Abstract

The papers of Quaker Leon Kanegis who deliberated over some of the challenging issues of the 20th century, such as civil rights, religion and education.

Information for Users:

Folder labels are as conceived by Leon Kanegis. This collection has been processed to the folder level.

Biographical Note:

Leon Kanegis (1916-2003) was a convinced Quaker and member of Friends Meeting of Washington (D.C.). He was a pacifist who wrote on many topics, including against segregation and capital punishment. In his Meeting, he worked with the Religious Education Committee and the First Day School. He married 1. Lillian Hayman and 2. Sylvia Meyers.

Subject Headings:

610 20 Friends Meeting of Washington, D.C.
650 0 Quakers - Education
650 0 Civil rights
650 0 Pacifism

Collection Description:

The collection consists of Leon Kanegis’ writings on various civil rights, religious and political topics, as well as copies of his letters, including to his family, to political and judicial figures. As well, there are Kanegis’ teaching and committee membership files, spiritual diaries and philosophical deliberations, including into his own health
issues, and cassette tapes on teaching in the First Day School. There are also annotated books on faiths explored by Kanegis and letters from the children whom he taught.

**Box 1: Photographs and Writings on Varied Topics**

Meeting Membership. 1 folder.

Mormon SA. 1 folder.

Wider Quaker Fellowship. 1 folder.

Draft Petition 1942 & Miscellaneous. 1 folder.

Personal Praise compiled in 1993. 1 folder.

Santa Claus Pictures (1938); Chamber of Commerce.

Abortion, 1974-78. 1 folder.

Insights. 1 folder.

Retreat, 1976; Friends Meeting of Washington. 1 folder.


*Friends Journal* Peace Testimonies. 1 folder.

*Quaker Life*, 1989. 1 folder.

Quaker Reading/Thoughts, 1974. 1 folder.

**Box 2: Photographs and Writings on Varied Topics**

Ashram Photos, 1 complete set. 1 folder.

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Better Writings. 1 folder.

God - Council of the Gods. 1 folder.

Language - Words. 1 folder.
Martyrdom-Imprisonment-Sacrificing. 1 folder.

Militarism. 1 folder.

Militarism; War. 1 folder.

Patriotism; Conscience. 1 folder.

Race; Racial identity. 1 folder.

Science; Technology. 1 folder.

Seeds; Eggs. 1 folder.

Sex Education. 1 folder.

Soul. 1 folder.

Spiritual Physics. 1 folder.

Television; Children; Advertising. 1 folder.

Travel. 1 folder.

**Box 3: Letters & Writings (1940-1992) on Various Topics**

Leon’s “Sayings” (Revision, 1940-1992). 1 folder.

Essays on Economic Subjects; Miscellaneous Papers, 1945-52. 1 folder.

Peace Activity, 1969-74. 1 folder.

Messages in Quaker Meeting for Worship, 1966-93. 1 folder.

Correspondence between Leon and Lillian. 1 folder.

Marriage to Lillian Hayman. 1 folder.

Lillian H. Kanegis’ Spiritual Writings. 1 folder.

Miscellaneous Personal Papers. 1 folder.

Testimonials: Press typewriter. 1 folder.
Spiritual insights; Comments of Andrew von Salis. 1 folder.

**Box 4: Notes on Quaker Meeting, Humane Society and Numerous Other Social and Political Issues**

Quaker Meeting. 1 folder.

Newspaper clippings; Newsletters, etc.; Taken from Peace Activity, 1969-1974. 1 folder.


Writings, 1940-42. 1 folder.

Notes on Israel/Palestine conflict, 1982. 1 folder.

Notes on the “Rightist Mind”, 1970. 1 folder.

Notes on Marriage, 1947-91. 1 folder.

Secular Activities. 1 folder.

Notes on inflation, 1971-74. 1 folder.


Capital Punishment; Secular issues, 1076-88. 1 folder.

**Box 5: Friends Journal; Humane Society; Correspondence with Lane Jennings and Leon’s Written Notes**

*Friends Journal;* Ruth Kilpack. 1 folder.

*Friends Journal*: correspondence. 1 folder.

Correspondence with Lane Jennings, 1991. 1 folder.

Prelude to the Humane Society. 1 folder.

Establishment of the Humane Society. 1 folder.

Leon’s notes, 1940-41. 1 folder.

Leon’s written notes, 1940-42. 1 folder.
Leon’s written notes, 1942. 1 folder.

**Box 6: Letters to Family, Close Friends and Wife Sylvia**

Correspondence with Leon Glazer, 1939-43. 1 folder.

Letters to daughter Ruth, 1942-77. 1 folder.

Letters to Arlene, 1974-76. 1 folder.

Letters to daughter Diana, 1971-86. 1 folder.


Letters to Sylvia, 1966-68. 1 folder.

Letters to son Richard, 1967-86. 1 folder.

Letters to step-family, 1972-74. 1 folder.

Letters to families, 1971-77 & 1986. 1 folder.


Letters to Mother, 1968-77. 1 folder.

Letters to grandchildren, 1973-83. 1 folder.

Letters to family, 1970-84. 1 folder.

Correspondence with Marlene, 1974-76. 1 folder.

Brown/Hoffman letters. 1 folder.

Letters to/about wife Sylvia, 1974-81. 1 folder.

**Box 8: Letters to Politicians, Other Figures and Friends**

Letters to others. 1 folder.

Vincent Daly. 1 folder.
Letters to politicians. 1 folder.

Miscellaneous letters, 1966. 1 folder.

House military affairs; Andrew May. 1 folder.

Letters & cards, 1943-92. 1 folder.

Letters & cards from and about Etta Sherman. 1 folder.

**Box 9: Letters to Media, Congressmen, Justices and Sister Frances**

Letters to the editor. 1 folder.

Letters to Ted Kennedy. 1 folder.

Supreme Court: William O. Douglas. 1 folder.

Congress, letters and replies. 1 folder.

Letters to sister Frances. 1 folder.

**Box 10: Letters to Father, 1941-1981; Pres. Johnson, Supreme Court and other Editors**

Supreme Court. 1 folder.

Letters to President Johnson, 1965. 1 folder.

Letters, unidentified writers. 1 folder.

Letters to the editor, unpublished. 1 folder.

Letters to President Ford. 1 folder.

Letters to Father, 1941-78.

Letters to Father, 1979-81. 1 folder.

**Box 11: Letters to Father, 1982-1985**
Letters to Father, 1982-1985. 4 folders.

**Box 12: Notes on Various Topics**

Prayer. 1 folder.

Meditations. 1 folder.

Other faiths. 1 folder.

Humanity. 1 folder.

Personal peace. 1 folder.

Running the good race. 1 folder.

States of mind. 1 folder.

Depression. 1 folder.

**Box 13: Writings on Various Topics**

The Universe; Creation. 1 folder.

Jottings, 1938-40. 1 folder.

Leon’s teachings, 1978, 80, 1985-90. 1 folder.

Book in original form, 1940. 1 folder.


Death, 1972-80. 1 folder.

Unacceptable behavior. 1 folder.

**Box 14: Writings on Various Topics**

Capital punishment. 1 folder.

Law, order, freedom (conscience). 1 folder.
Peace & pacifism. 1 folder.

Ministry introspectives, 1975-83. 1 folder.

Massaging. 1 folder.

Black book; Atrocities/Nazi. 1 folder.

Personal and spiritual health. 1 folder.

Little turtle of happiness. 1 folder.

Religious education. 1 folder.

Leon’s youth; First day of school. 1 folder.

**Box 15: Children and Teaching Children**

Bible study; Teaching children. 1 folder.

Children as a subject, including letters addressed to his children. 1 folder.

Teaching. 1 folder.

Teaching children, 1972-76. 1 folder.

Teaching children, 1976-84. 1 folder.

**Box 16: Leon’s Brag Book; Miscellaneous Writings; Excellent Personal Writings; Original Unidentified Items**

Leon’s brag book. 1 folder.

Miscellaneous writings. 2 folders.


Excellent personal writings. 1 folder.

Original items, unidentified. 1 folder.

**Box 17: Journals; Memorial Papers**

Love (No Stars), 1950s & 19761. 1 folder.

Leon’s memorial: 10/20/2002. 1 folder.

Material for memorial minute. 1 folder.

**Box 18: Letters, 1961-March 1965**


Miscellaneous letters, 1961. 1 folder.


Letters to family members, 1963-64. 1 folder.

Letters, 1964-65. 1 folder.

Letters to family members, 1965. 1 folder.

**Box 19: Letters, March 1965-March 1974**

Letters, 1965, mostly to Sylvia. 1 folder.

Letters to family members, 1965. 1 folder.

Letters, 1971. 1 folder.

Letters to family members, 1972. 1 folder.

Letters, 1972. 1 folder.

Letters to family members, 1973-74. 1 folder.

**Box 20: Compulsory Military Training; C.O. Frank DeFebio; God/Nature Writings; Writings by Lillian Kanegis; Friends Meeting of Washington; Personal Correspondence (Lara)**
Lillian and Leon Kanegis on compulsory military training. 1 folder.

DeFebio letter, article, picture. 1 folder.

God/Nature: better writings. 1 folder.

Writings by Lillian Kanegis. 1 folder.

Friends Meeting of Washington. 1 folder.

Letters to Leon Kanegis. 1 folder.

Leon’s remarks, 1940-1993

**Box 21 : Notecards; Journals & Notebooks; Annotated Books**


*Book of Mormon.* 1940. With inscriptions by many to L. Kanegis.

Five notebooks on various topics:
- Divine science; Christian Science; other faiths, 1960
- Letters to Frances, 1960 (2)
- Journal, 1959-60
- Seeking: about children, house, letters to Frances, 1960

Notecards on various topics

**Material Removed:**


Duplicate Collection


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Audiocassettes recorded by Leon Kanegis
1969 (Antimilitarism), 4 cassettes.
1972 (Oct.)- 1975, 5 cassettes.
1976-77, 4 cassettes.