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Edward Nicolls manuscript material

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Summary

Creator: Nicolls, Edward, 1817-1844

Title: Edward Nicolls manuscript material

Date: 1840-1841

Size: 1 item

Abstract: Edward Nicolls, British naval officer. He was the son of General Sir Edward Nicolls, Irish officer of the Royal Marines, and the first husband of Mary Ellen Peacock (later married name Meredith), daughter of Thomas Love Peacock, the writer. · Holograph logbook of the steam ship Proserpine : 17 Sep 1840 - 4 Apr 1841 : (P'ANA 0093) : 1 fascicle (11 pages; 6 leaves) : from Falmouth; Funchal; St. Vincent's; the Equator; Bahia; Angra Pequena; Orange River; Cape Voltas; Duncan's Bay; St. Helen's Bay; Cape of Good Hope; St. Helena : records weather, procurement of goods ("the natives supplied us with 2 bullocks and 3 sheep"; "taking on board 20 Tons coal"); and events ("Clifford, seaman, fell overboard"; "buried Henry Pratt, stoker"). The identity of the writer is not entirely certain, but it may be Nicolls, as he was Proserpine's Second Officer (cf. N. Joukovsky's Letters of T. L. Peacock, v. 2, p. 269). Accompanied by a much later note in the hand of Nicolls's daughter, Edith Clarke, which explains: "1840. [Thomas Love] Peacock was engaged this year in testing the Proserpine, a steam vessel which had been built at his suggestion, he sailed from Falmouth on 17th Sept 1840 accompanied by Miss Love, Lieutenant Nicolls on duty, afterwards his son in law, his two daughters were also with him ...".

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Key Terms

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Names

Clarke, Edith, 1844-1926

Meredith, Mary Ellen, 1821-1861

Peacock, Thomas Love, 1785-1866