Daniel B. Smith commonplace books, 1803-1809
MC.975.03.052
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Summary Information

Repository: Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections

Creator: Smith, Daniel B., 1792-1883

Title: Daniel B. Smith commonplace books

Date [inclusive]: 1803-1809

Extent: 0.13 Linear feet

Language: English

Preferred Citation

Daniel B. Smith commonplace books (MC.975.03.052), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

Daniel B. Smith (1792-1883) was born in 1792. He was an educator and pharmacist in Philadelphia, Pa. Smith was educated at Burlington Friends School under John Griscom, where he acquired an interest in scientific studies. He later was the apprentice to John Biddle in the apothecary business, and on completion he was admitted to partnership. In 1819 he opened a drug store in downtown Philadelphia, and in 1828 he entered into partnership with William Hodgson, renaming the firm "Smith & Hodgson", and continued to be active in business until a few years before his death. At the age of 28, he was one of the founders of the Apprentices' Library of Philadelphia.

Smith was a member of a group of pharmacists that in 1821 established the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy (now University of the Sciences in Philadelphia) the first college of pharmacy in the country, was elected vice-president in 1828, and from 1829 to 1854 served as president. In 1852, he became the first president of the American Pharmaceutical Association. He was also an original member of the Franklin Institute.

In 1824, Smith married Esther Morton, and the couple had three children John, Benjamin, and Mary. Smith died in 1883.

Scope and Content note

This collection is comprised of the two commonplace books of Daniel B. Smith. The volumes include copied poems, and extracts of religious essays.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections November 2015

Use Restrictions

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

Processing Information
Processed by Kara Flynn; completed December 2015.

Related Materials

Related Materials
• MC.975.07.086 Daniel B. Smith manuscripts
• MC.975.11.038 Daniel B. Smith papers
• MC.975.08.039 Daniel B. Smith financial record

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)
• Commonplace books

Subject(s)
• Poetry.
• Quakers
• Quakers--History
## Collection Inventory

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