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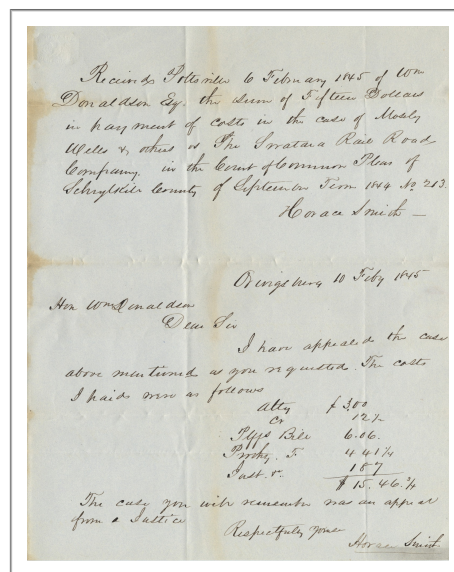
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Collection Overview

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Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0272
Creator:	Swatara Railroad Company (Author) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Agriculture (Collector) Donaldson, William (Author) Swatara and Good Spring Railroad (Author)
Extent:	1 Cubic foot (3 vertical boxes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

Provenance

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Swatara and Good Spring Railroad was incorporated in 1831 with Judge William Donaldson as president. Renamed the Swatara Railroad in 1841, it was one of several lines connecting the First Pennsylvania anthracite coal field via waterways to the East Coast. Until 1848 it was powered by horses and was extended and rebuilt periodically. In 1863, Donaldson sold his interest in the Swatara to the Philadelphia & Reading Co., which renamed it the Good Spring Railroad.

Scope and Contents

Documents relating to the business of the Swatara Railroad Company of Danville, Pennsylvania and particularly of its president, "Judge" William Donaldson. Includes receipts, bills, contracts, operating statistics, financial statements and correspondence, filed chronologically by year.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Anthracite coal industry -- 19th century -- Pennsylvania
- Coal mines and mining -- 19th century -- Pennsylvania
- Railroads -- 19th century -- Pennsylvania

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence -- 19th century
- Financial statements -- 19th century
- Receipts -- 19th century

Names:

- Good Spring Railroad

Places:

- Pennsylvania -- 19th century

Container Listing

Miscellaneous notes and correspondence, undated

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Shipping documents, receipts, insurance policies, 1805-1833

Box 1, Folder 2[Image\(s\)](#)

Box 1, Folder 2	Price Current for Exportation, [flier], October 1, 1805 1 Item (ink on paper.; 9.3" x 7.5") Collector: National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Agriculture Language: English. Notes: AC0272-0000001 (AC scan) Provides information about shipping quarantine regulations and prices for commodities. Topic: International trade Imports Commodities -- 19th century Genre/Form: Fliers (printed matter)
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William Donaldson/Swatara RR, , 1844

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William Donaldson/Swatara RR, , 1845

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[Received sum of fifteen dollars, \[receipt\], February 1845](#)

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 9.8" x 7.7")

Collector: Swatara Railroad Company

Language: English.

Notes: AC0272-0000002 (AC scan)

Topic: Railroads

Genre/Form: Receipts

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