

# Thomas F. Bayard Collection

**Dates of Creation:** 1901-2007; predominantly 1978-2004

**Physical Extent:** 0.65 meters of textual records; 171 photographs; b&w, col. (4x6"- 8x10"); 305 negatives; col. (35mm); 1 audio videocassette

## **Administrative History:**

The schooner *Thomas F. Bayard* was a wood-hulled, copper sheathed, two-masted schooner built in New York. She was designed and built by William Townsend, superintendent of the C&R Poillon Shipyard in Brooklyn. She was officially launched on March 13, 1880.

As a pilot schooner the *Thomas F. Bayard* was almost continually at sea for 16 years. In 1897 the *Thomas F. Bayard* was purchased by the Alaska Transport, Trading and Mining Company who used the vessel to transport miners and freight to Alaska. She was registered in Juneau and traded as far north as the mouth of Yukon River and far south as Seattle and Port Townsend.

When the gold rush ended in 1906 she was sold to Captain Hans Blakstad who used the *Thomas F. Bayard* as a sealer, registered out of Victoria, BC. The *Thomas F. Bayard* was one of a fleet of schooners that hunted seal and sea otter in the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands and the northern islands of Japan and often sailed with Indian hunters and canoes aboard.

In 1913 the *Thomas F. Bayard* was purchased by the Department of Marine & Fisheries for use as a lightship at the mouth of the Fraser River. During this time her bowsprit and clipper bow were removed and replaced with a rounded bow. The *Thomas F. Bayard* was renamed *Sandheads No. 16* and she guided freighters into New Westminster for 43 years until 1956.

After the *Thomas F. Bayard* was disposed of by Crown Assets, she had numerous owners and was eventually acquired by the Vancouver Maritime Museum in 1978 for \$8,500.00. The vessel was towed to Sterling Shipyards where her counter was rebuilt and the planking and coppering renewed from 1979-1980. During this time the *Thomas F. Bayard* was recognized by the British Columbia Historical Trust as a Heritage Vessel. The museum received a \$50,000.00 grant from the Heritage Trust that was used to further stabilize the vessel until funds for a full restoration could be raised.

In December 1983 the Thomas F. Bayard Restoration Committee was formed by a group of people who had an interest in the vessel. The goal of the committee was to restore the vessel to a sailing condition (the way she looked as a sealing vessel) and allow the public to view the vessel while moored at the Maritime Museum's Heritage Harbour. In 1990 the non-profit Thomas F. Bayard Restoration Society took the lead in trying to raise money to restore the vessel. During the coming years the *Thomas F. Bayard* would be refloated after sinking a number of times but, in September 2002 she grounded at low tide and heeled over in the navigation channel in False Creek. Salvors concluded that she could not be removed intact and she was removed from the water in pieces on September 27. Documentation teams from the U.S.-based International Yacht Restoration School, Mystic Seaport, and the Maritime Museum spent time documenting the remains of the hull before she was officially dismantled.

## **Scope and Content:**

Records in this collection consist of materials related to the history of and preservation efforts for the *Thomas F. Bayard*. Records include correspondence, logbooks, reports, registry certificates, historical research on the vessel completed by John Crosse, survey reports and repair estimates, newspaper clippings

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and published journal articles about the vessel. Also included are records from the Thomas F. Bayard Restoration Society and the Thomas F. Bayard Restoration Committee – correspondence, financial statements, newsletters, reports, promotional materials, publications, meeting minutes, and similar records from the Vancouver Maritime Museum’s efforts to acquire and restore the vessel.

Photographs in the collection include images of the *Thomas F. Bayard* being cleaned up and towed to her moorage location in False Creek, Vancouver prior to her sinking.

The collection has been divided into the following series:

- 1.0 Thomas F. Bayard reports and ship records (1905-[198-])
- 2.0 John Crosse research records (1901-2002, predominantly 1978-1998)
- 3.0 Thomas F. Bayard Restoration Society (1978-2003)
- 4.0 VMM research and restoration correspondence (1968-2007)
- 5.0 Newspaper clippings and media (1969-2004)
- 6.0 Photographs (1979-[198-])

### Notes:

*Source of Title:* Title based on the content of the records.

*Immediate source of acquisition:* Records in this collection have come from a number of different sources. Some of the material was collected by VMM staff and volunteers for general research and exhibit purposes. Recognized donations in this collection include records from John Crosse.

*Arrangement:* Records arranged by Archivist.

*Related Records:* For artifacts, plans, and technical drawings of the *Thomas F. Bayard* please consult the VMM Curator. Additional records of the *Thomas F. Bayard* and *Sandheads No. 16* can be found in the VMM photograph collection.

*Language:* Records are in English.

*Restrictions on access:* None.

*Terms governing publication:* None.

*Finding aids:* A box-file list exists for these records.

*Accruals:* No future accruals to this collection are expected.

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### Box / File List

PartOf <b>Thomas F. Bayard Collection</b>	Location: Box 1
<b>Series No:</b> 1 <b>File No:</b> 1	<b>Date:</b> [198-]
<b>Title:</b> Song of the Bayard	
PartOf <b>Thomas F. Bayard Collection</b>	Location: Box 1
<b>Series No:</b> 1 <b>File No:</b> 2	<b>Date:</b> 1969
<b>Title:</b> Certificate of British Registry	
PartOf <b>Thomas F. Bayard Collection</b>	Location: Box 1
<b>Series No:</b> 1 <b>File No:</b> 3	<b>Date:</b> 1905-1930
<b>Title:</b> Canadian Coast Guard records of the Bayard/Sandheads No. 16, vol. 1	
PartOf <b>Thomas F. Bayard Collection</b>	Location: Box 1
<b>Series No:</b> 1 <b>File No:</b> 4	<b>Date:</b> 1905-1930
<b>Title:</b> Canadian Coast Guard records of the Bayard/Sandheads No. 16, vol. 2	
PartOf <b>Thomas F. Bayard Collection</b>	Location: Box 1
<b>Series No:</b> 2 <b>File No:</b> 1	<b>Date:</b> 1989
<b>Title:</b> John Crosse research - Thomas F. Bayard chronology	
PartOf <b>Thomas F. Bayard Collection</b>	Location: Box 1
<b>Series No:</b> 2 <b>File No:</b> 2	<b>Date:</b> 1989
<b>Title:</b> John Crosse research - Thomas F. Bayard corrected lines of transom	
PartOf <b>Thomas F. Bayard Collection</b>	Location: Box 1
<b>Series No:</b> 2 <b>File No:</b> 2.2	<b>Date:</b> 1997-1998
<b>Title:</b> John Crosse research - Sandheads No. 16	
PartOf <b>Thomas F. Bayard Collection</b>	Location: Box 1
<b>Series No:</b> 2 <b>File No:</b> 3	<b>Date:</b> 1978-1990
<b>Title:</b> John Crosse research - Certificates of Enrollment - The Record	

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PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 1  
**Series No: 2**                    **File No: 4**                    **Date: 1901-1904**  
**Title:** John Crosse research - Certificates of Enrollment and Registry (U.S.A.)

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 1  
**Series No: 2**                    **File No: 5**                    **Date: 1979**  
**Title:** John Crosse research - Delaware Bay Pilots

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 1  
**Series No: 2**                    **File No: 6**                    **Date: 1997**  
**Title:** John Crosse research - Klondyke Days

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 1  
**Series No: 2**                    **File No: 7**                    **Date: 1988**  
**Title:** John Crosse research - Sealing Schooner

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 1  
**Series No: 2**                    **File No: 8**                    **Date: 1978-1993**  
**Title:** John Crosse research - Intermediate [tracing ship owners]

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 1  
**Series No: 2**                    **File No: 9**                    **Date: 1983**  
**Title:** John Crosse research - Report on a visit to New York pertaining to the Thomas F. Bayard

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 1  
**Series No: 2**                    **File No: 10**                    **Date: 1989-1997**  
**Title:** John Crosse research - Design/Pouillons/Sappho

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 1  
**Series No: 2**                    **File No: 11**                    **Date: 1987-1998**  
**Title:** John Crosse research - Historial research, vol. 1

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 2  
**Series No: 2**                    **File No: 12**                    **Date: 1997-2002**  
**Title:** John Crosse research - Historial research, vol. 2

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PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 2  
**Series No:** 2      **File No:** 13      **Date:** 1990-2001  
**Title:** John Crosse research - Historial research, vol. 3

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 2  
**Series No:** 2      **File No:** 14      **Date:** 1979-1995  
**Title:** John Crosse research - Historial research, vol. 4

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 2  
**Series No:** 2      **File No:** 15      **Date:** 1980-1998  
**Title:** John Crosse research - Historial research, vol. 5

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 2  
**Series No:** 3      **File No:** 1      **Date:** 1978-1996  
**Title:** Thomas F. Bayard Restoration Society - Bayard survey reports and related material

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 2  
**Series No:** 3      **File No:** 2      **Date:** 1979  
**Title:** Thomas F. Bayard Restoration Society - promotional materials and publications

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 3  
**Series No:** 3      **File No:** 3      **Date:** 1981-1995  
**Title:** Thomas F. Bayard Restoration Society - correspondence and reports

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 3  
**Series No:** 3      **File No:** 4      **Date:** 1994-1997  
**Title:** Thomas F. Bayard Restoration Society - correspondence and reports

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 3  
**Series No:** 3      **File No:** 5      **Date:** 1997-2003  
**Title:** Thomas F. Bayard Restoration Society - correspondence and reports

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PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 3  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 1      **Date:** 1979-2003  
**Title:** VMM - Thomas F. Bayard: reports, correspondence and newsclippings

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 3  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 2      **Date:** 1977-1979  
**Title:** VMM - Thomas F. Bayard: reference binder with correspondence

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 3  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 3      **Date:** 1978-1985  
**Title:** Thomas F. Bayard at VMM - logbook, visits and repairs

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 3  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 4      **Date:** 2004-2007  
**Title:** VMM - Thomas F. Bayard: Certificate of Registry

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 5      **Date:** 1978-1982  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Preliminary working file

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 6      **Date:** 1981-1983  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Bayard Display

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 7      **Date:** 1978-1996  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Survey reports, vol. 1

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 8      **Date:** 1978-1984  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Survey reports, vol. 2

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 9      **Date:** 1983-1984  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Survey reports, vol. 3

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PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 10      **Date:** 1979-1984  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Financing

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 11      **Date:** 1978-1984  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Certificates of Registry and related documents

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 12      **Date:** 1978-1983  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Insurance

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 13      **Date:** 1979-1985  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Correspondence with Lewes Historical Society/James E. Marvil

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 14      **Date:** 1968-1978  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Correspondence with Hookins, V.L. (former owners of Thomas F. Bayard)

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 15      **Date:** 1979  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Correspondence with G.S.A. Archives, Seattle

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 16      **Date:** 1979-1980  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Correspondence with Bayard, du Pont, Alexis

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 17      **Date:** 1979-1980  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Correspondence with McDonald, E. (Bayard family)

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 18      **Date:** 1978-1980  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Correspondence with Archie Wills

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PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 19      **Date:** 1979-1980  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Correspondence with Cpt. & Mrs. J. Clarke (Thomas F. Bayard binnacle)

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 4  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 20      **Date:** 1979-1985  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Correspondence with Pedersen, C.E.

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 5  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 21      **Date:** 1979-1985  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Correspondence with White, Marie (daughter of Cpt. Hans Blakstad)

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 5  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 22      **Date:** [19--]  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Senator Thomas F. Bayard biography

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 5  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 23      **Date:** 1978-1979  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Sealing history

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 5  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 24      **Date:** 1980  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: 100th birthday party

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 5  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 25      **Date:** 1979-1985  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Sterling Shipyards correspondence

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 5  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 26      **Date:** 1978-1984  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Heritage Trust funding applications

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 5  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 27      **Date:** 1980-1985  
**Title:** VMM - TFB: Peter Heilberg Bayard restoration proposal



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- PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 5  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 28      **Date:** 1984-1985  
**Title:** VMM - TFB Restoration Committee: meetings and correspondence
- PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 5  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 29      **Date:** 1980-1984  
**Title:** VMM - TFB Restoration Committee: preliminary restoration
- PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 5  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 30      **Date:** 1984  
**Title:** VMM - TFB Restoration Committee: Bayard calculations and drawings
- PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 5  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 31      **Date:** 1984  
**Title:** VMM - TFB Restoration Committee: finances, donations and fundraising
- PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 5  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 32      **Date:** 1983-1988  
**Title:** VMM - TFB Restoration Committee: letters to VMM Trustees
- PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 5  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 33      **Date:** 1983-1985  
**Title:** VMM - TFB Restoration Committee: newsletters
- PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 5  
**Series No:** 4      **File No:** 34      **Date:** 1984-1985  
**Title:** VMM - TFB Restoration Committee: shipway and workshop correspondence
- PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 6  
**Series No:** 5      **File No:** 1      **Date:** 1969-2004  
**Title:** Thomas F. Bayard newspaper clippings and journal articles
- PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 6  
**Series No:** 5      **File No:** 2      **Date:** 1983  
**Title:** Thomas F. Bayard promotional video
- PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection** Location: Box 6  
**Series No:** 6      **File No:** 1      **Date:** [198-]  
**Title:** Thomas F. Bayard photographs - Tow of Bayard from Sterling Shipyards to Canron site at False Creek, vol. 1

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PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection**

Location: Box 6

**Series No:** 6

**File No:** 2

**Date:** [198-]

**Title:** Thomas F. Bayard photographs - Tow of Bayard from Sterling Shipyards to Canron site at False Creek, vol. 2

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection**

Location: Box 6

**Series No:** 6

**File No:** 3

**Date:** 1979-[198-]

**Title:** Thomas F. Bayard photographic contact sheets - Bayard tow and maintenance work

PartOf **Thomas F. Bayard Collection**

Location: Box 6

**Series No:** 6

**File No:** 4

**Date:** 1979-[198-]

**Title:** Thomas F. Bayard negatives - Bayard tow and maintenance work