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New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends Records

1709-1999

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Background on New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends



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

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Inventory

Minutes

1792-1999

Men's minutes

1808-1903

New Bedford Monthly: Men's minutes

1808 June-1828 June

Bound vol.

09:B3

New Bedford Monthly: Men's minutes (rough)

1817 Sept.-1820 Aug.

Bound vol.

Box 10

New Bedford Monthly: Men's minutes (rough)

1824 Apr.-1825 July

Bound vol.

Box 10

New Bedford Monthly: Men's minutes (rough)

1825 Aug.-1827 Feb.

Bound vol.

Box 10

New Bedford Monthly: Men's minutes

1828 July 24-1850 Mar. 28

Bound vol.

09:B3

New Bedford Monthly: Men's minutes

1850 Apr.-1878 Dec.

Bound vol.

09:B3

New Bedford Monthly: Men's minutes

1879 Jan. 23-1903 Jan. 22

Bound vol.

09:B3

Women's minutes

1792-1901

New Bedford Monthly: Women's minutes

1792 Dec.-1821 Mar.

Bound vol.

09:B4

New Bedford Monthly: Women's minutes

1821 Apr.-1850 July

Bound vol.

09:B4

New Bedford Monthly: Women's minutes (rough)

1830 Dec.-1834 Dec.

Bound vol.

Box 10

New Bedford Monthly: Women's minutes

1850-1894

Bound vol.

09:B4

New Bedford Monthly: Women's minutes

1894 Aug.-1901 Sept.

Bound vol.

09:B4

Joint minutes

1792-1999

New Bedford Monthly: Minutes

1792 Dec.-1808 May

Bound vol.

09:B4

New Bedford Monthly: Minutes
1903 Feb. 26-1926 Dec. 23
Bound vol.
09:B4

New Bedford Monthly: Minutes
1927 Jan. 27-1953 Dec. 27
Bound vol.
09:B4

New Bedford Monthly: Minutes
1973-1984
Box 5: 1

New Bedford Monthly: Minutes
1986-1987
Box 5: 2

New Bedford Monthly: Minutes
1988-1989
Box 5: 3

New Bedford Monthly: Minutes
1990-1992
Box 5: 4

New Bedford Monthly: Minutes (includes state of society reports)
1988-1992
Box 5: 5

New Bedford Monthly: Minutes (Mattapoisett separation)
1992
Box 5: 9

New Bedford Monthly: Minutes
1993-1994
Box 5: 6

New Bedford Monthly: Minutes
1994 Feb.-1997
Box 5: 7

New Bedford Monthly: Minutes
1998-1999
Box 5: 8

Correspondence and reports
1880-1967
Barclay Society

1885-1941
11:C7

The Barclay Society began in 1841 as a woman's organization "for reading and sewing for needy people."

Barclay Sheaves: A Woman's Journal

1882-1885

Barclay Sheaves, no. 1-3

1880-1882

Box 1

Barclay Sheaves, vol. 3, 2

1882

Box 1

Barclay Sheaves, vol. 3, 4

1882

Box 1

Barclay Sheaves, vol. 4, 1

1882

Box 1

Barclay Sheaves, vol. 4, 4

1883

Box 1

Barclay Sheaves, vol. 5, 4

1884

Box 1

Barclay Sheaves, vol. 6, 2

1884

Box 1

Barclay Sheaves, vol. ?

1884

Box 1

Barclay Sheaves, vol. 6, 2

1885

Box 2

Barclay Sheaves, vol. 6, 3

1885

Box 2

Barclay Sheaves, vol. ?

1885

Box 2

Barclay Sheaves, vol. ?

undated

Box 2

Barclay Sheaves (memorial volume)

undated

Box 2

Barclay Society: Members

1927-1942

Box 3

Barclay Society: Membership information

1925

Box 3

Barclay Society: Papers read at the Barclay Society

undated

Box 3

Includes: "New Bedford Fifty years ago"; "The Society of Friends"; Program cards; "The horse race," by Alice Tucker and Amelia Gummere

Barclay Society: Papers read at the 100th anniversary of the Barclay Society

1941

Box 3

Barclay Society: Papers read at the 100th anniversary of the Barclay Society

1941

Box 3

Barclay Society: Records

1878-1898

Box 3

Barclay Society: Records

1899-1929

Box 3

Barclay Society: Records

Box 3

Barclay Society: Treasurer

1927-1934

Box 3

Barclay Society: Treasurer

1934-1942

Box 3

Friends Foreign Missionary Society

1911-1936

Bound vol.

09:B3

New Bedford Peace Society

1913-1938

Bound vol.

09:B4

New Bedford Monthly: Book of meetings

1850

Box 10

New Bedford Monthly: Clerk's papers (Thomas A. Tripp)

1932-1936

Box 10

New Bedford Monthly: Discipline

1816-1839

Box 10

New Bedford Monthly: Complaints against members (Difference between Samuel Wing and George Howland); Separatist meeting in Nantucket

1833-1839

Box 10

New Bedford Monthly: Complaints against members: George Tyson; disownments
1831-1832
Box 10
New Bedford Monthly: Complaints against members, requests for certificates
1816-1830
Box 10
New Bedford Monthly: Joint Committee for forming a united New England Yearly Meeting
1944
Box 10
New Bedford Monthly: Meetinghouse use by Unitarians
1967
Box 10
New Bedford Monthly: Trustees appointment
1930-1955
Box 10
Worship and ministry
1796-1975
New Bedford Monthly: Ministry and Oversight
1796 Mar. 18-1840 Nov. 20
Bound vol.
09:B4
New Bedford Monthly: Select Preparative Meeting minutes
1830-1834
Bound vol.
Box 10
New Bedford Monthly: Ministers and Elders minutes (rough)
1836-1839
Box 10
New Bedford Monthly: Ministry and Oversight
1853 Mar. 18-1867 June 7
Bound vol.
09:B4
New Bedford Monthly: Ministry and Oversight
1923-1964
Bound vol.
09:B4
New Bedford Monthly: Ministry and Counsel
1964-1975
Bound vol.
09:B4
Vital records
1774-1957
New Bedford Monthly: Births and deaths
1793-1881
Bound vol.
09:B4
New Bedford Monthly: Members and vital records
1931-1957
Box 8
New Bedford Monthly: Births, deaths, and burials
1774-1811
Bound vol.
09:B4
New Bedford Monthly: Marriages
1795-1918
Bound vol.
09:B4
New Bedford Monthly: Marriages
1795-1821
Box 8
New Bedford Monthly: Membership renewals
1926
Box 8
New Bedford Monthly: Membership renewals (Acushnet)
1926
Box 8
New Bedford Monthly: Membership renewals (Fairhaven)
1926

Box 8
New Bedford Monthly: Membership renewals (Long Plain)
1926
Box 8
New Bedford Monthly: Membership renewals (Mattapoisett)
1926
Box 8
New Bedford Monthly: Removals
1792-1816
Bound vol.
09:B4
New Bedford Monthly: Removals
1888-1923
Box 8
New Bedford Monthly: Removal certificates
1816-1887
Bound vol.
09:B4
Finance and property
1709-1987
Abner Pease estate
1852-1884
Abner Pease estate
1855-1884
0.5 linear feet
11:D2
Abner Pease estate: Miscellaneous
1855-1859
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: Executions, collection of interest
1852-1854
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: income and expenses
1855-1856
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: income and expenses
1857-1859
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: personal property
1860-1865
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: miscellaneous expenses
1860
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: miscellaneous expenses
1861
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: correspondence, statements
1863
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: settlement of will
1862-1863
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: settlement of will
1864
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: settlement of will
1862-1865
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: settlement of will
1865-1884
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: accounts, expenses
1866
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: statements
1867
Box 9

Abner Pease estate: sums paid
1868
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: Accounts
1869
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: miscellaneous
1870-1879
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: disbursements
1877
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: disbursements
1878-1879
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: receipts
1864-1889
Box 9
Abner Pease estate: estate, payments
1862-1871
Box 9
Abner Pease Trust records
1862-1884
Bound vol.
09:B3
Abner Pease Trust records
1864-1982
Bound vol.
09:B2
Meetinghouse and lot (notes)
1785
Box 10
New Bedford Monthly: Deeds
1709-1971
0.5 linear feet
11:C7
New Bedford Monthly: Deeds (Brick Meetinghouse)
1821-1824
Box 4: 2
New Bedford Monthly: Deeds (Dartmouth)
1795, 1917
Box 4: 1
New Bedford Monthly: Deeds (Fairhaven)
1770-1920
Box 4: 3
New Bedford Monthly: Deeds (Long Plain)
1985-1987
Box 4: 5
New Bedford Monthly: Deeds (New Bedford)
1731-1971
Box 4: 7
New Bedford Monthly: Deeds (Pembroke and Scituate)
1709-1914
Box 4: 4
New Bedford Monthly: Deeds (Rochester)
1753-1822
Box 4: 6
New Bedford Monthly: Treasurer
1869-1945
Bound vol.
09:B4
New Bedford Monthly: Record of trusts
1862
Bound vol.
Box 10
Shearman, Abraham: will (also Susan Howland)
undated
Box 10

Miscellaneous
1833-1994
New Bedford Monthly: Historical material
New Bedford Monthly: Historical material, photographs
1890-1947
Box 5: 10
New Bedford Monthly: History
1922
Box 8
Stern, T. Noel: New Light/Old Light conflict among New Bedford Quakers
1994
Box 8
New Bedford Monthly: Particular Meeting
1905-1920
Bound vol.
09:B4
New Bedford Monthly: Scrapbook
1900-1939
Box : 6
Conference of Yearly Meetings at Baltimore
1833
Box 10
Engle, James B.: Jane Crossfield visit to New England (1761)
1936
Box 10
New Bedford Monthly: Miscellaneous files
1844-1868
Box 10
New Bedford Preparative Meeting
1815-1971
New Bedford Preparative: Men's minutes
1815-1901
Box 7
New Bedford Preparative: Women's minutes (rough)
1844-1901
Box 7
New Bedford Preparative: Minutes (rough)
1955-1958
Box 7
New Bedford Preparative: Correspondence and miscellaneous
1960-1970
Box 7
New Bedford Preparative: Faith and practice
1965
Box 7
New Bedford Preparative: State of the meeting reports, Statistics
1963-1970
Box 7
New Bedford Preparative: Memorials
1955-1969
Box 7
New Bedford Preparative: Miscellaneous
1924-1951
Box 7
New Bedford Preparative: Miscellaneous
1959-1971
Box 7
New Bedford Preparative: Peace vigil
1968
Box 7
New Bedford Preparative: Account book
1836-1876
Bound vol.
09:B4
New Bedford Preparative: Account book
1877-1901
Bound vol.
09:B4

New Bedford Preparative: Members and notes
1862
Bound vol.
Box 10
New Bedford Preparative: Ministers and Elders
1867-1892
Bound vol.
09:B4
New Bedford Preparative: Ministry and Oversight
1892-1902
Bound vol.
09:B4
Long Plain Preparative Meeting
1866-1947
Long Plain Preparative: Minutes (Includes accounts)
1929-1947
Bound vol.
09:B2
Long Plain Preparative: Minutes
1869-1894
Bound vol.
09:B2
Long Plain Preparative: Minutes
1870-1901
Bound vol.
09:B2
Long Plain Preparative: Women's minutes
1895-1901
Bound vol.
09:B2
Long Plain Preparative: Finance
1866-1873
0.25 linear feet
11:C2
Long Plain Preparative: Vouchers
1866-1877
Box 11: 1
Long Plain Preparative: Bills
1880-1881
Box 11: 2
Long Plain Preparative: Bills
1881
Box 11: 3
Long Plain Preparative: Bills
1882-1883
Box 11: 4

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