Rogers, Robert Possac, (1824-1907?)

Journal of a voyage from Boston to Rio de Janeiro on board ship Franklin
1842 October 5-1842 November 26, 1847

Abstract: Journal kept by Robert Possac Rogers aboard the ship Franklin documenting the voyage from Boston to Rio de Janeiro between October 5, 1842, and November 26, 1842.
Descriptive Summary

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Historical Note

The merchant ship *Franklin* was based in Boston, Massachusetts. The journal is a personal narrative about the journey from Boston, Massachusetts to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, between October 5, 1842, and November 26, 1842, written by Robert Possac Rogers (1824-1907?) during the time he served in the capacity of clerk to the supercargo, who managed the commercial aspects of the voyage. The captain of the ship was Samuel Kennedy.

Sources:


Additional information derived from the collection.
Scope and Content Note

These volumes document the voyage from Boston to Rio de Janeiro between October 5, 1842, and November 26, 1842, on the ship Franklin and contains an account of life aboard the ship, weather reports, information about crew members and officers, ships seen, and the ship's arrival in Rio de Janeiro.

With the journal are five unbound volumes that recount the voyage, written in 1847, to be presented as a series of talks. The log consists of unbound leaves with wrapper, 24 pages long. The accompanying letters are unbound signatures (gathers and folds) titled "Letter First," "Letter Second," etc., each 24 pages long.
Selected Search Terms

**Personal Names**

Rogers, Robert Possac, (1824-1907?)--Diaries.

**Corporate Names**

Franklin (Ship)

**Topical Terms**

Merchant mariners--19th century--Diaries.

Seafaring life--19th century.

Seafaring life--19th century--Sources.

Shipping--New England--19th century.

Shipping--New England--19th century--Sources.

Shipping--Brazil--19th century.

Shipping--Brazil--19th century--Sources.

**Geographic Terms**

Atlantic Ocean--Description and travel.

Atlantic Ocean--History--19th century--Sources.

**Form/Genre Terms**

Diaries.

**Occupation**

Merchant mariners.

**Related Materials in this Repository**

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Detailed Description of the Collection

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Letter First, circa 1847 [Item 064]
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