Ackworth School, England
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Summary Information

Repository  Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections

Title  Ackworth School, England records

Date [inclusive]  1785-1786, undated

Extent  0.094 Linear feet

Language  English

Preferred Citation

Ackworth School, England records (MC.975.09.001), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Historical Note

Ackworth School was founded in 1779 as a co-educational boarding school for Quaker children by Dr. John Fothergill and other Quakers. It is located in West Workshire, England. It was intended to be a board school for children whose parents were not rich. It still exists today, predominately as a day school.

Scope and Contents note

This collection is comprised of four volumes, one of which is a transcription of one of the other volumes. They all relate to the rules and regulations for the Ackworth School in England. The duplicated volumes begin with a letter written by "S.R.G" to George Dillwyn, describing the value and concerns of Quaker education. George Dillwyn carried the concern of religious education, and conceived an idea of creating a similar school to Ackworth in America, which became Westtown School, outside of Philadelphia, PA.

Related print materials

- A Century of Westtown History 1799-1899 by Watson W. and Sarah B. Dewees BX 7632 W5 Z2 1899
- The history of Ackworth School, BX7632.A2 Z4

Administrative Information

Publication Information
Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections August 2015

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Standard Federal Copyright Law Applies (U.S. Title 17).
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Unknown.

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Related Materials

Related materials
- MC 968 Allinson family papers
- MC 1189 Howard Haines Brinton and Anna Shipley Cox Brinton papers
- MC 926 Pictures of Friends schools and colleges (outside U.S.)
- MC 1100 Scattergood family papers
- MC 1167 Vaux collection of correspondence, documents and graphics

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)
- Dillwyn, George, 1738-1820

Subject(s)
- Education--United States.
- Education.
- Quakers--Education
- Quakers--History
- Society of Friends--Education
Collection Inventory

Account of Ackworth School 1786  1.0 Item

Scope and Contents note

This book contains the description of the structure of the school, governance structure, chores done by the students, and more. Each chapter ends with notes about how what is outlined in the chapter relates to Quaker morals. It also includes "Some remarks on Christian Discipline," and a description of the York School for Girls.

It is prefaced by a letter by "S.R.G.," which outlines the importance of religious and spiritual in children's education. The author of the letter strongly emphasizes morality, and reiterates several times their concern for how the recipient of the letter, George Dillwyn, might use the information.

Includes a scrap of paper which reads: "Ackworth School - Preparation for Westtown." Also includes "Rules of Conduct for Youth in the several Schools under the Care of Friends."

Account of Ackworth School 1786  1.0 Item

Scope and Contents note

This is a revision of the other Account of Ackworth School.

Regulation for the Government of Ackworth School Undated  1.0 Item

Scope and Contents note

A broadside titled "General Meeting at Ackworth School, 1785 - 4th Instructions to Agents and others" is sewn in.
A first Book for Children Undated  1.0 Item

Scope and Contents note

This item contains descriptions of lessons for children and lists of potential lessons. Includes many loose papers.