

Finding Aid for the LEON KANEGIS PAPERS, 1940-2003

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**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.

Retreat, 1976; Edited, 1977. 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.

Ashram Photos. 1 folder.

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.

Establishment of Humane Society, 1969-91. 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.

Notes & Letters on IRS/taxes, 1976-92. 1 folder.

Capital Punishment; Secular issues, 1976-88. 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 son Arthur, 1965-68 & 1977. 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.

**Box 7: Letters to Family, 1970-1984; Brown/Hoffman Letters; Letters to Close Friends; Letters to Wife Sylvia, 1974-1981**

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.

Conscientious objector, Leslie Ann Cole, 1983. 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.

Miscellaneous, 1950-92 & n.d. 1 folder.

Excellent personal writings. 1 folder.

Original items, unidentified. 1 folder.

**Box 17: Journals; Memorial Papers**

Love, 1976-1992 & n.d. 1 folder.

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**

Letters to various people, 1961. Love, 1976-1992 & n.d. 1 folder.

Journal entries and letters, 1961. Love, 1976-1992 & n.d. 1 folder.

Miscellaneous letters, 1961. 1 folder.

Letters, 1962. 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**

*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* / by Mary Baker Eddy. Boston: trustees of will of MBG Eddy, 1875. Heavily annotated by Leon Kanegis.

*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:**

Candles in the Dark an anthology of stories to be used in education for peace . Prepared by Margaret Cooper Brinton, Mary Esther McWhirter, Janet E. Schroeder. Philadelphia : Religious Education Committee, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, 1964.

Duplicate Collection

Quaker Understanding of Christ and of Authority. Edited by T. Canby Jones. Philadelphia : Faith and Life Movement, 1974.

Duplicate Collection

Training for the Life of the Spirit : Pamphlet no. 1. Gerald Heard. New York : Harper & Bros., 1941.

Duplicate Collection

The Journal of John Woolman, and A Plea for the Poor. The John Greenleaf Whittier ed.text. Introd. by Frederick B. Tolles. Secaucus, N.J.: The Citadel Press, 1972, c1961.

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Quakerism and Christianity. Edwin B. Bronner. Wallingford, Pa: Pendle Hill, 1967.

Duplicate Collection

The Quakers or Our Neighbors, The Friends. William J. Whalen. Chicago: Claretian Publications, 1966.

Duplicate Collection

Inward Light. Issue 12. Ed. Erminie Huntress. Wallingford, PA. Dec. 1941.

Duplicate Collection

Book of Discipline, Friends Meeting of Washington of the Religious Society of Friends. Washington, D.C.: Friends Meeting of Washington, 1950.

Duplicate Collection

Sarvodaya : Its Principles and Programme. M.K. Gandhi. Ahmedabad: Navajivan, 1951.

God is silence. Pierre Lacout. London: Friends Home Service Committee, 1970.

Duplicate Collection

Quakerism : a View from the Back Benches. Pomona; New York : The Back Benchers, 1966.

Duplicate Collection

The Conduct of Funerals for Friends. Philadelphia: Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

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Steps Toward Inner Peace. Peace Pilgrim. Hemet, Ca.: Friends of Peace Pilgrim.

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Audiocassettes recorded by Leon Kanegis

1969 (Antimilitarism), 4 cassettes.

1972-1973 (Oct.), 4 cassettes.

1972 (Oct.)- 1975, 5 cassettes.

1976-77, 4 cassettes.

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