

Bolton Monthly Meeting of Friends Records

1799-1972

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A Quaker worship group was formed in Bolton, Mass., in 1763 and grew into a separate monthly meeting in 1799. Always a small outpost, regular worship continued there until 1954, when the meetinghouse was sold to the museum at Old Sturbridge Village. The meeting was formally laid down to Worcester Monthly Meeting in 1972.

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Background on Bolton Monthly Meeting of Friends

A Quaker worship group was established in Bolton, Mass., in northeastern Worcester County, in 1763. After transferal from the care of Salem Monthly Meeting to Uxbridge Monthly in 1785, Bolton was set off as a separate Monthly Meeting in 1799.

Following a slow decline in numbers, Bolton Friends agreed to sell their meeting house to **Old Sturbridge Village**, where it remains as part of a museum display of nineteenth century New England life. For several years thereafter, Friends in Bolton joined in federated worship with the Universalist and Baptist churches until their meeting was formally laid down to Worcester Monthly Meeting in 1972.

Scope of collection

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Abbie Loring in Cape Cod Quaker attire, ca.1930.

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Minutes

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Bolton Monthly: Men's minutes

1826-1881

Bolton Monthly: Men's minutes (includes records of marriages)

1799 May 29-1826 Apr. 26

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Bolton Monthly: Men's minutes

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Bolton Monthly: Vital records: Births, deaths, and marriages

1803-1879

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Access

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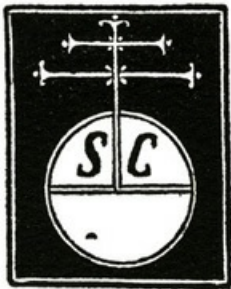
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