"Just Among Friends: The Quaker Way of Life," 1940
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Biographical note

William Wistar Comfort (1874-1955) was born May 27, 1874 in Germantown, Pa., the son of Howard Comfort and Susan Foulke Wistar Comfort. Comfort was raised a Quaker, attending Meeting as a youth at the Meeting at Coulter and Greene Streets in Germantown. He graduated from Haverford College in 1894 and received a Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1902. The same year, he married Mary Lawton Fales and the couple had four children: Margaret Connolly (b. 1890), Howard (b. 1905), Mary Lawton (b. 1906), Susan Wistar (b. 1909). Comfort returned to Haverford College to teach from 1897-1898, and 1902-1909, took many trips abroad and taught Romance Languages at Cornell University, 1909-1917. In 1917 he returned to Haverford to serve as its president until 1940. He often lectured on Quaker topics at the college. Comfort was an elder, later minister in the Society of Friends. He was Clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting from 1934-1953, president of Friends Historical Association from 1941-53, member of the Board at Lingnan University, China. In 1937, he traveled to France at the request of the American Friends Service Committee to lecture on Quaker topics. William Wistar Comfort died December 23, 1955.

Scope and Content note

This collection is comprised of the three drafts of William Wistar Comfort's manuscripts of his book, "Just Among Friends: The Quaker Way of Life" and promotional materials related to its publication. The book describes the Quaker way of life, and the influence Quakers have had on issues of tolerance, peace, and economic and social justice. The manuscript includes Wistar's notes and edits.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections September 2015

Use Restrictions

Standard Federal Copyright Law Applies (U.S. Title 17).
Acquisition
Unknown.

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Related Materials

Related Materials
- MC 811 Haverford College History Department papers
- MC 975.10.002 Comfort family papers
- MC 1191 Morris-Shinn-Maier collection
- MC 1195 William Wistar Comfort papers

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)
- Manuscripts

Subject(s)
- Quakers
- Quakers -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Quakers -- Pennsylvania -- Social life and customs
- Quakers--History
- Quakers--Pennsylvania
## Collection Inventory

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**Promotional Materials**

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Two flyers advertising an event in celebration of the book's publication, and a book review proof from the Philadelphia Inquirer.