Ancient and Honourable Company of Fellmongers; Records mss001

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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title: Ancient and Honourable Company of Fellmongers Records
ID: mss001
Date [inclusive]: 1820-1859
Physical Description: 1 Vol.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English
Mixed Materials [Collection]: X
Abstract: The Ancient and Honourable Company of Fellmongers was a trade guild located in Richmond, Yorkshire, England. This collection includes the Company's minutes of annual meetings, membership lists, and financial accounts.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows: Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Ancient and Honourable Company of Fellmongers Records, 1820-1859. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Ancient and Honourable Company of Fellmongers Records).

Historical Sketch

The Ancient and Honourable Company of Fellmongers was a trade guild located in Richmond, Yorkshire, England. Fellmongers remove wool from hides in preparation for leather making. The date of the foundation of the Company is unknown, but it said to have begun in the Middle Ages as a religious fraternity. The Company held power in Richmond, Yorkshire, England and elected the Mayor of the town until 1835. After its powers were taken away by the Municipal Reform Act of 1835, the Company fell apart.
In 1980, a minute book of the Company was sold, and it prompted a group of people to refound the Company. Today the company includes men and women who were widows of deceased members. The Company seeks to promote fellowship and friendship and provides an opportunity for members to meet people in varying walks of life, not just those in the trade industry. The Company is active in charity reform and gives out prizes for those who do charity work. The Company's website mentions that the University at Albany has a meeting minute book from the original Company.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes the Ancient and Honourable Company of Fellmongers's minutes of annual meetings, membership lists, and financial accounts.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Processing Information

Processed by unprocessed.
Access

Access to this collection is restricted because it is unprocessed. Portions of the collection may contain recent administrative records and/or personally identifiable information. While it is likely that portions of the collection may be viewed, access must be managed by an archivist.

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Acquisition Information

The provenance of this collection is unknown.

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- Richmond (North Yorkshire, England)
- Wool
- Leather