Elijah Coffin scrapbook, undated
MC.975.04.005
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### Summary Information

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**Preferred Citation**

Elijah Coffin scrapbook (MC.975.04.005), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

Elijah Coffin (1800-1862) was born in Guildford County, North Carolina, in 1800, the son of Bethuel Coffin and Hannah Dicks. He taught school beginning at the age of 19. He married Naomi Hiatt in 1820 and the couple had seven children: Miriam Allinson Coffin (1821-1913), Charles Fisher Coffin (1823-1916), William Hiatt Coffin (1825-1925), Caroline Elizabeth Coffin (1826-1916), Eliphalet Coffin (1828-1831), Mary Coffin (1830-1928) Hannah Ameila Coffin (1836-1934). In 1822, he was appointed clerk of North Carolina Yearly Meeting. While living in North Carolina, Coffin was a member of an Emancipation Society, but due to his aversion to slavery, he and his family moved to Indiana in 1824. There, Coffin purchased land and opened a school. In 1827 he became clerk of Indiana Yearly Meeting, a position he filled for thirty one years. In 1829, Coffin gave up teaching and opened a mercantile business in the village of Milton. Coffin died on January 22, 1862 in Richmond, Indiana.

Scope and Content note

This collection is comprised of the single volume scrapbook of Elijah Coffin, and includes his handwritten notes, typed materials, and published clippings. The volume includes published materials on the history of westward expansion and pioneers, and the history of Indiana, as well as typed excerpts from a history of Kentucky (by Scudder) a history of Virginia (by Cooke), and Daniel Boone. In addition to material focusing on the history of the American West, the scrapbook includes excerpts from histories of Mesopotamia, Russia, Babylonia, Sumeria, Palestine, and Jerusalem.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections September 2015

Use Restrictions

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

Acquisition
Unknown.

Processing Information
Processed by Kara Flynn; completed September 2015.

Related Materials

Related Materials

• MC 851 American Friends letters collection
• MC 1022 Marmaduke Cooper Cope papers
• MC 1191 Morris-Shinn-Maier collection
• MC 1233 Taylor family papers

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

• Scrapbooks

Geographic Name(s)

• Indiana
• Kentucky.
• Virginia
• West (U.S.)

Subject(s)

• Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
• Quakers
## Collection Inventory

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