

# *A Massachusetts Maritime Collection*

The Collection of June Ide Ellison includes a rich archive of letters, journals, photographs, and paintings from the Bunker and Ide families of Massachusetts. Other family names included in the collection are Macy, Starbucks and Coffin of Nantucket as well as Worth, Baxter, Draper and Goddard. Most of the primarily 19th century material relates to family members who resided in the coastal town of Nantucket but includes other areas of Massachusetts and even as far away as California. Her ancestor Alexander Bunker was a well known captain on a whaling vessel and later became the first keeper at Sankaty-Head Lighthouse. Another family member, William B. Ide ventured to Northern California and became the leader of the short-lived 1846 Bear Flag Rebellion. He later described the revolt in his book, *The Conquest of California*, published in 1880.



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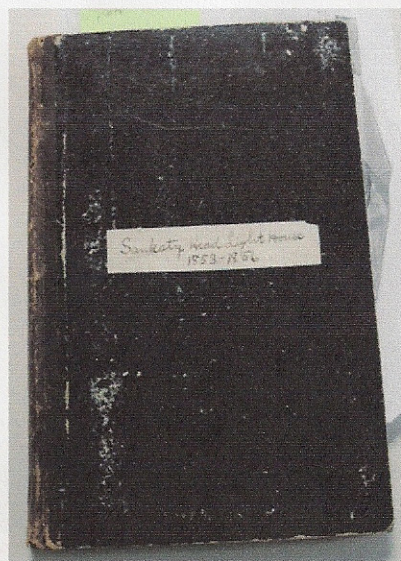
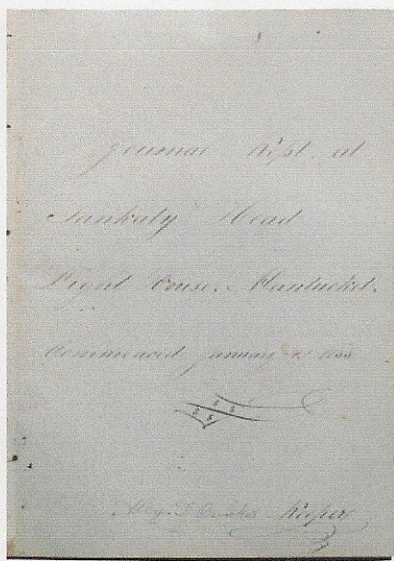
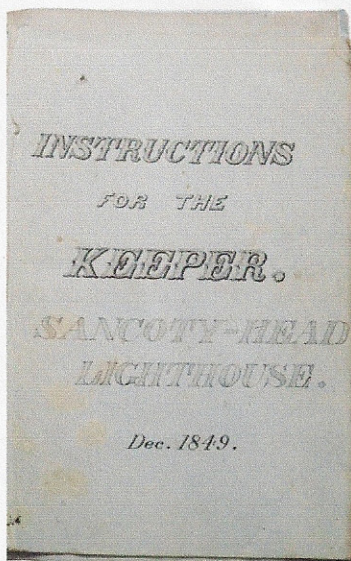
**American School  
(19th century)**

Alexander Davis Bunker (1792-1871), ship's captain based in Nantucket and later the first light house keeper at Sankady Head Light, Nantucket., unsigned, oil on canvas, 27 x 23 in.; modern gilt wood frame, lined and restretched on old stretcher, crackle, stretcher marks, two periods of retouch with less than 7% of surface affected

Provenance: Estate of June Ide Ellison, Boston, Massachusetts

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,500





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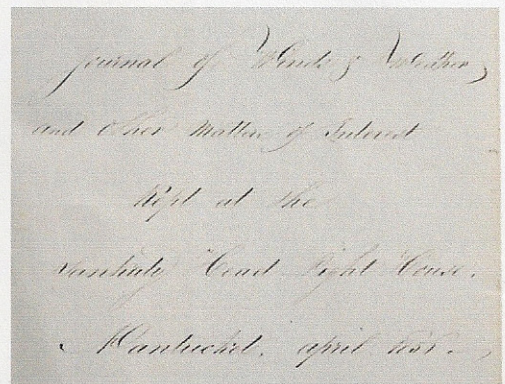
**Nantucket Lighthouse Journals and History**

including *Sankaty Head Light House 1853-1856*, journal by Alexander D. Bunker (1792-1871); *Journal of Winds & Weather and other Matters of Interest Kept at the Sankaty Light House, Nantucket, April 1856*, enclosed with *Instructions for the Keeper. Sankoty-Head Lighthouse. Dec. 1849*; *Famous Lighthouses of New England*, Boston, 1945; with 1858 receipt to Alex D. Bunker "Keeper of Sankaty Light" for oil, 7-1/4 x 5-1/4 in. to 12-1/4 x 8-1/2 in., (5 pieces), all in good to very good condition, all with some edge wear

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Estimate: \$1,000 - \$2,000

Sankaty Head Light House was built in 1849 on the Nantucket coast. It was the first lighthouse in Massachusetts to be installed with the then state-of-the art Fresnel lens. Reportedly the light could be seen from 20 miles away. Alexander D. Bunker, a former whaling captain was the first lighthouse keeper at Sankaty Head.







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**American School  
(19th century)**

Portrait of Rebecca Baxter Bunker (1793-1871), wife of Alexander Bunker, unsigned, oil on fiberboard, 8-3/8 x 7 in.; original gilt wood frame, *grime, crackle, flaking*

Provenance: Estate of June Ide Ellison, Boston, Massachusetts

Estimate: \$400 - \$600