

## **The Lane/Mead Boston Maritime Collection**

### **The Boston Public Library**

**1931 -2002**

**Ms.3898**

#### **Abstract**

This collection contains many items that capture and reflect the industrial development and history of the Port of Boston, including one Vessel Log of Peabody & Lane; three volumes of the Peabody & Lane Corporate Record books; one Vessel Log of Patterson, Wylde & Co.; 46 day books of the P&O Line.; five volumes of the Port of Boston Handbook; two volumes of scrapbooks related to the International Longshoremen's Association; one box of the correspondence of Arthur Lane; two boxes of correspondence and material donated by the Boston Shipping Association; a number of documented photographs of the Port of Boston; and more.

#### **Access**

Open.

#### **Usage Restrictions & Privileges**

Readers are required to fill out a Rare Books Department (RBD) registration Form before entering the Reading Room. All users must have a Boston Public Library card or courtesy card and a valid picture ID. Additional identification may be required, such as a driver's license, university or business identification card, a letter of introduction from a university or a research library, etc.

Readers are required to check all personal property. Only loose paper, pencil(s), and laptops are permitted in the Reading Room.

If possible, readers are asked to examine the finding aid for the collection, make an appointment, and fill out call slips for each item to be consulted prior to coming to the Reading Room.

#### **Provenance**

This is an artificially constructed collection donated by various entities connected with the Port of Boston Harbor Shipping Industry, including Arthur Lane, Jane Mead, Capt. A.Ross Pope, the Boston Shipping Association, Walter Egee, Capt. Steve Palmer.

#### **Extent**

More than 200 items. 12 linear ft.

## Items Separated

### Books

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## Biographical Information.

### Arthur Lane (1917 – 2008)

Following his graduation from Harvard (Class of '39) Mr. Lane went on the pier for Peabody & Lane, a steamship agency founded by his father and Robert Peabody in 1920. Mr. Lane supervised the company's break bulk stevedoring operations until he joined the U.S. Navy during World War II. The Navy made use of Mr. Lane's knowledge of the shipping industry, deploying him to New Guinea where he was Company Commander of the 19<sup>th</sup> Seabee Stevedoring Battalion. He was mustered out of the Navy in 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant, USNR.

Returning home from the war on a Wednesday, his father wanted Mr. Lane back at Peabody & Lane the next day – Mr. Lane managed to hold off returning to work 'til the following Monday. He married Polly Linser and began his long career as a shipping industry leader in the Port of Boston. He became President of Peabody & Lane in 1964 and served as President of the Boston Shipping Association (BSA) from 1968 through 1990. During his tenure at the BSA, he participated in negotiations with the east coast International Longshoremen's Association through some of the industry's most tumultuous years. He was a founding member of The Boston Harbor Association, promoting "a clean, alive, and accessible Boston Harbor", a long-time Associate Member of the Boston Marine Society, and a Manager of the Boston Port and Seamen's Aid

Society and a proprietor of the Boston Athenaeum. Mr. Lane retired from Peabody & Lane in December 2005. He passed away in August 2008.

### **Jane W. Mead (1947 -**

As Project Review Coordinator of the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM), Ms. Mead implemented the agency's program policy and regulatory functions. She was CZM's lead reviewer of transportation and energy projects including the Central Artery/Tunnel Project; the proposed abandonment of the Boston & Maine rail spur to the Mystic River Designated Port; HubLine, a high-pressure natural gas pipeline constructed through Massachusetts Bay; expansion of several coastal electrical generating facilities; and the Cape Wind project.

She is author of a number of publications including

- *Energy Consumption and its Impact on the Massachusetts Coastal Zone*, June 2004;
- *Guide to Environmental Permitting in Massachusetts*, 2003;
- *Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Plan*, 2002 (lead author and editor);
- "Coastal Zone Law" in *Massachusetts Environmental Law*, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Association, 2001.

She retired from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 2003. Ms. Mead is a Manager and immediate past President of the Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society.

## **Lane/Mead Boston Maritime Collection Ms.3898**

### **Series I**

Day Books, (1942, 1952-1980, 1982-1996), 46 books.

Day books record the stevedores hired by P & O who worked each day, the ship that they worked on, and other information (weather, cargos, etc.)

(Donated by Walter Egee, P & O Nedlyd) (**Ms.3898.1**)

### **Series II**

Vessels Log (1889-1959, 1965-1966, number of ships per year). Patterson, Wylde & Co. Steamship Agents. Includes arrivals and departures for ships agented by Patterson, Wylde from 1958-1981.

Company was sold to Moran Shipping in 1995.

(Donated by Captain A. Ross Pope) (**Ms.3898.2**)

### **Series III**

Peabody & Lane Corporate Record Books, 3 vols., (1932-1944)

(Donated by Arthur Lane) (**Ms.3898.3**)

### **Series IV**

Certificates for shares of Peabody & Lane Capital Stock, (1932-1989)

(Donated by Arthur Lane) (**Ms.3898.4**)

### **Series V**

The Stowage Red Book (1941, 1944)

Instructions and other useful information on how to pack a ship.  
(Donated by the Boston Shipping Association) (**Ms.3898.5**)

### **Series VI**

The Port of Boston Handbook, 5 vols., (1975-1980, 1984-1987)

Provides information about port services and maritime businesses.  
(Donated by Boston Shipping Association) (**Ms.3898.6**)

### **Series VII**

International Longshoremen's Association Scrapbooks, 2 vols. (1931-1934).

1931: Dockworkers' strike, a few more recent events added;  
1932-1939: Newspaper clippings regarding Maritime Industry.  
(Donated by the Boston Shipping Association) (**Ms.3898.7**)

### **Series VIII**

Annual Report: Commission on Waterways & Public Lands, 1916

Physical description: 162 p. + index. (Report of the Boston Port Commission, etc.)  
(Donated by Jane Mead) (**Ms.3898.8**)

### **Series IX**

Letters and Miscellany, 1936-2002 (**Ms.3898.9**)

#### Container List

**Box 1:** (Folder 1 was donated by Capt. A. Ross Pope, folders 2-21 donated by Arthur Lane)

Folder 1: Patterson, Wylde & Co., Inc. Ledger, 1936-1951 (see bound Vessels Log [**Ms.3892.2**], as well)

Folder 2: Arthur Lane Ship Arrival & Departure Log, 1950-1990 (also includes explanation of the records of ship arrivals and departures and an Excel spreadsheet on CD that translates Mr. Lane's personal codes used to identify the berth at which the ship lay)

Folder 3: Peabody & Lane, Inc. – Miscellaneous Papers

Folder 4: Peabody & Lane, Inc., Facsimile Transmissions, 1991-1994

Folder 5: Photographs, Miscellaneous

Folder 6: Photographs, Dedication of ILA Guaranteed Annual Income, Union Hall, South Boston  
[n.d.]

Folder 7: Photographs, Ships

Folder 8: Arthur Lane, Correspondence, 1967-1968

Folder 9: Arthur Lane, Correspondence, 1976

Folder 10: Arthur Lane, Correspondence, 1981-1982

Folder 11: Arthur Lane, Correspondence, 1986-1987

Folder 12: Arthur Lane, Correspondence, 1989

Folder 13: Arthur Lane, Correspondence, 1990-1992

Folder 14: Arthur Lane, Correspondence, 1993-1994

Folder 15: Arthur Lane, Correspondence, 1995-1997

Folder 16: Arthur Lane, Correspondence, 1998-1999

Folder 17: Arthur Lane, Correspondence, 2001-2002

Folder 18: Arthur Lane, Newspaper and Magazine Clippings

Folder 19: Arthur Lane, Maps

Folder 20: Arthur Lane, Speeches

Folder 21: Arthur Lane, Miscellaneous Papers

**Box 2:** (Donated by the Boston Shipping Association)

- Folder 1: Manpower Utilization-Job Security in the Longshore Industry, September 1964
- Folder 2: Waterfront Labor Response to Technological Change: A Tale of Two Unions, July 1970
- Folder 3: Guaranteed Annual Income in Collective Bargaining, Port of Boston, February 1975
- Folder 4: Boston Harbor Conservation and Development Act, 1976
- Folder 5: Coastal Shipping Under Sail, 1880-1920, November 1978
- Folder 6: Port of Boston to "Drop Dead" or Survive as a New England Regional Port, February 1983
- Folder 7: Massport Cruise Study, January 1985
- Folder 8: Massachusetts Marine Economy, April 1991
- Folder 9: Chelsea Salt Dock Conflict Assessment, January 2002
- Folder 10: Inside the Whaling Port: A Re-examination of Designated Port Areas, April 2003
- Folder 11: Immigrant Engagement for Public Open Space: Strategies for the New Boston, [n.d.]
- Folder 12: Policing the Trustee: The Law Governing Labor-Management Employee Benefit Funds [n.d.]
- Folder 13: Executive Summary of Lynn Seaport/Containerport Pre-Feasibility Study, [n.d.]
- Folder 14: John Wylde, Photograph
- Folder 15: Alexander Ross Pope, Certificates
- Folder 16: Stevedore Notebook, unknown, c.1950

**Box 3:** (Donated by the Boston Shipping Association)

- Folder 1: Photographs, General Stevedoring Council, [n.d.]
- Folder 2: General Stevedoring Council Memoranda, 1989-2001
- Folder 3: General Stevedoring Council Register of Members, 1990-2000
- Folder 4: General Stevedoring Council Minutes, 1992-2000
- Folder 5: Grand Trunk Railroad
- Folder 6: Boston Shipping Association, 1966
- Folder 7: Boston Shipping Association, 1968
- Folder 8: Boston Shipping Association, 1971
- Folder 9: Boston Shipping Association, 1978
- Folder 10: Boston Shipping Association, 1979
- Folder 11: Boston Shipping Association, 1981
- Folder 12: Boston Shipping Association, 1982
- Folder 13: Boston Shipping Association, 1983
- Folder 14: Boston Shipping Association, 1986
- Folder 15: Boston Shipping Association, 1994
- Folder 16: Boston Shipping Association, 1995
- Folder 17: Boston Shipping Association, Miscellaneous, [n.d.]
- Folder 18: North Atlantic Port Survey: Report to Boston Shipping Association, May 1966
- Folder 19: The Boston Post Reporter, 1947-1948
- Folder 20: Port of Boston: Water-borne Commerce Market and Development Requirements, June 1964

**Series X**

Photographs and Certificate (Boston Marine Society) (**Ms. 3898.10**)

**Box 1:** Many photographs of Port of Boston operations, most well documented (Donated by the Boston Shipping Association)

**Box 2:**

Object: Photograph

Date: ca. early 1900s  
Physical description: photograph of Boston Harbor, T Wharf (20 x 16 in.)  
(Donated by Capt. Steve Palmer, Moran Shipping Co.)

**Ms.3898.10 Box 2:**

Object: Boston Marine Society

Date: 8 June 1920

Physical description: Document with paper seal .(16 7/8 x 11 ½ in.).

Object: Boston Marine Society. (**Ms.Acc.3971 pb**),

Date: 1 February 1820

Physical description: Document with wax seal. (15 1/2 x 10 in.)

**Series XI**

(Donated by Boston Shipping Association) (**Ms. 3898.11**)

Longshoremen's (ILA) Agreements, December 1929-1942

Longshoremen's Agreement, 2 vols., 1980-1986

Bylaws of the Maritime Association of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, 1920-1921

Maritime Association of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, 2 vols., 1928-1931

Pilotage Laws, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1974

A Contemporary Analysis of a Labor Union International Longshoremen's Association AFL-CIO-  
Canadian Labour Congress, by Miles E. Hoffman

Special Report of the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor to the Governors and Legislatures  
of the States of New York and New Jersey, July 1970

Massachusetts Port Authority Enabling Act, 1956-1963

Waterfront Labor Response to Technological Change: A Tale of Two Unions, by Philip Ross, 1970

Wharfage Rates at Boston, 1921

Manpower Utilization – Job Security in the Longshore Industry, Boston, 1964

Managers of the Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society, 1955

Guaranteed Annual Income in Collective Bargaining for the Port of Boston, 1975

**Series XII**

(Donated by Capt. Steve Palmer, Moran Shipping Co.) (**Ms.3898.12**)

Material regarding Patrick Wylde, Paterson Wylde, Steamship Agents

Portrait of John Wylde (1934), 11 x 14 in.

Certificate (wood plaque) to John Irton Wylde '17, Harvard University Club, The Harvard University  
Club Hall of Fame, for his outstanding performance in Hockey, October 26, 1983, 14 x 11 ½ in.

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