Henry Hale G. Sharpless diaries, 1843-1870
MC.975.01.068
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## Summary Information

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### Preferred Citation

Henry Hale G. Sharpless diary (MC.975.01.068), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

Henry Hale Graham Sharpless (1823-1870) was born in 1823, the son of Townsend Sharpless and Mary B. Jones Sharpless. In 1855, Sharpless married Mary Van Buren and was disowned by her Meeting for marrying a non-member. Sharpless ran a dry goods business in Philadelphia, which was started by his grandfather. Sharpless died in 1870, at the age of 46.

Scope and Content note

This collection is composed of eight handwritten volumes of the diaries of Henry Hale G. Sharpless. Four of the diaries are travel diaries that describe Sharpless's travels throughout the eastern United States, Europe, and the Middle East. The remaining three diaries describe Sharpless's daily life at home in Pennsylvania, and on his farm outside Philadelphia.

Administrative Information

Publication Information
Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections July 2015

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

Acquisition
The Henry Hale G. Sharpless diaries were donated to Special Collections, Haverford College, in 1972 by Mrs. Nigel Cholmeley-Jones.

Processing Information
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Related Materials

Related Materials
• MC 975.02.015 Henry Hale G. Sharpless letterbooks
• MC 975.08.029 Henry Hale G. Sharpless financial records
• MC 975.11.036 Henry H.G. Sharpless passport
• MC 1111 Sharpless family papers

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)
• Diaries.
• Travel Writing

Geographic Name(s)
• Middle East -- Description and travel

Subject(s)
• Europe--description and travel
• Quakers -- Travel
• Quakers--History
• Quakers--Pennsylvania
Collection Inventory

Vol. 1 1841-1843

Scope and Content note

This volume is entitled "Randoms from Philadelphia," and describes Sharpless's various travels throughout the Eastern coast of the United States, including a sailing trip from Pennsylvania to Massachusetts, as well as trips by rail to New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. At the back of the volume are five political cartoons.

Vol. 2 July-August 1843

Scope and Content note


Vol. 3 September 1851-February 1852

Scope and Content note

Entries in this volume describe Sharpless's travels throughout eastern Europe and the Middle East, including such destinations as; Prussia, Cyprus, Smyrna, Beirut, Damascus, Rhodes, and Constantinople. In addition to his daily entries which describe his travel between each destination, cultural differences he observes, and sights he visited in each place, his diary also contains many sketches, particularly focused on the various styles of dress in the places he visits.

Vol. 4 March 1852-May 1852
Scope and Content note

Entries in this volume describes travel destinations in Europe, sites visited, social calls, and correspondence with friends and family at home.

Vol. 5 March 1852-November 1853

Scope and Content note


Vol. 6 November 1853- October 1854

Scope and Content note

Entries in this volume describe Sharpless's life at home in Pennsylvania, including descriptions of social calls, celebrating Thanksgiving, and attendance at church services (denomination not identified). Entries also describe trips to the Delaware Water Gap, West Chester, Long Beach, and New York.

Vol. 7 1868

Scope and Content note

This diary describes Sharpless's life at home, including descriptions of weather and social calls and business-related news.

Vol. 8 1870

Scope and Content note
This volume is a farm diary of Henry Sharpless. Entries describe the weather, social calls, and farmwork such as building, harvesting crops, and tending farm animals.