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Biographical Information:

Robert Pleasants was born at "Curles," Henrico County, Virginia and lived his entire life there. He was an active member of the Society of Friends. His brother Samuel Pleasants (1737-1807) was a successful merchant in Philadelphia. Sometime after 1771, he entered into a mercantile company (Robert Pleasants & Co.) which did business as a consignment tobacco exporter. He organized an abolition society in 1790.

Scope and Contents

Letterbook, 1771-1781, of Pleasants includes letters written to family members, friends and to merchants in Philadelphia, New York, and England. Subjects include shipping of tobacco and other crops, buying of goods, the Quaker religion, slavery and its abolition, and the coming and progress of the American Revolution. Includes letter, March 1781, to [Benedict Arnold] and a letter, 22 September 1773, to Archibald Cary concerning the treatment of religious prisoners in the Chesterfield County, Virginia jail. Another correspondent was Anthony Benezet. Also includes a deed of manumission.

Related Materials:

Other collections pertaining to this collection are located at Haverford College Library. There are three such collections at this institution consisting mostly of correspondence of Robert Pleasants.

Virginia: in the High Court of Chancery, March 16, 1798. [microform] : Between Robert Pleasants, son and heir of John Pleasants, dee'd. Plif. and Mary Logan, widow and administratrix of Charles Logan, and devisee of John Pleasants and Jonathan Pleasants, 16 March 1798.18 pages. Item available on microform format. Collection number: EVANS 38963

Papers, 1750-1936, Manuscripts Collection, Special Collections, Magill Library, Haverford University. Papers of Anthony Benezet (1713-1784), 1750-1936 (bulk 1750-1784).60 items. (1 box)Collection number: 852

American Friends' Letters, Manuscripts Collection, Special Collections, Magill Library, Haverford University. American Friends' Letters, ca. 1676-1986.ca. 406 folders. (19 boxes)Collection number: 851

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Robert Pleasants Account Book, Special Collections Research Center, Swem Library, College of William and Mary. Robert Pleasants Account Book, 1771-1824, 1771-1778. Collection number: Mss. MsV Ame102

Robert Pleasants Ledger, Special Collections Research Center, Swem Library, College of William and Mary. Robert Pleasants Ledger, 1769-1824, 1769-1777. Collection number: Mss. MsV Ame101

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Preservation photocopy of original letterbook.