Henry Hale G. Sharpless letterbooks, 1851-1860
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Summary Information

Repository  Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections

Creator  Sharpless, Henry Hale G., 1823-1870

Title  Henry Hale G. Sharpless letterbooks

Date [inclusive]  1851-1860

Extent  0.12 Linear feet

Language  English

Preferred Citation

Henry Hale G. Sharpless letterbooks (MC.975.02.018), 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 the Quakers for marrying out. 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 comprised of the four handwritten letterbooks of Henry Hale G. Sharpless. The letterbooks contain both business and personal correspondence, though the majority of correspondence is personal, addressed to friends and family during Sharpless's travels. The letters include topics such as descriptions of the cities and towns he visits, descriptions of landmarks, cultural differences, food, and styles of dress.

Administrative Information

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

Acquisition
Unknown.

Processing Information
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Related Materials

Related Materials

- MC.975.01.068 Henry Hale G. Sharpless diaries
- MC.975.08.029 Henry Hale G. Sharpless financial records
- MC.975.11.036 Henry Hale G. Sharpless passport

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Correspondence.
- Travel Writing

Subject(s)

- Europe--description and travel
- Quakers -- Travel
- Quakers – Family relationships
- Quakers--History
Collection Inventory

Vol. 1 1851-1852

Scope and Content note

Letters are addressed to his sisters Lydia, Anna, and Charlotte, his brother Samuel, and his mother, father, and grandmother.

Vol. 2 1859-1864

Scope and Content note
Correspondence in this volume includes both business and personal correspondence. Letters are addressed to Thomas Page, his wife Mary, as well as various Friends. Letters describe business related news, travels to Philadelphia and Baltimore, and descriptions of family news.

Vol. 3 July 1860-September 1860

Scope and Content note
This volume contains personal correspondence written to Sharpless's mother, father, and other family and friends, while Sharpless is travelling abroad. Letters are written from: London, Amsterdam, Lucerne, Vienna, Venice, and Milan.

Vol. 4 October 1860- November 1860
Scope and Content note

This volume is comprised of personal correspondence. Letters are addressed to Sharpless's mother and father, and are written from Naples and Venice.