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Although there is no clear attribution in the volume, the weight of evidence points to it having been kept by Nathaniel Maynard.

In addition to appearing as a signatory in a copy of a document related to the estate of Asa Moore, the entries bracket

Maynard's life quite distinctively. The earliest date (1801) was recorded in the town of Berlin, adjacent to Maynard's childhood home of Marlborough; the earliest Leverett entries date from 1803, shadowing what is known of Maynard's movements; and the latest dates (1862) record work performed by Nathaniel's son, J.B. Maynard, who lived on Rattlesnake Gutter Road in Leverett. Supporting the attribution, the names of the account holders can all be located in Leverett, with several appearing in the 1830 federal census as living near Maynard, including Charles Emes, John Comins, Enos Broad, and Dexter Stockwell. Broad, Emes, and Comins are buried in the East Leverett Cemetery, with Aaron Pike in Moore's Corner.

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The collection is open for research.

### Provenance

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