From:
Joseph W. Watkins'
Manuscript & papers
dealing with the Haley
family in his copy
John Jenness'
The Isles of Shoals an
historical sketch
Cambridge, Mass. (1875).
The book & Mss. are
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Copy of a paper found by Mr. E. L. Ham in the Haley family bible and given by him to Oscar Leighton July 1903.

"An acount of Some of the Vessels who was Cast-away/ on & around the Islands of Shoals at Different Dates in/my lifetime;

"Capt. Elexander Millican was Cast on Duck Island in a severe Cold N West wind it was so full of/Reake or Vaper that they Did not see tell they struck; they/Got on s^d Desolate Island; & would have all perish^d had not I sent/my Boat with 5 men & took all the men off & Brought them/to my House that Evning in the month of January 1813 – three/of my Sons was in my Boat which made up the 5 men x –/ Some of them got frosen by it Being so Cold; after that we got/the Vessel off & saved her also & Carried Her to Portsmouth Harbour; s^d Vessel Being About 110 tuns schooner-Rigged; –/

Do Capt. Benjamin Lovet of Beverly was cast on Hog-/Island ledge in a schooner of 75 tons in a heavy storm I/& my sons & men with a nother Boat & men got the Capt. his son &/Sother off from the ledge & wreck on the same Ebb-tide &/Brought them to my House all-most perished: s^d Vess was/Stove to Peices; & Cargo was lost by the ledge being over-plowed/with the Sea; Do Capt. Peleg-Wodsworth was Cast on Lunging/Island; in a Shape he & his men saved; the Vessel was got off/& Brought in to Haley's Dock & was Repaired; /

Do Capt. Kimbell of Newbury was Cast on half-way/Rock of Isle Shoals was gott off & towed into s^d Dock full of/water & Repaired; Do Capt. Abram Trethen was upset &/towed in to s^d Dock half-full of water & Repaired; She was/a Schoner of 90 tons; Do Capt. Joseph Leevis of towns-/lond in a new sloop struck on the Rocks Called the 3-/Sisters- She Beat off & Drifted near the Shoals & my Self &/sons & men in my Boat & Mr John Nuten & men in/his Boat towed her in About half full of water we got her in to s^d Haley's Dock the Capt. & his men gave up being/tired out by pumping; we gave them a Shell & was the/means of Saving the mens lives & Vessel; –/

Do Capt. John Adams from Saco Bound to the West/Indias was Cast away on Seder Island in the Night in/Stuck weather I went on Board with my men he Gave me/the full Charge of s^d Vessel & with the helps of the Star island/men got s^d Vessel off & got her in to s^d Haley's Dock – She/being filled with water

Do Capt. Hudson from Jamaica – Bound to – / Bound to Sa
Johns New-Brunswick fell in with/the Isle of Shoals of Jera
Gale s^d Vessel/mast sprung – a Leak & half full of water & whe
oaw her heave out a signal in Distress I sent/my oldest
in my boat with 4 more men & they/Pointed her in
Dock & was the means in/the Hand of God/Gods?/providen
Saving the mens lives &/Vessel & Cargo; for the Capt & his men
not/knew the land; & said they should have Bin lost/had no
men Come unto them as they ware/ hired out in pumping
the passage as their Vessel/was Wormeaten s^d Vessels
Consisted of rum/

Do Capt. Thomas Newmish was Cast away on the South-Sa
of this Island in a gale of wind I & my sons helped him; & sav
the Cargo of Boards & towed them into this Dock all hands
But the Vessel was lost;

Do Capt. Benjamin Henderson was Cast on White Islan
to the West/Indias & s^d Vessel was got off towed into this
& Repaired; /

Do Capt. Ellet was piolated in to this s^d Dock – by my/s
Haley in the first part of a very Heavy/Gale s^d Vessel & Carg
sisted of Dry Goods & Value &/as the Capt told me; recently
thousand Dollars; it Came on/one of the most Heavy Gale
that was ever known; so as/the owners Could not get
Insurance After/the Gale was over; no not a Lanch
But yet it was all Safe in this s^d Haley's Dock, But the
it was all lost;

Do Capt. Edgar was shipwracked in a heavy Gale of win
Near these Islands & all his Sails Blown to peices/as
Storm the Vessel was towed in to Haleys/Dock in a Calm;
men Vessel & Cargo all saved –/safe & sound; –

Do the Spanish Ship from Cades Bound to New-York/wa
Castaway on this Island of Smuttinose on the 14th night
15th morning in January 1813; & Every sole lost & the sh
to peices & But a Very little of the Cargo/saved; I & my son
what other men I Hired fucked up/four teen of the Dead m
Buried them in my Burying/field; but I Did not get my pay from an

260 "Do Capt Daniell Huntress Came from Boston Bound to Portsmouth
" Loaded with freight took a equal gale of wind from the N West
" Carried away his masts near three Islands & was towed into this
" Haley's Dock & saved all; not only what I have mencioned
" but I know several more Vessels who were Cast away on those
" Islands since I Can Remember; some Drowned; & those saved
" them who was saved when they ware in Distress; Besides a great
" many more Vessels & Open Boats who Runes into this Haley's
" Dock from year to year at most all times in the year. Ever
" since my Remembrance; & they saved themselves & their
" Vessels & open Boats in Distress of Weather; at one time there were
" 40 people in their fishing Boats they run in to this Harbour in a
" Storm and was safe; & at another time I know of more than
" 75 people who was Drove in here in the month of March with
" this open Boats; they Came out from portsmouth old york
" Rye Hampton & other places in the morning it was pleasent
" & moderate & as they ware a fishing there Came up a Squall of
" wind from the North West & Blowed a Gale of wind for 2 or 3
" Days they made out to get in to Haley's Dock they had no pro-
" visions & Mr John Niten [Newton] supply them or Else they
" would have suffered - But he nor no never Got one pay
" for it to this Day; this Yale was in March 11th 1807

" as witness my Hand Sam[l] Haley "

There is no date to this paper wh. is written on three sides of a sheet of med. size (small foolscap?). A 3-inch strip has been cut off just below the signature.

A copy of this memm. was printed in Portsm. Chronicle Aug 29 1903

* The "Spanish Ship" is traditionally known as the "Saguito" and so noted in the Gosport Records (cf. Mm. Thacher's book). There is however some doubt as to the real name of the vessel (v. Drake p. 184). It was.