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Guide to the

Benjamin Mifflin journal

1762

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Summary

Creator: Mifflin, Benjamin, 1718-1787

Title: Benjamin Mifflin journal

Date: 1762

Size: .1 linear feet (1 folder)

Source: Gift of Clarence L. and Theodore Merritt, 1934.

Abstract: Record of a journey on horseback taken by Philadelphia merchant Benjamin Mifflin (1718-1787) from Philadelphia to Dover, Delaware, between 26 July and 14 August, 1762. Mifflin traveled through Chester, Wilmington, Ogletown, and Charlestown, Delaware; and through Bushtown, Baltimore, Annapolis, Kent Island, and Queenstown, Maryland to Dover, where he visited relatives and transacted private business, returning through Delaware to Philadelphia. Diary describes towns, shipping facilities and mills, persons met with, relatives of Shurmer and Loockerman families, travel conditions, etc.

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Creator History

Benjamin Mifflin (1718-1787) was a merchant of Philadelphia, and partner in the firm of Mifflin and Massey.

Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Geographic Names

Delaware -- Description and travel -- 18th century

Delaware -- Genealogy

Maryland -- Description and travel -- 18th century

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries

Subjects

Merchants -- Diaries

Merchants -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia -- 18th century

Occupations

Merchants -- Pennsylvania -- 18th century

Names

Loockerman family

Shurmer family