descended from them, from sons Joseph, Thomas and Jeremiah Howes. Lydia Howes is descended from Joseph. The Howes Sea Captains (Anthony, Levi Anthony and James Sturgis) are descended from both Joseph and Thomas.

### SCOPE

Besides genealogy, which duplicates the genealogy filed with the Lydia Howes Collection, the collection includes Ship's Logs as follows: the *Amulet* (1840s) with additional entries from the 1860s, the *Hippogriffe* (1850s), abstract log sheets of the *Hippogriffe* (1858) and the *Kit Carson* (1861-1862) and log books of the *U.S.S. Enterprise* (1899,1900).

There are a number of photos (snapshots) of Howes family activities, mostly taken in Woods Hole in the early 1900s to about the mid-1920s.

In addition, there is a scrapbook, probably compiled by Elizabeth Taylor Howes, daughter of James Sturgis Howes II. With ephemera, photos and newsclippings it follows the career of Captain James Sturgis Howes II. It also contains a brief biography of Levi Anthony Howes.

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### BOX 1

- 1-1. Typewritten ms. and handwritten notes: origin of collection from Ellen Howes.
  - a. Typewritten register of original collection (obsolete).
  - b. Handwritten notes on origin of collection, 1986.
  - c. Accession form for collection, July 1986.
- 1-2. Genealogy and family information.

*Extensive genealogy can be found in the Lydia Howes Collection.*

  - a. Typewritten ms. Genealogy of two branches of Howes family. Xerox copy. *Copies of this also appear in the Lydia Howes Collection.*
  - b. Typewritten ms. "Flotsam and Jetsam". Xerox copy.

*Extensive notes on family history, items owned by various family members and captains' activities and education.*
  - c. Typewritten ms. Dennis Historical Society Newsletter, September 1994, with information on the Howes family. Xerox copy.
  - d. Handwritten notes. Notes on Log of the Ship *Amulet*.
- 1-3. Typewritten ms. Source notes, material and diagrams for "The Log Books of Captain Anthony Howes" by Nancy S. Bundy, 2010. Article for WHHM newsletter *Mainsheet*, Fall-Winter 2010 (included).
- 1-4. Material related to scanning of logs of *Amulet* and *Hippogriffe*, 2010.
  - a. Typewritten letter and forms. Agreements and papers between WHHC&M and Dennis Historical Society for the loan of the ships' logs of the *Amulet* and *Hippogriffe* for scanning November 2, 2010.
  - b. CD of scanned images from Logs of *Amulet* and *Hippogriffe*
- 1-5. Photostats. 3 Photostat copies from the Log of the *Hippogriffe*.
- 1-6. Handwritten notes. Notes and queries by Jennifer S. Gaines
  - a. Notes on Log of *Hippogriffe*.
  - b. Queries about relationships and questions about Davis and Howes relationships in business, etc.
- 1-7. Clipping. "The 'Grandpa Moses' of Woods Hole." *Yankee Magazine*, July 1966. Article on Franklin Lewis Gifford.

*Note says that Uncle "Lige" (Elijah) Howes, brother of James Sturgis Howes, was given a Gifford painting of a ship as a wedding gift ("Commodore Morris"). The painting was included in the article.*

1-8. Photographs.

37 Photos (c. 1905 -1920s) of family, captains and James Sturgis Howes house on Water Street, Woods Hole, on present site of MBL's Whitman-Rowe Lab.

1-9. Scrapbook. Contains genealogy, letters, photos, clippings, certificates and other ephemera, mostly to do with James Sturgis Howes II and his career. Includes a brief biography of Levi Anthony Howes. *Notes state that it was "probably compiled by Elizabeth Taylor Howes, daughter of Captain James Sturgis Howes."*

*The original notebook and clear cover pages have been replaced by archival material.*

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### BOX 2

*(stored in fireproof file)*

2-1. Book. Logbook of the Ship *Amulet*, 1847-1849 with additional entries to 1862.

2-2. Book. Logbook of the Ship *Hippogriffe*,

2-3. Log of the Ship *Amulet*.

a. Xerox copy.

b. Notations of significant events in log, made by Nancy S. Bundy, 2010.

2-4. Abstract log sheets (oversized). Log of the Ship *Hippogriffe*, 1858.

2-5. Abstract log sheets (oversized). Log of the Ship *Hippogriffe*, 1858. Xerox copy and notes.

2-6. Abstract log sheets (oversized). Log of the Ship *Kit Carson*, 1861-1862.

2-7. Miscellaneous xerox copies of a log entry and a wrapping paper with figures on it.

### BOX 3

3-1. Book. Logbook of voyage on the *U.S.S. Enterprise*, 1899. *Training ship for cadets of Massachusetts Maritime Academy. James Sturgis Howes II was a cadet on the Ship.*

3-2. Book. Logbook of voyage on the *U.S.S. Enterprise*, 1900.

