Collins Family Papers
HC.Coll.1237
Finding aid prepared by Diana Franzusoff Peterson

This finding aid was produced using the Archivists' Toolkit
April 18, 2012
Describing Archives: A Content Standard
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Summary Information</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Biographical/Historical note</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scope and Contents note</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Administrative Information</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Collection Inventory</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Summary Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Repository</th>
<th>Haverford College Quaker &amp; Special Collections</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Title</td>
<td>Collins family papers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>1780-1965</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extent</td>
<td>42.0 Volumes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Language</td>
<td>English</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abstract</td>
<td>Though much of the contents of the journals contain commentary that is mundane and seemingly trivial, this set of works offers broad social history and insight into the imagination and perceptions of primarily 20th-century middle-class American women, probably Quaker, as they perceive the world beyond their own spheres of reference. (Written by Emma Lapsansky-Werner)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Preferred Citation note**

Haverford College Library, Haverford, PA, Special Collections, Quaker Collection, Collins family papers, Coll. No. 1237
Biographical/Historical note

There is no concrete information on any of the journal writers, although there is an Anna J. Albertson (1854-1914) and an Anna Newlin Albertson (1846/7-1930). Although Anne Collins may have been nee Balderston and a Quaker, there is no proof that can be made from the materials in the collection.

Scope and Contents note

The collection primarily consists of the journals of trips taken and recorded by Anne Collins in the period 1936-1965. In addition, there are a diary and trip journal kept by Anna Albertson in 1907 and another trip journal kept by Anna A. Collins in 1912.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections

Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is open for research use.

Conditions Governing Use note

Please contact the Archives with requests for copying and for authorization to publish, quote or reproduce the material.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Dan Collins, May 1995
Collection Inventory

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

18th century  1.0 Item

Scope and Contents note

Arithmetic book kept by John Albertson

19th century  6.0 Items

Scope and Contents note

1. Notebook of arithmetic problems, 1834, perhaps created by a teacher for her or his students. An appended note says it belonged to grandfather Chalkley A? or G?

2. On the inside back cover, inscribed Joseph Walton and Jane Swift, 1838. Perhaps a commonplace book, which may also contain original verse

3. Tooled "Jane Swift" on the cover, a commonplace book of verses dated from 1834-1843 with various authors' names inscribed, also drawings of flowers. Comments on the texts by Catherine Blecki, 1995, included

4. Anna J. Swift, 1846. Mostly original verse: on poetry, on death of her mother, a dream she had, etc.

5. Elizabeth G. Swift "Daily Journal," 1851. Begins "I attended meeting this morning. Nathan Douglas and Nathaniel Sands were there." Also contains compositions or stories.

6. Inscribed D.J. Wills on the flyleaf, the notebook contains manuscript notes on various businesses; also recipes, 1850s
Journals, 1907-1941  7.0 Items

Scope and Contents note

These are all trip journals with the exception of no. 1, which is a diary of events for the year

1. Diary of Anna M. Albertson, 1907

2. Journal of trip to Europe by Anna M. Albertson beginning in July 1909, including postcards and some photographs

3. Journal of trip to Europe by "Albertsons and Wills" as noted on the cover, though on the flyleaf inscribed Anna M. Albertson, beginning August 1909. Included are postcards, cuttings of famous paintings, photographs, perhaps of the author

4. Journal of a trip beginning in Madeira by Anna A. Collins, 1912. Included are postcards

5. Journal of a trip to Mexico by Leslie and Anne (although the last name is not given, later journals suggest the last name of Anne is Collins), 1936. Included are photographs and postcards and a letter to Mrs. Lester (Anne) Collins.

6. Journal of a trip to the British Isles and Paris by Sophie and Anne (Collins), 1936. Included are postcards, including photo postcards business cards

7. Journal of a trip to the Smoky Mountains, 1938, Sea Island, 1940 and Canada, 1941. There is no inscription of an author, but appears to be the same handwriting as the journal to the British Isles, thus Anne Collins. Included are postcards and magazine clippings.

Journals, ca. 1945-1952  12.0 Items

Scope and Contents note

1. Journal of trip to Greece, Taipei, India, Philippines, Siam, Fiji, Hong Kong, Tahiti, ca. 1945. No author is noted, but an identification tag laid in reads "Mrs. Lester [Anne] Collins," so this journal may all be in her hand. includes photo post cards.
2. Journal of trip to Guatemala, Antigua, Coban, 1946. No author is noted, but handwriting the same as no. 1, so perhaps by Anne Collins. Includes photo post cards.

3. Journal of trip to India, Pakistan and Holland, ca. 1947. No author is noted, but handwriting the same as no. 1, so perhaps by Anne Collins. Includes photo post cards.

4. Journal of trip to South America and Africa by Lester and Anne Collins, 1948, v. 1. Handwriting the same as the 3 journals above. Includes photo post cards.

5. Journal of trip to South America and Africa by Lester and Anne Collins, 1948, v. 2. Handwriting the same as the journals above. Includes photo post cards, stamps and a photo.

6. Journal of trip to Jamaica by Lester, Anne and Dan Collins, 1948. Handwriting the same as the journals above. Includes purchased photos and post cards.

7. Journal of a trip to Philippines, Hong Kong, Indo-China by Anne Collins, perhaps others, ca. 1948. Handwriting the same as above. Includes photo post cards, stamps.


9. Journal of a trip to Europe, 1949, by Anne and Dan Collins. Includes photo postcards, stamps

10. Journal of a trip to Europe, 1949, by Anne and Dan Collins. Includes photo postcards, stamps

11. Journal of a trip to Honolulu, New Zealand, Australia, 1952 by Anne Collins. Includes photo postcards, stamps, currency

12. Journal of trips to California and Canada, 1950, kept by Anne Collins and Dan Collins. Includes photo postcards

Journals, 1953-1962 10.0 Items

Scope and Contents note
1. Journal of trips to Canary Islands and Greece, 1958, kept by Anne Collins. The journal begins with notes on a garden

2. Journal of trips to British Guiana, Trinidad and Barbados, ca. 1950s, kept by Anne Collins. Includes photo postcards and stamps

3. Journal of trips to Portugal, North Africa and Majorca, ca. 1950s, kept by Anne Collins. Includes currency, photo postcards and stamps

4. Journal of trip to Haiti, ca. 1950s, kept by Anne Collins. Includes photo postcards and cuttings.

5. Journal of a trip to Trinidad, Tobago, Grenada, Cape Breton, 1953, by Anne Collins. Includes photo postcards, stamps

6. Journal of trips to Portugal and Africa, ca. 1957, kept by Anne Collins. Includes photo postcards and photos

7. Journal of trip to Japan, 1953, kept by Anne Collins. Includes photo postcards

8. Journal of trip to Guadeloupe, 1961, kept by Anne Collins. Includes photo postcards and clippings


Scope and Contents note

1. Journal of trip to St. Lucia, 1963, kept by Anne Collins. Includes photo postcards and maps

2. Journal of trips to Greece, Turkey and Egypt, 1964, kept by Anne Collins

3. Journal of trips to Egypt and Crete, ca. 1964, kept by Anne Collins. Includes photo postcards
4. Journal of trips to Granada, Trinidad, Guadeloupe, Tobago, St. Lucia, Surinam, St. Vincent, Barbados, Martinique, St. Barthelemy, Dominica, St. Martin, Nevis, St. Croix, St. Kitts and St. Thomas, 1965, kept by Anne Collins. Includes photo postcards and clippings.

5. Journal of trips to Thailand, India, Indonesia, Ceylon, no date, kept by Anne Collins. Includes photo postcards.

6. Journal of trip to Trinidad, Martinique, Dominica, no date, kept by Anne Collins. Includes photo postcards and stamps.

7. Miscellaneous notes on various places, 1964, kept by Anne Collins.