

**Fonds:** Horatio Mann travel diary

**Reference code:** F 17

**Dates of creation:** 1821

**Physical description:** 1 volume of textual records

**Scope and content:**

Fonds consists of a travel diary bound in marbled covers kept by Horatio Mann during a trip to Prince Edward Island (PEI). The diary dates from July 13 to September 19, 1821.

A merchant from Philadelphia, Horatio Mann was also the proprietor of Lot 27 on PEI. The travel diary records his first visit to his holdings on PEI. It also includes a portion of his stay in Nova Scotia, his experience during a mutiny on a schooner while travelling to Charlottetown, and descriptions of the PEI scenery. Horatio Mann's signature appears at the bottom of the final page.

Individuals and locales mentioned in the travel diary include: Mr. Campbell of Bedeque; Point Prim; Charlottetown; Block House and Telegraph; Indigenous people; Mrs. Sim's House of Entertainment; Suckling Pigs of Charlottetown; Court house; Episcopal Church of England and its Rector, Reverend DesBrisay; a Roman Catholic church; Methodist Meeting House; two sets of barracks, one of which was occupied by the Governor Charles Douglas Smith, Esquire; Garrison Barracks; Battery and Signal Post; a jail; attorney Charles Binns, Esquire; Scottish Merchant Mr. Cameron; Lot 27; Smiths Hotel; Mr. Clark; Thos. Ewing; Gordon Cove; Mr. John Wright of Bedeque; Mr. Steven Wright; Mr. Nathaniel Wright; Attorney General Mr. Johnston; Lemuel Cambridge, Esquire, Mr. George Wright; Duncan McKay, Esquire; Counsellor Wellens; Governor, J.E. Carmichael; King's Packet and Captain Smith; and Mr. Cormack of Glasgow, Scotland.

**Custodial History:**

The chain of custody of Horatio Mann's 1821 diary prior to Robertson Library's 2024 purchase from bookseller Don Lippincott is not known.

**Biographical sketch:**

Horatio Mann was born on July 16, 1779, in Norfolk, England. He had at least two brothers, Charles and Richard. Other members of his family in England include the Revered Robert Mann, Arabella Mann, Caroline Mann and William Mann.

Horatio married Isabella Searle, and they had seven children: Mary Ann, James Searle, Cardine, Horace P., James S., Caroline C., and an unidentified child.

Mann does not appear in the 1810 United States (US) census but is listed in the 1820 census as living with five individuals in his household in the South Mulberry Ward of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Isabella's father, merchant James Searle, with Russell Spence, was awarded the deed for Lot 27 on Prince Edward Island (PEI) in the original lottery of the Island's 67 townships in 1767. In 1821, Mann succeeded in establishing his wife Isabella's title to the PEI estate of her deceased father James Searle. Management of the Island estate was entrusted by power of attorney, dated September 27, 1821, to Stephen and Nathaniel Wright. That same year, Horatio Mann made his first trip to PEI.

An 1828 letter to Horatio identifies him as living on Race Street in Philadelphia. In the 1830 US census, he is listed as living in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne, Pennsylvania, with ten people in his household. A letter to Horatio from his brother Charles in London, dated September of 1833, identifies the Mann family as living at 316 Arch Street in Philadelphia that year. In 1840, he was living in Spring Garden, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with eleven people in his household.

Horatio made six trips to Prince Edward Island from Philadelphia to visit his lands and tenants and to confer with his agent Joseph Pope of Bedeque. Mann died in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on July 20, 1845, enroute to his final visit to PEI. He left his estate in trust to his wife, Isabella, and, after her, his children. In his will, a three-story brick house on the south side of Shipper Street, above 8th Street at the corner of Lisle Street in Philadelphia, is listed as his residence.

In the 1850 census, Isabella Mann was sixty years of age, living in Pennsylvania, and the value of her real estate was \$6000. Living in her household at that time were: Cardine, Edwin B. Carpenter (Druggist), Mary Ann Carpenter, Horace P. Mann (Chemist), James S. Mann (Clerk), as well as Rose McMickle and Eliza Andersen (both born in Ireland).

Joseph Pope continued to manage the Mann estate until 1853, when he left PEI. He was succeeded by his son James Colledge, who purchased the Mann property in 1856.

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**Related Material:** n/a

**Associated Material:**

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Public Archives and Records Office of Prince Edward Island (The original documents are in the possession of the Historical Society of Philadelphia)
- Acc3338/3, [Journal of Horatio Mann to Prince Edward Island](#), 1829  
Library and Archives Canada
- Horatio Mann's 1821 travel diary (32 pages)  
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### **Accruals:**

No further accruals expected.

### **Former codes:**

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### **How to order:**

Located in the same box as F 12, Reid family fonds.

**Authority Records:**

*Person:*

Mann, Horatio

*Biography:*

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