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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 52 CARMAN, William, 1790-1841

½ box. 4 folders. 4 items. Originals and photocopies.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William Carman was born in 1790 in Caswell County, North Carolina, the son of William and Sarah (Quine) Carman. He served in the War of 1812 and fought at New Orleans under General Andrew Jackson. He moved to Graves County, Kentucky in 1821 along with his brothers. Besides being a successful farmer, he served as a teacher. He married Sarah Gifford, and they had eight children. At the time of his death in 1841, William left a 500-acre farm on the on the Meridan Road outside of Mayfield, Kentucky.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection contains two ciphery books executed by William Carman, a teacher of Graves County, Kentucky. One book is dated 11 October 1815 to 20 December 1816; the other is undated, but evidently of the same period. The ciphery used is the British pound system. A title page done in calligraphy was created for the 1815-1816 volume by WKU's penmanship instructor, Gavin G. Craig. At one time the signatures of the first volume were sewn together and attached to a linen cover; all the sewing has been removed. Besides mathematical problems, the book contains beautiful penmanship and occasional drawings. The second ciphery book is limited strictly to mathematical equations and case studies, but again the penmanship is outstanding.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	William Carman	1815-1816	4 items
Folder A	Descriptive Inventory		1 item
Folder 1	Ciphery book	1815-1816	1 item
Folder 1a	Ciphery book (photocopy)	1815-1816	1 item

Folder 2	Title page and ciphering book	n.d.	2 item
Folder 2a	Ciphering book (photocopy)	n.d.	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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1790-1841

Ciphering books (2) of Carman, a teacher in Mayfield, Kentucky. One book is dated 1815-1816; the other one is undated, but evidently of the same period. The ciphering used is the British pound system. Title page of one volume is by Gavin G. Craig of WKU's Penmanship Department.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Arithmetic – Books, 1815-1816
Ciphering books, 1815-1816
Craig, Gavin G., 1896-1976
Mayfield – Teachers and teaching – Mathematics, 1815-1816
Penmanship
Teachers and teaching – Mathematics, 1815-1816

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