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Finding Aid for the KITE FAMILY PAPERS,
1820-1879

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RELATED MATERIALS

Papers of Sharpless Family, ms. coll. 1111. Also, Walton-Kite Family papers, ms. coll. 1178

ABSTRACT

Members of the Kite family and others discuss 19th-century Quaker issues, family and attending Meeting

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Rebecca Walton (1814-1859) was the daughter of Joseph and Abi Kite Walton. A teacher and long-time member of Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, she transferred her membership and was buried in Friends Western Burial Ground.

(Information from *Byberry Waltons* and obituary notice)

SUBJECT HEADINGS

[Walton, Rebecca, 1814-1859](#)

Kite family
Walton family

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Diaries

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

Primarily consisting of the letters of Kite, Sharpless and Walton family members who discuss 19th-century Quaker issues such as the Wilburite Separation, attending meeting, slavery and business. Of particular interest may be the diary of Rebecca Walton, 1842-44.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Letters:

Boyce, Eliza.

Letter to J. Smedley. Lynn [Mass.] 10mo. 30, 1879.
[Tells of visit of Western Friend, Wm. Thornbury, to
Quarterly Meeting at Weare (Ware?)]

Boyce, Samuel.

Letters to Brother-in-law James Kite, of Phil. Newport,
Lynn, Baltimore, and Providence, 1837-1850. 27 items.
[Gives accounts of New England Yearly Meeting each year;
discusses Wilburite Separation, repeal of Mass. law exempting
C.O.s from Militia (letters of 3mo. 11, 1839, and 2mo. 28,
1841) etc. See Henry Cadbury's notes filed with letters.]

Congdon, Gilbert, ca. 1811-1870.

Letters to James Kite in Philadelphia. Providence, 10mo. 27. 1836-
8mo. 4, 1837. 3 items. [Discusses subscriptions to the
Friends Library, Negro slavery, etc.]

Hussey, Mercy.

Letter to Lydia B. Rodman, Lynn, Mass. Berwick [Me.] 6mo. 5,
1836. [Discusses competition in the bonnet-making business]

Jones, E C

Letter to "Cousin Jacob." Cincinnati, 3mo. 1 [n.d.]

Kite, Benjamin. 1754-1838.

Letter to Micajah Collins, Lynn, Mass. Phil., 11mo. 16,
1820. [Refers to "spiritual wickedness in high places."
in New England]

Kite, Edith (Sharpless) 1772-1861.

Letters to Lydia (Bassett) Kite. Cincinnati, 1852-1856. 6
items. [Back page of one letter, by Lydia's son, Thomas Kite]

Kite, Hannah, ca. 1818-1880.

Letter to her sister. Philadelphia, 8mo. 11, 1867. [Describes the new Canada Yearly Meeting, as pictured to her by Kate Shipley, representative from Philadelphia.]

Kite, James.

Letters, 1840-49.

Kite, John L[etchworth] 1798-1878.

Letters to brother James in Philadelphia. Strawberry Hill, 1828-1832.
6 items.

Letter from Thomas Kite, 1785-1845, to Lydia B. Kite. [Philadelphia?]
2mo. 9, 1843. (cf. Memoir of Thomas Kite, 1883, p. 362)

Kite, William, 1810-1900.

Letter to Aunt Lydia. Birmingham, 10mo. 31, 1861. [Tells of visit to Meetings in New Jersey and of weak state of Quakerism in them]

Sharpless, Edith.

Letter to cousin, Ruth Kite in Philadelphia. East Bradford, 4mo. 16 [n.d.]
[Tells of Isaac Sharpless, playing library, as a child]

Manuscript volumes

Cook book, once the property of Lydia Kite.

Diary of Rebecca Walton, 1842-1844. 139 p.