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Plainfield Friends Meeting Records

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Background on Plainfield Friends Meeting



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

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The location of various types of information (minutes, Ministry and Counsel reports, State of the Society reports, financial information, epistles, etc.) appears to have varied over the years with different newsletter editors. In some years, all information was gathered in the newsletter; in other years, not (for example, in some years, the newsletters contains no copies of the business meeting minutes; in other years, that is where they can be found). In general, when published separately from the newsletter, these items have been given their own folders. Otherwise, the newsletters contain much of this information and are a good place to look for various pieces of information.

The one exception to this organization is the annual State of the Society reports. Because these are often only one page, reports that appear in the newsletter have been copied and filed in the State of the Society Reports folder, so all of those available can be found in that folder.

Inventory

Minutes and Reports

1971-2021

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes on a CD

1971-2003

Box 1: 1

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (contains only Sep, Oct, Dec)

1971

Box 1: 2

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Feb, Mar, Dec)

1972

Box 1: 3

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Apr, Aug)

1973

Box 1: 4

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes

1974

Box 1: 5

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Dec)

1975

Box 1: 6

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes

1976

Box 1: 7

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Jan, Feb, Jul, Aug, Oct)

1977

Box 1: 8

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Jan, Jul)

1978

Box 1: 9

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Apr, Jul)

1979

Box 1: 10

Plainfield Monthly: Minute on the Bail Fund

1989 Jan.

Box 1: 11

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Oct, Dec)

1980

Box 1: 12

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Jun, Jul)

1981

Box 1: 13

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Aug, Sep)

1982

Box 1: 14

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Aug)

1983

Box 1: 15

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Aug)

1984

Box 1: 16

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Aug)

1985

Box 1: 17

Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Aug, Dec)

1986
Box 1: 18
Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Aug, Dec)
1987
Box 1: 19
Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Aug, Dec)
1988
Box 1: 20
Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking May, Oct, Nov)
1989
Box 1: 21
Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (contains only Jan-Mar, Oct)
1990
Box 1: 22
Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Jan-Mar, Aug, Dec)
1991
Box 1: 23
Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Jul, Aug, Sep, Dec)
1992
Box 1: 24
Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Jan, Aug, Dec)
1993
Box 1: 25
Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Aug, Dec)
1994
Box 1: 26
Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Dec)
1995
Box 1: 27
Plainfield Monthly: Minutes(lacking Aug, Dec)
1996
Box 1: 28
Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking Aug, Dec)--also contains "Minute of Exercise Regarding Same-Sex Marriage"
1997
Box 1: 29
Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (lacking May, Aug, Dec)
1998
Box 1: 30
Plainfield Monthly: Minutes (contains only Jan-Jul)
1999
Box 1: 31
Plainfield Monthly: Minutes
1971-2021
digital files

Minutes only from Sept 1971-2005, newsletters with minutes from April 1999-April 2021.

Plainfield Monthly: "State of the Society" (lacking 1977)
1975-1979
Box 1: 32
Plainfield Monthly: "State of the Society" (lacking 1990)
1987-1998
Box 1: 33
Correspondence
1992-1996
Plainfield Monthly: Correspondence
1992-1996
Box 1: 34
Worship and Ministry
1990-1994
Plainfield Monthly: Ministry and Counsel (lacking 1993)
1990-1994
Box 1: 35
Finance and Property
1989-1996
Plainfield Monthly: Reports and Correspondence on Construction of New Meetinghouse
1989-1993
Box 1: 36
Plainfield Monthly: Treasurer's Reports
1990-1996
Box 1: 37
Vital Records: Membership
1988-2004
Plainfield Monthly: Membership List
1988 Jan.
Box 1: 38
Plainfield Monthly: Membership Directories (contains only 2001: Jan, Dec; 2004: Jan)
2001, 2004
Box 1: 39
Plainfield Monthly: Phone List
ca.1990-1999
Box 1: 40
Newsletters and Publications
1982-2010
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters (lacking 1983: Sep)
1982 Dec.-1984
Box 1: 41
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters (lacking 1985: Sep; 1986: Aug)
1985-1986
Box 1: 42
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters (lacking 1987: Sep; 1988: Oct)
1987-1988
Box 1: 43
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters--First Day School, "Quark"
1988
Box 1: 44

Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters (lacking 1989: Jan, Oct, Nov; 1990: Nov)
1989-1991 Jan.
Box 1: 45
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters (lacking 1992: Apr, Jul)
1991-1993 Jan.
Box 1: 46
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters (lacking 1993: Sep; 1994: Oct)
1993-1995 Jan.
Box 2: 1
Plainfield Monthly: Social Issues Statement--"Mythbusters: Balanced Budget"
1995
Box 2: 2
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters (lacking 1996: Jul, Sep)
1995-1996
Box 2: 3
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters (lacking 1997: Oct, Nov, Dec; 1998: Jan)
1997-1999 Jan.
Box 2: 4
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters
1999
Box 2: 5
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters
2000
Box 2: 6
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters
2001
Box 2: 7
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters
2002
Box 2: 8
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters
2003
Box 2: 9
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters
2004
Box 2: 10
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters
2005
Box 2: 11
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters (lacking Sep)
2006
Box 2: 12
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters
2007-2008 Jan.
Box 2: 13
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters
2008
Box 2: 14
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters
2009
Box 2: 15
Plainfield Monthly: Newsletters
2010
Box 2: 16
Plainfield Monthly: Statement of Belief--"Who Are We? What Do We Believe?"
ca.1990-1999
Box 2: 17
Miscellaneous
1989-1998
Peace and non-violence subject files
1959-1985
Box 3 (2025-105)

Includes printed materials related to the draft, conscientious objectors, the peace movement, war, nuclear weapons, and the arms race.

Plainfield Monthly: Program Info--"What's a Miracle For?"
1989
Box 2: 18
Plainfield Monthly: Program Info--Meeting with English visitors
1995
Box 2: 19
Plainfield Monthly: Quaker Day Camp--Report, Info and Registration
1995-1998
Box 2: 20
Plainfield Monthly: Program Info--"Death and Dying"
1997
Box 2: 21

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://sites.google.com/site/plainfieldfriend/>

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Contributors

- Plainfield Friends Meeting [main entry]

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