

**"A Memorable instance of  
Divine guidance and protection"**

**MC.975.07.029**

**Finding aid prepared by Kara Flynn.**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
<b>Creator</b>	Dickinson, James, 1658-1741
<b>Creator</b>	Fearon, Jane, 1654 or 1655-1737
<b>Title</b>	"A Memorable instance of Divine guidance and protection"
<b>Call number</b>	MC.975.07.029
<b>Date</b>	Undated
<b>Extent</b>	015 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

### Cite as:

"A Memorable instance of Divine guidance and protection" by Jane Fearon and James Dickinson (MC.975.07.029), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.

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## Biography/History

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James Dickinson (1658-1741) was born in 1658 in Haydon Bridge, Northumberland, England, the son of Anthony and Margaret Dickinson. He was a Quaker minister and elder. He died in the third month, 1741.

Jane (Hall) Fearon (1654/1655- 1737) was born in Great Broughton, Cumberland, England circa 1654-1655. She married Peter Fearon in 1693 and the couple had two children: Isaac (b. 1694) and Jacob (b. 1696). Jane Fearon died on September 18, 1737.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection is comprised of the single volume, handwritten manuscript of "A Memorable instance of Divine guidance and protection," as told to Sarah Taylor by Jane Fearon and James Dickinson, two Quaker ministers. The manuscript is undated, but the story takes place circa 1680. The manuscript tells the story of Jane Fearon and James Dickinson's experience when on a religious visit to Scotland circa 1680. While traveling, they come upon a house and plan to stay there for the night. The family at the house offers them food, and Jane and James grow increasingly uneasy, Jane even fears that the pies given to the two are made of "human flesh." The majority of the story details Jane and James escape from the house, and how they were divinely lead to safety.

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## Administrative Information

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### Use Restrictions

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

### Acquisition

Unknown.

### Processing Information

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Materials**

- MC 900 John Jay Smith papers
- MC 1146 George Selleck papers
- MC 1149 Smith family papers

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Form/Genre(s)**

- Manuscripts

### **Subject(s)**

- Quaker women
- Quakers
- Quakers -- Travel
- Quakers--Great Britain
- Quakers--History

## Collection Inventory

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Manuscript, Undated.