OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION
Number: 004-02-04
Title: Calligraphic alphabet writing book
Creator: Unknown
Dates: circa 1820
Quantity: 1 volume (total .16 linear feet)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
Accruals: No accruals are expected.
Custodial history: Unknown.
Processed by: The collection was processed in 2018 by Kate Wells.
Conservation: Not applicable.
Language: Materials are in English.

RIGHTS AND ACCESS
Access: This collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Providence Public Library, Rhode Island Collection department.
Preferred Citation: Researchers are requested to use the following citation format: Calligraphic alphabet writing book, Special Collections, Providence Public Library
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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS
Separated material Not applicable.
Published descriptions Not applicable.
Handwriting and penmanship were an important aspect of education and status through the late 19th century. Signature handwriting styles became associated with various professions and social ranks. Most education included copying and rote practice for students to perfect letting style. It was not until the mid 19th century that a standardized version of penmanship became normalized in America.

The collection includes one volume of an early 19th century writing book, possibly an exercise book or as an example of penmanship. Each leaf has a rendition of two letters of the alphabet, decorated and shaded, with another version of the same letter and the lower case version below.

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