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Summary Information

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Biographical note

Peter Paul Jonitis (1913-2007) was born on April 23, 1913 in West Fitchburg, Ma. He married Elizabeth Wright, and the couple had two children, Karen and Peter Paul Jr. He died June 9, 2007 in Lewiston, Me.

Elizabeth Wright (1921-2009) was born January 6, 1921 in West Chester, Pa., the daughter of Clark Brick Wright and Elizabeth T. Kirk. She attended Earlham Colleger, and completed her B.A. at the University of Pennsylvania. She later earned her M.A. in Special Education from Temple University. She married Peter Paul Jonitis, and the couple had two children, Karen and Peter Paul Jr. She died December 20th, 2009 in Troy, Mi.

Scope and Content note

This collection is comprised of the two volume manuscript by Peter P. and Elizabeth W. Jonitis, entitled "Memoirs of the Prison Society: Biographical Vignettes of the Managers of the Philadelphia Society for Assisting Distressed Prisoners and the Members of the Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons, 1787-1830." The biographical sketches were compiled in order to determine how many of the 344 members of the organizations were Quakers, so as to study Quaker contributions to early prison reform in the U.S.

Administrative Information

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Scope and Content note

Volume 1 includes the following sections:

Introduction General Nomenclature Peculiar to the Period, 1776-1830 Quaker Nomenclature for the Period, 1775-1830 Richard Wistar The Philadelphia Society for Assisting Distressed Prisoners The Managers of the Philadelphia Society for Assisting Distressed Prisoners

Vol. 2 1986

Scope and Content note

Volume 2 includes the following sections:

The Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons The Members of the Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons