
Inventory of the Moses Brown Papers, 1777-1815

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Moses Brown Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1777-1815

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Creator: Brown, Moses, 1742-1827

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Abstract: Moses Brown (October 2, 1742-February 9, 1827), prominent merchant and citizen of Newburyport, Massachusetts, developed a large foreign and domestic trade, especially in sugar, molasses and distilled rum. This collection contains records relating to Brown's involvement in the rum industry in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Included are account statements, invoices, correspondence, and distillery house orders.

Language: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

Purchased in 1994.

Biographical Narrative

Moses Brown (October 2, 1742-February 9, 1827), prominent merchant and citizen of Newburyport, Massachusetts, was the youngest of thirteen children of Joseph Jr. and Abigail Brown. As a boy he was apprenticed to a chaise-maker and upon adulthood he started in business himself as a carriage manufacturer. Eventually he turned to commerce, developing a large foreign and domestic trade, especially in sugar, molasses and distilled rum. He increased his investments until he was the owner of several wharves, warehouses, and distilleries, as well as extensive real estate in Newburyport and vicinity.

Source: *Dictionary of American Biography*, Volume 3. New York: Scribner, 1929. p. 147.

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection contains records relating to Brown's involvement in the rum industry in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. It is arranged in four series: 1. Account statements, 2. Invoices, 3. Correspondence, 4. Distillery house orders.

Related collections

Milne Special Collections and Archives at the University of New Hampshire, the Manuscripts Department of the Library at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and the South Caroliniana Library at the University of South Carolina also hold portions of the Moses Brown Papers.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Brown, Moses,--1742-1827

Rum industry--United States

Rum industry--Jamaica

Merchants--Massachusetts--Newburyport

Distilleries

Series 1 **Account statements**

Physical Description:

Scope and Content Note

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D Legal 1:1

1777-1801

Physical Description:

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Series 2 Invoices

Physical Description:

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D Legal 1:2

1791-1799

Physical Description:

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Series 3 Correspondence

Physical Description:

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D Legal 1:3

1795-1800

Physical Description:

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Series 4 Distillery house orders, 1793-1815

Physical Description:

Scope and Content Note

Distillery house orders from individuals and establishments for Jamaican rum, which were forwarded to Brown's importer in Jamaica. Arranged chronologically.

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| Box 1:2 | February 1793 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 1:3 | March 1793 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 1:4 | April 1793 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 1:5 | May 1793 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 1:6 | June 1793 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 1:7 | July 1793 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 1:8 | August 1793 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 1:9 | September 1793 Physical Description: Note |

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