

William Savery diaries, 1794-1798
MC.975.01.061

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Summary Information

Repository	Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
Creator	Savery, William, 1750-1804
Title	William Savery diaries
Date [inclusive]	1794-1798
Extent	0.7 Linear feet
Language	English

Preferred Citation

William Savery diaries (MC.975.01.061), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.

Biographical note

William Savery (1750-1804) was born September 14, 1750 in Philadelphia, PA, the son of William and Mary (Peters) Savery. Educated in local schools, Savery was then apprenticed in the tanning industry. He was a business Friend of Philadelphia and a prominent minister. In 1778, he married Sarah Evans. Savery was first recognized a minister 1781, and traveled on religious visits throughout America and Europe. In 1796, Savery traveled to England via Germany, France, and the Netherlands. He went on to visit Scotland and Ireland in the same trip. Soon after returning to America, Savery became ill. He died on June 19, 1804 in Philadelphia, Pa.

Scope and Content note

This collection is composed of four handwritten volumes of William Savery's diaries. The majority of the first volume concerns the Treaty at Canandaigua, but the remaining volumes are all accounts of religious visits Savery made throughout Europe and Britain. Entries generally describe details of travel between destinations, Quaker meetings attended, Quaker families visited, and descriptions of each location's culture, food, language, style of dress, and form of local government.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Use Restrictions

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

Acquisition

The William Savery diaries were donated to Special Collections, Haverford College, in 1949 from the estate of Francis R. Taylor.

Processing Information

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Related Materials

Related Materials

- MC 811 Haverford College History Department papers
 - MC 851 American Friends letters collection
 - MC 975.01.003 David Bacon journal
 - MC 975.01.021 James Emlen journal
 - MC 975.01.053 John Parrish diaries
 - MC 975.04.001 Allinson family scrapbook
 - MC 1003 Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs records
 - MC 1100 Scattergood family papers
 - MC 1233 Taylor family papers
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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Diaries.
- Quakers -- Diaries
- Travel Writing

Geographic Name(s)

- England
- Europe

Personal Name(s)

- Bacon, David, 1729-1809

- Parrish, John, 1729-1807

Subject(s)

- Native Americans.
- Quakers--History
- Quakers--Ireland
- Six Nations--History
- Society of Friends -- Clergy -- Diaries

Collection Inventory

Vol. 1 1794-1798

Scope and Content note

Entries in this volume describe Savery's travel to the Treaty at Canandaigua in 1794, and his religious visits to Germany, France, and Holland, 1797-1798. The majority of entries describe Savery's travel to Canandaigua with John Parrish, James Emlen, and David Bacon, and meetings he attended concerning treaty negotiations.

Vol. 2 1797

Scope and Content note

Entries in this volume describe Savery's religious visit to France.

Vol. 3 1797-1798

Scope and Content note

Entries in this volume describe Savery's religious visits to Scotland, England, and Ireland.

Vol. 4 1798

Scope and Content note

Entries in this volume describe religious visits in Ireland and England.