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PRESCOTT BROTHERS RECORDS
1861-1868
0.16 Linear Feet

The ledger of the Prescott Brothers of Meredith Village, New Hampshire reflects their shoe making and repair business from 1861 through 1868. Entries indicate that many of the transactions were conducted by a bookkeeping barter system, which was widely used during that period. A variety of commodities such as corn, beans, meat, leather, lumber and day work served as payment for the shoe making goods and services. Occasional entries for cash transactions also appear. Some of the goods were used by the Prescotts themselves while others were traded. Items of personal business such as house rentals and road taxes are also noted in the ledger.

The collection consists of the business ledger, acquired by the museum in 1989.

Box 1 Prescott Brothers ledger