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Biographical note

Frederick Schmidt was born and grew up in Hessia (present day Germany). His father was a gardener for the court of the House of Hesse, and Schmidt worked for the court as a gardener as well, beginning in his late teens or early twenties. Schmidt became religious in his teens, eventually finding the Society of Friends and becoming convinced in the late eighteenth century. His friend John Rasch, also a young convinced Quaker, helped to establish a Quaker community in Minden, Germany. At the request of Friends in Minden, Schmidt wrote a history of the community in "An Account of the Origin and Progress of the Christian Society of Friends at Minden" in 1823.

Scope and Content note

This collection is comprised of the single volume handwritten volume of Frederick Schmidt's "An Account of the Origin and Progress of the Christian Society of Friends at Minden." The volume provides a historical and semi autobiographical narrative of Frederick Schmidt and his friend John Rasch, and their involvement in the Society of Friends in present day Germany. The narrative particularly focuses on John Rasch's efforts to begin a community of Quakers in Minden, Germany in the late eighteenth to early nineteenth centuries. The narrative also discusses Schmidt's own trials in adhering to a pious spiritual life during his early adulthood, his life at the Hessian court, and his discovery and eventual conversion to Quakerism.

Administrative Information

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Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections October 2015

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