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Descriptive Summary

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1844-1850

Language

The material in this collection is in English.

Abstract

The ledgers in this collection are detail John Garst's carpentry and mill business, including selling and purchasing planks and repairing and making wagons. Garst (ca. 1796-1875) built the Garst Mill in 1845 along Mason's Creek in Roanoke, Virginia.

Creator

Garst, John N. , ca. 1796-1875

Extent

0.4 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

John N. Garst (also Gharst; ca. 1796-1875) was the son of Frederick and Magdalena Garst. In 1842, he purchased 130 acres of land on Mason's Creek in Roanoke, Virginia, and built the Garst Mill in 1845. The mill was later renamed the Kesler Mill and operated until 1922.

Garst married Christina Peffley in 1821, and they had several children.

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Scope and Content

The ledgers in this collection are detail John Garst's carpentry and mill business. The ledger entries include the making of 1100 rails, selling and purchasing planks, and repairing and making wagons. There are many people mentioned throughout the ledgers, including Charles Parrish, Jr., Colonel Abraham Hupp, Robert Paxton, Adolphus Huff, and more.

Related Archival Materials

See the Henry and John Garst papers, 1830-1867, at Duke University's David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South
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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Account Ledger

Unit Date 1844-1846

item 1 (box)

Container 1 (item)

Account Ledger

Unit Date 1847-1850

item 1 (box)

Container 2 (item)