OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: Jacob Setley Papers and Daybook

Collection Dates: 1832-1848

Extent and Forms of Material: 0.5 cubic feet (1 box)

Creator: Jacob Setley


Collection Number: AC0190

Administrative and Biographical History: Jacob Setley, author and recipient of these papers and daybook, was perhaps a German immigrant who settled in Reading, Pennsylvania. He apparently made his livelihood by operating a brick kiln and later branched into construction work and storekeeping. He also owned and leased property in Reading around 1846. John, Adam, and Samuel Setley, perhaps family members or relatives, are mentioned in the daybook.

Scope and Content: Included are papers, 1832-1848, found in the daybook concerning the operation of a brick kiln, receipts, a property lease, notes about construction work, and accounts of merchandise bought and sold. The daybook, 1832-1840, records the buying and selling of general merchandise such as butter, sugar, molasses, thread, potatoes, and coffee. It also records payments made for “woork.”

Acquisition Information: Transferred from the Isadore Warshaw Collection

Subject-Topical:
Business records – 1830-1850

Subject - Geographical:
Reading, Pennsylvania

Form / Genre:
Daybooks – 1830-1850

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