

Finding Aid for the RECORDS OF PRIMITIVE FRIENDS,
1832-1922

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RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions.

ABSTRACT

Nineteenth and twentieth century records, especially minutes, of Primitive Friends (Quakers) in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The General Meeting of Men and Women Primitive Friends of Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey was established in 1860 in Fallsington, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. It exercised the functions of the monthly meeting until one was established in 1866 as well as its other functions.

When Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Primitive Friends, which had been set up in 1854, was laid down in 1868, the Meeting then reported to the General Meeting.

Nottingham Quarterly Meeting, established by Baltimore Yearly Meeting in 1861, was laid down in 1868 and then reported to the General Meeting.

Nottingham Monthly Meeting was also set up by Baltimore Yearly Meeting in 1864 and placed under the care of the General Meeting when Baltimore Yearly Meeting was dissolved in 1868.

Similar action was taken with Little Britain Monthly Meeting, established in 1864 by Nottingham Quarterly Meeting. Little Britain and Nottingham Monthly Meeting were merged in this arrangement.

Baltimore's component monthly and preparative meetings at Deer Creek were discontinued in 1865 by a minute of Nottingham Quarterly Meeting, 11 mo 17 1865 (laid into Deer Creek Monthly Meeting minutes, 1854-1865) and its members attached to Nottingham and Little Britain Monthly Meeting.

Falls Monthly Meeting was set up by the General Meeting in 1866, meeting in Fallsington.

Philadelphia Monthly Meeting was also organized by the General Meeting in 1866, meeting in Philadelphia.

These two latter monthly meetings took over the functions of the monthly meeting for the General Meeting, along with Nottingham and Little Britain.

Salem Monthly Meeting in Ohio was separated from Ohio General Meeting joining the General Meeting in 1867.

(Information from: *Inventory of Church Archives, Society of Friends in Pennsylvania*; Quaker Records in Maryland / Phebe Jacobsen; *Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends* / Robert Leach.)

SUBJECT HEADINGS

General Meeting of Men and Women **Primitive Friends** of Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey -- History

Fritchley Monthly Meeting of **Friends** (England)

Lay ministry -- Society of **Friends**

Society of **Friends** – Maryland

Society of Friends -- Ohio

Society of Friends – Pennsylvania

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

Records are arranged hierarchically under the Meeting by which it was established, i.e. all the meetings set up by Baltimore Yearly Meeting followed by those set up by the General Meeting at Fallsington.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

Records of Primitive Friends in the 19th and 20th centuries, predominantly minutes, within Baltimore and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings, as well as Salem Monthly Meeting in Ohio. Other miscellaneous records include epistles from Primitive Friends at Fritchley, England to Primitive Friends in the U.S., deeds, accounts, legal papers of individual members and a list of removed pamphlets.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Packages 1-9

1. Baltimore Yearly Meeting: minutes: 1854-1868 (M); women's minutes: 1854-1858 (M); minutes of ministers and elders: 1855-1865 (ML); Meeting for Sufferings: minutes: 1856-1868 (M).
2. Nottingham (Pa.) Quarterly Meeting: minutes: 1861-1868 (ML).
3. Nottingham and Little Britain (Pa.) Monthly Meeting: minutes: 1864-1890 (M).
4. Deer Creek (Md.) Monthly Meeting: minutes: 1854-1865 (ML); marriage and removal certificates: 1857-1859 (M).
5. Deer Creek Preparative Meeting: minutes of ministers and elders: 1842-1852 (M).
6. General Meeting of Men and Women Primitive Friends of Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey: minutes: 1860-1866 (M), 1866-1892 (MI), 1893-1925 (M); minutes of ministers and elders: 1863-1875 (L), 1876-1907 (MIL), 1908-1921 (L); marriage certificates: 1866-1898 (M).
7. Falls (Pa.) Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends: minutes: 1866-1885 (M), 1885-1908 (ML) and index (M).
8. Falls Preparative Meeting: minutes of ministers and elders: 1870-1878 (M).
9. Philadelphia Monthly Meeting: minutes: 1866-1885 (MI), 1885-1903 (MI); minutes of ministers and elders: 1867-1872 (M), 1872-1903 (ML); certificates of removals and marriages: 1868-1900 (M); members, births and deaths: 1865-1903 (M).
10. Salem (Ohio) Monthly Meeting: minutes: 1865-1888 (M).
11. Miscellaneous records

Boxes 1-3:

Box 1: includes some marriage certificates, some removals and epistles from the Primitive Friends at Fritchley, England and to and from other Primitive Meetings in the U.S., including New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New England. Also list of removed pamphlets;

Box 2: contains 19th century deeds, including Little Britain Meetinghouse (Property of Falls Meeting, Bucks County and Philadelphia properties);

Box 3: includes financial accounts, minutes of the publications committee, 1908-1909, legal papers of individual members;

*M = microfilmed
L = items laid in
I = index

MATERIALS REMOVED

Ca. 100 pamphlets and
Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Baltimore– to QC. (See list in box 1)