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006 Hopkins Family Records
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261 Primarily correspondence to Joseph H. Hopkins from family and friends and two diaries written by him during his service on a whaling ship. The Hopkins family lived in Leipsic in the 1860s and 1870s and owned a hardware/farm implements and vehicle store in Dover in the late 1800s and early 1900s.
270 The correspondence (ca. 1864-1873) describes life at home while Hopkins was away on the whaling ship, includes letters from a shipmate after the voyage, and mentions business dealings. The correspondence has a few references to the Civil War, the draft, and race relations. An 1837 letter from William C. Rowland to Stephen James describes a trip to Indiana and the purchase of property there.

There are two diaries that document Joseph H. Hopkins' voyage on the whaling ship "Roman," 1864-1866. They describe his trip to New Bedford, Massachusetts, ships they encountered, whales that they caught and processed, number of barrels of whale oil produced, weather conditions, ports stopped at, and shipboard activities. The back of the second diary contains his financial accounts for buying or selling shad and herring, harvesting wheat, and days worked (1867-1870).

Other records include accounts that Fox and Hopkins had with R. Allaband, a Philadelphia produce and general commission merchant, 1870; catalogs, price lists, and correspondence for the J. W. and A. C. Hopkins store, ca. 1905-1908; promissory notes, 1870, 1873; and receipts for taxes, graves, and lime, ca. 1871-1872.

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