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Guide to the

William Smith general store ledger

1774-1794, 1847-1871

MssCol 19029

Summary

Creator: Smith, William

Title: William Smith general store ledger

Date: 1774-1794, 1847-1871

Size: 1.58 linear feet (1 volume)

Abstract: William Smith (1745-1794) was an Irish-born merchant in Kakiat (now Ramapo), New York, who later went into business with his brother, Walter Smith. The accounts record transactions relating to rum, tea, textiles, and other sundries, with a gap in entries circa 1778-1780, presumably due to the Revolutionary War.

Physical Location: MssCol 19029

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Custodial History

Sold by Silas Van Orden (grandson of Frederick Van Orden) to James M. Ransom in 1951.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Account books

Ledgers (account books)

Subjects

Accounts -- New York (State) -- 18th century

Merchants -- New York (State) -- 18th century

Occupations

Merchants

Geographic Names

Ramapo (N.Y. : Town) -- Commerce

Rockland County (N.Y.) -- Commerce

Names

Smith, William

Smith, Walter

Van Orden, Frederick