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Background on Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends (Wilburite)

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After the separation of 1845, Dartmouth became part of the Sandwich (1845-1935) and then the combined Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly (1935-1945). Since the Wilburite and Gurneyite reunification, North Dartmouth has been part of the Narragansett (1944-1951), Rhode Island (1951-1971), Rhode Island-Smithfield (1971-1979), and finally the Sandwich Quarterly (1979-present). In turn, Dartmouth oversaw a worship group in nearby New Bedford (1865-1871 and 1881-1892) and preparatory meetings known as the North (1845-1935) and South Preparatory Meetings (1845-1863, which was also a worship group 1863-1865), as well as Westport Preparatory (1851-1851).



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

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The records of Dartmouth Monthly (Wilburite) and North Dartmouth Monthly are kept together because they were kept continuously through the reunion of the New England Yearly Meeting in 1945, using the same volumes.

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Men's Minutes

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Dartmouth Monthly (Wilburite): Men's minutes

1845-1911

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Women's Minutes

1845-1908

Dartmouth Monthly (Wilburite): Women's minutes
1845-1894
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Joint Minutes
1912-1989

Dartmouth Monthly (Wilburite): Minutes
1912-1973
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Dartmouth Monthly (Wilburite): Rough Minutes
1924-1932 Dec. 29
Bound vol.
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North Dartmouth Monthly (label inaccurately reads "Treasurer")
1973-1989
Bound vol.
09:B4

Correspondence and reports
1944-1991

North Dartmouth Monthly: Minutes (rough draft, lacking 1969-1978)
1961-1981
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North Dartmouth Monthly: Cemeteries
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North Dartmouth Monthly: Marriages
1947-1973
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North Dartmouth Monthly: Membership
1946-1980
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North Dartmouth Monthly: Miscellaneous
1962-1991
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Includes news clippings regarding members, State of the Society reports, correspondence, committee reports, Statement on realignment (1991).

North Dartmouth Monthly: Oral history with Marion Goodwin ("North Dartmouth Meeting recollections")
1972 Aug. 27
1/4" reel
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Dartmouth Monthly (Wilburite): Removal certificates
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Financial and Property
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Includes materials on Little Compton property.

Dartmouth Monthly (Wilburite): Mary Hart Fund
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