This is a lesson book prepared as a teaching aid by Thomas Rountree of Maury County, Tennessee, and Greene County, Missouri. The book contains samples, problems, and examples in mathematics, accounting, surveying, and penmanship. The lessons apparently were copied from other textbooks.

Thomas Rountree (1801- ) was a nephew of Joseph Rountree, one of the earliest white settlers in what is now Greene County, Missouri. The Rountree family came to Missouri in 1831 by way of Maury County, Tennessee. They became quite prominent in Greene County, and served as county officials and judges. It is not known when Thomas Rountree came to Missouri.

The lesson book of Thomas Rountree is a leather-covered volume of approximately 570 pages. Only the first 483 pages are numbered. The title page bears the notation: “A Manuscript Set out from Zachariah Less and Stephen Pike by Thomas Rountree This October 17th Day of 1831.” There are also several pages of questions on applied mathematics taken from T. T. Smiley. Among the page headings in the lesson book are Single and Double Rule of Three, Inverse Proportions, Simple and Compound Interest, Double Proportions, Vulgar Fractions, Geometrical Permutations, Decimals, Life Annuities, Plank and Scantling Measure, Superficial Measure, and Solid Measure.

Toward the end of the volume (approximately page 531), there is a listing of the names of scholars, 1833-1835, listed by family. Among the families are Akins, Blackman, Cates, Cragg, Craig, Ferguson, Galloway, Jameson, Johnson, McCracken, McCrady, McKee, McKnight, Nichols, Ragan, Ragsdale, Rainey, Rountree, Satterfield, Scott, Sparkman, Thompson, Trimble, Walker, White, Witt, and Woods. Some of these surnames appear in an 1833 list of taxpayers of Greene County, while others appear in early records for nearby Laclede and Dade counties.

Included at the end of the lesson book is a page showing the birth dates of the family of Andrew Rountree. For information on another branch of the Rountrees, see WHMC-Rolla #325, Rountree family diary and reminiscences.
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