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Name of collection:

Freeman, Edmund, Estate Account Book, 1833-1834

Location:

Octavo volumes "F"

Size of collection:

1 octavo volume (96 p., 49 blank)

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Sources of information on collection:

Freeman Genealogy (Boston: Franklin Press: Rand, Avery, and Company., 1875)
Historical Catalogue of Brown University 1764-1904 (Providence, Rhode Island :
Published by the University, 1905)

Source of collection:

Purchased from William P. Wreden, 1985

Collection description:

The Freeman family first moved to Mansfield, Conn. from Yarmouth (now North Dennis), Mass., ca. 1702, when Edmund Freeman (1683-1766) "... purchased one thousand acres of land in Windham, Ct., lying in that part of the township since known as Mansfield ... and was set off from Windham a distinct town the next year." The homestead was handed down to his son, Skeffe Freeman (1723-1809), who, in turn, handed it down to his son, Edmund Freeman (1764-1833), whose estate inventory this is. The younger Edmund Freeman was a graduate of Brown University in 1786, A.B. and A.M. He married in 1787, Hannah Dimmick (1766-). Their children included William Henry Freeman (1791-1845).

This quarter-bound, octavo volume contains a nine page, complete inventory and valuation of the Freeman estate, including books (which are listed by title), furniture, household and personal items, and real estate. The volume also includes a list of items given to the Edmund Freeman's widow, Hannah; a list of items given to William Henry Freeman; a list of items purchased by William Henry Freeman at the vendue of the estate held on 14 June, 1833; accounts of people who also purchased items at the vendue; a list of expenses in administering the estate; a list of claims against the estate; a complete list of items sold at the vendue, with its estate value and what it actually sold for; and a list of debts paid by the estate.