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John Welch Collection
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OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Creator: John Welch

Title: John Welch Collection

Date: 1838-1872

Abstract: The collection is a group of three accounting books. Judge John Welch of Athens County used these books from 1838-1872.

Quantity: 1 cu. ft.

BIOGRAPHY OF
John Welch was born in 1805 in Harrison County. He was teaching at the local school by the age of 20, but left for Athens County in 1828. Once there he and his brother Thomas bought the “Beebe Mill” in Rome township, where Welch worked while studying law with Ohio University professor Joseph Dana 14 miles away in Athens. Admitted to the bar in 1833, Welch worked as a prosecuting attorney for the county and working as a member of the state legislature until becoming a representative in Congress from 1851-52. In 1862 he was appointed a judge to the common pleas court, where he stayed until being appointed to the Supreme Court of Ohio in 1865. During his lifetime he also served as Rome township clerk in 1832, a member of the State Senate from 1846-47, a Trustee of Ohio University starting in 1848, and was elected mayor of Nelsonville in 1868. He was also an outspoken participant at the 1878 Republican State Convention in Cincinnati, where declared that the Republican Party wasn’t dead, just “slumbering.” He married his wife Martha Starr on June 13, 1830, and had five children. He died in 1891.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION
There are three accounting books. The first is an index to the other two, and contains both personal and business financial information. The second book is a docket book used between 1838 and 1861. The third book is a Day book used from 1842-1872.
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Ohio University Libraries.

Preferred Citation: Researchers are requested to cite the collection name, collection number, and the Ohio University Libraries, in all footnotes and bibliographical references.

Accession Number: N/A

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Processing: January 2004

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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