Isaac Stephenson diary, 1823-1824
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Biographical note

Isaac Stephenson (1765-1830), the son of Isaac and Elizabeth Stephenson, was born at Burlington Quay, Yorkshire, England. In business, he was a miller and cornfactor. In 1797, he became an elder, then a recorded minister of his Quaker Meeting. In 1798, he married Hannah Masterman. He visited most parts of Great Britain, Ireland and the Isle of Man. In 1823, he went to the United States for two years “owing to the peculiar nature of our society there.” He continued to travel in the ministry upon his return to England, and died while visiting Ireland.

Scope and Content note

This collection is composed mainly of a single photostatic copy of Issac Stephenson's diary. Diary entries describe Stephenson's travels in the Quaker ministry in New England, including descriptions of towns he visited, Friends who hosted him or whom he visited with, and Meetings attended.

Until 1959, the diary was thought to be that of Mary Olney. However, upon closer inspection in 1959, researchers determined that the diary was likely that of Issac Stephenson. Notes on this discovery and correspondence related to it are included in this collection.

Administrative Information

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

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Unknown.

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Related Materials

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MS 908 Isaac Stephenson papers, 1823-1825

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• Quakers -- Diaries
• Travel Writing

Subject(s)

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