

The Emery Family Record Book, 1824-1872

This manuscript record-book was kept principally by Michael Emery and his son John Sargeant Emery of Sanbornton, Belknap County, New Hampshire. According to an Emery family genealogy, Michael Emery operated a carriage business and taught school for some years in his community. Emery died in 1842. It appears that subsequent entries in the volume were made by John S. Emery (b. 1805).

This text of this manuscript may be divided into two parts. First is a section of ledger-type accounts, entered between 1824 and 1840. These show sales of cider, cheese, beef, and lamb. Families having business connections with Emery include the Clay, Green, Swan, Colby, Daniels, Sanborn, Tilton, Durgin, Morrison, and Thomson families. There are also accounts for John S. Emery. Others include Joseph Fowler, evidently a tanner, as the elder Emery sells him hides and purchases finished leather products in return. Place-names mentioned in the record include Sanbornton, Hampton, Concord, and Dunbury. These records comprise 40 fully or partly entered pages of text, together with a four-page index of names.

The second portion of the volume contains genealogical, political and miscellaneous records. These consist in part of lists such as "Deaths of Legal Voters from March '58 to March '61" [3pp.]; "District No. 3, Actual Vote of 1841," plus other lists of voters by party [4pp.]; pasturing

memoranda, 1835-1870 [29pp.], weather records, 1841-1842 [4pp.], with notes on planting, unusual weather occurrences, frosts, appearance of swallows in April, and so forth. One entry from the later pages reads: "August 23. A North East rain Storm, first soaking since June 26th, pastures looked as if the fire had run over them." There is also a long record of votes delivered at town meetings and memoranda of village political proceedings, 1838-1872 [20pp.]. Together with an additional ten pages of related records. The remainder of pages in the book is blank.

This manuscript was entered into a large volume measuring 7.5" x 12", with full leather covers over boards. The front cover is loose (but not detached) from the spine and is quite worn. The text is entered on good laid paper and is in very good condition.

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