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Overview of the Collection

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The papers are in: English

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Morris, SamuelMorris, Bethel arrangement

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0.10

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Additional Information

Biographical Note

Information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: [http://scrc.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Samuel Morris](http://scrc.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Samuel_Morris).

Scope and Contents

The following description was provided by the seller: "Account book, 1819-1835, in which the Connecticut textile entrepreneurs Samuel and Bethel Morris, possibly of Danbury, Fairfield County, detailed their transactions with named male and female textile workers who labored in their own homes, participating in a cottage industry managed by the Morrises." "The Morrises oversaw an impressive network of named textile workers laboring in specified area villages like Haystown, Longridge, Newfield, Oxford, "Redding" and Stonyhill (the Morrises generally appended towns of residence to worker's names). ...These workers executed specified amounts of named stages in production, including washing, carding, and oiling wood; spinning and dying yarn; weaving specified yard goods, and making named articles of clothing (e.g., pantallons and stockings - all by reported dates for specified amounts of money. Typical entries include name of worker, his/her town, kind of work performed, type and color of textile product made, and rate paid..." "For these services the Morrises sometimes paid specified amounts of cash, but they usually paid in reported amounts of barter goods, such as named 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. 168 pp.

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