"Moll Pitcher: A Poem," undated
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# Summary Information

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## Preferred Citation

"Moll Pitcher: A Poem" (MC.975.07.099), 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 hand-copied manuscript of John Greenleaf Whittier's "Moll Pitcher: A Poem." The poem was originally published in Boston in 1832, and Philadelphia in 1839, though the date of this manuscript, copied by Mary Sellers Millbourne is unknown. The poem describes the clairvoyant and fortune-teller Moll Pitcher, born Mary Diamond (ca. 1736-1813), of Massachusetts, as a witch engaged in sinful work.

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

Processed by Kara Flynn; completed November 2015.

Related Materials

Related materials

MC 975.02.025 John Greenleaf Whittier letterbook

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

• Manuscripts

Subject(s)

• American Poetry -- Quaker Authors
• Literature
• Poetry.
• Quakers
• Witches.
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