

Norton (Mass.) Merchant's Daybook

1828-1839

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Most of the entries in the daybook are recorded in Norton, Mass., however in December 1833, daily headings shift to Mansfield. The records in Mansfield are fewer and typically briefer.

Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

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Processing Information

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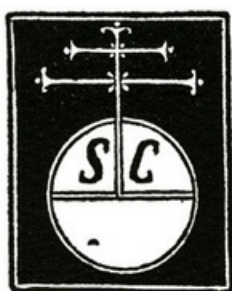
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