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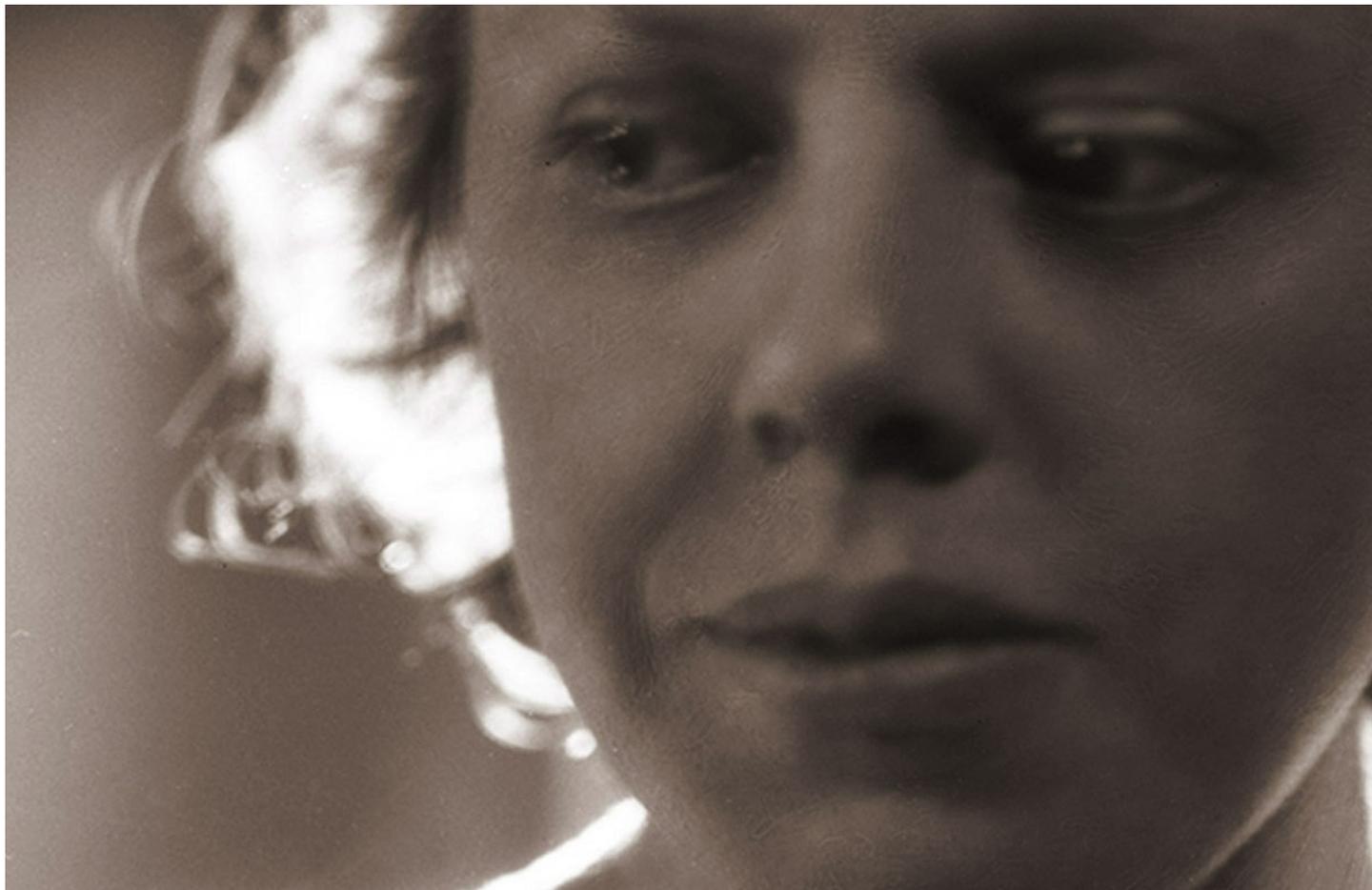
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South Berkshire Friends Meeting Records

1982-2010

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Originating as an independent worship group in Monterey, Mass., in about 1952, the South Berkshire Friends Meeting came under the auspices of the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting in 1955 as the Great Barrington Worship Group. It changed name to Gould Farm in 1962, and then to Berkshire in 1971 before setting off formally from the Mount Toby Monthly Meeting in 1984.

This small collection contains minutes and newsletters of the meeting since it was organized as a monthly in 1984.

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Background on South Berkshire Friends Meeting

The South Berkshire Monthly Meeting originated in the home of Raymond and Abbie Olds of Monterey, Mass., and in 1955 became an Allowed Meeting, the Great Barrington Worship Group, under the care of what was then the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting (now Mount Toby Monthly). After the Olds relocated in 1962, the small group continued to meet at Gould Farm, a residential rehabilitation center for individuals with mental health challenges, under Clarence and Ruth Carr. It changed name again in 1971 to the Berkshire Worship Group.

With the number of worshippers slowly increasing, Shirley Olds called Friends in the area together in 1982 to discuss their future status and on Sept. 11, 1983, they held their first meeting for business to pursue becoming a monthly meeting. Their application was formally accepted at the Hartford Quarterly Meeting, leading them to set off formally from Mount Toby Monthly Meeting in February 1984.

Scope of collection

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South Berkshire Monthly: Minutes

1982 Sept.-1986 Jan.

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South Berkshire Monthly: Minutes

1986 Feb.-1988 Jan.

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South Berkshire Monthly: Minutes

1988 Feb.-1989 Jan.

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South Berkshire Monthly: Minutes

1989 Feb.-1990 Jan.

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South Berkshire Monthly: Minutes

1990 Feb.-Dec.

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South Berkshire Monthly: Minutes

1991-1992

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1993-1994

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South Berkshire Monthly: Minutes

1996-1997

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South Berkshire Monthly: Minutes

1998

Box 1: 9



Abbie Loring in Cape Cod Quaker attire, ca.1930. Photo by Alton H. Blackington

South Berkshire Monthly: Minutes
1999

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South Berkshire Monthly: Minutes
2000

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South Berkshire Monthly: Minutes
2001

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2002

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South Berkshire Monthly: Minutes
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Newsletters and publications

1985-2010

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South Berkshire Monthly: Newsletters
1985-1993

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South Berkshire Monthly: Newsletters
1994-1998

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South Berkshire Monthly: Newsletters
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Miscellaneous

1984

The genesis of South Berkshire Monthly Meeting from the 1950s through 1984

1984

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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

[South Berkshire Friends Meeting website](#) (Nov. 2018).

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