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Finding Aid for the SPENCER FAMILY PAPERS,
1728-1905

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RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions

RELATED MATERIALS

Related materials include the diary of Anna Spencer (1855-1903) located in collection 975C and the Morris-Sansom papers, collection 1008.

ABSTRACT

The 19th century correspondence and commonplace books of members of the Quaker Spencer family.

SUBJECT HEADINGS

Spencer family

Commonplace books
Diaries

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection consists mainly of family correspondence, 1812-1905, and the commonplace books of Edith Spencer, 1804 and Rachel Spencer, 1812-1816. Chief correspondents are Rebecca Spencer (1794-1861), Amelia (Spencer) Jackson (fl. 1845), Lydia (Spencer) Morris (ca.1829-1903), and Anna Spencer (ca. 1832-1905). The correspondence concerns family life from early days of family members at Westtown Boarding School through later years. Letters are arranged alphabetically by author. As many of the dates are incomplete, letters having no date are positioned first under each author, then letters having weekly dates, in the order of the days of the week, then letters having monthly dates, in their order, and finally, letters having full dates, in regular chronological order.