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Inventory of the Harby Academy Cashbook, 1819-1820

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Harby Academy cashbook
Date(s)	1819-1820
Creator:	Harby, Isaac, 1788-1828
Abstract:	The collection consists of a cashbook for Isaac Harby's academy in Charleston, South Carolina, recording tuition payments for enrolled students, as well as costs for stationery and occasionally firewood, from January 1819 through May 1820.
Extent:	0.25 linear feet (1 flat box)
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Call Number:	Mss 1117
Language of Material:	Materials in English

Biographical and Historical Note

Writer and teacher Isaac Harby (1788-1828) opened a private academy in Charleston on January 3, 1810. Within the first year enrollment, the school attracted over 50 students, both male and female. Its curriculum included elocution, arithmetic, penmanship, grammar, and geography. Additional education in the classics was also available to interested pupils. The academy closed between 1814 and 1817 when Harby chose to pursue an editorial career, purchasing the Charleston *Investigator*, which he renamed the *Southern Patriot and Commercial Advertiser*. Harby sold the paper in 1817 and reopened his academy, hiring assistants, including drawing master Joshua Canter, to teach additional subjects. After initial success, the school began to falter due to the city's economic decline and increased competition among academies. In February 1825, Harby decided to close the school and accept a well-paid teaching position in one of Charleston's four free schools.

Collection Overview

The cashbook contains entries for parents with enrolled pupils, showing tuition fees for each child, as well as charges for stationery, and at times, firewood. The book's entries span January 1819 through May 1820, tracking tuition and supply costs, recording when each account was paid in full and noting when students left the school.

Collection Arrangement

Collection described at the item level.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Related Material

Related materials in Special Collections include the Harby family papers (Mss 1116), and the Octavia Harby Moses autograph album (Mss 1115).

Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names

Harby, Isaac, 1788-1828

Subjects

Private schools--South Carolina--Charleston--Costs
Education--South Carolina--Charleston--Finance

Types of Material

Cashbooks

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisitions Information

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