A guide to the Birkholm family photographs, circa 1903-1913

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The photograph album appears to have been borrowed from Carl Birkholm, son of Captain Frederik Birkholm by Harold Huycke and then loaned to Chief Curator Karl Kortum at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. Copy negatives were made from some of the photographs in 1991. The Park accessioned the copies in 1995.
Historical or Biographical Note
Captain Frederik S. Birkholm (1868-1954) was the master of WINSLOW (built 1899; schooner, 4m) and GEORGE E. BILLINGS (built 1903; schooner, 5m). He may have also captained the schooners F.S. REDFIELD and LOTTIE CARSON. In 1913, Birkholm returned to Denmark where he eventually became involved in the banking industry. He had three sons, Winslow (1904-1978), Sidney (1911-1992), and Carl (1914-1998), as well as a daughter.
Source: Correspondence located in the Harold D. Huycke collection (SAFR 22224, HDC 1600, Series 1.1, File Unit 7).

Collection Scope and Content

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Contains photographs of Captain Frederik Birkholm, his wife, his sons (Winslow and Sidney), and crew members aboard GEORGE E. BILLINGS (built 1903; schooner, 5m) and H.K. HALL (built 1902; schooner, 5m), circa 1903-1913. There are 15 unique photographic images in 19 physical forms (15 black-and-white contact negatives, 4 x 5 in., and 4 black-and-white contact sheets, 8 x 10 in.). The contact sheets have multiple images on them: Items 01-04 are on one sheet; Items 05-07 are on one sheet; Items 08-11 are on one sheet; and Items 12-15 are on one sheet. People are shown at work and at leisure on board the vessels. There are also photographs of WILLIAM H. MACY (built 1883; ship, 3m) in drydock.

Photograph Inventory

Item 01. Four men holystoning the poop deck of H.K. HALL (built 1902; schooner, 5m). Two children are also in view. The older boy seated on the deck is possibly Winslow Birkholm.

Item 02. Man and boy taking a sight on the deck of a vessel. Possibly Captain Birkholm and his son Winslow.

Item 03. Winslow and Sidney Birkholm with a man identified as Madsen on the deck of a vessel, 1912. Madsen is holding an accordion. Winslow appears to be blowing into an instrument. Two dolls are in front of Sidney.

Item 04. GEORGE E. BILLINGS (built 1903; schooner, 5m) stern view detail (home port San Francisco, California).

Item 05. Sitting room aboard GEORGE E. BILLINGS.

Item 06. Sitting room aboard GEORGE E. BILLINGS. There is a painting of GEORGE E. BILLINGS hanging on the wall. It is the same painting photographed in Item 15.

Item 07. Mrs. Birkholm, Frederik, Winslow, and Sidney ashore apparently on Christmas Day in Newcastle, Australia, 1912.

Item 08. Unidentified man and dog on the deck of a schooner. A load of lumber is suspended in the air above the deck in the background.

Item 09. Crew members aboard H.K HALL with a Christmas tree. The man seated in the left foreground is holding an accordion. A rocking horse is on the right. A child, possibly Winslow Birkholm, and the person next to him are wearing costumes. "Xmas tree out at sea" is handwritten at the top of the image.

Item 10. Four men with instruments, two men dancing, and one child seated next to a lifering aboard GEORGE E. BILLINGS while en route east from Australia to California. "Lots of fun on board in Billings last voyage from Australia to Calif." is handwritten at the top of the image.

Item 11. Mrs. Birkholm, Frederik, Winslow, and Sidney aboard H.K. HALL.

Item 12. Stanley [last name unknown] and Winslow Birkholm on board a vessel. Winslow is pulling the wagon that Stanley is seated in.

Item 13. WILLIAM H. MACY (built 1883; ship, 3m) in drydock, starboard bow view.

Item 14. WILLIAM H. MACY in drydock, port quarter view, apparently at the Moore & Scott shipyard in San Francisco, California. Printed at the top of the image: "No. 216 - "Wm. H. Macy' repaired by Moore & Scott S.F. Cal., 6/7-09."

Item 15. Painting of GEORGE E. BILLINGS underway. The handwritten inscription next to the image appears to be in Dutch.

Collection Arrangement

No arrangement due to the small size of the collection.

Related Materials

Related manuscript collections: Harold D. Huycke collection, 1868-2007. SFMNHP, (SAFR 22224, HDC 1600). Consists of the papers of maritime historian Harold Huycke as well as papers and records he collected from other individuals and organizations involved in maritime history. See Series 1.1, File Unit 7, for material related to the Birkholm family, including correspondence; photocopies of photos and certificates; notes; original Record of Naturalization [1879]; and licenses.

George E. Billings (schooner, 5m) account books, 1899-1945, SFMNHP, (SAFR 92, HDC 0604). Account books kept by Captain Frederik Birkholm. Earlier years chronicle expenses shipboard GEORGE E. BILLINGS, and also include the schooners WINSLOW, LOTTIE CARSON, and F.S. REDFIELD.
This material is located at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

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