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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Poore, Benjamin Perley, Record Book, 1854-1855</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Octavo volumes "P"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 octavo volume, 122 leaves (103 leaves blank), with 2 loose items</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>For a biography of Poore, see <u>DAB</u>, vol. 15, p. 73</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Purchased from Goodspeed's Bookstore, 1980</p>	
<p>Collection Description:</p> <p>Benjamin Perley Poore (1820-1887) was a newspaper correspondent, editor, and author who lived and worked mainly in Washington, D.C. He was born and raised on "Indian Hill Farm" near Newburyport, Mass., a member of a wealthy family. Following a brief stay at West Point, Poore chose to apprentice himself to a printer and eventually became one of the first newspaper correspondents in America, a position which he held for three decades. Stationed in Washington, D.C., he worked for the <u>Boston Journal</u> and a number of other newspapers, and made a name for himself as "Perley" the columnist. Poore also served as clerk of the Senate committee on printing public records, edited the <u>Congressional Directory</u> in 1869, and published a number of biographies of notable Americans.</p> <p>This volume, 1854-1855, was kept by Benjamin Perley Poore as a record of his plans to publish <u>Archives of the Press</u>, an illustrated history of the American press. The volume contains a printed prospectus, clippings from various newspapers promoting the publication, and a brief list of subscribers. There is also a page which contains a list of people to whom Poore sent a prospectus or a note of thanks for their assistance. There is also a loose page of blank receipts of the <u>American Sentinel</u> office in Washington, D.C., and a loose newsclipping.</p> <p>Although Poore worked on the <u>Archives of the Press</u> for ten years, apparently it was never published.</p>	

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