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MRS. E. D. SWIFT PAPERS

1790 (1790-1871)-1917

1 box

Correspondence of Mrs. Eliza D. Swift (nee Eliza D. Beach, d. 1870), wife of the Rev. Elisha P. Swift (d. ca. 1865), pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Allegheny, Pa., 1835-1864; included also are letters between other members of their family. Among the writers of the letters, in addition to Mrs. Swift herself, are her husband, mother (Mrs. Keturah Young, d. 1856), sister (Mary G. Young), uncle (Ashbel Green), cousins, and sons and daughters (including Elliott E. Swift, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Allegheny 1864-1887) [; nearly all of these persons, as well as some of Mrs. Swift's grandchildren, are also recipients of correspondence in this collection]. Subjects that find particularly frequent mention in the correspondence include the state of religion and the progress of missionary activity, the health of members of the family and friends, the birth of children and their development, deaths of loved ones, and the application of religious principles in life; among other matters discussed are the appearance of the state capital at Harrisburg in 1823 and the Pittsburgh fire of 1845. In addition to the letters, this collection contains a certificate, dated 1818, of Mrs. Swift's membership in the Presbyterian church at Hanover, New Jersey; a biographical sketch of Mrs. Keturah Young, apparently written by Elisha P. Swift; an undated fragment of Mr. Swift's will; and a will, made in 1917, of Mrs. Lucy E. McCombs of Avalon, Pa.

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