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NAME OF COLLECTION:

Stiles, Anson Gale, Account Book, 1834-1837

LOCATION(S):

Octavo vols. "S"

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

one octavo volume (82 leaves)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

For information about Anson Gale Stiles, see Mary Stiles Paul Guild, *The Stiles Family in America: Genealogies ... 1659-1891...* (Albany, N.Y.: Joel Munsell's Sons, 1892), p. 66.

For information about A. G. Stiles & Company, and his other Millbury, Mass., partnerships, see *Centennial History of the Town of Millbury, Massachusetts ...* (Millbury, Mass., 1915), *passim*.

For information about Stiles's San Francisco years, see the directories for that city, 1854-1876/77, particularly those for 1854, 1863, 1870, 1872, and 1875.

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

unknown

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

Anson Gale Stiles (1809-1876), Millbury, Mass., general store proprietor and entrepreneur, was born in Amsterdam, N.Y., a son of Barney Stiles (1781-1868), Sutton (now Millbury), Mass., manufacturer of scythes, and Cornelia Clisbee Stiles (1784-), of Amsterdam, N.Y.

Anson Gale Stiles evidently formed a series of partnerships in Millbury during the 1830s and 1840s and served as Town Clerk, 1835-1838. In 1836 he married Ann Jane Waters (-), by whom he had three children, only one of whom survived to adulthood. By 1854, Stiles had moved his family to San Francisco, Calif., where he served initially as a bookkeeper at the boot and shoe firm of Jones & Co.; he later served, or had offices with, boot and shoe importer S. A. Wood and others. According to the 1872 directory for San Francisco, Stiles was the ex-president of Occidental Insurance Company; in the directory for 1876/77, he is listed simply as "capitalist."

Stiles recorded in "Cash Book No. 1," 1834-1837, those transactions conducted by him under the name Anson G. Stiles & Company, although several entries refer to Mills and Stiles, presumably another of his frequent partnerships. In this account book, Stiles listed cash expended for merchandise, services of

individuals and firms, and postal fees, as well as cash received on notes he held in the Millbury Bank and Thompson [Conn.] Bank, payments on outstanding accounts, and services his firm(s) performed.