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Summary Information

Repository	Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
Creator	Huntington, William
Title	William Huntington papers
Date	1932-1984
Extent	7.0 Linear feet (13 boxes)
Language	English

Preferred Citation note

William Huntington papers (MC 1181), Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

Biographical note

William R. Huntington was a Quaker peace activist, active primarily 1942-1985. He was born in Manhattan on January 28, 1907, and lived until 1990. He graduated with an AB from Harvard in 1928, and attended architectural school at Columbia and the University of Virginia, receiving his BS in Architecture from the University of Virginia in 1932. During World War II Huntington was a conscientious objector, and was assigned to the Civilian Public Service Camp at Big Flats, NY, where he was appointed Assistant Director. After the war Huntington joined the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). He served on the foreign staff 1945-1949, and was the Commissioner in Europe 1947-1949. With the AFSC, Huntington worked in France, Hungary, Germany, and Italy. After 1950, Huntington returned to his architectural work, but remained involved with the AFSC. He was a member of the Board of Directors 1954-1961, Chairman of the Foreign Service Executive Committee 1954-1959, and a member of the Russian-American Relations Committee 1949-1950. He also traveled to Poland during this time to help with the relief effort. Huntington was a mate and owner of the ketch *Golden Rule*, which sailed into the South Pacific in 1958 to protest atomic testing there by the United States. He was also involved with the *Phoenix*, which sailed a similar voyage in the same year. Huntington was arrested with the other crew members of the *Golden Rule* – James Peck, George Willoughby, Orion Sherwood, and Albert Bigelow – and sentenced to 60 days in jail. From 1961 to 1963, Huntington travelled to Algeria to aid in relief efforts during the independence war there. Huntington was involved with the Quaker United Nations Program (QUNP) and Quaker House 1963-1969. He remained active in the following decades in issues of nuclear disarmament, publishing numerous articles and letters to the editor, as well as touring Europe to speak with world leaders 1973-1978.

Scope and Contents note

The collection includes materials collected by William Huntington (1907–1990), a 20th-century Quaker peace activist. The contents of the collection relate to Civilian Public Service Camps, specifically Big Flats, Conscientious Objection, the Quaker United Nations Program, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), the ketch *The Golden Rule*, and nuclear disarmament. Included are correspondence, photographs, conference papers, newspaper articles, memoranda, and minutes. Notable letter writers include Willy Brandt, Chancellor of West Germany, 1969–1974, and AFSC members Stephen Cary, Julia Branson, and Louis Schneider.

The collection is divided into eight series, ordered roughly chronologically: Conscientious Objection and Civilian Public Service (1942-1946); American Friends Service Committee (1942-1960); *Golden Rule* and *Phoenix* (1956-1961); Algeria (1961-1963); Quaker United Nations Program (1963-1969); Disarmament (1973-1978); Letters to the Editor (1939-1989); Scrapbooks (1953-1967). Within these are

subseries, grouped by type of material, including correspondence, photographs, official documents, and other materials.

The Conscientious Objection and Civilian Public Service series includes William Huntington's application for Conscientious Objector status, as well as other writings on the topics of conscientious objection, civilian public service, and conscription. There is material from the Episcopal Pacifist Fellowship, including articles written for Witness Magazine. Materials from Huntington's time at the CPS camp at Big Flats, NY, include official forms and information about the camp, evaluations of the camp by members (including information related to a strike protesting the CPS program), drawings, and photographs. Correspondence is found in a separate sub-series, and is arranged chronologically.

The AFSC series includes material from William Huntington's time as Commissioner in Europe, on the Board of Directors, the Foreign Service Executive Committee, and the Russian-American Relations Committee. Included are general and official AFSC materials, and materials from conferences Huntington attended: the AFSC Conference of Community, Neighborhood, and Youth Centers, 1947; the Bielefeld Conference, 1949; the Conference on Church and War, 1950; the Scattergood Conference, 1954; the Mohonk Seminar for Diplomats, 1959; and others. There are minutes and memoranda from each of the committees Huntington served as a member of. Materials from Huntington's work abroad are arranged by country, and include materials from work in France, Hungary, Germany, Italy, and Poland. Photographs comprise a separate sub-series, and are found at the end of the series.

The Golden Rule and Phoenix series includes correspondence and photographs relating to the voyages of these two boats. The correspondence is ordered chronologically, and also includes letters regarding Huntington's speaking engagements and letters of support to the crew of the Golden Rule while they were in prison. There is also material relating generally to disarmament activism 1956-1960.

The Algeria series includes material from Huntington's work in Algeria and Tunisia during the Algerian War of Independence, in 1961-1963. These include six of Huntington's notebooks, reports and drawings (especially maps), official documents, correspondence (arranged chronologically), and photographs.

The Quaker United Nations Program (QUNP) series includes four notebooks, reports and notes, and correspondence. The notes are related generally to QUNP projects, and also to particular conferences and committees, including the Friends World Committee Covenant on Human Rights regarding Conscientious Objectors, 1950, a QUNP Mohonk Seminar, 1965, and the Mohonk Consultations, 1981. Also included is William Huntington's statement of personal belief, composed in 1963.

The Disarmament series is mostly comprised of materials from William Huntington's tours of Europe, 1973-1978, speaking with world leaders about nuclear disarmament. These materials include UN General Assembly official records, October-November 1976, correspondence, reports, and travel documents. There is also general correspondence regarding issues of disarmament, arranged chronologically, and material from the York Forum, 1976.

The series of Letters to the Editor contains letters and articles written by William Huntington throughout his entire career. Both drafts and published articles are included, and are arranged chronologically. Topics include conscientious objection, relations between nations and world powers, war, and nuclear disarmament.

There are five scrapbooks. These include materials - mostly newspaper clippings and some photographs - collected and arranged by William Huntington. The scrapbooks cover disarmament activism, the *Golden Rule*, and the Fourth Friends World Conference.

Arrangement

Series I. Conscientious Objection and Civilian Public Service (1942-1946)

Subseries I

Conscientious Objection

Subseries II

Episcopal Pacifist Fellowship

Subseries III

CPS Big Flats

Subseries IV

Correspondence

Series II. American Friends Service Committee (1942-1960)

Subseries I

Correspondence

Subseries II

General AFSC Materials

Subseries III

Conferences

Subseries IV

Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Subseries V

Europe and Latin America

Subseries VI

Photographs

Series III. Golden Rule and Phoenix (1956-1961)

Subseries I

Correspondence

Subseries II

Photographs

Series IV. Algeria (1961-1963)

Subseries I

Reports and Drawings

Subseries II

Correspondence

Subseries III

Photographs

Series V. Quaker United Nations Program - QUNP (1963-1969)

Subseries I

Notes and Official Documents

Subseries II

Correspondence

Series VI. Disarmament (1973-1978)

Subseries I

European Disarmament Tour

Subseries II

Correspondence

Series VII. Letters to the Editor (1939-1989)

Series VIII. Scrapbooks (1953-1967)

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Use note

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

Acquisition

The William Huntington papers were donated to Special Collections, Haverford College, in 1996 and 1997 by Mrs. William Huntington.

Processing Information

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Related Materials

Separated Materials note

Some printed materials from this collection were moved into PG 6 - William Huntington.

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Brandt, Willy, 1913-1992
- Branson, J. (Julia)
- Cary, Stephen G.
- Schneider, Louis W.

Subject(s)

- Society of Friends -- War relief and reconstruction
 - Algeria--History--Revolution, 1954-1962
 - American Friends Service Committee
 - Antinuclear movement
 - Civilian Public Service -- History
 - Civilian Public Service. Camp (Big Flats, NY)
 - Golden Rule (Ketch)
 - Non-Violence
 - World War, 1939-1945 -- Conscientious Objectors -- United States
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Abbreviations

"AFSC" will always stand for "American Friends Service Committee".

"CPS" will always stand for "Civilian Public Service".

"QUNP" will always stand for "Quaker United Nations Program".

Series I. Conscientious Objection and Civilian Public Service

Collection Inventory

Series I. Conscientious Objection and Civilian Public Service 1942-1946		
Subseries I. Conscientious Objection		
	Box	Folder
Conscientious Objection	1	1
Writings on Conscientious Objection, Civilian Public Service, Conscription	1	2
Application to United Nations Organization 1946	1	3
Application to State Department	1	4
Subseries II. Episcopal Pacifist Fellowship		
	Box	Folder
Episcopal Pacifist Fellowship	1	5
Witness Magazine	1	6
Witness Magazine Articles	1	7

Subseries III. CPS Big Flats

Subseries III. CPS Big Flats		
	Box	Folder
Notes from Pendle Hill	1	8
Information and official forms	1	9
Rosters and Personnel Lists	1	10
Memos and Notes	1	11
Evaluations (including strike)	1	12
Arts	1	13
Photographs	1	14
Subseries IV. Correspondence		
	Box	Folder
1942-1944	2	1
January-April 1945	2	2
May-September 1945	2	3
October-December 1945	2	4

Series II. American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

1946-1947 and undated	2	5
Series II. American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) 1942-1960		
Subseries I. Correspondence		
	Box	Folder
1942-1946	2	6
January-April 1947	2	7
May-December 1947	2	8
1948	2	9
1949	2	10
1950-1960	2	11
Undated	2	12
Subseries II. General AFSC Materials		
	Box	Folder
AFSC Materials 1946-1948	3	1

Subseries III. Conferences

AFSC Handbook for Relief Workers	3	6
AFSC and the UN	3	7
AFSC on UN Mediation Labor Disputes 1950	3	8
AFSC Peace Force 1950	3	9
Subseries III. Conferences		
	Box	Folder
Atlantic City Conference 1946	3	2
Amsterdam Conference 1947	3	3
AFSC Conference of Community, Neighborhood, and Youth Centers, Freiburg November 1947	3	4
Bielefeld Conference 1949	3	5
Scattergood Conference 1954	3	10
Westbury Meeting Peace and Social Order Committee 1955	3	11
Mohonk Seminar for Diplomats 1959	3	16
Conference on Church and War - Minutes, Correspondence, Attendees	5	9

Subseries IV. Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Conference on Church and War - Notes	5	10
Subseries IV. Board of Directors and Executive Committee		
	Box	Folder
Board of Directors 1956-1957	3	12
Committee on Program Priorities	3	13
Executive Committee Minutes	3	14
Executive Committee 1956-1957	3	15
AFSC Reorganization 1959	3	17
Subseries V. Europe and Latin America		
	Box	Folder
Essays A-M (by title)	4	1
Essays N-Z (by title)	4	2
Essays - untitled and drafts	4	3
Josiah Marvel, France 1943	4	4
Hungary 1946-1949	4	5

Subseries V. Europe and Latin America

Germany 1946-1949	4	6
Tour of Europe 1956	4	7
Italy	4	8
Business Correspondence	4	9
Travel Documents	4	10
Personnel and Budgeting	4	11
Latin America	4	12
Russian-American Relations Committee 1949	5	1
Russian-American Relations Committee 1950	5	2
Russian-American Relations Committee, undated	5	3
Poland 1945-1949	5	4
Poland 1956, 1958-1959	5	5
Poland January-July 1957	5	6
Poland August-December 1957	5	7

Subseries VI. Photographs

Poland, undated	5	8
Subseries VI. Photographs		
	Box	Folder
Poland (May 1947), Rheims (March 1947), Toulouse (March 1947)	6	1
Germany 1947	6	2
Italy, February 1948	6	3
La Chamberd, November 1948	6	4
Finland 1948	6	5
Germany 1948	6	6
Germany 1949	6	7
Poland 1957	6	8
Germany Conferences	6	9
Black Forest Conference	6	10
Rimdidim Odenwald Conference	6	11

Series III. Golden Rule and Phoenix

Poland, undated	6	12
Hungary, undated	6	13
Berlin Mittelhof, undated	6	14
Frankfurt, undated	6	15
Germany, undated	6	16
Untitled and undated	6	17
Series III. Golden Rule and Phoenix 1956-1961		
Subseries I. Correspondence		
	Box	Folder
Disarmament Activism Materials 1956-1960	7	1
<i>Golden Rule</i> Correspondence December 1957-March 1958	7	2
<i>Golden Rule</i> Correspondence April-June 1958	7	3
<i>Golden Rule</i> Correspondence July-September 1958	7	4
<i>Golden Rule</i> Correspondence October 1958-December 1959	7	5

Subseries II. Photographs

<i>Golden Rule</i> Correspondence, undated	7	6
<i>Phoenix</i> Correspondence 1959-1969	7	7
<i>Golden Rule</i> and <i>Phoenix</i> - Notes by William Huntington	7	8
Correspondence re: speaking engagements 1958-1961	7	9
Letters of support to crew of <i>Golden Rule</i> 1958	7	10
<i>Golden Rule</i> Budgeting and Bills	7	11
Subseries II. Photographs		
	Box	Folder
Protest Marches (News photos) June 6, 1958 and August 6, 1958	7	12
<i>Golden Rule</i> Black and white photographs	7	13
<i>Golden Rule</i> Color photographs	7	14
<i>Golden Rule</i> and <i>Phoenix</i> Large photographs	7	15
<i>Golden Rule</i> slides	7	16
Series IV. Algeria 1961-1963		

Subseries I. Reports and Drawings

Subseries I. Reports and Drawings		
	Box	
Notebooks (Six)	8	
	Box	Folder
Writings and Drawings	8	1
Official Documents (including AFSC reports, bills, travel documents, etc.)	8	2
Subseries II. Correspondence		
	Box	Folder
1961	8	3
1962	8	4
January-April 1963	8	5
May-December 1963	8	6
1964-1972	8	7
Undated	8	8
Picture postcards and calling cards	8	9

Subseries III. Photographs

Subseries III. Photographs		
	Box	Folder
Photographs	8	10
Negative prints by Maurice Hatton	8	11
Postcards	8	12
Developed roll of film	8	13
Photographs by Fred Folland	8	14
Photographs of a port	8	15

Series V. Quaker United Nations Program (QUNP) 1963-1969**Subseries I. Notes and Official Documents**

	Box	
Notebooks (Four)	9	
	Box	Folder
Handwritten notes	9	1
Typed reports	9	2

Subseries II. Correspondence

Formal Invitations and Nametags	9	3
Friends World Committee Covenant on Human Rights re: Conscientious Objectors 1950	9	4
Statement of Personal Belief 1963	9	5
QUNP Mohonk Seminar June 1965	9	6
Mohonk Consultations 1981	9	12
Subseries II. Correspondence		
	Box	Folder
1965-1967	9	7
1968	9	8
1969	9	9
Correspondence re: Concern of Guy Solt, Tom Duthie, and Landsdowne Meeting for Strengthening the United Nations 1969	9	10
1981-1983; undated	9	11
Series VI. Disarmament 1973-1978		

Subseries I. European Disarmament Tour

Subseries I. European Disarmament Tour		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence 1973-1975	10	1
Correspondence 1976	10	2
Correspondence 1977-1978	10	3
Reports	10	4
Travel Documents	10	5
UN General Assembly Official Records October-November 1976	10	6
Reports on Disarmament 1975-1977	10	7
York Forum 1976	10	8
Subseries II. Correspondence		
	Box	Folder
1969-1975	10	9
1976-1978	10	10

Series VII. Letters to the Editor

Series VII. Letters to the Editor 1939-1989		
	Box	Folder
1939-1949	10	11
1950-1957	10	12
1970-1979	10	13
Letter to Mayors of US Cities, and responses 1975	10	14
1980-1989	10	15
Letters to the Editor and other writings, undated	10	16
Series VIII. Scrapbooks 1953-1967		
		Box
Scrapbook 1 - <i>Golden Rule</i>		13
Scrapbook 2 - <i>Golden Rule</i>		13
Scrapbook 3 - <i>Golden Rule</i>		
	Box	Folder
Text	12	1-5
	Box	Folder

Series VIII. Scrapbooks

Text	11	2-7	
		Box	Folder
Scrapbook 4 - Golden Rule		12	6-8
Scrapbook 5 - Fourth Friends World Conference			Box 13