

**AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY  
MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS**

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**NAME OF COLLECTION:**

Waters, Jason, Account Books, c.1812-c.1829

**LOCATION(S):**

Folio vols. "W"  
Octavo vols. "W"

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**SIZE OF COLLECTION:**

twenty-two folio volumes; one octavo volume

**CONTENTS LIST:**

yes

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**SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:**

See William Benedict and Hiram Tracy, comps., *History of the Town of Sutton 1704-1876* (Worcester, Mass.: Sanford & Company, 1878), pp. 184, 191-192, 743.

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**SOURCE OF COLLECTION:**

Gift of the estate of Ira Moore Barton. The volumes may not have come to the American Antiquarian Society until 1900, after the death of Barton's son William Sumner Barton.

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**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:**

Jason Waters (1785-1869), the son of Judah and Olive Fuller Waters, was a distant relative of the Waters family of Millbury and Sutton, Mass. Waters kept a store in Sutton until he moved, sometime after 1825, to Philadelphia, Pa., where he died. On 7 September 1815, he married Harriet Phillips (1796- ) of Charlton, Mass.

The entries in these account books indicate that, in addition to a general store, Waters was for a time a partner of blacksmith Cornelius Putnam (1782- ) and a partner of Amasa Braman (1766-1830), a Millbury physician who gave more of his time to business than to the practice of medicine. Waters also distributed yarn from textile mills to local women for weaving into cloth, and the account books include detailed records of these transactions.

The first sixteen folio volumes are daybooks, c.1812-c.1825. The volumes occasionally include very brief entries about the weather (especially the weather for the Christmas season) and records of meals away from his boarding house or with company. There are also very brief, sporadic notations about his activities. The remaining folio volumes are ledgers and all but one (c.1812-c.1826) are indexed.

The octavo volume includes general store, weaving, and auction accounts, c.1818-c.1829, with most of the entries undated. It is not clear from the auction records for 1824 whether Waters was acting as auctioneer or whether these represent a record of the auction of his personal property.

These account books were incorrectly reported to the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections [MS 62-3006] as being the records of Jason Waters (1824-1908). The American Antiquarian Society does not hold any manuscripts of the younger Waters.

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## MANUSCRIPTS DEPARTMENT

JASON WATERS, ACCOUNT BOOKS, c.1812-c.1829  
CONTENTS LIST**FOLIO  
VOLUME**

## DAYBOOKS

- |    |  |
|----|--|
| 1  | 1812 October 30-1813 April 10  |
| 2  | 1813 April 12-September 29   |
| 3  | 1813 September 30-December 6   |
| 4  | 1813 December 6-1814 June 23   |
| 5  | 1814 June 23-December 26   |
| 6  | 1814 December 26-1815 August 18  |
| 7  | 1815 August 18-1816 April 9  |
| 8  | 1816 April 10-1817 March 8 (and a few entries to 1818)                                   |
| 9  | 1816 November 7-1819 September 13  |
| 10 | 1817 April 8-1818 June 23  |
| 11 | 1818 July 3-November 30 (for the store)  |
|    | 1819 August 9-1821 January 3 (for the store and blacksmith accounts of Cornelius Putnam) |
| 12 | 1819 August 9-c.1820, many undated (blacksmith accounts of Cornelius Putnam)             |
| 13 | 1821 January 4-1822 February 20  |
| 14 | 1822 February 19-December 6  |
| 15 | 1822 December 7-1823 September 16  |
| 16 | 1823 September 23-1825 March 22 (and a few entries late 1820s)                           |

## LEDGERS

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| 17 | c.1812-c.1815, with a separate index  |
| 18 | 1813-1824, weaving accounts, no index |
| 19 | c.1814-c.1821, with index             |
| 20 | c.1816-c.1824, with index             |
| 21 | c.1817-c.1822, with index             |
| 22 | c.1823-c.1826, with separate index    |

**OCTAVO  
VOLUME**

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| 1 | General store, weaving and auction account book, c.1818-c.1829; includes accounts with Nathan Sweetland who leased a cotton mill in Rehoboth, Mass. |
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