Dodge, Starin, and Wistar
Family papers, 1941-circa 1950
MC.950.056
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Summary Information

Repository
Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections

Creator - Author
Dodge Family

Creator - Author
Wistar Family

Creator - Author
Wistar, Edward Morris, 1852-1941

Title
Dodge, Starin, and Wistar Family papers

Date
1941-circa 1950

Extent
0.44 Linear feet

Language
English

Preferred Citation
Dodge, Starin, and Wistar family papers (MC.950.056), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

Sarah Cleveland Dodge, related to President Cleveland, is the mother of Mary Dodge who married Norman White. Their daughter was Grace White Starin (1845-). (Information from internal evidence)

Scope and Contents

While it is clear that Edward M. Wistar (1852-1941) and his wife Margaret Collins Wistar (1853-1937) were Quakers, there is no information on the Dodge, White or Starin families, nor has any connection between the Wistars with the other families been established. Nonetheless, this collection has been classified as a Quaker collection, based on the Wistar connection.

The primary letter writer is Mary A. Dodge White in the mid-19th century offering advice and thoughts on various topics. There is an interesting account of her trip to Europe in the 1860s is recorded in the diary of Grace White Starin. The earliest of the letter writers is Sarah Cleveland Dodge. Authors also include Edward and Margaret C. Wistar.

Administrative Information

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

Acquisition
Accession # 7251

Processing Information
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Related Materials

Related Materials
MC 1137 Edward M. Wistar Papers, MC 1188 Thomas Wistar Family Papers

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Correspondence.
- Photographs.

Subject(s)

- Travel
- Women travelers
Collection Inventory

Dodge, White, Wistar Family Letters 1822-1906, undated

Scope and Contents

Letter writers include: Sarah Cleveland Dodge, Joshua Spaulding, Grace Starin, Mary A. Dodge White, Edward M. Wistar and Margaret C. Wistar.

Some highlights include:

- Dodge, Sarah C. to Mary White. Plainfield, N.J., 1841-43. 3 items. [illnesses and the death of Mary White's baby]
- Spaulding, Joshua to Julia Huntington. 1822 12/26. copy [family history]
- Starin, Grace to Julia. 1866 11/21. [description of the reception given by Mr. & Mrs. J.N. Starin in Auburn NY after her marriage in New York]
- Starin, Henry to/from Josiah Starin. 1862. 2 items. [asks if he may join the Union Army, while his father's response notes his patriotism, but does not think it necessary, as there would be other volunteers]
- White, Mary Abiah Dodge. Letters to her parents, sister and daughters, Grace Starin and Mary White, 1826-1856. [much heartfelt advice and thoughts]
- Wistar, Edward M. to children Thomas, Caspar & Elizabeth. N.d. [describes his early life including his family]
- Wistar, Margaret C. to children. La Mott, PA, 1906 4/28. [describes marriage of Paul Maier and Anna Shinn]

Documents 1846-1860s, undated

Scope and Contents

2 folders.
**Photographs**

- "Recollections of a Quaker Maiden in the Quaker City" / Margaret C. Wistar. undated Tells of her small girl's thoughts of the U.S. Civil War, of the Battle of Gettysburg, of the war years. [ms.]
- "Recollections of Childhood" / Margaret C. Cope. 1848; enlarged a little by M[argaret] C[ope] K[imber; copied by dear mother” [ts]
- Purchase of a cemetery plot by Henry Starin in 1846
- Three sections of a diary kept by Grace Starin while on a trip to Europe in the 1860s and copied for her grandchildren in the 1920s.

**Photographs 1869-1926, undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Black and white, unless otherwise noted.

Including:

- Eliza Cope Collins: albumen print
- William M. Collins: albumen print
- Violet Gray
- Andalusia Henry (mother of Henry Starin): albumen print
- Arthur Starin (1876-1958): tintype
- Grace Starin and sister Helen: daguerreotype
- Josiah Starin: albumen
- Norman White: photograph of painting
- Edward M. Wistar et al: tintype, 3 albumen prints & b&w
- Edward M. Wistar and Margaret C. Wistar, 1926
- Eleanor Wistar, 1931
- Elizabeth Wistar et al: tintype
- M.B.S. Wistar
- Margaret Collins Wistar: daguerreotype & 2 albumen prints
- Priscilla Foulke Wistar: albumen print
- Thomas Wistar (1765-1851): photograph of painting
- Thomas Wistar (1877-1960): albumen print and family photo
- Thomas Wistar Jr., 1926 & with William Wistar Comfort
- Haverford College class of 1872 in 1869: albumen
Photographs

- Homes of Thomas Wistar and Cooper family: 1 albumen, 1 black and white