



Slicing and dicing 19th century account books

Food in

1. Old terms
2. Unexpected terms



1871
 Dec 26

Mr A H Cory
 To Davis & Watson

10 lbs	Salvator	0 95	1 20
1/2	C. Castor	45	1 50
5	Pepper	34	1 60
5	Cloues	26	1 30
5	Ginger	24	1 20
2	Cassia	56	1 12
2	Pimento	24	48
1	Mustard		55
1	Cayenne		40
20	Coffee	25	4 60
8	Tea	32	2 56
3/4	Peanuts	350	2 62
10 lbs	Coffee	0 10	95

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 42
 12 66

David Davis & Watson
 Nov 7/91

A. H. Cory
 1875

Bot. of H. R. Kirby

1	Box Choc. Dutch	5 ⁰⁰	1 30
1	" " "	5 ⁰⁰	1 20
1	" Green "	5 ⁰⁰	1 20
1	" Heavy "	5 ⁰⁰	1 00
1	" Popcorn "		1 20
1	" Lozenges "		1 20
1	" do "		1 20
1	" Candy "	15	
1	Box Marsh. Mallow		

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Rec'd by F. R. R.

lbs. New York Coconut Candy,	20	cts.
lbs. Boneset Candy,	20	cts.
lbs. Braid "	20	cts.
lbs. Bar "	20	cts.
lbs. Sponge "	25	cts.
lbs. Vanilla Cream Candy,	20	cts.
lbs. Strawberry " "	20	cts.
lbs. Marsh Mallow Drops,	30	cts.
lbs. Licorice "	25	cts.
lbs. Gooseberries,	15	cts.
Chewing Gum per box,		
lbs. Sugar Sand,	25	cts.
Trimmed Hearts per dozen,		
Love Hearts per box,	62	cts.
lbs. Motto Lozenges,	30	cts.
lbs. Sugar Peanut Candy,	12	cts.
Sugar Baskets.		
" Flowers.		
" Fruits.		
Preserved Citron.		

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Food out

1. Product subscriptions
2. Individual purchasing
3. Whaling voyages

EXPENSES
FOR A
WHALING VOYAGE.

Cost.

Provisions and Stores	
80 lbk. Flour to bake,	2.25
110 " do. to pack,	77.37
2 " Kilo-dried Meal,	
2 1/2 " Mice Beef,	7.00
1 1/2 " Prime Pork,	22.00
4 1/2 Gallons Molasses,	
200 lbs. Dried Apples,	
200 " Rice,	
200 " Butter,	
100 " Cheese,	
150 " Hams,	
200 " Smoked Beef,	
200 " Codfish,	
1 Bbl. Mackerel,	
1 Tongues and Sunde,	
3 " Vinegar,	
1 Pickles,	
1 Bush. Beans,	
15 " Corn,	

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120 lbs. Meat	
7000 lbs. Bread	
50 lbs. Salmon	
800 Gall. Milk	
800 lbs. Sugar	
3 to 300 lbs. Raisins	
10 to 15 Tons. Beans	
3 to 500 lbs. Apples	
3 quintals Codfish	
150 to 200 lbs. Corn	
500 lbs. Butter	
4 Bbls. Meal	
2 to 300 lbs. Hams	
2 to 300 lbs. Cheese	
500 lbs. Coffee	
2 Bbls. Pickled Fish	
1 " Pickles	
100 Raisins	
130 lbs. Tea	
4 Bbls. Vinegar	
150 to 200 lbs. Soap	
12 lbs. Salomats	
10 " "	
10 " "	
10 " "	
2 Tons Voyages	

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James Coleman	
1 Bush Salt	
L Collins	
1 Bush Corn	
2 1/2 lbs. Cheese	
J. P. Hammond	
2 1/2 lbs. Pork	
E. W. Jackson	
1 Gall Molasses	
1 1/2 Raisins	
J. Hammond	
1 Gall Cider	
10 lbs. Sugar	
Amos Conner	
1 1/2 Tea	
Monty Hall	
2 1/2 lbs. Butter	
1 1/2 Salomats	
Elisabeth	
1 Gall Cider	
J. Hammond	
4 Bush Salt	
George Snow	
2 Pine Lard Yards	
L. C. of " "	
Supper of " "	
Saniel Crosby	

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Date of Closing Com. account -			
Aug 26	Daniel Davis	20 Com	52 - 14.80
" "	C. J. Allen	25 " "	20.50
" "	J. W. Cornell	10 " "	
" "	Wm. Boyatt	4 " "	3.80
" "	" "	4 Meas	3.36
" "	Calist. Macomber	Com	1.72
Sept 2	G. P. White	12 Com	
" "	J. O. Babbitt	2 " "	1.72
Aug 21	A. H. Cory	2 " "	1.72
" "	for J. M. Wash	2 " "	
Sept 4	A. H. Cory	2 " "	
" "	" "		
" "	G. P. White	2 " "	
" "	A. H. Cory for A. H. Giffen	16 " "	1.72
" "	J. O. Babbitt	6 " "	2.88
" "	" "	6 Meas	4.80
" "	G. P. White	10 Com	
" "	A. H. Cory for J. M. Wash	2 " "	1.72
" "	A. H. Cory (for Wash)	2 " "	1.72
" "	A. H. Cory for Dr. Wash	" "	36
" "	A. H. Cory	10 " "	
" "	J. Pender Davis	10 " "	5.20
" "	" "	4 Meas	2.20
" "	A. H. Cory	10 Com	
" "	A. H. Cory	15 " "	
" "	J. Pender Davis	12 " "	3.80
" "	" "	1 1/2 Meas	1.95
" "	J. O. Babbitt	6 Com	4.80
" "	A. H. Cory	50 " "	41.00
Oct 2	J. O. Babbitt	5 " "	4.10
Aug 29	A. H. Cory (Macomber)	16 " "	13.12
" "	A. H. Cory	10 Meas	8.00
Sept 5	A. H. Cory	1 1/2 Meas	3.80

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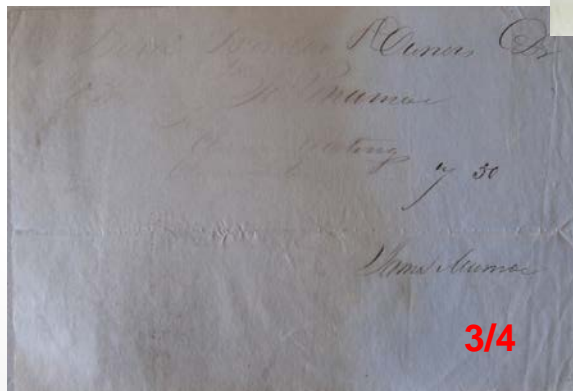
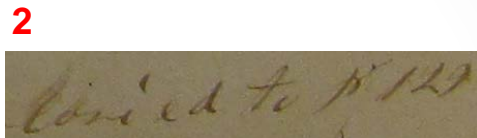
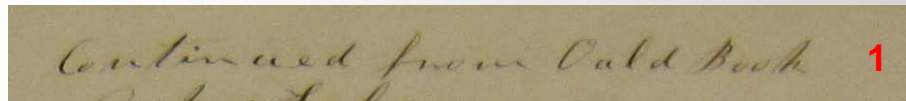
Provisions, Stores &c Required by Mr Daniel Webster in order for her to extend the voyage six months from May 15, 1820

40 Bbls. Beef & Pork	1 Tonne Codfish
20 do. Lard	1 do. Hams
200 lbs. Butter	4 Tons Beans & Green Corn
150 Gallons Molasses	2 do. " " Beans
1 Short Sew	2 do. Salomats
100 lbs. Coffee	

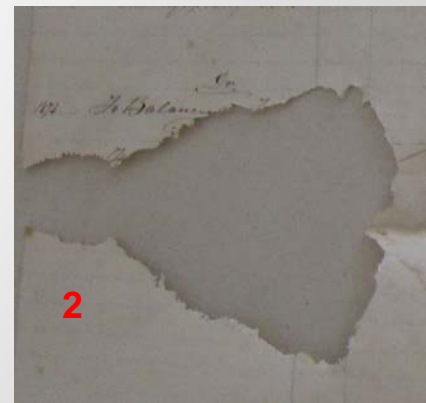
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Potential Issues

1. Previous books
2. Missing or ripped pages
3. Water staining
4. Fading
5. Insect damage



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from New
Bedford
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Standards

1. "Sundries"
2. Non-specific amounts
3. Spelling
4. Names
5. Dates

James to post
 October to a horse wagon Bodley not
 but good New article times
 small wheel

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"	Chances Salt	10 00
"	Cor Milk 2 Brute 8	3 60
"	12 Baskets Charcole	

New Bedford, 10th Mo 22 1872

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Photos from Westport Historical Society collections

Nathan Jency by your orders

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William Boles

27	sundries	40
11	sugar	14
16	fish	38
20	sundries	26
21	hosh	25
23	sundries	22
27	br sugar	22
28	sundries 188	1 21
	clashes	17

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Photo from New Bedford Whaling Museum collections

New Bedford, June 7 1872

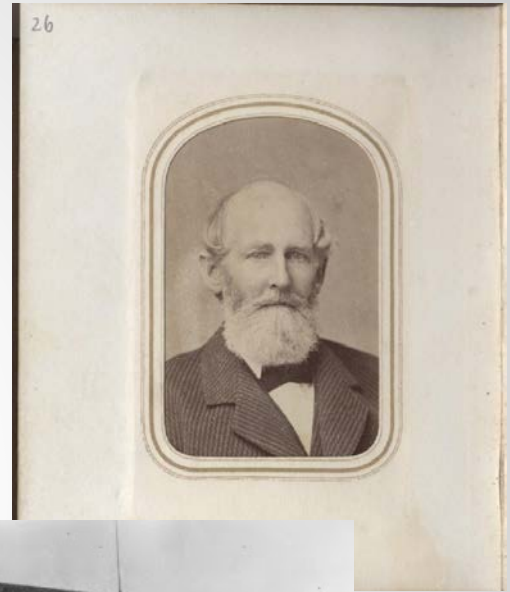
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 WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Nuts,
 COUNTRY PRODUCE, MELONS AND SWEET POTATOES, &c.,
 No. 59 UNION STREET.

1 Day Messena Orange, 26.00
 New Bagget
 John A. McFee.

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Additional uses

- ❖ Who's in the area
- ❖ Interactions
- ❖ What are they buying and using



Local information

1. Genealogy
2. Census
3. Cemeteries
4. Vital Records
5. Directories

1820 census

Jeremiah Clifton
Timothy Clifton
Oliver Clifton



Photos from findagrave.com

146	194	Alexander H	54	M	Merchant	5000	4000	
		Mary A P	57	F	Keeping house			Accountant
		Isaac	26	M	Dr Coccolifera			Mapashua
		Joseph P	24	M	Clerk			
		Oliver B	23	-				
		Ezra B	21	F	At Home			
		Kate L	19	-				
		Alex H J	18	M				
		Thomas B	16	-				
		Albert F	14	-				
		Mary B	12	F				
		Ruth B	9	-				
		Hellen C	6	-				

1850 census

Timothy, s. Benjamin and Gury, Mar. 9, 1729 20.
Timothy, s. Timothy (Clifton) and Deleverance, Mar. 17, 1761.
Verona Deane, ch. Timothy and Lucy, Feb. 22, 1847.

Rochester Vital Records to 1850

Lucas Thomas D. master mariner, boards 145 Union.
Luce Ambrose E. & Co. (Eddy M. Luce) painters, shop Fish Island.
Also groceries, 107 Sycamore, cor. Cedar. Ambrose's house
93 Cedar.
Luce Barzilla, housewright, house 69 Elm.

1845 New Bedford city directory



Conclusions

- ❖ Lines of Commerce
- ❖ Area Information
- ❖ Historical Connections

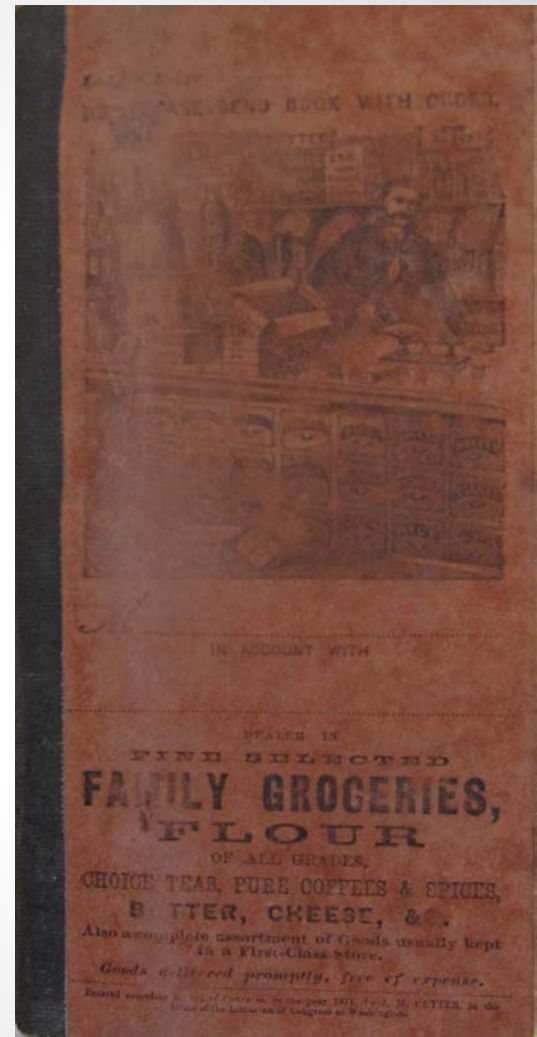


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