John Greenleaf Whittier letterbook, 1842-1873
MC.975.02.025
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Summary Information

Repository          Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
Creator            Whittier, John Greenleaf, 1807-1892
Title              John Greenleaf Whittier letterbook
Date [inclusive]   1842-1873
Extent             0.08 Linear feet
Language           English

Preferred Citation

John Greenleaf Whittier (MC.975.02.025), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892) was born on December 17, 1807 in Haverhill, Mass., the son of Quakers John Whittier and Abigail Hussey Whittier. He was an American poet and editor, and his first published poem, "The Exile's Departure" was printed in William Lloyd Garrison's Newburyport Free Press in 1826. He attended Haverhill Academy from 1827-1828. In addition to being a poet, Whittier was an involved abolitionist. He was a delegate to the Anti-Slavery Society in 1833, and a member of the State Legislature in 1835. Whittier founded the antislavery Liberty party in 1840 and ran for Congress in 1842. In the mid-1850s he began to work for the formation of the Republican party; he supported presidential candidacy of John C. Frémont in 1856.

Whittier published his first collection of poems in 1837, his first authorized collection in 1838, the collection "Snow Bound" was published in 1866, and in 1871, and he edited an edition of John Woolman's Journal.

John Greenleaf Whittier died on September 7, 1892 in Hampton Falls, N.H.

Scope and Content note

This collection is comprised of the single volume letterbook of John Whittier Greenleaf, which includes Greenleaf's personal correspondence with William J. Allinson. Topics covered in the letters include news of Greenleaf and Allinson's health, news of their families, as well as discussions of contributions to "The Non-Slaveholder" and discussions of English Friends.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections August 2015

Use Restrictions

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

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Related Materials

Related Materials
• MC 968 Allinson family papers
• MC 851 American Friends letters collection
• MC 1121 Henry Joel Cadbury papers
• MC 1030 Hartshorne family papers
• MC 1191 Morris-Shinn-Maier collection
• MC.975.07.001 "John Greenleaf Whittier: Some General Characteristics of his Poetry"

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)
• Correspondence.

Personal Name(s)
• Allinson, William J., 1810-1874

Subject(s)
• American Poetry -- Quaker Authors
• Antislavery movements -- United States
• Quaker abolitionists
• Quakers
• Quakers--History
• Slavery and the church -- Society of Friends
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