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**Benjamin H. Cook commonplace book**  
**1854-1866**

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Number: 089-02

Title: Benjamin H. Cook commonplace book

Creator: Cook, Benjamin H.

Dates: 1854-1866

Quantity: 1 volume (.8 linear feet)

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition: Purchased, date unknown.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Material was acquired from bookseller.

Processed by: The item was processed by Janaya Kizzie in 2012 as part of the RI Manuscript Collection. Reprocessed as distinct collection by Kate Wells in 2019.

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, Special Collections department.

Preferred Citation: Researchers are requested to use the following citation format:  
*Benjamin H. Cook commonplace book, Special Collections, Providence Public Library*

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**INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS**

Separated material None.

Published description Not applicable.

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| Location of originals | Not applicable.  |
| Location of copies    | Not applicable.  |
| Publication note      | Not applicable.  |
| Subject headings      | Commonplace books.<br>Durfee family.<br>Rhode Island -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865. |

**SEE ALSO**

Not applicable.

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

No biographical information is known about Benjamin H. Cook.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION**

A commonplace book is a compendium of knowledge, often copied from other sources, collected by an individual based upon their own particular interests. Benjamin H. Cook's commonplace book includes poems, hymns, Scripture, sermon topics, and a recipe. Regular themes include maritime life, mourning, pride and frugality. Additionally included are transcriptions of gravestone inscriptions, listings of the family members of the Augustus Durfee family of Wakefield, R.I. and the George W. Esten family of Laurel Ridge, Burrillville, R.I. Also included is a "List of drafted men in Burrillville, July 1863".

**ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION**

The collection consists of a single volume.