

Hoyt, Elihu (1771-1833)

Journal, memorandum and account book, July 26, 1790-Mar.28, 1800. Deerfield, Mass., 1790-1800.

1vol. manuscript 16 cm

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In Hoyt Family Papers, Elihu Hoyt Papers, Box 6

Note: Useful as an insight into the economic activities of the young Elihu Hoyt and as a source for late 18th century material culture. The manuscript has three principal sections. The first is an account book, which shows that Hoyt was a purchasing agent who made frequent trips to Boston, etc. and could supply a great variety of items from bohea tea to a drum for Dennis Stebbins' boy. Accounts include beverages, books, clothing, grain, house-hold goods, spices and transportation. July 26, 1790-Mar.28, 1800; there are also expenses listed for tutoring children. The second section is the journal of a "tour" to Guilford and New Haven, May14-May 29, 1793, with Consider Dickinson and his wife and "Ned". While in New Haven he visited a "museum" apparently on the college grounds and worshipped with some Sandemanians. The return trip includes a hilarious account of a night spent at the Phelps' Inn at Simsbury. The third section is a weather journal – Nov. 12, 1794-Aug. 1795.