

General Store Books
New Paris, Ohio

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Introduction

The day book of this unknown New Paris, Ohio General store was accessioned into the Wright State University Department of Archives and Special Collections in Spring 1986. They were found in and donated by the Preble County Courthouse in Eaton, Ohio.

The day books in this collection date from 1846-1847 and comprise two series.

Series 1: Day Book 1846

Series 2: Day Book 1847

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

Brief Historical Sketch

These books were found in the attic of the Preble County Courthouse in Eaton, Ohio. The owners of this store are unknown.

Scope and Content

These two day books comprise the daily records of an unknown general store in New Paris, Ohio between 1846 and 1847. Included within these books are the prices and items purchased by the customers during this time period.

The owner also documents his charges for performing contract building work and cartage fees to and from Hamilton, Ohio for his customers. There are also notes in book 2 concerning the deaths of one of his customer's family and the swearing in of a Captain in 1847.

These books would be beneficial in researching an Economic History of the area during the 1840's.

Container Listing

Series 1: Day Book 1846

Item Description

1 General store day book 1846

Series 2: Day Book 1847

Item Description

1 General store day book 1847