Joshua L. and Theodate L. Baily diaries, 1845-1916
MC.975.01.006
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### Preferred Citation

Joshua L. Baily and Theodate L. Baily diaries (MC.975.01.006), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

Joshua Longstreth Baily (1826-1916) was a Quaker merchant in the dry goods business. He attended all the American Yearly Meetings between 1845 and 1855. He contributed generously to African American causes, was interested in peace issues, worked diligently toward temperance, establishing temperance coffeehouses in Philadelphia. He was also the vice President of the National Temperance Society. He was treasurer of the Mohonk Arbitration Conference, president of the American Bible Society, and was affiliated with the Pennsylvania Prison Society for 66 years, and was the organization’s president at the time of his death. He was an author on topics related to Bible study and temperance.

Baily married Theodate Lang in 1856. The couple had 5 children:

Frederick Lang Baily, b. 1858 Albert Lang Baily, b. 1859 William Lloyd Baily, b. 1861 Charles Winter Baily, b. 1866 Henry Paul Baily, b. 1868

Theodate died in 1886, and Baily never remarried.

Theodate Lang was the daughter of John Damon Lang, a preacher of the Society of Friends and one of the Indian Commissioners of the U.S. Government, and Ann Elmira Stackpole Lang, both from Vassalboro, Maine. She was born February 2, 1833, and died November 25, 1886.


Scope and Contents note

This collection includes 43 original, bound, handwritten volumes of Joshua Baily’s personal diaries, spanning the majority of his adult life. Baily began keeping diaries at the age of nineteen and continued to write daily entries throughout his life, though diaries for the years 1857-1878 are missing. As a young man, Baily was very involved in the Philadelphia community, and many of his early entries describe his attendance at both religious and secular lectures, and his attendance at meetings for various societies, including: the Philadelphia Historical Society, the Eromathean society, the Pennsylvania Prison Society, which advocated for the health and safety of prisoner and prison reform, The Philadelphia Society for Employment and Instruction of the Poor, and the Moyamensing House of Industry, two organizations that worked to train the poor, and particularly immigrants, to enter the work force. In later entries, Baily is largely concerned with temperance efforts and prohibition, and city government. In his old age, Baily’s focus shifts to news of his family, and he increasingly records international affairs and political or military events, particularly in the years leading up to WWI. Two volumes, for the years 1879 and 1880, are the
diaries of Joshua Baily’s wife, Theodate Lang Baily. Theodate’s diaries largely focus on social calls and family news, as well as descriptions of her husband and children, and their health.

Administrative Information

Publication Information
Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections June 2015

Use Restrictions
Standard Federal Copyright Law Applies (U.S. Title 17).

Acquisition
The Joshua L. and Theodate L. Baily diaries were a gift to Special Collections, Haverford College in 1941-1964.

Processing Information
Processed by Kara Flynn, completed June 2015.

Related Materials

Related Materials

- MC 975.03.005 Joshua L. Baily commonplace book
- MC 975.07.007 "Biographical Sketch of Joshua Longstreth Baily"
- MC 975.08.001 Joshua L. Baily account book
- MC 975.11.003 Joshua L. Baily notes on quaker meetings
- MC 1032 Joshua L. Baily papers
- MC 1219 Lloyd and Baily family papers
- MS 968 Allinson family papers
- MS 1102 Josiah W. Leeds papers
Controlled Access Headings

**Family Name(s)**

- Lloyd family

**Genre(s)**

- Diaries.
- Quakers -- Diaries

**Personal Name(s)**

- Wistar, Thomas, 1877-1960

**Subject(s)**

- Prison reformers
- Prisons -- United States
- Prisons--Missions and charities--United States
- Quakers -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Quakers -- Pennsylvania -- Social life and customs
- Temperance.
- World War, 1914-1918
Collection Inventory

Joshua Baily 1845-1916

Scope and Contents note

Baily's early diaries, prior to his marriage (1845-1856) focus on his involvement in prison reform efforts with the Pennsylvania Prison Society and the various organizations and institutions that he worked with through the Pennsylvania Prison Society.

Diaries during his middle adulthood and later years focus more heavily on personal matters, including news of his children and various other relatives, quaker meetings, social calls, and births, marriages, and deaths that occur in the community.

Beginning in 1900, Baily's diaries record larger historical events, including the Boer War and American and British politics leading up to, and during, WWI.

Vol. 1 1845-1849

Scope and Contents note

Hosting visiting Quaker missionaries, including John Pease and Isabel Cassin. Discussions of objections to warfare by Quakers. Visits to New York City and upstate New York and New England.

Vol. 2 1852-1853

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City government nominations/elections

Vol. 10 1885

Scope and Contents note
City government, board meetings.

Vol. 11 1886

Scope and Contents note
Entries related to Theo's final illness and her death

Vol. 12 1887

Scope and Contents note
Baily attends the Prohibition State Convention.

Vol. 13 1888

Scope and Contents note
Entries describe Quaker meetings and board meetings.

Vol. 14 1889

Vol. 15 1890
Vol. 16 1891

Scope and Contents note
Additional genealogical information recorded in the “memorandum" section at the end of the diary.

Vol. 17 1892

Vol. 18 1893

Vol. 19 1894

Vol. 20 1895

Scope and Contents note
Pamphlet on House of Industry included.

Vol. 21 1896

Scope and Contents note
Newspaper clippings on prohibition enclosed.

Vol. 22 1897

Vol. 23 1898

Vol. 24 1899
Joshua Baily

Vol. 25 1900

Scope and Contents note
Boer War, American & British politics, voyage taken on S.S. Miami.

Vol. 26 1901

Vol. 27 1902

Scope and Contents note
Photo of unidentified woman in front of diary, outbreaks of illness in Philadelphia-smallpox, typhoid.

Vol. 28 1903

Scope and Contents note
Outbreaks of illness -smallpox, typhoid.

Vol. 29 1904

Scope and Contents note
Funeral card for Caroline Yarnall Baily inside.

Vol. 30 1905

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Outbreaks of typhoid.

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**Scope and Contents note**

Discussions of events related to WWI, specifically as concerns Britain, Germany, & Russia.
Vol. 41 1916

Theodate Baily 1879-1880

Vol. 1 1879

Scope and Contents note
Topics include; social calls, her children, husband, and their health.

Vol. 2 1880

Scope and Contents note
Topics include; social calls, her children, husband, and their health.