John Pemberton diaries, 1750-1778
MC.975.01.055
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## Summary Information

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### Preferred Citation

John Pemberton diaries (MC.975.01.055), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

John Pemberton (1727-1795) was born in Philadelphia, Pa. February 27, 1727, the youngest son of Israel Pemberton Sr. and Rachel Read. Pemberton went to England for his health in 1751, and accompanied John Churchman on the voyage and on the preacher's travels in England. Pemberton first spoke as a minister in Penzance, Cornwall. He was involved in Indian issues and was present at the Treaty with the Indians at Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1757.

Pemberton married Hannah Zane in Philadelphia in 8th month, 1766. During the American Revolutionary War, in 1777, Pemberton was taken prisoner as a non-combatant in Winchester, Virginia. Pemberton went again on religious visit to Europe in 1794, where he became ill and died. He was buried in Pyrmont, Germany, 1 month, 31, 1795.

Scope and Content note

This collection is composed of two volumes of handwritten extracts, copied by Joseph Elkington, date unknown, from John Pemberton's original diaries. The first volume describes Pemberton's visit to England in 1750-1754, the second volume is composed of daily entries dated 1778. The majority of entries in both volumes describe Quaker meetings attended, and social visits with Friends and family.

Administrative Information

Publication Information
Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections July 2015

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

Acquisition
Unknown.
Processing Information

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Related Materials

Related Materials

- MC 851 American Friends letters collection
- MC 861 British Friends' letters
- MC 950.061 Henry Drinker papers
- MC 954 Richard T. Cadbury papers
- MC 975.07.045 The Life and Travels in the Ministry of the Gospel of John Pemberton
- MC 975.07.121 John Pemberton manuscript
- MC 1100 Scattergood family papers
- MC 1036 Pemberton family papers

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Diaries.
- Quakers -- Diaries
- Travel Writing

Geographic Name(s)

- England

Subject(s)
• Quakers -- Travel
• Quakers--History
Collection Inventory

Vol. 1 1750-1754

Biographical note

John Pemberton (1727-1795), was born in Philadelphia, Pa, in 1727, to Israel Pemberton and Rachel Read. Pemberton served as the clerk of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for Minister and Elders. Pemberton never married, and died in Philadelphia on January 31, 1795.

Acquisition

The John Pemberton diaries were donated to Special Collections, Haverford College, in 1934 by Eleanor R. Elkington.

Use Restrictions

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

Processing Information

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Preferred Citation

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Scope and Content note

This volume includes extracts from Pemberton's diary "of a Voyage from Philadelphia to London in the ship Carolina, Stephen Mesnard, Master." Entries describe the voyage from Philadelphia to England,
including descriptions of weather, other passengers on board, and the passing of various other ships throughout the voyage. Upon his arrival in England, Pemberton's entries focus on descriptions of his visits to various towns and cities throughout England, including Canterbury and Bath.

Vol. 2 1778

Scope and Content note

This volume includes extracts from Pemberton's diary, 1778. The volume includes a note and forward by Joseph Elkington, who copied the extracts from the original diary. The forward includes historical context and a summery of Pemberton's early life.