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Guide to the

**Joseph Gurney and William Brodie Gurney ledger**

1800-1807

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## Summary

**Creator:** Gurney, Joseph, 1744-1815

**Title:** Joseph Gurney and William Brodie Gurney ledger

**Date:** 1800-1807

**Size:** .2 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Purchase, Bernard Quatrach Ltd, 02/21/90

**Abstract:** Joseph Gurney (1744-1815) and William Brodie Gurney (1777-1855) were English shorthand writers to both houses of Parliament. Ledger, 1800-1807, is an account book which was used to record payments for work in the law courts, the House of Lords, parliamentary committees, and for private clients by the English shorthand writers Joseph and William Brodie Gurney. Each entry gives details of place, date, and charges for attendance (normally 2 guineas a day) and the number of sheets transcribed (at 6d).

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## Creator History

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## Scope and Content Note

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## **Key Terms**

### **Geographic Names**

Great Britain -- History -- 1800-1837

Great Britain -- Politics and government -- 1800-1837

### **Subjects**

Shorthand

Shorthand reporting

### **Occupations**

Shorthand reporters

### **Names**

Gurney, Joseph, 1744-1815

Gurney, William Brodie, 1777-1855