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RELATED MATERIALS

Thomas Wistar, Jr. letters in coll. No. 962, box 11; Papers of Edward Morris Wistar, coll. no. 1137..

ABSTRACT

Papers of the Wistar family, especially concentrating on the work among Native Americans in the Central and Northern Superintendency of Indian Commissioner Thomas Wistar (1798-1876) in the mid-19th century.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Thomas Wistar (1765-1851), son of Richard and Sarah Wyatt Wistar, he m. Mary Waln in 1786 with whom he had 13 children. A Quaker, he was an Elder in his Meeting, Philadelphia Monthly Meeting for the Western District. He was also a clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Indian Committee.

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Thomas Wistar (1798-1876), son of Thomas and Mary Waln Wistar, he m. (1) Elizabeth Buckley Morris (d. 1863) in 1822 with whom he had 2 children, and (2) Mary Richardson (d. 1894). Wistar lived at Stanley Farm in Abington near Philadelphia, Pa., which is today known as Fox Chase Farm, a working farm administered by Fairmount Park Commission and the School District of Philadelphia that provides educational opportunities for school children. In 1868, three Friends, Clarkson Sheppard, Thomas Scattergood & Thomas Wistar carried a memorial regarding Native Americans to President-Elect Grant out of which grew President Grant's Peace Policy by which Friends took charge of the Central Superintendency, including the tribes of Kansas, together with the Kiowas, Comanches and other tribes in the Indian Territory, as well as the Northern Superintendency, including the various tribes of Nebraska. Thomas Wistar was appointed Indian Commissioner. Prior to that, Indians had been under the care of the War Department. Also, with the aid of James Rhoads, later president of Bryn Mawr College, Thomas Wistar formed the Indian Aid Society. Wistar never received any remuneration for his services as Indian Commissioner. He labored for the rights of the Native American. He was a member of the Free Produce Association Board in the Civil War period.

Caspar Morris Wistar, M.D. (1801-1867), son of Thomas & Mary Waln Wistar, m. Lydia Jones in 1826 and had 10 children. A Quaker, he was a member of Philadelphia Monthly Meeting for the Western District. He donated the ground for Tulpehocken Reformed Church in Myerstown.

Caspar Wistar, M.D. (1761-1818), son of Richard & Sarah Wyatt Wistar, he m. (1) Isabella Marshall in 1788 & (2) Elizabeth Mifflin in 1798. He received a Bachelor of Medicine from the College of Philadelphia in 1782. In 1792, he conceived of the idea of exploration of the American northwest, & as he was friend of Thomas Jefferson, his idea resulted in the Lewis & Clark expedition. From 1792-1818, he was Prof. of Anatomy at the Philadelphia Medical College and the University of Pennsylvania. He was president of the American Philosophical Society from 1815-1818 & president of the Abolition Society. He established the Academy of Natural Sciences in 1812, and published *A System of Anatomy for the Use of Students of Medicine* in 1811 & 1814. He held what became the Wistar Association, but were originally called "Wistar parties" at his house, inviting members of American Philosophical Society.

Edward Morris Wistar (1852-1941) was the son of Thomas Wistar (III) and Priscilla Foulke & married Margaret Cooper Collins in 1876. He graduated from Haverford College in 1871 and was in banking, life insurance and the real estate and cotton yarn businesses.

The "Thomas Wistar and family papers" were originally collected by Thomas Wistar, Jr. (1798-1876) and later by his grandson, Edward Morris Wistar (1852-1941).

(Information from internal evidence, the Dictionary of Quaker Biography, Rayner Kelsey's *Friends and the Indians*, obituary notices and other newspaper clippings)

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Beede, Cyrus, 1828-1908
Cox, John, ca. 1754-1847
Garrett, John Biddle.
Johnson, Andrew, 1808-1875
Pemberton, James, 1723-1809
Richards, Jonathan, ca. 1812-1882
Waln, Richard, b. 1737
Wistar, Edward Morris, 1852-1941
Wistar, Mary Waln, 1766-1844
Wistar, Thomas (1765-1851)
Wistar, Thomas (1798-1876)
Wistar, Thomas (1826-1862)
Wistar, Thomas (1877-1960)
Wright, Asher, 1803-1875

Comanche Indians
Indians of North America - Missions
Kiowa Indians
Osage Indians
Society of Friends - Indian Affairs

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection has its roots in the Revolutionary War, but is concentrated in the period of Indian Commissioner Thomas Wistar (1798-1876) and his work among Native Americans, especially the Comanche, Kiowa and Osage Indians, of the mid-19th century, offering detailed views on Indian affairs, and with many references to Enoch Hoag and other commissioners.. It ranges widely due to the many activities of the Waln and Wistar families, including Edward M. Wistar's work in Turkey, Armenia and while visiting Quaker missions among Native Americans and travel in Switzerland.

There are graphics including a photograph of the Northwestern Indian Commissioners, including Thomas Wistar (1798-1876) and an engraving by Samuel Sartain of Caspar Wistar (1761-1818).

Principal or outstanding figures include: Cyrus Beede, John Cox, John Garrett, James Pemberton, Jonathan Richards, Richard Waln, Edward M. Wistar, Mary Waln Wistar, Thomas Wistar (1765-1851), Thomas Wistar (1798-1876), Thomas Wistar (1826-1862) and Thomas Wistar (1877-1960) and Asher Wright. There is also a copy of President Andrew Johnson's letters appointment of Thomas Wistar as Indian Commissioner in 1865 on official stationery and other related documents from the Dept. of the Interior.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Series I. Biographical, Genealogical, Legal and Miscellaneous Papers:

Box 1: Wistar family, Richard Waln, Edward Morris Wistar and Graphics

Wistar family: biographical, genealogical, legal, miscellaneous. 1 folder (ca. 30 items)

Materials include:

- Genealogical information primarily about the Wistar family; legal information, including a receipt from B. Wistar Morris, Bishop of Oregon, for his share of the estate of Sally M. Waln, inventory of items in the estate of Thomas (1826-1862) and Priscilla F. Wistar by daughter, Elizabeth B. Wistar in 1863 and a living will executed by Edward M. Morris in 1937;

- Biographical information about Thomas Wistar (1798-1876), biographical accounts of the Wistar family by Esther F. Wistar, 1888;
- Anne M. Wistar's album of the sentiments of Wistar family members & other Quakers, 1870s-1880s; Thomas Wistar's Latin homework, 1921; hand-drawn coats of arms; proposed answers to queries, 1912; facsimile of the Germantown Protest against Slavery, 1688; signatures of some Cope, Haines and King family members.

Richard Waln (1737?-). 1 folder (4 items)

Waln, Richard to Col. Joseph Ellis. Philadelphia, 1777 12/28. [requests a pass to obtain goods for his ailing wife] +

Waln, Richard to Lindley & Hartshorne. Philadelphia, 1778 1/20. [tells of the difficulties of shipping, the army's situation under Washington] +²

Smith Robert to Richard Waln. Burlington, [17]96 10/11. [believing Waln to be sympathetic, alerts to the printing of a petition by NJ Abolition Society on subject of slavery, and is sending 15 copies to Waln for circulation]

Edward M. Wistar (1852-1942) Papers. 1 folder (15 items)

Note: Included are: I. correspondence, II. deed, III. manuscripts, IV. memberships, V. miscellaneous and VI. poems.

I. Correspondence (4 items)

Highlights include:

Wistar, Edward M. 1897 3-4. Letterbook and journal kept while visiting Indian Missions and work in Turkey and Armenia

Wistar, Edward M. to Thomas and Beatrice Wistar. Wilderswyl, Switzerland, [19]22 4/22. [travelogue in Switzerland; invited to Meeting and picked up by Dr. Nitobe's auto, then later to League of Nations where Mrs. Nitobe (Mary Elkinton Nitobe) awaited; in an attached letter from Margaret C. Wistar, she tells of the celebrities, such as Princess Radziwill, and the Russian Bolshevik, who are there] +

II. Deed (3 items)

Deed for property partitioned among Ellen C. Wood, Horatio C. Wood and Annabella C. Wood and Margaret C. Wistar and Edward M. Wistar in Germantown, Phila., 1902; typed copy; hand-drawn plot plan.

III. Manuscripts (1 item)

“William Penn, proprietor and founder of Pennsylvania” / E.M. Wistar. 1931.

² This and the previous document are in v ery fragile condition, and if chosen for History 361, must be conserved .

IV. Certificates, diplomas & memberships (5 items)

- Diplomas from Westtown Boarding School, Haverford College and certificate from Loganian Society
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1905
- National Geographic Society, 1907

V. Miscellaneous (3 items)

- Permission for W.T. Wister to sketch inside Christ Church, Oxford, 1824
- Contemporary copy of Yearly Meeting minute concerning Ministers & Elders and Queries, 1755
- Invitation to 50th wedding anniversary of Edward Morris Wistar and Margaret Wistar

VI. Poem (1 item)

“Hope On” / E.M. Wistar, Westtown Boarding School, 1868

Edward M. Wistar (1852-1942) Papers. 1 folder (ca. 40 items)

Note: Included are: I. letters not to or from Wistars, II. manumissions & indentures, III. Pennsylvania Society for Promoting Abolition of Slavery, IV. deeds, indentures of servitude and miscellaneous, V. unattributed poems

I. Letters not to or from Wistars (11 items)

Letter writers include:

John Cox, Denniss De Bert, Sarah Dodge, H-, M-, David S. Jordan, James Kenny, James Pemberton, Sansom family.

Highlights include:

Cox, John to Roberts Vaux. Oxmead, 1818 5/19. [sending on letters of Anthony Benezet (not present) which he feels may be of interest to Thomas Wistar and others; also encloses letters of John Pemberton relating to Indian affairs (not present) about the people who have been “robb’d and spoiled” for nearly a century]

De Bert, Denniss to Committee of Correspondence. London, 1776 5/5. [grateful for honor of being chosen agent of their assembly; Lord Howe to America as Commander in Chief to smooth differences without violence and that he is authorized to make compromises] contemporary copy. +

H., M. to children. [Philadelphia, 1793]. [calamity arising from Yellow Fever epidemic; Rebecca Jones sends love] +

Jordan, David Starr to Walter Haviland. 1912 1/17. [has returned from Japan where he gave 64 addresses on international peace; Gilbert Bowles' Peace Society influencing Japanese public opinion; two Japanese men better fitted for peace work: Baron Sakane and Saburo Shimada. Other testimonials about the good work of Gilbert Bowles] typed copy

Kenny, James to Israel Pemberton. Wrights Ferry, 1738? 12/27. [transportation]
+

Pemberton, James to John Stephenson. 1762 12/7. [relating to matters pending before Meeting for Sufferings on the state of society and that admonition from London to New England Friends thinking to settle in Nova Scotia where neutrals had moved at the beginning of the war] draft of letter. +

Pemberton, James to D & J Barclay. Philadelphia, 1774 11/6. [favors avoiding any action on the part of Friends relating to resolutions of Congress; sending four journals of John Woolman] +

Sansom, William to Hannah Sansom. Philadelphia, 1784 10/25. [mob violent & destructive, broke into their house, but all are well] +

II. Manumissions and indenture (3 items)

Manumissions, 1776 signed by Richard Wistar, Richard Wistar Jr. et al, and 1788 signed by Richard Waln et al

III. Pennsylvania Society for Promoting Abolition of Slavery (1 item)

Harrison, Thomas, Thomas Parker and Benjamin Say to Richard Waln. Philadelphia, 1790 7/22. [re trial of African Americans unjustly detained under John Horsefield's will in New Jersey] +

IV. Deeds, Indentures of Servitude and Miscellaneous (11 items)

- Deeds: Edm^d Lovett to John Brown. Bristol, N.J., 1722 & Stephen Paschall to John Schreiber. Philadelphia, 1781
- Indentures: 1705, 1786 & [18--?]

Miscellaneous:

- certificate for Richard Waln Jr. from Barbados Monthly Meeting, 1759;
- poem by Margaret Wistar, 1822;
- sermon preached by J.J. Gurney, 1838. copy;
- epistle to South Kingston Monthly Meeting, signed by David Buffum et al, 1841;

- program of concert held on board R.M.S.P. "Orbita," 1924;
- speech of Thomas Wistar before members of the Osage Tribe and AECOFIA, Oklahoma, 1941. typed copy.

V. Poems, unattributed (12 items)

Mary Waln Wistar (1766-1844) Papers. 1 folder (ca.30 items)

Note: Papers include Wistar's letters, 1796-1843 & n.d. written to various family members, and particularly to her son, Thomas Wistar Jr., primarily on daily life, health, including some medical remedies, religion, family members, attending Meeting; also, poems and a prayer.

Highlights of the letters include:

to Thomas Wistar. Roaring Creek Valley, 1812 10/14. [glimpses of the nature of travel and lodging in this period]

to Thomas Wistar Jr. 1818 3/? [admonition to son about proper behavior]

to Thomas Wistar Jr. 1834 11/15. [German Friends who have arrived from New York and on their way to Ohio] +

to Thomas Wistar Jr. n.d. [account of an unsettling time at Meeting when E.H., W.H. and a "number of friends from the country" attended; Thomas Wistar spoke saying the Society of Friends had always believed in the authenticity of the holy scripture etc., and there was much commotion] +

Wistar family graphics. 1 folder (18 items)

Photographs:

- Northwestern Indian Commissioners: Col. Meynadier, Col. Taylor, Secretary Boulds, Col. MacClain & Thomas Wistar, Jr., Fort (Lawrence?) Indian Territory, 1866
- Tacy Jones Foulke
- Annie M. Wistar
- Raquel Wistar
- Edward M. Wistar, 1936
- 9 snapshots taken at the home of Asa S. Wing of (Edward M. Wistar?), group of people and the home

Engravings:

2 engravings of Caspar Wistar (1761-1818), one engraved by Samuel Sartain from a painting by Samuel Waugh after B. Otis, the other engraved by J.B. Longacre from a painting by B. Otis.

Postcard photo:

Home of Edward M. Wistar "Roadside"

Box 2: The Thomas Wistars: Thomas Wistar (1765-1851), Thomas Wistar (1798-1876), Thomas Wistar (1826-1862), Thomas Wistar (1877-1960)

Thomas Wistar (1765-1851). Correspondence, 1784-1843 & n.d. (I) and Papers (II), 1 folder (ca. 20 items)

Note: Letters are primarily from Thomas Wistar and almost exclusively to family, and mostly to his son, Thomas Wistar Jr. offering solicitous advice, concern for health, business.

I. Letter writers include: John Cox, Richard Vaux, Catherine Wistar and Thomas Wistar.

Highlights include:

Wistar, Catherine (Kitty) to "Tommy" Wistar. Pennsbury, 1784 2/24. [author of book she read apparently thinks he is another (Laurence) Sterne; wants to read *The Vicar of Wakefield*]

Wistar, Thomas to Brother. Philadelphia, 1784 2/2. [has visited (Anthony) Benezet and S(amuel) Emlen; death of Joseph Fox; extraordinary fire described; devastation of the icy river]

Wistar, Thomas to Father. 1789 3/21. [sends garden seeds and graft of the butter pear tree]

Wistar, Thomas to Son. 1831 6/4. [boarding horses as a profitable business; meeting on subject of improving the condition of the descendants of Africans]

Wistar, Thomas to Peter Bedford. Philadelphia, 1839 9/2. [thinks Friends should submit ideas for publication about the Society to a group appointed by the Society, rather than publishing at will]

Wistar, Thomas to Son. n.d. [banks have suspended issuing silver and City Council has issued small notes to lessen difficulty in trade; failures at New York (banks?) exceed 300] +

Wistar, Thomas to Son. n.d. [sorry he has lost his house, but it could be worse]

II. Thomas Wistar diary

One-page entry for June 28, 1839

Thomas Wistar (1798-1876). I. Letters from, 1809-1875 (ca. 30 items) and II. Papers, 1819-1865 (ca. 15 items), 1 folder (ca. 45 items)

Note: Letters are primarily to family. Many express religious devotion. In 1869, the letters are greatly detailed with his mission as an Indian Commissioner, and the great burden of responsibility he feels it to be. Many references to Enoch Hoag & other commissioners.

I. Letters, 1809-1875

Highlights include:

to Father. Stanley (Philadelphia), 1834 12/9. [visited Henry Sheets, a director of the poor in the County who will help support an inmate in the Asylum]

to Samuel Garden. Abington, 1835 11/6. [asks to be remembered to Chief Black Snake, whom he loves; asks if they have thought more about the division of their lands, fearing for the Six? Nation(s); if the railroad passes through their reservation, fears that while men will see the land and covet it] +

to Caspar Wistar. Stanley, 1838 3/7. [concern for the remnant of the Seneca Indians; at last Indian Committee meeting, several Chiefs appointed to prepare a memorial to Congress] +

to James Henlon? Ft. Laramie, 1844 6/18. [several councils have been held with the Sioux; some members are "going further from us," which weakens hope of a satisfactory treaty; the situation is that land the Indians inhabit is unfit for agricultural purposes, game diminishing; alternative that they must be fed by the Government, resort to farming or disappear -- which is unlikely; reflects on bad situation] +

to Father. 1844 11/? [despite a wish to think otherwise, disagrees with views of Joseph John Gurney, as set out in pamphlet he read; not surprised by troubles in New England] +

to William Forster. Abington, 1848 2/12. [re African Americans in Ohio, and has been requested by Emlen Institution board to look for successor to Augustus Wattles, the present superintendent; liberated slaves of the late John Randolph; improvement of situation by extension of Miami Canal which connects Lake Erie to Ohio River] +

to Wife & family. Green Bay (Wis.), 1849 6/15. [at an assembly of 40-50 Chiefs, wives & children & how events proceeding; battle in which General Brown, a Quaker, was wounded] +

to Cousin. Washington, 1866 5/10. [has had satisfactory interviews with Secretary Harlan and Stanton, Gen. Townsend, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and others; there will be two parties, the Northwestern of which he is a part and including Cik, Natbaduer & they are to counsel with the Brulee & Oglala Sioux, Arapahos & Cheyennes and try to include as many as possible in negotiations] +

to Wife. Elmira, [NY], 1868 12/2. [soon to reach Council House, though Taylor unlikely to be there]

to Wife. Laramie, 1869 7/17. [many people want the land (of the Indians) but not the natives, "who are by many looked on as nuisances & only tolerated for the sake of the money to be made from them;" reference to corruption] +

to Wife. Laramie, 1869 7/20. [Indian business in which they are engaged, and travel between points]

to Wife. Laramie, 186[9?] 7/23. [has been at the Shawnee mission]

to Wife. Laramie, 1869 7/31. [at a Shawnee Council; someone brought a keg of whiskey & bad results were anticipated, so it was disposed of; mention of L(aurie) Tatum; will go on to Sac & Fox] +

to Wife. Kiowa & Arapaho Agency, 1870 2/16. [the luxury of a bed & blankets after 400 miles of travel on the windswept plains; Council held at Agent Darlington's, but not well-attended; search for Bull Bear's camp; food distribution to various tribes; mention of other Quakers involved; events that cannot be put to paper] +

to [Associated Executive Committee of Philadelphia on Indian Affairs?] Lawrence, KS, 1870 4/8. Report to "Dear Friends" mentioning Dr. James E. Rhoads, Enoch and Joseph Hoag and others; one of chief objects of journey was to attend a peace council of the different tribes who had recently been at war with U.S. or each other; present peaceful situation & "nothing amounting to hostilities will occur, if the Indians are justly treated by the fulfillment of their treaty"; Agency building being erected; new reservation for the Cheyenne and Arapaho; work of civilization about to begin] +

to P.R. Freas? Abington, 1870 5/12. [although government has a desire to deal generously with the Indians, actual treatment has been unjust and iniquitous -- with a great deal of detail on same; men who incite Indian wars for their own profit; description of new reservation; position of Jonathan Richards] +

to Enoch Hoag. Alleghany Reservation, NY 1871 1/? [working to assist Cornplanter Indians to secure a remnant of their land in Pa. through legislative process] +

to Sister. 1872 2/22. [has met with the Carr Indians who are in danger; his health]

to Wife. Laramie, n.d. [some differences arise between Friends, such as Enoch Hoag and others]

II. Papers, 1819-1865

- Prayer, 1848, 1 page. A.D. in Thomas Wistar's hand.
- Report of Thomas Wistar Jr., Commissioner to the Menomonee, 1849. Directed to "Thomas Ewing, Secretary of the Home Department of the United States." 10 pages. Signed by Thomas Wistar, but written in another hand.
- Fragment on St. Augustus and another fragment on government payment to some group.

- Petition to President Abraham Lincoln on the condition of living of Native Americans, n.d. 4 pages. A.D., not signed.
- Judge not by the Coat: a reflection, n.d. A.D. in Thomas Wistar's hand.
- Thomas Wistar's journal (diary) entries for 8/21/1849 & 9/26/1849.
- 11 poems, 1819-65 & n.d.

Thomas Wistar (1798-1876). Letters to Thomas Wistar, 1 folder (ca. 60 items)

Letter writers include:

Thomas Arnett, John Barrie, Cyrus Beede, Emma Bockins, Mary W. Brown, John Butler, Benjamin Cadwallader, P. Clayton, A. Cope, Dept. of the Interior (H.R. Clum), Dept. of the Interior (D.N. Cooley), Dept. of the Interior (Vincent Colyer), Dept. of the Interior (James Harlan), Thomas Evans, Charlotte Wistar Friedland, John B. Garrett, Andrew Johnson, Ada Le Count, Franklin Maltby, E. Wistar Miller, Isaac Newton, Charles Rhoads, Jonathan Richards, Thomas J. Saunders, Ephraim Shaler, E.R. Shoemaker, H.B. Whipple, Samuel Whitson, Ann Wistar, Bartholomew Wistar, C. Wistar, D.C. Wistar, Edward M. Wistar, Elizabeth B.M. Morris, Elizabeth W. Wistar, John Wistar, Asher Wright, unattributed.

Highlights include:

Arnett, Thomas. New York, 1834 5/29. [after Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, traveling widely around Meetings]

Beede, Cyrus. Lawrence, KS, 1875 4/16. [Comanche who had promised a path of peace to Beede & Wistar have gone on war path; trouble at Cheyenne Agency with Cheyenne prisoners escaped; work of Agent Pickering among Sac and Fox Indians] +

Bockins, Emma. Lorraine, 1872 1/1. [spiritual life which has prevented her from having a social life]

Brown, Mary W. 183-. [asks if brother Thomas Wistar will join her and Stephen Grellet for breakfast]

Cadwallader, Benjamin. Lower Makefield. 1838 4/10. [lengthy description of road vehicle] +

Dept. of Agriculture (Isaac Newton). Washington, D.C., 1865 8/12. [glad Wistar and others are investigating frauds against the Indians]

Dept. of the Interior (H.R. Clum). Washington, D.C., 1871 11/4. [Wistar instructed to proceed to Indian Territory, along with George Howland and John Garrett as Commissioners to arrange for the Little Osage tribe to remain in possession of the entire

tract of country set aside for their future use and occupation by direction of the Sec'y of the Interior; it is policy of the U.S. government to remove all Indian tribes from Kansas, but to provide them with other reservations, in this case 560,000 acres, (with specific location given), but requiring approval of the Cherokee, and if this is not hastily accomplished, Osage might return to Plains and take up plundering again; if such arrangement cannot be made, Commissioners are to examine another piece of Cherokee country] ++

Dept. of the Interior (D.N Cooley). Washington, D.C., 1965 August 14. [\$200 for expenses of Wistar and friend on mission to Southwestern Indians]

Dept. of Interior (Vincent Colyer). N.Y., 1871-72. 2 items. [1870 2/15: news of possible outbreak by Kiowas; blankets should be exchanged for Buffalo robes for warmth, which will please the Indians; other clothing to bring to the field; current issue of Harper's Weekly has some of his pictures of Wrangel, Alaska] +

Dept. of Interior (James Harlan). Washington, D.C. 1865 8/12. [official appointment of Thomas Wistar as Indian Commissioner]

Garrett, John. Philadelphia, 1869 3/13. [Pres. Grant's desire for cooperation of Friends in the solution of Indians' future has led to questions re duties of Indian agents toward "civilization and Christianization" of Native Americans by Friends] +

Johnson, Andrew. Copy. Executive Mansion, [Washington, D.C.], 1865 8/12. {official appointment of Thomas Wistar as (Indian) Commissioner to negotiate treaty with all or any Indian nations in Indiana, Kansas, Plains, along with other Commissioners]

Le Count, Ada. Philadelphia, 1864 10/14. [addressing her teacher, writer is sorry for her bad behavior] Note on verso indicates Le Count is a student at Lombard St. school +

Maltby, Franklin. Kiowa and Comanche Agency, I.T., 1874. 2 items. [relates how he and other are bringing Christianity to the Indians] +

Richards, Jonathan. Lawrence, KS, 1875 8/22. [going to Leavenworth to purchase needed materials for the school, also wagons and other goods for the advancement of the Indians; depredation by grasshoppers; crops named; if Indians are cared for, they will become useful; he (Richards) would like to earn some money]

Whipple, H.B. Faubault Inn?, 1863-1869. 2 items. [hopes fraud committed against Indians will be rectified, as feels great commiseration for them]

Wistar, Ann. Stanley, 1846 5/30. [much domestic and health information; epistle received and returned by New York Yearly Meeting]

Wistar, Bartholomew. Flushing, 1827 6/28. [states that Elias Hicks spoke "untruths" in Philadelphia; other issues relating to the split, especially with New York Meetings]

Wistar, Elizabeth B.M. Stanley, n.d. [fires in Philadelphia killing many people and destroying property]

Wistar, Elizabeth W. (sister) 1820 3/7. [passing of the law in favor of slavery; entreats Wistar to stop chewing raw tobacco leaves]

Wright, Asher. 1866-1871. 6 items. On issues relating to Seneca Nation Indians. [12/22/1866: Indians requesting material assistance from benevolent Friends; building being made ready for additional orphans; 2/115/1869: has heard that Congress may turn over its responsibility for Western Indians to Friends which may avoid extinction of Indian race; 7/13/1869: members of Cornplanter family interested in land reclamation at Oil Creek; has seen the deed for land from the State of Pa. to Cornplanter et al; Solomon O'beil, alias Cornplanter (apparently not original Cornplanter) requests through Wright that Wistar stop the Legislature from dividing the Cornplanter Reservation among inhabitants; n.d.: description of Asylum, including financial] +

Thomas Wistar (1826-1862). Papers, 1842 & n.d., 1 folder (2 items)

- Autograph album, dated Westtown, 1842 2/21, including poems and signed by his classmates
- ALS by Wistar to his mother. Westtown, n.d. (1840s?).

Thomas Wistar (1826-1862). Estate account, 1863, 1 folder (1 item)

- Account of Priscilla F. Wistar, administrator of the estate of Thomas Wistar, listing debits and credits.

Thomas Wistar (1877-). Papers, 1881-1896, 1 folder (3 items)

Letters to Thomas Wistar from his mother, Margaret C. Wistar. 1881-1883. 2 items.

Wistar, Thomas, "Haverford's Cricket Team on Shipboard," Oct. 28, 1896. Manuscript written apparently by Wistar for school assignment with comments in the margin in another hand.

Volume 1: Thomas Wistar (1798-1876) Account Book for his Estate, "Stanley Farm," 1849-1858

Volume II: Eliza C. Collins' Reminiscences

On the deaths of Israel Cope (1770- 1855), along with the sympathies of others, and of Lydia Cope (1817-1856)

MATERIALS REMOVED

- Crawford, Charles, *Essay on the propagation of the Gospel*. Phila.: Humphreys, 1801 - to Q. Rare;
- *Prospectus for North American Indian ...* written, ill. & pub. / Edward S. Curtis, 1907 - to Magill;
- 5 books - to Q. stacks;
- 1 book - to Q. duplicates;
- 6 marriage certificates of Thomas Wistar & Mary Waln, 1786; Thomas Wistar & Elizabeth Morris, 1822; Edward M. Wistar & Margaret Collins, 1876; Thomas Wistar & Priscilla Foulke, 1849; Anne M. Wistar & Henry Haines, 1888; facsimile of certificate for Caspar Wistar & Katherine Johnson, 1726 - to 990B;
- 3 certificates for 25th anniversary, 1903 & 50th anniversary, 1926 of Edward M. & Margaret Wistar; membership for E.M. Wistar - to 990B;
- 1 descendant chart of Coope/Cope family - to 990B
- 6 items, including the *Boreal Budget*, 1898 - to Haverfordiana;
- 1 book of clippings re cricket - to C.C. Morris Cricket Library
- 1 item of ephemera - to PG

PROCESSING INFORMATION

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