Joshua L. Baily account book, 1794-1915
MC.975.08.001
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Summary Information

Repository
Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections

Creator
Baily, Joshua, L. (Joshua Longstreth), 1826-1916

Title
Joshua L. Baily account book

Date [inclusive]
1794-1915

Extent
0.13 Linear feet

Language
English

Preferred Citation
Joshua L. Baily account book (MC.975.08.001), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

Joshua Longstreth Baily (1826-1916) was a Quaker merchant in the dry goods business. He attended all the American Yearly Meetings between 1845 and 1855. He contributed generously to African American causes, was interested in peace issues, worked diligently toward temperance, establishing temperance coffeehouses in Philadelphia. He was also the vice President of the National Temperance Society. He was treasurer of the Mohonk Arbitration Conference, president of the American Bible Society, and was affiliated with the Pennsylvania Prison Society for 66 years, and was the organization’s president at the time of his death. He was an author on topics related to Bible study and temperance. Baily married Theodate Lang in 1856. The couple had 5 children: Frederick Lang Baily, b. 1858 Albert Lang Baily, b. 1859 William Lloyd Baily, b. 1861 Charles Winter Baily, b. 1866 Henry Paul Baily, b. 1868


Scope and Content note

This collection is comprised of the single volume account book of Joshua L. Baily. The volume was originally used as an account book, from 1794-1795, and was later repurposed by Baily as a diary or timeline of events in his life, dated 1826-1915. The section of the volume that acts as an account book includes an index, in which individuals are organized alphabetically, and entries record amounts paid or owned, the goods purchased, and the currency used. Goods listed are mainly dry goods and lumber, including: flour, "middling" (bulk goods of medium grade), hog feed, cornmeal, buckwheat, rye meal, and wooden boards.

The second section of the volume acts as a timeline and diary for Joshua L. Baily. Included are entries concerning current events, such as terms of various presidents, the Orthodox-Hicksite separation, the emergence of the "Mormons" and their migration west, records of correspondence sent and received, and events in the Civil War and WWI.

Administrative Information

Publication Information
Use Restrictions

Standard Federal Copyright Law Applies (U.S. Title 17).

Acquisition

The Joshua L. Baily account book was donated to Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, in 1955 by Albert Baily Jr.

Processing Information

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Related Materials

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• MC 1032 Joshua L. Baily papers
• MC 1219 Lloyd and Baily family papers
• MC 975.01.006 Joshua L. and Theodate L. Baily diaries
• MC.975.11.003 Joshua L. Baily notes on Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

• Account books
• Financial records

Subject(s)

• Quakers
• Quakers--History
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