

U DX326

School Exercise books

1850-1858

Custodial history:

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Description:

Four exercise books from two different schools in the East Riding of Yorkshire, Welwick School and Ottringham School. The books consist of various calculations and mathematical problems and numerous diagrams, many carefully painted. They provide a rare insight into the teaching of mathematics in schools in the mid 19th century.

Extent: 4 items

Related material:

School exercise books, 1805 (Ref U DX27)

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

U DX326/1	Welwick School Welwick is 17 miles south east from Hull. It is believed that there was a school at this time in Welwick, which was converted from the Society of Friends' meeting house, but there is no indication as to when this school closed 2 items	1850
U DX326/1/1	Exercise book by Master Brindell The book contains various mathematical problems and arithmetic using a variety of scenarios such as purchasing materials or land, calculating interest and gain and using exchange rates to calculate the value of currency from various European countries 1 item	1850

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- U DX326/1/2 Mathematics Exercise Book [1850]
Exercise book containing arithmetic and mathematical problems. The book contains no name, date or school but it could be from Welwick School as many of the problems are the same as featured in U DX326/3.
1 item
- U DX326/2 Ottringham School 1858**
Ottringham is 12 miles south east from Hull. It is thought that there were two schools in Ottringham at this time. A small free school accommodating 20 children and The National School erected in the late 1830s which held up to 100 children. From the information available it is not possible to indicate which of these schools the material relates to.
2 items
- U DX326/2/1 Exercise book by Bride Hodgson 1858
The book contains various mathematical problems divided into subjects using decorative subtitles painted in bright colours. The problems explore each subject using various scenarios and practical examples of calculations under titles such as, "Profit and Loss", "Exchange" and "Land Surveying." "Exchange" for example, uses exchange rates to calculate the value of currency from various European countries such as France, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Holland, Flanders, Germany and Ireland.
1 item
- U DX326/2/2 Exercise book by Bride Hodgson [1858]
This book contains no date but appears to follow on from U DX326/1. On the first page it states that Bride Hodgson is twelve years old. It begins with the last subject from the previous book, "Land Surveying" and describes the rest of the information as "Miscellaneous Questions" in which there are various problems and calculations regarding scenarios such as the measuring of land or timber. The books also contains carefully painted examples of various shapes along with relevant calculations. One problem uses an address which could be the authors' [father] "Mr Hodgsons, Coats Close, Ottringham." On the last page of the book there is a rudimentary map showing continents and oceans.
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