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New England Yearly Meeting of Friends Records

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In 1661, less than a decade after the first Friends arrived in British North America, the precursor to the New England Yearly Meeting was organized as the Rhode Island Yearly Meeting. As the oldest of approximately two dozen yearly meetings in the United States, the NEYM currently comprises eight quarterly meetings and approximately 85 monthlies, which are the basic unit of organization for the Society. Like many peer Yearly meetings, the course of the New England Yearly Meeting has not always been smooth. The diversity of spiritual practice within the meeting, in particular, has been reflected in a history of separations and reunions, the most profound being the division in the 1840s between the increasingly evangelically-oriented Gurneyites, who went by the name Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England (and who joined Friends United Meeting in 1902), and the Wilburites, sometimes called Conservative Friends. In 1945, the disparate branches formally reunited.

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century to the present, along with records of most of its constituent Quarterly, Monthly, and Preparative Meetings and records of Quaker schools and trusts. As varied as the Quaker practice they document, these records include minutes of meetings for business; committee records; newsletters, financial records; some personal papers; printed books and serials; and an assortment of photographs, audiovisual materials, microfilm, and electronic records. Of particular note are the vital statistics recorded by the Monthly Meetings, including general information on births, deaths, marriages, membership, and obituaries, and specifically-Quaker information on removals (formal letters written as members moved from one meeting to another), denials, testimonies (beliefs and convictions), and sufferings (penalties Quakers suffered for following testimonies). The Archives Committee of the NEYM is a partner in records management and on-going documentation of the Meeting and its constituent bodies. The collection also includes several thousand Quaker books and pamphlets, including the libraries of Moses and Obadiah Brown and several individual monthly meetings. The records of most monthly meetings in Maine are held at the Maine Historical Society, while important bodies of records are held at the Newport Historical Society (some Nantucket and Rhode Island Meetings) or at individual Monthly Meetings.

Background on New England Yearly Meeting of Friends

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With roots in northern England, the Society of Friends was one of the most successful of the radical sects that arose during the religious ferment of the English Civil War. Spreading rapidly under the visionary leaders George Fox, Margaret Fell, and James Nayler, among others, Friends were widely regarded as a threat to the established social order for their insistence on the possibility of a direct experience of the divine without the intermediary of an ordained clergy, and for their radical egalitarianism rooted in the concept of an Inward Light, a divine spark within all humanity.

Intensely evangelical during the first decades of their existence, Friends spread their teachings throughout Britain and overseas, first arriving in New England in 1656. Greeted with considerable hostility by the Puritan authorities in Massachusetts Bay and Plymouth Colonies. Their anticlericalism and egalitarianism were no less controversial in the New England theocracies than they had been in England, and the authorities responded with systematic repression, including banishment, corporal punishment, and in four cases, capital punishment: between 1659 and 1661, William Robinson, Marmaduke Stephenson, Mary Dyer, and William Leddra were all executed in Boston.

Despite the response, Friends found root in the more tolerant environs of Rhode Island, forming at least seven local meetings within a decade and organizing the first General Meeting of Friends in America in Newport, R.I., in 1661. The process of establishing governing structures for Quakerism in the colonies took on a new energy following the evangelical visit of George Fox in 1672, after which the General Meeting was formally constituted as the New England Yearly Meeting for Business, with Monthly Meetings constituted at the same time. New York Yearly Meeting was set off from New England in 1695. Three quarterly meetings were established between 1699 and 1705, which served as the official bodies for authorizing representatives to the Yearly Meeting.

The NEYM continued to formalize and strengthen church structures during the eighteenth century, emphasizing the distinctiveness of Quaker identity through insistence on adherence to basic tenets such as the peace testimony, opposition to slavery, and the enforcement of endogamy, though not without struggle. In 1784, the Yearly Meeting made its first attempt to establish a Friends school in Portsmouth, R.I., and although that school lasted only four years, it is regarded as a direct precursor to the Friends Boarding School in Providence, established in 1819 and known today at the Moses Brown School. The Oak Grove School in Vassalboro, Maine was established in 1849.

From early in their history, New England Quakers have been diverse in spiritual practice, leading to a legacy of sometimes profound doctrinal conflict. Although the Hicksite-Orthodox schism that shook Philadelphia and other Yearly Meetings had little impact in New England, outside of Nantucket, the NEYM suffered its own deep divisions. Beginning in 1817, several monthly meetings in New England underwent a brief, but intense period of conflict between "New Light" Friends, who questioned the divinity of Christ and emphasized the power of direct revelation, and their more conservative peers. Deeper splits, however, ensued in the 1840s between factions known as Gurneyites and Wilburites, named after their most vocal spokespersons, and each claiming to pursue the spirit of original Quakerism. Following the writings and preaching of the English Quaker, Joseph John Gurney, the more numerous Gurneyites were swept up in the evangelical tendencies shaping American Protestantism more generally, pursuing a Bible-centered, pastoral form of worship.

Responding to the Gurneyite surge, the Wilburites, named after John Wilbur of Hopkinton, R.I., grew concerned that evangelically-minded Quakers were tending to rely too much on the outward forms of Christianity and too little on the immediate guidance of the Holy Spirit. Wilburites (also known as Conservative Friends) retained simpler, unprogrammed meetings for worship. Throughout New England, but especially in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts, monthly meetings divided between Gurneyites and Wilburites, organizing themselves into separate yearly meetings, the Gurneyite Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England and the Wilburite New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

In the latter years of the nineteenth century and into the early twentieth, the Gurneyites pursued evangelical priorities including domestic and foreign missions that led to the formation of larger administrative structures to coordinate more effectively between Yearly Meetings, culminating in the establishment of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in 1902. The Wilburites did not prosper, and by the mid-twentieth century, only three monthly meetings remained. In 1945, the Gurneyites and Wilburites agreed to merge, bringing in independent meetings in the Connecticut Valley, Cambridge and Providence to form the modern New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Meetings for Worship (established prior to formal meetings for business)

1661-1672
Boston
1657-1672
Oyster Bay (also Long Island or Flushing)
1659-1672
Piscataqua
1657-1672
Rhode Island
1657-1672
Salem
1657-1672
Sandwich
*ca.*1660-1672
Scituate

Monthly Meetings (before the establishment of Quarterly Meetings)

1701-1706
Dover
1700-1706
Greenwich
1701-1706
Hampton
1699-1706
Narragansett (became Greenwich Monthly)
1672-1706
Oyster Bay
1672-1706
Piscataqua
1672-1706
Rhode Island
1672-1706
Salem
1672-1706
Sandwich
1672-1706
Scituate

Quarterly Meetings

1944-present
Connecticut Valley
1815-present

Dover
 1841-1952
 Fairfield
 1945-1951
 Narragansett
 1959-present
 Northwest
 1888-1938
 Parsonfield
 1699-1971
 Rhode Island
 1971-present
 Rhode Island-Smithfield
 1705-present
 Salem
 1705-present
 Sandwich
 1801-present
 Smithfield
 1813-present
 Vassalboro

The following meetings are listed as "occasional meetings for worship" or "other meetings for worship" in the Yearly Meeting minutes from 1947 onward. They are presumably under the loose jurisdiction of the Yearly Meeting, without specific monthly or quarterly meeting ties. None of these meetings have records at the NEYM Archives; it is uncertain whether many of them ever created any records at all. Some, as indicated, were later joined to other formal meetings.

Meeting	Dates	Current status
Acushnet, Mass.	1956-1958	(also Long Plain; see New Bedford M.M.)
Adams, Mass.	1955-present	
Andover, Mass.	1981-1985 (?)	(joined Cambridge M.M.)
Camden, Me. (also Megunticook)	1985-present	(informally affiliated with Midcoast M.M.)
Casco, Me.	1951-1989	
Center Sandwich, N.H.	1978-1981	(joined N. Sandwich M.M.)
Dartmouth, Mass. (also Apponegansett)	1947-1974	(see Dartmouth M.M.)
East Benton, Me.	1947-1953	(to North Fairfield M.M.)
East Sandwich, Mass.	1947-1950, 1956-1959	(joined Sandwich M.M.)
Fort Fairfield, Me.	1947-1959 (?)	(see Maple Grove M.M.)
Henniker, N.H.	1956-1974	(joined Weare M.M.)
Jamestown, R.I.	1951-1970	(joined Providence M.M. as Conanicut W.G.)
Little Compton, R.I.	1952-1989	
Martha's Vineyard, Mass.	1979-1983	(became monthly meeting)
Nantucket, Mass.	1946-1990	(joined Sandwich Q.M.)
Newport, R.I.	1975-1986; 1993-present	(see Providence M.M.)
North Pembroke, Mass.	1947-1963	(joined Cambridge M.M.)
Quinebaug Valley (in Pomfret, Conn.)	1982-1985	(later in Storrs M.M.)
South Pittsfield, N.H. (also Pittsfield)	1967-1974	(joined Weare M.M.)
South Uxbridge, Mass.	1956-1959, 1963-1983	
South Yarmouth, Mass.	1947-1949	(see Sandwich M.M.)
Springvale, Mass.	1974-1976	
Waterville, Me.	1959-1961	
West Epping, N.H.	1947-1972	(joined Dover M.M.)

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Please note that this finding aid is considered preliminary only and subject to change. Several boxes of materials have arrived in recent years that have not yet been inventoried nor integrated into the finding aid, and SCUA is in the process of formalizing the organization of the collection to reflect We have attempted to normalize the terminology used to refer to record groupings, however the complexity of record keeping practices will lead to adjustments

Series descriptions

[Record Group 1. New England Yearly Meeting Records](#)

1672-2011

The official records of the New England Yearly Meeting include a diverse array of administrative records comprising minutes of annual business meetings; records of the Board of Overseers and Permanent Board; epistles exchanged with other Yearly Meetings and with subordinate Meetings; information on Quaker schools; financial records; and materials produced and collected by the Yearly's clerks and committees. The records of the Wilburite New England Yearly Meeting of Friends are maintained as a separate collection.

[Series 1. Central Records](#)

1672-2011

The central records of the NEYM consist of official and semi-official records maintained by the meeting clerk and other offices. They include a diverse array of correspondence and administrative files, reports and correspondence, epistles sent and received from other Yearly Meetings, and reports from committees and subordinate meetings, interspersed with other materials, unpublished and published.

The majority of the materials in Series 1 consist of materials that were received and maintained annually, with each accrual consisting of a formal epistles sent to, or received from, other Yearly Meetings, committee reports and correspondence, and communications with subordinate (usually Quarterly) meetings. We have these materials out into the groupings, rather than maintain them as annual bundles. Epistles sent by the Yearly Meeting to its subordinate meetings are maintained as communications with the Quarterly Meetings, not with the Epistles sent and received. Other materials were separated into thematic groupings, either by the meeting Clerk or previous archivists, including significant content relating to the Asa Rand controversy, the Gurneyite-Wilburite separation, and important topical issues such as slavery.

Note that the records of Quarterlies and NEYM Committees are contained in other series.

[Series 2. Administration and Governance](#)

1672-2011

Oversight of the Yearly Meeting is currently placed under the care of the Permanent Board between annual sessions, and supported by the Board of Managers (responsible for managing and investing Yearly Meeting funds), and the clerk (responsible for recording the discernment which a meeting has reached and for sending and receiving correspondence on behalf of the meeting).

The Meeting for Sufferings (now called the Representative Meeting) was appointed by the Yearly Meeting and was initially charged with attending the Friends who were persecuted due to their beliefs, and over the years, they have been instrumental in raising concerns over moral and religious issues such as slavery, war, and inequality. The Meeting for Sufferings acted for the Yearly Meeting between sessions and later developed into the Representative Meeting. The Archives Committee is also part of the administration of the Yearly Meeting and is responsible for the care of records, correspondence, and other manuscript material entrusted to it by the yearly, quarterly, monthly and preparative meetings, Yearly Meeting committees, New England Friends Institutions, and individual members of the Yearly Meeting.

[Series 3. Committees and Programs](#)

1672-2011

Committee work is an important part of the life and ministry of the Yearly Meeting and committees address a range of social and spiritual concerns. The nature, scope, and especially the names of committees vary widely through the years, but there has been a relatively constant attention to social justice, education, and the spiritual life of the community.

The series contains particularly rich documentation for Friends' educational concerns, particularly the Moses Brown School (founded ca.1780 as the Friends Boarding School), the Oak Grove School in Maine, and the Maryville Freedman's Normal Institute. Ministry and counsel (also called Ministers and Elders)

[Series 4. Financial](#)

1672-2011

The Finance Committee stewards the financial resources at all levels of the NEYM, proposes annual budgets, nominates a Treasurer, and oversees the Meeting's accounts and investments.

[Series 4. Audiovisual Materials](#)

1865-1980

Series 4 contains a small body of miscellaneous photographs associated with the Yearly Meeting along with a set of the microfilm of NEYM Records prepared by the Rhode Island Historical Society.

[Record Group 2. Monthly and Quarterly Meeting Records](#)

1672-2018

The records of Monthly and Quarterly meeting vary considerably in depth and detail, but often include data on membership (births, deaths, marriages, removals), discipline, and committees, in addition to minutes of business meetings. In line with the records of men's and women's meetings were typically recorded separately until about the turn of the twentieth century.

Please note that not all monthly meetings are represented in the NEYM Records held by SCUA and not all monthlies are fully documented. Other significant repositories for monthly meeting records include the Maine Historical Society (which houses records of many of the monthly meetings in Maine), the Nantucket Historical Association (housing materials relating to Nantucket), the Old Dartmouth Historical Society, and the Newport Historical Society (Rhode Island Monthly Meeting). Richard Stattler's [guide to NEYM Records](#) contains a relatively comprehensive record of holdings at other repositories.

[Record Group 4. Miscellaneous Materials](#)

1695-2007

Series 4 includes miscellaneous materials produced retained by the Yearly Meeting, primarily on the history of the meeting and its membership. Most notable are materials collected on the history of meetinghouses in New England and biographies and testimonials on deceased Friends.

[Record Group 5. Printed Materials](#)

1633-2009

The NEYM collection includes hundreds of books, pamphlets, and periodicals on the Society of Friends and Quakerism with an emphasis on New England. Among these are significant works on Quaker doctrine, culture, and practice; personal testimonies, biographies, and histories; and works on Quaker responses to slavery, Native Americans, and the status of women; and there are some secondary works on Quakerism and Quaker history.

The printed materials were assembled from the personal libraries of Moses and Obadiah Brown and those held by individual monthly meetings. Nearly all of the books and pamphlets, but not the periodicals, have been cataloged in the UMass Libraries' online catalog.

Inventory

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1672-2011

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Series 1. Central Records

1672-2011

Minutes (official): Men's and Joint Meetings

1672-1921

Minutes [Antient epistles]

1672-1735

Vol.

Minutes: Men's meeting

1688-1787

Vol.

Minutes: Men's meeting

1788-1819

Vol.

Minutes: Men's meeting

1820-1835

Vol.

Minutes: Men's meeting

1836-1847

Vol.

Minutes: Men's meeting

1848-1861

Vol.

Minutes: Men's meeting

1862-1876

Vol.

Minutes: Men's meeting

1877-1886

Vol.

Minutes: Men's meeting

1887-1895

Vol.

Minutes: Men's meeting

1896-1901

Vol.
Minutes: Men's meeting
1902-1908
Vol.
Minutes: Men's meeting
1909-1914
Vol.
Minutes: Men's meeting
1915-1921
Vol.
Minutes: Joint
1923-1934
Vol.
Minutes: Joint
1935-1944
Vol.
Minutes (official): Women's Meeting
1764-1896
Minutes: Women's Meeting
1764-1776
Vol. :
Minutes: Women's Meeting
1777-1805
Vol. :
Minutes: Women's Meeting
1806-1824
Vol. :
Minutes: Women's Meeting
1825-1838
Vol. :
Minutes: Women's Meeting
1839-1851
Vol. :
Minutes: Women's Meeting
1847-1876
Vol. :
Minutes: Women's Meeting
1852-1866
Vol. :
Minutes: Women's Meeting
1867-1875
Vol. :
Minutes: Women's Meeting
1892-1896
Vol. :
Minutes (printed): Women's Meeting
1863-1865
Box 25: 21
Minutes (printed): Women's Meeting
1866-1868
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Minutes (printed): Women's Meeting
1870, 1873
Box 25: 23
Minutes (rough): Men's Meeting
1759-1864
Minutes: Men's Meeting (rough)
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Box 25: 18
Minutes (rough): Women's Meeting
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Minutes (rough): Women's Meeting
1857-1859
Box 25: 20
Account of expenses
1780
Box 2: 16
[Address on peace](#)
1854
Box 2: 17
Affirmation and declaration of fidelity [blank form]
1773
Box 2: 19
All Friends Conference
1917-1920
Box 2: 20
Alley, Daniel and Abigail (Weare Monthly Meeting): appeal
1812-1813
Box 2: 21
Bond by officers of the New England Yearly Meeting
1926
Box 2: 22
British and Foreign Bible Society: Monthly extracts from the correspondence
1819
Box 2: 23
Brown, Moses: Extracts from the last will and testament
1837
Box 2: 24
Charters of the Yearly Meeting of Friends on New England. Providence : Sidney S. Rider
1886
Box 2: 25
Children's Friends' Society of Providence: First Annual Report
1836
Box 2: 26
Committee reports and correspondence
1763-1876
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Committee reports and correspondence: Yearly Meeting 1856 [Boarding School report, broadside]
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The collection includes a strong representation of epistles from the yearly meetings in London, Ireland, Philadelphia, New York, and Baltimore and in later years, Ohio and Indiana. In the twentieth century, the collection includes an increasing number of epistles from meetings outside of North America. Epistles were also issued separately by the Women's Meeting.

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Separation: Notes concerning John Wilbur
ca.1842
Box 19: 3

Separation: Pamphlets: Pamphlets and epistles
1845
Box 19: 4
Separation: Pamphlets: An Appeal on Behalf of Gospel Order. Philadelphia : C. Sherman
1846
Box 19: 5
Separation: Pamphlets: An Earnest Expostulation. Boston : T. R. Marvin
1851
Box 19: 6
Separation: Pamphlets: A Vindication of the Disciplinary Proceedings. . . Boston : Damrell and Moore
1852
Box 19: 7
Separation: Philadelphia Yearly Meeting communication and correspondence
1849
Box 19: 8
Separation: Wilbur, John: Correspondence
Box 19: 9
Separation: Yearly Meeting notes on John Wilbur
1841-1844
Box 19: 10
Separation of meetings [including remarks of John Pease]
1845
Box 19: 11
Short vindication of the religious society called Quakers
1780
Box 19: 12
[Slavery: Address to the Yearly Meeting of Friends](#)
1837
Box 19: 13
Slavery: Appeal to the professors of Christianity, the southern states, and elsewhere on the subject of slavery. . . Providence : Knowles and Vose
1842
Box 19: 14
[Slavery: Committee to whom was referred the several petitions of the Quakers of New-England](#)
1794
Box 19: 15
[Slavery: Memorial. . . to the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts](#)
1787
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[Slavery: Pronouncements from New England meetings](#)
1769-1776
Box 19: 17
[Slavery: Report of the Committee of the Meeting for Sufferings. . . the total abolition of the slave-trade](#)
1824
Box 19: 18
Slavery: Report on the subject of the abolition of the slave trade [from the Meeting for Sufferings, London]
1825
OS 1
[Slavery: Society for Effecting the Abolition of the Slave Trade \(London\): Proceedings](#)
1790
Box 19: 19
[Slavery: To our fellow citizens of the United States of North America](#)
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Box 19: 20
[Slavery: To the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States](#)
1819
Box 19: 21
State of the Society reports
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State of the Society reports
1988

Box 21: 8
Taxation: Massachusetts. At to exempt the people called Quakers from paying taxes for the support of public worship
1803
OS 2
Taxation of Friends School by the State of Rhode Island. Providence : Rhode Island Printing Co.
1893
Box 22: 1
Testimonies and memorials: Mitchell, Joseph
1787
Box 22: 2
Testimonies and memorials: Collins, Hannah C.
1847
Box 22: 3
Testimonies and memorials: Page, Sophronia (Salem)
1851
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Testimonies and memorials: Davis, Hannah (Rhode Island Monthly Meeting)
1854
Box 22: 5
Testimonies and memorials: Wing, Elizabeth (Rhode Island Monthly Meeting)
1854
Box 22: 6
Testimonies and memorials: Jones, Rachel W. (China); Taber, Hannah T. (New Bedford); Collins, Mary A. (South Kingstown); Robinson, Mary A. (South Kingstown);
Greene, Rowland (Greenwich)
1859-1860
Box 22: 7
Testimonies and memorials: Meader, John (Providence); Davies, Joseph (New Bedford)
1861
Box 22: 8
Testimonies and memorials: Jones, Thomas (Durham)
1865
Box 22: 9
Testimonies and memorials: Farr, Elizabeth (Litchfield); Davis, Ruth (New Bedford); Roberts, Sarah B. (Dover); Meader, Martha (Seabrook)
1866
Box 22: 10
Testimonies and memorials: Day, Eunice (Durham); Varney, Mary P. (Durham); Cates, Anna (Vassalboro); Collins, Timothy Clark (South Kingstown); Chase, Mary
(Salem); Keene, Avis (Salem)
1867-1869
Box 22: 11
Testimonies and memorials: Beede, Moses (Providence); Taber, Rhoda (New Bedford); Taylor, Samuel (Sidney); Howland, Susan (New Bedford); Congdon, Gilbert
(Providence)
1871-1872
Box 22: 12
Testimonies and memorials: Gove, Susan (Seabrook)
1874
Box 22: 13
Testimonies and memorials: Binns, Zilla; Dow, Alice M.; Estes, James M.; Replogle, Charles N.; Shedd, Sarah Marble; Townsend, L. Tyler; Wood, Georgia Birdsall;
Wood, Thomas
1927-1929
Box 22: 14
Testimony from the National Half-Year Meeting of Friends in Ireland concerning Job Scott
1794
OS 1
Testimony of the Society of Friends on the continent of America [Elisha Bates]
1829
Box 22: 15
Testimony of the Society of Friends on the continent of America [Elisha Bates]; includes 1916 reprint
1830
Box 22: 16
[Theater: An affectionate caution. . . and To the Senate and House of Representatives. . .](#)
1793
Box 24: 31
[To the Sick and Afflicted \[of New England Yearly Meeting\]](#)
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[Tobey, Samuel Boyd: letter to Perez Peck \[on visit to Abraham Lincoln\]](#)
1862
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Traveling ministers: Hoag, Lindley Murray
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Traveling ministers: Howland, Susan
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Traveling ministers: Jenkins, Anna A.
1848
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Traveling ministers: Jones, James
1850
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Traveling ministers: Jones, Sybil and Eli
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Traveling ministers: Meader, John and Elizabeth
1851
Box 22: 24
Traveling ministers certificates: Hoag, Lindley Murray; Howland, Susan; Jenkins, Anna A.; Jones, Eli; Jones, James; Meader, Elizabeth; Meader, John; Osborne, John;
Scott, Job (from Providence Monthly Meeting and Smithfield Quarterly); Tabor, William C.
1792-1856
OS 2
Views of the Society of Friends in relation to civil government. Providence : Knowles and Vose
1840
Box 22: 25
Vital records: Buffum family tree
1958
OS 2
Vital records: Directory of members
1960-1961
Box 22: 26
Vital records: Marriage certificates
1751-1970
OS 2
Marriage certificate: John Bowen to Phoebe Congdon

1751
OS 2
Marriage certificate: David Coffin to Abigail Folger (Nantucket)
1757
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Daniel Case to Lydia Sweat (Smithfield)
1781
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Levi Hunt to Rizpah Smith
1793
OS 2
Marriage certificate: John Wing to Rebecca Davis (New Bedford)
1803
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Seth Allen to Thankful Gifford (Barnstable)
1804
OS 2
Marriage certificate: John Mithcell to Katherine Gould (Middletown, R.I.)
1806
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Joshua Braley to Mary Landers (Falmouth)
1808
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Benjamin Percival to Phebe Swift (Sandwich)
1809
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Lodowick Holley to Abigail Howe (Sandwich)
1811
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Samuel Shove to Lydia Buffum
1812
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Charles Akins to Berthshebe Kelley (Barnstable)
1813
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Allen Kelley to Mary Freeman (Sandwich)
1814
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Marriage certificate: Thomas Bowerman to Abigail Davis
1815
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Nathan Bowerman to Hannah Fraly (Barnstable)
1819
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Abner Austin to Elizabeth S. Weeks (Falmouth)
1820
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Isaac Frye to Anna Bowerman (Sandwich)
1822
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Hezekiah Hoxie to Sarah Hoxie (Sandwich)
1822
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Paul Aldrich to Willa Cook (Mendon, Mass.)
1823
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Uriah Jillson to Hadasah Mowry (Smithfield)
1823
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Eligah Brownell to Phoebe Battey (Smithfield)
1826
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Jonathan Hazard to Mary Congdon
1826
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Stephen S. Sherman to Abi Briggs
1829
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Philip Walden to Mary Smith (Smithfield)
1836
OS 2
Marriage certificate: William R. Slocumb to Lovinia S. Thayer (Mendon, Mass.)
1837
OS 2
Marriage certificate: William C. P. Clemens to Ruth Daniels (Mendon, Mass.)
1840
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Allen Kelly to Deborah Inman (Smithfield)
1841
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Clement O. Reed to Lydia Buffum (Cumberland, R.I.)
1845
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Stephen Taber to Mary E. Pope (Vassalboro)
1854
OS 2
Marriage certificate: Thomas Gregory Ward to Jennette Tracy Agard (Bennington)
1970
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Vital records: Membership data
Box 22: 28
Vital records: Membership directory
1954-1955
Box 22: 29
Vital records: Membership directory
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Box 22: 30
Vital records: Membership directory
1957
Box 22: 31
Vital records: Membership lists

1984
Box 23: 1
Vital records: Membership lists
1985
Box 23: 2
Vital records: Membership updates
1984-1985
Box 23: 3
Vital records: Statistical report
1988
Box 23: 4
Vital records: Statistics of the Yearly Meeting
1836
Box 24: 1
Vital records: Thayer, Rachel: Will
1768
OS 2
War: An Unnecessary Evil -- Forbidden By Scripture. Providence : Rhode Island Printing Co.
1886
Box 24: 2
World War I: Activities of Friends during the war and reconstruction (information sheets): Maine
ca.1919
Box 24: 3
World War I: Activities of Friends during the war and reconstruction (information sheets): Massachusetts
ca.1919
Box 24: 4
World War I: Activities of Friends during the war and reconstruction (information sheets): New Hampshire
ca.1919
Box 24: 5
World War I: Activities of Friends during the war and reconstruction (information sheets): Rhode Island
ca.1919
Box 24: 6
World War I: Battle Cry of the Mothers, by Angela Morgan [flifer]
ca.1917
Box 24: 7
[World War I: To men and women of goodwill in the British Empire.](#) London : Headly Brothers
1914
Box 24: 8
Yearly Meeting notes (from White Family Papers)
1834
Box 24: 9
Yearly Meeting notes (from C. Mumford)
1910
Box 24: 10
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1911-1929
Box 24: 11
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1933-1941
Box 24: 12
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1950-1955
Box 24: 13
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1963-1964
Box 24: 14
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1966-1967
Box 24: 15
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts: includes transcripts of Bible Half Hour by David Blamires
1968
Box 24: 16
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1969
Box 24: 17
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1970
Box 24: 18
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1971
Box 24: 19
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1972
Box 24: 20
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts: includes transcripts of Bible Half Hour by Howard R. Macy
1972
Box 24: 21
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1973
Box 24: 22
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1974
Box 24: 23
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1975
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Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1976
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Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1977
Box 24: 26
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1978
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Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1979
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Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1980
Box 24: 29
Yearly Meeting: programs and handouts
1981

Box 24: 30
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Permanent Board: Permanent Board (Formerly Executive Meeting, 1901; Representative Meeting, 1897; Sufferings, 1872)
1887-1924
Permanent Board
1974-1988
Permanent Board
1968
Permanent Board
1902-1912
Permanent Board
1902-1912
Permanent Board
1911-1974
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1921-1937
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1922-1926
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1924-1963
Permanent Board
1926 Oct. 1-1930 Jan. 1
Permanent Board
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Permanent Board
1961-1992
Permanent Board
1970-1978
Permanent Board
1984-1987
Permanent Board
1992-2008
Board of Managers
1890-1966
Board of Managers
1949-1959
Board of Managers
1972-1976
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds: Lynn Realty Trust
1933-1947
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds: Providence Friends School Funds
1895-1902
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds: Providence Union National Bank check stubs
1946-1955
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds: Treasurers Report (1955, 1959-1966), Christiansen and Co Audits (1962-1966)
1955-1966
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds: Trial balance book
1938-1966
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds
1902 Feb. 3-1918 June 14
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds
1918 June 13-1943 Oct. 13
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds
1922-1929
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds
1927-1935
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds
1929-1964
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds
1930-1967
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds
1943 Nov.-1958 Feb.
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds
1949-1986
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds
1958 Apr.-1967 Nov.
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds
1959 Jan.-1972 Dec.
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds
1965-1967
Board of Managers, Investments and Permanent Funds
1967-1974
Personnel: Personnel (Closed until 2031)
1983-1995
Personnel: Personnel (Closed until 2031)
1986-1991
Central Advisory, Executive Council
1928-1998
Central Advisory, Executive Council
1980-1989
Archives Committee: "Personal file" (material about the archive)
Archives Committee: Administrative files for archives
Archives Committee: Archive log
1982
Archives Committee: Archive log
1987-1990
Archives Committee: Archive log
1991-2001
Archives Committee: Box 104 miscellaneous
1990s
Archives Committee: Brightman inventory
1977
Archives Committee: Correspondence with Monthlies and Quarterlies
1996-2006
Archives Committee: Guide to archives
Archives Committee: Inventory of the Church Archives of Rhode Island, Society of Friends (WPA Guide): 3 copies
1939
Archives Committee: Obsolete inventories for Moses and Obadiah Brown books
1986
Archives Committee: Obsolete inventories for Moses Brown School books

1986
Archives Committee: Obsolete inventories for Moses Brown School books
1986
Archives Committee: RIHS agreement
1993-2004
Archives Committee: True miscellany
1915-1973
Archives Committee
1963
Archives Committee
1971
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2001
Archives Committee
1964-2010
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1970-2008
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1980-1999
Clerk: Bodine, Thomas
1962-1968
Clerk: Bodine, Thomas
1962-1968
Clerk: Browne, Gordon
1970-1975
Clerk: Cazden, Betsy
1991-1994
Clerk: Hoffman, Jan
1983-1986
Clerk
2007
Clerk: Kriebel, William B.
1987-1989
Clerk: Osborne, Ruth
1967
Clerk: Osborne, Ruth
1967-1969
Clerk: Perry, Sylvia
1978-1983
Clerk: Smith, Caleb
1974-1979
Meeting for Sufferings
1761-1841
Meeting for Sufferings
1766-1789
Meeting for Sufferings
1810-1857
Meeting for Sufferings
1828-1869
Meeting for Sufferings: Minutes
1775-1793
Meeting for Sufferings: Minutes
1793-1842
Meeting for Sufferings: Minutes
1842 June 16-1887 June 9
Series 3. Committees and Programs
1672-2011
China Camp
1969
China Camp
1953-2007
Committee on Closer Cooperation of All Friends in New England: Meetings on Union of meetings (George Selleck's notes)
1943-1945
Coordinating and Advisory Committee
2010
Earthcare Ministry
1982-1995
Equalization Committee
1950-2006
Faith and Practice Revision Committee: Discipline revision
1962-1965
Faith and Practice Revision Committee: Discipline revision papers
1948-1949
Faith and Practice Revision Committee: Faith and Practice
1979-1986
Faith and Practice Revision Committee: Faith and Practice revision
1966
Faith and Practice Revision Committee: Faith and Practice revision
1979-1986
Faith and Practice Revision Committee: Miscellaneous, including Faith and Practice rewrite
1979-1986
Friends Community Development Corporation
1973-1988
Friends Community Development Corporation
1974-1981
Long Range Planning and Personnel Committee
1981-1986
Meetings and Extension Committee
1962-1971
Ministry: Ministers and Elders
1707-1797
Ministry: Ministers and Elders
1781-1921
Ministry: Ministers and Elders
1798 June 9-1846 June 18
Ministry: Ministry and Counsel
1950-1977
Ministry: Ministry and Counsel
1961-1963
Ministry: Ministry and Counsel
1971-1978
Ministry: Ministry and Counsel
1976-1982

Ministry: Ministry and Counsel
1977-1995
Ministry: Ministry and Counsel
1998-2010
Ministry: Ministry and Oversight
1847-1912
Ministry: Select meeting
1710-1799
Ministry: Evangelistic Committee: Accounts
1906-1933
Ministry: Missionary Committee
1890-1971
Ministry: Christian Education Committee
1955-1986
Ministry: Christian Education Committee
1984-2010
Ministry: Church Extension Board
1894-1902
Mosher Book and Tract Fund
1948-1998
New England Friends Home
1828-1967
New England Friends Home
1958-2007
Schools: Betsy Collins Purinton Diary transcript
1819
Schools: Miscellaneous
1771-1972
Schools: School Committee: Subcommittee having the more immediate care of the school
1833 Mar. 5-1841 Oct. 12
Schools: School Committee: Subcommittee having the more immediate care of the school
1841-1850
Schools: School Committee: Subcommittee having the more immediate care of the school
1904-1907
Schools: School Committee
1958
Schools: School Committee
1780 June 12-1782 July 12
Schools: School Committee
1818-1833
Schools: School Committee
1833-1847
Schools: School Committee
1847-1852
Schools: School Committee
1852-1863
Schools: School Committee
1863-1880
Schools: School Committee
1864-1907
Schools: School Committee
1881-1894
Schools: School Committee
1905-1924
Schools: School Committee
1928 May 28-1935 Oct. 8
Schools: Maryville Freedmans Normal Institute
1873-1958
Schools: Maryville Freedmans Normal Institute
1879-1895
Schools: Moses Brown School: Accounts
1853-1887
Schools: Moses Brown School: Alumni Association
1859-1865
Schools: Moses Brown School: Alumni: Convention of former pupils
1859-1864
Schools: Moses Brown School: Funds
1925-1933
Schools: Moses Brown School: Headmasters Reports
1925-1930
Schools: Moses Brown School: Headmasters Reports
1930-1935
Schools: Moses Brown School: Headmasters Reports
1935-1940
Schools: Moses Brown School: Headmasters Reports
1940-1945
Schools: Moses Brown School: Headmasters Reports
1945-1950
Schools: Moses Brown School: Headmasters Reports
1950-1955
Schools: Moses Brown School: Headmasters Reports
1955-1959
Schools: Moses Brown School: Headmasters Reports
1959-1962
Schools: Moses Brown School: Literary societies, etc.
1847-1903
Schools: Moses Brown School: Also the Lincoln School
1924-1989
Schools: Moses Brown School: Nurturing Friends Education at Moses Brown School
2010
Schools: Moses Brown School: Photographs
1860s-1960s?
Schools: Moses Brown School: Schools after 1904; commencement programs, Moses Brown at Grindle Point
1780-1938
Schools: Moses Brown School: Scrapbook
1919-1957
Schools: Moses Brown School: Social Lyceum
1833-1838
Schools: Moses Brown School: Subcommittee on Real Estate
1875-1922
Schools: Moses Brown School
1780-1953
Schools: Moses Brown School

1782-1914
Schools: Moses Brown School
1815-1880
Schools: Moses Brown School
1816-1893
Schools: Moses Brown School
1819-1965
Schools: Moses Brown School
1819-2002
Schools: Moses Brown School
1892-1976
Schools: Moses Brown School
1919-1971
Schools: Non-NEYM
ca.1800-1960?
Schools: Oak Grove
1823-1923
Schools: Oak Grove
1873-1954
Schools: Minority Concerns in Friends Schools Committee: Also Minute 74 Committee
1979-1990
Schools: Minority Concerns in Friends Schools Committee
1964-1978
Program Committee: Predecessor to Sessions
1983-1993
Sessions Committee
1935-1949
Sessions Committee
1954-1973
Sessions Committee
1974-1982
Sessions Committee
1984-1991
Sessions Committee
1988-1995
Sessions Committee
1994-2009
Student loans
1967-2000
Social justice: Peace
1940-1969
Social justice: Peace and Social Concerns: "The Friends meeting and alcohol"
ca.1954
Social justice: Peace and Social Concerns
1970-2011
Social justice: Prejudice and Poverty
1973-1988
Social justice: Prejudice and Poverty:
Social justice: Restorative Justice Subcommittee
1970-2011
Social justice: Right Sharing of World Resources
1971-1980
Social justice: War Tax Concerns Committee
1979-1992
United Society of Friends Women: Financial
1950-2003
United Society of Friends Women
1996
United Society of Friends Women
1985-1993
United Society of Friends Women
1986-1999
United Society of Friends Women
2009-2011
Womens Foreign Missionary Corporation: Executive Committee
1897-1951
Womens Foreign Missionary Corporation: Treasurer
1894-1906
Womens Foreign Missionary Corporation: Treasurer
1900-1906
Womens Foreign Missionary Corporation: Treasurer
1905-1911
Womens Foreign Missionary Corporation
1884 June 11-1897 Feb. 2
Womens Foreign Missionary Corporation
1892-1903
Womens Foreign Missionary Corporation
1904-1934
Womens Foreign Missionary Corporation
1907-1956
Youth: Junior Yearly Meeting: History
1930-1980
Youth: Junior Yearly Meeting: History
1930-1980
Youth: Junior Yearly Meeting: Minutes and Scrapbook
1930-1940
Youth: Junior Yearly Meeting
1889-1970
Youth: Young Friends: Board
1939-1954
Youth: Young Friends
1949-1987
Youth: Youth Programs Committee
1988-2001
Committees: Miscellaneous to be filed
1990-2002
Committees
1985-1987
Committees
1989-1992
Committees:
Committees (to be filed)
1964-2005

Committees (to be filed)
1967-1998
Committees A-O (Denny's files)
1964-1985
Series 4. Financial
1672-2011
Financial: A. Shearman Jr Charitable Fund
1905
Financial: Abner Peace Fund
1864-1961
Financial: Finance Committee
1947-2006
Financial: H.H. Mosher Fund
1875-1912
Financial: H.H. Mosher Fund
1876-1952
Financial: H.H. Mosher Fund
199-1947
Financial: Othniel Tripp Fund
1950-1966
Financial: Rachel Thayer Fund (copies, extracts)
1767
Financial: Sarah N. Dixon Fund, Hingham Home, Huntington Home
1886-1975
Financial
1779-1861
Financial
1862-1870
Financial
1890-1908
Financial
1893-1913
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1908-1923
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1909-1945
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1922-1923
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1928-1934
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1993-1994
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1994-1995
Series 4. Audiovisual Materials
1865-1980
Audiovisual: Photographs: Exhibitions, Photographs
Audiovisual: Photographs: Also miscellaneous
?
Audiovisual: Photographs: Includes photo album of Work Camp at Weare, 1940
1895-1980?
Audiovisual: Photographs: Lantern slides
undated
Audiovisual: Photographs: Miscellaneous
Audiovisual: Photographs: Miscellaneous slides
1967-1978
Audiovisual: Photographs: NEYM meetings
1926-1940
Audiovisual: Photographs:
1860s-1980s?
Audiovisual: Photographs:
1870-1955
Audiovisual: Audiocassettes, etc.

Audiovisual: Recent accession from Cambridge lady
Audiovisual: Microfilm of records
Audiovisual: Microfilm of records
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1672-2018

The records of each Monthly and Quarterly Meetings are listed in separate findings.

Record Group 4. Miscellaneous Materials

1695-2007

Attendance of Friends from abroad. . . , 1760-1839

ca.1839

List of Publick Friends... to New England, 1656-1780

ca.1780

Register of public Friends. . .

Register of the names of Publick Friends. . . , by Paul Wing

1787

Biographical and historical: Audiocassettes

1977-1987

Biographical and historical: Centennials

1854-1982

Biographical and historical: Clippings

Biographical and historical: Eminent Friends (about)

1849-1963

Biographical and historical: Facsimiles and copies

Biographical and historical: Guest book

1958-1969

Biographical and historical: Guides to archives

Biographical and historical: Leach, Robert J., Why Nantucket Quakers? (typescript of oral histories)

1976-1979

Biographical and historical: Maps, Burrill plots

Biographical and historical: Meetinghouse maps; New Bedford Monthly Barclay Society

Biographical and historical: Meetinghouse workshop: Lost meetinghouses, how to find

2003

Biographical and historical: Memorials and biographers

1959-1989

Biographical and historical: New England Friends join the Quaker Peace Witness (Scrapbook)

1960 Nov.

Biographical and historical: Scrapbooks

1880-1961

Biographical and historical: Stories for children

1884-1906

Biographical and historical: Testimonies

1761-1841

Biographical and historical: Testimonies (Memorials of deceased Friends)

1843-1868

Biographical and historical: Testimonies (Memorials of deceased Friends)

1871-1874

Brown, Moses: mostly stuff on Moses Brown:

1984-1989

Card catalog:

Card catalog:

Deeds and wills (including from Moses and Obadiah Brown):

1695-1964

Ephemera on NEYM from Guilford :

1951-1968

Ephemera, photographs, etc.:

Gould, Stephen Wanton: diaries (transcripts), box 1/2:

1803-1838

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Greetings from Swarthmore:

2000

Guilford College: Quaker collection

1969

Historical: Miscellaneous: guides to meetings

1763-1965

Histories: Essays on Quakerism in Lynn, Pelham, etc.

Histories: Genealogy of the Warner Family

1904

Histories: Miscellaneous mss histories of Quakers and Quakerism, including dissertations, etc.

Histories: Missionaries to China from Vassalboro, Me., by Wilbur and Julia Estes

2004

Histories: Notes on history of Quaker meetings in New England

Histories: Notes on meetinghouse, letter to Thomas Batty from Horace T. Fogg

ca.1920

Histories: Play: The business of our lives (opening session NEYM)

1961

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2007

Histories: Records of the Society of Friends at Harlem (China), Maine (copy)

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Histories: Records of the Society of Friends at Vassalborough, Maine

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Histories: The Quakers Meeting, print by J. Bowles after E. Kepshrick [print]

Histories: The Society of Friends in Barnstable County (copy), by John H. Dillingham

1891

Histories: Vassalboro Friends Meeting Quaker Burial Ground, East Vassalboro, Maine, by Phyllis Jones

2005

Index to library books:

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Letter from WAK to Rufus L. Griffith: (WAK=William A Knight)

1870 June 1

Meetinghouses: Meeting houses no longer extant

1812-1976

Meetinghouses: Meetinghouses in Massachusetts

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Melish, Map of the United States (1820); Sarah Swift friendship albums; Friends School scrapbook; issues of magazines:
1820-1887
Miscellaneous:
1709-1965
Miscellaneous:
1776-1999
Miscellaneous:
1963-1991
Miscellaneous:
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Miscellaneous: Textiles: bags in which record books were carried:
Oral histories, narratives:
1926-1983
Peace scrapbook:
1937-1941
Peace and World Education Booth:
1924
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1924
Posters and oversized:
Quaker calendars:
Scrapbook, disbound:
1974
Sermon: Luke 22.19: Do this in remembrance of me:
1774
Suitcase:
Record Group 5. Printed Materials
1633-2009

NEYM books are listed individually in the UMass Amherst online catalog. The periodicals and pamphlets are still in the process of being cataloged.

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Access

The collection is open for research.

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After many years of being on deposit at the Rhode Island Historical Society, the NEYM approved of the transfer of their records to SCUA in August 2015.

Bibliography

A more detailed history of Friends in New England can be found in Faith and Practice of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends (1985).

An earlier, and still valuable version of this finding aid was produced by Richard D. Stattler, [Guide to the Records of the Religious Society of Friends \(Quakers\) in New England](#) (1997).

Separated Material

The following collections of personal papers arrived with the NEYM collection and have been described separately:

- [Samuel Austin Collection](#), 1718-1920. (MS 937)
- [Moses Brown Papers](#), 1713-1840. (MS 930)
- [Howland Family Papers](#), 1727-1886. (MS 923)
- [NEYM Quaker History Collection](#), 1783-1950. (MS 926)
- Obadiah Brown's Benevolent Fund Records, 1814-2015. (MS 956)
- [Peck-Sisson-White Family Papers](#), 1783-1950. (MS 933)
- [Henry H. Perry Papers](#), 1940-1942. (MS 1019)
- [Providence Society for Abolishing the Slave Trade Minute Book](#), 1789-1827. (MS 935)
- [Slade Family Papers](#), 1776-1892. (MS 934)
- [Sarah J. Swift Papers](#), 1783-1950. (MS 932)
- [Willis H. White Papers](#), 1874-1966. (MS 929)

Other formats available

Much, but not all of the records of the NEYM are available on microfilm. Sets of the film are available at the [Rhode Island Historical Society](#), the [Friends College at Earlham College](#).

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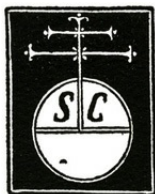
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