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Biographical note

George Arthur Selleck (1899-1980) was a birthright Quaker, son of Guy B. and Cora Gain Selleck. He m. 1 Florence M. Gifford in 1925 and m. 2 Daisy Newman in 1978. Selleck was educated at Friends University, Wichita (B.A., 1921), Hartford Theological Seminary (S.T.B., ca. 1926) and Harvard (M.A., ca. 1932). He was a recorded minister and held positions in various Quaker Meetings and was also instrumental in reunifying the New England Yearly Meeting, revising that Meeting's Book of Discipline. Selleck directed relief work under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee in Finland in 1948-50. He was Inter-faith Seminar Program director of the New England Region of the Service Committee, 1965-67. George Selleck was author of Quakers in Boston 1656-1964 and Principles of the Quaker Business Meeting among others.

(Information from: Quaker Life and Friends Intelligencer and obituary notices)

Scope and Content note

This collection is composed of the single volume history of Quakers in Boston, from 1656-1964. The manuscript is organized chronologically-- the first section covers the first two centuries of Quakerism in Boston, 1656-1870, the second part covers 1870-1926, and the third part covers the years 1926-1964.

This volume features chapters on: Quaker Invasion of Puritan Boston (1656-1870), Quakers Accepted in Boston (1656-1661), A Meeting Develops in Boston (1695-1755), Reform and War Relief (1755-1780), Reformation and Decline (1780-1808), The Barren Years (1808-1870), A New Meeting in Boston with Evangelical Interests (1870-1892), The "New Quakerism" Comes to Boston (1892-1902), The Pastoral Era continued: Decline (1918-1926), Beginnings in Cambridge (1899-1926), Joint Meeting in Cambridge: An Experiment in Unity (1926-1937), The Independent Cambridge Meeting (1937-1944), A United Meeting in Cambridge (1944-1949), The United Meeting Grows (1949-1954), and Old Problems and New Goals (1954-1964).

Administrative Information

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Related Materials

• MC 975.01.066 George A. Selleck diary
• MC 1146 George Selleck papers

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• Manuscripts

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• Quakers--History
• Quakers--Massachusetts--History.
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