

PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY**Rhode Island Collection****027-02****Knowles, Anthony and Danielson Accounting Ledgers**

1845 July 5 – 1885 May 6

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Number: MSS 026

Title: Knowles, Anthony, and Danielson Accounting Ledgers

Creator: Knowles, Anthony, and Danielson

Dates: 1845 July 5 – 1885 May 6

Quantity: 6 oversized ledgers (2 linear feet)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition: Donated by Providence Journal Company, June 2015.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Material held by Providence Journal Company until 2015.

Processed by: The collection was processed in 2015 by Stacie M. Parillo.

Language: Materials are in English.

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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

Separated material None.

Published descriptions Not applicable.

Location of originals	Not applicable.
Subject headings	Account books -- Rhode Island Anthony, Henry B. (Henry Bowen), 1815-1884 Danielson, George W. Knowles, Joseph, 1810-1874 Ledgers (Accounting) Providence Journal Company Providence (R.I.) – Newspapers

SEE ALSO

Not applicable.

HISTORICAL NOTE

On February 23 1863, George W. Jackson bought the *Providence Journal* from sole proprietor and founder, John Miller. Jackson sold the paper five years later to Joseph Knowles and William L. Burroughs. After less than a year, Burroughs retired and was succeeded by John W. Vose. On July 1 1840, Henry B. Anthony was named partner creating the publishing firm Knowles, Vose & Anthony. After John W. Vose passed away in 1848, the paper continued to be published by Knowles & Anthony, until long-time editor George Danielson became a partner on January 1, 1863. Knowles, Anthony & Danielson continued to publish the paper until Danielson's death in March 1884. Knowles had previously passed away in 1874.

In May 1884, the paper incorporated as The Providence Printing Company. Just 4 months later, in September 1884, Anthony died. In April 1885, the name was changed to Providence Journal Company. Richard S. Howland was elected as manager and treasurer of the new publishing entity.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection consists of six accounting ledgers of the various iterations of the publishing firm who owned the Providence Journal, spanning the years 1845-1885. Recorded in the ledgers are the financial transactions of the firm including wages and salaries of staff, bank withdrawals and deposits, as well as interest payments from stock investments such as the Block Island Steamboat Company and the New York Central Railroad.

The sixth volume details the transfer and sale of the firm's assets to the new publishing firm of the *Providence Journal*.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

The collection is arranged in chronological order.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Title	Date	Volume
Journal, 1845, Knowles, Vose & Anthony	1845 July 5- 1858 September 30	1
Journal, 1858, Knowles & Anthony	1858 October 1 – 1868 March 31	2
Journal, 1868, Knowles, Anthony & Danielson	1868 April 1- 1873 December 27	3
Journal, 1873, Knowles, Anthony & Danielson	1873 December 31-1878 April 30	4
Journal, 1878, Knowles, Anthony & Danielson	1878 May 3 – 1882 January 31	5
Journal, 1882, Knowles, Anthony & Danielson	1882 February 1 – 1885 May 6	6