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Charles Davies and the Mathematics Education Business

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Abstract: In the early nineteenth century, American mathematics professors began to write, translate, and compile textbooks that were supposed to reform college instruction and provide financial security to their authors. One of the most successful at shaping these dual purposes was Charles Davies (1798-1876), the professor of mathematics at West Point from 1823 to 1836. The talk will provide a brief introduction to the life of this colorful figure and explore his relationship with the publisher of his multiple textbook series, Alfred S. Barnes.

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