

"The Children of Light"

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Summary Information

Repository	Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
Creator	Trotter, Elizabeth Stanley, 1873-1956
Title	"The Children of Light"
Call number	975.07.093
Date	Undated, 1941
Extent	0.27 linear feet
Language	English

Cite as:

"The Children of Light" (MC.975.07.093), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.

Biography/History

Elizabeth Stanley Trotter (1873-1956) was born October 13, 1873 in Philadelphia, Pa. She was an author with an interest in Quakerism. She was a contributor to *The Atlantic Monthly*, and the author of "The Children of Light: Being the story of George Fox, the Quaker and of Oliver Cromwell, the Soldier and of William Penn, the Settler and some of those who followed them," a narrative poem which was never published. Trotter's interest in Quakerism stemmed from her ancestors, who had been Quakers who had been disowned for "marrying out" (marrying non-Quakers). Trotter married Qilliam Henry Trotter in

February of 1898, and the couple had at least one child, Charlotte (b. 1899). Elizabeth Stanley Trotter died in 1956.

Scope and Contents

This collection is comprised of the single volume, typed, manuscript of Elizabeth Stanley Trotter's "The Children of Light: Being the story of George Fox, the Quaker, and of Oliver Cromwell, the Soldier, and of William Penn, the Settler, and some of those who followed them." The manuscript is entirely written in verse, and is split into four "books." Book one includes: "The Youth," "The Hermit," and "The Search." Book two includes: "The Diviner," "The Revealer," and "The Man of Light." Book three includes: "The Friend," "The Martyr," "The Pilgrim," "The Sorrower," "The Harvester," "The Prisoner," and "The Traveler." Book four includes: "The Peacemaker," and "The Shepherd."

Administrative Information

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Use Restrictions

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

Acquisition

"The Children of Light" was donated to Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, in 1957 by Elizabeth S. Trotter.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Form/Genre(s)

- Manuscripts

Personal Name(s)

- Cromwell, Oliver, 1599-1658
- Fox, George, 1624-1691
- Penn, William, 1644-1718

Subject(s)

- American Poetry -- Quaker Authors
- Poetry.
- Quakers
- Quakers--History

Collection Inventory

Manuscript, Undated.

Related Correspondence, 1941.

Scope and Content note

Correspondence related to the Trotter's progress on the manuscript, written to family and friends. Majority of correspondence is between Elizabeth Trotter and her mother.