

Margaret Hill Morris diary, 1776-1778
MC.975.01.049

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Summary Information

Repository	Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
Creator	Morris, Margaret Hill, 1737?-1816
Title	Margaret Hill Morris diary
Date [inclusive]	1776-1778
Extent	0.02 Linear feet
Language	English

Preferred Citation

Margaret Hill Morris diary (MC.975.01.049), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.

Biographical note

Margaret Hill Morris (1737-1816) was born in 1737 at South River, near Annapolis, Maryland. Her parents, Richard and Deborah (Moore) Hill moved to the island of Madeira when she was young, and Morris was raised by her aunt and uncle in Philadelphia. Margaret Hill Morris married William Morris, a Quaker merchant, and early contributor to the Pennsylvania Hospital, in 1758. The couple had four children, three were born before William's death in 1766, and one born after. In 1770, the family moved to the vicinity of Burlington, N.J. and established a home called "Green Bank" there. Morris was recognized as a skillful doctor and she regularly treated the ill and injured during the American Revolutionary War. Morris died on October 10, 1816 of a stroke at the age of 79.

Scope and Content note

This collection is composed of the original, handwritten Revolutionary War diary of Margret Hill Morris, as well as a photocopy of the diary of Margaret Hill Morris. The entries detail Morris's experiences during the early years of the American Revolutionary War, including her fears for her family, the movement through her town of various military groups, including "Tory Hunters," "Gondola Men," and Hessian soldiers. Morris also describes her treatment of the sick and injured at surrounding military camps.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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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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- MC 955 Edward Wanton Smith papers
 - MC 975.03.065 Morris family commonplace book
 - MC 975.11.024 Margaret Hill Morris recipe book
 - MC 1000 Gulielma M. Howland papers
 - MC 1148 Gummere-Mott family papers
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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Diaries.
- Quakers -- Diaries

Subject(s)

- Medicine -- United States -- History -- 18th century
- Motherhood--United States--History
- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Women -- Sources
- Women in medicine

Collection Inventory

Original 1776-1778

Copy 1776-1778