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Record Unit 331
Captain Henry Pease Papers, 1867-1893
By Nancy Young

Descriptive Summary

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Title: Capt. Henry Pease Papers, 1867-1893

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Abstract: The Captain Henry Pease Consular Papers, 1882-1893, document his years as U. S. Consul to Santiago, Cape Verde as well as unrelated documents, from 1820-64.

Administrative Information

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Index Terms

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Edgartown

Jernegan, Mary

Nye, Samuel

Pease, Benjamin (1834- d. at sea n.d.)

Pease, Charles Wesley (1827-1876)

Pease, Captain Henry, Jr. (1822-1892)

Praia, Cape Verde

Sampson, Zabdiel

Santiago, Cape Verde

Series and Subseries Arrangement

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Capt. Henry Pease, Consular Papers Collection, 1867-1893

Historical Note:

Whaling master Captain Henry Pease, Jr., (1822-1892) son of Henry and Mary Fisher Pease was born in Edgartown. In 1851 he married Phebe Ann Smith (1828-1900) who accompanied him from 1854-1862 aboard the whaler *Cambria* from New Bedford. During the Civil War Captain Pease was appointed on December 4, 1863 as acting Ensign in the U.S. Navy, serving on *Galena* and *St. Louis* in the West Gulf. On January 9, 1865 he was appointed acting master of *Mary Sanford* and *Geranium* in the South Atlantic. He was appointed U.S. Consul to Santiago, Cape Verde in 1882 until 1892. In the pictorial "The Whaling Captains of Edgartown," there is a photograph of Captain Pease. This pictorial is housed in the MVM.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of papers and letters relating to his work as Consul, with a few personal letters and papers including a letter from his younger brother, Benjamin (1834-), addressed to their father. Ben Pease became a pirate, and joined "Bully" Hayes, America's last famous buccaneer, raiding in Micronesia until both were murdered, according to MVM records. A small notebook documents the California Gold Rush expenses of Charles Wesley Pease in 1851.

Series Description:

Series I: Personal Papers 1867- 1894

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Folder 1: Form letter from the Commissioner of Pensions assigning a number for H.P.'s claim, April, 26, 1892. Printed copy of soldier's pensions available (n.d.)

Folder 2: Legal form granting Phebe Ann Pease (Mrs. Henry) a widow's pension, 1894.

Folder 3: Letter introducing Henry Pease, Jr. to Benjamin Van Riper from Nicholas Pike, U.S. S. *Monucacy*, re: H.P.'s desire for a commission in the regular Navy. Jan. 9, 1867.

Folder 4: Letter from his younger brother Benjamin addressed to their Father

Folder 5: Letter from W.R. Bradgarian, Feb. 4, 1885.

Folder 6: Letter from J. M. Parsons, S.S. *Cameroon*, June 4, 1885.

Folder 7: Letter from W.P. Emery, at Brava, Aug. 27, 1890.

Series II: Consular Papers 1882-1892

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Folder 8: Appointment as U. S. Consul, August 12, 1882. Letter from Dept. of State re: renominating incumbents as subordinate consular officers. Sept. 11, 1882. Consular forms of bonds for Henry Pease as Consul. Official passport issued to Henry Pease as newly appointed Consul to Santiago, Cape Verde Islands, Sept. 11, 1882

Folder 9: Mss. describing Santiago, Cape Verde, the city of Praia, and its crops, defensibility, and harborage. (n.d.)

Folder 10: Visiting cards received by Henry Pease, U. S. Consul, 1882-1892

Folder 11: Contract for building a wall around the Naval Cemetery at Santiago, Cape Verde, and receipts for payments, December 29, 1883. Report from Henry Pease to Commander

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Ludlow of the USS *Quinnebaug* re: the building of the wall around the Naval Cemetery at Santiago, Cape Verde, Nov. 24, 1883

Folder 12: Testimony in Portuguese of the pilot of the bark *Iago* (n.d.). Request for Henry Pease as U. S. Consul and as "representative of a friendly nation" to attend a survey of the Italian bark, *Casualita*. (n.d.)

Folder 13: Statement of accounts for the salary of Jose P. Borja. U. S. Vice Consul at Santiago, Cape Verde, Dec. 30, 1889 to May 26, 1890.

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Folder 14: Letters from Consular Agents re: consular duties, 1889, 1892.

Folder 15: Letters to Henry Pease, U.S. Consul, from Joseph H. Hasty, U.S. Consular Agent at St. Vincent about the collision between the Portuguese ship *Julia* and the American whaler *Annie Fairfax*, Smalley, Master and possible legal proceedings. Jan. 20, 1884 and July 20, 1884. Written answers in Portuguese from the Chief Port Officer re: the collision between the *Julia* and the *Annie Fairfax*.

Folder 16: Request by Henry Pease to Captains of various ships in the harbor of Praia to survey the American schooner *E.B. Conwell* of New Bedford for the leaky unsafe condition claimed by her crew, Feb. 6, 1885. Letter to the Governor General of Cape Verde reporting result of the survey of the *E.B. Conwell*. 1885.

Folder 17: Letter to Henry Pease from A. Lewis, commission merchant, of Boston, asking Capt. Pease to collect money due him from a business in Cape Verde, July 31, 1885.

Folder 18: Letter in Portuguese from the City Council of Praia to Henry Pease, 1888.

Folder 19: Telegram to Henry Pease from James Gordon Bennett in Paris, re: the deposed Emperor of Brazil's possible stop at Santiago. Nov. 23, 1889. Letter of thanks from James Gordon Bennett in Paris with a check.

Folder 20: Letter to Henry Pease from Richardson Clover, cydrographer, U.S.N., requesting information for sailing directions for the Azores and Cape Verde Islands, Feb. 20, 1892.

Series IV: Miscellaneous Material

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Folder 21: Miscellaneous papers and clippings re: County of Dukes County, 1820's-1880's.

Folder 22: Zabdiel Sampson's certificate of membership in "Agriculture and Domestic Manufacture", of Plymouth County, Oct. 1820. Letter to Zabdiel Sampson from Samuel Nye, Aug. 14, 1818.

Folder 23: Inventory of estate in Edgartown of Mary Jernegan, widow and lunatic under guardianship, resident of Williamsburgh, Hampshire County. Nov. 16, 1850.

Folder 24: Bond for \$300 from Benjamin Worth to Charles Vincent, June 18, 1864.