



Guilford Monthly Meeting of Friends Records

1953-1966

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Collection overview

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Background on Guilford Monthly Meeting of Friends

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Maintaining their vitality, however, proved to be a challenge. After reaching a peak in 1963 with 31 members, including those from out of town, Guilford reported only twenty members little more than a year later, with many having moved away. Reluctantly, the



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

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Access

The collection is open for research.

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