

**Samuel J. Gummere manuscripts, 1857**  
**MC.975.07.039**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
<b>Creator</b>	Gummere, Samuel James, 1811-1874
<b>Title</b>	Samuel J. Gummere manuscripts
<b>Date</b>	1857
<b>Extent</b>	0.1 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Samuel J. Gummere manuscripts (MC.975.07.039), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.

## **Biographical note**

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Samuel James Gummere, (April 28th, 1811- October 23, 1874) was born to John and Elizabeth Buzby Gummere in Rancocas, New Jersey. His father opened a boarding school in Burlington, New Jersey, where Samuel assisted. He later organized the classical department in the Friends' School in Providence, Rhode Island. In 1834 his father became the superintendent of Haverford School, and Samuel became an assistant teacher there. Samuel married Abigail Griscom in 1835, and in 1840 she died. In 1843 the Gummeres reopened the boarding school in Burlington, New Jersey which had had financial difficulties. In 1845, Samuel married Elizabeth Hooton Barton. In 1862, he returned to teach at Haverford College (previously Haverford School), then became president of the college in 1863, a position he held until his death in 1874. He had three children, Caroline E. Gummere, John Gummere, and Francis Barton Gummere

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## **Scope and Content note**

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This collection is comprised of two volumes of Samuel J. Gummere's manuscripts about his time traveling through Iowa's prairies, and includes both poetry and prose.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections September 2015

### **Use Restrictions**

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

### **Acquisition**

Unknown.

### **Processing Information**

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Materials**

- MC 950.086 Gummere family papers
  - MC 1258 Francis and Samuel Gummere papers
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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Genre(s)**

- Manuscripts
- Travel Writing

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Iowa

### **Subject(s)**

- Poetry.
- Quakers
- Quakers--History

## Collection Inventory

Vol. 1 1857

### **Scope and Content note**

Memoir of his trip across the prairies, entitled, "The Prairie," which focuses on personal reflection, descriptions of scenery, a description of the sale of the horses and carriage to buy land, and reflections on the plight of the North American.

Vol. 2 1857

### **Scope and Content note**

This volume is entitled "The Prairie, or, Iowa Seen from an Open Wagon in the Spring and Summer of 1857" and includes a mix of poetry and prose describing travel across the Iowa prairies, spectators, and settlers.