John S. Whitall diary, 1785
MC.975.01.091
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## Summary Information

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### Preferred Citation

John S. Whitall diary (MC.975.01.091), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

John Siddons Whitall (1757-1843) was born to Quaker parents, May 31, 1757 in Woodbury, N.J., the son of James and Anna Whitall. In 1783 he married Sarah Mickle and the couple had ten children:


John Whitall died on December 19, 1843 in Philadelphia, Pa, at the age of 86.

Scope and Content note

This collection is composed of the single handwritten diary of John S. Whitall's diary of his voyage from New York to France in 1785. Whitall kept the diary for his sister, to whom he addresses the majority of his entries. Entries include quotes from scripture, Quaker sermons, and poetry, as well as descriptions of the voyage by sea, notably the ship’s celebration of Saint Louis. During his time in France, entries describe Whitall's travels to Nantes and Bordeaux and visits with Friends in France. Throughout his diary, Whitall repeatedly describes how he is routinely mistaken for an Irish priest, an Englishman, a Dutchman, and even a ship Captain.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections July 2015

Use Restrictions

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

Acquisition

Unknown.
Related Materials

- MS 1191 Morris-Shinn-Maier collection
- MC 1184 Families of Philadelphia collection

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Diaries.
- Quakers -- Diaries
- Travel Writing

Geographic Name(s)

- France

Subject(s)

- Quakers -- Travel
- Quakers -- Family relationships
- Quakers--History
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