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## Roger Williams Account Book

1808-1822

1 volume (0.1 linear ft.)

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The approximate location of the ferry is inferred from one entry datelined West Springfield, but also from several account names that can be traced with some confidence to that town, including Enoch and Justin Ashley, Luke Parsons, Rowley Leonard, Silas Chapin, Chauncey Morgan, Moses Bliss, Peresh Hitchcock, and Moses Ely and his sons Willard and John. A few entries, such as those for Rhoda Ashley and Jared Noble, come from residents of adjacent Westfield.

## Administrative information

### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Provenance

Acquired from Dan Casavant, November 2008.

### Processing Information

Processed by Dex Haven, February 2009.

### Language:

English

### Copyright and Use (More information )

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## Search terms

### Subjects

Ferries--Massachusetts--Connecticut River.

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