

Title:	Wakeman Burritt fonds, 1807-1814		
Creator:	Wakeman Burritt		
Dates of Material:	1807-1814	Record Group Number:	RG 449
Summary of Contents:	<p>Fonds consists of correspondence between Wakeman Burritt and his business associates, as well as receipts and documents concerning the shipping vessels <i>Brig Cannon</i>, <i>Brig Eunice</i>, <i>Brig Sampson</i>, and several other vessels. Reference is made in some documents to the effects of politics on commerce, most notably the Embargo Act of 1807 and the War of 1812.</p> <p>The correspondence consists of 53 letters, 40 of the letters being addressed to Wakeman Burritt, with the remaining 13 letters being retained copies of letters written by Burritt to Samuel Cannon. There are also 17 letters written to Burritt by LeGrand Cannon of Norwalk, CT. The remaining letters to Burritt consist of two letters from his wife Grace Burritt, and other business associates, including Thomas Andrews, Stephen Arnold, Ezra Burr, Talcott Burr, Talmon Burr, Wm. M. Betty & Co., Samuel Cannon, Edward Jessup, Hugh Knox, Jonathan Meigs, Samuel Morehouse, Stephen Morehouse, W & B St. John, Oliver Sherman, Anthony Stow, and Ogden Richards Weldon.</p> <p>The shipping vessel material includes 52 documents concerning <i>Brig Eunice</i>, 27 documents for <i>Brig Sampson</i>, 14 documents for <i>Brig Cannon</i>, and 18 miscellaneous documents for vessels such as the Schooners <i>Maria</i>, <i>Hope</i>, <i>Nassau</i>, and <i>Henry</i>, Sloops <i>Fox</i> and <i>Sally</i>, and the Brig <i>Diana</i> and <i>Emeline</i>. The documents include receipts for piloting into port, for wharfage, and for supplies and repairs, as well as lists of disbursements, freight lists, and payments made to men working on the ships.</p>		
Physical Description / Condition:	4 cm of textual material.		
Other Notes:	<p>Wakeman Burritt (1785-1847) was a merchant and ship owner who conducted his business in New York, New Orleans, LA, Charleston, SC, and the West Indies. Despite the difficulties that the Embargo Act of 1807 and the War of 1812 posed to trade and commerce, Burritt managed to run a successful business, dealing in commodities such as foodstuffs, cloth, cotton, and soap. He owned three ships, the <i>Brig Cannon</i>, <i>Brig Eunice</i> and <i>Brig Sampson</i>. In 1809, he married Grace Burr (1787-1874). Together they had at least one child, Francis Burritt (1811-1861).</p>		
Location:	Brock University Archives		

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