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Salem Quarterly Meeting (Society of Friends) Records

1706-2004

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Background on Salem Quarterly Meeting

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

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Massachusetts

- Acton (1965-)
- Amesbury (1883-)
- Beacon Hill (1980-)
- Boston (1883-1944: became Cambridge Monthly)
- Cambridge (1944-)
- Framingham (1979-)
- Fresh Pond (1991-)
- Lawrence-Andover (1899-)
- Lynn (1927-1986)
- North Shore (1981-)
- Salem (1705-1927: became Lynn Monthly)
- Wellesley (1958-)
- Brookhaven Worship Group
- Nashoba Worship Group
- Norfolk Recognized Meeting
- South Shore Preparative

Maine

- Berwick (1802-1815)
- Durham (1790-1794)
- Falmouth (1760-1794)
- North Yarmouth (1750-1760: became Falmouth Monthly)
- Vassalboro (1787-1794)

New Hampshire

- Dover (1705-1815)
- Hampton (1705-1792: became Seabrook Monthly)
- Seabrook (1792-1883: became Amesbury Monthly)
- Weare (1795-1958)

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[Salem Quarterly Meeting website](#)

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