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Gibbons, Hannah M.

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Gibbons, Mary P.

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0.30 Linear Feet

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Scope and Contents

Papers, 1793-1890, of sisters and Quaker educators, Mary and Hannah Gibbons. A small number of papers are directly related to their brother, Joseph Gibbons. Correspondence predominantly discusses relatives, friends, travels, and religious sentiments. The second series of items is family and personal papers, consisting of poems, copied scripture, drug prescriptions, and family records. The papers relating to the Infant School established by Mary and Hannah Gibbons make up the third series and include student work, account books, and promotional pieces.

Keywords

Account books
Correspondence
Invitations
Notebooks
Receipts (financial records)
Legal documents
Quaker women--History--19th century
Quaker women--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia--Correspondence
Quakers--Education--Pennsylvania--History
Quakers--United States--History--19th century
Women--Pennsylvania--History

Arrangement of Materials:

This collection is arranged into three series, each housed in their own folder. Within the folder, items are arranged in chronological order with non-dated items at the end.

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

Unit ID id26059

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98858

Unit Date 1793-1861

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Predominantly contains correspondence to either Mary or Hannah Gibbons. However, four letters are to their brother Joseph Gibbons, one of which written by Mary and Hannah. The subject of correspondence ranged over various topics, though most concern updates on family and friends, illnesses, books read, weather, farming, land division, rents, work, charity work, and discussions of travels. Religious discussion is also present, as well as business letters. Mentions steamboat accident on Lake Erie and the publishing of J. Gibbons mountain travels in the Inquirer. One letter from Granite Hill mentions a book on slavery, teaching theories and "civilized" American Indians. These letters give much insight into the everyday lives of a group of Quakers during the nineteenth century, and in particular the lives of Quaker women.

Family Material

Unit ID id26060

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98859

Unit Date 1743-1885

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This series contains various family material including recipes, prescriptions, poems, and business documents. Specific items include recipes for rheumatism and food; a possible gift list with names; loan documents between Joshua Robinson and Ruth Jays; plan for a "drained meadow" belonging to Clement Plumstead; Baldwin Family notes beginning with John and Hannah Baldwin of Chester, Pennsylvania; and more.

Infant School Material

Unit ID id26132

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/98860

Unit Date 1841-1868

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Series contains papers, notebooks, flyers, student work, and various other materials relating to the Infant School started by Mary and Hannah Gibbons. This series illustrates several aspects of running of a grammar school, and the subjects studied by the students. Some specific items include a \$20 check for one quarter's tuition; flyers for the school; account with "Kimber & Sharples" a Bible publishing company; and school papers and notes on math, history and other subjects.