

# JOHN STUDABAKER NOTEBOOK, 1836-1839

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 bound volume
COLLECTION DATES:	1836-1839
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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Studabaker (1819- after 1903) was born in Darke County, Ohio, the son of Abraham Studabaker. His family may have been a connection of the South Bend Studebaker automobile family; both originated in Pennsylvania and moved to Ohio, and they shared some common first names-- Peter, David, Jacob, John. The family used various spellings of the surname: Studabaker, Studebaker, Stoutebecker, Studybaker.

John Studabaker clerked for a while in a store in Greenville, Ohio, but in 1838 moved to Bluffton, Indiana, and set up a store there. He married Rebecca Angle in 1839. He became an agent for the American Fur Company. In 1859 he started the Exchange Bank in Bluffton, which became the First National Bank. He also, in the firm of Studebaker, Sale & Co., continued in the produce business.

Studabaker began as a Whig, then became a Republican, and finally, in 1884, a Prohibitionist. He habitually arose at 5 am and went to bed at 7 pm. He was still active in business at eighty-four.

Sources: *Indiana Scrapbook Collection*, VII 30

Account of family reunion in *Bluffton Evening News*, 9-11-1897, 2

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains one bound volume, the manuscript arithmetic notebook of John Studabaker with entries 1836-1839. One entry indicates that the title is *The Teacher's Assistant*. The main part of the book states a rule-- "The Single Rule of Three," "Rule for Inverse Proportion" -- and then gives examples and proofs.

The next-to-last page gives the birth and marriage dates of John Studabaker and the birth dates of his brothers Peter and George Washington Studabaker. Laid in is an envelope with newspaper recipes and household hints.

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