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Summary Information

Repository
Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections

Creator
Sharpless, Joshua, 1747-1826

Title
Joshua Sharpless diaries

Date
1798

Extent
0.16 Linear feet

Language
English

Preferred Citation
Joshua Sharpless diaries (MC.975.01.069), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

Joshua Sharpless (1746-1826) was born 12/28/1746, the son of Benjamin and Martha (Mendenhall) Sharpless. Sharpless married Edith Yarnall at Middletown Meeting, Pa. on December 15, 1768. Sharpless had five sons and three daughters. Sharpless later removed to New Garden, Pa., where he worked towards the abolition of slave holding among Friends. In 1784, the family bought a farm in East Bradford and Westtown townships. Sharpless's first wife died in 1787, and he married Anne Trimble on May 20, 1789. The couple had a son and daughter. In 1798 Sharpless traveled to Cornplanter's village to visit younger Friends who were living there. In 1800, Sharpless and his wife became the first superintendents at Westtown School. Joshua Sharpless died on September 21, 1826.

Scope and Content note

This collection is composed of two handwritten volumes of Joshua Sharpless's diaries. Entries describe Sharpless's travel to, and time spent in, Cornplanter's village during 1798. Also included is a single folder of related materials.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections August 2015

Use Restrictions

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

Acquisition

The Joshua Sharpless diaries were donated to Special Collections, Haverford College, by Dr. William T. Sharpless.

Processing Information
Related Materials

• MC 950.101 Halliday Jackson papers
• MC 950.135 Native American speeches
• MC 975.01.078 Joel Swayne diary
• MC 975.01.065 Henry Simmons journals
• MC 975.02.019 Henry Simmons letterbooks
• MC 975.03.054 Henry Simmons commonplace book
• MC 975.07.083 "Some Account of Joshua Sharpless"
• MC 975.07.130 "Account of Isaac Coates, Joshua Sharpless & John Pierce's Visits to the Indian Reservation in Western New York"
• MC 975.07.132 "Account of a visit paid to the Indians in New York State"
• MC 1111 Sharpless-Kite family papers

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

• Diaries.
• Quakers -- Diaries
• Travel Writing

Personal Name(s)

• Cornplanter, Seneca chief, 1732?-1836
• Simmons, Henry, 1768-1807

Subject(s)
• Native Americans.
• Quakers -- Travel
• Quakers--History
• Seneca Indians
• Six Nations--History
Collection Inventory

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**Scope and Content note**

This volume describes Sharpless's travel from his home in Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, and on to Canandaigua, New York. Includes copies of letter from government officials that Sharpless relayed to the Senecas.

| Vol. 2 1798 |

**Scope and Content note**

This volume includes a description of Sharpless's visit to Cornplanter's village, accompanied by John Pierce and Henry Simmons. Entries focus on details of travel, interactions and meetings with the Seneca, descriptions of the village and trading.

| Related materials 1965 1.0 Folder |

**Scope and Content note**

Typed record of reference use of the letterbook. Foldered.