

**Memoir of Charles J. Wister, 1782-1865, [n.d.]**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract</b>	The memoir was written by Charles Jones Wistar, the son of Charles J. Wistar. He was an artist and a writer, who was interested in the affairs of Germantown, and active as President of the Site and Relic Society and President of the Germantown Academy until his death in 1910.

## **Background note**

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Charles J. Wister was the grandson of John Wister, the builder of the family home known as "Grumblethorpe". An amateur scientist, he retired in 1819 to devote himself to botany and mineralogy, subjects he lectured on at the Germantown Academy. He also erected an astronomical observatory at his Germantown, Pennsylvania home. He was elected to the American Philosophical Society in 1811.

## Administrative Information

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### Genre(s)

- Manuscript Essays
- Memoirs.
- Travel Narratives and Journals

### Personal Name(s)

- Wister, Charles Jones, 1782-1865

### Subject(s)

- Medicine

## Other Descriptive Information

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This collection contains a biography of Charles J. Wister and his family, as compiled by Charles Jones Wister, one of his descendants. Written on loose leaf pages, the work was subsequently published as The

**Labour of a Long Life.** There appears to be transcriptions of correspondence and travel journals included in this material that may not have made it into the printed volume.