"Account of a visit paid to the Indians in New York State," undated
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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 manuscript describing Joshua Sharpless' visit to Native American tribes in New York state with John Pierce and Henry Simmons. The inside cover includes the signature of Aaron Sharpless, and it appears that he may have copied the manuscript from the diaries of Joshua Sharpless.

Administrative Information

Publication Information
Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections January 2016

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

Acquisition
The "Account of a visit paid to the Indians in New York State" was donated to Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, in 1933 by Dr. William Sharpless.

Processing Information
Related Materials

Related Materials

- MC.975.01.069 Joshua Sharpless diaries
- MC.975.07.083 "Some Account of Joshua Sharpless"
- MC.975.07.130 "Account of Isaac Coates, Joshua Sharpless & John Pierce's Visits to the Indian Reservation in Western New York"

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Sharpless, Joshua, 1747-1826

Subject(s)

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- Quakers
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