

# Letter: Brookline, Massachusetts, to D. Thomas Davies, Seattle, Washington, 1914

## March 24, 1914

### Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Sprague, Frank William, b. 1842
<b>Title</b>	Letter: Brookline, Massachusetts, to D. Thomas Davies, Seattle, Washington, 1914 March 24
<b>Dates</b>	1914 (inclusive) 1914 1914
<b>Quantity</b>	
<b>Collection Number</b>	4658 (Accession No. 4658-001)
<b>Summary</b>	Letter of a ship captain
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<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Open to all users.
<b>Languages</b>	English

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### Biographical Note

Frank William Sprague (born 1842) was the member of a prominent New England family. He wrote several works on New England genealogy and history.

D. Thomas Davies was the Port Warden of Seattle during the tenure of Mayor George F. Cotterill (1912-1914). The Port Warden was an official appointed by Seattle's mayor to serve as the head of the Harbor Department.

### Content Description

The 1914 letter from Frank William Sprague to Captain D. Thomas Davies is written in response to an apparent inquiry made by the Port Warden of Seattle to reproduce material from Sprague's privately printed book, "Barnstable and Yarmouth, sea captains and ship owners" (1913). Sprague comments that he is able to grant permission to use an image from the book (an 1851 painting of the ship, Joseph Balch) because the painting had belonged to William F. Gorham, the ship's captain and Sprague's cousin. He encloses a photograph of the painting showing the brig-schooner (which Sprague claimed transported oranges and lemons from the Mediterranean) leaving the port of Malta. Also included is

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the envelope addressed to Davies, whose name is misspelled "Davie" on both the letter and envelope. This letter once may have been in the possession of prominent Seattle attorney, William H. Gorham (1861-1935), although it is not clear how his name came to be associated with the letter.

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### Acquisition Information

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## Names and Subjects

#### Subject Terms :

Genealogists--Massachusetts--Correspondence  
Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)  
Shipping--Massachusetts--Boston

#### Personal Names :

Davies, D. Thos. (D. Thomas)  
Sprague, Frank William, b. 1842--Correspondence

#### Corporate Names :

John Balch (Ship)

#### Geographical Names :

Boston (Mass.)--Commerce  
Seattle (Wash.)--Officials and employees--Correspondence

#### Form or Genre Terms :

Correspondence  
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#### Other Creators :

##### Personal Names :

Gorham, William H., 1861-1935. Former owner  
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