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Westerly Monthly Meeting (Society of Friends) Records

1766-2010 (*Bulk:* 1995-2009)

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Background on Westerly Monthly Meeting

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

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Scope of collection

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Inventory

Westerly Monthly Meeting (Society of Friends)

1766-2010

Westerly Monthly Meeting: Minutes (housed under South Kingstown Monthly Meeting (Wilburite) Minutes

1923-1977

Box 1: 1

Westerly Monthly Meeting: Minutes

1994

Box 1: 1

Westerly Monthly Meeting: Minutes

1995

Box 1: 2

Westerly Monthly Meeting: Minutes

2010-05

Box 1: 3

Westerly Monthly Meeting: Directory

1991

Box 1: 4

Westerly Monthly Meeting: Meeting history

1878-1992

Box 1: 5

Westerly Monthly Meeting: State of the Society reports [incomplete]

1990-2009

Box 1: 6

Westerly Monthly Meeting: Hopkinton Meetinghouse accouns

1831

Box 1: 7

Printed items: Brief synopsis of the principles of the Religious Society of Friends

1913

Box 1: 8

Printed items: Chalkley, Thomas, Journal of the life and travels. . . , vol. 2. Lindfield

1835

Box 1: 9

Printed items: Epistles from Philadelphia and London Yearly Meetings

1781

Box 1: 10

Printed items: Foster, Ethan, The Conscript Quakers, 1st and 2d editions

1883-1885

Box 1: 11

Printed items: Fry, John, Alphabetical extract of all the annual printed epistles

1766

Box 1: 12

Printed items: Minutes of the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends

1904

Box 1: 13

Printed items: Records and Papers of the Westerly Historical Society

1916

Box 1: 14

Printed items: Visions in Verse for the Entertainment and Instruction of Young Minds

1767

Box 1: 15

Westerly Monthly Meeting: Newsletters

1987

Box 1: 16

Westerly Monthly Meeting: Newsletters

1995-1997

Box 1: 17

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1998-2000

Box 1: 18

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2001-2002

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2003-2005
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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](#).

See also the records of South Kingstown Monthly (Wilburite), a predecessor to Westerly. The South Kingstown records include the minutes of Westerly from the time of its establishment under that name through 1977.

Current contact for the meeting

[Westerly Friends Meeting website](#)

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