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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Robert Ricks arithmetic book
Date [inclusive]	1789-1792
Extent	0.2 Cubic feet 1 box
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials entirely in English.
Text [Box]	1
Microform [Reel]	MG00216
Container	SMC.28.41

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Biographical/Historical Note

The owner of this arithmetic book was Robert Ricks who was born in Edgecombe, North Carolina, in 1773 to Phoebe Horn and James Ricks. Robert owned a plantation in Edgecombe that was given to him upon the death of his father James. Robert married Katherine Horn in 1792, and they had three children: Jethro, James, and Catherine. Robert and Katherine's son James was born in Nash County, North Carolina, and moved to Calhoun County, Arkansas, sometime before his death in December of 1859. He is buried in the Ricks Cemetery in Harrell, Arkansas.

The measurements written in this book showcase the troy measurement system, avoirdupois measurements, wine measurements, dry measurements, cloth measurement, and land measurements. The troy measurement system was primarily used for measuring precious metals and gemstones. The avoirdupois measurement system, using pounds and ounces, was and still is used in a wide variety of environments.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains an arithmetic book made by Robert Ricks during the years of 1789 through 1792. It showcases word problems, weight and measurement conversions, money conversions, wine measurements, dry measurements, cloth measurement, avoirdupois measurements, troy measurements, land measurements, etc.

Administrative Information

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Collection Inventory

Homemade arithmetic book made by Robert Ricks 1709