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Finding Aid for the DODGE, STARIN & WISTAR FAMILY PAPERS,
1841- ca. 1950

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INFORMATION FOR USERS

While it is clear that Edward M. Wistar (1852-1941) and his wife Margaret Collins Wistar (1853-1937) were Quakers, there is no information on the Dodge, White or Starin families, nor has any connection between the Wistars with the other families been established. Nonetheless, this collection has been classified as a Quaker collection, based on the Wistar connection.

All correspondence dates are standardized rather than transcribed, viz: yr mo/day.

Though not all letters are listed individually, those that are highlighted are done so on the basis of content of the letter or historical importance of the letter writer.

RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions

RELATED MATERIALS

Edward M. Wistar Papers (collection 1137) and Thomas Wistar Family Papers (collection 1188)

ABSTRACT

Papers of the Dodge, Starin, White and Wistar families primarily of the 19th century.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Sarah Cleveland Dodge, related to President Cleveland, is the mother of Mary Dodge who married Norman White. Their daughter was Grace White Starin (1845-).

(Information from internal evidence)

SUBJECT HEADINGS

Dodge, Sarah
Starin, Grace White (1845-)
White, Mary Dodge
[Wistar, Edward Morris, 1852-1941](#)
[Wistar, Margaret, 1853-1937](#)
Dodge family
White family
Wistar family

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The primary letter writer is Mary A. Dodge White in the mid-19th century offering advice and thoughts on various topics. However, an interesting account of her trip to Europe in the 1860s is recorded in the diary of Grace White Starin. The earliest of the letter writers is Sarah Cleveland Dodge. As well there are Edward and Margaret C. Wistar.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Series I. Letters

Dodge-White-Wistar family letters. 1 folder (ca. 30 items).

Letter writers include: Sarah Cleveland Dodge, Joshua Spaulding, Grace Starin, Mary A. Dodge White, Edward M. Wistar and Margaret C. Wistar

Some highlights include:

Dodge, Sarah C. to Mary White. Plainfield, N.J., 1841-43. 3 items. [illnesses and the death of Mary White's baby]

Spaulding, Joshua to Julia Huntington. 1822 12/26. copy [family history]

Starin, Grace to Julia. 1866 11/21. [description of the reception given by Mr. & Mrs. J.N. Starin in Auburn NY after her marriage in New York]

Starin, Henry to/from Josiah Starin. 1862. 2 items. [asks if he may join the Union Army, while his father's response notes his patriotism, but does not think it necessary, as there would be other volunteers]

White, Mary Abiah Dodge. Letters to her parents, sister and daughters, Grace Starin and Mary White, 1826-1856. [much heartfelt advice and thoughts]

Wistar, Edward M. to children Thomas, Caspar & Elizabeth. N.d. [describes his early life including his family]

Wistar, M[argaret] C. to children. La Mott, PA, 1906 4/28. [describes marriage of Paul Maier and Anna Shinn]

Series II: Documents

Including:

- "Recollections of a Quaker Maiden in the Quaker City" / Margaret C. Wistar. N.d. Tells of her small girl's thoughts of the U.S. Civil War, of the Battle of Gettysburg, of the war years. [ms.]
- "Recollections of Childhood" / Margaret C. Cope. 1848; enlarged a little by M[argaret] C[ope] K[imber; copied by dear mother" [ts]
- Purchase of a cemetery plot by Henry Starin in 1846
- Three sections of a diary kept by Grace Starin while on a trip to Europe in the 1860s and copied for her grandchildren in the 1920s.

Series III: Photographs

Note: b&w photographs unless otherwise noted

Including:

- Eliza Cope Collins: albumen print
- William M. Collins: albumen print
- Violet Gray
- Andalusia Henry (mother of Henry Starin): albumen print

- Arthur Starin (1876-1958): tintype
 - Grace Starin and sister Helen: daguerreotype
 - Josiah Starin: albumen
 - Norman White: photograph of painting
 - Edward M. Wistar et al: tintype, 3 albumen prints & b& w
 - Edward M. Wistar and Margaret C. Wistar, 1926
 - Eleanor Wistar, 1931
 - Elizabeth Wistar et al: tintype
 - M.B.S. Wistar
 - Margaret Collins Wistar: daguerreotype & 2 albumen prints
 - Priscilla Foulke Wistar: albumen print
 - Thomas Wistar (1765-1851): photograph of painting
 - Thomas Wistar (1877-1960): albumen print and family photo
 - Thomas Wistar Jr., 1926 & with William Wistar Comfort
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- Haverford College class of 1872 in 1869: albumen
 - Homes of Thomas Wistar and Cooper family: 1 albumen, 1 b&w