

MARTHA BAUER
September 14, 1892 - September 10, 1980

Martha Bauer was born in 1892, in Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany. She married Hugo Bauer on August 14, 1914, and they had a son and two daughters. Martha was one of the first practicing women dentists in Germany.

In 1936, the Bauers fled the Hitler regime and settled in Washington. Hugo, a biochemist, found a position at the National Institute of Health. Martha gave up dentistry to devote her time to her family. They both attended Friends Meeting of Washington, and Martha became a member in 1948. Hugo died in 1968.

Martha took her part in Meeting activities, working with the Sewing Group and serving on the Religious Education Committee. She had charge of the little ones, but her great pleasure was with children old enough to think. From time to time, she had a meaningful message for them in the early part of Meeting for Worship. Later she was appointed to the Library Committee and rendered faithful service, particularly in the field of notifying borrowers of overdue books.

In 1974, near the end of a trip to Europe, Martha fell and broke her leg, after which her activities were much curtailed. She was living at Friends House in Sandy Spring when pneumonia and a heart ailment conquered her valiant spirit.

Martha was a vigorous, earthy person who, without over-asserting herself, made an impression on the life of the Meeting. Her memorial service, attended by children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, bore witness to her affirmative view of life.