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**MS. 162**

**Account Book of Silas F. Jones, Wheelwright, 1825-1854**

**Extent:** 1 account book in multi-folder box.

**Scope and Content Note:** The collection consists of an account book kept by Silas F. Jones, wheelwright, of West Barnstable. The book lists business transactions, costs of goods and services, names of customers, etc. There are two pages (plus one loose sheet) of estate documentation upon Jones's death in 1854. There are several pages in the rear of the volume where it appears a young child was trying to write in cursive.

**Historical and Biographical Information:** Silas F. Jones, described as a wheelwright, lived in West Barnstable, and also owned property in Barnstable during the early-mid 1800s. He was married to Olive \_\_\_\_\_, who died in 1849. Jones owned a farmstead on River Road in Marstons Mills from 1833-1846, and appears to have briefly own the Paine-Black house in West Barnstable in 1846. In 1847, a house owned by Jones was destroyed by fire, and in 1848, a watermill he owned burned. According to an advertisement in the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1850 edition of the *Barnstable Patriot*, Jones was closing his business and selling his real estate, consisting of five dwelling houses and a grist mill, as well as woodland. He was listed as an investor in an effort of "dyke" (dike) the marsh from Calves Pasture in Barnstable Village to Sandy Neck. Jones died in 1853.

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**Acquisition:** Purchased from Brian Gwozdz Rae Books and Ephemera, 2016.

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