

Order book

Ms. Codex 1843

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Order book
Call number	Ms. Codex 1843
Date [inclusive]	1848-1850
Extent	1 volume
Language	English
Abstract	A volume comprising orders taken by an unknown Philadelphia sign-painting company spanning the years 1848-1850. Small sketches depicting the painted signage are drawn by some of the orders.

Cite as:

Order book, 1848-1850, Ms. Codex 1843, Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts, University of Pennsylvania

Scope and Contents

Leather bound volume with Order book written in black ink on the front cover. This volume contains orders taken by an unknown Philadelphia sign-painting company. The firm created signs on boards, window shades, and windows. A majority of the requests are for window shades and signage to advertise

businesses. The orders span the years from 1848 to 1850. The volume contains orders from a myriad of clientele in and around Philadelphia including academies, bakers, billiard saloons, booksellers, bowling saloons, cloth stores, coal offices, confectioners, daguerreotype galleries, doctors, dressmakers, druggists, hairdressers, insurance agents, jewelers, lawyers, milliners, oyster saloons, pianoforte galleries, post offices, saloons, shoemakers, stationers, tailors, taverns, tobaccos stores, tradesmen, undertakers, upholsterers, veterinarians, and watchmakers. Orders of note include Commissioners Hall at Spring Garden and maps and painting charts of the Polar Seas for Dr. E. K. Kane. The details recorded for orders include name, address, type of sign, dimensions, colors, types of brackets, small sketches, and cost. Some orders have sketches and small drawings depicting images, scroll work, and shape of the signage. Prices for services noted in the volume range from \$1.00 to \$186.00. A small calendar for the year 1850 is pasted on the inside front cover. The front cover is detached and the back cover is lacking.

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Source of Acquisition

Sold by Ian Brabner Rare Americana (Wilmington, Delaware), 2017.

Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Codices (bound manuscripts)
- Drawings (visual works)
- Manuscripts, American--19th century

SUBJECT(S)

- Advertising--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia--19th century
- Painted signs and signboards--Pennsylvania--History--19th century--Sources
- Sign painting--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia--19th century

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