Whalemen's Song: Lyrics and Masculinity in the Sag Harbor Whalefishery, 1840-1850

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Abstract:
Abstract for the Dissertation Whalemen’s Song: Lyrics and Masculinity in the Sag Harbor Whalefishery, by Stephen Nicholas Sanfilippo Doctor of Philosophy in History Stony Brook University 2010 "Whalemen's Song" is a gender-based examination of conceptions and performances of masculinity among Long Islanders of British ancestry who whaled out of Sag Harbor in the 1840s. Its theoretical basis is that masculinity is cultural and demonstrated in performance, with concepts and performances varying from man to man, between groups of men, and in relation to various "others," depending upon the particulars of a situation, in whom masculinity is being performed. Three basic concepts of masculinity will be discussed: the bourgeois man, informed primarily by achieving economic success and status; the evangelical Christian man, informed by concern for personal salvation and for fulfilling his Christian obligations as family provider; and the secular libertine, informed by a pursuit of immediate pleasure without regard to bourgeois or Christian and economic restraints. The whaleship is considered as an enclosed, mobile, industrial company to the control of a captain legally empowered to inflict severe corporal punishment, and functioning as Foucault called heterotopia, simultaneously creating its own control, resistance, and inversion. Within 10 to 30 men lived and labored for 2 to 4 years, rarely going ashore. "Whalemen's Song" recognizes the ideal for the study of varying performances of masculinity among men whose constant close contact exposed their differing, conflicting, and contested ideals of manhood with regard to labor, authority, women, punishment, Christianity, and rights of citizenship. The dissertation is based upon extensive research manuscripts held at eastern Long Island archives, using journals to establish whalemen's masculine and their songs and poems as expository of these attitudes. It also extends Long Island into the wider bottom-up gender, social, cultural and maritime history.
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