Finding Aid

Joseph Guillaume Devacht Papers 1817-1832

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Size: 1 linear foot

Provenance: received from Mrs. Charles H. Bowers, of Toledo, a descendant of Joseph G. Devacht, donated this collection to the University of Toledo Libraries in 1955.

Access: open

Collection Summary: Collection consists of a ledger and a daybook kept between 1817 and 1832.

Subjects: Business and Commerce

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Biographical Sketch

1761    Born in Flanders, Holland.
1790    Came to America on the ship La Patrie joined the French colony
          At Gallipolis; a silversmith and general merchant there.
1798    Married Madame Parma tier
1844    Died in Gallipolis
Scope and Content Note

The two bound volumes that form this collection consist of a ledger, 1817-32, and a daybook, 1824-30. In the ledger, Devacht recorded his accounts with individuals. Each account contains debit and credit entries. The debit entries contain little more than the amounts the individual owed at different times to Devacht, due to purchase. The researcher can find out what the individual purchased, if the date of the particular transaction falls into the time range covered by the daybook, by referring to the transaction in the daybook by date. The credit entries, on the other hand, generally describe how the debtor settled his debts: with cash, through labor, rent, or bill of account.

The daybook, although covering a shorter period of time, probably contains information more useful to the researcher. A larger number of individuals are mentioned, and purchases are described. A typical page, for example, shows that during one week in 1827 Devacht sold whiskey, coffee, nails, sugar, gun powder, tobacco, corn meal, and more whiskey.

Devacht’s handwriting is neat and the condition of the paper and binding is relatively good.
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#### Arrangement

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