

Joseph Shippen waste book, 1749-1750
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Summary Information

Repository	American Philosophical Society
Creator	Shippen, Joseph,1706-1793.
Title	Joseph Shippen waste book, 1749-1750
Date [inclusive]	1749-1750
Call number	Mss.657.Sh6
Extent	1.0 Volume(s) 1 volume, 138 p.
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Location	LH-MV-E-11
Language	English
Container	1
Abstract	This waste book contains accounts with various persons in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New Jersey for dry-goods, notions, rum, cutlery, glassware, and medicines.

Background note

Joseph Shippen (1706-1793) was a merchant. The Shippen family was one of the most prominent families in eighteenth and nineteenth century Philadelphia.

Joseph Shippen was the third of seven children of Joseph Shippen and Abigail Grosse. His father was a founding member of Benjamin Franklin's Junto, an association of young men established "for mutual information and public good." His brothers were the merchant and judge Edward (1703-1781, APS 1769) and the physician William (1712-1801), often referred to as William Shippen, the Elder. His sister Anne (1710-1790) was married to the merchant Charles Willing (1710-1754), mayor of Philadelphia and one of the founders of the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1742, Joseph Shippen, who went in the family by the name of "Gentleman Joe," was elected to the Philadelphia City Council in which he served for many years. He subsequently moved to Germantown, where he died. Shippen was married to Mary Kearney of Barbados. They had eight children.

Scope & content

This wastebook contains accounts with various persons in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New Jersey for a range of goods such as dry-goods, notions, rum, cutlery, glassware, and medicines. The book also includes bills for services such as sweeping the chimney and mending a store window. It covers the period from June 1, 1749 to May 31, 1750.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Provenance

Acquisition Information

Received and accessioned, 1917 (657 Sh6).

Indexing Terms

Genre(s)

- Accounts.
- Business Records and Accounts

Geographic Name(s)

- Philadelphia (Pa.) -- Commerce.

Subject(s)

- Business and Skilled Trades
- Trade

Other Descriptive Information

This volume contains a range of business transactions relating to Joseph Shippen's business as a Philadelphia merchant. The volume, dated 1749-1750, records the name of a customer, what was purchased, and its price.