

**BARRON (CHARLES) LETTERS**

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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	6 items
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	New Orleans, La.; New York
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1840-1845
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	N/A
<b>Language.</b>	English
<b>Summary.</b>	Letters from Charles Barron to his parents of Topsham, Maine, give information on ships and the shipping trade of New York to New Orleans and to Liverpool, England. He provides give detailed information on the crew, cargo and physical condition of the <i>Sharon</i> and other ships in the ports of New Orleans and New York.
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Charles Barron served a seaman on the trade ship *Sharon* during the mid-nineteenth century.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of six letters from Charles Barron to his family in Maine. He writes after his arrival in New Orleans from Maine, stating that the voyage took twenty days and providing other details concerning the weather and crew. Barron comments on the success of the Whigs in New Orleans and mentions that Sunday is a holiday for the slaves (Nov. 8, 1840). In another letter, he comments on the crew, Captain McMannus' ship *Mount Vernon* in the port of New Orleans; Captain Purenton's activities; and requests news of home (Dec. 12, 1841). He writes to his parents prior to his sailing on the ship *Sharon* for Liverpool, England, describing other ships in port including the *Rhappahannoc*, *General Veazie*, and the *Tyrone*, commenting on the large amount of cotton to be carried on the *Rhappahannoc* and the *Sharon*, and mentioning various friends from Maine working on the ships. He also inquires about the abolition cause at home (Jan. 12, 1842). In a letter from New York, Barron mentions going to sea if freight can be secured that pays enough. He explains that Capt. Richard McMannus refused to take the ship to sea without getting proper rates, and that they are unable to secure passengers for New Orleans because of the fear of yellow fever (Oct. 4, 1842). Barron also writes from New York listing the general cargo the ship is carrying to New Orleans, and mentions that Captain N.T. Thompson is now master of the *Sharon* (Dec. 15, 1843). In a final letter, Barron mentions the poor condition of the *Sharon* because of mismanagement by Captain Thompson and complains of the Captain's refusal to teach Barron navigation (Jan. 10, [apparently about 1845]).

**INDEX TERMS**

Harbors--United States.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Liverpool (England)--Commerce.  
Merchant mariners--Maine.  
Merchant ships--United States.  
New Orleans (La.)--Commerce.  
New York (N.Y.)--Commerce.  
New York Harbor (N.Y. and N.J.)  
Port of New Orleans.  
Sharon (Ship)  
Shipping--Louisiana--New Orleans.  
Shipping--New York (State)--New York.

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