

# **G. and E. Irving receipt book**

**Ms. Coll. 1050**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Irving, E.
<b>Creator</b>	Irving, G.
<b>Title</b>	G. and E. Irving receipt book
<b>Call number</b>	Ms. Coll. 1050
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1830-1854
<b>Extent</b>	1 volume
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	An oblong leather-bound volume with a clasp containing recipes for cooking and domestic household use in addition to information on woodworking and other miscellaneous information.

**Cite as:**

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## Scope and Contents

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This oblong leather-bound volume with a clasp closure contains recipes for cooking and domestic household use in addition to information on woodworking and other miscellaneous information. The first leaf reads "Receipts inserted in this book be tried and found to be good or otherwise well authenticated, G. & E. Irving, 1830." Some recipes and items are signed E. Irving. A portion of the book is devoted to woodworking. There are various recipes for varnishes and polishes including water varnish and French polish. A section on carpentry tools discusses inlaying and scroll work with a diagram of a bahlsaw (scroll or coping saw), illustrations of inlay patterns, and a drawing of a woodworking bench. Lists of carpentry tools, specifically, saws and planes and their uses are recorded in the volume. E. Irving includes a list of the types of wood and number of pieces employed for a geometric round table. A discussion of paper includes a list of papers with dimensions and weights, descriptions of drawing papers, and recipes for paper varnishes, and gums for pasting and labeling. There are also instructions for gilding and marbling paper. Many recipes for food and drink appear in the volume including several variations for gingerbread, a diet drink, and table beer. Three pages of the volume are dedicated to various knots for rope with detailed drawings for each knot. Several recipes have attributions. Some are cited as being copied from the Magazine of domestic economy while others list specific people. One example explains, "as used by James Bland, butler to Mrs. Newcombin of Kirkleatham Hall and now of Redcar, 1849." Two pages discuss the latitude and longitude of Carlisle, Cumberland, England, suggesting a geographic location for the volume. One leaf is laid in volume. Some items are pasted in. One half of the volume is blank.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Source of Acquisition**

Sold by Alastor Rare Books (Lymington, England), 2014

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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**FORM/GENRE(S)**

- Drawings (visual works)
- Manuals (instructional materials)
- Manuscripts, English--19th century
- Recipes

**SUBJECT(S)**

- Carpentry--Tools--19th century
- Cooking, English--19th century
- Formulas, recipes, etc.--England--19th century
- Paper
- Planes (Hand tools)--19th century
- Polishes--19th century
- Saws--19th century
- Varnish and varnishing--19th century
- Woodwork--19th century

## Collection Inventory

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