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Summary Information

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Abstract This journal was found among the papers of Benjamin Smith Barton, who

was Pursh's patron, after his death in 1817. For provenance of manuscript

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Background note

Frederick Pursh was a botanist, horticulturist, and explorer.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Provenance

Custodial History

Originally from the library of Benjamin Smith Barton, acquired after his death.

Acquisition Information

Received from the estate of Benjamin Smith Barton and accessioned, 1900.

Original Location

Map is in the map collection.

Indexing Terms

Genre(s)

- Journals (notebooks).
- Scientific Data
- Sketchbooks
- Sketches.
- Travel Narratives and Journals

Geographic Name(s)

- New York (State) -- Description and travel.
- Pennsylvania -- Description and travel.

Personal Name(s)

• Barton, Benjamin Smith, 1766-1815

Subject(s)

- Botany -- New York (State)
- Botany -- Pennsylvania.
- Colony and State Specific History
- Natural History
- Pennsylvania History
- Travel

Other Descriptive Information

This volume contains the travel journal of Frederick Pursh, a patron of Benjamin Smith Barton, during his journey from Philadelphia throughout northeastern Pennsylvania and New York. Although the excursion was for botanical research, Pursh's diary entries record many other details, including comments on the state of roads, the people he met, the towns he visited, and the natural environment. There are two sketches in the volume.