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1843-1874

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**ABSTRACT**

Letters to and from the Quaker Marmaduke Cooper Cope (1804-1897) of the prominent Philadelphia Cope family on various important issues of his day.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Marmaduke Cooper Cope (1804-1897) was the son of Israel and Margaret Cooper Cope. He attended Westtown School and married Sarah Wistar in 1828. Although a businessman, he retired to give time to philanthropy. Cope was a member and elder of Twelfth Street Meeting in Philadelphia. Many visiting Friends, especially those from England, came to his home. Following the Civil War, he and his wife visited impoverished Friends in the South. He visited agencies in the Indian Territory (later Oklahoma) with James E. Rhoads and helped to organize the Institute for Colored Youth in Philadelphia. He was a member of the Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons.

**SUBJECT HEADINGS**

Allen, John, †d 1790-1859

Coffin, Elijah, †d 1798-1862

Cope, Marmaduke C., †d 1804-1897  
Cope, Sarah

Day, Mahlon, †d 1790-1854

Forster, Josiah, †d 1782-1870

Green, Priscilla

Grellet, Stephen, †d 1773-1855

Jones, Sybil, †d 1808-1873

Lindsey, Robert

Nicholson, Mary

Pease, Edward

Pease, John, †d 1797-1868

Seebohm, Benjamin, †d 1798-1871

Stacey, George

## **SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION**

Marmaduke Cope wrote approximately 75 letters to John Pease in the 1840s-1860s; he also wrote four to his wife, Sarah, and four to his sister. In these letters, he discusses problems of the Society of Friends, gives news of his travels and personal affairs and tells of F/friends who have visited him. Letters addressed to Marmaduke C. Cope include those by John Allen, Elijah Coffin, Mahlon Day, Josiah Forster, Priscilla Green, Stephen Grellet, Sybil Jones, Robert Lindsey, Mary Nicholson, Edward Pease, John Pease, Benjamin Seebohm, George Stacey, and others.