Bernard Barton letterbook, 1822-1837
MC.975.02.002
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## Summary Information

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### Preferred Citation

Bernard Barton letterbook (MC.975.02.002), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

Bernard Barton (1784-1849) was a birthright Quaker and poet. He was born on January 31, 1784 in Carlisle, England, the son of John and Maria (Done) Barton. His mother died shortly after his birth, and his father died when Barton was a child, leaving Barton to be raised by his father's second wife. Barton was educated at Friend's School, in Ipswich, and was apprenticed to Samuel Jesup in 1798. In 1807, Barton married Lucy Jesup, who died in 1808, while giving birth to the couple's only child, Lucy Barton. Barton then worked as a clerk for Messrs. Alexander's bank, where he worked for the remainder of his life.

In 1812, Barton published his first volume of poetry, 'Metrical Effusions,' and in 1818, he published the 'Convict's Appeal,' a protest against the criminal code of the time, written in verse. Later publications included 'Poems by an Amateur' (1818), 'Poems' (1820), 'Napoleon and other poems' (1822), and 'Verses on the death of P.B. Shelley' (1822). Barton became friends and correspondents with many other writers and literary men, including Charles Lamb, Robert Southey, and Wordsworth. He lodged with Anne Knight, a Quaker children's author, and provided her with poems for a few of her books.

Bernard Barton died February 19, 1849 in Woodbridge England.

Scope and Content note

This collection is composed of the single handwritten letterbook of Bernard Barton, as well as correspondence related to the history of the letterbook, dated 1942.

The letterbook contains personal correspondence from friends and family, and are often related to personal and family news, Barton's poetry and writings, and literature in general. Letter writers include; Charles Lamb, Thomas Campbell, Elizabeth Fry, Charles Lloyd, Andrew Ritchie, Robert Southey, John Scott, Horatio Smith, Mary White, and John Chandler.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections August 2015
Use Restrictions

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

Custodial History note

This scrapbook of letters was originally given to Anne Knight, a Quaker children's author and schoolmistress, by her lodger and friend, the poet Bernard Barton. In latter years, Knight passed on the book to her pupil, Elizabeth Muskett, later Elizabeth Musket Morley (1824-1912), ancestor of a later president of Haverford College. Elizabeth passed the book on to her son, Frank Morley (1860-1937) who was a professor of mathematics at Haverford College. Following the death of Frank Morley, the book came into the hands of Christopher Morely, who placed it on indefinite loan with Haverford College Quaker and Special Collections, in 1942.

Correspondence related to the loan of the book is included in the collection.

Acquisition

The Bernard Barton letterbook was donated to Special Collections, Haverford College, in 1942 by Christopher Morley.

Processing Information

Processed by Kara Flynn; completed August 2015.

Related Materials

Related Materials

MC 950 Friends Historical Association records

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Correspondence.
Geographic Name(s)

• England

Personal Name(s)

• Lamb, Charles, 1775-1834

Subject(s)

• American Poetry -- Quaker Authors
• Quakers
• Quakers--Great Britain
Collection Inventory

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