Thomas Pim Cope diaries, 1800-1851
HC.MC.975.01.013
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Summary Information

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Preferred Citation

Thomas Pim Cope diaries (MC.975.01.013), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

Thomas Pim Cope (1768-1854) was born on August 26, 1768, in Lancaster County Pa, the son of Caleb and Mary (Mendenhall) Cope. He married Mary Drinker (1766-1825) in 1792, and the couple had at least four children, two sons and two daughters.

Cope was a Quaker merchant, founder of Cope family shipping business, member of Philadelphia City Council and Pennsylvania legislature. In 1821, Cope established his first packet line to Liverpool, England. Cope was very involved in local politics; in 1837 he was a member of Convention to amend the Constitution of Pennsylvania, he was the President of the Board of Trade and of the Mercantile Library, as well as a member of the first board of Haverford College. Cope also helped create Fairmount Park by securing Lemon Hill.

Thomas Pim Cope died November 22, 1854, at the age of 86.

Scope and Content note

This collection is composed of eleven volumes of the handwritten journals of Thomas Pym Cope, as well as ten typed transcriptions of all but the first diary. Entries cover a variety of topics including weather, religious and personal reflection, business interests, family news, discussions of international politics.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections August 2015

Use Restrictions

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

Custodial History note

The contents of the Related Correspondence folder came from J. Morris Evans in 1999.
Acquisition

The Thomas Pim Cope diaries were donated to Special Collections, Haverford College, in 1945 by Edward W. Evans.

Processing Information

Processed by Kara Flynn; completed July 2015.

Related Materials

Related Materials

- MC 950.045 Thomas Cope legal papers
- MC 950.193 Thomas P. Cope estate settlement papers
- MC 975.02.005 Thomas P. Cope letters
- MC 975.08.005 Cope financial records
- MC 975.11.009 Thomas P. Cope packetship logbooks
- MS 1013 Thomas P. Cope family papers
- MS 1170 Cope-Evans family papers

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Diaries.
- Quakers -- Diaries

Subject(s)

- Business -- Religious aspects -- Society of Friends
- Epidemics--Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania--Politics and government
- Quakers -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
• Slave labor
• United States--History--War of 1812
**Collection Inventory**

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**Scope and Content note**

This volume is entitled, "Notes taken on a journey to Soho & New York," and describes Cope's travel to New York and visits to business interests and associates there.

Vol 2 1800-1801

**Scope and Content note**

This volume includes discussion of international politics, such as wars in Europe and news of "Consul Bonaparte," as well as discussions of slave ships, particularly the Ganges Captain's capture of two illegal slave ships.

Vol 3 1801-1803

**Scope and Content note**

This volume discusses American politics and elections, and provides a description of many of Cope's friends and business associates, including; Henry Drinker Jr., William Young, Jacob Chrystlar, Thomas Parker, William Dawson, Samuel M. Fox, and John Miller Jr. Entries in this volume also describe Cope's trip to Baltimore and Washington D.C.

Vol 4 1803-1807
Scope and Content note

This volume describes an outbreak of Yellow Fever in Philadelphia, business concerns, and areas in which Cope believes the Society of Friends could improve.

Vol 5 1807-1813

Vol 6 1813-1820

Scope and Content note

Entries in this volume largely focus on the events and repercussions of the War of 1812. A number of entries focus on the death of Cope's son Francis, who drowned at Cape May. Elias Hicks mentioned on the back cover.

Vol 7 1820-1844

Scope and Content note

The majority of entries in this volume describe Cope's trip to Niagara Falls with his son Alfred, during the summer of 1820. Entries resume in 1843 with a description of the Great Comet of 1843 and the centennial meeting of the American Philosophical Society.

Vol 8 1844-1845

Scope and Content note

Entries discuss international politics.

Vol 9 1845-1847
Vol 10 1847-1848

Vol 11 1848-1850

**Scope and Content note**
Entries discuss international politics, particularly France, and an outbreak cholera.

Vol 12 1850-1851

**Scope and Content note**

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This collection includes a handwritten letter from Alfred Cope (1806-1875) to his nephews Francis R. and Thomas P. Cope, transferring the diaries of their grandfather Thomas Pim Cope (1764-1854) in 1874. Correspondence transferring this letter from J. Morris Evans to Haverford Collection dating to 1999 is also included.