

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting (Society of Friends) Records

1858-2010

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Background on Vassalboro Monthly Meeting (Society of Friends)

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Organizationally, Vassalboro has passed through the care of three quarterly meetings -- Salem (1787-1794), Falmouth (1794-1813), and Vassalboro (1813-) -- and it has in turn been the sponsor of numerous worship groups and preparatory meetings, most formed and laid down around the turn of the nineteenth century. Notably, it was also the springboard from which five monthly meetings were set off, including Sidney (1802), Harlem (1813), Saint Albans (1841), Oak Grove (1922), and Orono (1973). Vassalboro was called East Vassalboro Monthly Meeting (Society of Friends) in the late 1980s.

Worship groups

Belgrade (1801-1802)
Bristol (1787-1801, 1819-1826)
Camden (1798-1813)
Colby (1988-1989)
Dresden (1798)
East Benton (1892-1925)
East Vassalboro (1797-1799)
Fairfax (1810-1812)
Fairfield (1789-1802)
Harlem (1802-1809)
Lincoln Jackson (ca.1810-1813)
Orono (1801-1819)
St. Albans (before 1833-1837)
Sidney (1795-1800)
Sonnabeck (before 1802-1813)
Winthrop (1792-1802)

Preparatory meetings

East Vassalboro (1799-1828): also called East Pond, Pond, Outlet, or Twelve-mile Pond
Fairfax (1812-1813)
Fairfield (1801-1819)
Harlem (1809-1813)
Saint Albans (1837-1841)
Sidney (1800-1802)
Vassalboro (1787-1893): also River Meeting
Winthrop (1802)

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

Photo by Alton H. Blackington

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This collection is part of the **New England Yearly Meeting Records**.

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Minutes, Men's Meeting, 1787-1809 (1 vol.)
Minutes, Men's Meeting, 1809-1855 (3 vols.)
Minutes, Men's and Joint Meeting, 1855-1951 (3 vols.)
Minutes, Women's meeting, 1787-1875 (4 vols.)
Minutes, Women's meeting, 1875-1887 (1 vol.)
Vital records: births, deaths, burials, 1787-1891(1 vol.)
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Vital records: members, 1759-1918 (1 vol.)
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Current contact for the meeting

[Vassalboro Friends Meeting Website](#)

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