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THE SOCIETY

Mr. Albert Loder of Yarmouth, Maine, has recently donated an interesting collection of maritime documents and artifacts relating to the career of Captain Nathaniel Sherburne Rogers (1805-1848), a native of Mount Vernon, Maine.

On May 17, 1834, Captain Rogers rescued the crew of the French brig *L'Esperance de Paimpol* during a severe storm. For this act of heroism, King Louis Philippe of France awarded him a gold medal commemorating the event. The collection includes the gold medal, the logbook account of the rescue, and other related documents. Also included are an oil portrait of Captain Rogers, his handsomely engraved brass speaking trumpet, a Cathay sea chest, and a scrimshaw whale's tooth showing the whaling ship *Barclay* which was built in Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1793.

In view of the ever-increasing number of persons attempting to do genealogical research by mail, the Standing Committee has voted to impose a \$5.00 search fee for *non-members* of the Society who request assistance by mail. The revenues generated by this new policy have been earmarked for a special conservation fund. This fund will provide the Society with the means for applying to the Maine State Commission on the Arts and Humanities for matching funds for the conservation and

restoration of our valuable collections of Maine books, manuscripts, and artifacts.

The Wadsworth-Longfellow House will begin its summer season on Tuesday, May 30, and will close on Friday, September 29, 1978. The House will be open to the public each weekday from 9:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M., national holidays excepted.

Admissions are as follows: adults, \$1.50; senior citizens, \$1.00; students (ages 13 to 20), \$1.00; and children (under 12), 50¢. Members of the Maine Historical Society are admitted free.

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