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Biographical note

Martha Routh (1743-1817) was born on June 25, 1743 in Stourbridge, Worcestershire, England, the youngest child of Henry and Jane Winter. Routh became a teacher in a Friends boarding school in Nottingham at seventeen, and by twenty four, was the principal. Routh was recognized a minister in 1773. She married Richard Routh of Manchester on August 7, 1776 at Nottingham. Between 1776 and 1787, she traveled through England, Scotland, and Wales. In 1789, she travelled throughout Ireland. Routh travelled to the United States for the first time in 1794, where she visited Friends in New England, and went on to visit Friends in Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, and Kansas. During her return voyage to England in 1797, Routh's ship was attacked by French privateers. Routh made another Journey to the United States in 1804, where her husband Richard died. After a year, Routh again returned to England. Routh died at Spitalfields, London, on July 18, 1817, after attending the London Yearly Meeting.

Scope and Content note

This collection is composed of the handwritten journal, and a photocopy of the journal of Martha Routh. The journal describes her voyage from London to Boston, which she took in 1794. Entries describe the small group of Quakers that Routh traveled with, including Thomas Scattergood, as well as descriptions of the weather, communications with other ships during the journey, and Routh's struggles with illness on board. The journal ends when Routh arrives in Boston, and her last entry describes her Quaker hosts there, and the burial of a man who died on board the ship.

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