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## Framingham Friends Meeting Records

1963-2023  
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## Background on Framingham Friends Meeting

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

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The meetinghouse in Framingham is the town's former #7 schoolhouse. Originally built in 1839, the building was moved to its present location in 1964. The meeting supports a first day school and other activities.

## Scope of collection

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## Inventory

Minutes

1983-2023

Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents (lacking Nov. 1984)

1983-1984

Box 1: 2

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Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents

1985

Box 1: 3

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Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents

1986

Box 1: 4

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Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents

1987

Box 1: 5

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Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents

1988

Box 1: 6

(11:B6)

Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents (includes First Day school report)

1989

Box 1: 7

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Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents (includes Directories for 1989-1990 and 1990-1991)

1990-1991

Box 1: 8

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Framingham Monthly: Minutes, statistics, reports, and budget

1991

Box 1: 9

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Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents

1992 Jan.-Sept.

Box 1: 10

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Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents

1993-1994

Box 1: 11

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Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents

1994

Box 1: 12

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Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents  
1995  
Box 1: 13

(11:B6)  
Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents  
1996 Jan.-Nov.  
Box 1: 14

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Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents  
1997  
Box 1: 15

(11:B6)  
Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents  
1998-1999  
Box 3: 1

(11:B6)  
Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents  
2000  
Box 3: 2

(11:B6)  
Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents  
2001  
Box 3: 3

(11:B6)  
Framingham Monthly: Minutes and related documents  
2002-2003  
Box 3: 4

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Framingham Monthly: Minutes  
2004-2018  
Box 4: 5

(11:B6)  
Framingham Monthly: Minutes  
2018 Sept-2023  
Box 4

(11:B6)  
Correspondence and reports  
1979-2018  
Framingham Monthly: Membership  
1979-1981  
Box 1: 1

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Framingham Monthly: Membership  
1979-2018  
Box 4: 3

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Framingham Monthly: State of the Society reports  
1992-1994  
Box 3: 5

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Vital records  
1972-2023  
Framingham Monthly: Directories (lacking 2001/2002)  
1998-2012  
Box 3: 6

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Framingham Monthly: Directories  
2013-2018  
Box 4: 5

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Framingham Monthly: Directories  
2019-2023  
Box 4

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Framingham Monthly: Marriages held at the Meeting or under its care  
1972-2018  
Box 4: 2

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Newsletters and publications  
1992-2010  
Framingham Monthly: Newsletters  
1982-1986  
Box 3: 1

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Framingham Monthly: Newsletters  
1987-1996  
Box 3: 2

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Framingham Monthly: Newsletters  
1997-2001  
Box 3: 3

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Framingham Monthly: Newsletters  
2002-2004  
Box 3: 4

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Framingham Monthly: Newsletters  
2005-2010  
Box 3: 5

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Miscellaneous  
1979-2022  
Gardescu, Paul: School House #7, Framingham (second copy in Box 4)  
1985  
Box 3: 7

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Framingham Friends Meeting: Notice of intent to pave parking lot  
1999  
Framingham Monthly: Monthly calendar and "miscellaneous guidance for record keeping"  
2010-2018 June  
Box 4: 6

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Framingham Monthly: Monthly calendar and bulletins  
2018 Sept-2022 Dec  
Box 4

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Framingham Preparative Meeting  
1963-1979  
Framingham Preparative Meeting: Minutes and miscellaneous records  
1963-1979  
Box 4: 1

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## Administrative information

### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Provenance

Gift of the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends Records, March 2016.

### Related Material

This collection is part of the [New England Yearly Meeting Records](#).

### Current contact for the meeting

[Framingham Friends Meeting website](#) (accessed Nov. 2018).

### Processing Information

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- Quakers--Massachusetts
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- Framingham Friends Meeting [main entry]

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