William Hodgson Jr. diary, 1827
MC.975.01.035
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Summary Information

Repository  Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
Creator        Hodgson, William, 1804-1878
Title     William Hodgson Jr. diary
Date         1827
Extent      0.08 Linear feet
Language      English

Preferred Citation
William Hodgson Jr. diary (MC.975.01.035), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College,
Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

William Hodgson Jr. (1804-1878) was born May 24th, 1804 in Sheffield, England, the son of William (Sr.) and Mary Fairbank Hodgson. William (Sr.) had been a Unitarian clergyman who was convinced by the ministry of Thomas Scattergood and joined Friends. In 1827, William Hodgson Jr. came to Philadelphia and engaged in the drug business with Daniel B. Smith. He married Elizabeth Richardson in 1835, and the couple had one daughter, Mary Richardson Hodgson, born April 30th, 1836. In 1860, with about 100 other Quaker families, Hodgson separated from the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and established the “General Meeting of Friends for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.


Hodgson died in 1878 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at about 74 years old.

Source: Dictionary of Quaker Biography

Scope and Content note

This collection is composed of the single handwritten diary of William Hodgson Jr. Hodgson titled his diary: "Notes taken during a voyage from England and a Visit of six months in Philadelphia and New York." Initial entries describe the voyage from Liverpool, England, to Philadelphia, PA, including descriptions of the weather, books Hodgson read while on board, and the Captain and other passengers. Later entries related to Hodgson's time in Philadelphia describe the terrain, his attendance at the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and other Quaker Meetings, visits to schools in Philadelphia, and discussions of the Hicksite separation. Although the title Hodgson assigned his diary indicates he visited New York on the same trip, there are no diary entries describing his time there.

Included in Hodgson's diary are three sketches by the author, including: a sketch of Elias Hicks, drawn from memory, a sketch of Weehawken Cliff along the Hudson River, and a sketch of the nearly completed Eastern State Penitentiary.
Administrative Information

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

Acquisition
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Related Materials

Related Materials
- MC 1110 Henry Haines Albertson papers
- MC 975.07.045 The Life and Travels in the Ministry of the Gospel of John Pemberton

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)
- Diaries.
- Quakers -- Diaries
- Travel Writing
Personal Name(s)

- Hicks, Elias, 1748-1830

Subject(s)

- Quakers -- Travel
- Quakers--History
- Society of Friends -- Hickite Separation
## Collection Inventory

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