REUBEN BATES
ACCOUNT BOOK,
12 APRIL 1838–9 OCTOBER 1839

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 BV, 1 folder, and 1 microfilm

COLLECTION DATES: 12 April 1838–9 October 1839

PROVENANCE: Unknown
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Reuben Bates was an early settler of Troy (Perry County), Indiana, an important shipping point on the Ohio River. The town had been laid out in 1815 as the county seat of Perry County (it lost that distinction to Rome three years later). Troy contained twenty log cabins by 1818, when its residents included Reuben Bates, who opened a general store and shipped pork, corn, and other farm products to New Orleans, as well as selling cordwood to steamboats on the Ohio River. James Worthington was Bates’s partner for a time.

Reuben Bates was among the stockholders of the Indiana Pottery Company which was chartered in Troy in 1838, using the clay beds available there to manufacture Rockingham and other stoneware, and bringing in potters from England to work. Bates’s investment in the company consisted of giving the company about 160 acres of land containing clay beds. After one year, the business was transferred to (or placed in charge of) Samuel Cassidy of Louisville, Kentucky, who managed it until 1851.

Bates’s death date is unknown. He may have moved to Warrick County, Indiana, as a Reuben Bates is present in the federal censuses there through 1860.

Sources:


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The collection consists of an account book of Reuben Bates of Troy, Indiana, for general merchandise, dating from 12 April 1838 to 9 October 1839.

Fifty pages of the account book had been covered over with newspaper clippings from the mid- and late 19th century; these pages of clippings included literary articles, local school items, articles on Rockport and Dubois counties, and on the Women’s Christian Temperance Union (W.C.T.U.). These pages were photocopied and then removed by the Conservation Department, allowing the text behind them to be visible, in preparation for microfilming the account book. The photocopied pages exist as SC 2720; they were not included in the microfilm (F 1699).
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Photocopies of pages of newspaper clippings removed from the account bookSC 2720, Folder 1

Microfilm of the account bookF 1699

CATALOGING INFORMATION

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: http://157.91.92.2/

2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.

3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.

4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, BV 0003).

5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.