"Some Account of Joshua Sharpless," undated
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Preferred Citation

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Biographical note

Joshua Sharpless (1746-1826) was born 12/28/1746, the son of Benjamin and Martha (Mendenhall) Sharpless. Sharpless married Edith Yarnall at Middletown Meeting, Pa. on December 15, 1768. Sharpless had five sons and three daughters. Sharpless later removed to New Garden, Pa., where he worked towards the abolition of slave holding among Friends. In 1784, the family bought a farm in East Bradford and Westtown townships. Sharpless's first wife died in 1787, and he married Anne Trimble on May 20, 1789. The couple had a son and daughter. In 1798 Sharpless traveled to Cornplanter's village to visit younger Friends who were living there. In 1800, Sharpless and his wife became the first superintendents at Westtown School. Joshua Sharpless died on September 21, 1826.

Scope and Content note

This collection is comprised of the single volume biographical manuscript of Joshua Sharpless. The front cover includes the signature of Aaron Sharpless, who may have authored the biography. The volume describes Sharpless's early life, the influence of Quakerism in his life, his travels as a missionary to Indian nations in 1798, and a biographical description of his first wife, Edith Yarnall Sharpless.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections October 2015

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Acquisition

"Some Account of Joshua Sharpless" was donated to Special Collections, Quaker & Haverford College, in 1948 by the estate of Dr. William Sharpless.

Processing Information
Related Materials

Related Materials
- MC 975.01.069 Joshua Sharpless diaries
- MC 975.07.130 "Account of Isaac Coates, Joshua Sharpless & John Pierce's Visits to the Indian Reservation in western New York"
- MC 975.07.132 "Account of a visit paid to the Indians in New York State"
- MC 1111 Sharpless-Kite family papers

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)
- Biographies
- Manuscripts

Personal Name(s)
- Sharpless, Joshua, 1747-1826

Subject(s)
- Quakers
- Quakers--History
**Collection Inventory**

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