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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Allison, William

Title: William Allison Financial Records, 1801-1852, 1941

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Provenance: Gift of Martha Wagner, 1979.

Extent: .24 cubic feet

Repository: Pennsylvania State University, University Libraries, Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Access

Unrestricted access.

Preferred Citation

William Allison Financial Records, 1801-1852, 1941, Accession 1979-0008H, Historical Collections and Labor Archives, Special Collections Library, University Libraries, Pennsylvania State University.

Arrangement

Organized into four series: Broadsides, Correspondence, Financial, and Legal.

Arranged chronologically.

Biographical Note

William Allison opened a store in July 1827 with James and John Potter at Browns Mills (now Reedsville, Pa.). When the firm dissolved in 1829, Allison carried on the business alone for a few years, moved to Spring Mills, and in 1847, as a significant creditor,

purchased the factory, hotel, and real estate at Potters Mills (Centre Co., Pa.) when the brothers' business failed. Allison relocated to Potters Mills and moved into James' residence.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of the financial records of Messrs. Potter and Allison, a mercantile and manufacturing business in Potters Mills, Pa., including bank drafts from the Bank of Lewistown; receipts and bills, including those for William Allison's father Archibald Allison; promissory notes; Philip Benner's accounts and receipts; a leather-bound index to a ledger [not extant], circa 1826; six business letters, 1824-1852; and a broadside for the public sale of personal property of Col. W. Frederick Reynolds, Bellefonte, Pa. who died in 1941.

Index Terms

These materials are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Pennsylvania State University. Researchers wishing to find related materials should search the catalog under these index terms.

Personal Name Subjects

Allison, Archibald, 1761-1845

Allison, William, 1794-1877

Benner, Philip, 1797-1839

Potter, James, 1789-1865

Potter, John

Reynolds, W. Fred (William Frederick), d. 1941

Corporate Subjects

Potter and Allison (Firm)--Archives

Bank of Lewistown

Topical Subjects

Merchants--Pennsylvania--Centre County--19th century

Corporate Creators

Potter and Allison (Firm)

Form/Genre Terms

Broadsides

Financial records--Pennsylvania--Centre County

Container List

Broadsides Series

Broadside, 1941.

Box 1

Folder 9

Public sale of personal property of Col. W. Fred Reynolds, 1941

Correspondence Series

Correspondence, 1824-1852.

Box 1

Folder 7

Letters, 1824-1852

Financial Records Series

Financial records, 1801-1852.

Box 1

Folder 1

Bank drafts (Bank of Lewistown), 1839-1846

Box 1

Folder 2

Ledger index, circa 1926

Box 1

Folder 3

Messrs. Potter and Allison accounts, 1818-1849

Box 1

Folder 4

Philip Benner accounts and receipts, 1818-1819

Box 1

Folder 5

Promissory notes, 1826-1847

Box 1

Folder 6
Receipts, 1801-1850

Legal Series

Legal Papers, undated
Box 1
Folder 8
Legal papers, undated