"Thoughts on Slavery," 1800
MC.975.07.071
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### Summary Information

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**Preferred Citation**

"Thoughts on Slavery" (MC.975.07.071), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

John Parrish (1729-1807) was a Quaker abolitionist and a proponent of Native American rights. He was born in Baltimore in 1729 to John Parrish and Elizabeth Roberts. He married Elizabeth Durrant in Philadelphia in 1753. In his adult years, he lived with his wife and daughter in Philadelphia, although as a young man he resided in Maryland. It is also known that he suffered from a stroke in 1807 while in Philadelphia, and is thought to have died as a result.

Parrish is best remembered for authoring "Remarks on the Slavery of the Black People." Published in 1806, Parrish's pamphlet ran to nearly 70 pages and ranged over such issues as Biblical antislavery, constitutional rationales for emancipation, colonization, and African-American political protest. Parrish believed that Americans needed to redouble their antislavery efforts to avert either eternal damnation or massive slave rebellion--or both.

Scope and Content note

This collection is comprised of the single volume handwritten manuscript of John Parrish's essay, "Thoughts on Slavery," in which Parrish discusses the religious and moral reasons in favor of abolishing slavery in America, as well as a short history of slavery in America, and the responsibilities of the American government to those they are oppressing through slavery.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections October 2015

Use Restrictions

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Acquisition
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**Related Materials**

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- MC 975.01.003 David Bacon journal
- MC 975.01.021 James Emlen journal
- MC 975.01.061 William Savery diaries
- MC 975.01.053 John Parrish diaries

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**Controlled Access Headings**

**Genre(s)**

- Manuscripts

**Subject(s)**

- Antislavery movements -- History
- Antislavery movements -- United States
- Quakers
- Quakers--History
- Slavery and the church -- Society of Friends
## Collection Inventory

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