

Fresh Pond Monthly Meeting of Friends Records

1985-2010

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Background on Fresh Pond Monthly Meeting of Friends

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Fresh Pond Monthly Meeting got its start at a potluck supper at the Friends Meeting in Cambridge in November 1988, when Andrew Towl spurred a his associates to explore establishing a new meeting in the Boston area. The rationale behind the plan ranged from a desire for a smaller group where a sense of community could be built that was difficult to achieve in a meeting as large as Cambridge to the hope of better accommodating intergenerational worship and expanding the theological climate in meeting to include those with more explicitly Christian language.

The group gathered for worship for the first time on Jan. 1, 1989, was accepted as an allowed meeting under Cambridge Monthly shortly thereafter, and was set off as a monthly meeting of its own in 1991. It has been under care of Salem Quarterly Meeting since its inception.

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

Photo by Alton H. Blackington

Inventory

Minutes

1990-1995

Fresh Pond Monthly: Minutes (lacking Feb.-Mar. and June-Dec 1991; Jan., Mar-May, and Aug. 1992)

1990 Dec.-1995 June

Box 1: 5

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Correspondence and reports

1990, 1992-1993

Fresh Pond Monthly: State of society reports

1990, 1992, 1993

Box 1: 5

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Fresh Pond Monthly: Directory of members

1993

Box 1: 1

(11:B5)

Newsletters and publications

1995-2010

Fresh Pond Monthly: Newsletters

1995-2000

Box 1: 1

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Fresh Pond Monthly: Newsletters

2001-2003

Box 1: 2

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Fresh Pond Monthly: Newsletters

2003-2005

Box 1: 3

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Fresh Pond Monthly: Newsletters (lacking 2006 Oct.-Dec, 2007 Dec.)

2006-2010

Box 1: 4

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Miscellaneous

1985

Fresh Pond Monthly: Meeting history

1995

Box 1: 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

Website

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