Saxon, John, fl. 1860s

John Saxon copybook
circa 1860s

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Descriptive Summary

Identification: MSS 097, Item 111
Creator: Saxon, John, fl. 1860s
Title: John Saxon copybook
Inclusive Dates: circa 1860s
Extent: 1 v. (24 p.) ; 20 cm.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

John Saxon lived in the Northern United States, presumably in Boston, Massachusetts, during the 1860s.

Sources:
Biographical information derived from the collection.
Scope and Content Note

This copybook presumably owned by John Saxon, possibly of Boston, Massachusetts, was used to practice penmanship. It also contains pasted-in newspaper clippings on the topics of farming, flowers, handwriting, frogs, Civil War battles, and women.

The cover of the copybook features a stylized seal of the United States and information stating that the book was manufactured by James French and sold at his Book and Stationery Store in Boston, Massachusetts. It is further advertised that store sold other writing supplies "at the Lowest Cash Prices." The name John Saxon and date October 25th are written in ink on the upper right corner of the cover.

On each page of the copybook is a single saying or quotation repeated multiple times as writing practice. There are twenty-four sentences, each, such as "Justice should characterize all our actions," having to do with virtue or self improvement. Newsclippings on various topics are pasted to some pages, partially or completely covering the writing in several cases. The back cover of the book features an advertisement for "French's Victoria and School Pen" as well as a multiplication table and four small illustrations.

The volume is paper bound and hand sewn. With the exception of paste having been applied to the pages, this copybook is in good condition.
Selected Search Terms

Topical Terms

Copybooks—United States—History—19th century—Specimens.

Penmanship, American—History—19th century.

Form/Genre Terms

Clippings (information artifacts)

Copybooks (instructional materials)

Scrapbooks.

Related Materials in this Repository

This item forms part of MSS 097 Diaries, Journals, and Ships' Logs collection.
Detailed Description of the Collection

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