

Log of "Sunshine"  
1881

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Description: Champlain Society "Sunshine" yacht log, Northeast Harbor

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In getting under weigh fell off the wrong  
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"	"	"	3 1/2 " Beets	2		7	
"	11	"	8 " Roast	20	1	60	
"	"	"	8 1/2 " Beef	9		76	
"	"	"	1 doz corn			48	
"	"	"	1 " Cucumbers			48	
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"	13	"	14 " Beef	9	1	26	
"	"	"	13 " Roast	15	1	95	
"	"	"	11 " Mutton	11	1	21	
"	"	"	1 Pk Peas		25	1	64
"	"	"	By Cash			4	94
"	19	"	" in full			11	70

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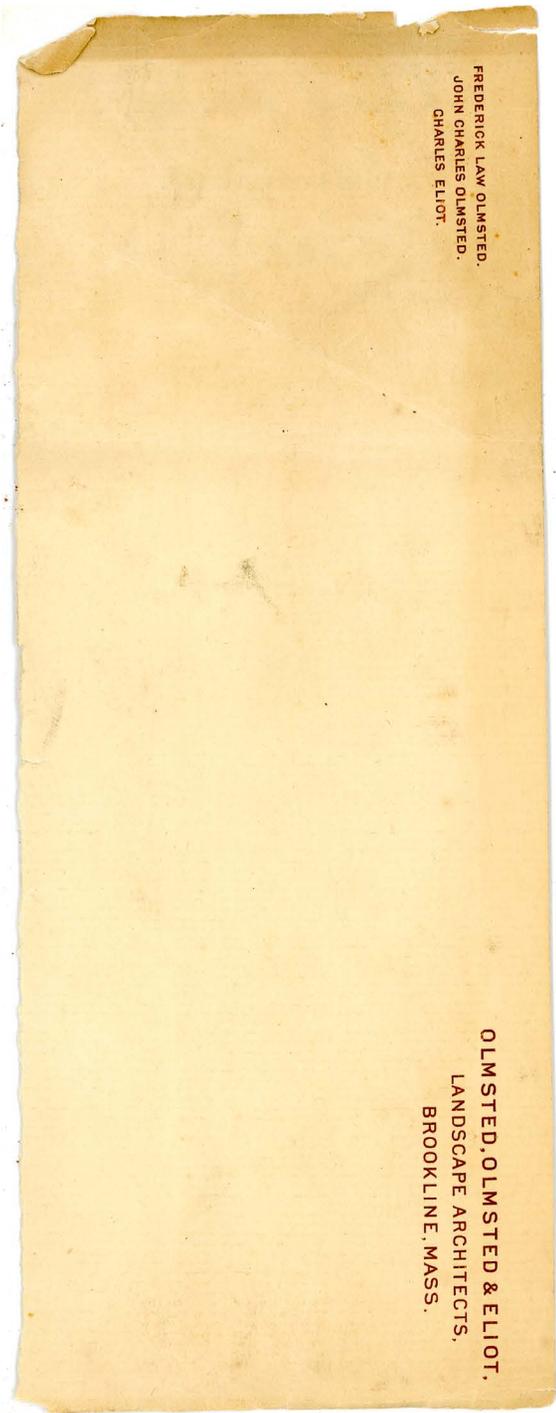
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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,  
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