Katherine T. Paxson journal, 1971-1995
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## Summary Information

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### Preferred Citation

Katherine T. Paxson journals (MC.975.01.054), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

Katherine (Thompson) Paxson (1912-2009) was a 20th-21st century Quaker writer and poet. Katherine Thompson was born May 19, 1912 in Philadelphia to Ruth Ella (Anderson) Thompson and I Walter Thompson. She grew up attending the Twelfth Street Meeting with her family, and later attended Lansdowne Meeting as an adult. Paxson attended Westtown School, where she graduated in 1930. Paxson was secretary for both the Young Friends Movement of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and for the Director of the Philadelphia International House. Paxson married Charles Small Paxson in 1936, and the couple had two children, Stephen G. Paxson and Charles Paxson. From 1958-1973, Paxson worked in the Pediatric Unit of Hahnemann University Hospital and served as the chair person and liaison between the Medical Pediatric Department and the Women’s Association for ten years. As a writer, Paxson mainly wrote articles, poetry, and devotionals. Her published works include two volumes of poetry; A Book for Brian, and Widening Circles. She also contributed articles and poems to the Friends Journal. Katherine T. Paxson died on April 4th, 2009 at the age of 96.

Source: Growing up Quaker, by Katherine T. Paxson

Scope and Content note

This collection consists of 15 volumes of Katherine Paxson’s journals. Included inside the journals are pamphlets from Lansdowne Meeting, to-do lists, descriptions of dreams, and excerpts of poems. Entries describe Quaker meetings, prayers and religious reflection, attendance at writing conferences and workshops, as well as visits with family and friends, and daily housework, including preparations for holidays and meal preparation.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections July 2015

Use Restrictions
Acquisition

The Katherine T. Paxson journals were donated to Special Collections, Haverford College in 2003 by Katherine Paxson.

Processing Information

Processed by Kara Flynn; completed July 2015.

Related Materials

Related Materials

- MC 975.07.072 "Growing Up Quaker"
- MC 975.11.035 Katherine Paxson school book

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Diaries.
- Quakers -- Diaries

Subject(s)

- Quaker women -- History -- 20th century
- American Poetry -- Quaker Authors
- Authors, American -- 20th century
- Motherhood--United States--History
- Women -- Religious life
- Women in medicine
Collection Inventory

Vol. 1 1943-1970

Vol. 2 1971-1978

Vol. 3 1979-1982

Vol. 4 1983

Vol. 5 1984

Vol. 6 November 1984-May 1985

Vol. 7 May 1985-Dec 1985

Vol. 8 Jan 1986-August 1986

Vol. 9 August 1986-January 1987

Vol. 10 March 1987- March 1988

Vol. 11 November 1987-July 1989

Vol. 12 July 1989-October 1990
Vol. 13 May 1990-December 1991


Vol. 15 August 1993-December 1995