

**U DRO**

**Papers of Hugh McGregor Ross  
concerning George Fox**

**1958-2006**

**Biographical Background:**

Hugh McGregor Ross has a special interest in the work of George Fox (1624 - 1690), the founding father of the Religious Society of Friends. His mother Isabel was descended from the youngest daughter of Margaret Fell, who married Fox in later life. The family lived at the ancestral home of Swarthmoor Hall during Ross' late teens. It was there that Isabel Ross began her research into Fell. Her biography, *Margaret Fell: mother of Quakerism* was published by Longmans in 1949 and a copy has been donated to the Library as part of this collection.

However, it was not until Ross' late fifties that he began his own research into Fox. This was after he attended lectures given by Lewis Benson, an American Quaker, in 1974, whose interest lay in identifying the principal elements in Fox's teaching. Ross embarked upon both a spiritual journey and an academic investigation into what it was that Fox had really said. He used Benson's work as a guide through the documents, and began to identify those texts which he felt to be of greater importance, particularly those which had been omitted from the various printed collections published after Fox's death. Ross made notes on and transcriptions of Fox's texts and it is these papers which form the bulk of this collection. The original manuscripts and printed collections of Fox's writings on which Ross worked are held at Friends House Library. Researchers will find these papers of most use when used in conjunction with the originals - they are essentially finding and interpretative tools. It is intended that researchers may obtain copies of relevant papers from the Ross collection for use when undertaking work at Friends House Library.

It was through his interest and research that Ross became involved with the New Foundation Fellowship, a group interested in the presentation of Fox's original gospel to modern Quakers. He produced a significant body of work for them, much of which was reproduced in typescript booklets. After several years of such activity, his working papers were stored away in the late 1970s.

However, with the commemoration of the tercentenary of Fox's death, Ross selected parts of that research for publication in *George Fox speaks for himself* (published 1991 by William Sessions Ltd. York). A copy of this book is held in the Brynmor Jones Library, along with many other booklets and publications donated by Ross on the subjects of Fox and Quakerism. Some of these Ross had a role in producing and others are by his friends and colleagues, including Lewis Benson and Joseph Pickvance.

A detailed version of Ross's own introduction to this collection, along with his lists of the files and publications donated, can be found at U DRO/1.

**Custodial history:**

Donated by Hugh McGregor Ross, Painswick, 8 March 2000

**Description:**

This small collection comprises mainly notes on and transcriptions of George Fox's writings by McGregor Ross, and related papers on the work of Lewis Benson, Arthur Windsor and the New Foundation Fellowship (including material prepared for publication).

**Extent:**

0.5 linear metres

**Related material:**

Other repositories:

Original manuscripts and printed editions of George Fox's writings, Library of the Religious Society of Friends

**Access conditions:**

Access will be granted to any accredited reader.

**Copyright:** Hugh McGregor Ross

U DRO/1	File. Ts. 'Introduction to collection of George Fox documents' by Hugh Ross With lists of files (catalogued as DRO) and booklets donated to the Brynmor Jones Library, and of relevant books for the study of George Fox 1 file	Mar 1998, Jan 2002
U DRO/2	File. Papers relating to the production of a booklet based upon the lectures of Lewis Benson (not published). Includes transcripts of lectures 1 file	1975
U DRO/3	File. Transcripts of lectures of Lewis Benson at Haverford Summer School 1 file	1976
U DRO/4	Volume. 'The disciple church: seven lectures by Lewis Benson' 1 volume	1958
U DRO/5	File. Alphabetical subject index of Lewis Benson's 'Fox file' compiled by Arthur Windsor 1 file	1976
U DRO/6	File. Index to Lewis Benson's 'Fox file' compiled by Arthur Windsor 1 file	[1976]

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U DRO/7	File. Papers about editing Fox's works for publication Includes introduction by Hugh Ross dated April 1998 1 file	Feb 1975-1977
U DRO/8	File. Lists of Fox's published documents (taken from Joseph Smith's 'A descriptive catalogue of Friends books' (1867) and manuscript sources) 1 file	Feb 1975
U DRO/9	File. List of papers by Margaret Fell held in the British Library 1 file	Mar 1976
U DRO/10	File. Reference documents for George Fox's 'Doctrinals' 1 file	Jan 1976
U DRO/11	File. Notes made upon pamphlets of George Fox, including comments, precis and quotations Includes introduction by Hugh Ross dated March 1998 1 file	Dec 1974- Dec 1975
U DRO/12	File. Photocopy of tract 'Concerning the light' by Fox, and draft copy of article 'The protest element in George Fox's message' by Hugh Ross 1 file	Jan 1975
U DRO/13	File. 'The Tenets of George Fox's Teaching' With introduction dated March 1998 1 file	Dec 1975
U DRO/14	File. 'George Fox's own record of his spiritual awakening: a hypothetical reconstruction of the source papers of the early part of his journal' Includes working papers 1 file	Jul 1978
U DRO/15	File. Notes on the epistles of George Fox, including comments, precis and quotations 1 file	May-Jun 1975
U DRO/16	File. Transcript of Swarthmoor manuscript, vol. VII, page 164, and vol. VII page 33 1 file	Feb 1978
U DRO/17	File. Notes on the structure of Fox's 'Annual catalogue' With introduction dated March 1998 1 file	Feb 1976

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U DRO/18	File. Notes on 'a reconstruction of the manuscript pages bound up with Fox's 'Annual catalogue' 1 file	Feb 1976
U DRO/19	File. List of manuscripts included with the 'Annual catalogue' Revised May 1977, and with introduction dated May 1998 1 file	Jun 1976- May 1998
U DRO/20	File. Transcripts and precis of manuscript papers by George Fox bound with the 'Annual catalogue' 1 file	Feb 1976- Feb 1977
U DRO/21	File. Proposal for the publication of documents from the 'Annual catalogue' of Fox's papers 1 file	1977
U DRO/22	File. Draft of article 'George Fox on the antiquity of the Quakers' 1 file	Feb 1976
U DRO/23	File. Transcriptions and notes on Fox's works on the offices of Christ 1 file	1974-1976
U DRO/24	File. Notes on Fox's doctrinal paper on Christ the teacher 1 file	Feb-Apr 1976
U DRO/25	File. Draft of leaflet 'George Fox on the scriptures' prepared for the London Yearly Meeting 1976 1 file	Jun 1976
U DRO/26	File. Draft of leaflet 'An experiment on reading Fox's writings' 1 file	Mar 1976
U DRO/27	File. Drafts of leaflets 'George Fox speaks for himself 1 and 2' 1 file	Mar 1975- Jun 1976
U DRO/28	File. Draft of leaflet 'George Fox speaks for himself 4' 1 file	May 1977
U DRO/29	File. Master reduced copy of 'A collected set of passages from George Fox's writings: edited to be read aloud' 1 file	1976-1978

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U DRO/30	File. Draft copies of 'George Fox on the seed of Christ' by Joseph Pickvance 1 file	May 1976
U DRO/31	File. Article and notes on 'Two examples of ministry' by Hugh Ross 1 file	Aug 1978
U DRO/32	File. Notes and catalogue of 'An exhibition of the work on George Fox for today' 1 file	1978
U DRO/33	File. Draft copy and notes of 'New Foundation 3: George Fox on the Meeting for Worship, and ministry', edited by Hugh Ross 1 file	Jun 1976
U DRO/34	File. Draft manuscript and master copy, including preparatory notes of 'New Foundation 3: George Fox on the Meeting for Worship, and ministry' 1 file	1975-1976
U DRO/35	File. Draft copy including notes on 'New Foundation 4: The seed gospel of George Fox' by Lewis Benson, edited by Hugh Ross 1 file	Jun 1976
U DRO/36	File. Draft copy including notes on 'New Foundation 5: George Fox on the offices of Christ', edited by Hugh Ross 1 file	Jun 1976
U DRO/37	File. Working papers for publication of book 'George Fox speaks for himself' (York, Sessions, 1991) 1 file	Oct 1990
U DRO/38	File. 'The George Fox Commemorative Conference'. Contains notes for tour of Swarthmoor Hall and some notes for the conference 1 file	1991
U DRO/39	File. 'A Fox anthology' by Rex Ambler, including notes and comments by Hugh Ross dated May 1998 1 file	Feb 1998
U DRO/40	Correspondence and notes relating to the translation of 'George Fox speaks for himself' into Russian by Tatiana Pavlova 1 bundle	Oct-Dec 1999

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U DRO/41	File. Photocopy and transcript of 'To all that would know the way to the Kingdome' by George Fox Includes relative letter from Hugh Ross 1 file	Mar 1999
U DRO/42	File. Correspondence to and from Hugh Ross, and photographs taken of Fox's pulpit on Firbank Fell and Swarthmoor Hall 1 file	1978-1998
U DRO/43	File. Duplicate copies of various booklets and leaflets prepared by Hugh Ross 1 file	late 20th cent.
U DRO/44	File. Set of 'New Foundation Fellowship Newsletters' 1 file	1974-2006
U DRO/45	Display panel of meetings arranged by the New Foundation Fellowship 1 item	Feb 1975- Oct 1978
U DRO/46	File. Notices of New Foundation Fellowship Annual Meetings 1 file	May 1975- Jul 1978