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Northwest Quarterly Meeting of Friends Records

1957-2005

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The Northwest Quarterly Meeting of Friends consists of a collection of monthly meetings located in northwestern New England, specifically from Vermont and western New Hampshire. It was formed out of the Upper Connecticut (CT) Valley Monthly Meeting and was set off from the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting in 1959. It currently includes monthly meetings from Bennington (VT), Burlington (VT), Hanover (NH), Plainfield (VT) and Putney (VT).

The collection primarily includes correspondence from the start of the QM in 1959 to 1982, and is organized by clerk, chronologically. It also includes a partial collection of minutes, mostly handwritten from 1959-1974, and a folder of Ministry and Counsel committee minutes from 1964 and from 1970. There are six folders of administrative records (mailings lists and position statements) and a folder of miscellaneous logistical information sent to the membership about preparations for various quarterly meetings. There are also 2 additional boxes with an almost complete set of issues of the newsletter "The Nor'wester" from 1959-2005.

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Background on Northwest Quarterly Meeting of Friends

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

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Upper Connecticut (CT) Valley Monthly Meeting. Initially, the Upper CT Valley attracted members from both Vermont and New Hampshire, more often-but not always-from New Hampshire towns bordering Vermont. In 1959, it was set off from the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting. As it evolved, it initially included monthly meetings from Bennington (VT), Burlington (VT), and Hanover (NH), then eventually Plainfield (VT) and Putney (VT). According to NEYM archivist Richard Stattler, prior to the 1990's, "the Quarterly Meeting and its monthly meetings provided only informal care to the independent worship groups within its boundaries. These worship groups were often based on only a handful of families, and were often transitory in nature. Any attempt to list them must be somewhat imprecise."

Scope of collection

The collection primarily includes correspondence from the start of the QM in 1959 to 1982, and was originally organized by clerk, chronologically. This organization has been maintained in the "Correspondence" series. It also includes a partial collection of minutes, mostly handwritten from 1959-1974. There is one folder of Ministry and Counsel committee minutes from 1964 and from 1970. In the Administrative Records series, there are four folders of mailing lists spanning 1957-1970 as well as 2 folders containing position statements on capital punishment and the Vietnam War. There is one folder of miscellaneous logistical information sent to the membership about preparations for various quarterly meetings sometimes held at the Farm and Wilderness Camp in Vermont. There are also 2 additional boxes with an almost complete set of issues of the newsletter "The Nor'wester". The newsletter appears to have been published January to May or June and Sep-Dec from 1960-1964, switching to quarterly publication at the very end of 1964 with the "Fall 1964" issue.

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Minutes and Reports

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Northwest Quarterly: Minutes

1959-1974

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1972

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1962 Jan-Mar

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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

<https://neym.org/meetings/by-quarter/northwest>

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