

John Hall notebook

Ms. Codex 1783

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Summary Information

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| Repository | University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts |
| Creator | Hall, John, 1753-1839 |
| Title | John Hall notebook |
| Call number | Ms. Codex 1783 |
| Date [inclusive] | 1766-1810 |
| Extent | 1 volume |
| Language | English |
| Abstract | John Hall of Waterbeach, England kept this volume of account notes and lists spanning the years from 1766 to 1810 with a majority of the entries written in the 1790s . |

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Biography/History

Born in Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, England on March 29, 1753. John Hall, a landowner, appears to have had two marriages and both women named Mary. Hall had three sons with his first wife Mary: Charles Thomas, born in 1777; William born 1778, and Thomas, born 1781. "Mary Hall the wife of John Hall died April 10, 1784" is written in the notebook followed by the entry "John Hall married Miss [Mary] Harlock May 30, 1786." John Hall and Mary Harlock (1755-1839) had two sons George, born in 1789 and John, born 1794. Hall was a landowner operating a farm at Landbeach and also rented property.

Scope and Contents

Hall was the owner of this small green leather notebook with a fold-over cover, a brass turn clasp, and stamped decoration. The volume of account notes and lists spans the years from 1766 to 1810 with a majority of the entries written in the 1790s. Hall owned the volume from the age of thirteen and "John Hall pocket book, March 3, 1766" is written on the first page. The book is chiefly comprised of Hall's accounts of expenditures and the collection of debts. Early entries are items purchased and expenses incurred from the operation of Landbeach Farms including paying shepherds and livestock costs of sheep and cattle. A majority of the volume is written sideways and consists of taxes, rent, and debts received from the following three individuals: Thomas Norman, James Lawrence, and William Dewsbury. Written on a few pages near the center of the volume is a short genealogical history of John Hall, his wives, and his children. Some information is written in a different hand. An inventory of items dated 1784 includes silverware, table linens, sheets, and towels. Hall noted the marks stamped on the silver.

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Source of Acquisition

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Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Accounts
- Codices (bound manuscripts)
- Inventories
- Manuscripts, English--18th century
- Manuscripts, English--19th century
- Notebooks

SUBJECT(S)

- Accounts--England--Cambridgeshire--18th century
- Accounts--England--Cambridgeshire--19th century
- Personal belongings--England--Cambridgeshire--18th century

Collection Inventory

| | Volume |
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