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Manuscript Collections

Name of collection:

Boynton and Marshall Company. Account Book, 1850-1852

Location:

Folio volumes "B"

Size of collection:

1 folio volume, 146 pages

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

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Finding aids:

For a history of the company, see J.H. Temple, History of Framingham, Mass. (Framingham: Town of Framingham, 1887), p. 358

Source of collection:

Purchased from Manuscript Company of Springfield, Va., 1982

Collection Description:

Otis Boynton (1798- ) was a bookbinder in Framingham, Mass., beginning in 1822 and was joined by John J. Marshall (1800- ) in 1833. Together they established a bookbindery, book and stationery shop in Framingham that remained in business until 1864. Marshall also prepared penmanship books that were printed in 1837 and 1840.

The company's account book was kept by John J. Marshall between May 13, 1850 and June 23, 1852. The entries indicate a large volume of business, including the sale of school books (especially to the town of Framingham), novels, religious works, dictionaries, almanacs, and other works. The company also sold paper, pencils, ink, writing and drawing books, envelopes, greeting cards, puzzles, and sealing wax. Several customers paid in goods or services. Boynton and Marshall also bound thousands of copies of Uncle Tom's Cabin and other books for various printers and publishers, e.g., John P. Jewett Company (which published Uncle Tom's Cabin in book form in 1852), Jenks Palmer and Company, and Kidder and Cheever. At the end of the volume is a list of Marshall's personal expenses and a description of binding work to be done.