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Finding Aid for the CADBURY-BROWN FAMILY PAPERS, 1804-1900

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2 document boxes (1 linear foot)
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Gift of Christopher Joel Cadbury (Haverford '43), December 1992.

The collection has come as two accessions with the second accession in boxes three-five described below, and collected totally in five boxes. The first accession primarily contains letters of the interrelated Brown and Cadbury families about family, business and Quaker issues including personal news, health, the sheep and merino wool business of John Brown, a visit of Elias Hicks to the meeting at Dover, New Hampshire, education and attendance at Meeting. Correspondents include: Amos Brown, John Brown, Moses Brown, William Brown, Lydia Shinn Cadbury, Richard Cadbury and Sarah Shinn Cadbury. There is also a mask of Caroline Cadbury Brown taken in her youth.

Genealogical charts of Brown and Cadbury family members and collection details follow.

Box 1: Brown and Cadbury Families

Brown Family

Letters: Ballou - Brown, David S. 1 folder.

Ballou, O.A. and Sophia to John Brown. Woonsocket, [R.I.], Nov. 5, 1847. [on business and social matters, the former referring to a copartnership, Wilson, Brown & Co. into which they have entered for the sale of American woolen and cotton goods on commission]

Beede, Abigail and Stephen to Edward Brown. Lynn, [Conn.?], Jan., 1873.

Brown, Amos to William Brown. Batt[lebor?]o, [Vt.?], May, 1809 - Mar. 1812.
3 items. [trying to improve his business and sending money; characteristics of P(hillip?) Chase; as a postscript, wife had a son]

Brown, David to Edward [Brown]. Bucks Co. & Phila., [Pa.], 1859 - 1868. 2 items. [about farming and mill business; description of his meeting, believes most local Friends to be Wilburite though he himself is Gurneyite]

Brown, David Sands to Alice and Philip Chase and Edward Brown. 1827-1873. 3 items. [about death of mother]

Letters: Brown, John (1783 -) primarily to brother Moses Brown; a few to wife Mary. 1 folder.

1804-1811: [about sheepskins and other business relating to keeping sheep; sending David to Nine Partners School]

1812-1814:

[about sheep business, merino sheep and their wool and transporting goods]

1815-1840 & n.d.:

[more on sheep business; Elias Hicks visits their meeting "and very ably vindicated the cause of truth" (Dover, [N.H.], 2 mo 4th 1816); explanation of use of dam for business (Dec. 7 & 11, 1821); family matters]

Letters and documents: Brown, Marianna - Thornton, Elisha; unknown letter writers (unsigned or illegible); miscellaneous documents. 1 folder.

Brown, Marianna to Mary Brown and Mary Swaine. 1846-47. 2 items. [social letters]

Brown, Mary to Mary Anna Brown. May 8, 1846.

Brown, Moses to family. 1815-28. 3 items. [9/2/1828: laments lack of Quaker education in his brother's children; a great number of Baltimore Friends have joined separatists - the Western Meeting house will have to be given up]

Brown, Nathaniel to family, 1840-42. 4 items. [business and personal news; 10/26/1840: students who would be sufficiently qualified to attend Haverford and benefits from attending]

Brown, William to John Brown. 12/13/1803. very fragile

Brown, William Henry to family. 1840-55. 3 items.

Chase, Philip to William Brown. 3/1/1810.

Daner?, I. to John Brown. 3/26/1841. [caution against expressing unity in meeting over truth]

Horton, Phoebe J. to Edward [Brown]. 1873-77. 2 items.

Parker, Lydia to Alice Chase. n.d.

Ricketson, Daniel to Nathaniel Brown. 1843-44. 2 items. [writes essay "Edward Burrough naps overhead"]

Sawyer, Walter to Edward Brown. 1864. [thanks for photograph which he will add to photo album]

S. Mitchell Bros. to John Brown. 11/6/1824.

Thornton, Anna to William and Abigail Brown.

Thornton, Elisha to John Brown.

Tuttle, Joseph to John Brown. Dover, [N.H.], 3/9/1841. (largest folio letter seen) [state of their preparative meeting; visiting other meetings and visit of Lindley Hoag]

Unknown letter writers: unsigned or illegible. 9 items.

Miscellaneous documents: poems, fragments, accounts, receipts, religious essays. 10 items

Cadbury Family

Letters of Lydia Comfort Shinn Cadbury (1828-1904), 1848-50 & n.d.

Letters are to son, Richard Tapper Cadbury, and to her husband, Richard Cadbury, including some fragments, some verse. Ca. 15 items

Letters of Richard Cadbury (1825-1897), ca. 1850 to 1870s

Letters are to his wife, Lydia Comfort Shinn (1828-1904) whom he married in 1850. Letters of loving concern. Ca. 30 items

Letters to and from Sarah Shinn Cadbury (1855-1876), 1860s and 1870s.

Letters are from and to Sarah S. Cadbury. Some are to her brother, Richard Tapper Cadbury; some are from Sister R., Aunt R. [Rebecca W. Cadbury?], C.C.B. [Caroline Cadbury Brown], Aunt Anna [Anna K. Lowry Cadbury] on domestic news, including "a course of music lessons" as a gift on her 21st birthday from Aunt Anna. Ca. 30 items

Box 2: Cast of Caroline Cadbury Brown

Plaster cast head of Caroline Cadbury Brown. Label attached to the box reads: "Cast of Caroline Cadbury Brown/ Richard, Bertha & Shipley/ Christmas 1900/ Their venerated mother as she appeared in her fair youth as taken by Uncle R."

