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Bethel, Samuel

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Bethel, Morris

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Scope and Contents

Account book, 1819-1835, of Connecticut textile entrepreneurs Samuel and Bethel Morris, possibly of Danbury, Fairfield County. Contains detailed transactions with named male and female textile workers, who worked out of in their own homes, participating in a cottage industry managed by the Morris. The Morris oversaw network of textile workers in specified area villages like Haystown, Longridge, Newfield, Oxford, "Redding" and Stonyhill (the Morris generally appended towns of residence to worker's names). ...The workers executed specified stages of the production, including washing, carding, and oiling wood; spinning and dyeing yarn; weaving specified yard goods; making specified articles of clothing (like pants and stockings). Typical entries include name of workers, their town, kind of work performed, type and color of textile product made, and rate paid. The services were sometimes paid in cash, but more often in form of barter goods, such as grains, foodstuffs, meat, raw wool, dyestuff, oil, soap, hats, hatboxes, lumber and wood, footwear, clothing.

Some more frequently mentioned surnames of workers are Barnum, Dibble, Benedict, Dunning, and Hoyt.

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