1178 - Walton - Kite Family Papers, 1789 - 1937.
3 boxes


The papers of Jehu Fawcett, of Salem, Ohio, the donor's great-grandfather, came through William Taber.

The collection consists predominantly of the papers of the Walton family, but also contains Kite family and Fawcett family papers. Correspondents include: Rebecca Walton Kite (1765-1840), Joseph Walton (1785-1853), Rebecca Walton (1814-1859), Lydia Lippincott, Sarah Edgerton Walton, Asa Garretson and Benjamin Hoyle (ca. 1798-1875?). Topics include: divisions in Ohio Yearly Meeting, discussions of the Wilbur-Gurney controversy, attending Meeting in Philadelphia and other places, family, religious and health issues and some few references to events of the day. The collection also contains the diaries of Joseph Walton (1817-1898) covering the years 1847-55; Rebecca Walton (1814-1859) for the years 1844-47; and Samuel Walton (1827-1899) for the years 1847-53. There is also a 1789 manuscript survey map for the property of Henry Drinker in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; genealogical information on the Walton and Kite families and a small number of pictures.

Two other related collections are available: Sharpless family papers (ms. coll. 1111) and Kite family papers (ms. coll. 1111.5).

Please see the finding aid and genealogical reference sheets which follow.
Box 1: Walton-Kite and Fawcett Family Correspondence:
Fawcett Family letters, 1 folder

Evans, William to Jehu Fawcett. Philadelphia, 1855 12/8. [re divisions in Ohio Yearly Meeting and the confusion and distress resulting]

Garretson, Asa to John Fawcett. Barnesville, Ohio, 1864 11/29. [apparently called up to serve in the 62nd Regiment of the Army during the Civil War, Garretson demurs on grounds of conscientious objection. Weighty Friend from Phila. Yearly Meeting Meeting for Sufferings, Thomas Evans, wrote to Commissioner of Internal Revenue which allowed access to the Secretary of War; the latter could do nothing for him. A copy of (Garretson's) certificate of objection to bearing arms or paying fines, addressed to John T. Oliver, Captain & Provost Marshall of the 17th District of Ohio, accompanies the letter]

Hoyle, Benjamin to Jehu Fawcett. Barnesville, Ohio, 1866 6/9. [re divisions in Ohio Yearly Meeting and Gurneyites]

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Walton-Kite Family Letters: Abbott, Ruth - Vail, John
(one letter per writer unless specified otherwise)

Abbott, Ruth to Anna Walton. 1909

Bennett, Joshua to Joseph Walton. 1804 8/3. [about moving to Fawn Meeting; Joseph's father coming with a drove of cattle]

Branson, Ann to Clarkson Sheppard. Flushing, 1879 4/11. [religious musings on reading letters]

Dewees, J and R to Samuel Walton. 1857? 9/23. [health of friends, relatives; Gurneyites "have placed themselves in very trying circumstances. Well, I am glad that friends have not been instrumental in producing the separation"]

[Elkinton?], Alfred to Anna Walton. 1885

E[lkinton?], J.S. to Aunt Sarah. 1872 5/1. [business, religious thoughts, individual Friends]

Kite, J[ames?] to Samuel Walton. San Diego, 1894 2/16. with Kite's parody on Grays Elegy and a ms. map of San Diego area.

Kite, Mary (1792-1861). 1834-1858. 7 items. On family topics, opening of Haverford Meetinghouse and imprisonment as runaway slave of the husband of one of their help (1834) health religion.
Kite, Nathan. Philadelphia, 1850-52. 2 items. On family, religious topics, various Friends; John Wilbur visiting Meetings seeming not to meet any opposition (1852)

Kite, R[ebecca?] to Mary Walton. Philadelphia, 1838 7 mo 1. [refers to Sarah and Angelina Grimke, Richard Jordan and others; says that if the slaves knew how much she loved them "they would be willing I should partake of there labour"]

Kite, Rebecca (?1814-1852). 1834-1847. 5 items. Retired from (Friends) Select School and visit to classroom led by Daniel B. Smith at the new Haverford School (1934); treatment of Blacks; family news.


Letchworth, John. 1808-1835. 4 items.

Lightfoot, Jane. 1862-1867. 2 items & fragment. Behavior of a camp of Union soldiers, family news


Nicholson, Phebe to Anna Walton. 1885. 3 items. Building at Westtown (School).

North, Elizabeth C. to Rebecca Walton. Philadelphia, 1834-64. 7 items. Health, including prescriptives; notes that Walton is teaching at Westtown School; attends Meeting, visits a "coloured woman" under charge of the Northern Sewing Society whose members sew for the poor of Northern Liberties and Kensington.

Perry, E. 1850-1858. 3 items. Various Friends, including John Wilbur and Meetings in New England.

Shaw, Margaret to Joseph Walton. Sandy Spring, 1812-1813. 2 items. Various Friends at Meeting, including mention of Charity Cook; reports of Indians in mid-west and attacks and massacres by them (1812).

Shaw, Sarah to Joseph Walton. Sandy Spring, 1812.

Shoemaker, Mary to Joseph Walton. Ohio, 1811.

Smith Rebecca to Sarah Edgerton. Stillwater, 1845.

Vail, Abigail and John. n.d. 2 items. Trying to raise funds for a Friends school which would serve in place of the City College.

**Box 2: Walton Kite Family Correspondence:**

Walton, Abby or Abi (1825-1861) to parents. Bowling Green, 1847. On her trip and family matters.
Walton, Anna (1822-1882). 1858-1871. 2 items. [celebration of some "colored men" on the adoption of the 15th amendment (1871)] and family matters and various Friends mentioned.


Walton, C[harles?, 1815-1892].


Walton, Joseph (1817-1898). 1846-1897. 8 items. attending Meeting, various Friends and family, business


Walton, Mary S. 1883-1897. 6 items. attending Meeting, various Friends and family, health

Walton, R[becca] (1814-1859). 1841-1857 & n.d. 19 items, including correspondence with Lydia Lippincott. Includes: Wilburites prediction of gloom as witnessed by the appearance of a comet (1843); on a trip through New York state (1847); mention of separation in Ohio Yearly Meeting (1854 and 2 mo 18th 1855), separations in Iowa and Indiana Yearly Meeting (fragment, Sept. 20, n.y.; reference to large sum which Henry & Alfred Cope were to distribute to the poor (fragment, n.d.); many references to Thomas B. Gould (10 m0 23 1854), references to Walton's work as a teacher, family, health, various Friends, attending Meeting]

Walton, Samuel (1827-1899) to Susanna Lightfoot. 1849. [reports extensively on trip from Morristown, N.J. through Wheeling, Baltimore & return to Philadelphia]

Walton, Samuel F. (1861-1945) to Samuel Walton. 1889. [on monetary issues]

Walton, Sara and James. 1937. 1 item.

Walton, Sarah J. Edgerton to family and friends. 1856, 1878, mostly n.d. 11 items. attends meeting, discusses family, visiting, accepting proposal of marriage from Samuel Walton

Walton, Sina. 1919-1923. 2 items.

Warrington, Hannah. 1866.


Unknown or illegible letter writers and addressed, empty envelopes. 1 folder

Letters signed with first names or initials only (in alpha order). 1 folder
Walton, Joseph (1785-1853). Diaries, 2 volumes and fragments
5 mo 1847: First journal covers trip west from Susquehanna through Pittsburgh, Wheeling, W. Va. to Mt. Pleasant, Ohio (visit to David and Rebecca Updegraaf), learned art of surveying, recited poetry, attends Meetings;
8 mo 1849: 2nd journal covers trip west from Philadelphia to Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, where he attends Meetings, sees various Friends, discusses John Wilbur;
also several journal sections from various periods including 1854-1855.

Walton, Rebecca (1814-1859). Diaries, 3 volumes
6 mo 1844 - 7 mo 1845; 7 mo 1845 - 4 mo 1846; 4 mo 1846 - 7 mo 1847.
From 6 mo 1844 to 8 mo 24, 1844, Rebecca Walton's journal covers her trip west, mostly by boat, beginning on the Juniatta Canal. It mentions passing or traveling on/through Lewistown, Kisho(i)coquillas valley, Juniatta Valley, Johnstown, Pittsburgh, Ohio River, Cincinnati, Louisville, Ky., Mississippi River, Illinois, Memphis (description, including slaves, e.g. 7 mo 21 & 25, incidence of unspecified sickness, mosquitoes, death) and return via Cincinnati to Philadelphia; also attending Quarterly Meeting.
Individuals named include her cousin Thomas (Kite) with whom she traveled, Eli Wakefield, E. Williamson, Nathaniel Kinsey, Ezra Bailey, Abel Thomas, Dr. Comstock and wife.
This part of Walton's journal, 6 mo 1844 - 8 mo 24 1844, has been transcribed by Edward Fawcett.
Note: An earlier journal of Rebecca Walton's is in the Kite-Sharpless collection, #111.5)

Walton, Samuel (1827-1899). Diary, 1 volume.
11 mo 28 1847 - 5 mo 14 1853.
Describes events in his own Meeting (Philadelphia), including various Friends speaking;
Walton traveled around to many Meetings within P.Y.M. describing events and Friends. On 8 mo 25 1848, Walton starts out for Ohio Yearly Meeting in company of Elizabeth Allen and Susan Lightfoot, and again in 1852, Walton traveled to Niagara and Ohio. .

Documents. 1 folder
Brown, Abby W. Account of Anna Walton by Abby Brown. Read at a Kite family reunion. n.d.
Kite, Benjamin (1754-1838) and Rebecca Walton Kite. Recollections by their children and recollections of Thomas Kite (1785-1845)
Map. Survey map, 1789? and documentation for Henry Drinker's land in Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania
Walton, Joseph (1785-1853). Certificate of further credit toward the purchase of land in Indiana, 1821. Partially printed.
Walton, Joseph and Abi Kite. Marriage certificate of , 5 mo. 6th 1813. Signatures include: Nathan Dunn, Thomas Wistar, Thomas Savery, Richard Humphreys, Clement Biddle, Benjamin Ferris, Roberts Vaux and others.

Genealogical information on the Walton, Kite and other families. 1 folder

Pictures. 1 folder
Including: photograph of painting of Thomas Kite; silhouette of Thomas Shillitoe; English photo postcards, 1927.
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(Kite-Walton view)

Benjamin Kite (1754 - 1838)
& Rebecca Walton

Thomas Kite (1785 - 1845)
& ?

Thomas Kite (1785 - 1845)
& Edith Sharpless (2nd spouse)

Rebecca Kite (1814 - 1852)
& Nathan Brown

Mary Kite (1792 - 1861)

Abi Kite (1787 - 1865)
& Joseph Walton (1785 - 1853)

Rebecca Walton (1814 - 1859)

Charles Walton (1815 - 1892)
& Deborah Lightfoot

Joseph Walton (1817 - 1898)
& Lydia Lippincott

Mary Harper Walton (1819 - About 1858)

Henry Walton (1821 - 1821)

Anna Walton (1822 - 1882)

Abi Walton (1825 - 1861)
& Francis Lightfoot

Samuel Walton (1827 - 1899)
& Sarah J. Edgerton

Jane Walton (1830 - 1872)
& Benjamin Lightfoot