

# **Payment receipt book and recipe book**

**Ms. Codex 1884**

**Finding aid prepared by Donna Brandolisio.**

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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>	Austin, Alvira, 1846-
<b>Title</b>	Payment receipt book and recipe book
<b>Call number</b>	Ms. Codex 1884
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1839-1874
<b>Extent</b>	1 volume (+ 2 leaves)
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	A volume comprised of payment records for School District No. 2 in Randolph Township, Portage County, Ohio and recipes along with some household accounts. The school district records are written in several hands on the first ten leaves of the volume and span the years from 1839 to 1851. The remainder of the volume comprises recipes and household accounts of the Austin family.

**Cite as:**

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## Scope and Contents

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Paper covered volume with leather spine comprised of payment records for School District No. 2 in Randolph Township, Portage County, Ohio and recipes along with some household accounts. The school district records are written in several hands on the first ten leaves of the volume and span the years from 1839 to 1851. Receipts recorded payments Randolph Township made to teachers, for district supplies, and for maintenance on buildings in the district. Names of residents and treasurers of District No. 2 and Randolph Township appear throughout the records. Some residents in the volume include township treasurer Walter Dickinson; district treasurer Henry Brumbaugh; teachers Mary Bantinham, Charlotte Belding, Joseph E. Clark, Mary Davis, and Nathan Lears; and maintenance workers Samuel Austin, Hiram Austin, and David Austin. The remainder of the volume comprises recipes and household accounts of the Austin family. The majority of the recipes are for cakes and include, delicate cake, feather cake, fried apple cake, fruit cake, jelly cake, railroad cake, old colony cake, and silver cake. Recipes for colors, pudding, gingerbread and crackers are also in the volume. Among the recipes are household expenditures for the years 1871 and 1873 entitled: What we used for the year. The list includes groceries, dry goods, an sundries along with the cost. Additionally, there are leaves listing income entitled: Eggs that I sold. The household finances and many of the recipes were written by Alvira Austin. A few recipes are sewn in and pinned in the volume on top of payment receipts. Two leaves are laid in. Signatures of Alvira, Bessie, Ida and Samuel Austin are in the volume. Some leaves are torn.

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### **Source of Acquisition**

Sold by Amy Brittle (eBay), 2017.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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**FORM/GENRE(S)**

- Codices (bound manuscripts)
- Cookbooks
- Housebooks
- Manuscripts, American--19th century
- Receipts (financial records)
- Recipes

**GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)**

- Portage County (Ohio)--History--Sources

**SUBJECT(S)**

- Cake
- Cooking, American--19th century

## Collection Inventory

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