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Guide to the

## **May Flower logbook**

1859-1861

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### **Summary**

**Creator:** May Flower (Ship)

**Title:** May Flower logbook

**Date:** 1859-1861

**Size:** .15 linear feet (1 volume)

**Abstract:** This log book of the May Flower consists of two logs bound together, one dated February 29, 1859-July 20, 1860 and the other dated September 18, 1860-October 7, 1861. James T. Seaver, a seaman of Chelsea, Massachusetts, kept the logs and William Chatfield was Master of the ship The May Flower left Boston on February 29, 1859 and arrived at San Francisco on August 1, 1859, going thence to Port Gamble in the Puget Sound and stopping at Taltal, Caldera, Valparaiso, and Talcahuano, Chile on the return trip, which ended in New York on July 20, 1860. Lumber, which was taken on board in the Puget Sound, was discharged at Valparaiso where copper, iron, bricks, wool, sugar, and other goods were received The second log begins September 18, 1860, when the May Flower left Boston for Bombay, where it arrived on February 23, 1861, going from there to Calcutta whence it sailed on the return trip June 4, 1861 and arrived at Boston on October 7, 1861

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### **Key Terms**

#### **Geographic Names**

Bombay (India)

Calcutta (India)

Caldera (Costa Rica)

Gamble, Port (Wash. : Bay)

Talcahuano (Chile)

Taltal (Chile)

Valparaíso (Chile)

#### **Subjects**

Bricks

Copper industry and trade  
Iron industry and trade  
Logbooks  
Lumber trade  
Sugar trade  
Voyages and travels  
Wool industry

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Ships' logs

**Names**

May Flower (Ship)  
Chatfield, William  
Seaver, James T