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Manuscript Collections

Name of collection:

Ellms, Charles, Business Records, 1833-1851

Location:

Octavo volumes "E"
Folio volumes "E"

Size of collection:

1 octavo volume (41 leaves); 1 folio volume (46 leaves)

N.U.C.M.C. number:

RLIN id: MAAR91-A44

Sources of information on collection:

Source of collection:

Gift of Charles L. Nichols, 1913

Collection description:

Charles Ellms (fl. 1830) was a Boston stationer who gave up trade and undertook the compiling of almanacs and books with popular titles. His published works included: The Comic Almanac for 1835 (Boston, [1834]); The Pirates Own Book ... (1836; reprinted, Salem, 1924); Robinson Crusoe's Own Book ... (Boston, 1842); Shipwrecks and Disasters at Sea ... (Boston, 1836); and The Tragedy of the Seas ... (New York, 1841).

These two volumes include the business records of Ellms from 1833 to 1851. The octavo volume includes copies of business letters written by Ellms from 1833 to 1834 to publishers and booksellers in different cities in regard to his books and almanacs. Ellms includes detailed descriptions of the contents of his books.

The folio volume includes copies of business letters written by Ellms, from 1839 to 1851, to two Philadelphia publishers: Carey and Hart, and George W. Gorton. The folio volume also contains lists of Ellms' account from 1834 to 1842, including office rent and apprentices' wages for engravings.