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Biographical note

Walter Benjamin Fulghum (1907-2001) was born March 24, 1907 in New Jersey, the son of Walter Benjamin Fulghum (1879-1951) and Florence Whitmer (1878-1959). He married Helen (Eichorn) Fulghum. Fulghum graduated from the University of Michigan and Southern Methodist College, and received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University. He was a professor and English Department Head at Central Connecticut State University. He was the author of "Biblical Allusions in English Literature." Walter Fulghum died June 10, 2001 in New Britain, CT.

Walt Whitman (1819-1892) was born May 31, 1819 in West Hills, New York, the son of Walter Whitman (1789-1855) and Louisa Van Velsor (1795-1873). Whitman was a poet and journalist who aimed to reflect the American experience and forgo traditional forms of poetry. Whitman died March 26, 1892.

Scope and Content note

This collection is comprised of the single volume dissertation at Northwestern University of Walter B. Fulghum, entitled "Quaker Influences on Whitman's Religious Thought." The manuscript analyzes the influences of Quakerism, particularly the influences of Elias Hicks and Hicksite Quakerism, on Walt Whitman's religious though. The manuscript discusses ways in which Whitman's personal demeanor and behavior reflected a Quaker influence, and connects Quakerism to the themes in Whitman's "Leaves of Grass."

Administrative Information

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