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Guide to the

## **Isaac and Joshua Child papers**

1816-1834

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### **Summary**

**Creator:** Child, Isaac, 1734-1769

**Title:** Isaac and Joshua Child papers

**Date:** 1816-1834

**Size:** .25 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Purchase, Aldine Book Shop, 1942

**Abstract:** Isaac Child and his brother Joshua were merchants active in Boston, Mass., during the early 19th century. They dealt in dry goods, groceries, and farm and household implements. Collection consists of correspondence, financial documents, and report by Isaac Child. Correspondence, 1816-1819, is between the Child brothers and merchants, manufacturers and shipping firms in the U.S. and elsewhere. Letters contain orders, discussions of business and economic conditions, and mention of items purchased specifically for sale to "negroes". Also, financial documents, 1822-1834, and a report concerning the effect on trade of a canal through Cape Cod in Massachusetts.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African American consumers  
Agricultural implement industry  
Canals -- Massachusetts  
Dry-goods  
Grocery trade  
Household appliances

### **Geographic Names**

Boston (Mass.) -- Commerce  
Cape Cod Canal (Mass.)  
United States -- Commerce

### **Occupations**

Merchants

### **Names**

Child, Isaac, 1734-1769  
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