



Newport Historical Society

Guide to the Holloway Papers, 1750 – 1820

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Descriptive Summary

<i>Collection Identifier</i>	MS.128
<i>Title</i>	Holloway Papers
<i>Date</i>	1750 – 1820
<i>Extent</i>	The collection is comprised of four archival boxes containing folders of materials.

Historical Note

Captain Daniel Holloway (1727-1811) was a merchant/mariner. He was married to Mary Holloway (1731-1766). Both are buried in the Common Burying Ground.

Scope and Content

Collection of letters, documents and bound manuscripts relating to Captain Daniel Holloway of Newport. Holloway captained voyages between Rhode Island and Surinam, the Bahamas, the Netherlands, Jamaica and Barbados, among others. This collection has been minimally processed.

Subject Access

Access and Use

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Administrative Information

Descriptive Rules Finding aid based on *Describing Archives: A Content Standard* (DACS)

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Inventory

Series 01: Legal Papers, 1758 – 1786

This series contains bills of public credit, powers of attorney, and legal testimony. Documents include, but are not limited to:

Bills of Public Credit, four printed forms completed in ms.

- £2.16, Daniel Holloway, 5 Sept. 1758
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- £2.16, Daniel Holloway, 21 Nov. 1763
- £2.16, Daniel Holloway, 21 Nov. 1766

Powers of Attorney, four printed forms completed in ms. and one ms.

- DH for Peleg Thurston, 14 Jan. 1758
- Mary Holloway for DH, 15 Jan. 1762
- DH for Mary Holloway, widow of Samuel Holloway, 7 Feb. 1775
- DH for John Babcock, 14 March 1785
- Joseph Holloway for DH; ms., 1785

Ms. query as to DH's intent in action against Daniel Sunderlin, Exeter, 20 Feb 1786.

Ms. Testimony of John Hines about Pero Lardner's being hit by Mr. Scott, 27 Dec. 1769.

Two ms. depositions by DH directed to the monthly meeting of Friends in Newport, about Caleb Cranston, who is "likely to be Grosly injured by his Reputation by Jacob Barney Who hath taken advantag of his Simplicity And inexperience By obtaining from him an Evidence Contrary to his true Intent and Meaning..." a draft and a fair copy. 29 May 1770.

Series 02: Debts and Debtors, 1758 – 1807

This series contains materials relating to debts owed and received by Captain Daniel Holloway. Documents include, but are not limited to:

- Printed form, DH in debt to Thomas Richardson for 9 shillings, 5 Sept 1758
- Ms., DH in debt to John Wanton for 374 Spanish silver milled dollars, 16 Aug. 1766
- Printed form, DH in debt to John Wanton for £18.12 sterling, 11 June 1767
- Printed form, DH in debt to John Wanton for 374 Spanish silver milled dollars, 11 June 1767
- Printed form, DH in debt to Nicholas Lechmere for £172 sterling, 12 June 1768
- Ms. complaint to Court of Common Pleas, DH against Jeremiah Lawton of Providence, Cordwainer, to recover £1200. 20 Feb. 1780
- Ms. petition to General Assembly, 1 p., Phebe Battey wishes her oxen returned, 13 Sept. 1780
- Ms. bail bond for Gideon Worden by DH & Oliver Durfey, 22 Nov. 1782
- Ms., 1 p.: Joseph Parke in debt to DH, Canterbury, 4 March 1786
- Printed form, 1 p., 19 Oct. 1805
- Ms. form, 2 p., docketed, against Jonathan Shearman, 8 Jan 1807
- 4 printed forms, DH in debt to Joseph Clarke, 10 June 1786

Series 03: British Occupation of Newport, 1777 – 1779

This series contains materials Captain Daniel Holloway ("Allaway" during the British occupation of Newport. Documents include, but are not limited to:

- 4 ms., passes permitting 1) Daniel "Allaway" to cart into town a load of brush; 2) to pass and repass; 3) to sell by retail wine and spirits; 4) to pass with cow and calf
- Barracks Master Lt. Cook: "after Houses in town are marked for the King's Troops...if those persons living in said houses shall attempt to remove out of them and carry away their goods that those goods shall be forfeit."

Series 04: Indentures and Marriage Certificates, 1750 – 1790

This series contains documents relating to indenture agreements and marriages. Documents include, but are not limited to:

- Printed indenture, Isaac Weeden to Daniel Holley, mariner, 4 years 3 months, 10 July 1759
- Printed indenture, Catherine Rowse to Nathaniel & Elizabeth Hathaway, 11 years, 22 May 1772
- Ms. indenture, Thomas Reed to DH, 3 years, 16 Dec 1788
- Ms. indenture, Joseph Weeden to Job B. and Mary Clarke, until age 21, 1 Jan. 1790
- Marriage certificate, Richard Wilmoth & Elizabeth Hodges, 2 April 1748
- Notice of intention to marry, DH and Mary Cranston, sewn onto letter, 9 Dec. 1750
- Marriage certificate, DH & Deborah Cranston, 13 June 1773

Series 05: Abigail Sprague, 1790 – 1803

This series contains letters from Abigail Sprague, daughter of Daniel Holloway. Documents include, but are not limited to:

- Seven signed letters sent from Abigail Sprague, all directed to Newport:
 - to "My Dear beloved parent"
 - to "Honored Parent"
 - to "My dear sister" Polly, Easton, 23 Jan
 - to "Honored Daddy", Richmond, 20 October 1790
 - to "Ever honoured parent" Exeter, 22 March [1803?]
 - to Miss Sally Sprague, Exeter, 28 Feb 1803
 - to Mrs. Polly Babcock ("Dear Sister"), 17 Jan 1800; had to sell all her household contents to honor a note called in.

Series 06: Newport Alms House, 1733 – 1797

This series contains documents relating to the Newport Alms House. Documents include, but are not limited to:

- 13 Ms. documents, two printed indentures, 1733, 1788-1797

Series 07: Surinam Trade, 1755 – 1762

This series contains documents relating to the the "Surinam Trade" made by Captain Daniel Holloway aboard the brig Neptune. This includes letters from Daniel Holloway to his wife concerning his travels and the sale of molasses, a letter with directives from Peleg

Thurston, owner of the brig Neptune, and printed agreements between Holloway and Thurston.

Series 08: Bahamas Trade, 1760

This series contains an official form condemning the sloop Venice, her hull and mast being rotten, 12 Nov 1760, signed by John Pratt.

Series 09: Dutch Trade, 1760 – 1762

This series contains two printed documents and one manuscript document detailing the Dutch trade. Documents reference John Turner & Son, the ship Charming Sally, and a voyage from Manchester to Amsterdam to Providence, Rhode Island. The letter, from John Turner & Son to Daniel Holloway, details trade in Surinam.

Series 10: Land and Purchases, 1763 – 1785

This series contains printed and manuscript documents concerning land and land transactions involving Daniel Holloway. Contents include, but are not limited to:

- 16 land purchases by DH
- two land sales by DH
- request to William Read to maintain fence, 24 March 1763
- note to DH from Edward Carr concerning potato storage, Jamestown, 1785.

Series 11: Saint-Domingue, Monte Cristo Trade, 1759 – 1804

This series contains printed and manuscript documents concerning trade with Monte Cristo. Contents include, but are not limited to:

- Three printed forms, 1759
- Signed letters from Daniel Holloway to his wife, 1760, 1804
- Printed insurance form, Mary Holloway for DH, to insure cargo £400 sailing from Monte Cristi, San Domingue; 8 assurers sign on. 9 Oct, 1759.

Series 12: Jamaica Trade, 1753 – 1763

This series contains printed and manuscript documents concerning trade in Jamaica, and the vessels Venus and Two Sisters. Contents include, but are not limited to:

- Signed letters from Daniel Holloway to his wife, 1753

- Printed bill of lading for Daniel Holloway, 1760
- Two customs certificates, 1760
- Two printed customs certificates, 1760
- Two letters from Jonathan Fitch to Daniel Holloway, 1763
- Printed registry certificate, Jamaica, 1763
- Printed insurance form, Peleg Thurston for DH, to insure cargo for £1000 sailing from Jamaica to Newport, 25 May 1757

Series 13: Barbados Trade, 1761

This series contains:

- Two manuscript customs certificates produced in Rhode Island detailing goods, including butter, flour, beef, pork, pitch and tar, tobacco, and rice transported on the Brig Neptune by Captain Daniel Holloway bound for Barbados.
- One printed passport form, signed by Governor Stephen Hopkins, regarding the Brig Neptune sailing for Barbados, 60 tons, 8 men. 27 June 1761.

Series 14: New Providence (Bahamas) Trade, 1751 – 1760

This series contains manuscript materials relating to trade with the Bahamas (New Providence). The materials include but are not limited to:

- Letter from Daniel Holloway to his wife, 1751
- Letter from Daniel Holloway to his wife, 1760
- Letter from Daniel Holloway to his wife, 1760
- Printed bill of lading for Stephen Stow, 1760, detailing hogsheads of molasses, Peleg Thurston, and the sloop Venus.

Series 15: Unprocessed Manuscript Materials, 1749 – 1820

This series contains manuscript materials relating to Captain Daniel Holloway. The materials include but are not limited to:

- A form authorizing DH to seek to exchange French prisoners of war, Newport, 2 Nov 1749
- Privateer commission: Stephen Hopkins grants commission to John Wheaton of Warren, R.I. Newport, 9 Aug 1759.
- Two printed forms for ships purchases, Daniel Holloway:
 - Sloop Hopewell from William Gyles, 4 May 1764
 - Sloop Sea Flower from William Pendleton, 14 May 1768

- Brick Market House: Manuscript from Newport Town Meeting on finishing the building, witnessed by William Coddington, town clerk. 27 Aug 1771.
- Three contracts with sailors to join Enoch Butts on a whaling cruise, all signed with "X":
 - Josiah Robinson, butcher, 18 Sept. 1773
 - Henry Williams, "an Indian man", 21 Sept 1773
 - Samuel Tode, a musterman, 27 Sept 1773
- Printed loyalty oath, DH, merchant, to the Proclamation, NY, signed "Percy," 30 Nov. 1776. Hugh Percy, 1742-1817, was later second Duke of Northumberland.
- Release of a "Negro man" named Cudjo by William Bordon for \$128, Newport, 1 April 1780, witnessed by Christopher Ellery and Solomon Southwick.
- Signed letter from William Redwood, bound for Antigua, Philadelphia, 23 Dec 1786.
- Two attached Newport Parade lottery tickets, June 1783
- Parkes, Robert & Joseph, documents relating to debts, 1781, 1786, 1788
- MacKintosh Alexander, documents relating to, 1770, 1776, 1805
- Quaker forms, conscientious objector affirmation, sworn oath.
- Daniel Holloway receipt book, 1767-1811.
- Bound Quaker manuscript record of births and deaths, circa 1800
- Account book, Daniel Holloway from the City of Newport, for "boarding sundry people in the alms house", 1796.