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See also: Daisy Newman Papers, Coll. No. 1144 and the diary of George A. Selleck at 1st All Friends Conference in London, 1920, Coll. No. 975B

ABSTRACT

A collection of some papers of Quaker author George Selleck, including essays relating to his book *Quakers in Boston, 1656-1964 : three centuries of Friends in Boston and Cambridge*

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

George Arthur Selleck (1899-1980) was a birthright Quaker, son of Guy B. and Cora Gain Selleck. He m. 1 Florence M. Gifford in 1925 and m. 2 Daisy Newman in 1978. Selleck was educated at Friends University, Wichita (B.A., 1921), Hartford Theological Seminary (S.T.B., ca. 1926) and Harvard (M.A., ca. 1932). He was a recorded minister and held positions in various Quaker Meetings and was also instrumental in reunifying the New England Yearly Meeting, revising that Meeting's Book of Discipline. Selleck directed relief work under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee in Finland in 1948-50. He was Inter-faith Seminar Program director of the New England Region of the Service Committee, 1965-67. George Selleck was author of *Quakers in Boston 1656-1964* and *Principles of the Quaker Business Meeting* among others.

(Information from: Quaker Life and Friends Intelligencer and obituary notices)

SUBJECT HEADINGS

Cadbury, Henry, 1883-
Fearon, Jane, 1654 or 5-1737
Newman, Daisy, 1904-
Selleck, George A.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

Papers include Selleck's essays on *Quakers in New England*, notes for ministry and towards a book on beatitudes; Christmas letters to Finland and letters of condolence on Selleck's death, photographs and other memorabilia; 1801 transcription of a report of a religious visit to Scotland by James Dickerson and Jane Fearon in the hand of Solomon Boyce; Henry Cadbury's papers regarding the 1935 Massachusetts Teachers' Loyalty Oath.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Works By George Arthur Selleck:

- [Beatitudes]. Notes towards a book. In part Ms. and Ts.
- "Bible Half Hour -- The Beatitudes". Transcription. Ts.,
 - 4 p. Broadcast June 22, 1978.
- [Bibliography]. On note cards. In part Ms. and Ts.
- "Boston Friends and the Pastoral Ministry (1870-1926)". Ts.,
 - photocopy, 24 p. n.d.
- "My Journey to Britain -- 1952". Ts., 20 p. George Arthur
• Selleck was delegate to F.W.C.
- "Notes for Ministry". In part Ms. and Ts. Two folders.
- "The Roots of Quaker Belief and Action in New England". Ts.,
12 p. n.d.

Letters. 1 folder

Letter writers include:

Hugh Doncaster, Elfrida V. Foulds and Roger Wilson

- Christmas letters from the Sellecks to Finland. 1950-1971 with some gaps. Also 1972 Christmas card.
- Letters of condolence on George Selleck's death in 1980, on his illness preceding, and a few on the occasion of his marriage to Daisy Newman.

Photographs. 1 folder.

- Portrait of Benjamin Trueblood.
- Photos of Thomas Wood. (2).
- Photo of Selleck taken in Nantucket for the jacket of his book.
- Photographs of Nantucket. Packet of 16.
- Photographs primarily of family. Packet of 15.

Miscellaneous. 1 folder

- "Final Report of A.F.S.C. Interfaith Seminar Program" (Selleck was director of the program). Ts., 10 p. Published, January, 1967.
- Henry Cadbury's papers regarding the Massachusetts Teachers Loyalty Oath. Includes Cadbury's letter to the President of Harvard in 1935 and the legal opinion regarding his letter.
- Religious visit of James Dickerson and Jane Fearon to Scotland. Transcribed by Solomon Boyce, 1801. 12 p. Ms. Printed in the Annual Monitor for 1816 and in Comly Miscellany in 1834.
- Selleck Line of Descent. Ms., 3 p.

Materials Removed:

American Friends Service Committee Bulletin. December 15, 1917. To HCHC photos.

B.D. Thesis for Hartford Theological Seminary, 1926. "A Study of Jesus' Contacts with Men." To Q. Coll.

Editorial in Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror. 1971. To Pamphlet Coll.

Friends Meetinghouse in Boston, 1831-1865. Newspaper engraving, 1843.

M.A. Thesis for University of Kansas, 1927. "The Problem of Immediate Knowledge in all Philosophy of Mr. Bertrand Russell and Mr. Bernard Bosanquet". To Q. Coll.

Obituaries. To Pamphlet Coll.

Time of holding Meetings in North America. 1912. To Q. Coll.