

William Mattison Collection  
1835 – 1879

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## DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Creator	William Mattison
Title	The William Mattison Collection
Dates of Processing	July 2011
Collection Number	Mss 100
Volume	.25 cubic feet in four folders
Restrictions	None
Access	During open library hours of the Society; 12 PM to 4 PM every Thursday; 10 AM to 4 PM every 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month; by appointment.
Related Collections	
Abstract	The four items in this collection document the life of William Mattison. His cyphering book provides a glimpse into the education required to prepare him as a shopkeeper; the road book details his earlier working history, and the daybook demonstrated the daily records required to manage a store. The lease shows the locations of Mattison's shop from 1841 to 1842.
Biological Notes	As much as can be determined, William Mattison lived with Thomas Hargrave on the corner of Ridge Rd and 13 <sup>th</sup> Street. This remained his address even as an adult when he leased property and building from John Van Doren. His cyphering book dates from 11/14/1836 at New Shamrock Church, possibly under the direction of David C. Main. Beginning around 1841 Mattison documented where he worked, what he did and for whom in his Road Book. The lease and Day Book provide information regarding his business.
Scope and Content	The collection is complete in (4) four folders and consists of only 4 (four) items. The lease between William Mattison and John Van Doren is for property and buildings from 1841 to 1842. The cyphering book contains examples of mathematical problems related to sales, and includes notations of business transactions on the last two pages. The road book lists locations, people, hours and type of labors where Wm. Mattison worked. The daybook provides information regarding customer purchases, sales and reconciliations.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1		
Box	Folder	
1	1	Lease
	2	Cyphering Book
	3	Road Book
	4	Day Book