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Summary Information

Repository
Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections

Creator
Paxson, Katherine Thompson, 1912-2009

Title
"Growing Up Quaker"

Date
Undated

Extent
0.06 Linear feet

Language
English

Preferred Citation

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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 is comprised of the single volume typed manuscript of Katherine Paxson's family history/memoir, entitled, "Growing Up Quaker." The manuscript includes vignettes describing various events in Paxson's life, which she recorded to pass on to her family members. Includes biographical entries for her grandfathers Isaac H. Thompson and Thomas E. Anderson, her grandmothers Anne W. Hutton Thompson and Nancy Almina Anderson, her father, I. Walter Thompson, and her sister Ruth Thompson Davidson. Vignettes describe Paxson's "Early Years," "Summer Days,""Twelfth Street Friends Meeting," her mother's influence in her life, "Visiting Grandpa and Grandma in N.C.," "Ecumenical Outreach," and "Westtown School."

Administrative Information

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Related Materials Undated

Scope and Content note

Materials related to Katherine Paxson and her memoir, including a typed profile, newspaper clippings, related essays by Paxson, notes, journal extracts, and a copy of the "The War Cry of the Salvation Army," from which she quoted a passage on love in her memoir.