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Abstract: The Captain Loring N. Shaw photographs (P85-001, SAFR 17776) consists of 3 photographic portraits of Captain Shaw and his wife from 1849 to 1909.
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Acquisition Information
SAFR-00001
The collection was donated to San Francisco Maritime Museum by the granddaughters of Capt. Shaw in 1964 and then given to Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GOA-00789) in 1986. It was then transferred and accessioned into San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (SAFR-00001) in 1988.
Historical or Biographical Note
Captain Loring N. Shaw was born on August 25, 1827 in Quincy, Massachusetts. He graduated from a public school but went to sea in the summers from the age of 13. Shaw's father, John W., was also a sea captain.
At the age of 21, Shaw became master of a California Coastal and Inland Waters vessel where he stayed for 8 years. In 1863 he left California and went to Boston to work in a general provisions business. In 1877, he went into the hotel business in Wisconsin, and in 1887, he moved to Osceola, Nebraska. There he lived until his death on June 25, 1909.
Collection Scope and Content
The Captain Loring N. Shaw photographs (P85-001, SAFR 17776) consists of 3 photographic portraits of Captain Shaw and his wife from 1849 to 1909.
The collection includes a cased half plate daguerreotype of Capt. Shaw, circa 1851; a cabinet photograph of Capt. Shaw, sometime after 1887 in Osceola, Nebraska by C. E. Clark; and black-and-white photographic print of Capt. Shaw and his wife in Osceola, Nebraska, before 1909.

**Collection Arrangement**
The collection is arranged chronologically.

**Related Materials**
Loring N. Shaw reminiscence and newspapers, 1824-1909 (HDC0003, SAFR 14023), papers (HDC0620, SAFR 329) and a commemorative medal (SAFR 15564).

This material is located at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Ship captains
Clark, C. E.
Osceola (Neb.)
Daguerreotypes
Cased photographs
Cabinet photographs
Collodion prints
Gelatin silver prints
Portrait photographs
Snapshots

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**Item No. 1. Captain Loring N. Shaw posing as a gold miner daguerreotype, approximately 1851**

Extent: 1 photograph.
Physical Description: Cased half plate daguerreotype inside brass mat. Gold in pan has been hand colored with gold paint. Case is wood covered with tooled leather., 4.25 x 5.5 in. (4.75 x 6 in. case)

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**Item No. 2. Captain Loring N. Shaw cabinet photograph, after 1887**

Creator/Collector: Clark, C. E.
Extent: 1 photograph.
Physical Description: Collodion or gelatin print (printing-out paper) mounted on board and embossed or stamped with 'C. E. Clark, Osceola, Nebraska.', 3.9 x 5.6 in. (4.25 x 6.5 in. mount) 'Capt. Loring N. Shaw; g--Mrs. Geraldine Shaw Michael; Sent 9-16-64' inscribed on verso
Scope and Content Note
Vignetted studio portrait.

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**Item No. 3. Captain Loring N. Shaw and his wife in Osceola, Nebraska mounted snapshot, approximately 1905-1909**

Extent: 1 photograph.
Physical Description: Black-and-white gelatin silver print (developing-out paper) mounted on grey board., 4-5/8 x 3-5/8 in. (6 x 5 in. mount) 'Capt. and Mrs. Loring N. Shaw; g--Mrs. Geraldine Shaw Michael; Sept 16, 64' inscribed on verso
Scope and Content Note
Capt. Shaw and his wife are separated by a couple of feet and are casually posed in a yard in front of a house. The image is slightly blurred and a strand of hair is blocking the exposure in the lower left corner.