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NAME OF COLLECTION:

LOCATION:

Newton, Charles Lewis, Account Book, 1818-1839; c.1850-1860 Octavo vols. "N"

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

1 octavo volume (212 p., 50 blank)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

For biographical and genealogical notes, see E. N. Leonard, *Newton Genealogy* (DePere, Wisc.: Bernard A. Leonard, 1915) p. 580-581. For records of family members, see *Rutland, Mass. Vital Records to 1850*; *Spencer, Mass. Vital Records to 1850*.

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

Gift of Mrs. Edward I. Comins, 1942

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

Charles Lewis Newton (1784-1849) was a farmer in Rutland, Mass. He married Sophia Browning (1786-1862) and they raised three children.

His account book concerns farm products and work from 1818 to 1839 with a list of his debtors, frequently including his brother, Emory Hull Newton (1785-1826), their purchases, and the credits they accumulated through work or barter to settle their debts.

The back of the book, in reverse, contains medicinal remedies for curing worms, dysentery, fevers, indigestion, croup, and various other ailments, followed by many culinary recipes for oysters, cakes, puddings, sauces, breads, and "catchup." This material appears to be written in a different hand and dates c. 1850 to 1860.

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