

Ann Cooper Whitall diary, 1760-1780
MC.975.01.090

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Summary Information

Repository	Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
Creator	Whitall, Ann Cooper, 1716-1797
Title	Ann Cooper Whitall diary
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1760-1762
Date [inclusive]	1760-1780
Extent	0.29 Linear feet
Language	English

Preferred Citation

Ann Cooper Whitall diary (MC.975.01.090), Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.

Biographical note

Ann Cooper Whitall (1716-1797) was a Colonial American Friend who lived in Red Bank, New Jersey, across the Delaware River from Philadelphia. Ann Cooper Whitall, born 4th month 23, 1716 was the daughter of John and Ann (Clarke) Cooper. Whitall married James Whitall 9th month 23rd, 1739. Ann Cooper Whitall's home was located on the edge of Fort Mercer, and during the American Revolution, Whitall refused to leave her home despite the danger. After the Battle of the Red Bank in 1777, Whitall treated both American and Hessian injured soldiers from within her home. Ann Cooper Whitall and James Whitall had nine children.

Scope and Content note

This collection is composed of the original, handwritten, unbound diary of Ann Cooper Whitall, as well as a single volume typed transcript of the diary. Whitall's diary was transcribed by Michael C. Osborne in 1976. The majority of diary entries were written between 1760 and 1762, however, there are entries dated as late as 1780. Entries focus on descriptions of Quaker meetings, illnesses within Whitall's family and community, reflections on religion and the perceived failure of Whitall's community to live up to its ideals, and discussions concerning effective child-rearing practices.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Use Restrictions

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

Acquisition

The Ann Cooper Whitall diary was donated to Special Collections, Haverford College, in 1946 by the descendants of James Whitall through William H.B. Whitall.

Processing Information

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Related Materials

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MC 1194 Emlen and Jones family papers

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Diaries.
- Quakers -- Diaries

Subject(s)

- Child rearing – Religious aspects – Society of Friends
- Marriage -- Religious aspects -- Society of Friends
- Motherhood--United States--History
- Quaker women -- United States

Collection Inventory

Original 1760-1780

Copy 1760-1780