

## Benjamin Frye and John Tyler Co. Ledger, 1848-1849

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**Owner:** Benjamin Frye and John Tyler Co. Ledger of Richmond, Virginia

**Type of ledger:** records inventory sold to specific individuals and the prices of the items sold.

**Dates:** 1848-1849

**Details:** Scottsville is written in ink across the back cover of the ledger. The ledger lists John Tyler's name on the front inner page of ledger along with Benjamin Frye's name. This may indicate a business relationship between the two men, one as supplier and one as merchant. A U.S. Federal Census record from the 20 of November 1850 indicates that John Tyler lived in Scottsville and worked as a merchant circa 1850, on the same street as the Masons and the Beals (6). Benjamin Frye, as a farmer, may have supplied items such as bags of apples and kegs of butter to John Tyler as merchant.

### Items listed as sold within ledger:

Food items such as kegs of butter, sacks of salt, bags of apples, sugar, coffee, brandy, flour.

Work items such as shovels and barrels of oil.

The ledger also records how the goods were transported, either by "own wagon" or by "own team", by "The Delaware", by "boat", or by "John Tyler".

### Historic Information:

The town of Scottsville reached its peak population circa 1841 and 1842 with a total of 1000 (Ref: Goldstone, p. 40). Due to its location along the major trading route of the Staunton and James River Turnpike, the town became a hub between Richmond and cities to the west (Ref: Goldstone, p. 41). Additionally, Scottsville connected to Richmond via nine freight boats, such as the Messers, Shepperson, & Co. and two passenger boats (Ref. 2). The level of trade and business in Scottsville reached its height in the 1840s and began to decline due to the advent of the railway and abandonment of canal usage. Prior to this decline, the town of Scottsville is described as consisting of "twenty-four mechanics' shops of various kinds, three taverns, one tobacco factory, and four churches" (Ref: Goldstone, p. 40).

For more information about Benjamin F. Frye, the [Virginia, Deaths and Burials Index](#) records the following information: Benjamin Frye was born around 1801 in Shenandoah, Virginia, and died in March of 1867 in Frederick, Virginia, at the age of 66. His listed race is white and occupation is farmer. It is recorded that he was married to a woman named Hannah Frye (Ref. 4).

The record of transportation methods within the ledger includes canal boats, such as "The Delaware." The advent of the James River and Kanawha canal as means of water transportation and turnpikes allowed for a larger scope of trade in Virginia in the 1840s.

### Name Index:

Alexander, Dr. James

Bacon, Jacob

Baylor, Jacob

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Bell, John J.  
Bell, Samuel H.  
Berry, Thornton  
Black, Samuel  
Bowen, James  
Bradford, Charles  
Brooke, Washington  
Brown, A.V.  
Brown, J.N.  
Brown, J.V.  
Bryan, M.  
Buchanan, Montgomery

Caldwell, James  
Cashley, M.G.  
Carr, John D.  
Cochran, James.  
Coffman, John  
Coiner, John  
Coiner, Samuel Jr.  
Coleman, John  
Compton, James (Lexington, VA)  
Crawford, Charles B.  
Crawford, Hugh John  
Crawford, J.N.  
Crawford, Thomas P.  
Crebaugh, Martin  
Croburger, George W.  
Croburger, John

Damron, Michael  
Davidson, John A.  
Deal, George  
Doll, Addison  
Dinkle, Jacob  
Dinkle, Lindsey  
Dunlap, Bailey  
Durrett, R.M.  
Dyer, S.G.

Eidson, Henry Sr.  
Ellis, J.S.  
Erskine, Caurathers  
Estell

Farrow, G.A.  
Finley, P.M.  
Firth, James  
Fisher, Edward M.D.

Fisher, Wren P.  
Foley, James

Gamble, Mrs. Sarah  
Garrett, John  
Gentry E.  
Gentry, John W.  
Gilkeson, R.A.  
Gilkeson, Robert.  
Gilkeson, William  
Gilmer, George  
Grallan, Robert  
Grove, James R.  
Grove, John  
Gulton, J.J.

Haall, Daniel  
Hall, Dr. Isaac  
Hamner, Henry  
Hamner, John T.  
Hanger, Peter  
Hansburger, Cole Samuel  
Harmon, Michael G.  
Harris, Alford  
Harris, James M.  
Harris, John  
Harris, John L  
Harris, William He.  
Harrison, Henry  
Haurathers, Erskine  
Herschel, Colsin  
Hitt, N.M.  
Hoover, Jacob  
Hudson, J.W.

Jackson, P.H.  
Johns, Rebecca  
Johnson, Alexander  
Johnson, Zachariah  
Johnston, Chapman  
Jones, Henry

Kennedy, Mrs. C.  
Kennedy, Samuel  
Killian, Jacob  
Kinney, A.C.  
Kinney, William  
Koiner, George  
Koiner, John

Leak, Samuel

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Link, Adam	Rogers, R.H.
Long, G.W.	Roller, P.S.
Long, Samuel	Rosenhan, George (Lexington, VA)
Lowman, W.O.	
Lynn, A.	Sadler, Samuel Henry
	Seigs, H.B.
Martin, Garrett W.	Shuey, George
Martin, Samuel W.	Shuey, Jacob
Michie, Thomas	Shuey, John
McChesney, Z. J.	Shumate, Thomas
McClure, Franklin	Smith (Nelson), Gentry
McClure, John	Smith, J.B.
McComb, A. H.	Smith, Joel
McComb, Joseph	Smith, Joseph
McComb, William	Smith, Wilson
McCue, Moses H.	Snapp, Caps R.
McCue, T.W.	Snooks, Washington
McCutcheon, Washington	Stark, George M.
McGuffin, H.	Sterrett, Robert
McLeling, James	Stevenson, Andrew
Michael, Whitmore	Stone, Daniel
Minor, B.B.	Strain, J.
Mirsh, Henry	Strobling, F.F.
Mitchel, Joseph T.	Stuart, Arch
Mitchell, George	Stuart, G.B.
Moon, R.A.	Stuart, Thomas J.
Moon, Samuel O.	Sutherland, Joseph
Morrison, John A.	
Mosby, A.M.	Tate, John. A.
Myers, George	Tate, William P.
Myers, Isaac	Taylor, Mosby
Myers, David	Taylor, Simpson
Myers, John	Terrell, Robert
Myers, Samuel	Thompson, James E.
	Trimble, J.B.
Napier, R.A.	Tyler, James D.
Nelson, James & A. P.	Tyler, James P.
Noel, R.C.	Tyler, John
	Tyler, R.T.
Peck, Henry We.	
Perkins, William	Waddel, Littleton
Peuco, Samuel	Wallace, M.W.
Pinkerton, William	Walters, William L.
Pittman, William	Wayland, Albert
Plumb, Alford	West, Miss E.P.
Polmer, J.	White
Polmer, Philip O.	Whitmore, Michael
	Wilson, Thomas P.
Redding, A.M.	Wingfield, Richard
Ried, Benjamin	Withrow, William
Rice, Jacob	Withrow, John

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Woods, James  
Woods, Jerome B.  
Wren, Anthony

Wright, John  
Youril, G.W.

### Business Name Index:

Bryan, Matthew and Elijah  
Christian Ladies  
Mosely & Taylor  
Smith (Nelson), Estate John. M.  
Smith & Gentry  
Walts, Guy & Co.  
Wren & Fisher

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