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# Summary Information

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## Preferred Citation

"An Autobiography and Family History" (MC.975.07.097), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

Barclay White (1821-1906) was born April 4, 1821 in Philadelphia, Pa., the son of Joseph White and Rebecca Smith. White's parents died when he was a young child, and he was educated at Westtown School, and later at Smith's Academy in Wilmington, De. He married Rebecca Merritt Lamb (1824-1850) in December, 1842, and the couple had four sons: Howard (b. 1844), Joseph Josiah (b. 1846) George F. (b. 1847), and Barclay (b. 1850). In 1853, Barclay married for a second time, Beulah Sampson Shreve, and the couple had three children: Daniel (b. 1853), Elizabeth (b. 1857), and James (b. 1859).

Barlcay White was the Superintendent of Indian Affairs during the administration of President Ulysses S. Grant. During his time as Superintendent, he lived with his family in Omaha, Ne. After his retirement from the position, he returned to his farm in Burlington, New Jersey, where he died in 1906.

Scope and Content note

This collection is comprised of the two volume family history and autobiography of Barclay White. In addition to providing genealogical information about his ancestors, White describes his early life in Philadelphia, Pa., and his work with various Native tribes as an Indian Agent.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections October 2015

Use Restrictions

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

Acquisition

Unknown.

Processing Information
Related Materials

Related materials
MC 1166 Josiah White papers

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Native Americans.
- Omaha Indians.
- Otoe Indians.
- Pawnee Indians.
- Quakers--History.
- Winnebago Indians.
Collection Inventory

Vol. 1

Scope and Content note

The first volume of this manuscript includes roughly two hundred pages of family history and genealogical information, including the etymology of the surname of White, and a tracing of the Barclay White Branch of the family back to the mid seventeenth century, in London, England. For each subsequent generation, White writes character sketches of his direct ancestors, including photographs and sketches of portraits of various family members, and the houses or towns in which they lived. After summarizing his family history, Barclay begins the autobiographical portion of the manuscript, in which he describes his early life in Philadelphia, his education, his marriage and family life, his second marriage, and his work as the Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Northern Superintendency in Omaha, Nebraska. The end of this volume includes his travel to Utah and meeting with Brigham Young, and begins a short biographical account of Brigham Young.

Vol. 2

Scope and Content note

This volume continues the biographical account of Brigham Young's life, and describes his trip to California from Utah, and the journey back to Omaha. This volume also includes extracts of correspondence related to White's position as the Superintendent of Indian Affairs.