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**Summary Information**

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**Preferred Citation**

Sarah Cresson diary (MC.975.01.015), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

Sarah Cresson (1771-1829) was born 1/27/1771 in Philadelphia, PA, the daughter of Joshua and Mary (Hopkins) Cresson. Cresson was a Quaker minister beginning in 1791, and was “much esteemed.” She traveled frequently, and moved to Haddonfield, New Jersey in 1807, accompanied by Hannah Evans. According to her entry in the Dictionary of Quaker biography, Cresson was “devoted to her Master’s service, possessed a tender spirit and sweet voice. Subject to depression. At times lost her reason.” Cresson never married. She died 9/23/1829 in Haddonfield, N.J.

Source: Dictionary of Quaker Biography

Scope and Contents note

This collection is composed of the unbound photocopy of the single volume diary of Sarah Cresson. The majority of entries detail visits from traveling Quaker ministers, descriptions of Quaker meetings, including testimonies given, and funerals of community members. Philadelphia monthly and yearly meetings are described as well. Many entries are composed solely of prayers to God, or exclamations of Sarah’s religious conviction and her devotion to her God and the Quaker faith, while later entries tend to detail more earthy concerns, particularly Sarah’s struggles with depression.

Administrative Information

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Use Restrictions

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

Acquisition

Unknown.
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Related Materials

Related Materials

- MC 975.01.098 Joshua Cresson diary
- MC 1184 Families of Philadelphia collection
- MC 1001 Haddon-Estaugh-Hopkins papers
- MC 1191 Morris-Shinn-Maier collection
- MC 1100 Scattergood Family papers
- MC 1140 Morris Wistar Wood Collection

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Diaries.

Personal Name(s)

- Scattergood, Thomas, 1748-1814

Subject(s)

- Quaker women -- United States
- Society of Friends -- Clergy -- Diaries
- Society of Friends--Clergy--History--19th century--Sources
- Women -- Religious life
- Women--Mental health--United States--History
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