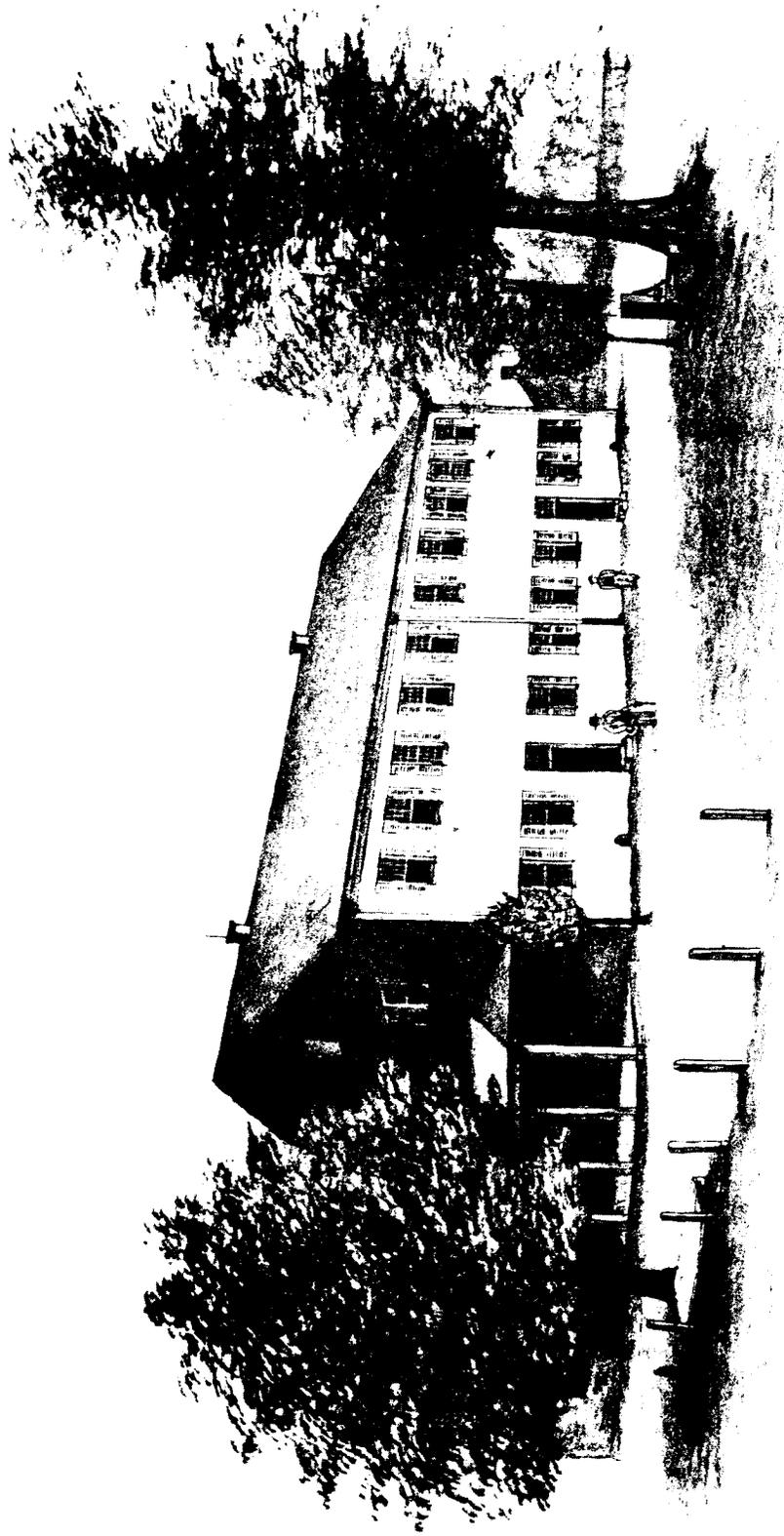


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## F O R E W O R D

Near the end of the Eighteenth Century, Friends living in the eastern part of the United States, as well as those in Virginia and the Carolinas, were induced to move to the Northwest Territory. "Into this land of no roads came settlers from almost every state in the Union."

In September, 1798, Abijah O'Neall and Samuel Kelly of Bush River Meeting, South Carolina, started on horseback for the Northwest Territory. They came to the new town of Waynesville, Ohio, and purchased 3,110-3/4 acres of land. Abijah O'Neall, in 1799, and Samuel Kelly, in 1801, moved their families, together with other families of Friends, to Waynesville. All of them wished to live in a territory free of slavery.

In 1802, Samuel Linton, in order that his sons might have more land, brought his family of three sons and two daughters, by wagon from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, to Pittsburgh. There he bought a raft and they floated down the Ohio River to Cincinnati; then they continued by wagon to Waynesville. Others came the same way. Later, Samuel Linton became the first clerk of Miami Monthly Meeting.

As Friends moved to the Northwest Territory, they carried with them the long established practices of 'setting-up' meetings and keeping records. First, they founded indulged meetings for worship, then preparative meetings, monthly meetings, quarterly meetings and, at last, the yearly meeting at Richmond, in 1821. For almost seventy-five years, each of these meetings, except the indulged meetings for worship, kept two sets of minutes. Men's and women's business sessions were held separately and each kept their own record.

This history records the steps of development and the religious unfolding of matters that came up and are recorded in the minutes - particularly in the minutes of the yearly meeting. From these we get the story of the yearly meeting.

Records have been abstracted for this history. Any particular action may be found in the original minute which gives a picture of the thought (or sense) of the meeting at the time it was written. Also revealed in the minutes are the growth and the decline in membership and the problems and frustrations faced by earlier Friends.

In writing this history, I was chagrined by many things that I learned. But even in adversity there was always present that courageous spirit which met discouragement and failure. It was kept alive by the faith of those Friends who are dead and those who are living.

S. E. F., Sr.

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And finally, as the history is about to be published, I want to thank those faithful clerks who wrote and preserved the minutes of the Yearly Meeting. Without the minutes, this history could not have been written.

## GRANDMOTHER'S STORY

During the 133rd session of Indiana Yearly Meeting, held at Pendleton, Indiana, a concern was expressed by Barret Hollister that a history of Indiana Yearly Meeting be written and published. The concern was approved and stated that Seth E. Furnas should, with others, write the history of the Meeting.

When I learned of this decision, I wondered what the history should contain - beliefs and doctrines? Establishment of meetings and basis of membership? Efforts for peace, temperance, etc.? As I considered these ideas, my memory kept traveling back to that Friendly atmosphere that I remembered as a boy and I lived again with Friends that are no more.

Well do I remember a hot afternoon in late August. I was riding on the back seat of my grandfather's carriage, returning home after a long day of meeting. I heard Grandfather telling Grandmother what had happened in the men's meeting. Then, after a quiet moment, he turned to her and said, "Now tell me what happened in the women's meeting." It was in 1895, when the two meetings were still held separately. I could hear them talking but couldn't understand what they said. Before long, I went to sleep and I only remember that as Grandfather carried me into the house, Grandmother was saying, "Meeting was too much for him."

Now, after more than sixty years, we are grandfathers and grandmothers. We have grandchildren just as the grandfathers and grandmothers for over 130 years have had, and yet, during all this time, there has been one yearly meeting. What has it meant to the grandfathers and grandmothers? What have we meant to the meeting? Has each relationship supplemented the other?

What of these 130 years? Do they not tell of the devotion and loyalty to Indiana Yearly Meeting of many grandmothers and grandfathers and of what it has done for them? What of the different problems that each generation faced? What of their differences and the goals that each tried to reach? Did they achieve them with the help of the Heavenly Father inspiring them in their collective search for truth? Were they able, amidst the problems of their time, to translate grace and truth in their outward lives with love for their fellow men? Their efforts to achieve these goals; some realized, some not; make the history of Indiana Yearly Meeting.

How shall it be told? Shall I be the judge? There have been too many judges already. As I look back into the past, I see once more that scene in the old carriage and hear Grandfather say to Grandmother, "Tell what happened in the women's meeting." It makes me say, "Why not?" Why not let Grandmother tell the story - the problems that the women met and solved; the glory and the beauty they were able to find in their lives.

Grandmother and Grandfather have left a written record. There are also traditions and stories handed down by word of mouth that tell how Indiana Yearly Meeting was formed and kept alive to this day. As much as can be, let her tell it in her own way.

- THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE GRANDMOTHERS -

First, let's get acquainted with the grandmothers and grandfathers of our generation. How satisfied we are, dressed in simple taste; avoiding both extreme plainness and too much adornment in dress. We are thankful to have lived in a time when grandmother saw the wood-burning cook stove replaced by an electric range. The baking, the churning, the laundry and other household chores are easier now. And grandfather, if a farmer, has seen many labor-saving tools ease the hard work that he remembers as a boy. Surely it's a wonderful time to live!

However, if we look closely, we can see on their countenances the strain left by the first World War, when brothers and lovers answered the call of duty with the army and ambulance units. More cares were added when the second World War called sons to army duty and C.P.S. camps. Yes, they had to face stern realities. They met them.

The grandfathers and grandmothers just before them lived at a time of low prices, panics and decreasing crop yields. Some progress had been made toward labor-saving appliances. However, they were more concerned with keeping ahead financially and reviving the waning interest in meeting. As we look at them, we can see how it affected them. In an effort to retain the prestige of the past, simple plainness was replaced by fashionable appearance. It is to their credit that they carried on.

Looking back another generation, we see the prosperous years at the close of the Civil War. In their younger years, these grandparents faced the war. At its close, they were concerned with mending the wounds of the nation and the meeting. They saw changes in their homes and on their farms. They had improved machinery and livestock, better heating, improved lighting, more comfortable homes, more efficient tillage tools, better means of harvesting grain and, at the close of the Civil War, better prices. Pictures of that time show touches of refinement and luxury in the traditional Quaker dress.

The preceding generation shows a sternness of belief and an effort to meet a changing society and still live according to the demands of Quaker doctrine. It was a time of economic hardship while the political question of slavery and the plight of those to the South who were held in bondage, was of grave concern. Truly, they lived and raised their families at a time when preserving the tradition of the past required economy and hard work.

In the generation before were the pioneers. They left their comfortable homes and came to a wilderness where they built new homes. They met many hardships but insisted on a way of life that carried out the ideals of their beloved society. Here, with the simplest of tools, they built their homes and their meeting and demanded the strictest adherence to the principles of membership.

A progress report was given to Yearly Meeting in 1954. These five generations appeared and were photographed by Dr. Emma G. Holloway. This report was short and given orally.

Four women from Caesar's Creek Meeting represented the pioneers. Let us think of each as a grandmother from one of the four different areas from which Friends came to what is now Indiana Yearly Meeting. Let one of these grandmothers represent the group of Friends who came from six monthly meetings in Virginia (55 certificates and 269 persons) and six monthly meetings in Maryland (8 certificates numbering 25 persons). Another grandmother represents Friends from six monthly meetings in Pennsylvania (16 certificates numbering 45 persons) and seven monthly meetings in New Jersey (14 certificates numbering 69 persons). The third grandmother represents pioneers who came from one monthly meeting in Georgia (28 certificates numbering 155 persons) and two monthly meetings in Tennessee (45 certificates numbering 221 persons). The last grandmother stands for members from 11 monthly meetings in North Carolina (90 certificates numbering 387 persons) and from Bush River Quarterly Meeting (171 certificates numbering 810 persons).

The above represents the years 1803 to 1807 and makes the estimated number of Friends belonging to Miami Monthly Meeting 2,000 members. When Miami Monthly Meeting was set up, in 1803, it had about 200 members. By 1807, Friends were located in Warren, Clinton, Highland, Montgomery, Miami and Preble Counties in Ohio, and Wayne County in Indiana. (Eli Jay, Richmond, Indiana.)

Behind all these meetings and migrations are many stories. Many Friends, after the Revolutionary War, migrated to the South where there was land and opportunity. The Indians were more friendly, too. While in the North, Friends were asked to aid in war measures to defend the outlying settlements.

Then, about 1800, there was the temptation of cheap land in the newly formed Northwest Territory. However, the grandmother from the Carolinas tells of the greatest problem the Friends faced - "to live righteously." Let her tell her story. (The following, while based on the minutes of the meeting, is told as a traditional story that makes the history of Indiana Yearly Meeting more dramatic and beautiful.)

I will have to go back to the time that there was no yearly meeting, no quarterly meeting, no monthly meeting, and not even a meeting for worship. In fact, I go back to the time that all of us lived in our comfortable homes in the East. I remember a First-day in our home in South Carolina. We mounted horses that were brought to the 'upon' block by Mose, our slave, and rode through the woods to Bush River meeting house. About 400 Friends were assembled in a meeting for worship.

After a time of silent worship, Zachariah Dix, a minister, rose to speak. He spoke on the question of holding slaves, an issue that was rapidly dividing the meeting. Reminding the meeting of the equality of all men as taught by Fox and Penn, he said, "O, Bush River . . . there are those among you who have within your household a wedge of gold and the Babylonish garment. You are depriving your fellow men of their God-given rights. You have bought them like cattle in pens; you have sold them like sheep at the slaughter; you have held them for gain, them, their wives and their children.

O, young men of Bush River, the awful curse of human slavery will never be conquered or its crimes avenged until this land shall flow in blood. The cry of the slave beneath the driver's lash, the terror of the slave mother for her baby boy sold at the block, the immorality incident to the very system itself will be avenged . . .

O, Bush River, purge thyself. Young men, young women, to you I appeal . . . Go to the Northwest Territory. Look not behind you into this Sodom of human slavery . . . How do you expect, in the midst of this curse, to bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? O, sell your lands, sell your homes, and, in the virgin forests of the Northwest Territory, build homes whose sanctity shall forever be secure . . ."

Never before had such an invective against slavery been uttered in that meeting house. To me, it was very painful, for my father was one of those who loved his slaves and they loved him. As he had treated them kindly, he could see no harm in slavery. I felt the criticism was unjust. It disturbed me, for I could not think of Father doing a cruel or unjust thing.

Criticism seemed to echo from every side. I felt that I must escape. When dinner was over, I said to Betty, our Negro cook, "When thee has done the dishes, put some of the pudding in two porringers and take some of the corn pone thee baked yesterday and pack them in the willow basket and come with me to carry it to Ebenezer Brown's"

Uncle Eb, as he was called, was a relic of the past. He had lost his arm in the battle of Guilford Court House and, for going to war, was disowned by his meeting. Now, old and nearly blind, he and his wife Matilda were, for the most part, objects of charity. I felt that by relieving the discomforts of others, I would relieve my discomfort.

After following the path through the woods and arriving at Uncle Eb's, I said, "Uncle Eb, I thought some pudding and some of Betty's corn pone might taste good to thee."

"...You setting here," said he, "feeding me, reminds me of the day after the battle of Guilford Court House. In the early morning, thar came a

bunch of Quakers with their wagons and picked us up, British and Continentals all alike, and bandaged our wounds and made us beds on the floor and fed and nursed us."

Then, turning his eyes toward his wife, he said, "Tildy, pull out the chest from under the bed and give Hannah them land papers..." The documents proved to be a land warrant issued to Ebenezer Brown for his services in the Revolutionary War. It called for 200 acres of land in the valley of the Miami River.

"Dear Uncle Eb, doesn't thee know that being here with thee and Matilda is reward enough for anything I may do? I'll take the paper and treasure it as a token of our friendship - not as a gift of land in a faraway wilderness."

"Jes take it, Hannah, dear," interrupted Matilda. "Thee might have use for it. I heard some say, coming home from meeting, that Robert Evans was powerful took with Zachariah Dix's idea of moving to the Northwest Territory."

"I really don't see what that has to do with me and Uncle Eb's gift." Then all at once, overcome with emotion and calling Betty to follow, I darted quickly out of the cabin and up the woodland path. Suddenly, I heard Robert say, "Why, Hannah, thee's crying!" And then, somehow, I found myself in his arms.

Robert, too, had his troubles; he had been arrested for freeing a slave. Thus, on this woodland path, we comforted each other and knew and felt that together we might find a way that would be right for both of us.

At his trial, Robert pleaded not guilty for liberating a Negro slave. Elisha Coffin appeared at the trial as one of the trustees of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, with a bill of sale for this slave, which had been sold to North Carolina Yearly Meeting. It was accepted by the court and Robert was discharged.

It was not long after this that first my father and then my mother died. "Time's changes seem often to linger long....then, suddenly, all is changed. We rush to new duties and new cares. Some call this fate, some call it luck, some call it chance, and some call it God."

Robert's life and my life seemed to come together. We planned our marriage and were married in Bush River Meeting. We planned, as soon as it could be arranged, to make our home in the Northwest Territory where some Friends had already gone. So it came about that, after a journey of seven weeks in the company of other families, we came to the confines of what later became Miami Monthly Meeting.

It was necessary for Friends to sell their homes and farms for less than half of what they were worth. They were able to buy land in the wilderness of the

Northwest Territory for \$1.25 an acre - what was price and hardship compared to "the living devotion to a great principle"?

In Robert's pocket was a letter dated 25th of 5th month 1802. It was written by Borden Stanton who had moved to Concord, Ohio, "beyond doubting, that it was the ordering of Wisdom for us to remove; and that the Lord was opening a way for our enlargement, if found worthy." The loafers on the boxes in front of the village store that morning were sufficiently moved, in spite of their scoffing, to wave a genial goodbye and mutter, "Mighty good neighbors, but a set of fanatics."

The Friends records show that North Carolina Yearly Meeting, under a law of 1796 and its amendments, owned, over a period of sixty years, more than three thousand slaves. This was done so that the owners could avoid prosecution for freeing their slaves. Technically, the Yearly Meeting owned the slaves who were, by intent, free.

Among the Friends who were living at Waynesville, Ohio, (which was settled in 1797,) were the families of Robert Kelly, Abijah O'Neill and James Mills who came 11th month 20th, 1799, from Bush River Meeting. On 4-25-1800, David Falkner and David Painter came from Hopewell Monthly Meeting, Frederick County, Virginia. David Holloway and Rowland Richards came the same year. Later in the year, Joseph Cloud, a minister from Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, North Carolina, (who later settled here himself), held several meetings among them.

Other Friends continued to arrive and on 2-26-1801, a number of Friends, consisting of twenty-four parents and forty-seven children, met at the home of Rowland and Lydia Richards in a voluntary meeting for worship. The Richards lived near the center of the block bounded by North, Third, Miami and Fourth Streets, in Waynesville.

In the later part of the 18th century, two monthly meetings (Westland in 1785, and Redstone in 1793,) were established in southwestern Pennsylvania. These united, in 1798, to form Redstone Quarterly Meeting of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Certificates of removal for Friends moving to Waynesville were sent to Westland Monthly Meeting.

The Friends at Waynesville continued their meeting for worship during the summer. In the following winter, they sent a request to Westland Monthly Meeting, 300 miles away, asking that a recognized meeting for worship be held on First-days and the middle of the week. On 12-26-1801, Westland Monthly Meeting adopted the following minute:

"A number of Friends being settled near the Little Miami River, request has been made for the privilege of holding meetings of worship on first and fifth days of the week. After weighty deliberation, it appears to be the sense of the meeting that a committee be appointed to sit with them, inspect their situation and judge of the propriety of granting their request. Jacob

Griffith, Abram Smith, David Grave and Henry Mills are appointed to the service, to report when called on by this meeting."

The following minute from the same meeting is dated 9-25-1802.

"The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting (Redstone) report they all attended the same and that meeting united in leaving this at liberty to act in respect to request of Friends near the Little Miami as way may open in truth. After divers sentiments were expressed, it appeared the sense of Friends that the request be granted till otherwise directed. David Grave, Joseph Townsend, Abraham Smith and Henry Lewis were appointed to write to the Friends there on the occasion and forward the substance of this minute when opportunity offers."

The meeting was set up accordingly and appears to have met in a log building that had been erected for a dwelling by Ezekiel Cleaver. This, their meeting house, stood on the northeast corner of Third and Miami Streets in Waynesville. However, tradition tells that a small meeting house was built near where the Red Brick Meeting House now stands and was heated by live coals of fire placed in the meeting house.

- THE FOUNDING OF MIAMI MONTHLY MEETING -

The action of Redstone Quarterly Meeting satisfied the need for a meeting for worship but in matters of business, the Monthly Meeting was 300 miles away. Therefore, it was necessary that the first marriage among Friends - William Mills and Mary Richards - be solemnized by a Baptist minister - a method used at that time.

Early in 1803, the number of Friends settled in and about Waynesville had become large. Many of them were, or soon became, members of Westland Monthly Meeting. By 9-25-1802, there were certified to Westland Monthly Meeting from Bush River Monthly Meeting, Abijah and Anna (Kelly) O'Neill and children, 9 persons; Samuel and Hannah (Pearson) Kelly and children, 8 persons; Mary Jay Patty, wife of Charles Patty, 1 person; Layton and Elizabeth (Mills) Jay and children, 8 persons; Ann Horner, wife of Thomas Horner, and Ellis Pugh and Phebe, his wife, 3 persons.

From Cane Creek, South Carolina, before 10-13-1803: Amos and Elizabeth (Townsend) Cook and family; Levi and Ann (Frazier) Cook and family; Esther Campbell, Naomi Spray; Samuel and Mary (Wilson) Spray and family; Robert and Hannah (Wilson) Furnas and family; Dinah (Cook) Wilson; Jehu and Sarah (Hawkins) Wilson and family; Christopher and Mary (Cox) Wilson and family; Thomas and Tamar Cox; this partial list includes about 40 persons.

Other names - Ezekiel and Abigail Cleaver and family; Samuel Linton and five children; Edward and Margaret Kindley and family; John Mullen and family; Benjamin and Hannah Evans and family; as well as others not named, make a

total number in this list of not less than 75. All three groups totaled fully 160.

These Friends felt the need of further meeting privileges and about 6th month, 1803, or earlier, through Westland Monthly Meeting, they asked of Redstone Quarterly Meeting the establishment of a meeting for worship and the grant of a preparative meeting and a monthly meeting. Thereupon said Quarterly Meeting directed a committee to sit with them and report its judgment in the matter. The Westland Quarterly Meeting, 9-5-1803, granted the request as the following minutes indicate:

- 1st - The committee (excepting one) having sat with Friends near Little Miami, report that after weighty conferring together, did believe that it might be right to grant their request. Meeting for worship to be held on First and Fifth-days, monthly meeting on the second Fifth-day in each month and the preparative meeting on the day preceding; to be called Miami Monthly Meeting, which Redstone Quarterly Meeting unites with, and appoints Thomas Grisell, Mahlon Linton, Samuel Cope, Enoch Chandler, Jonathan Taylor and Horton Howard to attend the opening of said meetings at the time proposed in the next month, and confer with Friends and report where they may think most suitable for the boundry of said meeting to be.
- 2nd - At Miami Monthly Meeting held the 13th day of the 10th month, 1803, part of the Quarterly committee being present. A copy of a minute of Westland Monthly Meeting was produced to this meeting appointing David Faulkner and Samuel Kelly to serve in the station of overseers of Miami Particular Meeting.

The extracts (from the minutes) of our late Yearly Meeting (Baltimore) were produced and read. Our Friend Ann Taylor produced a certificate to this meeting, dated 17th day of 9th month, 1803, expressive of the unity of Concord Monthly Meeting with her visiting Friends about the Miami's, whose service among us has been acceptable. The meeting concludes.

11-12-1803 - Representatives from the preparative meeting were present with its answer to the 1st, 2nd, and 9th Queries which Miami Monthly Meeting adopted as follows:

(Baltimore Discipline)

- (1) - Our meetings are kept and attended, the hour nearly observed by most, no unbecoming behavior remarkable, except drowsiness prevails over some at times.
- (2) - A good degree of love and unity subsists among us; no complaint respecting the other particulars of the Query.
- (9) - Care is taken as to this Query. Samuel Linton is appointed clerk of the meeting for the ensuing year. Samuel Spray and Samuel Kelly are appointed representatives to the ensuing quarterly meeting at Redstone. The meeting concludes.

At Miami Monthly Meeting of women Friends held the 8th of the 12th month, 1803. One of the representatives attended and a reason was given for the other's absence.

Jemima Wright produced a certificate from Bush River Monthly Meeting, in South Carolina, (dated 4-30-1803, to Westland Monthly Meeting) for herself and five children, namely: Jane, Joshua, Jemima, Joab, and Joel (all names begin with the letter 'J') which was read and received. The meeting concluded. (I have quoted the minutes of the first three monthly meetings, using for the third, the women's. Judith Faulkner was clerk and Anna O'Neall was assistant clerk of women's meeting.)

At Miami Monthly Meeting (men's) held the 12th day of 1st month, 1804. The report from the preparative meeting was produced.

The extracts from our late Yearly Meeting in Baltimore, were received and read. A number of the London Epistles were produced and distributed among Friends. By the minute of the Quarterly Meeting held the 5th day of the 12th month last, it appears that rivers Ohio and Hockhocken are to be the southern and eastern boundaries of Miami Monthly Meeting. The meeting concludes.

- INTERNAL ORGANIZATION AND MATTERS OF THE MONTHLY MEETING -

2-9-1804 - The Queries were read and considered in the preparative and in this meeting and answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 9th agreed on and directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting, if any way opens for so doing. ... The preparative having proposed to this meeting the choosing of elders, Samuel Spray, David Faulkner, Edward Kindley, and Robert Furnas are appointed to unite with women Friends in proposing some persons to serve in that station and report to next meeting.

4-12-1804 - The committee proposes Abijah O'Neall and Jehu Wilson which is left under consideration till next meeting.

6-15-1804 - The appointment of Abijah O'Neall and Jehu Wilson is approved by this meeting and recommended to this Quarterly Meeting for their approbation.

2-9-1804 - Samuel Kelly, Abijah O'Neall, Samuel Spray, Amos Cook, and William Walker are appointed managers of the building of a new meeting house for Miami Meeting.

5-5-1804 - (From a letter written by Samuel Linton, who was clerk, to Abel Satterthwaite in Philadelphia) "Our meeting house is too little for our greatly increasing numbers. We are about to build a new meeting house thirty feet square and that appears to me will be too small before many years."

7-11-1805 - Asher Brown and Jehu Wilson are appointed to make an estimate of expense and materials necessary to finish the meeting house.

8-8-1805 - The Friends appointed, in case of the meeting house, report that the sum of \$130.00 be raised with which the meeting unites and directs Robert Furnas to receive subscriptions in order to raise the same.

2-13-1806 - The Friend appointed to attend to the finishing of the meeting house report, he hath complied; Abijah O'Neall and Henry Steddom are appointed to settle with him and produce the bills of expense to the next meeting.

3-13-1806 - The Friends appointed to settle with Asher Brown for finishing the meeting house, report they attended to the appointment and an account of \$65.88; also a bill for a stove, \$35.98, and a bill for fencing the graveyard, \$19.00, all of which this meeting directs to be paid.

4-12-1804 - (women's minutes) The Friends on the West Branch of the Big Miami, (two miles southwest of West Milton, in Miami County), having requested the privilege of holding meetings for worship on the first days of the week, Dinah Wilson, Elizabeth Cook, Margaret Kindley and Abigail Cleaver are appointed to unite with [Roland Richards, Samuel Spray, Edward Kindley, John Wilson, William Walker and Abijah O'Neall] in a visit to them and report their sense and judgment to next meeting. (Request for indulged meeting for worship.)

4-12-1804 - Friends on Lees and Hardins Creek request privileges of holding meetings for worship twice in the week. Phiniah Perkins, Anna O'Neall, and Judith Faulkner and Mary Spray, and a like committee of men Friends, John Smith, Robert Furnas, Samuel Kelly, Isaac Perkins, and David Faulkner are appointed to visit them on the occasion and report their judgment to next meeting.

5-10-1804 - The committee appointed to visit the Friends of West Branch, report they think it best, at this time, not to grant their request, which the meeting concurs.

6-14-1804 - Samuel Spray and Samuel Kelly are appointed to notify them.

5-10-1804 - The committee appointed on the request of Friends at Lees and Hardins Creek, report they visited them and gave it as their judgment, it will be best to grant their request, which is concurred with, and they are allowed to hold meetings for worship on the first and fourth days of the week. Dinah Wilson, Mary Patou, Abijah O'Neall, and Samuel Spray are appointed to attend the opening of a meeting among them, on the 3rd First-day in the present month, and report to next meeting, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of the minute.

6-14-1804 - The Friends appointed to attend the opening of a meeting for worship at Lees Creek, report they performed the service.

David Holloway is appointed representative to the ensuing quarterly meeting at Redstone.

9-13-1804 - Robert Furnas and David Holloway are appointed to procure three record books, for the minutes of this meeting, marriage certificates, and births and burials, and report to next meeting.

7-12-1804 - The following minute from the Quarterly Meeting was produced and read: "At Redstone Quarterly Meeting held at Westland, the 5th day of 3rd month, 1804, having the company of several of the committee of the Yearly Meeting, on the important subject of the pious-guarded education of youth, and the state of schools, the minute of their appointment was read and the concern weightily spread in this meeting, tending to strengthen and encourage Friends to greater animation and earnestness in these interesting matters and it is desired that monthly meetings may be careful to pay due attention thereto and labor to be prepared to return satisfactory account of Friends' care therein so as to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting. The clerk is desired to furnish each monthly meeting with a copy hereof."

(The above was extracted from the minutes of Joseph Townsend, Clerk.)

- PROBLEMS OF THE MONTHLY MEETING TO BE ACTED UPON -

6-14-1804 - The Miami Preparative Meeting informs this meeting that Matthew Compton has accomplished his marriage contrary to the order of our society; Abijah O'Neall and William Walker are appointed to visit him on occasion and report to next meeting.

7-12-1804 - One of the Friends appointed to treat with Matthew Compton, reports he performed the service and that he expressed a desire of making the meeting satisfaction for his misconduct. The subject is continued under the care of the same committee, with the addition of Jehu Wilson, and a report is desired at next meeting.

8-9-1804 - Matthew Compton offered to this meeting, a paper concerning his outgoing in marriage, which not being satisfactory to the meeting, is returned to him, and the case continued under the care of the committee appointed for occasion till next meeting.

9-13-1804 - One of the Friends appointed in the case of Matthew Compton, reports they returned his paper of acknowledgement and informed him that the meeting could not accept it as satisfaction for his outgoing. Therefore, this meeting disowns him from being in membership with us till he shall make such satisfaction as the meeting may approve. Jehu Wilson and Robert Furnas are appointed to acquaint him thereof and of his privilege of appeal.

10-11-1804 - One of the Friends appointed in the Matthew Compton case, reports they have complied with the appointment.

7-12-1804 - Thomas Nixon has neglected the attendance of our meetings and joined another society. Abijah O'Neall and Samuel Spray are appointed to treat with him, on the occasion, and report to next meeting.

8-9-1804 - Thomas Nixon produced to this meeting, a paper concerning his misconduct, which was read and received.

10-11-1804 - The preparative informs this meeting William Pope and Elizabeth Pope request to be joined in membership with Friends. Asher Brown and David Faulkner are appointed to visit them on the occasion and report to next meeting the state they may find them in.

11-8-1804 - One of the Friends appointed to visit William and Elizabeth Pope, reports that he, in company with several other Friends, performed the service and they believed their request to be in a good degree of sincerity and thought it best to continue it under the care of Friends. Phineus Hunt and John Bails are appointed to have it under care and report to a future meeting.

12-13-1804 - One of the Friends who had the request of William Pope under care, reports they had an opportunity with him to pretty good satisfaction and the meeting appearing easy to receive him as a member, he is accordingly received in membership.

Enos Baldwin and Sarah Hunt propose their intention of marriage with each other, to this meeting. David Faulkner and Asher Brown are appointed to make inquiry concerning Enos' clearness in relation to marriage, and report to next meeting.

----- Enos Baldwin and Sarah Hunt continue their intention of marriage with each other. Inquiry being made, concerning Enos' clearness, and nothing appearing to obstruct, they are left at liberty to consummate their marriage according to good order used among Friends. John Bails and Evan Evans are requested to attend the marriage and report how it is accomplished, to next meeting, and return the marriage certificate to be recorded. (There were 229 marriages recorded to 1954.)

10-10-1805 - The meeting appoints Isaac Stubs, Henry Millhouse, Thomas Horner, David Preis, Abijah O'Neall, Jehu Wilson, and Henry Steddom to prepare a petition to represent the state of our suffering under the military law, (before the House of Assembly), and produce to next meeting.

11-14-1805 - The committee appointed produced a petition which was approved and signed. Isaac Ward, Abijah O'Neall, and Mordicai Walker are appointed to attend the Legislature therewith and report to next meeting.

12-12-1805 - The committee appointed to attend the Assembly, report they attended and were favorably received and produced a bill of their expense, being \$22.94-1/2, which this meeting recommends to be produced to next meeting.

7-25-1810 - The committee appointed to take an account of the suffering of Friends for military fines, produced as follows, namely from two Friends in the year 1805, to the amount \$3.00.....

Also:

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| 1806 from 6 Friends sundry articles  | \$62.25          |
| 1807 from 7 Friends sundry articles  | 37.25            |
| 1808 from 18 Friends sundry articles | 81.27            |
| 1809 from 8 Friends sundry articles  | 67.50            |
| 1810 from 6 Friends the present year | <u>26.62-1/2</u> |
| TOTAL.....                           | \$277.89-1/2     |

4-24-1814 - Military demands \$931.50; property taken to the amount of \$1,159.46-3/4. (Friends refused to pay the fines, so officers took their property.)

5-8-1806 - (Individual Friends try to follow the discipline answers.)

Answer 1 - Our meetings are all kept up and attended by Friends generally, except on week-days there appears to be a slackness in some for which care has been extended; the hour nearly observed. Unbecoming behavior guarded against.

Answer 2 - Love and Unity generally subsist amongst us. Tale-bearing and back-biting mostly guarded against and when any differences arise, care is taken to end them.

Answer 9 - There is a care rests on the minds of Friends to deal with offenders agreeable to the contents of this Query.

5-8-1806 - The extracts of the Yearly Meeting being come to hand and the several matters contained therein are as follows:

1st - The state of Society handed from the several quarterly meetings with many pertinent advices and loving cautions therein...

2nd - The Unnecessary use of Spirituous liquors; Friends are desired to be careful of too familiar use thereof.

3rd - Our Testimony against War; with loving caution to faithfulness thereunto; also encouraging all who faithfully suffer on that account.

4th - The report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, with the benefit already resulting from their care and advice to, and of, that people.

5th - A revival of the pious-guarded Education of the Youth, Schools, etc.

6th - A renewed Care and Sympathy with the Africans.

7th - The conclusion, with acknowledged gratitude to the author of all good. With the company of William Crotch, from Great Britain, and many brethren from the neighboring yearly meetings.

7-10-1806 - Recommending our friend, Samuel Spray, as a minister, being laid before this meeting; after due deliberation thereon, Friends having expressed their unity with the proposal, this meeting recommends him as such to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and directs the clerk to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

3-13-1806 - Isaac Ward, Jonathan Wright, Asher Brown, and Robert Furnas are appointed to revise the minutes of this meeting and get them recorded

in a book produced for this purpose, and report to next meeting.

3-13-1806 - George Hayworth and 13 others are appointed to unite with a like committee of women Friends, in a visit to the several indulged meetings within the limits of this meeting and afford them such advice and assistance as they may be enabled and report their care to next meeting.

5-8-1806 - (Request of indulged meetings to be preparative and monthly meetings.) Friends of Todd's Fork (Center) and Caesars Creek request to have meetings for worship and discipline established, a preparative at each place and also, a monthly meeting and that to be held circular.

Friends of the southwest branch of the Big Miami, request to have meetings for worship and discipline established; preparative and monthly meetings.

Friends, of Elk Creek, request to have a meeting; unite in forwarding to the quarterly meeting.

Following is the account of the first monthly meetings set up by Redstone Quarterly Meeting:

1-8-1807 - The following minute of the Quarterly Meeting (Redstone) held 12-1-1806, was produced and read, namely ... A part of the committee, on the request of Miami Monthly Meeting, reported, in writing, as follows: ... to the ensuing quarterly meeting. We, of the committee appointed on the request of Miami Monthly Meeting, have attended our appointments and visited Miami Monthly Meeting and the several meetings that made the request and unitedly agree to report that we think it would be best to grant their request in the following manner, to wit:

1st - West Branch meetings for worship on first and fifth days of the week and the preparative meeting to be held on the third Fifth-day of each month and the monthly meeting to be held on the Seventh-day following, to be known by the name of West Branch Monthly Meeting.

2nd - Elk Creek meeting for worship on first and fifth days of the week and the preparative meeting on the first Fifth-day of the month, to be known by the name of Elk Preparative Meeting, to be a branch of Miami Monthly Meeting.

3rd - Caesars Creek meeting for worship on the first and fifth days of the week and the preparative meeting on the first Fifth-day preceding the first Seventh-day in each month, to be known by the name of Caesars Creek Preparative Meeting.

4th - Center meetings for worship on the first and fourth days of the week and the preparative meeting to be held on the fourth day of the week preceding the first Seventh-day in each month, to be known by the name of Center Preparative Meeting, and, also, a monthly meeting to be held alternately between Caesars Creek and Center, on the first Seventh-day in each month, to be known by the name of Center Monthly Meeting. All of which we submit to the Quarterly Meeting.

Signed by the Committee who attended,

Elizabeth Cattel  
Martha Dingy

Henry Smith  
Zaccheus Test

Which, being several times read and deliberately considered, is united with and Miami Monthly Meeting is directed to appoint a committee to attend the openings of the several meetings at such times as may appear suitable to that meeting and report their care to next quarterly meeting. (Copied from the minutes of said meeting by Thomas Farquhar, Clerk at this time.)

1-8-1807 - Steven Brown and three others are appointed to attend the opening of West Branch Preparative Meeting on the third Fifth-day in the present month and the monthly meeting on the Seventh-day following.

2-12-1807 - The committee to attend the opening of West Branch Preparative Meeting, 1-15-1807, and monthly meeting, 1-17-1807, report they attended, except one.

Henry Millhouse and three others are appointed to attend the opening of Elk Preparative Meeting on the first Fifth-day in 2nd month. (The Friends later reported they attended, except one.)

Jacob Jackson and five others are appointed to attend the opening of Center and Caesars Creek Preparative Meetings on the Fourth and Fifth-days preceding the first Seventh-day in 2nd month and of Center Monthly Meeting, to be held at Center on the Seventh-day following, and report their service to the next meeting.

2-12-1807 - The Friends that were also appointed to attend the opening of Center, 2-4-1807, report three attended to the appointment.

The grandfathers and grandmothers first had an indulged meeting; then, they had a monthly meeting. With three monthly meetings under Redstone Quarter, which was 300 miles away, they asked for a quarterly meeting.

2-12-1807 - This meeting (Miami) proposes taking under consideration the making request for a quarterly meeting be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting in the sixth month next, if the other meetings unite with our proposal. Abijah O'Neall and Joel Wright are appointed to attend West Branch Monthly Meeting on the occasion and implant their care to next or the succeeding meeting. Joseph Cloud and Mordicai Walker are appointed to attend Center on the same occasion and report likewise.

5-14-1807 - The monthly meetings of Miami, Center and West Branch united in a request for a quarterly meeting to be established and held at Miami, which is directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting.

- MIAMI QUARTERLY MEETING - ITS BEGINNINGS AND FIRST ACTIVITIES -

At Baltimore Yearly Meeting, held by adjournments in 10th month, 1808 - The committee appointed last year to take into consideration the united request of Miami, West Branch and Center Monthly Meetings including the Friends who now constitute Fairfield Monthly Meeting, report as their sense that the

quarterly meeting be established by the name of Miami Quarterly Meeting, to be held at Waynesville the second Seventh-day in the 2nd, 5th, 8th and 11th months, and the meeting for ministers and elders the day preceding, each at the eleventh hour. Which was concurred with. It was directed that the first meeting be held at the time mentioned in the 5th month next and that a committee be appointed to attend the opening thereof and report to the meeting next year. The following Friends were accordingly appointed to that service, namely, Jonas Cattell, Samuel Cope, Horton Howard, George Kinsey, William Keets and Isaac Votaw.

Pursuant to the above minute, a quarterly meeting was opened and held at Miami, at the time proposed by the Yearly Meeting; the minutes and proceedings of which are as follows:

At Miami Quarterly Meeting held the 13th of the 5th month, 1809. Jonas Cattell, Horton Howard, William Keets and Isaac Votaw, part of the committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting, attended.

The reports from the several monthly meetings inform that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting: from Miami, Isaac Pedrick, Asher Brown, John Stubbs and Nathan Stubbs; from West Branch, Benjamin Iddings, William Hail, Jeremiah Mote, Isaac Embree and Samuel Pierce; from Center, Jonathan Wright, Isaac Perkins, Samuel Spray and Henry Millhouse; from Fairfield, Josiah Tomlinson, Enon Williams, Richard Barrett and Zebulon Ruinnan, who, being called, were all present. Benjamin Hopkins is appointed clerk at this time.

The following Friends are appointed to propose to next meeting, a Friend for clerk and one for assistant, namely, Benjamin Iddings and eight others.

West Branch Monthly Meeting informed that Friends of Whitewater request their meeting for worship established; also, a preparative and monthly meeting. After solid consideration, Jacob Jackson and five others are appointed to visit them in a collective capacity, judge the propriety of granting their request and report to next meeting.

A number of copies of the extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were received and directed to be handed to the representatives and the important matters, therein contained, recommended to the consideration of each monthly meeting.

Redstone Quarterly Meeting forwarded to this meeting several copies of an address from the meeting for Suffering relative to the school education of the beloved youth, which, claiming the attention of this meeting, are directed to be handed to the different monthly meetings for their care.

Thomas Horner and five others are appointed to propose to next meeting their prospect respecting building a house to accommodate this meeting. No further business appearing, the meeting concludes. (5th month, 1809)

At Miami Quarterly Meeting held the 12th of 8th month, 1809. The representatives all attended.

The Friends appointed at last meeting report they have agreed to propose Benjamin Hopkins for clerk and Benjamin Farquhar for assistant, which is united with, and they are appointed.

Our esteemed Friend Stephen Grillette, a minister, in the course of a religious visit, attended this meeting and produced a certificate from New York Monthly Meeting held the 4th and 11th of 1st month last, endorsed by Westbury Quarterly Meeting held the 26th of the same, expressive of their unity and concurrence with him in his proposed visit. His company and gospel labors amongst us have been truly acceptable and edifying. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the above minute, signed on behalf of the meeting.

The Queries were read and the following answers comprising the substance of those received from the different monthly meetings, agreed to, which the clerk is directed to transcribe and forward, with the other reports of this meeting, to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

Answer 1 - All our meetings are attended, though often small, in which some care has been taken; unbecoming behavior mostly avoided; the hour of meeting nearly observed.

Answer 2 - Love is maintained in a good degree; care is taken to avoid tale-bearing and detraction; endeavors are used to end apparent differences.

Answer 3 - We believe there is a considerable number who are concerned to train up their children agreeably to the contents of the Query, yet we fear divers of our numbers are deficient in these respects, in which most meetings express care to have been taken.

Answer 4 - Mostly clear of importing, vending and distilling and we hope clear of the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors; also, of frequenting places of diversion and taverns unnecessarily; moderation and temperance observed by most. One meeting mentioned not clear in the use of spirituous liquors, in which care has been taken.

Answer 5 - We believe care is taken.

Answer 6 - They do as far as appears.

Answer 7 - Friends are generally careful in these respects as far as appears.

Answer 8 - No slave amongst us. Friends are careful to provide for those who have had their freedom secured.

Answer 9 - Careful to deal with offenders nearly as queried.

- ANSWERS TO THE ANNUAL QUERIES -

Answer 1 - Jesse George, an elder of Fairfield Monthly Meeting, deceased the 21st of the 7th month, 1809.

Answer 2 - None.

Answer 3 - Several schools amongst us, some of which are under teachers in membership.

Answer 4 - They are generally.

- THE QUERIES -

First - Are all meetings for worship and discipline attended? Do Friends avoid unbecoming behavior therein? And is the hour of meeting observed?

Second - Do Friends maintain love toward each other, as becomes our Christian profession? Are tale-bearing and detraction discouraged? And when differences arise, are endeavors used speedily to end them?

Third - Do Friends endeavor by example and precept, to educate their children and those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment, and apparel? Do they guard them against reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world? And are they encouraged to read the Holy Scriptures?

Fourth - Are Friends clear of importing, vending, distilling, and the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors; of frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion? And do they observe moderation and temperance on all occasions?

Fifth - Are the necessities of the poor and the circumstances of those who may appear likely to require aid, inspected and relieved? Are they advised and assisted, in such employments as they are capable of? And is due care taken to promote the school education of their children?

Sixth - Do Friends maintain a faithful testimony against a hireling ministry, oaths, military service, clandestine trade, prize-goods and lotteries?

Seventh - Are Friends careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage? Are they just in their dealings and punctual in complying with their engagements? And where any give reasonable grounds for fear in these respects, is due care extended to them?

Eighth - Are Friends careful to bear testimony against slavery? Do they provide, in a suitable manner, for those under their direction, who have had their freedom secured, and are they instructed in useful learning?

Ninth - Is care taken to deal with offenders seasonably and impartially and to endeavor to evince to those who will not be reclaimed, the spirit of meekness and love before judgment is placed upon them?

It is also required that the following Queries be read and answered once in the year, in each monthly and quarterly meeting, and a written report forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by the respective quarters.

- ANNUAL QUERIES -

First Query - What ministers and elders deceased and when?

Second Query - What new meetings settled?

Third Query - Are schools encouraged for education of our youth, under the tuition of teachers in membership with us?

Fourth Query - Are the queries addressed to the quarterly, monthly, and preparative meetings read and answered therein, as directed?

The committee appointed to visit Friends of Whitewater, reports they are free their request be granted, which is concurred with in the following manner, namely, to establish their meeting for worship on the first and fourth days of the week; also, a monthly and preparative meeting, the monthly meeting to be held the seventh day in each month, and the preparative meeting the fourth day preceding, to be known by the name of Whitewater Monthly and Preparative Meeting. To attend the opening the last 7th day in the ninth month next, the following Friends are appointed: Benjamin Hawkins, William Hail, Samuel Jones, and Henry Irons. 11-11-1809. All attended.

Joel Wright, David Ballard, Henry Steddom, William Walker, Isaac Perkins, Mordecai Walker, Jonathan Wright, Jr., Joseph Cloud, and Joshua Ballinge are appointed to attend the service of the ensuing Yearly Meeting to be held at Baltimore.

The clerk produced an amount of this meeting's proportion of the Yearly Meeting stock, \$12.67, which the representatives to this meeting are appointed to apportion between the different monthly meetings. The meeting concluded.

5-12-1810 - The committee appointed, 2-10-1810, to apportion the Yearly Meeting stock: Miami 20, West Branch 20, Whitewater 12, Fairfield 20, Center 20, Elk 8 cents on the dollar.

West Branch, Whitewater and Elk Monthly Meetings unite in requesting a quarterly meeting to be held circular, twice in the year at West Branch, once at Whitewater, and once at Elk, to be known by the name of West Branch Quarterly Meeting, which, claiming the attention of this meeting, Mordicai Walker and seven others are appointed to visit the different monthly meetings, judge the propriety of their request and report to next meeting.

8-11-1810 - The committee appointed to visit West Branch, Whitewater, and Elk Monthly Meetings, produced the following report, namely: We, of the committee ... have attended thereto, and after deliberating thereon, are united that it will be best to grant said request, which is concurred with in the following manner, namely: That a quarterly be established and held alternately at each place, namely, at West Branch in the 12th and 6th months, at Whitewater in the 3rd month, and at Elk in the 9th month, at the eleventh hour, and to be known by the name of West Branch Quarterly Meeting. The meeting of ministers and elders to be held at each place the day preceding, to begin, also, at the eleventh hour. Which is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting at Baltimore.

2nd month, 9th, 1811 - The committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting on the request of the monthly meetings west of the Great Miami, requests this Quarter to direct Elk Monthly Meeting to adjourn to the 7th day, Whitewater to the 2nd, and West Branch to the 4th day each preceding this Quarter in the 5th month next. (West Branch Quarterly Meeting was set up 6-13-1812.)

8-11-1810 - Joel Wright is appointed treasurer to this meeting and also to receive our present quota of the collections to the Yearly Meeting stock and

forward it to that meeting by our representatives.

Refer to minute 5-13-1809 - The building of the white brick meeting house by Miami Monthly Meeting, assisted by the Quarterly Meeting.

Taken from Miami Monthly Meeting minutes:

5-24-1811- This meeting taking into consideration the propriety of a meeting house 40 x 80 feet, of brick, one story high, on the four acre lot belonging to this meeting, and a subscription being produced for that purpose, amounting to \$580, the meeting expressed a freedom to go on with said building agreeable to the heading of said subscription and Joseph Evans and Ashur Brown are appointed managers to carry the work into immediate effect, as time and circumstances will permit. Levi Lukens, Mordecai Walker, Ezekiel Cleaver, Isaac Pedrick, Thomas Horner, John Stubbs, Amos Cook, Levi Cook, and Joseph Brown are appointed to assist the managers in fixing a spot on said lot for the house to stand and Isaac Ward is appointed to obtain further subscriptions and report their care to next meeting.

6-20-1811 - One of the committee ... reported they attended thereto and agreed on a place for the same.

8-28-1811 - The subject of raising the meeting house, now a building, to two stories high, claimed the attention of this meeting. It appears to be the sense of Friends to go on with said building in that order and Jonathan Crispian is appointed an additional manager to carry on and Samuel Kelly, Abijah O'Neill, and Ezekiel Cleaver to collect former subscriptions and endeavor to promote and collect further for carrying on the said building.

Quarterly Meeting minute, 11-9-1811 - The proposition for this meeting to assist in finishing the meeting house on hand at this place, being considered, it appears to be the sense of Friends to refer the case to the representatives to confer with the trustees for said house and recommend to the different monthly meetings to contribute.

1-29-1812 - Monthly meeting minute, David Linton and Joel Wright are appointed to assist the managers in making out a clear statement of the present subscriptions toward the new meeting house, the expenditures already incurred, and the future expense to finish the building and have the same in readiness, if called for, to lay before the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and report to next meeting.

Quarterly Meeting minute, 2-8-1812 - One of the representatives .... reports some of the monthly meetings have attended thereto and have contributed, which is directed to be forwarded to the trustees for said house.

5-8-1813 - Center and Caesars Creek Monthly Meetings produced the sum of \$137.50, which was paid to Noah Haines, treasurer of Miami Monthly Meeting.

2-9-1811 - A proposition being laid before this meeting to appoint a committee of the different quarterly meetings on this side of the Allegheny Mountains, respecting a division of the Yearly Meeting, the following Friends are appointed

to the committees of the other quarters at Short Creek Quarterly Meeting in the 6th month next, namely: Joseph Cloud and nine others to report to this meeting in the 8th month next.

5-11-1811 - Asher Brown and 15 others are appointed to visit the different monthly meetings, confer with them on the subject of spirituous liquors and afford them such advice and assistance as they may be enabled and report to next meeting. The committee on the subject of spirituous liquors reports they attended to the appointment to a good degree of satisfaction.

Mordecai Walker, on behalf of the committee appointed to visit the monthly meeting on account of a deficiency of love amongst our members, reports they attended several monthly meetings agreeable to their appointment.

8-10-1811 - The committee ... appointed to confer on a proposal of a division of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, after a weighty conference on the subject, appear to be united in believing that it would be right for the quarterly meetings to forward a request that a yearly meeting may be established on the northwest side of the Ohio River, to be held at Short Creek on the fourth First-day in the 8th month, and the meeting of ministers and elders the 7th preceding, which being solidly considered, is united with. The clerk is directed to forward an account to the Yearly Meeting.

5-9-1812 - The subject of making preparation for the accomodation of a yearly meeting at Short Creek being again revived, Mordecai Walker, Jonathan Wright, Benjamin Hopkins, and Benjamin Farquhar are appointed to inform the committees appointed by the other quarterly meetings, that there appeared a freedom in this meeting to assist in making said preparation when necessary.

5-18-1813 - Josiah Tomlinson, Richard Barret, Jacob Jackson, Joseph Cloud, Jehu Wilson, James Hadley, Samuel Spray, and Isaac Harvey are appointed representatives to the ensuing Yearly Meeting to be held at Short Creek.

- BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING -

(Extracts from the minutes of Baltimore Yearly Meeting)

10th month, 1812 - It appears that the proposal for a division of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, which was united with and forwarded for consideration by the Quarterly Meeting on the west side of the Allegheny Mountains, 10-1811, having obtained the deliberate attention, the following is an extract from the minutes of that Yearly Meeting on the subject, namely, the committee appointed to unite with women Friends in a further consideration of the interesting subject of a yearly meeting to be held in the state of Ohio, report that we have several times met and have had the company of several brethren of the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Virginia and believe that, in our deliberations, we have been favored with a degree of solemnity; we are free to propose that the quarterly meetings west of the Allegheny Mountains, within the verge of this Yearly Meeting, be at full liberty to come together at Short Creek on the 3rd First-day in the 8th month next, in the capacity of a

yearly meeting, agreeable to their prospect and desire as expressed in their reports to the meeting last year, which was united with and the quarterly meetings westward of the Allegheny Mountains, which have hitherto belonged to this Yearly Meeting, are at liberty to send representatives and forward their contributions and report thereto accordingly.

- MINUTES OF OHIO YEARLY MEETINGS -

8-14-1813 - The Ohio Yearly Meeting for the state of Ohio, Indiana territory, and adjacent parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, first opened and held at Short Creek the 14th of 8th month, 1813.

The representatives from Redstone Quarter, Joseph Johnson and 18 others; from Salem Quarter, William Hiatt and 9 others; from Miami Quarter, Joseph Tomlinson, Jacob Jackson, Joseph Cloud, Jehu Wilson, Richard Barrett, James Hadley, Samuel Spray, and Isaac Harvey; from West Branch Quarter, Enoch Pearson and 6 others. All of whom are present except three, for whose absence, reasons are rendered.

The Queries were read, contained in the reports from the different quarters . . . . . Among new meetings, Lees Creek meeting for worship, within the limits of Fairfield Monthly Meeting, and Newberry meeting, all within the limits of Miami Quarter. Miami reports that Fairfield, Fall Creek, and Clear Creek request the privilege of holding a quarterly meeting.

The Yearly Meeting taking under consideration the necessity of providing a suitable house for the future accommodations of the Yearly Meeting, Jacob Griffith and 24 others are appointed to take the subject, in all its parts, into consideration and report to a future sitting of the meeting, the results of their deliberations.

The subject of Friends suffering on account of our Christian Testimonies, coming weightily before the meeting, is referred to the consideration of . . . the committee. (The War of 1812 occurred during Ohio Yearly Meeting.)

The following named Friends are appointed to prepare essays of epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Virginia and produce them to a future sitting of the meeting, namely, Jonathan Taylor and 9 others. Friends were appointed to name a treasurer of the meeting and the amount of money to be raised for the year. The meeting adjourned at noon until two o'clock tomorrow.

18th of the month and 4th of the week, Friends met. The Friends appointed to propose a treasurer and regulate the quotas of the Yearly Meeting stock to be raised by each quarter, report that they think it necessary that \$220 be raised for the accommodation of the Yearly Meeting, in the following proportion, namely, Redstone 17 cents on the dollar; Short Creek 31 cents on the dollar; Salem 20 cents on the dollar; Miami 20 cents on the dollar; West Branch 12 cents on the dollar, and they propose Enoch Harris as treasurer of Yearly Meeting, which is united with and he is appointed treasurer of the meeting. The quarterly meetings are directed to raise the money in that proportion that he has received \$480 from the treasurer of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, agreeable to the conclusion of that Yearly Meeting, at the time of our separation from it, which is directed to reclaim, in his hands, as the stock of this meeting.

The subject of spirituous liquors being again brought into view, it is affectionately recommended to the quarterly and monthly meetings to attend carefully to the advices which have been handed down in the extracts of the minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

The committee on the discipline reports it is best to adopt, as ours, the discipline of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Adjourned until 9 o'clock, 6th day.

Reports on the state of society, as contained in the reports from the quarterly meetings, being brought into full view, present a weakness and deficiency that we should be exercised in the spirit, to be qualified to worship the Father of spirits, whereby, we may experience His love operating in us. We should so far be preserved from the spirit of tale-bearing and detraction that, in conversing among our friends, we should be careful to avoid expressing our opinions too fully or in the proper manner, which, though it may be without our evil intention . . . . and Friends are desired to keep to plainness in dress and address, for, although this way, in the view of some, appears small, they have, in the experience of many, been found to be "as little foxes that spoil the tender vine," and we are persuaded that, where the light of the blessed principle is attended to, all our defects will be manifest to us and that the right government of our families is, indeed, of very great importance, and lastly, in regard to the commotions which are in the world, "be ye as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves." Friends are earnestly entreated to be no part of political concerns and avoid the expression of sentiments in relation thereto, and when ye shall hear of wars and rumors of war, see that ye be not troubled, but trust in the Lord Jehovah, in whom there is everlasting strength. Then, although ye may be tried and sifted as wheat, ye shall be preserved." Then adjourned until three o'clock afternoon.

The committee on the Yearly Meeting house produces a report, but, no way opening to proceed therein, the subject is referred to next year.

Having the acceptable company of divers brethren from Philadelphia and Virginia Yearly Meeting and having thankfully to acknowledge that we have been favored with the calming influence of love, under sense where the meeting concluded, to meet again next year, if so permitted.

8-24-1814 - The Yearly Meeting convened.

The committee on building the house reports the following dimensions and materials: 60 x 92 feet, two stories high, with youth galleries, the walls to be of brick. A large committee was appointed to inquire into the expense of building the house and what manner to apportion it among the quarterly meetings. They report that the sum of \$850.00, raised as soon as may be, in the following manner:

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| Redstone Quarterly, which is supposed to contain 181 families, to pay \$8 per family | \$1448.00        |
| Short Creek, 410 families, to pay \$7 per family                                     | 2870.00          |
| Salem, 292 families, to pay \$6 per family   | 1752.00          |
| Miami, 452 families, to pay \$3 per family   | 1356.00          |
| West Branch, 359 families, to pay \$3 per family                                     | 1074.00          |
|  | <u>\$8500.00</u> |

If more money is needed, it is proposed that it be raised by the quarters in the same proportion. Further propose that the managers have liberty to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary from time to time, to enable them to comply with their contracts, in case the money should not be raised seasonably, by the quarters. The consideration of the propriety of laying the foundation for the establishment of a public institution for the youth of our society, within the limits of the Yearly Meeting, coming mightily before the meeting at this time, and after a time of solid consideration, the important subject is referred to the consideration of the meeting next year. The meeting concluded.

1815 - The situation of our Indian brethren, the natives of the land, being spread before us, the following Friends are appointed to take them into consideration and report to a future sitting, whether they apprehend the meeting can do anything which would be likely, essentially, to benefit them at present, viz. David Grave and 29 others report that a standing committee be appointed. ... A committee was appointed: Emmor Bailey and Horton Howard.

A committee on the institution for the instruction of the youth, reports that the Yearly Meeting encourage the quarters and subordinate meetings to open free subscriptions for the purpose of procuring funds to carry the desired object into effect, etc. Frederick Hoover and others were appointed.

In 1817, at Yearly Meeting, Miami Quarterly Meeting brought the matter of a division of the Yearly Meeting. That, at Whitewater, Richmond, Indiana, a yearly meeting be set up on the 7th of 9th month, and be known as Indiana Yearly Meeting. This proposition was considered and was decided to leave it to our next yearly meeting.

The state of society, having been brought into view from the reports of the different quarterly meetings, was led into a close experience on the occasion, desiring that the careless may be aroused and the laborers made strong to labor successfully in the church of Christ. The various testimonies that have been committed to us, be held up to the world and the different defectionies which still are found among us. In regard to these testimonies, it was deeply afflicting to our minds that our religious meetings are neglected by many of our members. We would impress it on the minds of all, that a negligence of the worship of God is not only a burden of ingratitude to Him, but the means of depriving ourselves of all sure consolation. It affords an opportunity for the perishing things of time to alienate the affections from Him, without whom we can do nothing, and then we are exposed to violence of every temptation. But as the primacy of assembling together, for the purpose of solemn worship, worship properly observed and performed, the love of God will increasingly spread its influence over our minds, not only leading us into the communion with Him, but giving us perfect dominion over the spirit of every contention which separates man from man. Then should be qualified to bear everyone's burdens; in the flowing of true charity, have a helping hand to them that are halting.

We, the committee of the Blue River and Lick Creek Monthly Meeting, attended the West Branch Quarterly Meeting and the monthly meeting, making the request, and unitedly agree to report that the request be granted, which we submit to



Ohio Yearly Meetinghouse built 1814, Mount Pleasant, Ohio



Miami Meetinghouse, *the White Brick*, built 1811, Waynesville, Ohio

the meeting; also propose that the quarterly meeting be held alternately at Blue River and Lick Creek. (Blue River Quarterly Meeting set off from West Branch Quarterly Meeting by Ohio Yearly Meeting and opened 1-16-1819.)

The endeavor of Friends, in regard to the Indians, has been one of continuous service. "To James Monroe, President of the United States, the memorial of the subscribers - a committee appointed on behalf of the Friends of Baltimore and the Yearly Meeting of Ohio - respectfully represent that the Society of Friends comprising two yearly meetings, has been, for a number of years past, engaged in efforts to introduce, amongst some of the Indian tribes bordering on the western portion of the states, a more perfect knowledge of agriculture and some of the necessary arts of civil life, with a view to ameliorating the situation of these people and preparing their minds for the reception of the light of the Gospel during which we have abundant evidence in progressive improvement of that practicability of reclaiming them from a deplorable situation under which they have to remain."

1820, Miami Quarterly Meeting - The committee appointed at the former sitting, on the subject of the slave trade, produced the following report:

We also propose that the sum of \$400.00 be raised the ensuing year, \$200.00 by the eastern and \$200.00 by the five western quarters; the latter sum to be paid their anticipated yearly Indiana meeting, and that Lewis Walker be appointed treasurer instead of Mermick Starr.

Indiana Yearly Meeting is set up by Ohio Yearly Meeting as follows:

Extracts from the minutes of Ohio Yearly Meeting of the religious Society of Friends, held by adjournments, from the 4th of 9th month to the 8th of same, inclusive, 1820.

The report, from Miami Quarterly Meeting, contains a proposition that a division of the Yearly Meeting take place in the following manner, viz - Miami, West Branch, Fairfield, Whitewater, and Blue River Quarterly Meetings constitute a yearly meeting to be held at Whitewater, on the second day after the first First-day in the tenth month; the meeting of ministers and elders on the Seventh-day preceding.

On solidly deliberating on the subject, it appears to be the united judgment of this and the women's meeting, that the division take place in the manner proposed: the new yearly meeting to be opened in the tenth month next year, to be known by the name of Indiana Yearly Meeting, for the states of Indiana, Illinois, and the western part of Ohio.

- INDIANA YEARLY MEETING -

For the states of Indiana, Illinois, and the western part of Ohio, opened and held at Whitewater, the 8th of 10th month, 1821, agreeable to the request of the several quarterly meetings constituting the same and united with by Ohio Yearly Meeting.

Benjamin Hopkins is appointed clerk for the day and George Carter, assistant,

and the representatives directed to propose a clerk and assistant to next sitting of this meeting.

By the reports from the quarterly meetings, the following Friends were appointed representatives to attend this meeting: from Miami - Levi Cook, David Osborn, Elias Fisher, Benjamin Farquhar, Benjamin Hopkins, Isaac Stout, Aaron Brown, Jesse Faulkner, Isaac Harvey, and Jonathan Newman; from West Branch - James Patty, Samuel Jones, Eli Gause, Aaron Vail, Stephen Macy, Charles Patty, Samuel Pierce, and Robert Pemberton; from Fairfield - Enion Williams, Jonathan Barret, Josiah Tomlinson, Richard Barret, Jehu Lewis, Abel Roberts, James Hadley, Christopher Hiatt, John Thornburg, and Solomon Hodson; from Whitewater - Samuel Charles, James Pegg, Eli Overman, Obed Barnard, William Beard, John Underhill, Robert Canady, and Benjamin Cox; from Blue River-Gideon Frazier, Evan Jones, Matthew Coffin, William Hobbs, William Harned, Zachariah Nixon, and Robert Hollowell, who, being called, all attended except two, for whose absence, satisfactory reasons were given.

The printed general London Epistle, from our brethren at their last yearly meeting, together with the written Epistle addressed to this meeting, and one from Ireland, one from Rhode Island, and one from Ohio, were received and read to satisfaction.

The following Friends are appointed to prepare and produce to next or a future sitting of this meeting, essays of epistles to those received, addressed to this meeting, and also, to propose the names of some Friends as a corresponding committee for this Yearly Meeting, viz, Caleb Harvey and nine others.

The following Friends are appointed to prepare and produce to the next or future sittings of this meeting, copies of the general London Epistle, to be handed down to the different quarterly meetings, viz, Thomas Kersey, James Patty, Moses Tomlinson, Levi Jessop, and William Lindley.

By the report from the Miami Quarter, this meeting is informed that Philip Hockett appeals from the judgment of that meeting, to this Yearly Meeting, for his right of membership. Benjamin Iddings and 11 others are appointed thereto, to hear and judge the case and report to next or future sitting of this meeting.

Fairfield Quarterly, by its report, informs that Asa Plummer, appeals from the judgment of that meeting, to this Yearly Meeting, for his right of membership. Isaac Harvey and eleven others are appointed thereto, to hear and judge the case and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

The adoption of the discipline of the Ohio Yearly Meeting, claiming the attention after a solid deliberation, this meeting unites in adopting it for the government of this Yearly Meeting, with the exception of all necessary alterations of name, time and place, etc., which is directed to the quarterly, monthly, and preparative meetings for their observance.

The following Friends are appointed to propose to a future sitting, names of twenty-six Friends, to be members of, and constitute a meeting for suffering, viz: William Harvey and twenty-eight others.

This meeting adjourns, to meet again tomorrow at the eleventh hour.

Third of the week and 9th of the month, near the time adjourned to, the meeting assembled.

The representatives report that they agreed to propose Benjamin Hopkins for clerk and George Carter for assistant, which is concurred with, and they are appointed to that service.

The Queries, with answers thereto, from the different quarterly meetings, were all read in this meeting and the following answers, comprising the substance of those received, agreed on, as nearly representing the state of Society.

Answer 1st - Meetings for worship and discipline are all attended, though some deficiencies are apparent, in which care has been taken; unbecoming behavior guarded against; the hour of meeting nearly observed.

Answer 2nd - Love subsists among many Friends, although not so general as could be desired; in which, care has been taken; tale-bearing and detraction discouraged when apparent, and care taken to end differences.

Answer 3rd - We believe many Friends are careful to educate their children and those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel, and corrupt conversation, and to encourage the reading of the Holy Scriptures, yet, a more guarded care, in these respects, would be profitable.

Answer 4th - Friends are clear of importing, vending and distilling, except two instances of vending and three of distilling, which are under care; and mostly clear of the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors, of frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion, and careful to observe moderation and temperance.

Answer 5th - The necessities of the poor are attended to and care taken in other particulars of that Query.

Answer 6th - Friends bear a testimony against an hireling ministry, oaths, military service, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries, except two instances of military service, which are under care.

Answer 7th - Friends are most careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability, to observe justice in dealing and punctuality in complying with their engagements; where the contrary appears, care is taken.

Answer 8th - Friends appear to bear testimony against slavery and are careful in the other particulars to that Query.

Answer 9th - Care is taken to deal with offenders, in a good degree, as queried.

- ANSWERS TO THE ANNUAL QUERIES -

Answer 1st - One monthly meeting, by the name of Cherry Grove, and a preparative meeting at the same place, also, three preparative meetings, one at White River, one at Milford, and one at Woodberry, and a meeting for worship at Dover, all within the limits of Whitewater Quarterly Meeting. Also, a monthly and preparative meeting, by the name of Honey Creek, and a preparative by the name of Union, a branch of Honey Creek Monthly Meeting, and a

preparative meeting called White River, belonging to Lick Creek Monthly Meeting. Also, a preparative meeting by the name of Mount Pleasant, a branch of Blue River Monthly Meeting, and a monthly meeting by the name of Driftwood, all within the compass of Blue River Quarterly Meeting.

Answer 2nd - Schools are encouraged under tuition of teachers in membership.

Answer 3rd - The Queries addressed to the quarterly, monthly, and preparative meetings are read and endeavors used to answer them as directed.

Answer 4th - Henry Millhouse, a minister in unity and a member of Caesars Creek Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 22nd of the 5th month, 1821.

And Dinah Wilson, an elder, in unity, of the same meeting, departed this life the 11th of the 3rd month, 1821.

The monthly meetings of New Garden and Cherry Grove request the privilege of holding a quarterly meeting on the 4th Seventh-day in the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th months, to be held at and known by the name of New Garden Quarterly Meeting, which claiming the attention of this meeting, Enoch Pearson and six others are appointed to visit the monthly meeting making the request, and report to this meeting next year.

Whitewater Quarter proposes a change in the time of holding that meeting: that it be held, for the future, the 1st Seventh-day in the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th months, which, claiming the attention of the meeting, the proposition was united with. The clerk is directed to furnish Whitewater Quarterly Meeting with an extract of the above minute, signed on behalf of the meeting.

Nathan Stubbs and 21 others are appointed to consider and propose, to a future sitting of this meeting, their prospects on the subject of building a house for the accommodation of this Yearly Meeting, and if way opens, a plan for same.

David Whitson and 9 others are appointed to propose a treasurer for this meeting, the sum necessary to be raised for the Yearly Meeting stock, and also, apportion the different quarterly meetings and to report to a future sitting of this meeting.

Fourth of the week and 10th of the month, near the hour adjourned to, the meeting again assembled.

A communication from Ohio Yearly Meeting, on Indian concerns, being produced and read, the subject claiming the solid attention of this meeting, it appears to be the judgment thereof, to appoint a committee to take the subject under care and report to a future sitting of this meeting, on which concern the following are appointed, viz: Isaac Harvey and 26 others.

A report from the general committee, on the subject of the African descendants ... being read, the subjects therein contained, were satisfactory. William Hadley and 20 others are appointed to propose ... the names of six Friends from each quarter, to be a standing committee on the subject.

The committee appointed to propose the names of twenty-six Friends to be appointed to constitute a meeting for suffering, have met, agree to propose

for Miami Quarter, 5, namely, John Garretson, Robert Furnas, Benjamin Hopkins, Caleb Harvey, Levi Cook; for West Branch, 5, Wallace Jones, Stephen Macy, Benjamin Owens, James Patty, Simeon Wilson; for Fairfield, 4, Christopher Hiatt, Joshua Woodrow, Moses Tomlinson, James Hadley; for Whitewater, 8, John Townsend, James Pegg, Eli Overman, John Pool, John Pegg, Benjamin Cox, of White River, Eli Swain, Caleb Wickersham; for Blue River, 4, William Hobbs, Zachariah Nixon, Evan Jones, William Lindley. The committee further proposes that their stated meeting be at Whitewater, on the Sixth-day preceding the Yearly Meeting, in the tenth month, at the 11th hour, which, claiming the attention of the meeting, the report of the committee was united with and the above named Friends appointed members of that meeting. They are at liberty to meet at the rise of this meeting, to proceed to business, and the quarterly meetings are directed to appoint four Friends from each quarter, who are to be considered members of that meeting.

We, the committee appointed on the appeal of Philip Hockett, after hearing the allegations on both sides, unite in confirming the judgment of Miami Quarterly Meeting. Which, claiming the solid consideration of this meeting, the report of the committee is united with. The clerk is directed to furnish Miami Quarterly Meeting with an extract of this minute, signed on behalf of the meeting. Jeremiah Cox and John Pool are appointed to inform him of the judgment of this meeting and to report to a future sitting ... (The committee ... reported he was informed thereof.)

We, the committee appointed on the appeal of Asa Plummer, after hearing the allegations on both sides, unite in confirming the judgment of Fairfield Quarterly Meeting. The clerk is directed to furnish Fairfield Quarterly Meeting with an extract of the above minute, signed on behalf of this meeting. Isaac Harvey and Jonathan Barret are appointed to inform him of the judgment of the meeting and report to a future sitting ... (The committee ... reported he was informed thereof.)

Adjourned to meet again tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock.

5th of the week and 11th of the month, near the time adjourned to, the meeting again assembled.

The committee appointed to nominate a treasurer, propose a sum necessary to be raised for Yearly Meeting stock, and to make an apportionment of the sum to be raised by the different quarterly meetings, agrees to propose Frederick Hoover for treasurer; that the sum of \$100.00 be raised, as follows:

|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Miami Quarter | 33 cents on the dollar |
| West Branch   | 11 cents on the dollar |
| Fairfield     | 12 cents on the dollar |
| Whitewater    | 33 cents on the dollar |
| Blue River    | 11 cents on the dollar |

The subject, claiming the attention of the meeting, was united with and Frederick Hoover appointed treasurer, and the quarterly meetings directed to pay their last proposition of \$200.00, into the hands of the treasurer.

A permanent standing committee on Indian affairs was appointed: Isaac Harvey and 27 others.

A permanent standing committee on the subject of people of color was appointed: Jacob Carpenter and 29 others.

7th of 10th month, 1822, New Garden Quarterly Meeting is set up; first meeting 1-25-1823.

During the Yearly Meeting sessions of 1822, plans to reconsider the plan of the Yearly Meeting house at Whitewater, were changed to the following: the house to be 100 feet long, 60 feet wide. The foundation to be stone, the walls brick; two stories tall, with youth gallery. (Evidently, it was started in 1823 and was finished after 1828. Marcus Mote painted a picture about 1844.)

The committee on Indian concerns reports that, in conjunction with Ohio Yearly Meeting, a farm was purchased at Wapaughkonnetta and some land cleared. A school for the children of Indians was started, with Jesse Baldwin and his wife in charge of the school and farm, to teach the Indians agriculture. It was successfully operated until the Indians left for their reservation in the West. Thus, the Friends have always had a concern to help the Indians.

Another concern was the African descendants. The committee produced a satisfactory report of their care. They ask that the quarterly meetings raise the funds to aid them, particularly to establish schools for the children. The great effort to help the freed slave was a great concern of Indiana Yearly Meeting. It continued for many years.

1822 - After reading the answers to the Queries, a concern arose that a committee, Isaac Harvey, John Pearson, Jacob Jackson, John Morrow, and William Hobbs, be appointed to confer together and draw up an essay of advice expressive of the concern of this meeting, to be issued down to the quarterly, preparative, and monthly meetings, and produce it to a future sitting.

On adverting to the subject of spirituous liquors, it appears that most of the quarters have attended thereto, which reports afford the encouraging prospect that our testimony on this important subject is gaining ground. The subject is again referred to the quarters to attend thereof to the meeting next year.

The committee produces its essay of advice: On reading the reports of the different quarters, this meeting was brought into a deep exercise, on viewing the many deficiencies apparent in almost every branch of our yearly meeting, and many weighty remarks were dropped, tending to excite our Friends to a more strict observance of those testimonies which we believe are committed to our charge, and feel it impressed on our minds to recommend to quarterly, preparative, and monthly meetings, to labor as way may open, with those deficient in the attendance of our religious meetings, with those who have departed from love and unity, which was declared to be the badge of discipleship and is now the basis of true religion; also, with those who have departed from plainness in dress and address, which are sorrowfully observed to be growing evils amongst us, not only with the youth, but others who are further advanced in life. Friends are desired, with earnest solicitude, to be aroused to a consideration of duty in these respects. To be vigilant in training up their children in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel, carefully endeavoring to instill

... their tender minds, the advantages resulting from a frequent perusal of the Holy Scriptures. Also, with those who may be in the practice of distilling, or the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors, and finally, it is recommended to the support of our discipline.

Sixth day of 10th month, 1823, West Branch and Whitewater Quarterly Meetings inform that Elk, Westfield, and Silver Creek Monthly Meetings request the privilege of holding a quarterly meeting alternately at Elk and Salem on the 3rd Seventh-day in 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th months, which was granted in 1824 and opened 3rd month, 19th, 1825.

The clerk, having procured a book for the records of this meeting, reported that the minutes of the past yearly meetings are all recorded therein.

The following appeal of Jacob Taylor was allowed: We, the committee, ..... report .... after hearing the allegations on both sides, are united that it may be best to re-instate him into membership....

Sixth of the week, 8th of the month, 1824 - Center and Springfield Monthly Meetings, of Miami Quarterly Meeting, request the establishment of a quarterly meeting ... to be known as Center Quarterly Meeting ... granted 1825, and opened 3rd month, 13th, 1826.

1825 - The meeting for sufferings, taking into consideration the existing laws in relation to divorces and the practice of some of our members under them, was brought into exercise on the occasion, which resulted in the conclusion to introduce the subject to the notice of the Yearly Meeting, suggesting the inquiry, whether it is not necessary that there should be the extension of some labor in order to strengthen the hands of subordinate meetings in the support of this branch of our testimonies. Taken from the minutes of the meeting for sufferings, 10th month, 3rd, 1825.

1825 - The state of society being brought again to the view of this meeting, George Shugart and 12 others are appointed to unite with a like committee of women Friends, in visiting our quarterly and monthly meetings, as way may open, to endeavor to strengthen the hands of concerned Friends and to render them such advice and assistance as may appear necessary, and report to next Yearly Meeting. The meeting concludes. James Pegg, Clerk.

1826 - Following is a report of the joint committee appointed on the state of society, who were appointed in 1825:

In this, our annual assembly, the condescending goodness of our Holy Helper has been eminently dispensed to us; through it, this meeting has been dipped into an awful sense of the superficial state of many of our members. The state, we believe, is a prominent cause of the alarming increase of libertinism in dress and address, and in the adoption of the maxims of the world by many of our dear youth and those of riper years. Feeling that love is our armor and the eternal welfare of all, our object, we affectionately call upon this class to be awakened from this false rest and put a hand to the work of reformation.

In the first place, it is our fervent desire that Friends, exercised in the discipline, may be clean-handed, and we do pressing recommend that monthly

meetings appoint suitable committees, seasonably to visit heads of families where there is departure from the plainness which Truth leads into, that such may be seasonably admonished, or treated with, for the neglect of parental Christian care and restraint of their children, or those in charge. Also, that the children, and those of more advanced life, may be timely entreated to conform to our holy profession, and if, after this care shall have been fully extended, any of our members should in these deviations from that plainness comporting with the followers of the meek and holy Jesus, that such should be disowned.

It is also the affectionate desire of this meeting that Friends should not take an active part in the political concerns of the nation, nor hold office in government, as are contrary to the advice of our discipline.

We also recommend to monthly meetings to be more careful in accepting acknowledgements from offenders, (particularly from those who depart from our order in relation to marriage), when there is not an evident manifestation of a change of heart, believing that mixing with the people of the world by marriage, has been a great means of introducing those pernicious things amongst us. ... We conclude with this exhortation to Friends throughout our Yearly Meeting: "Let us build, that we be no more a reproach." Neh. 11. 17.

It is the conclusion of this meeting that a public meeting be held, in future, at New Garden Meeting House, at 11 o'clock on the first day of the yearly meeting week, as a part of yearly meeting for worship.

- THE LAST YEARLY MEETING BEFORE THE SEPARATION -

1827 - The Queries, from the 1st to the 4th, inclusive, were read, with the answers, thereto, from the quarterly meetings. The state of society which was ... brought into view thereby, feelingly engaged the attention of this meeting and much impressive labor was extended by concerned Friends, as ability was given for the removal of the several deficiencies mentioned in the reports; the subject of the attendance of mid-week meetings, of love of God and to one another, and reading of the Scriptures, were particularly and pertinently spoken to, and the youth were feelingly addressed on several important concerns.

Quarterly meetings have all returned distinct reports on the subject of spirituous liquors, by which it appears that it has been attended to, notwithstanding some deviations which are mentioned, particularly in the unnecessary use of that article, our testimony is gaining ground.

The committee on Indian concerns reports that soon after our last yearly meeting, we received a communication from the chiefs and principal Indians on the part of the Shawnee nation which remained at Wahpohkonnetta, requesting that the school for the education of their children, might be resumed.... The school was opened about the 1st of 12th month, under the inspection of Isaac Harvey. Simon Harvey was engaged as teacher and continued until the latter part of 4th month, since which time, the school has been under the immediate care of Asa Pound and wife, as superintendents.... Jonathan Wright, Clerk.

The general committee on the concerns of the people of color, report: .....

we have felt grateful in finding there has been a careful attention to the duties assigned them and, although we find that cases of outrage on the persons and liberties of free people of color have not been so frequent as formerly, yet our accounts are not altogether free from stain. Friends of Miami have reclaimed a little girl that was forcibly taken from Ohio to Kentucky, and restored her to her mother. By the reports from Fairfield .... it appears that Friends have continued their attention to the people of color residing in Brown County, Ohio, and that schools have been kept up since last year ... and it is stated that the progress of the pupils affords encouragement. Total expense, \$51.31-1/4 ... John Davis, Clerk.

The committee appointed to settle with the managers of building the yearly meeting house reports... they have received, since the settlement last year, \$67.89; spent for materials, \$18.62. We propose that the sum of \$250.00 be raised by the quarters ... and that they be directed to finish the house previous to our next yearly meeting. On behalf of the committee, David Evans

The Yearly Meeting neglected none of its regular business. It is noted that many Friends from other yearly meetings, acceptably attended the meeting as ministers, with minutes from their meetings, among whom was Elizabeth Robson and Anna Braithwaite, from England, and fifteen others from different meetings. As the meeting drew to a close, the minutes of the meeting for suffering, for the past year, were read and approved and that meeting continued. A testimony, respecting our doctrine on the divinity of Christ and faith concerning Him, designed for publication and circulation among our members and others, for their help, information and encouragement, was received from the meeting for suffering, which, being read, was united with and approved and the clerk directed to sign it, on behalf of the meeting.

About this time, something happened that disturbed the unity of Friends - - something destroyed the love and friendship of former years. Our grandmothers had little chance to study their record of achievement in building their society in the wilderness, before they saw chasms form in that society. They must have been saddened as they saw the effects of the disturbed unity in the yearly meeting.

"Unity of spirit and not uniformity of belief was stressed by a few voices crying in the wilderness, as early as 1827," states an article in the Ohio Historical Quarterly, in July, 1953, in an account of the religious controversy of that time. It goes on to say, "The Quaker minister, Elias Hicks, in the last letter he ever wrote, called for the end of the controversy.... 'And until the professors of Christianity agree to lay aside all their non-essentials in religion and rally to this unchangeable foundation of Truth,' he wrote, 'wars and fightings, confusion and error will prevail and the angelic song cannot be heard in our land.'"

The following chart shows what the grandmothers and grandfathers built, through unity, in their first quarter century in eastern Indiana and western Ohio.

- AFTER 1827 - PROLOGUE -

"So many gods, so many creeds,  
So many paths that wind and wind,  
When all this weary, sad world needs  
Is just the art of being kind."

- Ella Wheeler Wilcox

As our grandmothers and grandfathers drove home from Indiana Yearly Meeting at Richmond, Indiana, in October, 1827, there was a feeling of sadness and frustration about what the future would bring. They had just witnessed the adoption of "The Testimony and Epistle of Advice," which was approved by the Yearly Meeting against their opposition and without their support. To them, this "Testimony" seemed to be in opposition to the doctrines of the Spirit of Jesus Christ as promulgated by many approved ministers in the Society of Friends. These ministers believed, in accordance with primitive Friends, "That the light of Christ - that true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world, is the efficient cause of man's salvation."

Soon after this, un-Friendly things happened. The Friends who put forth the "Testimony" insisted that those who still believed in the doctrine of the Inner Light and of the Spiritual Christ within, should be excluded from the meeting and denied admission to the meeting house. Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, 9-6-1828, was held in the woods opposite the meeting house. Springboro, Milford, Cincinnati and other subordinate meetings were denied the use of their meeting houses.

Miami Quarterly Meeting, in 8th month 9, was adjourned to meet again at 9 o'clock on 2nd day next, because of its inability to become select.

8-11-1828 -Miami Quarterly Meeting was held. In consequence of the presence of Elisha Dawson and Amos Peasly and their companion, the clerk refused to proceed in the business of the meeting. The committee appointed at last meeting to propose a Friend for clerk, informed that they had agreed to propose David Evans for that service, with whom general unity was expressed and he accordingly was appointed. Jonathan Wright, assistant clerk.

A proposition to open and hold a yearly meeting at this place, of the Society of Friends, on the ancient principles thereof, and according to our present discipline for Friends, in the states of Indiana and Illinois and the western part of Ohio, was weightily spread before this meeting and after a time of solid deliberation thereon, was united with by men and women Friends. And Friends of the different quarterly and monthly meetings within those limits, are invited to meet with us in that capacity on the last Second-day in next month, the meeting of ministers and elders to be held the Seventh-day preceding, and to forward written reports thereto, expressive of the state of society. Samuel M. Janney. Between 600 and 700 men and women Friends in attendance.

"List of meetings west of the present limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting, extending to and including those in Blue River Quarterly Meeting, from the beginning of the 19th century to the division of the Society in 1828. In many places, in advance of meetings noted on any meeting records, there were volunteer meetings for worship not (always) herein noted, as at Miami, 1801, West Branch, 1804.

Indiana Yearly Meeting, cut off from and established with the consent of Ohio Yearly Meeting, was opened at Richmond, Indiana, 10-8-1821."

Abbreviations: 1W for indulged meeting for worship

V.M.W. for volunteer meeting for worship

W for meeting for worship

P for preparative

M (M.M.) for monthly meeting

Q for quarterly

Y for yearly

- by Clarkson Butterworth, [about 1900]

| Date Establd. | Quarterly Meeting  | Parent B. Meeting | Yearly Meeting       | Monthly Meeting         | Parent S. S.   | Q. S. Making Grant | Date Establd. | Interfor Meeting              | Parent Meeting          | Meeting Making Grant    | Location  |
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| 9-76<br>1801  |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    | 4-76<br>1801  | V.M.N. Miami                  | West                    | Waynesville             | Waynesville, Warren County, Ohio  |
| 9-75<br>1807  |                    |                   |                      |                         |                | Redstone O. Pa.    | 9-25<br>1802  | M. G. Individual Miami        | Westland Pa.            | Westland                | Waynesville, Warren County, Ohio  |
| 10-1<br>1803  |                    |                   |                      | Miami M.                | Westland M.    | Redstone O. Pa.    | 10-3<br>1803  | Miami P.                      | Westland P.             | Redstone O.             | Waynesville, Warren County, Ohio  |
| 5-10<br>1804  |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    | 5-10<br>1804  | Lees Creek W.                 | Miami W.                | Miami M.                | "Fairfield" - 1 mi. S. of Leesburg, Highland Co.                          |
| 4-18<br>1805  |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    | 4-18<br>1805  | Toots Fork W.                 | Miami W.                | Miami M.                | "Center" - 3 mi. N.W. Wilmington, Ohio                                    |
| 5-23<br>1805  |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    | 5-23<br>1805  | West Branch W.                | Miami W.                | Miami M.                | 2 mi. S. S.W. of West Milton, Ohio  |
| 9-26<br>1805  |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    | 9-26<br>1805  | Elk Creek W.                  | Miami W.                | Miami M.                | At West Elkton, Ohio  |
| 10-24<br>1805 |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    | 10-24<br>1805 | Caesars Creek W.              | Miami W.                | Miami M.                | Warren Co. on Caesars Creek, E. of Waynesville                            |
| 5-8<br>1806   |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    | 5-8<br>1806   | Turtle Creek W.               | Miami W.                | Miami M.                | 5 mi. S.W. of Waynesville in Turtle Creek Twp.                            |
| 8-3<br>1806   |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    | 8-3<br>1806   | Clear Creek W.                | Lees Creek W.           | Miami M.                | 3/4 mi. W. of Samantha, Highland Co., Ohio                                |
| 9-28<br>1806  |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    | 9-28<br>1806  | Fall Creek W.                 | Lees Creek W.           | Miami M.                | Near Rainboro, Highland Co., O. on Paint Creek                            |
| 11-2<br>1806  |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    | 11-2<br>1806  | Union W.                      | West Branch W.          | Miami M.                | 1 mi. below Ludlow Falls, Miami Co., Ohio                                 |
| 1-15<br>1807  |                    |                   |                      | West Branch 3-17-1807   | Miami M.       | Redstone O. Pa.    | 1-15<br>1807  | West Branch P.                | Miami P.                | Redstone O.             | 2 mi. S. S.W. of West Milton, Ohio  |
| 2-4<br>1807   |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    | 2-4<br>1807   | Caesars Creek P.              | Miami P.                | Redstone O.             | Near Caesars Creek, 6 mi. E. of Waynesville, O.                           |
| 2-5<br>1807   |                    |                   |                      | Center M. 2-7-1807      | Miami M.       |                    | 2-5<br>1807   | Center P.                     | Miami P.                | Redstone O.             | 3 mi. N.W. of Wilmington, O.  |
|               |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    |               | Elk Creek P.                  | Miami P.                | Redstone O.             | West Elkton, Preble Co., Ohio   |
|               |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    |               | Whitewater W.                 | West Branch W.          | West Branch M.          | Richmond, Indiana   |
|               |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    |               | Fairfield P.                  | Miami P.                | Redstone O.             | 1 mi. S. of Leesburg, Ohio  |
|               |                    |                   |                      |                         |                |                    |               | Hopewell W.                   | Miami W.                | Miami M.                | 1-1/2 mi. E. of Morrow, O. at Rochester                                   |
| 1807          |                    |                   |                      | Fairfield M. 7-18-1807  | Miami M.       | Redstone O. Pa.    | 1807          | Barby Creek W.                | Miami W.                | Miami M.                | Head of Darby Creek, probably in Logan Co., O.                            |
| 1809          | Miami O. 5-13-1809 | Redstone          | Whitewater 9-30-1809 | Whitewater M.           | West Branch M. | Miami O.           | 1809          | Mill Creek W. Whitewater P.   | West Branch W. Miami O. | West Branch M. Miami O. | Fredericksburg, S.W. corner Monroe Twp. Miami Co. Richmond, Ind.          |
|               |                    |                   |                      | Elk M. 12-2-1809        | Miami M.       | Miami O.           |               | Silver Creek W. Fall Creek P. | Whitewater W. Miami O.  | Whitewater M. Miami O.  | 2 mi. W. of Liberty, Union Co., Indiana Near Rainboro, Highland Co., Ohio |
| 1810          |                    |                   |                      | Caesars Creek 5-26-1810 | Center M.      | Miami O.           | 1810          | Union P.                      | West Branch P.          | Miami O.                | Near mouth of Ludlow Creek, near Ludlow Falls, O.                         |
| 1811          |                    |                   |                      | Mill Creek 3-20-1811    | West Branch M. | Miami O.           | 1811          | Barby Creek P.                | Miami P.                | Miami O.                | Headwaters of Darby Creek, near Logan Co., O.                             |
|               |                    |                   |                      | Fall Creek 6-22-1811    | Fairfield M.   | Miami O.           |               | New Garden W.                 | Whitewater W.           | Whitewater M.           | Near Fountain City, Indiana   |
|               |                    |                   |                      | Darby Creek 12-21-1811  | Miami M.       | Miami O.           |               | Mad River W.                  | Darby Creek W.          | Miami O.                | Zanesfield, Logan Co., Ohio   |

| Date Established. | Quarterly Meeting     | Parent Meeting | Yearly Meeting | Monthly Meeting           | Parent M.M.                 | Q.M. Making Grant | Date Established. | Interior Meeting      | Parent Meeting                | Meeting Making Grant | Location  |
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| 1812              |                       |                |                | 8-14-1812<br>Eosien after |                             |                   | 1812              | Lick Creek W. P. & W. | West Branch W.                | West Branch M.       | Near Paoli, Orange County, Indiana                        |
| 1812              | West Branch 6-13-1812 | Miami Q.       | Baltimore      | Clear Creek 12-24-1812    | Fairfield M.M.              | Miami Q.          | 1812              | Lees Creek P. & W.    | Fairfield P. & W.             | Miami Q.             | On Toles Fork 1/2 mi. W. of Wilmington, Clinton Co., Ohio |
| 1813              |                       |                |                | Lick Creek 1811           | Whitewater M.M.             | West Branch Q.    | 1813              | Lick Creek P.         | Whitewater P. or West Branch  | Miami Q.             | Martinsville, Clinton County, Ohio                        |
|                   |                       |                |                | Union 1-2-1813            | West Branch M.M.            | West Branch Q.    |                   | -----                 |                               |                      | Near Ludlow Falls, Miami Co., O. on Ludlow Creek          |
| 1814              |                       |                |                | Plum Grove                |                             |                   |                   | East Fork P. & W.     | Subordinate to Clear Creek M. | Miami Q.             | A little N. of New Vienna, Clinton Co., Ohio              |
|                   |                       |                |                | Blue River 7-1-1815       | Lick Creek M.M.             | West Branch Q.    |                   | Cincinnati P. & W.    | Miami P.                      | Miami Q.             | In Cincinnati, Ohio                                       |
| 1815              | Fairfield Q.          | Miami Q.       | Ohio           | Cincinnati 3-16-1815      | Whitewater M.M.             | West Branch Q.    | 1814              | Blue River P.         | Lick Creek W.                 | Lick Creek M.        | Washington County, Indiana                                |
|                   |                       |                |                | New Garden 3-18-1815      | Whitewater M.M.             | West Branch Q.    |                   | Kings Creek P.        | Darby Creek M.                | Miami Q.             | In or near Logan County, Ohio                             |
| 1816              |                       |                |                | Newberry                  | Fairfield in Clear Creek M. | Fairfield Q.      | 1815              | Silver Creek P.       | Whitewater P.                 | West Branch Q.       | Near Liberty, Union Co., Indiana                          |
|                   |                       |                |                |                           |                             |                   |                   | Randolph P.           | Mill Creek P.                 | West Branch Q.       | In Montgomery Co. 7 or 8 mi. N. N. E. of Dayton, Ohio     |
|                   |                       |                |                |                           |                             |                   |                   | Dover, O. P.          | Center P.                     | Miami Q.             | 4 mi. N. of Wilmington, Clinton Co., Ohio                 |
|                   |                       |                |                |                           |                             |                   |                   | Plum Grove Indulged   | Caesars Creek P.              | Caesars Creek M.     | Near Old Town, Green County, Ohio                         |
| 1817              | Whitewater            | West Branch    | Ohio           | Silver Creek 5-10-1817    | Whitewater M.               | Whitewater Q.     | 1816              | West Grove            | Whitewater P.                 | West Branch Q.       | 3 mi. N.W. of Centerville, Ind., Wayne Co.                |
|                   |                       |                |                |                           |                             |                   |                   | -----                 |                               |                      | At Martinsville, Clinton Co., Ohio                        |
|                   |                       |                |                |                           |                             |                   |                   | Fairfield W.          | Whitewater W.                 | Whitewater M.        | Wayne Co., Greens Fork Post Office                        |
|                   |                       |                |                |                           |                             |                   |                   | Hopewell P. 3-26-1817 | Miami P.                      | Miami Q.             | Warren Co., Rochester, 1-1/2 mi. E. Morrow, O.            |
|                   |                       |                |                |                           |                             |                   |                   | New Hope P.           | Center P.                     | Miami Q.             | Green Co. near S.W. Paintersville, O.                     |
|                   |                       |                |                |                           |                             |                   |                   | Lyles Creek P.        | Center M. or Springfield      | Miami Q.             | 4 mi. S.W. of Wilmington, Ohio                            |
|                   |                       |                |                |                           |                             |                   |                   | -----                 |                               |                      | In Union Co., Ind. 2 mi W. of Liberty                     |
|                   |                       |                |                |                           |                             |                   |                   | Green Plain P.        | Caesars Creek P.              | Miami Q.             | Near north of present Selma, Clark Co., Ohio              |

| Date<br>Establisd. | Quarterly<br>Meeting | Parent<br>Meeting | Yearly<br>Meeting | Monthly<br>Meeting        | Parent<br>M.M. | Q.M. Making<br>Grant | Date<br>Established | Inferior<br>Meeting         | Parent<br>Meeting                                       | Meeting Making<br>Grant        | Location  |
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| 1817               |                      |                   |                   | Lees Creek<br>3-15-1817   | Fairfield M.   | Fairfield Q.         | 1817                | Concord P.                  | Mill Creek P.   | West Branch Q.                 | Miami Co., 4 miles E. of West Milton, O.<br>1-1/2 miles N.W. of New Lexington, Highland P.O.,<br>Highland Co., O. |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Springfield P.              | Whitewater Q.   | Whitewater Q.                  | At or near Economy, in N.W. quarter of Wayne Co.,<br>Ind.   |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | West Union P.               | W   | Whitewater Q.                  | Near Jacksonburg, Wayne Co., Ind. - a little<br>west.   |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Driftwood P.                | Out of Blue<br>River M.M.                               | West Branch Q.                 | Bartolomew Co., Ind. If this was referred to<br>any quarterly meeting, it was West Branch.                        |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Springboro P.               | Miami P.  | Miami Q.                       | Springboro, Warren Co., Ohio  |
| 1818               |                      |                   |                   | Springfield<br>11-26-1818 | Center M.      | Miami Q.             | 1818                | -----                       | -----   | -----                          | On Toole Park 5-1/2 mi. W. of Wilmington, Clinton<br>Co., Ohio  |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Chester, Ind. P.            | Whitewater Q.   | Whitewater Q.                  | At Chester, Wayne Co., Ind.   |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | -----                       | -----   | -----                          | 3 mi. N.W. of Centerville, Wayne Co., Ind.  |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Center P.                   | Whitewater Q.   | Whitewater Q.                  | North part of Wayne Co., Ind.   |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Goshen P.<br>Mad River W.   | Darby Creek P.  | Miami Q.                       | Zanesfield, Logan Co., O. on Mad River  |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Valley W.                   | Darby Creek W.<br>or Kings Creek                        | Miami Q.                       | In or near Logan Co., Ohio  |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Arba                        | Whitewater Q.   | Whitewater Q.                  | Southeastern part of Randolph Co., Ind.   |
| 1819               |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      | 1819                | Orange P.<br>Elk Horn W.    | Whitewater Q.   | Whitewater Q.                  | Wayne Co., Ind. 5 mi. S.E. of Richmond  |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Salem P.<br>Mt. Pleasant W. | Silver Creek P.<br>in<br>Blue River M.                  | Whitewater W.<br>Blue River Q. | Union Co., Ind. 3 mi. S. of Liberty   |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Westfield P.                | Elk P.  | West Branch Q.                 | Preble Co., O., 3 mi. W. N.W. Camden  |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Paint W.                    | Elk W.  | Elk M.                         | Preble Co., O., a branch of Westfield N.M.  |
| 1820               |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      | 1820                | -----                       | -----   | -----                          | At or near Economy in N.W. part Wayne Co., Ind.   |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | New Garden W.               | Whitewater Q.   | Whitewater Q.                  | Near Winchester, Randolph Co., Ind.   |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Lick Creek M.               | Blue River Q.   | Blue River Q.                  | Vigo Co., Ind. a few mi. S. of Terre Haute  |
| 1821               |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      | 1821                | Cherry Grove P.             | Cherry Grove P.   | Cherry Grove P.                | Near Lynn, Randolph Co., Ind., southern part<br>of county   |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Alum Creek<br>P. & W.       | Accepted by Miami Q. from<br>Short Creek Q.M. Ohio Y.M. | Alum Creek<br>P. & W.          | 7 mi. S.E. Cardington, Morrow Co., Ohio   |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Owl Creek                   | accepted as above?                                      | Whitewater Q.                  | 12 mi. a little N. of E. of Cardington, O.  |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Milford P.                  | Milford P.  | Whitewater Q.                  | Near Milton, Wayne County, Indiana  |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | -----                       | -----   | -----                          | A little N. of the present Selma, Clark Co., O.   |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Woodberry P.                | Woodberry P.  | Whitewater Q.                  | Near Cox's Mills, Middleboro, Wayne Co., Ind.   |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | Union, Ill. P.              | Honey Creek P.  | Blue River Q.                  | Opposite Honey Creek, across the Wabash in<br>Clark Co., Illinois   |
|                    |                      |                   |                   |                           |                |                      |                     | -----                       | -----   | -----                          | 3 mi. W. N.W. of Camden, Preble Co., Ohio   |

At this date, 1821, Owl Creek P. & W. should be added as coming in with Alum Creek M.M. Before 1828 there were or had been two indiged meetings, names unknown, in Alum Creek M.M. One superseded by Northern P.M. in 1824 and the other probably in Oxford Twp. Delaware County, Ohio



| Date established. | Quarterly Meeting  | Parent Meeting           | Yearly Meeting | Monthly Meeting  | Parent H.M.                   | Q.M. Making Grant              | Date Established. | Inferior Meeting   | Parent Meeting   | Meeting Making Grant   | Location  |
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| 1825              | Westfield 3-19-1825<br>At West Elkhorn, Preble Co. and at Salem, Union Co., Ind. alternately | West Branch & Whitewater | Indiana        |  |                               |                                | 1825              | Sand Creek W. & P.<br>Poplar Grove W.<br>Beech Grove W. 4-26-1824<br>Fairfield, Ill. W. & P.   | Millford M.<br>Driftwood M.<br>Blue River M.<br>Lick Creek M.<br>White Lick M.<br>Whitewater M.<br>Millford M.<br>West Grove M.<br>-----<br>Millford M.<br>White River M.<br>Hopewell P.<br>Alum Creek M.<br>Center P.<br>Center P.<br>Re-established of Goshen M.M.<br>Center P.<br>Cherry Grove M. | Whitewater Q.<br>Blue River Q.<br>Blue River Q.<br>Blue River Q.<br>Blue River Q.<br>Whitewater Q.<br>Whitewater Q.<br>Whitewater Q.<br>-----<br>Whitewater Q.<br>New Garden Q.<br>Blue River Q.<br>Miami Q.<br>Miami Q.<br>Center M.<br>Center M.<br>Miami Q.<br>Center Q.<br>New Garden Q. | Greensboro, Henry County, Indiana<br>Bathtolomew County, Indiana<br>Washington County, Indiana<br>Morgan County, Indiana<br>Wayne Co., Ind. near New Paris, Ohio<br>Near Dublin, Wayne Co., Ind. a little south<br>Greens Fork, Wayne County, Indiana<br>Greensboro, Henry County, Indiana<br>Henry County, Ind. 5-1/2 mi. N.W. Dublin<br>Randolph Co., Ind. 7 mi. E. of Winchester |
| 1826              |  | Millford M.              |                | Duck Creek 7-27-1826   | Millford M.                   | Whitewater Q.                  | 1826              | Hopewell, Ind.<br>Jericho W.<br>Newberry W.<br>Salt Run W.<br>Greenswich W.<br>Wilmington W.<br>Grassy Run W.<br>Darby Creek P.<br>Wilmington P.<br>Lynn W. & P. | -----<br>Millford M.<br>White River M.<br>Hopewell P.<br>Alum Creek M.<br>Center P.<br>Center P.<br>Re-established of Goshen M.M.<br>Center P.<br>Cherry Grove M.  | -----<br>Whitewater Q.<br>New Garden Q.<br>Blue River Q.<br>Miami Q.<br>Miami Q.<br>Center M.<br>Center M.<br>Miami Q.<br>Center Q.<br>New Garden Q.   | -----<br>Greensboro, Henry County, Indiana<br>Henry County, Ind. 5-1/2 mi. N.W. Dublin<br>Randolph Co., Ind. 7 mi. E. of Winchester   |
|                   | Center 3-13-1826<br>Wilmington<br>Clinton Co. O.   | Miami Q.                 | Indiana        | Wilmington & Grassy Run were reported as sustained Induigo meetings, 1826 C.B. |                               |                                |                   | Hopewell, Ind.<br>Jericho W.<br>Newberry W.<br>Salt Run W.<br>Greenswich W.<br>Wilmington W.<br>Grassy Run W.<br>Darby Creek P.<br>Wilmington P.<br>Lynn W. & P. | -----<br>Millford M.<br>White River M.<br>Hopewell P.<br>Alum Creek M.<br>Center P.<br>Center P.<br>Re-established of Goshen M.M.<br>Center P.<br>Cherry Grove M.  | -----<br>Whitewater Q.<br>New Garden Q.<br>Blue River Q.<br>Miami Q.<br>Miami Q.<br>Center M.<br>Center M.<br>Miami Q.<br>Center Q.<br>New Garden Q.   | -----<br>Greensboro, Henry County, Indiana<br>Henry County, Ind. 5-1/2 mi. N.W. Dublin<br>Randolph Co., Ind. 7 mi. E. of Winchester   |
|                   | (According to Trueblood, Fairfield was a meeting for worship)                                |                          |                | Fairfield 8-5-1826   | White Lick                    | Blue River Q.                  |                   | Walnut Ridge W. & P.<br>Beech Grove P.<br>Vermillion P.<br>Elevatus P.<br>Fairland W. & P.   | Duck Creek M.<br>Lick Creek M.<br>Honey Creek P.?<br>Honey Creek M.<br>Honey Grove   | Whitewater Q.<br>Blue River Q.<br>Blue River Q.<br>Blue River Q.<br>Blue River Q.  | Rush County, Ind. 3 mi. W. of Garbage<br>Bloomingsdale, Park County, Indiana  |
| 1827              |  | Honey Creek              |                | Vermillion 9-2-1826<br>Bloomfield (Elevatus)                                   | Honey Creek<br>Honey Creek M. | Blue River Q.<br>Blue River Q. | 1827              | Beech Grove P.<br>Vermillion P.<br>Elevatus P.   | Lick Creek M.<br>Honey Creek P.?<br>Honey Creek M.   | Blue River Q.<br>Blue River Q.<br>Blue River Q.  | Bloomingsdale, Park County, Indiana   |
| 1828              | Located Randolph Co. - formerly east corner at Arba  | New Garden M.            |                | Arba 2-20-1828   | New Garden M.                 | New Garden Q.                  | 1828              | Fairland W. & P.<br>Sugar Grove W. & P.<br>Jericho P.<br>New Hope W. & P.<br>Poplar Ridge<br>Easton<br>Elwood W. & P.  | Honey Grove<br>White River M.<br>Silver Creek M.<br>Silver Creek M.<br>Silver Creek M.<br>Easton   | Blue River Q.<br>Blue River Q.<br>New Garden Q.<br>Westfield Q.<br>Westfield Q.<br>Westfield Q.<br>Blue River Q.<br>Blue River Q.  | 6-1/2 mi. S. of E. of Winchester<br>Union County, Indiana<br>Fayette County, Indiana  |

- THE CHALLENGE OF THEIR TIME AND HOW IT WAS MET -

Under a sense of our present tried situation, occasioned by the frequent appearance of oppression and love and power, a disposition to proscribe as well as to accuse the brethren developing itself in our religious body and more particularly in our last yearly meeting, in which was evidently manifested a departure from the doctrine, precept and example of our Holy Pattern as well as those of our primitive Friends. Under the circumstances, we are induced to believe that the time has now come for us to make a quiet retreat, not from the Society of Friends, nor from the support of their ancient Testimonies or the exercise of the salutary discipline - but from religious communion with those disorders among us. And in order as much as possible to restore the unity and harmony of our religious society and to reorganize our yearly meeting on its ancient foundation and according to our present discipline, we have, on the present occasion, convened at Miami, on the Second-day of the 29th of 9th month, 1828, in order to transact the business of Indiana Yearly Meeting.

David Evans was appointed clerk and Joseph P. Plummer assistant clerk for the day. They were later appointed for this yearly meeting. The organization of the business was made along similar committees as had been usual, including the answering of Queries. The representatives from the different quarterly and monthly meetings, which forwarded reports to this meeting, being called, all were present, except seven, for three of whom, reasons were rendered.

A proposition to dissolve the meeting for suffering and appoint a committee to represent this meeting during its recess, was weightily spread before it and after a free expression of sentiment thereon, the meeting unites therewith, and accordingly, dissolves the committee heretofore called the meeting for suffering ... and appoints the following named Friends for that service, who are to report to the meeting next year, viz: David Evans and 29 others. They are directed to meet at the close of this meeting; also, at Richmond, at the 11th hour on the Fifth-day preceding Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, in the sixth month and at the 11th hour on Sixth-day next preceding our annual assembly, and to attend to such subjects as may appear to demand their attention agreeable to discipline.

The reports from the different meetings being read, whereby the peculiarly tried situation of them was brought into view, introducing feelings of sympathy, and an exercise that Friends may not be too much discouraged where their numbers are comparatively small, which results in the appointment of Ashur Brown and 38 others, and a like committee of women Friends, in visiting the quarterly, monthly and other meetings as way may open, in order to strengthen their hands in supporting our various religious testimonies throughout the yearly meeting, and to advise where the nature of the case may require a change of the time and place of holding subordinate meetings and to assist in other respects, such as bringing meetings together, etc., when necessary, and keep minutes of their proceeding and report to the meeting next year.

It was necessary to reorganize the committee on Indian concerns: Noah Haines and 14 others, in conjunction with women Friends, are appointed to attend that concern, in conjunction, if way opens, with a similar committee

of other yearly meetings, as heretofore, and report their proceedings to the meeting next year.

A proposition that monthly meetings be directed to appoint a suitable number of Friends, in each of their meetings, to serve in the station of elders, was laid before this meeting, which, claiming the attention, was united with, and monthly meetings, where occasion requires, are directed to proceed accordingly by appointing committees to propose those that may be suitable, who, if united with, are to be appointed in such monthly meetings, whose clerk shall furnish the quarterly meeting of ministers and elders with information thereof.

The meeting united in the proposal for Samuel Potts for treasurer and \$100.00 for Yearly Meeting stock, to be raised by the quarterly and monthly meetings.

An epistle addressed to our subordinate meetings, produced by the committee appointed for that purpose, was several times read and, after solid deliberation thereon, was united with and 5,000 copies directed to be printed and submitted for distribution to the committee to attend our subordinate meetings. They are to report to the meeting next year.

Joseph Plummer and six others are appointed to propose to those that are called "Orthodox" among Friends, that an amicable arrangement be made by a division of the property belonging to Friends throughout the meeting.

The committee produced ... essays of indorsement, which were satisfactory and directed to be signed on behalf of the meeting: our ancient and beloved Elias Hicks, from Jericho Meeting, Long Island, Elisha Dawson, Jesse Merritt, Mary Lukens, Elizabeth Twiford, Daniel Lukens, and Jonathan Twiford.

The meeting concludes to meet at Miami the Second-day following the last First-day in 9th month next at 10 o'clock A.M. The meeting of ministers and elders the Seventh-day preceding. David Evans, Clerk.

- A TIME OF ADJUSTMENT AND DECISION -

Indiana Yearly Meeting held at Miami, 28th of 9th month, 1829. The representatives from the different quarterly meetings that have forwarded reports to this meeting, viz: Miami, Whitewater, Blue River and Westfield, being called, were all present except four, for whose absence reasons were sent.

Miami Quarterly Meeting, in its reports, introduced the subject of describing by minute on the records of the quarterly meetings, the situation of those monthly meetings within the limits of each quarter, that do not report thereto. ... A committee, Stephen Cook and 14 others, was appointed to report to a future sitting, what may appear right to hand down to our subordinate meetings. They reported that no way appeared to open in the clearness, to offer anything to the Yearly Meeting. ... Another committee, George Hatton and 20 others, was appointed to seek the attendance of those evincing fellowship with us who, since the division, have declined attendance to our meeting. It was felt that those important concerns should be left to discreet and faithful Friends; however, continuance be kept in membership.

2-10-1829 - REPORT OF THE YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE OF MEN AND WOMEN FRIENDS APPOINTED LAST YEARLY MEETING TO VISIT THE MEETINGS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR HANDS

At a meeting of the Yearly Meeting committee appointed to visit the subordinate meetings, convened 10-1828, at Miami Meeting House, 50 members present. Also, a number of the members of the committees appointed by the quarterly meetings to the same service, agree to report that at a meeting of the committee at the close of the Yearly Meeting, Joseph P. Plummer was appointed to serve as clerk. The situation of Miami Quarterly Meeting now brought into view and the propriety of altering the time of holding said meeting to another day, in consequence of the opposing members meeting with the Friends, claiming the solid consideration of the committee, it was the united judgment that Friends of Miami Quarterly Meeting should meet at the same time and place as heretofore.

10-18-1828 - Seventeen members of the committee met at Goshen Monthly Meeting and rendered such services as they were united in proposing that the time of holding that meeting be changed to the Fifth-day following the third Seventh-day in each month and Goshen Preparative Meeting the Fifth-day preceding, and that the week-day meeting in the weeks of the monthly and preparative meetings be laid down. Also, the situation of Friends composing Alum Creek Monthly Meeting, claiming the attention of the committee, they united in leaving them at liberty to hold the monthly meeting which has been held at Alum Creek.

10-28-1828 - Fifteen members of the committee attended Springboro Monthly Meeting and having the concurrence of the members of that meeting, united in establishing the monthly meeting exclusively at Springboro, having been held alternately at Springboro and Sugar Creek.

10-29-1828 - Seventeen members of the committee attended Miami Monthly Meeting.

11-5-1828 - Eight members of this committee attended Green Plain Monthly Meeting.

11-8-1828 - Forty-three members of the committee attended Miami Quarterly Meeting.

11-28-1828 - Eleven members of the committee attended Dover Meeting (having the company of our esteemed Friend, Elisha Dawson), and rendered such advice as way opened; no meeting of Hicksite Friends at that place.

12-8-1828 - Nineteen members of the committee attended Center Quarterly Meeting. The tried situation of Friends within the limits of that meeting was brought feelingly into view and resulted in attaching Center Monthly Meeting to Miami Quarterly Meeting, having the unity of Friends present. Springfield and Dover Monthly Meeting being in opposition to Friends, except a few Friends in each meeting. Those at Springfield held their meeting for worship in a school house. Center Monthly Meeting was authorized by the committee to receive Friends of Springfield and Dover, on application, as members of their meeting.

5-9-1829 - At a meeting of the committee of men and women Friends with a similar one of Miami Quarterly Meeting, convened at Miami Meeting House; 46 members present. A proposition from Clear Creek Meeting requesting the assistance

of this committee, claiming attention, was united with; Abraham Cook and others were appointed to attend the last day in this month and render such advice and assistance as they feel qualified to do and report in 8th month. Amos Cook and others are appointed to attend Green Plain, Goshen, and Alum Creek Monthly Meeting and the meeting of Whetstone and report in the 8th month next.

8th month, 12th, 1829 - The committee met at Miami, in conformity with the appointment in the 5th month last. Most of the committee attended at Clear Creek and after conferring with the members of that meeting, with their concurrence united in their preparative meeting to be attached to Fall Creek Monthly Meeting. Also, a part of the committee appointed to attend Green Plain, Goshen, and Alum Creek Monthly Meetings and the meeting at Whetstone, visited those meetings and labored as ability was afforded, for their help and encouragement. A number of the committee attended Fall Creek Monthly Meeting on the 18th of 7th month, at the request of Friends of that meeting and united in attaching the monthly meeting to Miami Quarterly Meeting. Part of the committee visited the monthly meeting of Cincinnati and found Friends in a tried situation, in consequence of our opposers meeting with them, which still continues to claim the attention of the committee.

12-6-1828 - At a meeting of the committee appointed by our late Yearly Meeting, with a similar one appointed by Whitewater Quarterly Meeting now convened at Whitewater; 44 members present. The situation of Ridge Meeting being introduced to this committee, much sympathy was felt for them and they are encouraged to hold their meeting as usual.

6-6-1829 - Forty-seven members of the committee met at Whitewater Meeting House. Robert Hill and 31 others were appointed to visit the Friends at Silver Creek, Elk, West Union, Duck Creek, Bethel, and other such meetings as way may open, to render such advice and assistance as truth may direct and report to a future meeting of this committee. Fourteen members of the committee attended a conference at West Union Meeting House and rendered such advice and assistance as way opened for them; no meeting of Friends held at that place. Thence 19 members of the committee attended a conference of Friends at Bethel at which place there is an established meeting, it being a branch of Milford Monthly Meeting. Nineteen members attended a conference with Friends of Duck Creek Meeting at Levi Cook's, where it was united with by the committee and most of the Friends present, of that settlement, that their meeting for worship be established at Levi Cook's on the first and fourth days of the week, and to be attached to Milford Monthly Meeting. Nine members of the committee attended a conference of Friends at Jonathan Hatton's on White River, within the limits of New Garden Quarter and the committee united in granting agreeable to their wish, a meeting for worship to be held on the first and fifth days of the week, except the mid-week of Goshen Preparative, to which they are attached, and the mid-week of Whitewater Monthly Meeting, to be known by the name of White River Meeting.

9-5-1829 - Thirty-three members of the committee met at Whitewater. The committee appointed to visit the meetings at Silver Creek, Elk, Bethel, and Duck Creek attended all of those meetings to satisfaction.

They also represent, for the information of this committee, that Whitewater Quarterly and Monthly Meetings divided before the reorganization of our yearly meeting, and have since built a house in which they hold meeting; the Yearly Meeting house being in possession of our opposers.

Milford Monthly Meeting, a branch of Whitewater Quarterly, also divided and held their meeting in a house built by Friends, the old house being also in possession of our opposers. The committee met at Westfield, the 28th of 10th month, 1828, and concluded to meet at Elk the 5th of 11th month. ... After conferring with the members of that meeting, united in advising Friends to keep up their meetings of worship and discipline and that the time of holding the monthly meeting be changed to the 2nd Fourth-day in the month, the preparative to be held the Fourth-day preceding, which they united with and hold them according.

11-21-1828 - Eleven of the committee met with Friends within the Silver Creek Monthly Meeting; their tried situation was brought into view; after a free expression of sentiment, the committee united, reorganizing their preparative meeting agreeable to their wish; the meeting for worship to be held on first and fourth days of the week and the preparative on the Fourth-day two weeks preceding Westfield Monthly Meeting, to which it is attached. At a meeting of the committee at Westfield, the 20th of 12th month, 1828; 37 members present. The subject of Westfield Quarterly Meeting being held at Westfield was taken into consideration and united with; the clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with a copy of the above minute.

A part of the committee attended Honey Creek Monthly Meeting, it being composed of three preparative, viz: Honey Creek, Union, and Terman's Creek (all of which were assumed to be laid down by our opposers); they also visited two of the preparative meetings and united in reorganizing the monthly meeting at the request there, it being a branch of Blue River Quarterly Meeting, and held alternately at Honey Creek and Union. The same Friends attended a conference of Friends at White Lick; at their request, the committee united in granting them an indulged meeting, being under the care of Blue River Monthly Meeting. Signed by the direction of the committee - Joseph P. Plummer, Clerk.

At the Yearly Meeting, 1829, the committee on the concerns of the people of color, produced a satisfactory report; they have paid attention to the concern. They are continued ... to prosecute their endeavors in effecting so desirable an object and report to the meeting next year.

The committee appointed last year on Indian concerns ... reports, "that no way has opened with sufficient clearness, to extend any labor to that subject as the 'establishment' is in the hands of our opposers ... though we are officially informed that Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends has appointed a committee to cooperate with the yearly meetings as heretofore, and we propose that this meeting appoint a like committee to act in conjunction with Baltimore and Ohio Yearly Meetings and to extend to the concern, as way may open, which was concurred with and the following named Friends to attend that subject ... and report to the meeting next year: Aaron Bracon (Branson?) and 18 others, together with a like committee of women Friends.

The meeting being informed that a donation of fifty copies of Cockburn's Review, from the Representative Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, has been lately forwarded for the use of this meeting. They are referred to the care of Noah Haines and Joseph Plummer for distribution, who are to report to the meeting next year.

The Friends appointed to assist the clerks in correcting and recording the minutes of this meeting, are directed to have 500 copies printed and apportioned among the different quarterly meetings, call on the treasurer for funds to defray the expense and report to the meeting next year. Then concluded, to meet again at this place the usual time next year. David Evans, Clerk.

- INDIANA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS HELD AT MIAMI -

9-21-1830 - Indiana Yearly Meeting was held at Miami. As we read the record left by those who have gone before, we find that each year they held their meetings, conducted the business that came annually and for the next several years, continued to try to strengthen meetings.

While it is not shown in the yearly meeting record, the next generation is growing up and many marriages are recorded in the monthly meetings. Each year also sees more of the elderly Friends passing away.

9-25-1830 - The committee appointed on the subject brought up from White-water Quarterly Meeting ... unite in judgment that monthly meetings be allowed to receive into membership, applicants who have been disowned by other monthly meetings without applying for their approbation, when, in the judgment of the monthly meeting to which the request is made, truth does not require it, which was united with.

The minutes of the committee called the meeting for suffering ... were satisfactory. The following named Friends are appointed to that service the ensuing year, who are to report to our next yearly meeting, viz: Amos Cook and 25 others. The foregoing committee is to be known hereafter by the name of the "Representative Committee of Indiana Yearly Meeting" instead of the meeting for suffering.

A memorial concerning Asher Brown, prepared by Miami Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Miami Quarterly Meeting, was received from our representative committee which, being read in this and the women's meeting, was approved. A proposition was introduced and united with to appoint a committee to visit, in connection with a similar committee of women Friends, Blue River Quarterly Meeting and the meetings constituting it, for their help and encouragement, viz: George Hatton and 8 others, who are to report next year. The committee appointed to enter into a compromise with those who have left us, if way should open, reported that no opportunity had offered for anything to be done. They are continued to report to next meeting.

Miami Quarterly Meeting, in its report, proposed that elders be reappointed at least once in four years - and that the practice of forwarding an account

of decease of elders be discontinued. Which subjects claiming the attention of this meeting, were referred to the following named Friends, in conjunction with a like committee of women Friends, who are to report to a future sitting which may appear right in these cases, viz: Richard Wright and 17 others. The committee unites in reporting as our judgment, the practice of sending up an account of death of elders be discontinued and that monthly meetings be authorized to appoint and release elders when, in their judgment, truth requires it; on behalf of the committee, Enos Grave, Elizabeth Evans, which being solidly considered, was united with by this meeting. Women's meeting also united with that part relating to the appointment and release of elders, which is accordingly referred to the observance of our monthly meeting, but women's meeting not uniting with the other part of the report - that subject is referred to the consideration of the next meeting.

9-30-1834 - The men's meeting and the women's meeting unite in discontinuing the practice of forwarding the deaths of elders. (However, at this date the following named deceased elders were reported: Horton Howard, a minister and member of Alum Creek Monthly Meeting; also, Hannah Howard, same meeting; Milly Tomlinson, Fall Creek Monthly Meeting; also, Noah Haines, member of Miami Monthly Meeting.)

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting held the 23rd of 9th month, 1833-- On reviewing the state of our religious society as spread before us in the answers to the Queries, the meeting was brought into an exercise and concern for the support of our Testimonies and the preservation of our members. And earnest desires were felt that such of them as have not been present with us, may participate therein ... The meeting was also dipt into a feeling of our fellow creatures of the African race who are yet held in bondage. And anxious desires were expressed by many Friends, that we may endeavor to shake our hands from the unrighteous gains of oppression by abstaining as much as practicable from using the products of slave labor. Our minds, at this time, have been drawn afresh towards the youth of our society with renewed desires that they may choose the Lord for their portion, and the God of Jacob for the lot of their inheritance and may they be encouraged by the precious reward accompanying every act of obedience, to press forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved Friends, may we all remember that the Gospel of Christ stands not in words nor in the will and wisdom of man, but in the power of the true and living God.

9-23-1833 - The committee on the concerns of the people of color ... report schools in progress in Brown County and the upper and lower settlements and also in their reports are two settlements of people of color in Highland and Clinton Counties, who are measurably destitute of means to educate their children but very desirous to send them to school.

The committee on the request for a quarterly meeting at Green Plain, produced the following report: We, of the committee on the subject of a division of the quarterly meeting (Miami) have attended to the appointment and visited all the monthly meetings (Green Plain, Goshen and Alum Creek) making the

request to a good degree of satisfaction and are united in the opinion that it will be right to grant the request, which we submit to the meeting, Benjamin Stokes and 5 others, which was united with by this and the women's meeting, that meeting be established agreeably to their request (to be held on Second-day following the first Seventh-day in the 2nd, 5th, and 11th months and at Goshen the same time in the 8th month, the meeting of ministers and elders the Seventh-day preceding and to be known by the name of Green Plain Quarterly Meeting, and Joseph P. Plummer and 6 others and a like committee of women Friends, to attend the opening thereof, on Second-day following the first Seventh-day in the 2nd month and report next year, 1835. The meeting for suffering reports that 300 copies of the new edition of our book of discipline are now at hand for the use of the meetings.

The committee on the subject of building the Yearly Meeting house reports that it has the floor laid and the windows filled. George Hatton, on behalf of Whitewater Monthly Meeting, requests the privilege of occupying the meeting house, or a part of it, for a schoolroom, which was approved and the privilege granted therein.

1837 - Green Plain Quarterly Meeting, in its reports, suggested to this meeting the propriety of memorializing Congress on the subject of slavery. After solid consideration, it was concluded best not to accede thereon. An address entitled "Remarks" was produced by the meeting for suffering with their report yesterday, which being read, was, upon deliberate consideration, directed to be returned to the individual who wrote it.

10th month, 1838 - Annual Query number one about new meetings established at the yearly meeting, answers that a meeting for worship and a preparative meeting known by the name of Fall Creek, within the limits of Whitewater Quarterly Meeting.

On solemnly deliberating upon the present condition of our meetings, in respect to our various testimonies, this meeting unites to appoint the following Friends to visit, in gospel love, in conjunction with a committee of women Friends, our various subordinate meetings of Friends in remote situations, as truth may direct them, viz: Joseph P. Plummer, Abram Cook, Andrew Birdsell, Israel French, Benjamin Satterthwaite, Abram Allen, Joseph Dugdale, Maurice Place, George Hatton, Samuel Silver, Richard Wright, Robert Morrison, Jonah Cadwallader, who are to report to next Yearly Meeting.

1839 - A part of the committee visited the quarterly meetings of Green Plain, Miami, and Westfield and all the meetings constituting them, and some families remotely situated. Also, Whitewater and Blue River Quarters, and a few meetings belonging to Whitewater. But no way opening in the clearness, to proceed further in the service, we have agreed to report that in the performance of our appointment thus far, it has been to the comfort of our minds and, we believe, to the general satisfaction of those visited. Joseph P. Plummer, Hannah P. Wilson, on behalf of the committee.

1839 - Yearly Meeting. The committee in relation to the people of color, reports: A school taught five months in Richmond, average number of scholars,

about 15. The committee assisted them to the amount of \$11.62-1/2, employers \$20.00 ... At Xenia, Greene County, a school by a competent female teacher, 14 scholars ... \$30.00 contributed by colored people; the same teacher is now engaged in a school of 18 scholars in Springfield, Ohio ... A school has been taught three months in Highland County, Ohio, by a colored man; \$40.00 paid by colored people and \$20.00 by the committee... In Fall Creek, Ohio, neighborhood, a school taught three months by a white man, for \$45.00; the colored people paid at the rate of \$2.25 a scholar and we contributed \$8.50.

No way has yet been opened to do anything for the benefit of the Indians.

1840 - A new monthly meeting within the verge of Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, held alternately at Fall Creek and Duck Creek and known by the name of Fall Creek.

1840 - Westfield Quarterly Meeting, in its reports, requests to be discontinued and Westfield Monthly Meeting be attached to Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, which was granted and their unfinished business, if any, and their records be directed and sent to Whitewater Quarterly Meeting ...

At the request of Blue River Quarterly Meeting, the treasurer was directed to pay to the representatives now present from said quarter, the sum of \$75.00 for the support of an insane member of that meeting.

1841 - The proceedings of the meeting for sufferings was read. They contain a complaint against a number of Friends - members of Green Plain Quarterly Meeting - for publishing a protest or 'disclaimer' censuring some expressions said to have been made by an approved minister of our Society, belonging to another yearly meeting. The meeting for sufferings considered that said Friends have acted very improperly. In this sentiment, the Yearly Meeting concurred and appointed Joseph P. Plummer and 10 others to visit that meeting, in conjunction with a similar committee of women Friends, to endeavor to convince them of their error and to help encourage them in the truth. The committee is to report next year. (As I understand the situation, there was a very strong and radical group of Abolitionist Friends in Green Plain Quarterly Meeting, who insisted that the meeting house be used for abolitionist meetings, which was opposed by conservative Friends. This situation has existed for several years and was brought to a crisis by a disclaimer published by upwards of 40 Abolitionist Friends against certain expressions condemning their proceedings, uttered by a ministering Friend of another yearly meeting. This disclaimer was considered a breach of good order prescribed in the book of Discipline. See Samuel Janney's efforts in this matter - Chapter VIII in his autobiography.)

1842 - The committee appointed to visit Green Plain Quarterly, reports .... nearly all of the committee attended that quarterly meeting 11th month last, but did not find the meeting in a disposition to receive or cooperate with our labors; yet, there appeared to be a remnant that was concerned to support the Discipline ... and with them, we felt a near and tender sympathy. The greater part of the committee again met at Goshen in the 8th month and the same want of openness to receive and cooperate ... The quarterly meeting of ministers and elders and all of its branches are dropped.

The report was read and the Yearly Meeting being earnestly desirous to encourage the members of that quarterly meeting and the monthly meetings constituting it, to a more guarded care over their conduct, appoints the following committee of Friends, in conjunction with a similar committee of women Friends, to visit those meetings for that purpose: Jonathan Wright and 13 others, to report next year.

1843 - The greater number of the committee appointed last year to visit the Green Plain Quarterly Meeting ... attended the meeting held at Green Plain in the 11th month last ... most of the active members of that meeting stood opposed to the views and advice of the committee, though some appeared willing to unite and cooperate with us. The committee could therefore do little than sympathize with those ... At the quarterly meeting held at the same place in the 5th month. Those who had signed the disclaimer ... assumed to bear the rule in the meeting, displaced the men's clerk who had recently been appointed in the order of Society and appointed one of their own number ... At the succeeding quarterly meeting held at Goshen in the 8th month, they continued the same person at the clerk's table and proceeded with the business, appointing as representatives to the yearly meeting and as members of the meeting for sufferings, some of those who had signed the aforesaid disclaimer and continued to justify that measure. The greater part of those members who had previously endeavored to support the discipline and order of Society, became discouraged and ceased to participate in the business of the meeting. The meetings of ministers and elders within the limits of that quarter, have not been attended and we fear the ministry among them has, in part, become unsound and lifeless.

1843 - The report was read and adopted and the Yearly Meeting, believing that best wisdom requires that its long continued labors with Green Plain Quarterly should now be drawn to a close, appointed Joseph P. Plummer and 6 others to attend that quarterly meeting in 11th month next, in conjunction with a committee of women Friends, to lay it down and the Yearly Meeting directs that the monthly meetings composing said quarter, thereafter be attached to Miami Quarterly Meeting, to which the books and papers of Green Plain Quarterly are to be delivered. But that meeting refused to deliver the books. Report of committee accomplished, 1844.

A concern having arisen in the meeting, Joseph P. Plummer and 11 others were appointed, in conjunction with a similar committee of women Friends, to visit our quarterly and monthly meetings and as way open, advise and assist them in supporting the order of our Society and various testimonies we profess to bear and report to the meeting next year.

1844 - The committee appointed to visit our subordinate meetings, reports that all of our quarterly meetings have been visited and a disposition was manifest on the part of these, to cooperate with the committee in the object of its appointment. Most of our monthly meetings have also been attended and we believe them generally to be deficient in an upright discharge of their duty to such as have gone out into that degenerate spirit which is laying waste our discipline and testimonies and as way opened, we endeavored to point out the danger of this departing from our Christian testimonies and also the necessity of a faithful discharge of duty towards such as would not

be reclaimed. We believe there are those in most of our monthly meetings whose eyes have been opened to see the cause of the desolation which Friends, and we think these, felt thankful for the assistance which has been afforded.

This meeting feeling a concern to aid subordinate meetings, appointed a committee of men and women Friends to visit them, as way may open, for their help and encouragement in supporting our testimonies and the right exercise of discipline, and to report to next meeting.

1845 - The committee appointed to visit our subordinate meetings produced the subjoined satisfactory report, viz: that we endeavored to attend to our appointment. Miami and Whitewater Quarterly Meetings, all of the monthly meetings within the limits of the yearly meeting, except two, and some other subordinate meetings have been visited by a part of the committee, mostly to a good degree of satisfaction and the committee was encouraged to believe that Friends in most of the monthly meetings are increasingly disposed to maintain the discipline and testimonies of our Society. Signed Jonathan Wright, Mary Coale.

9-29-1845 - By the reports of Miami and Whitewater Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Friends have had the subject of schools under consideration and one school of the description recommended, has been in operation. The subject still claiming weighty deliberation of this meeting, was recommended to the observance of subordinate meetings, which are suggested to forward an account of their care to the meeting next year.

9-28-1846 - Whitewater Quarterly Meeting reports some care on the subject of schools as recommended by the meeting last year.

The committee on the concern of the people of color, reports \$67.12 raised for the several schools maintained with an attendance of 74 scholars on 9-1-1846. These schools, with the money appropriated for their support, continue for several years.

Answers to the Queries:

1st. - All of our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended except two meetings reported by Miami Quarterly Meeting (though frequently small in which some care has been taken) unbecoming behavior guarded against and the hour of meeting nearly observed.

2nd - We believe that Christian love is maintained by many Friends, tale-bearing and detraction are generally discouraged and when differences appear, endeavors have been used to end them.

3rd - Many Friends endeavor by example and precept, to educate their children and those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment, and apparel, to guard them against reading pernicious books and from corrupt practices of the world, and to encourage them in reading the Scriptures of truth, though deficiencies in the several subjects of this Query is manifest in a considerable number of our members.

4th - Clear of importing, vending, distilling, and mostly clear of the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors and frequenting taverns and places of diver-

sion, in which some care has been taken, moderation and temperance generally observed.

5th - Care has been taken to relieve the necessities of the poor and to promote the school education of the children.

6th - Friends generally maintain our testimony against an hireling ministry, oaths, military service, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries.

7th - Friends are mostly careful to live up to the requisites of the Query, except a few who have not been punctual in complying with their engagements, in which some care has been taken.

8th - Friends bear a testimony against slavery and provide in a suitable manner for those under their care, who have had their freedom secured.

9th - Care has been taken to deal with offenders as queried, though not as seasonably in some cases as would have been best.

In entering upon the state of society as brought up by the reports from the quarterly meetings, this meeting was dipped into a travail and exercise of mind for those of our brethren and sisters who are not present with us, that they may be partakers of that love which we at this time feel, and appoint George Hatton and 6 others to unite with a similar committee of women Friends, to prepare an address to be distributed amongst the subordinate meetings and the members generally, expressive of the exercises thereof, and produce it to a future sitting.

The committee to visit subordinate meetings ... reports that most of the meetings have been visited to a good degree of satisfaction ... finding willingness in the minds of many Friends to unite in the concern of the yearly meeting .....

The committee appointed to prepare essays of epistles to the yearly meetings with which we correspond, have produced one which is directed to be copied and so arranged in address as to suit the different meetings, which was approved and directed to be signed by the clerk and referred to the corresponding committee. Jacob Dickinson and Deborah Dickinson, his wife, in the course of their visit, attended this meeting and produced a minute of concurrence from Verona Monthly Meeting of Friends, state of New York, held 6th month 5th, 1846, endorsed by Sipio Quarterly Meeting, dated 7th month 8th, 1846. The clerk is directed to furnish them with extracts from the above minutes.

With gratitude to the Divine Being for having manifested Himself amongst us through several sittings of this meeting, and having finished our business, the meeting now concludes, to meet again at Whitewater at the usual time next year, if His goodness permit. Robert Morris, Clerk.

9-29-1851 - This meeting has been brought into exercise on account of the frequent violations of our Christian testimonies against the erection of monuments in our burying grounds for the purpose of distinction. ... We therefore earnestly desire that quarterly and monthly meetings, as occasion exists, should faithfully comply with requisition of our discipline, in removing, as

soon as practicable, from our burying grounds, such marks of distinction. It is also desired that property held or used by the Society, should be subject, in all cases, to the order recommended by the Yearly Meeting ... And Friends are affectionately cautioned against compromising our principle, either by encouraging others in the erection of monuments to the dead, or by erecting them themselves ... in the burying grounds of others.

Whitewater Quarterly Meeting informs that Margaret Kindley, a minister, who was a member of Westfield Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 6th day of the 9th month, 1852, aged about eighty-six years. 1853. Y.M.

Miami Quarterly Meeting reports that in consequence of the small number of Friends residing at Clear Creek, the monthly, preparative, and meeting for worship at that place have been laid down and the members attached to Center Monthly Meeting.

Whitewater Quarterly Meeting reports a monthly meeting has been established and held alternately at Maple Grove and Rush Creek and known by the name of Maple Grove Monthly Meeting.

9-2-1856 - This meeting was introduced into a deep concern on account of the suffering condition of some of our meetings from the imposition lectures and others who have departed from our testimonies and associated with the so-called spiritualists and others in their delusions. The subject is referred to the particular attention of the Yearly Meeting. A minute from the meeting for suffering states: We are united in judgment that it would be right when any of our members shall so far manifest disunity with any of our testimonies as to participate with those who profess to believe in spiritualism or to converse with departed spirits by taking an active part with them, such shall be regarded as having separated or disowned themselves from (our) Society, and it shall be the duty of monthly meetings where such members reside, to make a minute of disownment against them.

9-29-1859 - The committee appointed to propose a suitable person with whom the books and papers belonging to this meeting shall be deposited, propose the treasurer, for the time being, of this meeting, and it shall be his duty to take the proper care of them, subject to the direction of the Yearly Meeting or the meeting for suffering.. The subject of many mixed marriages and expansive preparations for funerals, as prevalent among our members, was weightily spread before the meeting, which, upon deliberation, resulted in the appointment of the following committee to unite with a committee of women Friends and to confer together aforesaid and report if way opens ... (a partial report): The many innovations that are taking place within our borders, have been cause of baptizing exercise to many minds, and we feel again induced, ardently to invite our members to rally to that ancient foundation of this people and the righteous of all generations, to the Rock of Ages, where we are safe from all of the assaults of the enemies of the soul ... (nearly 3 pages)

9-30-1862 - An extract from the will of Alban Fawcett (a member of Center Monthly Meeting, lately deceased) was produced to this meeting by his executors, by which he bequeathed \$1000.00 to this meeting, for such charitable purposes as this meeting shall judge best.

- THE TIME OF THE CIVIL WAR -

The present sad condition of our country has occasioned in our minds, a desire that none of us may be carried away by the excitement of the day, but that all may flee to his tent and be still. While we are grateful for the excellence of the civil government under which we are favored to live, and are desirous of fulfilling our duties to it as faithful citizens, let us not forget our allegiance to the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, whose Kingdom is not of this world; thus we shall render to Caesar, the things that are Caesar's, and to God, the things that are God's. What things belong to God? The answer is, whatever He requires at our hands. And herein lies our testimony - not in our own imaginings, reasonings, deductions, and self-imposed restraints, but in the stirrings of the Word of Life within us, calling to duty.

The ardent desire of our minds is, that we may all wait on the Lord, in silent retirement, to know His Holy Will, and thus, listening to His quiet, inspeaking word, we shall find ourselves banded together in a united and consistent testimony against all strife and contentions and against all that has a tendency to engender ill feeling and to countenance war or the shedding of human blood. And all being taught by the same benign Master, we shall all mind the same things and be able to adopt the language, "Glory to God in the highest; on earth, peace and good will to men."

It is only as we are brought in the peaceful School of Christ, that we are enabled to love our enemies; we therefore, desire that all our members may retire into this quiet habitation where the Prince of Peace dwells and where His voice may be heard, leading into lamblike spirit, and away from all the scenes of an exciting military character and from an improper interest in the present critical condition of our once-favored country. So doing, we shall be (as our excellent discipline advises), "religiously guarded against approving of, or showing the least connivance of war, either by attending at, or viewing military operations, and against dealing in public certificates, issued as compensation for expenses incurred or services performed in war." We believe this Divine Counselor will lead us into an observance of every part of our discipline concerning war which we commend to the serious perusal and observance of all our members. While we make the Heavenly Shepherd our guide, we shall, in the support of this important testimony, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves; giving no just cause of offense to any; standing firm and united in the wisdom and innocence of truth, a strength to one another, an example to the world and a praise to Him whose Kingdom is a Kingdom of Peace.

It is far from us to discourage any from acts of pure humanity, but we desire to advise all our members against giving countenance, or assistance by our conversation, conduct, or property, to the shedding of human blood. Thus cultivating a spirit of meekness and love toward our fellow man in the world at large, we cannot fail to live in the bonds of charity and peace among ourselves, as fellow professors of the Gospel of Him who came to save and not to destroy.

Having completed the business of this meeting with thankfulness of heart

for the evidence of Divine Love afforded in our several sittings, we now conclude, to meet at the usual time and place next year, as permitted. Recorded by Joel Evans. Robert Hatton, Clerk.

9-28-1863 - The committee on schools ... reports schools under the care of committees appointed by the monthly meetings, are in progress at Waynesville and Richmond and one for three months at Blue River. The monthly meetings of Green Plain and Fall Creek are about erecting houses for the accommodation of schools under their care.

10-1-1863 - A proposition to provide for a more comfortable accommodation of the Yearly Meeting, when held at Richmond, was introduced. It resulted in the appointment of Robert Morrison and 18 others to take the matter under advisement and report to the Yearly Meeting.

10-4-1866 - The committee continued from last Yearly Meeting reports that we have completed all that was contemplated, at a cost of \$17,745.64. The report was satisfactory.

The committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting last year to report on the legal and civil disabilities of the people of color within the limits of Ohio and Indiana, reports that at the convening of the last Legislature of Indiana, there existed a constitutional enactment prohibiting colored people settling within the limits of the state ... On the 20th of 10th month last, a part of the committee attended a sitting of the Legislature of Indiana and in conjunction with committees of Orthodox Friends from two yearly meetings, endeavored to encourage the legislators to obey the dictates of humanity, rather than of supposed political policy, when dealing with the interests of these people ... In Ohio, we find a law prohibiting suffrage to all who have a preponderance of African blood.

Miami Quarterly Meeting informs that Center Preparative Meeting and meeting for worship have been laid down and the members attached to Grove Preparative Meeting. Also, Alum Creek Monthly and Whetstone Preparative have been discontinued and the members attached to Green Plain Preparative and Monthly Meeting.

Blue River Quarterly Meeting informs that an indulged meeting has been granted to Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, to Friends residing in Whiteside County, Illinois, held alternately at Sidney Averill's, Joseph M. Wilson's and John Anthony's, on the Seventh-day next after the 2nd Fifth-day in each month. Whitewater Quarterly Meeting informed that Rush Creek Preparative and meeting for worship now commence at 10 o'clock instead of 11 o'clock, as formerly.

9-30-1867 - In view of the diversity of opinion existing in the minds of many Friends of the different monthly meetings, in regard to the proper treatment of members who have violated our testimony in regard to military service, William B. Woolman and 19 others are appointed to take the subject under consideration, view it in all its bearings, and report to a future sitting of this meeting, if way should open, what course monthly meetings should adopt under the circumstances.

Report of the committee: Under the desire to maintain in its fullness, our testimony against the spirit of war and contention, we have been led into deep concern because of those in membership with us who have violated this testimony during the recent civil strife, by taking up arms or otherwise aiding the military branch of the government in suppressing the rebellion. Many, if not all of them, are birthright members, without a spiritual knowledge or convincement of the truth of our testimonies upon the subject and have acted from motives of conceived duty and patriotism in pursuing the course they have, and while unable truthfully to say that they are convinced of the error of their course, still desire to retain their right of membership in our Society. Believing that the spirit of our discipline does not require, and the best welfare of our Society or of these members, does not admit of general disownment, we propose that the Yearly Meeting instruct each monthly meeting to appoint annually, so long as may be necessary, a committee of judicious Friends who are to labor with such members as have become liable to treatment because of this testimony, and when anyone so dealt with, seems to have a well-grounded desire to retain his right of membership, and the committee is of the judgment that it will be best to continue that right, they are to so report to the monthly meeting and if said meeting unites in this judgment, a suitable minute shall be made and the person concerned be notified to that effect. If, on the contrary, the committee finds that anyone so dealt with is not desirous of retaining his right among us, or is not in unity with the Society upon other testimonies, they are to report to the monthly meeting and the meeting may, in its best judgment, appoint a committee to treat with such a person, or, if accepting the report of the standing committee as sufficient, it may issue a testimony of disownment, setting forth the other causes of complaint. It is advised that these committees be tender in their treatment of such as come under their care, observing the spirit of meekness and love enjoined by our ninth Query.

The clerk informs that he had five hundred certificates printed for the accommodation of such Friends as came by railroad to attend Yearly Meeting and paid full fare, that they might return free. The expense of printing was four dollars, which he is directed to call on the treasurer for.  
William Parry, Clerk.

9-28-1868 - In accordance with the direction of the meeting last year, subordinate meetings have furnished the following statistical account of the number of children within their limits, between the ages of 5 and 21. Miami reports 76 males and 68 females between the ages of 5 and 21; 22 males and 17 females between 5 and 10; 31 males and 22 females between 10 and 15; 31 males and 29 females between 15 and 21. Whitewater reports 176 males and 171 females; 45 males and 42 females between 5 and 10; 58 males and 63 females between 10 and 15; 73 males and 66 females between 15 and 21. Blue River Quarterly Meeting simply reports 76 males and 61 females between the ages of 5 and 21; within the limits of the Yearly Meeting, 628, of which amount 326 are males and 300 females.

9-29-1868 - Blue River Quarterly Meeting reports that a monthly meeting has been established at Benjaminville, McLean County, Illinois.

9-29-1868 - The meeting for suffering produced satisfactory minutes, also, a report of its doings in relation to the Indians west of the Mississippi. The report being read, is directed to be placed upon the minutes of this meeting. ... The committee to meet with delegates from the yearly meetings corresponding with ours, reports that in compliance with our appointment, we proceeded to Baltimore and on the 29th of 10th month (1867) we met with delegates from the meetings for suffering from Philadelphia, New York, Genessee, Baltimore, and Ohio Yearly Meetings, and after a free interchange of sentiment relative to the wrongs perpetuated upon the Indian natives of this continent, the conference was united in preparing a memorial to the officers having the chief management of Indian affairs in our general government and also to the Senate and House of Representatives, in which we endeavored to call the attention of the government to the injustice that has been practised on the western Indians and especially to the aggressive nature of the war recently existing with them - to the infamous frauds that traders, agents and officers of the government were practicing upon them as shown by the official documents published by order of Congress. The present condition of the Indians, residing in the state of New York, as contrasted towards whom the destructive policy was pursued and brought into view for the purpose of illustrating the kind and humane treatment which had raised the New York remnant from the point of extermination, to a prosperous state steadily advancing in population, wealth and knowledge; also, stating our firm conviction that by similar just measures, especially in the proper observance of treaty stipulations and prompt redress of wrongs inflicted upon the Indians by unprincipled white men ... there was ground for believing that an interesting race of people, now fast fading away, might be rescued from the impending crisis and raised to a state of usefulness and comfort and brought to realize that to continue his existence attained by the chase, with its nomadic habits, must be relinquished and the fruits of industry arising from settled habits of life, looked to as the source of subsistence. And in carrying out this plan, such assistance as Friends might be able to render, was offered without prospect of remuneration. A short memorial condensed from the longer one was also prepared. On the 11th of the 12th month, 1867, a part of the delegation .....

The first volume of minutes of the Yearly Meeting closes with the memorial to Lydia M. Janney, deceased from Springboro Monthly Meeting, aged 90 years. It is understood that the routine business of the Yearly Meeting was continuously carried out; the 2nd volume commences with the year 1869.

INDIANA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS HELD AT RICHMOND, INDIANA,  
THE 27th OF NINTH MONTH, 1869

A long report by the committee on Indian concerns was brought forth. It spoke of a joint committee of Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Genesee, Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings appointing a committee to send a joint committee to interview the President and Secretary of the Interior in regard to the Indian question; it resulted that Secretary Cox assigned Friends to the Northern Superintendency, superintendant and all. Omaha, in the superintendency, may be reached in four days travel.

The subject of extending assistance to the Indians being brought before the meeting, a committee of Ezra Walton and 12 other men and women Friends were appointed to propose at the next sitting, a special committee to have charge of that service. The committee reported that Seth Furnas and 19 others were appointed to the service. They are authorized to draw on the treasurer for such amount of funds as may be needed to carry out the intentions of the Yearly Meeting and subordinate meetings are requested to assist by contributions of clothing and money in the relief of destitute Indians and forward them to the committee.

Fourth-day afternoon, 28th of 9th month, 1870 - Friends again assembled in joint session "meeting with open shutters" at Waynesville, Ohio, to hear the report of the committee appointed last year to labor in behalf of the Indians. The committee presented a minute of its proceedings for the year, from which we learn that during that time, they have forwarded to the Omaha agency, 1609 articles of clothing, 1200 yards of goods, 50 pounds of stocking yarn, needles, thread, crackers, etc., to an estimated value of \$2307.57. The Indians seem to have made unexpected progress in changing their habits from idleness to comparative industry. The men are now generally doing the out-door work, both in farming and preparing timber for their houses. Faith in the white man has increased to a very gratifying extent since they have realized that the efforts that are being made to improve their condition are disinterested. The action of the committee was approved and the meeting, believing it right to extend further care in cooperation with like committees of other yearly meetings, it was continued with the addition of Edward Butterworth and 10 others and is to report to the meeting next year.

Friends continue their care of schools with one at Richmond, Indiana, 93 scholars, a superintendant and 4 teachers. The concern for the people of color is also continued.

Extracts from memorials prepared by Fall Creek Monthly Meeting concerning our deceased Friends, Charles W. Swain and Sarah Ann, his wife, were presented.

1870 - The building for a Friends boarding school under the name of Miami Valley Institute, situated near Springboro, Ohio, being near its completion, it is thought that a brief notice of its origin and intent may be of interest ... The absence of any such school in the West, at present, induced some Friends to commence the above enterprise ... for the opening of a winter



Indiana Yearly Meetinghouse built 1865, Richmond, Indiana



Fall Creek Meetinghouse near Pendleton, Indiana

session ... There are, in the building, 2 study rooms, 40 feet square, with recitation rooms attached; three rooms of the same dimensions to be used for eating and other domestic purposes; six rooms, 16 x 22 feet, for family purposes; two central openings, 14 x 40 feet, with halls attached, and 1 corridor, 14 x 50 feet, which may be used for reading room and library, and 40 lodging rooms, 14 x 15 feet.

In all, the accommodations will, it is believed, be ample for 150 or 200 students. The building is covered with slate and much care taken to secure against accidents by fire; its walls are hollow and thoroughly underdrained to secure its inmates from damp air; its location is healthful and picturesque and its social surroundings moral and quiet. These combinations, it is believed, will greatly favor the designs of the institution. The management of the school is to be confined exclusively to members of our Society and such simplicity and economy observed as will comport with our principles and render its benefits accessible to the largest number. While proper time for recreation will be accorded, a portion of the exercise which will be necessary to promote and maintain the health and the strength of body, will be utilized in providing themselves with the comforts and conveniences of life. The course of study is intended to be thorough as it progresses, limited only by ability. For further information, apply to Aaron Wright, Springboro, Ohio, or Jason Evans, Cincinnati, Ohio.

9th month 25th, 1870 - The committee appointed at a former sitting to embody some of the exercises of the meeting, produced the following summary, which is united with and directed to be printed with the minutes.

Our Yearly Meeting opened with its usual public gathering at ten o'clock, First-day morning, where we felt the presence of that unity of purpose and harmony of feeling, which would lead us to realize that it was good for us to meet in this manner. Several impressive testimonies were borne to the strength and beauty of our principles and exhortations given to the young to endeavor to walk near the Light and be obedient to the Will of God revealed in the soul.

A meeting was appointed for the afternoon, which was largely attended, the house being filled, and after a period of solemn silence wherein the Master of Assemblies was felt to have acknowledged the gathering, much earnest and we hope, effectual testimony was borne, both in supplication and in ministry, to the efficacy of Christ as power and the peace and comfort that would follow obedience to our Heavenly Father's requirements. The baptizing power of love was so felt in our midst that there seemed no room for that which was impure and the old and the young were made to feel that they were the children of a common Father and with gratitude in their hearts for His boundless and unmerited love and mercy, the meeting closed.

Our business meeting opened on Second-day morning the 26th, with an impressive silence of some duration, after which the removal by death of those whose counsel and care we had shared and who had passed through the burden and heat of their day to rewards, was feelingly alluded to.

Our attention was called to the query whether we who must in the course of a few years pass from our labors, were preparing for the change, that we might enter upon it with the fullness of hope that we should receive the reward of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The young men were invited to assist in conducting the affairs of the Society as divine truth should direct and they make willing sacrifice of their wills to that of the Master .... (A concern that the exercises be printed.)

9-27-1871 - The meeting adjourned in joint session to hear the report of the committee on Indian affairs held at Waynesville, Ohio, 9-30-1870; twenty-seven members were present; the expenses of \$125.00 were directed to be paid by the Yearly Meeting treasurer for the proposed visit of Absalon and Alice Mendenhall to the agency. The committee appointed an executive committee of their number to carry out the purposes of the general committee. The report of Absalon and Alice Mendenhall, which is incorporated in the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and the continued work of the committee is very interesting, but owing to the space required to tell of it, it is only necessary to say that the work among the Indians was very successful in that the Indians were able to become farmers with small farms, building their homes and schools and churches in cooperation with the government, but it has been done by the help of dedicated Friends and to this day, Friends are concerned.

29th of 9th month, 1873 - Blue River Quarterly Meeting, in its reports, informs that it and Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting of Iowa, a branch of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, are united in asking to have a yearly meeting established at Clear Creek, Putnam County, to be held the Second-day before the last First-day in the ninth month of each year, which claiming the consideration of this meeting, was referred to James W. Haines and 12 other Friends, who are appointed to act in conjunction with a like committee of woman Friends and to unite with a committee from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, should it appoint one, to visit the quarterly meetings making the request and their subordinate meetings, if way opens, and report their judgment in the case to the next Yearly Meeting.

There were very long reports of Indian affairs committee and the educational committee which is not reported herewith the usual way; the meeting concluded.

9th month 28th, 1874 - The committee appointed by Baltimore and Indiana Yearly Meetings to visit Blue River and Prairie Grove Quarterly Meetings...unite in the judgment that it would be right to establish a yearly meeting to be composed of those quarterly meetings, which we propose, to be by the name of Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends and that it be opened at Clear Creek, Putnam County, Illinois, on the Second-day preceding the last First-day in the 9th month, 1875. Also, a meeting for ministers and elders on the Seventh-day preceding and a meeting for worship on First-day, all of said meetings to convene at 10 o'clock A.M. The report was united with by the meeting and Joseph F. Schofield and 12 others and women Friends provided Baltimore Yearly Meeting unites in its establishment. The report of the meeting for suffering was read which was satisfactory. It proposes that a fund of not less than \$300 be raised and placed at its disposal to enable it to spread a knowledge of our principles by the publication and purchase of books and pamphlets

suitable for general dissemination, which was united with and our subordinate meetings requested to open voluntary subscription for that purpose and report next year.

1874 - The Alban Fawcett fund, originally \$1000, should be allowed to increase to \$2000, which, on the 20th of this month, was \$1997.73; that the trustees be directed to divide the interest annually in equal amounts, to our quarterly meetings, to be appropriated by them in conformity with the bequest to 'charitable purposes' which was approved. It also informed of the decease of John Griest, one of its members. Absalom Mendenhall is appointed to fill the vacancy.

1874 - minute 13 - It was proposed and united with (women Friends concurring) to establish a meeting for worship at Waynesville, at the time of holding our yearly meeting there on first-day afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The committee on education (1874) ... reports the following schools ... Friends Academy, Richmond, Indiana; Penn Institute at Benjaminville, Illinois; Miami Valley Institute, Springboro, Ohio; Blue River Monthly Meeting school at Highland Creek, Indiana; Miami Monthly Meeting school at Grove, Ohio, and the school in the Friends meeting house in Cincinnati, Ohio. The attendance has been 289 scholars.

1875 - minute 15 - It was proposed that the sum of \$400 be raised for yearly meeting purposes, one half by Whitewater and one half by Miami.

- minute 27 - The trustees of the Albin Fawcett fund are requested to pay the entire interest arising out of the fund for this year, to Blue River Quarterly Meeting.

1876 - minute 8 - The meeting for suffering produced a satisfactory report of its proceedings ... It also reports that the interest on the Albin Fawcett fund has not been paid as appears by the surviving trustees; also, that Jason Evans, in his will, has bequeathed \$5000 to the Yearly Meeting for the benefit of the poor, as is shown by a letter received from his executors, which the meeting thankfully accepts. Jonathan Morris and 9 others are appointed to propose at a future sitting, Friends to act as trustees in charge of these two funds, for the Yearly Meeting. Copy of letter: Cincinnati, April 3rd, 1876. Aaron Wright, Clerk, Yearly Meeting of Friends, Springboro, Ohio. As executors of the estate of Jason Evans, deceased, we advise you of a bequest made to the "Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends," and request that steps be taken to appoint custodians authorized to receive the same, which we are ready to pay any time when a proper receipt for the money can be given. Article 4 of the will is as follows: "I give and bequeath to the Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends that is held alternately at Richmond, Indiana, and Waynesville, Ohio, of which Aaron Wright, of Springboro, is clerk, the sum of five thousand dollars, to be placed in the hands of three trustees appointed by said meeting, and by them invested or loaned on interest. The amount of interest or income received to be reported annually to said Yearly Meeting, and by it apportioned among the quarterly meetings and the said quarterly meetings to be instructed to apportion said amounts among the respective monthly meetings to be used for the benefit of the poor among their members. It is my desire that Friends, in making the

distribution of the funds, may have a due regard for the circumstances of the Friends in the several meetings. Respectfully submitted, Evans, Lippincott & Cunningham, Executors.

1876 - Report of the trustees of the Albin Fawcett fund. The member having the immediate charge of the fund (Jason Evans) has deceased. The executors of the decedent, soon after his death, passed over to us one Richmond city coupon bond for \$1000 (which came into the hands of the trustees soon after their appointment) and a check for \$1040 of which was the interest to that time on one thousand dollars not invested in other than personal securities. The coupon of the Richmond city bond falling due within the last year, has been forwarded to the place designed for payment thereof, for collection, but we are informed there are no funds there to pay them. We had expected to have forwarded to Blue River Quarterly Meeting, in accordance with the order of last Yearly Meeting, the whole amount of the income due upon said fund, but having failed to collect the greater part, we have on hand but \$40 subject to distribution which has not yet been forwarded. Respectfully submitted 9-23-1876, Solomon Gause and Joel Evans.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to propose suitable Friends as trustees to have charge of the Albin Fawcett fund and the fund bequeathed by Jason Evans, propose Joel Evans, Solomon Gause and Nixon Brown. They are authorized to call upon the executors of the late Jason Evans, receive the bequest receipt for the same on behalf of Indiana Yearly Meeting of said fund the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute. The trustees are requested to loan the funds on real estate, first mortgage security and amount not to exceed one half of its real value. They are directed to report to the meeting next year.

1877 - last part minute 19 - Also, on examination, we find there is on hand \$94.60 for the publication of books, sufficient for the ensuing year.

- minute 20 - The meeting for sufferings forwarded to this the terms upon which the executors of Jason Evans and others propose to transfer their property, real and personal, in the Miami Valley College to the Yearly Meeting, which terms, upon deliberation, this and women's meeting accept. The proper transfer of the property is directed to the meeting for suffering. .. The transfer ... is for the perpetual use by said meeting for the purpose designated in the charter and terms of subscription of said company, and for such purpose only, all the real and personal property of said company to be returned to said Miami Valley College Company when said meeting shall cease to use such property. Executors of Jason Evans 390 shares - \$19500; from Aaron Wright ... on same terms, \$12000, and he authorized to add \$7000 more on behalf of other parties, making in all about \$33500.

- minute 24 - The trustees of the benevolent fund of the Yearly Meeting have to report that they have collected the interest on the Alvin Fawcett fund for the last year, amounting to \$113 and forwarded it to Blue River Quarterly Meeting, as directed, and that they have received of the executors of Jason Evans, deceased, the amount of his bequest. They now have on hand, one Richmond city bond for \$1000, bearing interest at 7.30 percent, and 3 promissory notes secured by mortgage on farming lands, for \$6000, bearing interest at 8 percent, the whole amount being \$7000, received for interest,

during the year \$522.66-1/2; paid for recording mortgage \$3.65, leaving on hand for distribution \$519.01, to be distributed equally between Miami and Whitewater Quarterly Meetings, 10th month 4th, 1877. Solomon Gause, Nixon G. Brown, Joel Evans - Trustees.

1877 - minute 27 - Memorials prepared by Cincinnati Monthly Meeting of Friends, concerning our deceased Friends Jason Evans, Isaac Jones and Ann S Tucker, forwarded by Miami Quarterly Meeting to the meeting for sufferings, and by that meeting to this, were read and approved and directed to be printed with the minutes of this meeting. ...

- minute 29 - The educational committee reports that there are no schools under the care of Friends except Miami Valley College. The committee is released.

1878 - minute 20 - Report of the Indian committee. During the year just passed, our committee had plenty of work on its hands, caused in part by difficulties that have beset our pathway at the seat of government and by the annoyance of white people in Nebraska, who are unfavorable to the peace policy under which we are working for the improvement and civilization of the Indians. (As these reports are long, it is impossible to fit them in the space of this work. They show something of the time, effort, and labor of Friends and the progress they made in the short time they worked with the government. Those interested should read the reports in the minute book.)

-minute 25 - In regard to Miami Valley College ... The college has an excellent corps of teachers, all of whom are members of our religious society. At present there are twelve day scholars and five boarders in attendance. Five day scholars and ten boarders have signified their intention of attending the college in the fourth and fifth week of the term. The course of study has remained unchanged. Every effort will be made to carry on the college in accordance with our testimonies and the cooperation of all earnest Friends interested in education is cordially invited. On behalf of the committee, James W. Haines, Sarah S. Furnas.

- minute 34 - Having been favored to transact the business that has come before us, in harmony and condescension towards one another, and under a feeling of the Divine presence sensibly felt to be amongst us, the meeting now concludes, to meet again next year at Richmond, if permitted. William Parry, Clerk. Recorded by Mary Parry.

- THIRD BOOK OF THE YEARLY MEETING MINUTES -

At this time, commencing with the third book of the Yearly Meeting minutes of the Yearly Meeting at Richmond, Indiana, 1879, I think it would be well to give a fuller report of the Yearly Meeting.

1879 - minute 1 - By reports received from the quarterly meetings, it appears that Stephen Burnett, Jonas Janney, Aaron Wilson, Jesse Russel, Edward Merrit, Richard W. Jessop, Cornelius Ratliff, Isaac Whitely, George Hill, Jesse K. James, Noah Cadwallader, and Albert Grissel have been appointed representatives to this meeting, who are present.

- minute 2 - Minutes for Friends in attendance are: Samuel J. Levich, a minister from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia ... one for Lydia Price, a minister from Birmingham Monthly Meeting, Chester County, Pennsylvania. There are also Friends from other yearly meetings without minutes, who are likewise acceptable in attendance.

- minute 3 - To embody the exercise of the meeting during its sittings and produce them to a future sitting, Robert Furnas, Aaron Wright, Noah Cadwallader, Jesse Wilson, William Starr, and Clarkson Butterworth are appointed.

- minute 4 - Epistles from all the yearly meetings with which we correspond, have been received and read to edification and comfort. To prepare essays thereto, as way may open, and produce them to a future sitting Jesse Butterworth, Woolsten Swain, Robert Furnas, Thomas B. Morris, Francis H. Allen, and Jesse K. James are appointed.

- minute 5 - To settle with the treasurer, report what amount of money will be needed for the ensuing year and propose a Friend for treasurer. Joseph C. Ratliff, Thomas Woodnutt, Albert Grissel, Job Holloway, Jesse Butterworth, and William T. Frame are appointed, to report to a future sitting.

- minute 6 - Whitewater Quarterly Meeting reports that Emily L. Stratton, an approved minister, departed this life 5th month 27th, 1879, in the 62nd year of her age.

- minute 7 - The representatives are directed to confer together at the rise of this sitting and propose to next a Friend for clerk and one assistant.

- minute 8 - Having been favored to transact the business that has come before us, with harmony and Divine presence being felt to be with us, the meeting adjourned, to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

- minute 9 - Third of the week, 30th of the month, near the time to which the meeting adjourned, Friends met.

- minute 10 - Information is given that Albert Grissel, one of the representatives of this meeting, had to return home on account of the feeble health of his wife.

- minute 11 - Cornelius Ratliff, on behalf of the representatives, proposed William Parry for clerk and Joseph C. Ratliff for assistant clerk, who

being separately considered, are united with and they are appointed to those services.

1879 - minute 12 - The Queries were all read, with answers from the quarterly meetings, the substance of which is embodied in the following summaries:

1st - Meetings on First-days of the week are pretty well attended. Those near the middle of the week and those for discipline are much neglected. Unbecoming behavior therein, mostly avoided; the hour of meeting pretty well observed. One monthly meeting in the limits of Miami Quarter, acknowledges deficiencies in all the requirements of the Query.

2nd - Friends generally appear to maintain love towards each other as becomes our profession, though there appear to be some lamentable deficiencies amongst us; tale bearing and detractions not enough discouraged by all; endeavors have been used to end apparent differences.

3rd - More care to fulfill the requirements of this Query is wanted amongst us.

4th - Friends are clear of importing, vending and distilling spirituous liquors, but not entirely clear of its unnecessary use, or attending places of harmful diversions; some care is reported to have been taken, moderation and temperance mostly observed.

5th - The necessities of the poor have been inspected, relief afforded when necessary.

6th - Our testimony against an hireling ministry has not been maintained by all of the members. Nearly clear as to the remainder of the Query.

7th - Friends are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage. Mostly just in their dealings and punctual in complying with their engagements; when deficiencies have occurred, some care has been extended.

8th - Care has been taken to deal with the offenders in the spirit and manner queried after, but not so timely in all cases as might have been best.

9th - Miami's answer is: they are as far as practicable; Whitewater's is no schools as queried after amongst us.

10th - The Queries have been read and endeavors used to answer them as directed.

1879 - minute 13 - Whitewater Quarterly Meeting has furnished a satisfactory reason for the absence of Jesse K. James, a representative to last Yearly Meeting.

- minute 14 - The meeting concluded, to meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, in joint session with women Friends, to consider the Indian question and the report of the representative committee.

- minute 15 - Fourth of the week and first of 10th month, about the time adjourned to, men and women Friends met in joint session.

1879 - minute 16 - The committee having the care of Indians under our charge, produced the following report, which is approved. The subject is referred to the same committee to labor, as way may open, and report to the meeting next year.

Report of the Indian committee: (Note: This report covers 5-1/2 pages in the large minute book and it speaks of a change in government policy and reviews the progress and advancement the Indians have made.)

- minute 17 - The representative committee's minutes of its proceedings for the past year, were read and approved and the continued care of the Miami Valley College is referred back to the committee.

- minute 18 - The meeting adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

- minute 19 - 5th day of the week and 2nd of the month, about the time to which the meeting adjourned, Friends assembled.

- minute 20 - The committee to settle with the treasurer produced the following satisfactory report ... the quarterly meetings are to raise \$100 each ... and James L. Morrison is continued as treasurer.

- minute 21 - The trustees of the benevolent fund ... are directed to pay to James L. Morrison, for the benefit of the poor of Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, \$227.85, and to Joel Evans, \$227.85, of Miami Quarterly Meeting, making the sum of \$455.70, as reported. The clerk is directed to give the trustees the necessary information (financial report).

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| Interest on mortgage note . . . . .         | \$480.00      |
| on Richmond city bond . . . . .             | 73.00         |
| Total receipts . . . . .                    | <u>553.00</u> |
| and paid out for tax . . . . .              | <u>97.30</u>  |
| leaving on hand for disposal by the meeting | \$455.70      |

It may not be improper to state that the Legislature of Ohio, at its last session, passed an act exempting this fund from taxation. Respectfully submitted, Joel Evans, Solomon Gause, Nixon G. Brown, trustees. 9th month 26th, 1879.

- minute 22 - On visiting meeting, members and others referred to the quarterly meeting by last Yearly Meeting, there was an encouraging report, the subject claiming the serious consideration of the meeting. Quarterly meetings were directed and encouraged to extend such further care in that direction, as way may open, and report to the meeting next year.

- minute 23 - By the reports received from the quarterly meetings, it appears that the meetings have raised and paid to the Yearly Meeting treasurer, the respective amounts of \$200.00 each as directed.

- minute 24 - The Friends appointed to assist the clerks in revising and recording the minutes of last year, report the service performed.

- minute 25 - The corresponding committee reports the duties entrusted to its care by last Yearly Meeting, were attended to.

- minute 26 - To assist the clerks in revising and recording the minutes, have 1,250 copies printed and distributed among the monthly and quarterly meetings; draw on the treasurer for funds to defray the expense, and

report to the meeting next year. William C. Starr, Jesse S. Wilson, Thomas Morris, Benjamin Stratton and Absalon Mendenhall are appointed. They are directed to have the First-day school proceedings printed with the minutes.

1879 - minute 27 - The meeting adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

- minute 28 - Fifth-day afternoon, Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

- minute 29 - Not included in this narrative. (No action was taken.)

- minute 30 - The Friends appointed at a former sitting to embody the exercises ... report the following as embodying the exercises of the Yearly Meeting: At the meetings for worship on First-day, there were touching and feeling calls in earnest solicitation that all might come to heed the precious leading of the pure Spirit of truth to the correct ordering of our lives, both in temporal and spiritual things. The universality and all sufficiency of the Voice of God in the soul - the inspeaking Word - was set forth, and all were urged to faithful obedience thereto, as the only plan of salvation and means of life and immortality. We were invited not to look afar for the rewards of this obedience, but to fight the good fight always, and keep the faith steadfastly, keeping all known duties always done, to the end that from henceforth we may know of wearing that glorious crown of righteousness, reserved for those who 'love His appearing'; may know of a present entrance upon the life eternal which comes of a living knowledge of God through the revelation of His power and presence within us. He who fails in this obedience and shows by works of injustice, oppression, and wrong that he acknowledges no allegiance to this pure Spirit of love and truth, is the very man, whatever his lips may utter, who hath said in his heart, 'There is no God,' and is the fool referred to by the psalmist, because happiness 'our being's and our aim,' can never crown a life so spent.

- Clarkson Butterworth -

- minute 31 - The Friends ... appointed to prepare an epistle to the yearly meetings in correspondence with us, produced one which, with some slight changes, was approved and directed to be signed by the clerk. It is referred to the corresponding committee to be copied and with suitable address, forwarded to each of these meetings.

- minute 32 - Aaron Wright, Aaron Wilson, Jesse T. Butterworth, Nixon G. Brown, William Starr, William Parry, and Stephen Burnett are appointed to examine and see if there has been a complete record kept of the minutes of the meeting for suffering or representative committee. If not, such record to be made and placed with the clerk of the Yearly Meeting and report to the meeting next year; then call on the treasurer for the necessary money to defray the expense.

- minute 33 - Having transacted the business that has come before us in harmony and with feelings of love and condescension, one towards another, the meeting concludes, to meet again next year at Waynesville, Ohio, at the usual time, if permitted. William Parry, Clerk. Recorded by Mary Parry.

Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Waynesville, Ohio, from the 9th month 27th to 9th month 30th inclusive, 1880. James W. Haines, on behalf of the representatives, proposed Davis Furnas for clerk and John L. Thomas

for assistant, who being separately considered, were united with and appointed to those services. Davis Furnas served as clerk of Indiana Yearly Meeting to and including 1894 - 15 years. George R. Thorpe was appointed clerk, 1895.

1880 - minute 9 - Miami Quarterly Meeting, in its reports, informs that Dinah (Kindly) Furnas, a minister of Miami Monthly Meeting, departed this life 5th day of 8th month, 1880, aged 76 years and 6 days.

- minute 21 - The report of the committee on Indian affairs ... the past year has not been one of satisfaction or encouragement to your committee on Indian affairs. The labors of the committee have been an arduous struggle with the Indian Department at Washington, in regard to the appointments of subordinates at our agency. Our agent, Howard White, was denied the right of nominating his own secretary, but was given one clerk after another (men who were entirely unfit for the position) ... The surroundings of agent White became unbearable. His influence with the Indians was almost entirely destroyed. False and malicious charges were preferred against him and will be better understood by reference to his letter of reasons for his resignation in 11th month, 1879. ....

B. Rush Roberts, Sandy Springs, Maryland,

Sir- This office is in the receipt of the resignation of Howard White, Agent for Winnebago and Omaha Agency. I therefore, have to request you to nominate a successor to Mr. White, at an early day. We have to state that, after the conference had with thee this day, by our Committee appointed by the seven Yearly Meetings of Friends: We are satisfied that we cannot obtain such a person, as we can endorse or recommend who would be willing to serve under the present rulings of the Secretary in relation to nominations and appointments; therefore, we respectfully decline to make a nomination to fill the vacancy above named, or to continue any further care or responsibility of said agency. Respectfully thy Friends  
- signed B. Rush Roberts, Aaron Wright, Barclay White, Stephen R. Hicks.

Friends will see by the foregoing that we are entirely out of the Indian service and are no longer responsible for the progress of the Omahas who are making such strides in the arts of civilized life and who had not only become self-supporting while under our care, but are annually selling thousands of dollars worth of their products to their white neighbors. ... In conclusion, we hope that our interest in the welfare of the dying nations of red men may not languish, but that we will hold ourselves in readiness to embrace every opportunity to do them good. William Starr, Clerk.

- minute 26 - From the representative committee the following partial report: The committee on the subject of poor houses, are united in recommending the following proposition, viz: that we appoint energetic members in each of our subordinate meetings in Indiana to circulate petitions for signatures and present them to the Legislature of that state, representing to said body the unfortunate situation of children in its county asylums, and asking that a separate home or homes be provided for them where they can be properly educated and trained for the duties of life. Also, that Friends in Ohio and Indiana lend the above their earnest sympathy and cooperation in the respective states. On behalf of committee, William C. Starr, Mary Pine.

1880 - minute 27 - The president of Miami College submitted a report to the representative committee which it laid before this meeting, with the suggestion that the college be placed on a more permanent basis. Eugene H. Foster makes a plea for a scholarship fund, tells of the improvements made on the college buildings and grounds, the educational staff - a most excellent faculty. The financial status shows \$240.00 above expenses. The enrollment at the term to begin in 1880, is 21 day scholars and 28 boarders, which is three times that of three years ago and more than twice that of last year. His report stresses the feeling on the part of prospective students and parents, that the college cannot be counted on to exist through a full course, year after year; what is needed is faith in the college and those financially able to place it on a sound permanent basis. (This report is 2-1/2 pages long.)

1882 - minute 28 - The representative committee presented a proposition to build a suitable fire-proof room for the use of the Society, which was referred to William Parry, William C. Starr, Joseph C. Ratliff, Charles F. Chapman, Nixon G. Brown, Elwood Brown, and Aaron Morris, who are to take the matter under consideration ... and report to the meeting next year.

- minute 29 - The treasurer is directed to pay the representative committee \$13.50 for furnishing a book and recording the minutes of that meeting from 1852 to 1882.

- minute 30 - They also ask that \$30.00 be appropriated by the Yearly Meeting towards the expense of the philanthropic union, which the meeting directs to be done.

1882 - Women's minutes - The committee appointed to distribute Friends papers among our members ... report they expended \$35.00 for Friends Intelligencer, Children's Friend, and Scattered Seeds. The reports of the committees on temperance, prison reform work, Indian concerns and First-day school cause evidence that we are alive to the importance of these great interests.

1883 - minute 7 - A proposition to hold two sittings a day, the first to close about 12 m. and the second to open at 3 o'clock p.m. being opened for consideration, this and women's meeting unites with the proposition.

- minute 19 - The representative committee advises returning our interest in the Miami Valley College to the original owners and donors. The Yearly Meeting deeming it right to do so, appoints Clarkson Butterworth, William C. Starr, and Simeon Warner to execute legal papers to carry out its recommendations. (Note: 1884 - minute 20 - The committee reports it had complied ... it was realized.)

1883 - minute 20 - The same meeting recommends that the Yearly Meeting take measures to encourage the employment of women physicians and nurses in the female departments of our public institutions. A committee was appointed.

- minute 24 - A proposition to have the membership of this Yearly Meeting reported to the meeting next year was favorably entertained and quarterly meetings are requested to instruct monthly meetings to take the enumeration in their limits and report, in detail, the number of members, female and male, families and parts of families; also, births and deaths during the year. The clerk is to request the quarterly meetings to send these reports to the last quarter preceding the Yearly Meeting.

1883 - minute 37 - Both men and women Friends appointed large committees to labor in the cause of temperance.

- minute 38 - Both men and women Friends brought forth names of Friends to serve on a committee to visit meetings, isolated members and others and report year next.

Near the close (of the meeting) an aged Friend remarked this was the 62nd consecutive yearly meeting he had attended and to him, it was the best one of them all.

Having finished the business that has come before us, in such harmony, we feel we can express thanks to the Great Author of our being, for His manifest presence in all our sittings, cementing us together, filling our hearts with that love which is the bond of peace. Under the precious covering the meeting concluded, to meet at Waynesville, Ohio, at the usual time next year, if so permitted. Davis Furnas, Clerk.

1884 - minute 14 - The following satisfactory report was made: After investigation and consideration, the committee would recommend the procuring of an iron, fireproof safe of sufficient capacity to contain the books and the papers of the Yearly Meeting. On behalf of the committee, Charles F. Chapman. It was continued to carry out the recommendations, locate it in a suitable place and call on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the necessary funds to defray the expenses incurred.

- minute 21 - The meeting authorizes the purchase of 1,250 copies of Essays on the Views of Friends, by John J. Cornell, of Genessee Yearly Meeting ... and report to the meeting next year.

- minute 23 - The representative committee asks this meeting to authorize its treasurer to pay to the order of the clerk of the committee on philanthropic labor, \$30.00, to defray our proportion of the expense of printing the minutes of its proceedings at Mount Pleasant, Ohio. The request was granted.

- minute 24 - The following is a partial report requested by last Yearly Meeting, of the membership of the Yearly Meeting:

|                    |              |              |                       |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Whitewater Quarter | - males 572, | females 652, | total 1224            |
| Miami Quarter      | males 280,   | females 305, | total 585 - page 69   |
| Total for Yearly   | males 852,   | females 957, | total 1809 - appendix |

The meeting directs that a similar report be made next year which shall also include the number of convincements, disownments, the number received on certificate from or sent by certificate to meetings within the limits of other yearly meetings.

- THE FIRE-PROOF SAFE AT WHITEWATER FOR KEEPING OF RECORDS -

1885 - minute 15 - The committee ... reports they have purchased a fire-proof safe at a cost of \$150 and placed it in the meeting house at Richmond, Indiana ... It is also recommended that Benjamin Strattan be appointed to have care of the safe and all of the books and papers of the Society, which was united with.

The combination of the lock is directed to be entrusted to Benjamin Strattan and the clerks of the Yearly Meeting alone.

1885 - minute 23 - The subject of land titles as presented by the representatives, being considered, our subordinate meetings are directed to inspect and if necessary, adjust the titles of all real estate belonging to Friends and to see that trustees are appointed to hold the same. The clerk is directed to send the necessary information to the quarterly meeting.

- minute 31 - The committee on the humanitarian work met after the close of last Yearly Meeting and appointed sub-committees for special work in the cause of temperance, prison reform, compulsory education, arbitration, corrupt literature and education. . . . The committee was continued, to labor as opportunity and ability in truth offers, and report to the meeting next year. It is authorized to draw on the treasurer for the sum of \$50 for its use and purpose.

- minute 33 - The membership of the Yearly Meeting, 1884, as given by the quarterly meetings, is shown by the following table, which is directed to be inserted in the minutes.

1884 Report: Whitewater Quarterly Meeting consisted of 6 monthly meetings:

|                              |                  |                    |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Whitewater                   | 202 males,       | 268 females,       | total 470        |
| Westfield                    | 26 males,        | 25 females,        | total 51         |
| Milford                      | 40 males,        | 38 females,        | total 78         |
| Fall Creek                   | 162 males,       | 164 females,       | total 326        |
| Maple Grove                  | 82 males,        | 107 females,       | total 189        |
| Camden                       | <u>60 males,</u> | <u>50 females,</u> | <u>total 110</u> |
| Total for Quarterly Meetings | 572 males,       | 652 females,       | 1224             |

Miami Quarterly Meeting consisted of four monthly meetings:

|                              |                  |                    |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Miami                        | 176 males,       | 189 females,       | total 365        |
| Cincinnati                   | 29 males,        | 33 females,        | total 62         |
| Springboro                   | 26 males,        | 29 females,        | total 55         |
| Green Plain                  | <u>49 males,</u> | <u>54 females,</u> | <u>total 103</u> |
| Total for Quarterly Meetings | 280 males,       | 305 females,       | total 585        |
| Total for Yearly Meeting     | 852 males,       | 957 females,       | total 1809       |

1885 - minute 39 - The committee to address an epistle to Western Yearly Meeting, produced one which was fully united with and directed to be signed by the clerk and entrusted to the corresponding committee to forward to that meeting.

1885 - from the women's meeting, page 36 of the printed minutes: A Friend desired that we might strengthen one another's hands in every good work. There have always been good and evil in the world; often times the evil coming into our midst, makes us afraid. At such times let us remember the declaration of the Master Himself. On one occasion, when addressed as Good Master, He answered, "Why callest Me good? There is none good but One; that is God." And again He said, "I will pray the Father and He will send you a Comforter, which will teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance." The good seed has been preserved through all generations by the faithfulness of a few. There is a day coming when this law of the spirit of

life that is written by the finger of God, will, under the influence of His love and His anointing power unto His children, become a power that will lift the world to the highest plane of peace and goodness which it has held and may there be no failure on our part, but when the time comes, may we receive the message, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

1886 - minute 29 - The Indian committee reports ... that the central executive committee have kept alert and watchful, making several trips to Washington to use their influence in defeating the passage of bills that were presented to Congress, for the sale of lands belonging to the Indians which if passed, would involve the Indians in much distress and trouble. ... Our quota of expenses for the past year was \$49.50. The Yearly Meeting directs that it be paid. On behalf of the committee, Samuel R. Battin.

- minute 30 - The committee on philanthropic labor reports ... not much joint action has been taken on the subject of temperance, but we have inculcated temperance sentiment and assisted in every way open to us, in battling for auspicious time when the devastating traffic in intoxicants shall be suppressed.

We have paid some attention to the state of prisons and the care and condition of prisoners and the institutions for the care of destitute and other objects of public charity, and are gratified to find that advances toward a more satisfactory management of these affairs are steadily made ...

We have done, individually, what we could in our respective localities to prevent contention and legal strife, advising the settlement of all differences by arbitration ... During the late threatening affairs with the Mexican government and with the Canadian authorities, a letter was addressed to Secretary Bayard thanking him for his endeavors to provide for arbitration in cases of differences between our government and the Central American States, stating our testimony in favor of that method of settling all difficulties and urging him to use his influence in favor of such a course in all cases.

The sentence to death of a man in Richmond, revived in the minds of Friends our testimony against capitol punishment and Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, having appointed a committee to visit the governor and present Friends' views on that subject ... while in this instance, it did not save the man's life, we doubt not that the seed has fallen on good ground. The subject was brought before the people in a forcible manner. There was much expression through the press, from earnest, thoughtful writers, in favor of abolishing the death penalty.

The younger members of our committee have organized, at Waynesville, Ohio, a "Young Friends Association," for intellectual and social culture, designed at the same time to advance the interests and testimonies of our Society and to spread information in regard to them. ...

The committee was continued (except Maria Romine and M. Elizabeth Chapman, who are no longer members with us), to labor as way may open, for the cause of peace, alleviating the distresses of the unfortunate and bettering the conditions of the Society generally.

1886 - minute 31 - The committee recommends the change of the fourth Query to read: Are Friends clear of importing, manufacturing, or the vending and the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, or of attending places of harmful diversions, and do they observe moderation and temperance on all occasions? The committee also recommends that the second paragraph, page 33, of the Discipline, shall read as follows: In view of the desolating effects of the improper use of alcoholic liquors, they are earnestly entreated to avoid and discourage the manufacturing, the furnishing of any grain or any materials for manufacture, the importation or sale, or the use of them as a beverage. Committee - J.J. Janney, Sarah Thistlethwaite.

1887 - minute 39 - Benjamin Strattan, custodian of the Yearly Meeting's fire-proof safe, reports the following list of books, (pages 17 and 18 of the printed minutes, 1887) and it is desired if anyone has in his possession or knows of any old records, manuscripts or papers, that they forward them to the custodian to be placed in the fire-proof safe. The meeting directs the treasurer to pay Benjamin Stratton \$15 for services as custodian in 1886, \$10 for 1887, and \$10 a year thereafter until otherwise directed.

1888 - minute 10 - A proposition to have a list of names of all the members of our Yearly Meeting, with the post office address of each, recorded, so the location of any member may be known at any time, was considered and united with. The clerk was directed to inform the quarterly meetings that they will be expected to obtain the above information and report the result next year. (This will be the first directory of the Yearly Meeting.)

1889 - minute 28 - Both quarterly meetings have furnished the names and post office addresses of their members as far as ascertained. The meeting deeming it right to have the directory completed, have entrusted the further care and completion of the work to Benjamin Strattan and ten others.

1890 - minute 25 - The committee of last year to complete and have printed the directory of this Yearly Meeting, reported as follows, which was satisfactory, and Benjamin Strattan was directed to draw on the treasurer for \$2.75, the unpaid balance of the expense, and the 400 copies at the disposal of the Yearly Meeting are to be placed in his care for future use as required. ....

The committee to whom was referred the list of names and post office addresses of the members constituting Miami and Whitewater Quarters, and to arrange same in convenient form for a directory, and have 3,000 copies printed - reports that with considerable correspondence and revision, it has compiled the little book, herewith submitted, in as convenient form as seemed possible; had 3,000 copies (the number specified) printed on good paper and clean type, at a cost of \$98, and gave an order on the treasurer to pay the bill, forwarded 1,000 to Miami and 1,600 to Whitewater Quarters. The balance of about 400 are in a package at Richmond, subject to the direction of the Yearly Meeting. On behalf of the committee, Benjamin Stratton, George R. Thorpe.

- minute 29 - The committee appointed to settle with the treasurer reports having examined the accounts and vouchers and finds them correct, viz:

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| On hand of Yearly Meeting stock at settlement last year, 1889 | \$159.94      |
| Received from Miami Quarterly Meeting stock                   | 175.00        |
| Received from Whitewater Quarterly Meeting stock              | <u>175.00</u> |
|   | \$509.00      |

|  |                         |               |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|
|  | Balance brought forward | \$509.00      |
| 11 mo. 14, 1889, Isaac Jenkinson's bill for printing | \$76.00                 |               |
| Yearly Meeting minutes                               |                         |               |
| 12 mo 4, 1889, B. Strattan for express matter and    |                         |               |
| postage on minutes                                   | 3.42                    |               |
| 12 mo. 24, 1889, B. Strattan as custodian fire-proof |                         |               |
| safe   | 10.00                   |               |
| 12 mo. 29, 1889, Nixon H. Gano on acc't of First-day |                         |               |
| schools  | 60.00                   |               |
| 5 mo. 16, 1890, Cullaton's bill for printing 3,000   |                         |               |
| copies of Directory                                  | 98.00                   |               |
| 5 mo. 27, 1890, Aaron Morris on acc't Philanthropic  |                         |               |
| concern  | <u>36.00</u>            | <u>283.42</u> |
| Balance on hand Yearly Meeting stock . . . . .       |                         | \$226.52      |

They think that with the amount on hand, \$250.00 will be sufficient to raise the ensuing year.

We are united in recommending that James L. Morrison be continued treasurer. Signed on behalf of the committee, Aaron Morris, 9 mo. 30, 1890. And James L. Morrison was continued treasurer. The clerk was directed to inform the quarterly meetings they will be expected to pay to the treasurer \$125.00 each.

1891 - minute 39 - The committee on philanthropic labor organized at Waynesville, Ohio, 10th month, 2nd, 1890, by appointing Aaron Morris clerk and an executive committee with sub-committees to work in various branches of labor which appear in our printed minutes last year ... of interest since our last report, the committee has forwarded to Martha Schofield and Abbie Munro schools \$44 in the South ...

1893 - minute 45 - The joint committee of a former sitting to address a letter to the Governor of Indiana and a memorial to Congress in regard to prize-fighting and its attendant evils, offered the following letter and memorial to wit: To Claude Matthews, Governor of Indiana, Esteemed Governor. The body of Friends residing in Eastern Indiana and Western Ohio, now assembled in Yearly Meeting capacity at their meeting house on North A Street, in the city of Richmond, State, Indiana, send their greeting. Being ever opposed to all immoral practices, we now take this method of expressing our high approval of thy recent endeavor to suppress prize-fighting within our State. We were bowed under great humility that the good name of a beloved State should be disgraced by the establishment of a park within its borders where the lower class of criminals, infesting the neighboring State of Illinois (whose laws forbid the brutal practices of the prize ring) could congregate to witness or participate in these most demoralizing contests. ... signed Davis Furnas, Rachel Matthews, Clerks.

- minute 53 - Report of First-day schools ... our report shows that our schools are in a flourishing condition ... We will need \$100 to pay our quota of general fund and overdraft from last year. Benjamin Rogers, Georgia Frame, Clerks. The treasurer of the association is authorized to draw on the treasurer of the meeting to the amount of \$100 as needed.

1894 - minute 43 - The committee on purification of the public press made the following report and the printing and distribution of the papers as recommended was referred to the committee on philanthropic labor. . . . We have prepared an address to editors and journalists, of which we recommend that 1,000 copies be printed, and an address to the religious and ethical teachers of the country, of which we recommend the printing of 3,000 copies - on behalf of the committee, Clarxon Butterworth, Francis M. Robinson.

1895 - minute 10 - A proposition was opened in this meeting that the Yearly Meeting be held in the future in joint session. . . . The following Friends were appointed to unite with a like committee of women Friends to take the matter under consideration and report to a future sitting, viz: Nixon G. Brown and 14 others.

(-minute 16 of the women's meeting) - A proposition from the men's meeting that the sessions of Indiana Yearly Meeting be held jointly in the future and asking women Friends to join them in appointing a committee to consider the subject . . . The following Friends are appointed, Esther S. Wallace and 23 others.

- minute 17 (women's meeting) - Men Friends inform us they are united in holding all meetings of the Yearly Meeting by central or standard time, instead of sun time as heretofore, with which this meeting concurs.

- minute 26 - Miami Quarterly Meeting reported the establishment of Clear Creek Executive Meeting to be held at 10 A.M. on the third Seventh-day in the First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth months at Friends' Meeting House, near Careytown, Highland County, Ohio. Ellis Good, Clerk. Meeting for worship at that place to be held every First-day at 11 A.M.

- minute 27 - Miami Quarterly Meeting informed that at the request of Green Plain Monthly Meeting, the quarterly meeting in Eighth month will be held at that place near South Charleston, Clark County, Ohio

- minute 28 - Whitewater Quarterly Meeting informed that the preparative at Rush Creek only meets on the meeting day preceding each quarterly meeting. It also informed that Westfield Monthly Meeting has changed the time of holding that meeting from the fourth Seventh-day to the third Fourth-day.

- minute 29 - After a full and free expression, in which love and condescension were manifested in a remarkable degree, we agreed . . . that the sittings of the Yearly Meeting, beginning with the session of 1896, be held in joint session. On behalf of the committee, George R. Thorpe, Clerk.

- minute 31 - A proposition that we unite with women Friends in appointing delegates to the Educational Conference to be held at Swarthmore in the Eighth month, 1896, was united with, and William C. Starr, Benjamin Rogers and John L. Thomas were appointed.

- minute 32 - Fourth-day afternoon was granted to the First-day School Association.

- minute 34 - A concern having arisen in women's meeting to appoint a joint committee to visit our subordinate meetings, it was laid before this meeting and unity expressed therewith. As our part of the committee, William W. Foulke and 11 others were appointed.

1896 - minute 3 - The Yearly Meeting having met in joint session of men and women Friends, as decided upon last year, it was directed that the clerk of the men's meeting should act as clerk and the clerk of the women's meeting should act as assistant during this sitting.

- minute 45 - Exercises of the meeting ... (The following paragraph was taken from a talk by Isaac Wilson, one of the ministers in attendance at the Yearly Meeting.) On one occasion I was sitting like some today whom I see. I was reasoning about this insufficiency, this incapability, this human nature of mine, being so unworthy, when a stranger, a Gospel minister, arose and had he been speaking to me, it would not have come closer home to me; "A small pitcher, full, is just as full as a large pitcher, full." Small pitchers and large pitchers, small dishes and large dishes, are on the table, each has its proper place. I have been trying to keep my pitcher full and let it overflow at my Father's command. I ask you to be obedient to the impressions made upon your hearts and your souls, like mine, will have to praise the God of your salvation.

1897 - minute 16 - A proposition to hold the Yearly Meeting at Fall Creek, near Pendleton, Indiana, once in three years, was presented and referred to the following named Friends who are to report to the meeting next year: Clarkson Butterworth and 19 others.

- minute 19 - A concern arose that we should declare against the taking of revenue from the traffic in intoxicating liquor. After a full expression, it was decided to appoint the following named Friends to nominate a committee to labor, as way may open, viz: Albert C. Wood and 18 others and report to a future sitting. (Minute 39 - The committee ... reported ... Clarkson Butterworth and 19 others, who are to report to the meeting next year.)

- minute 21 - The visiting committee reported acceptably to visit the families of Friends within our borders, to attend and appoint meetings as way opens and to perform such work as would tend to the encouragement of truth... We feel it to be a good work and that there are many hungering that should be fed. On behalf of the committee, Margaret K. Shoemaker, Albert Wood.

1898 - minute 28 - We, your committee to labor against the system of taking revenue by national, state or municipality, from the strong drink business... which makes it a source of public revenue, whereby it is entrenched in the laws of the land, fortified in a short-sighted spirit of cupidity and in no small degree is the public conscience bribed. So feeling, the meeting appointed a committee for the repeal of such laws, to the end that the nation, the state and the municipality may stand absolved from complicity and partnership in this gigantic wrong ... Clarkson Butterworth.

- minute 39 - The committee appointed last year to consider the proposition to hold the Yearly Meeting once in three years at Fall Creek ... are very nearly or fully, united that the discipline be so changed: (1st) that the Yearly Meeting meet at Fall Creek near Pendleton, Indiana, in 1899; Richmond, Indiana, in 1900 and at Waynesville, Ohio, in 1901, and thereafter, in rotation in the same order at the same places. (2nd) We add a suggestion to change the time of year to the Second-day next preceding the last First-day in Eighth month. On behalf of the committee, Clarkson Butterworth.

1898 - minute 42 - The First-day School Association ... reports from our respective schools ... The ten schools that compose this association ... an enrollment of 463 pupils, 36 teachers and 39 officers, making a total membership of 538, of which 133 are not members of our Society. All but two have libraries, in which there are 1577 volumes; 62 new volumes have been added in the past year. Friends' Lesson Leaves are used in all the schools and Scattered Seeds are taken in most of them. ... \$100 is allowed for its use.

1899 - minute 10 - Having been informed by the Central Committee of the General Conference, that the time of the Conference next year will conflict with that of this Yearly Meeting, we appoint Caroline M. Reeves and 9 others, who are to consider the subject and suggest to a future sitting what, in their judgment, is best to be done in regard to the change, if any, in the time of holding this Yearly Meeting.

- minute 27 - The committee ... to consider the propriety of changing the time of holding the Yearly Meeting, reports adversely to any change, with which the meeting united.

- minute 28 - As the General Conference at Chautauqua will meet at the same time as our Yearly Meeting next year, we do not feel at liberty to appoint delegates, but we ask that the Conference recognize such of our members as may attend, as our delegates to it. The clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute, with the names of such of our members, to the General Conference.

1900 - minute 9 - ... Reports the clerk announced that he forwarded a copy of the proper minute with the names as proposed to attend the General Conference.

- minute 41 - The clerk reported he sent the telegram of greeting to the General Conference, as directed, and produced a response from that assembly.

- minute 43 - Several meetings of the philanthropic committee have been held (for several years) during the year, as business seemed to claim our attention and opportunity offered. (Reports of its many departments are to be found in our Yearly Meeting minutes.)

- minute 46 - The establishment of a Friends Boarding Home within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, having been brought to our attention by the philanthropic committee, it was decided to refer the subject to a committee for consideration and we appoint John L. Thomas and 11 others, who are to report to the meeting next year.

1901 - minute 16 - The following communication was read and referred to the following for consideration, and if it approves and way opens, it is to nominate to a future sitting, eight suitable Friends to form our portion of the Central Committee of the Friends General Conference: John L. Thomas and 13 others. At a meeting of the Central Committee of the General Conference, Eighth month, 22nd, 1900, a new plan of organization was adopted, parts 1 & 2 which are as follows: (1) The several organizations and interests now represented in the Conference are to be united in one organization to be known as

"Friends General Conference." (2) Its affairs to be under the management of a committee, to be known as the Central Committee, composed of one hundred members, to be appointed as follows: a, b, c, d, e ..... Leah H. Miller, Secretary.

1902 - minute 10 - The meeting having been informed that Miami Quarterly Meeting is making arrangements to care for its records, the custodian of the safe at Richmond is hereby authorized to turn over to that meeting, such of its records and papers and those of its subordinate meetings, as it may request. (The custodian of the Yearly Meeting reports its safe is crowded.)

- minute 12 - The cataloging committee (of records), reported satisfactorily, as follows. It was continued to put its work in order, have it written and bound for preservation. ... We find that minutes, men's and women's, of Indiana Yearly Meeting, have been preserved from its opening, 10-8-1821, to the close of separate sessions in 1895, and thence to the present time, full minutes of the joint sessions in which it since transacts its business: (A report of three pages follows in the minutes of the Yearly Meeting.) Signed by Clarkson Butterworth, Mary Parry Thorpe, Com.

- minute 39 - The committee appointed last year to cooperate with the committees of the other yearly meetings, for the purpose of enlisting interest in isolated members, reported satisfactorily, as follows: (This lengthy report is signed by Margaret Shoemaker and John L. Thomas, Committee. Indiana's committee is part of a joint committee of the different yearly meetings. Elizabeth Lloyd signed on behalf of the committee. This is reported to show the concern for isolated Friends.)

- minute 41 - The philanthropic report of Indiana Yearly Meeting, from the different departments, was read and approved. (As before, it is too long to be included here, but it should be noted as important work.)

1903 - minute 30 - The subject of a revision of the directory of this meeting, being introduced and considered, was referred to the quarterly meetings with directions to have their subordinate meetings to revise their lists of members, including the date of birth and post office address, making it as nearly perfect as possible, and forward them to their respective quarterly meetings, which shall present said lists to the following committee in time to have them compiled and printed in the form of a directory prior to our next Yearly Meeting. The committee to have 1,500 copies printed; draw on the treasurer for funds to defray the expense and report to the meeting next year. John L. Thomas, Joseph Ratliff, Martha Morris, Clarkson Butterworth, Allen Boram, Mordicai Morris, Martha Warner, Edith Winder, Elizabeth Moore.

- minute 47 - The Friends Boarding Home committee makes the following request ... The committee ... is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to appropriate for its use, all of what is known as the Alvin Faucett fund, now amounting to \$2,000.00, signed on behalf of the committee, John L. Thomas, Abbie M. Hirst. After due consideration, the meeting granted the request, the said \$2,000.00 known as the Alvin Faucett fund, to said Boarding Home committee, whenever the total bona fide subscription, appropriation and bequest together have amounted to \$15,000. The subsequent name of said Home is left to the judgment of the committee.

1903 - Statistical Report, 1902: (Previous year)

|                          |            |              |            |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Miami .....              | males 110, | females 145, | Total 255  |
| Green Plain .....        | males 48,  | females 57,  | Total 105  |
| Springboro Executive ... | males 16,  | females 23,  | Total 39   |
| Clear Creek Executive .. | males 24,  | females 24,  | Total 48   |
| TOTALS Miami Quarterly   |            |              |            |
| Meeting .....            | males 198, | females 249, | Total 447  |
|                          |            |              |            |
| Whitewater .....         | males 127, | females 166, | Total 293  |
| Westfield .....          | males 28,  | females 22,  | Total 50   |
| Milford .....            | males 27,  | females 22,  | Total 49   |
| Fall Creek .....         | males 189, | females 167, | Total 386  |
| Maple Grove .....        | males 84,  | females 108, | Total 192  |
| Camden .....             | males 29,  | females 30,  | Total 59   |
| TOTALS Whitewater        |            |              |            |
| Quarterly Meeting        | males 484, | females 545, | Total 1029 |
| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP         |            |              |            |
| Indiana Y.M. ....        | males 682, | females 794, | Total 1476 |

1904 - minute 11 - Joel Evans having served the meeting continuously since 1888, as trustee of the benevolent fund, and having cared for same fund without loss, feels that his time of usefulness in that capacity is passed and requests to be released from further service. ...

- minute 32 - Joel Evans, Waynesville, Ohio. Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends wishes to extend its grateful appreciation of the able and faithful service for so many years, as trustee of its benevolent fund, as well as for many other responsible positions which thou hast, from time to time, most ably filled. Signed, Aaron B. Chandler, Clerk.

(- minute 42 - The committee ... to present the letter to our Friend, Joel Evans, reported the service performed and that the message was received with a feeling of gratitude.)

- minute 33 - (More information on Friends Home.)

- minute 41 - The committee appointed last year to collect, as near as possible, a complete file of the printed minutes of the meeting, reported that they are now on file at Elizabeth B. Moore's, Waynesville, Ohio, beginning with 1828, down to 1903, except the years 1830, 1831, 1897, and about half of the copy for 1856. The committee was continued to complete the work as best it can. (Note: I know nothing of this file. S.E. Furnas)

- minute 43 - Report of committee on isolated members. Samuel Battin, Margaret K. Shoemaker and the Joint Committee of the seven yearly meetings. Signed by Elizabeth Lloyd, Clerk.

- minute 45 - Report on our committee of philanthropic labor ... its request for \$130 was granted.

1905 - minute 19 - The subject of using the half-hour immediately preceding convening of the morning session on Second, Third, and Fifth days of our Yearly Meeting, in devotional exercise being introduced and favorably considered, we appoint John L. Thomas and 6 others. (This practice is used today.)

1905 - minute 24 - The following proposition of answering the Queries was introduced by letter from a concerned Friend and earnestly considered by the meeting, which resulted in the appointment of the following named Friends: Albert C. Wood and 30 others, who are to report to the meeting next year.

- minute 26 - Miami Quarterly Meeting (informs) that Clear Creek Executive Meeting has been discontinued Seventh month, 1905, and its members transferred to Miami Monthly Meeting.

- minute 27 - Whitewater Quarterly Meeting requested this body to supply the subordinate meetings with a quantity of blanks for reports, including statistical reports, and that the enumeration of families and parts of families be eliminated from the statistical statement.

- minute 30 - The auditing committee reported it found the treasurer's report correct, showing an overdraft of \$23.38. It nominated T. Morris Hardy for treasurer for the ensuing year, who was approved, and recommended the raising of \$400 for current expenses, 31% Miami, 69% Whitewater, approved.

- minute 33 - The report of our committee to attend the Universal Peace Conference was read, heartily approved, and directed to be placed upon our minutes.

- minute 36 - Friends Home progress.

- minute 39 - Benevolent fund payment to Friends Home committee, \$1000, 9-16-1904, and \$1000, 12-6-1904 (Alvin Faucett fund).

- minute 49 - A spirited and earnest consideration of the propriety of having a nominating committee resulted in the naming of Nathan Branson and 9 others to consider . . .

- minute 52 - They named 17 Friends, who were appointed.

- minute 56 - The clerk informed that a copy of minute 58 was sent to our Orthodox Friends last year, expressing gratitude for the use of their dining hall and especially for their presence and interest in our work.

1906 - minute 12 - Miami Quarterly Meeting informed that Davis Furnas, a recorded minister in our Religious Society and a member of Miami Monthly Meeting, Waynesville, Ohio, departed this life Fourth month 7th, 1906.

- minute 21 - The Board of Trustees of the Friends Boarding Home reported that the Home at Waynesville, Ohio, was completed and occupied about the middle of Tenth month, 1905. Erection of the building, grading, laying sewer and fencing has cost about \$13,000, plus \$510 for furnishings.

There is \$2,000 deposited in the Springfield, Ohio, Savings Bank drawing 3% interest. The treasurer holds two notes, one of \$500 and one of \$200, both drawing 6% interest. Total held by the treasurer, \$2,700. The principle of the sum is to be kept intact, if possible, and only the income used to advance the interest of the Home. Valuable donations of house furnishings and provisions have been received from our Friends at Richmond, Dayton, Xenia, Knoxville (Tenn.), Toronto, New York, Waynesville and vicinity, so that all the rooms are fairly well-furnished and some of them very nicely, with their help. We are gratified to say, that from the report of the superintendent

and matron, we learn, since the first of 1906, the Home has been self-supporting and has now, after bringing all accounts, both debit and credit, up to-date, a balance in its treasury amounting to about \$275. At no time, since the first of 1906, has there been less than six boarders and most of the time, eight to ten. ... The superintendent and matron have made the service as nearly like a happy family as is in their power.

We recommend the appointment of Zephaniah Underwood for the unexpired term of one year, in place of Davis Furnas, deceased. Also, that the four members, Elizabeth B. Moore, Georgia Frame, Aaron B. Chandler, and Caroline W. Cain, whose term of two years is about to expire, be reappointed. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Samuel R. Battin, Chairman.

The report was satisfactory, nominations approved, Zephaniah Underwood appointed for one year and Elizabeth B. Moore, Georgia Frame, Aaron B. Chandler, and Caroline W. Cain for three years.

- minute 32 - The committee appointed last year reported a change in answering the Queries; it was earnestly considered and united with for a term of three years; the clerk was to notify the quarterly meetings. (The report follows, but is too long to include.)

1907 - minute 31 - The communications that appear below were the result of the efforts of the subordinate meetings to comply with our recommendation last year for services in lieu of the answers to the first six Queries. They were freely discussed, united with and directed to be published in our printed minutes. Miami Quarterly Meeting ... received four papers which have been read in the quarterly meeting during the year, to the edification of those hearing them. In one we were exhorted to study changing conditions of society and be ready and faithful to cooperate in whatever will advance the cause of truth and righteousness, believing "that new occasions teach new duties." ... One of the Queries contains the following:

"Old things doth pass away and still the world is new,  
Old thoughts that ruled their day, in turn passed too;  
And knowing well the changes that await our every hour  
We hug the truths still closer, that bear eternal power."

Minute 31 also contains a history of the Queries, as well as other papers.

1908 - (Indiana Yearly Meeting transacted its business for the year),  
- minute 46 - A message was received from the meeting for ministers and elders ... and was presented to the Yearly Meeting ... it is printed in the minutes, addressed to "Our Absent Members" (and signed) In bonds of love, we are your friends. Minute 46, 1908, page 39. Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends, Emily P. Yeo, Clerk.

1909 - minute 24 - The communication presented herewith, claimed our attention. John L. Thomas and Mary Morrison were appointed to represent us in the joint consideration of the proposition contained therein ... (consideration of a plan whereby these three western yearly meetings, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, might be held in systematic rotation that would be of much benefit to all three, by having their respective opening dates but one week apart. This would enable our traveling or visiting Friends to attend all three in regular order) and to introduce the subject to Ohio Yearly Meeting .....

1909 - minute 36 - Whitewater Quarterly Meeting of ministers and elders has informed us that Wilson S. Doan desired to be released as a recorded minister because of his feeling that he could be of more service to the Society as a lay member. The meeting granted him the liberty he desired.

1910 - minute 29 - All the Queries were read, with answers as forwarded by the quarterly meetings, from which summaries were comprised. ... The present plan of reading and answering the Queries was adopted for another year and the committee continued.

- minute 33 - The reading of the essay on the subject of football, together with a petition from our young Friends, elicited much interest and profitable discussion. ... Two other essays, one on Peace and Arbitration and the other on the Principles of the Tenth and Eleventh Queries were considered with interest.

1911 - minute 4 - The nominating committee nominated Friends for service on the following committees: representative committee, for philanthropic labor, half-hour devotional meeting, on exercises, to revise the minutes, to essay replies to epistles, to audit the treasurer's accounts, legislative committee, Yearly Meeting correspondents, and on isolated members.

- minute 18 - The question of a Friendly Center, as discussed at our annual gathering last year, resolved itself into a summer school which was successfully held at Richmond, Indiana, from Eighth month 11th to Eighth month 18th, 1911.

- minute 31 - Miami Quarterly Meeting informed that it had considered the International Arbitration Treaties as instituted by our National Executive (President Taft) with much interest and directed its clerk to urge the Ohio national Senators to work and vote for their ratification.....

- minute 33 - A committee of last year appointed to work for the elimination of the element of danger in the football game as now played, reported. The report was directed to be printed and the committee discontinued. Report of football committee ... E.W. Keever, Chairman.

- minute 36 - Indiana Yearly Meeting produced an essay on The Principles of Friends ... and an article treating a like subject, forwarded by Fall Creek Monthly Meeting, was also read. Both were approved and directed printed with our minutes..... (Several essays have been written in answering the Queries.)

1912 - The present plan of reading and answering the Queries and the production of essays as adopted in 1909, was continued another year.

1913 - minute 17 - The committee to tabulate and record the minutes of this and subordinate meetings, reported. .... Clarkson Butterworth.

- minute 24 - The report received from the General Conference committee was accepted. John L. Thomas, Laura Boram and William Griest, of the Central Committee of the General Conference, attended the meeting at Chautauqua, Eighth month 28, 1912 ... John L. Thomas, William Griest.

- minute 36 - The report of the advancement committee was approved. The

request that \$300 be placed at the disposal of this committee for the continuation of its work, was granted. ... We herewith submit our first annual report of the Field Secretary, ... Edith M. Winder, Aaron B. Chandler, Ch.

1914 - minute 36 - The report of the advancement committee was approved. The request that \$250 be placed at their disposal was granted. ... Report of treasurer ... Report of our field secretary, Edith Winder. Among other activities, a pilgrimage to Springboro and Benjaminville, Illinois, which was a summer camp..... Ida W. Keever, Chairman.

- minute 38 - The First-day School committee report was approved; also, the request that \$100 be appropriated for the work the coming year, was granted .... Finley Tomlinson, Chairman.

1915 - minute 22 - The report of the advancement committee was read and approved. The accompanying report of the field secretary awakened serious thought and earnest discussion of the work. The work was continued and the request of the committee for \$250 was granted..... The summer camp at Waynesville was successfully carried out..... On behalf of the committee, Ida W. Keever. Report of the secretary and the termination of her work... (Starting of a new school at Woolman House.) Sincerely your friend, Edith M. Winder.

- minute 43 - The committee of a former session to consider the proposition of Friends' Boarding Home in Richmond, reported.

1916 - minute 40 - The First-day School committee presented a satisfactory report. The Friends named by the nominating committee were appointed to continue the work. The request for \$100 was granted. Report of the committee to the Yearly Meeting: ..... Finley Tomlinson, Chairman.

- minute 41 - The committee for the advancement of Friends' principles reported as follows ..... which was approved. Its request for \$350 was granted..... On behalf of the committee, Elwood D. Allen. (A long report.)

- minute 43 - The legislative committee report was approved: ..... We, your legislative committee, would report consideration of the matter of incorporation of the Yearly Meeting and are united in the opinion that it would be no improvement over our present way of conducting business. Therefore, we do not think it advisable to incorporate at this time..... The Compensation Labor law passed by both states, has been in operation during the past year and while not entirely tested, we think it has fairly well satisfied both employer and employee. Signed on behalf of the committee, Ralph Howell, Thomas G. Farr, Reuben M. Roberts, Mary P. Thorpe, William Griest.

- minute 48 - The meeting again took up and completed the reading and answering of the Queries. We also considered profitably, we trust, the accompanying essays. We believe the condition of the Society is nearly represented by the summaries.

- minute 49 - It was recommended that the present practice of preparing and reading essays in the subordinate meetings, be carried on and that the committee of the meeting to receive such essays, appointed in 1912, be continued. (For answers to Queries, see minutes.)

- minute 55 - The minutes of the representative committee were read and

approved..... To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Allen Boram of Fall Creek Monthly Meeting, we appoint William Williams as a member.

1916 - minute 56 - Miami Quarterly Meeting reports that it had appointed A. Curtis Tomlinson to fill the vacancy in the representative committee caused by the death of Aaron B. Chandler .....

- minute 57 - The custodian ... reported that he had examined the contents of the Yearly Meeting safe ... and found them in good condition..... Our treasurer was authorized to pay to George R. Thorpe \$20, the salary for the past year, and he was directed to divide that sum pro-rata with the estate of Edward R. Matthews. George R. Thorpe was appointed custodian for the coming year.

- minute 58 - Statistical reports from the subordinate meetings were tabulated and directed to be printed in the appendix.

Whitewater Quarter

|                         |                  |                    |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Whitewater mo. meeting  | males 77,        | females 121,       | total 198        |
| Fall Creek mo. meeting  | males 178,       | females 171,       | total 349        |
| Westfield mo. meeting   | males 24,        | females 17,        | total 41         |
| Camden mo. meeting      | males 14,        | females 19,        | total 33         |
| Maple Grove mo. meeting | males <u>70,</u> | females <u>87,</u> | total <u>157</u> |
| TOTAL Whitewater .....  | 363              | 415                | 778              |

Miami Quarter

|                           |                  |                    |                 |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Miami mo. meeting         | males 84,        | females 100,       | total 184       |
| Green Plain mo. meeting   | males 41,        | females 47,        | total 88        |
| Springboro Executive      | males <u>12,</u> | females <u>17,</u> | total <u>29</u> |
| TOTAL Miami Quarter ..... | 137              | 164                | 301             |

|                                    |            |              |            |
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| TOTAL Indiana Yearly Meeting ..... | males 500, | females 579, | total 1079 |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|

1916 - minute 60 - The report of the philanthropic committee was read and approved. Our treasurer was authorized to pay the chairman \$100 for the use of the committee, the ensuing year..... Jesse Wright, Chairman, Springboro.

- minute 63 - This meeting wishes to express its feeling of thankfulness to our Orthodox Friends for the use of their meeting house during our sessions, for the children and young people under the care and instruction of Mary H. Whitson and Edna L. Wilson.

From the exercises at the close of meeting, an essay on the Queries, page 93:

"O, brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother!  
 Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there.  
 To worship rightly is to love each other -  
 Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer."

R.R. 6, Richmond, Ind. George R. Thorpe, Clerk.

1917 - minute 24 - The committee appointed to confer with the Board of Corporation of the Friends' Boarding Home of Indiana Yearly Meeting, to clear away

some misunderstanding as to the ownership and control of said home, hereby reports that on 6-4-1917, they met with said Board. After due consideration and discussion of the matter, the Board adopted the following resolution: "Whereas there seems to be some misunderstanding in regard to the ownership of the Friends' Boarding Home, therefore it is resolved that the Board of Corporation hereby declares that the full ownership of the said Friends' Boarding Home is in possession of the Indiana Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends."

In addition to the resolution, Article 9 of the Regulations was amended under Article 12 to read as follows: "A person to be appointed as a member of this corporation, must be a member of Indiana Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends and have the approval of the said Indiana Yearly Meeting. Such person may become a member (when elected by a vote of three-fourths of all the members present at any meeting of the members of the corporation) by signing the membership roll and agreeing to follow and be bound by the Articles of Incorporation, Regulations and By-Laws of the Corporation." - On behalf of the committee, Lesie C. Lawall.

1917 - minute 27 - Statistical reports were read as follows: (See appendix) The discussion of this report brought out the fact that our subordinate meetings are in need of a revised list of members. The Yearly Meeting directs these meetings to assume this task and report next year, in order that a new and correct apportionment can be made.

- minute 47 - On behalf of the Friends' Boarding Home at Waynesville, Ohio, we ask (of Indiana Yearly Meeting) the approval of Martha O'Neal as a member of the Board of Managers of said Home. The request was approved. Reuben Roberts, Seth E. Furnas.

Reports of standing committees and treasurers of the Yearly Meeting will be found in the 1917 minutes. (These are very full and interesting reports.)

1918 - minute 48 - A sub-committee of the philanthropic committee having in charge Friends' service activities made a report. It was approved. The philanthropic committee requested the meeting to appoint a separate committee to have charge of this work in Indiana Yearly Meeting. The request was granted. Carolyn E. Hutton appointed chairman. Her assistants, the chairmen of each local service committee within the Yearly Meeting. The meeting directs the chairman of this committee to formulate a letter to each of our members in whatever service, expressing our sympathy and interest in their welfare. She is authorized to draw upon our treasurer to the amount of \$50.

- minute 55 - The committee to consider the revision of the Queries, that was continued from last year, reported. The meeting directs the report to be made a part of our minute and the committee continued to report next year; the Yearly Meeting requests the subordinate meeting to consider and report their conclusions to the committee.

1919 - minute 21 - The following committee, William Griest, A. Curtis Tomlinson, Ida W. Keever, Reuben M. Roberts, Ruth A. Chandler, William Swain, Folger Howell, and Jeannette Janey are appointed to outline a plan by which we can best oppose compulsory military training in this country, and report to a future session of this meeting.

1919 - minute 26 - The report of the Central Committee Friends General Conference was considered. The meeting feels it is a very satisfactory report and directs that it be printed in our minutes. Our treasurer is directed to pay our quota of funds, \$412.50, to the treasurer of the General Conference.

- minute 27 - The legislative committee made a report of its work of the past year. The meeting approves this report and rejoices in the things accomplished..... Not only have we seen the state of Ohio come into the realm of the prohibition states, but upon July 1st, we witnessed the whole United States become subject to prohibition law..... On June 4, 1919, the Federal Woman's Suffrage Act was passed and in all probability, will soon be ratified by most of the states of the nation. On June 28, 1919, the Treaty of Peace was signed, carrying with it the idea of the League of Nations..... Signed on behalf of the committee, Ralph Howell.

- minutes 36 and 37 - We wish to acknowledge the presence of Marianna Burges, field secretary of Illinois Yearly Meeting..... and W. Rufus Kersey recording clerk of Wilmington Yearly Meeting, (Our welcome is extended....)

- minute 41 - The Yearly Meeting committee to assist Whitewater Monthly Meeting to establish a boarding home in Richmond, Indiana .... feels the time is suitable for an earnest effort to complete the task of getting the \$25,000 subscribed.....

1920 - minute 34 - The philanthropic committee report was read and accepted. For its use - \$100.

- minute 35 - The subsequent report on the revision of the Queries was read. (See minute No. 28, page 29) ..... On behalf of the committee, Albert C. Wood.

- minute 36 - As a committee to have under consideration the revision of the discipline, we appoint Albert C. Wood and others. They are directed to report when ready.

- minute 37 - An interesting report of the advancement committee was read, bringing forth remarks from Edna Goodwin, a fraternal Friend in attendance. The usual appropriation of \$300, asked for by the committee, was granted.....

- minute 46 - The First-day School committee submitted a very interesting report which brought forth comments from the body of the meeting. It was accepted and an appropriation of \$100 made.....

1921 - minute 11 - The statistical reports of the monthly meetings were read showing a net gain of 29 for the year. (The minutes show an interesting Yearly Meeting.)

- minute 18 - ... as chairman of a Yearly Meeting committee on Friends service work, the meeting appoints Dorothy Dilks. This appointment makes her an ex-officio member of the American Service Committee.

1922 - The advancement committee submitted its report. Many expressions of

approval were heard concerning the work of this committee and the deep devotion of the chairman, Elwood D. Allen. The report of the Friends General Conference was read and approved. (The Conference met this year at Richmond.) Arthur C. Jackson, Chairman, J. Barnard Walton, General Secretary. Yearly Meeting directed \$412.50, its quota, be paid to Harry Hawkins, treasurer of Conference.

This report marks the close of another year's work of the American Friends Service Committee, in which all groups of Friends in America, Cuba, England, Australia, and Japan have joined..... Dorothy E. Dilks, Representative of Friends Service Committee, in Indiana Yearly Meeting.

The auditing committee submits the following report: We have examined the treasurer's accounts and find them correct. We suggest that \$1,300 be raised for the use of the meeting the coming year and recommend William F. Morris be continued treasurer. Laurence Furnas, Milton Keys. We wish to recognize the American Friends' Service Committee as a permanent organization and to recommend that each monthly meeting have a service committee, which shall make their reports to the Yearly Meeting. Superintendent A. Curtis Tomlinson.

1923, Page 5 and page 6. The following committee was appointed to investigate the publishing and preservation of this history, (Clarkson Butterworth) its probable cost, etc. and to have a care over the publishing of other articles of this kind. Reuben M. Roberts, Wilson Doan, George R. Thorpe, Ruth A. Chandler.

Page 53. The report of the committee on the revision of the discipline was read and also, a recommendation from the executive committee. It was decided to adopt this revision in its present form, pending the working out of a uniform discipline for the seven yearly meetings. Also, the Yearly Meeting shall pay the necessary expenses of our representatives in attending the meeting of this joint committee..... The report follows ..... Albert Wood.

Page 55. The committee of the Central Committee of Friends General Conference, 1922, sent a full report which was read and approved. Arthur C. Jackson.

Page 70. In order to secure peace and a warless world, we believe that it is necessary that we should have an International Court of Justice in which all of the nations shall be represented. To be so organized and constituted as to be an International Court for all times. Signed on behalf of the committee, Reuben Roberts.

1924, Page 16. A letter from London Yearly Meeting was read, explaining a change in practice, which they propose to make in their yearly meeting. They desire to extend the spirit of love and fellowship to all bodies of Friends.

Page 17. The Young Friends Movement ..... We were able to report that our treasurer, Lillian Wood, was now in Europe as the representative

of the three Yearly Meetings, Illinois, Genessee, and Indiana. She seems to be a valuable member of the group of American Young Friends of all branches, now paying a fraternal visit to Friends and others across the Atlantic. Our organization assumed the financial obligation of Indiana Yearly Meeting in sending her. We were greatly pleased to have one of our number, Clarence Rogers, selected by the advancement committee to attend Woolman School.

1924, Page 19. The Waynesville Study Group organized in the Spring of 1923.

1925 - The proceedings of the Yearly Meeting were as usual. The highlight of the Yearly Meeting was a talk by Esther Underwood, a member of the Young Friends Movement of Indiana Yearly Meeting, on The Christianity of George Fox.

1926 - Outside of its regular reports, visiting Friends, and its usual business, nothing of special interest occurred, although it was a good yearly meeting.

(The Yearly Meeting follows certain procedures of business. Different committees report yearly and especially interesting is the philanthropic committee with its different departments. The organization of the Yearly Meeting, its correspondence with other yearly meetings, its spiritual messages given by the exercise committee, all of these activities are reported yearly in the minutes - which are indexed so they are readily accessible. This history tries to show the growth of the meeting; the change of Queries, and the result of Friends' work on concerns such as prohibition, woman suffrage, new meetings, meetings laid down, Indian problems, colored problems, peace, and education. The great question at this time is maintenance of our numbers. This is demonstrated in the statistical reports found in the minutes.)

1927 - minute 12 - The report of the trustees of the Richmond Friends Boarding Home was read at this time. Approval of the report was expressed, accepted and directed to be published in full in the minutes. The nominating committee was requested to present to the meeting, the names of three Friends from Indiana Yearly Meeting, to act as trustees of the Home, in cooperation with four Friends appointed by Whitewater Monthly Meeting. . . . They should also define their term of office. . . . (Nothing came of this proposition.) Finally it was agreed that Whitewater Monthly Meeting purchase the Charles H. Moore property, using money of the Friends Home Association. Friends directed that it should be made to appear in all resolutions that the Yearly Meeting and quarterly meetings will have the same rights in the Charles H. Moore estate as they have in the North A. Street real estate. It was further stipulated that a resolution should be adopted by the Yearly Meeting, authorizing the dissolution of the Friends' Home Association, for under the above plan, there will be no need for such an association. The Home is to be managed by a board of seven trustees, three of whom are to be selected by the Yearly Meeting and four by the Whitewater Monthly Meeting, each meeting to determine the term of the trustees selected by it and all trustees serve until their successors are elected and qualified. . . . Charles H. Moore, Pres.

1927 - minute 13 - Report of George R. Thorpe, as to his efforts to secure, preserve and publish the writings of Clarkson Butterworth regarding the early history of Friends in Indiana, was presented. The original manuscript was found. It is in a fair state of preservation and gives a list of meetings "west of the present limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting from the beginning of the 19th century to the division of the Society of Friends in 1828." (It is now among the records of the Yearly Meeting.)

From First-day afternoon, the address of Wilson Doan is printed in the minutes: "The Faith of a Grain of Mustard Seed," Wilson S. Doan.

INDIANA YEARLY MEETING NOW CONVENES IN ITS 108th SESSION at Waynesville, Ohio, from 8th month 13th to 16th inclusive, 1928.

1928 - minute 9 - The epistle from the two New York Yearly Meetings of Friends, held in joint session from the 28th to 31st of Fifth month, 1928, was read.....

minute 13 - The representatives reported the names of Ruth A. Chandler for presiding clerk, Emma C. Stradling for recording clerk, and Evelyn B. Howell for reading clerk. They were united with and appointed.

- minute 22 - The report of the trustees of the benevolent fund was read and approved. The amount of interest collected 1-1-1928 was \$319.30, distributed as follows: to the treasurer of Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, 70% or \$223.51 and 30% or \$95.79 to the treasurer of Miami Quarterly Meeting.

An epistle was read from Canada Yearly Meeting and Genesee Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, meeting in joint concurrent sessions at Pickering College, New Market, Ontario, Canada, 8-1 to 5th, 1928.....

Third-day, 1:30 P.M. The Young Friends Movement of Indiana Yearly Meeting, now in session at Waynesville, Ohio... (their meeting follows ....)

- minute 25 - The question of the adoption of the new uniform discipline was now taken up. Sentiment seemed unanimous for this discipline.

- minute 28 - After considerable discussion of the matter of a field secretary who should work in the meetings of both Indiana and Illinois, it was decided to raise the funds required for this work by combining the usual appropriations to the advancement and to the Y.F.M., this sum being \$500. This amount to be in charge of the advancement committee and used for carrying on the work of the field secretary, advancement committee and Y.F.M. to the best advantage.

- minute 29 - The reports of the treasurers of the Waynesville and Richmond Friends Boarding Homes were read and approved. The Lauramoore was opened 9-1-1927. The report covers the time from that date to the end of its fiscal year, 5-1-1928.

- minute 34 - The purchase and distribution of the new discipline was discussed. Eight hundred copies were purchased. One hundred copies to be cloth-bound and held by the clerk for 25 cents each, the others to be distributed free. The meeting appropriated \$275.00 for this purpose.

1929 Yearly Meeting was held at Pendleton, Indiana, with Ruth Chandler, Clerk, presiding.

1930 - minute 1 - In order to officially open Indiana Yearly Meeting, the clerks thought it proper to minute why the meeting place was changed from Richmond, Indiana, to Waynesville, Ohio, this year..... 33 representatives were present.

- minute 8 - George R. Thorpe, as custodian of the safe, reports that when the meeting property on North A Street was sold, it became necessary to remove the safe to temporary storage until the Yearly Meeting should designate its permanent location... George H. Swain, Clerk. Lawrence Furnas, Supt. Waynesville First-day School.

1931 - The Yearly Meeting convened at Richmond, Indiana. The 1931 directory published.

1932 - The Yearly Meeting convened at Pendleton, Firlev Tomlinson, Clerk.

1933 - The Yearly Meeting convened at Richmond, J. Lindley Mendenhall, Clerk, Allison Stinedorf, custodian of the safe, Faith Tomlinson, Superintendent F.S

1934 - The Yearly Meeting convened at Waynesville, Sherman Pressler, Clerk. This was the last year Emma C. Stradling was chairman of the advancement committee. George Thorpe was temporary custodian of the safe. At this time it was decided to sell the old safe, buy a new one and place it in the basement of the Friends Home at Waynesville. Whitewater Monthly Meeting agrees to pay one half of expense. The following committee was appointed to have management of details and appoint a custodian and report to the executive committee in June: Ralph Howell, George Thorpe and Roscoe Furnas.

1935 - The Yearly Meeting convened at Pendleton, Indiana, Sherman Pressler, Clerk. Louise Swain appointed chairman of advancement committee, 1935-1936. The report of the executive committee of the Friends Service Committee among the Indians, was read and explained by Ruthana M. Simms (they need our help). The committee appointed last year reports that a new safe was purchased by Whitewater Monthly Meeting; that it was placed in the Home at Waynesville, Ohio, and that Lindley Mendenhall was appointed custodian for one year.

1936 - The Yearly Meeting convened at Waynesville, Sherman Pressler, Clerk. Louise Swain, chairman of the advancement committee, gave an interesting report, giving an account of the work of Foster and Margaretta Heacock.

1937 - The Yearly Meeting convened at Pendleton, Indiana, Sherman Pressler, Clerk. Report that the World Conference of Friends will be held at Haverford and Swarthmore Colleges, Sept. 1-8, 1937. Emma G. Holloway reports that Louise Swain, Floretta Edsal Stinetorf, Mary Boston, Anna G. Vernon, Ernest or Elizabeth Morgan, Ester M. Tannehill and Emma G. Holloway are appointed delegates.

Report of advancement committee was given by Louise Swain. Report of Waynesville First-day School was given by J.B. Chapman, Supt. and Pendleton by

Clarence H. Kinnard, Supt. The meetings of the different meetings of the ministry and counsel were given. A full and free discussion of the purposes and value of the committees of ministry and counsel, in the several subordinate meetings, brought out ideas that will be of value to the entire Yearly Meeting. The meeting concluded, to meet at Waynesville, Ohio, at the established time in 1938. Finley Tomlinson, Clerk.

1938 - The meeting convened at Waynesville, Ohio, Sherman Pressler, Clerk. Seth E. Furnas was appointed to act as Yearly Meeting chairman to collect the different reports of each monthly meeting. The advancement committee reports next year each monthly meeting will appoint its own advancement committee. The Yearly Meeting appoints a coordinating chairman, Seth E. Furnas.

1939 - The meeting convened at Pendleton, Indiana, Sherman Pressler, Clerk. Report of the advancement committee, Ill-Ind-0. Directory of Indiana Yearly Meeting published 1939.

1940 - The meeting convened at Waynesville, Ohio, Sherman Pressler, Clerk.  
- minute 16 - The executive committee recommends that our Yearly Meeting convene one day earlier ... After discussion, the meeting decided that Indiana Yearly Meeting shall convene the first Fourth-day following the first Second-day in 8th month. The program of the first day shall be arranged as follows: 10:30 A.M. meeting for worship; 1:30 P.M. meeting to consider the needs of the meeting for worship; 2:30 P.M. first business session; 7:00 vesper service. It shall close the following First-day afternoon when the closing minutes of the Yearly Meeting will be read.

- minute 17 - Arthur Jackson presented the invitation of the World Council of Churches for Friends to join the organization. The Yearly Meeting approves the following in this connection: Indiana Yearly Meeting endorses the minute adopted by the Central Committee of Friends' General Conference, held at Cape May this year, to the effect that the Friends' General Conference accept the invitation to become a part of the World Council of Churches provided that at the organization session of the Council, it adds to the statement of basis (Article 1 of the proposed constitution) the clause "and of religious organization which never having required of their membership the acceptance of any formula of belief, hold that the basis of fellowship is an inward experience and that the essentials of unity are the love of God and the love of man conceived and practiced in the spirit of Christ."

A successful year in having attendance at both the General Conference and Camp Ill-Ind-0, was enjoyed by a number of young Friends sponsored by the advancement committee.

1941 - The meeting convened at Pendleton, Indiana, Sherman Pressler, Clerk. The Young Friends Meeting continued to meet as it has done for several years; likewise, Camp Ill-Ind-0 held jointly with Illinois.

1942 - Meeting convened at Waynesville, Ohio, Sherman Pressler, Clerk. William Mackenson, former Clerk of Illinois Yearly Meeting, has been added to

the staff of the advancement committee of the General Conference. Much of his time has been devoted to advancement work in Indiana Yearly Meeting in cooperation of the Yearly Meeting advancement committee. Camp Ill-Ind-0, The Young Friends meetings were continued.

1943 - Meeting convened at Pendleton, Indiana, Lawrence W. Furnas, Clerk. The work of the advancement committee has been limited during the past year owing to the fact that travel is limited and our young people are serving their country in different capacities. Camp Ill-Ind-0 was not held this year. The committee has been able to assist William Mackenson in his visits to the various monthly meetings and the work that he did. His report will cover this work. The following was raised: Miami \$250, Whitewater \$150, Pendleton \$100, Green Plain \$75, totaling \$575. Following, William Mackenson told of his many interesting experiences during the year.

The account of the daily vacation religious schools appear in the appendix. The accounting of the funds of advancement committee amount allotted \$150, to Sherman Pressler \$4, left in treasury \$146. The peace and service chairman, Floretta Shinetorf, reports a large activity in finances and donations to the committee and Civilian Service Camps.

Indiana Yearly Meeting of Young Friends held at Pendleton, Indiana, 8-7-1943. Philip Pressler expressed his hopes in our having Camp Ill-Ind-0 again. A lengthy discussion followed and a committee was appointed to do further investigation in this matter: chairman, Margaret Maranville, Caroline Palmer, Seth Furnas, Jr. and Priscilla Berry.

From the report of the exercise committee, "Our attention was directed toward the seeking for the abundant life, not so much for ourselves as that we may be able to bring more to others as Jesus taught. None of us can have it in all His fullness, but we all may have some and each manifest it in his own way - with music or flowers, in raising food, or by helping others in times of discouragement. Our opportunities and responsibilities vary but all have some. We are urged to hold 'forceful ideas rather than ideas of force,' and reminded that inviting the halt, the lame and the blind to the best we have, we not only give them the abundant life, but also receive it ourselves.

During the quiet meditation, the voice of the meeting house clock was interpreted as saying, 'Keep faith' keep faith with our Heavenly Father, the Divine Spirit, the Guide of our actions and with the Teacher He sent; faith with the generations of our forebears who built the pattern for us and those of our families, living and gone to the reward, and finally, faith with ourselves to do the utmost to use all our energies and resources for the building of men's minds and bodies. A later message from the clock was given us, 'Don't forget, keep faith, don't forget.' Among those participating in these messages, was our guests, William Sollman, Gordon Jones, J. Barnard Walton and William Mackenson."

1945 - The meeting convened at Pendleton, Indiana, Lawrence Furnas, Clerk. Report of the advancement committee: Due to restrictions of travel and abnormal conditions, no work of inter-visitation was attempted by the advancement committee. Advancement work in the Yearly Meeting was done mostly under

direction of the field secretary, William Mackenson, who was assisted in the different meetings by the local advancement committees and other concerned Friends.

Camp Ill-Ind-0 was under the direction of the advancement committee. Two Friends were sent from Greene Plain, five from Miami, two from Whitewater, two from Fall Creek, and one from Maple Grove. The Yearly Meeting advancement committee paid six scholarships, also \$50 toward overhead expenses.

The committee in charge of securing funds for the field secretary, reports the following was paid to Clement Biddle, (treasurer of the General Conference): Green Plain \$75, Miami \$250, Fall Creek \$100, Whitewater \$150, total \$575. Amount asked for \$560.

The chairman of the advancement committee made the following accounting of appropriated funds: amount appropriated \$150 - amount for Camp Ill-Ind-0 \$122, other expenses \$10, total \$132, balance \$18. The committee requested \$150 to be used by the committee for advancement work for the ensuing year. Seth E. Furnas.

The report of the work of the field secretary was made by William Mackenson. Inspiring reports were made by Virginia Tripp, director of the daily vacation religious schools, Glory Schwantes, Helen Swisher, Louis Grier, teachers, and Sue Furnas, Wilhelmina Braddock, Thomas Swain and Jennie Lee Braddock, students of the vacation schools. William Mackenson told of his enjoyment of his work during the three years as our field secretary.

The advancement committee of the Yearly Meeting is recommending to the Yearly Meeting that it secure the services of Louis Greer as joint field secretary between Illinois and Indiana Yearly Meetings and the General Conference. The suggested contribution towards a total budget of \$3,300 is \$610. The advancement committee agrees to see that this sum is raised in our Yearly Meeting.....

As decided by the Yearly Meeting, the advancement committee assumes the responsibility of directing the work of the secretary in our Yearly Meeting. This direction is assumed with an attitude of understanding and cooperation between Louis Greer, as the field secretary, and the committee. The Yearly Meeting felt that the program, rather than following hard and fast rules, should be worked out as the way opens. The reports of the advancement committee were approved and the amount of \$150 was recommended to the budget committee for the use of the committee.

The report of the committee on Indian affairs was read. This was explained by Ruth Simms. The amount of \$50 was recommended to the budget committee for the committee on Indian affairs.

1946 - Meeting convened at Waynesville, Ohio, Lawrence Furnas, Clerk.

The advancement committee, through its chairman, wishes to report that the general advancement work consists of: (1) The Young Friends conference at Quaker Hill, 1-25-27, 1946, promoted by Louis Greer and J. Barnard Walton; securing a goodly attendance at Friends General Conference; daily vacation meeting schools, and Camp Ill-Ind-0. (2) Visitation and individual work done by Louis Greer. The details of these two projects will be given by him

in his report..... As we see the condition of our meetings, we find that the concern of advancement work has been to activities outside of the local meeting for worship, business, and First-day school. With gratification, we report the conference at Quaker Hill, General Conference, vacation meeting school, and Camp Ill-Ind-0 and commend each for the good they have done the young people up to high school age. They have been outstanding and should be continued.

In the First-day meetings and especially those now isolated and inactive, there is need for work by the advancement committee. It is felt that the secretary's work should be changed and placed under the supervision of the advancement committee of the General Conference..... Louis Grier is leaving the work of the field secretary and Richard Eastman and wife have been asked to succeed him. Seth E. Furnas, Coordinating Chairman.

Louis Grier, field secretary, gave a partial report of the vacation meeting schools. Camilla Palmer, Carolina Palmer, Wanda Propst, and Dick Eastman told of the various activities with which they were concerned. All of this is of special interest to our meeting. The report is to be continued at the afternoon session. We then adjourned to 2:00 P.M.

Louis Grier continued, at this time, the interesting report of his activities as field secretary. Approval and appreciation of his work was voiced by the meeting. He came to us a stranger and leaves a friend whom we shall not forget.

The advancement committee recognizes with deep appreciation, the work done the past year in our Yearly Meeting, by Louis Grier. It is with gratitude we note the inspiring work done among our young people. His spiritual personality will leave its impression with us and we hope his association with us has brought something of value which he may take with him where ever he may go as an ambassador of truth. We wish him Godspeed. The advancement committee approves the action taken by the executive committee of the General Conference in securing the services of Richard and Alberta Eastman for the ensuing year as joint field secretary of the General Conference and recommend that \$500 be raised and paid to the treasurer of the General Conference, as our share of the budget of the field secretary. The advancement committee also asks that \$150 be appropriated to further advancement work in the Yearly Meeting.

1947 - The Yearly Meeting convened at Pendleton, Indiana, Lawrence Furnas, Clerk. The advancement committee reports \$50 has been paid toward the overhead expenses of Camp Ill-Ind-0. The field secretary reports that Camp Ill-Ind-0, vacation schools, the mid-winter institute and "Friends Here and There" were planned by the committee. They also became acquainted with the meetings, their members, and their situations. (A full report of these activities is in the report in the appendix.)

The advancement committee met during Yearly Meeting to plan its program for the coming year..... It feels that projects: vacation religious schools, Camp Ill-Ind-0, Mid-Winter Conference, and "Friends Here and There" should be continued..... That this work may be coordinated with other meetings in the Yearly Meeting, Illinois Yearly Meeting and General Conference, we will

accept and cooperate with the proposition of the General Conference for a joint field secretary and will continue the services of Richard Eastman for the ensuing year. . . . For Indiana's share of expense, \$500 shall be raised by the advancement committee, as follows: Miami \$200, Green Plain \$60, Whitewater \$120, Pendleton \$100, Maple Grove \$20. The committee asks for \$150 for its use the coming year. Seth E. Furnas, Chairman.

The meeting approved an appropriation of \$50 for the American Friends Service and \$25 for the peace and service committee of Indiana Yearly Meeting. . . (Report of Indiana's service committee in appendix, page 24.)

1948 - The Young Friends of Indiana Yearly Meeting met Sixth-day afternoon . . . The meeting convened at Waynesville, Ohio, Lawrence Furnas, Clerk.

The members of the advancement committee, in their respective meetings, have helped plan the work of the field secretary, Richard Eastman. The committee has assisted him in carrying out the Mid-Winter Conference, the vacation meeting schools and Camp Ill-Ind-0. Through its appointed member, it has tried to put local news of interest in "Friends Here and There." . . . Financially, from its fund, it has aided in sending a Friend, Sherman Pressler, on a concern respecting the proposed legislation in regard to a peace-time "draft" and aided in the expenses of the Mid-Winter Conference and Camp Ill-Ind-0. Each local committee has cooperated with other committees in friendly concerns of their respective meetings.

The committee reports that the term of the field secretary expires at this time. Indiana Yearly Meeting of Young Friends held at Waynesville, Ohio, 8-10-1948; Margaret Schnaitman gave a report of the activities at Camp Ill-Ind-0 . . . Report of the field secretary to Indiana and Illinois Yearly Meeting, 1948 . . . page 21 of the appendix.

The advancement committee met during Yearly Meeting to plan its activity for the ensuing year.

The time having expired for which Indiana Yearly Meeting secured the services of Richard Eastman, obtained jointly with Illinois Yearly Meeting and the General Conference, the advancement committee requests the Yearly Meeting to secure his services for one year, in conjunction with and subject to the approval of Illinois Yearly Meeting and the General Conference. For Indiana Yearly Meeting's share of the expense, the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to pay the treasurer of the General Conference \$500. We recommend that the \$500 so requested, be raised by the different quarterly meetings - Miami \$285, Whitewater \$215. It shall be the duty of the coordinating chairman or someone designated to call a meeting of a small representative group of the advancement committee, selected by the committee to meet at least every three months with Richard Eastman, that they together might plan and direct the work that is to be carried out by him with the cooperation of the advancement committee. . . . The committee asks for \$200 for its use during the coming year. Seth E. Furnas.

1949 - The meeting convened at Pendleton, Indiana, Lawrence Furnas, Clerk.

Report: The advancement committee met at the close of Yearly Meeting last,

as directed. A representative group from the committee, consisting of one member from each advancement committee of the different monthly meetings, was appointed. Meetings were held at Pendleton, Richmond, Waynesville and Yellow Springs. Hospitality was extended by each meeting and opportunity was given for members of each meeting to meet with the committee. This provided the only inter-visitation that was held in Yearly Meeting. At each of these meetings with the secretary, advancement work of the Yearly Meeting was discussed. The projects carried out were the Mid-Winter Conference, vacation meeting schools and Camp Ill-Ind-0. From reports received, these provided instruction and inspiration of a high standard and in most cases, were appreciated by all.... We ask for \$200 for our work next year. Accounting of funds: amount of fund \$200, Camp \$90, left \$110.

1949 - After a spirited discussion concerning a field secretary, it was decided that Yearly Meeting should go on record as favoring the appointment of a mid-west secretary of Friends General Conference, to be appointed by the General Conference. The monthly meetings shall discuss this in their sessions and instruct their members of the central committee what they are willing to do so that instruction may be taken to the General Conference central committee in September.

... Indiana Yearly Meeting ... sends its greetings and Christian love to our friends, the American Indians. We very much enjoyed having with us Susie Frazier of Hominy, Oklahoma ... her message has been valuable to us.

Seventh-day, 8:00 P.M. - Minutes of Young Friends ... The Indian affairs report was given by Wilhelmina Braddock. This was followed by the Quaker Hill report by Bob Pressler. The Camp Ill-Ind-0 letter was read by Jennie Lee Braddock and reports were given by Erika Zinth and Tom Jones...

Indiana Yearly Meeting desires to go on record as being willing for the General Conference to continue its relation with the World Council of Churches.

The report of the epistolary committee was read by Elizabeth Chandler and approved....

The report of the exercise committee was read by Edna Pressler.

Closing minute - As we bring our Yearly Meeting to a close, we are aware of the responsibilities that are placed upon us. A feeling of love and the presence of God has seemed to have been present with us in all the sessions of our meeting. As we separate, may we take back to our home meetings, the firm resolve to accept these responsibilities, to learn the will of God and to endeavor to carry out that will. With the hope that we will be permitted to meet next year at Waynesville, Ohio, 8th month, 24th inclusive, we now conclude. Lawrence Furnas, Clerk.

1950 - The meeting convened at Waynesville, Ohio, Lawrence Furnas, Clerk.

At the close of Yearly Meeting last year, the advancement committee met and planned to continue for the next year, those activities that have been a part of its work in the past, but with this difference: that each meeting would be responsible for its participation. The services of the field secretary were available for those who wished his help.

"Friends Here and There" has been published throughout the year in cooperation with Illinois Yearly Meeting and the Friends General Conference. The Spring Conference of young people was held at Quaker Hill in cooperation with Illinois Yearly Meeting. Twelve of our young people were in attendance. Ed Payne and his wife were hosts.

The daily bible school was held at Waynesville ... Camp Ill-Ind-0 was held in cooperation with Illinois Yearly Meeting at Quaker Haven. Nine of our young people were in attendance. Stanley Hamilton and his wife were the hosts. Richard Eastman's services were used in these projects ... I have been informed that the field secretary for this area will be discontinued by the General Conference... Seth E. Furnas, Coordinating Chairman.

The second report of the advancement committee was made orally by its chairman. The meeting approved the amount of money requested (\$200) and also approved the nominating committee's appointment of Seth Furnas as coordinating chairman.

Appendix: Report of the field secretary, 1940-1946: This year the project of the field secretary is being given up, so this is my last report. It is a review of the work during the past year..... (Various projects listed.) A major part of the work has been visiting meetings; twenty have been visited during the past year... The value of these visits to me has been marked and Friends have expressed appreciation for the visit. A conclusion I have come to, is that no one has the right to say he is not qualified to visit, for he can not know the value of his visit to Friends. Nor should he deny himself that which comes through visiting. One who has traveled among Friends, comes to see how fundamental this process is to our health as a Society.

I am grateful for the opportunity you have given me to work among you and with you. I appreciate the kindnesses you have given me, to feel that I am taking leave this year, but not parting from you. Richard P. Eastman, Field Secretary.

Richard Eastman gave his report as field secretary. Discussion indicated regret that we are not having a field secretary for the time being. Many expressions of appreciation for the work were given. In connection with this, the report of the Friends General Conference was read. We earnestly desire that, as a meeting, we shall be able to continue at least some of the activities.

Appendix: The Young Friends Session of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends held 8th month 26, 1950, at the Waynesville meeting house, Waynesville, Ohio, convened at 8:15. The report of the nominating committee follows: ..... Young Friends meeting (three pages, all interesting) adjourned to meet at Pendleton, Indiana, 8th month, 1951. Eula Hoak, Clerk; Sue Furnas, Recording Clerk.

1951 - The meeting convened at Pendleton, Indiana, Lawrence Furnas, Clerk.

The coordinating chairman of the advancement committee gave a report of the activities of the committee. He included a financial report of Camp Ill-Ind-0 and asked for consideration of the future of the camp. They approved

that the advancement committee continue plans for the camp. The budget committee is authorized to make provisions for an appropriation for this work.

Report of the advancement committee: Pursuant to the plans of the advancement committee as agreed upon at Yearly Meeting last year, its small group committee met with Fall Creek Friends at Pendleton, Indiana, 10-1-1950. The intent of these meetings was to serve two purposes: first, as an inter-visitation project; second, to plan more specifically, the year's activities and report progress next meeting.

The meeting with Fall Creek was well attended. Plans for the Spring Conference were made and the chairman was authorized to work with young Friends for desires in this and other activities and to report progress at next meeting. The meeting with Whitewater Friends, at Richmond, Indiana, was not carried out because of extreme weather conditions. A Young Friends committee and your chairman completed the plans for a Spring Conference of Young Friends to be held at Quaker Hill the week-end of 3-17 and 18, 1951. Because of inability to contact all Young Friends, the conference was not held. The third meeting was held with Yellow Springs Friends, with representatives from Green Plain and Miami present. Plans for Camp Ill-Ind-0 were agreed upon. It was felt that the vacation religious schools should be the concern of each meeting.

The fourth and last meeting of this committee was held with Miami Friends, with Maple Grove Meeting and Illinois Yearly Meeting present. Your chairman was authorized to go ahead with Young Friends to have their annual camp - Camp Ill-Ind-0. This camp was successfully held Eighth month 5-12, with joint attendance of fifteen Illinois and Indiana Young Friends. Stanley Hamilton, assisted by members of his family, was director. J. Barnard Walton was also a leader at the camp. The camp theme was "Young Friends - Their Opportunities and Responsibilities." ... The following is an accounting of funds allotted to the advancement committee by the Yearly Meeting:

|   |              |              |
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| Received from George H. Swain, total amount of fund .....   | \$200        |              |
| Part payment of 9 Young Friends' camp fees to Camp<br>Ill-Ind-0 at \$10 each, to Stanley Hamilton ..... | \$ 90        |              |
| Overhead expenses of Camp Ill-Ind-0 .....   | 110          |              |
| Postage, telephone and supplies .....   | 15           |              |
| Received from Young Friends by Roy Furnas .....   |              | 50           |
| Unused portion of advancement fund returned to<br>treasurer .....                                       | 35           |              |
|   | <u>\$250</u> | <u>\$250</u> |

On behalf of the advancement committee, Seth E. Furnas, Coordinating Chairman

The World Conference Committee presented its recommendation, including names of representatives and alternates: M. Sherman Pressler, alternate Ruth E. Dickinson; Barret Hollister, alternate Gordon Foster. Appropriations - \$600 to be used for the two representatives. The meeting approved the report of the World Conference Committee.

Minutes of the Young Friends Session ... It was decided to continue Camp Ill-Ind-0 and the Spring Conference ... Rhoda Bunnell, Clerk.

1952 - The meeting convened at Waynesville, Ohio, Lawrence Furnas, Clerk.

Seth Furnas, coordinating chairman of the advancement committee, reported on concerns of this committee. It was a thought-provoking report and gave suggestions for activities that the meeting enthusiastically accepted and we hope may be carried out. The name of Elizabeth Chandler was mentioned in the report, to edit a Yearly Meeting newsletter and \$150 was requested for expenses. This was granted. Financial report of the chairman: amount allotted to the committee \$200, Spring Conference \$69.13, amount paid by Young Friends \$25, amount paid by committee \$49.13.

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|--|-------------|---------------|
|  | \$ 49.13    | \$200.00      |
| Leaders partial expense of campers ..... | 117.00      |               |
| Postage, telephone, etc. ....            | <u>3.75</u> | <u>169.88</u> |
| Amount left on hand .....                |             | \$ 35.12      |

(See Appendix for reports)

Clarence Rogers gave the report of the auditing and budget committee which, after some discussion, was accepted, as also was the recommendation that George Swain be retained as treasurer for the ensuing year.

The amount raised for the Yearly Meeting shall be paid as follows:

- 50% by Whitewater Quarterly Meeting
- 50% by Miami Quarterly Meeting

Proposed Budget:

|   |           |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Printing of Yearly Meeting Minutes .....                | \$350     |            |
| General Conference .....                                | 470       |            |
| American Service Committee to Richmond office ....      | 50        |            |
| American Service Committee to Columbus office ....      | 50        |            |
| American Service Committee to Philadelphia office ..... | <u>50</u> | \$970      |
| Friends Intelligencer .....                             |           | 150        |
| Friends Intelligencer Associates .....                  |           | 15         |
| Indian Affairs .....                                    |           | 50         |
| Advancement Committee .....                             |           | 200        |
| Young Friends .....                                     |           | 150        |
| National Legislative Committee .....                    |           | 200        |
| Custodian of the Safe .....                             |           | 10         |
| Typing of the Minutes .....                             |           | 10         |
| Incidentals .....                                       |           | 10         |
| Printing Yearly Meeting Programs .....                  |           | 6          |
| Rural Life Association .....                            |           | 100        |
| World Committee .....                                   |           | 70         |
| Friends Fellowship Council .....                        |           | 20         |
| Yearly Meeting Peace and Service Committee .....        |           | 50         |
| Friends News Letter .....                               |           | 100        |
| Delegates to Lake Erie Association .....                |           | 50         |
| Assistance to Lauramoore Home .....                     |           | <u>250</u> |
| TOTAL   |           | \$2,311    |

Clarence Rogers, Raymond Braddock, Emma G. Holloway, Auditing Committee.

Elizabeth Chandler read Indiana Yearly Meeting's epistle, which was approved. The recording clerk was requested to write letters to Ralph and Evelyn Howell and Finley Tomlinson expressing our regret that they could not be with us during Yearly Meeting.

(Minutes of Young Friends Session): The Young Friends session of Indiana Yearly Meeting, held 8-23-1952, at 7:30 P.M. Clerk, Rhoda Bennel; Recording Clerk, Donna Hadley; Reading Clerk, Jerry Cook; Treasurer, Wilhelmina Brad-dock.

The minutes of last year's meeting were read and approved ... Carl Schnaitman and Prosper Van Millbrook gave reports of Illinois Yearly Meeting. It was decided to continue Spring Conference and Camp Ill-Ind-0 ...

Annual Statistical Report:

|                               |                |            |                   |                 |            |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Miami Quarterly Meeting:      | Green<br>Plain | Miami      | Yellow<br>Springs |                 | Total      |
| Total membership last report  | 62             | 172        | 50                |                 | 284        |
| Net total membership          | 59             | 171        | 56                |                 | 286        |
| Whitewater Quarterly Meeting: | Camden         | Fall Creek | Maple<br>Grove    | White-<br>water |            |
| Total membership last report  | 13             | 198        | 23                | 38              | 272        |
| Net total membership          | 13             | 198        | 23                | 38              | 272        |
| Total Miami Quarter           |                |            |                   |                 | 286        |
| Whitewater Quarter            |                |            |                   |                 | <u>272</u> |
| Total Yearly Meeting          |                |            |                   |                 | 558        |

A new directory was published in 1951.

Advancement committee report: The chairman of the advancement committee assisted in helping the Young Friends hold their Spring Conference at Quaker Hill. Mervin and Esther Palmer were the directors and were assisted by Irwin Abrams. A small group of Young Friends were present from Illinois and Indiana Yearly Meetings.

Camp Ill-Ind-0 was held again this year with a small group of Young Friends from both yearly meetings. Elizabeth Chandler was the director and J. Barnard Walton and Stanley Hamilton were leaders. "Friends Here and There" has not been published the past year... Seth E. Furnas, Chairman.

1952-1953 - Advancement Concerns. At a meeting of the advancement committee of the Yearly Meeting, it was decided to consider the suggestion of Illinois Yearly Meeting's advancement committee that we begin early consultation concerning Camp-Ill-Ind-0. We approve of the appointing of three of our group who might meet with a group from Illinois and from the Lake Erie Association to find ways of interesting more young people in attending Camp Ill-Ind-0. The advancement committee instructs its chairman to cooperate with those of Illinois and the Lake Erie Association to explore the possibility of making the week we have at Quaker Haven, a family week also. The committee wishes to encourage the Young Friends to hold their annual Spring Conference and

instructs the chairman to assist them in whatever way is helpful to make it a reality. ... The advancement committee will sponsor the publication of a newsletter for Indiana Yearly Meeting. Elizabeth Chandler has been asked and she has agreed to edit the newsletter. The committee asks the Yearly Meeting for \$150 for this purpose. In addition, the committee asks for \$200 to carry out the above activities. On behalf of the committee, Seth E. Furnas.

1953 - Yearly Meeting Minute VI: The concerns for the activities for the young people have not been fully carried out. Some worthwhile projects were accomplished. Vacation religious schools have proved successful; the Young Friends Conference was held; but the management of Quaker Haven was unable to honor what proved to be a tentative reservation. It was too late to make other plans when the error was discovered.

- Minute VII: The clerk had asked Elizabeth Chandler, the correspondent of the meeting, to make a summary of the epistles which came to the Yearly Meeting. The summary was read.

- Minute XXV: Floretta Stinetorf presented the work of the Yearly Meeting's peace and service committee ...

1954 - Minute VI: Miami's advancement committee was responsible for appointing the committee of a successful religious vacation school. It also was the committee in charge of seeing that a goodly number of Friends attended the Friends General Conference at Cape May. The committee used fifty dollars of the Yearly Meeting advancement committee's fund.

- Minute XXXVIII: A report was given on the progress of the history of the Yearly Meeting. It was suggested that the history be continued.

1956 - Howard Brinton spoke to us on the subject "The Quaker Message Today."

1958 - "As we have met in this Yearly Meeting, we have been grateful for the many blessings given us, the spirit of unity existing in all sessions and the interest shown by all in attendance. These tokens have shown us we were led by God's loving presence and guidance as we worshipped and searched together.

"As the epistles were read from various Yearly Meetings abroad and in this country, we knew we were being led more and more by faith.

"May our Heavenly Father lead and guide us to continue showing to the world the wonderful power of faith and may each of us return to our homes and communities striving more and more to live this faith.

"We now adjourn, to meet, God willing, for the 1959 session at Fall Creek Meeting near Pendleton, Indiana. Rita E. Rogers, Clerk; Richard P. Eastman, Recording Clerk."

1959 - Minute XLVIII: Letter regarding biological warfare, to Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, was revised and approved. It is not printed here, but is on page 16 of the Yearly Meeting minutes for 1959.

Minute XLIX: Letter regarding exchange of official visitors between

the USA and USSR, to Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, was read and approved, printed on page 17 of the Yearly Meeting minutes.

1959 - Minute LII: We deeply appreciate the loving, patient and helpful presence of J. Barnard Walton, Larry Miller, Ruth Miller, Robert Eddy, William Hayden, Herbert Fledderjohn, Gene Haflich, Raymond Wilson, Sumner Mills, Lela Mills, Lois Chance, Homer Chance, Merritt Webster, Kenneth Andrew, Lois Andrew, and Herbert Hadley, our visiting Friends.

1961 - Minutes contain a directory of Yearly Meeting.

1962 - Minute 16 - Friends agreed that reports on cemeteries under the care of monthly and quarterly meetings need not be brought to the Yearly Meeting.

- Minute 56 - Minute of sympathy. The following was approved: We were greatly saddened Seventh-day afternoon by the tragic death of two of our valued members, Dr. Emma G. Holloway and Ruth A. Chandler; also by injuries received by Elizabeth Chandler, Maria S. Elbon, Mabel J. Bursk, and Nellie B. Bunnel. At this time, we extend our deepest sympathy and trust the injured may have speedy recoveries. May our prayers be with them.

1964 - Minute 49 - The forward concern for advancement work in Yearly Meeting. From the closing minute, "In a religious society, we know peace is not easily come by; that in the personal sphere it must be worked and planned and studied for; but most of all, that it must be of the heart and the spirit, and not alone of the mind. In a religious society, men and women dedicated to peace, will support and inspire one another. We ask God's help in becoming more selfless, so that we may be more effective in carrying His message.

We now conclude, to meet next year, God willing, at Pendleton, Indiana. Louis P. Neuman, Presiding Clerk.

1966 - To Friends everywhere, the following excerpt is from the 1923 minutes and was read at the opening of the 1966 Yearly Meeting: "If only those who read have eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to understand, and are sufficiently concentrated to pass it on through every avenue open to them, though a small body, we may have a large influence. God grant that it may be so..."

- Minute 12 - Bryon Branson reported to the Yearly Meeting's committee on the 1967 Friends World Conference. Special study outlines and pamphlets are now available for the use of 1966 meetings and individuals previous to the Conference. Consideration will need to be given to the selection of the seven representatives of the Yearly Meeting who may attend as delegates to the World Conference ...

- Minute 15 - A statement on all grants that are available within the whole Yearly Meeting structure, with a description of each, was suggested for inclusion in the appendix of the printed minutes. Its purpose would be to permit all members to know of various funds that exist, their particular uses and their limitations. The meeting approved of including this information in the appendix of the printed minutes each year ...

1966 - Minute 35 - The Yearly Meeting approved a special appropriation of \$400.00 - \$200.00 for the relief of suffering in North Vietnam and \$200.00 for a like purpose in South Vietnam. The peace and service committee was given authorization to consult with the agencies able to administer the relief ... desired by Friends.

- Minute 45 - The following minute adopted by Miami Quarterly at its last meeting, was presented as a matter of interest to the Yearly Meeting. A letter from Campus Monthly Meeting was read. Campus Meeting would have dual membership in two yearly meetings. This request is welcomed with great enthusiasm and is approved...

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The preceding history, based on the minutes and traditions of Indiana Yearly Meeting, tells how the Yearly Meeting was formed and how it lived. Its founders were Friends from many meetings, who worked together and built a religious life of faith, devotion and action. The meeting did little foreign missionary work. Instead its members devoted their efforts to the people they came in contact with, principally Indians, Negroes, and the poor. Their main effort was to live under the direct inspiration of their Heavenly Father and the teachings of Jesus.

During this time there have been many cultural changes, challenging theological ideas, continuing scientific inventions, new worldly attractions and changing ideas on every hand. Friends found it hard to maintain interest in their meetings and to continue to live their spiritual ideal under the direction of the teaching of the Inner Light.

From the first statistical report in 1884, (total membership 1,809), there has been a steady decline in membership. The membership in 1966 is 703. Many meetings have been laid down and recently, new meetings have been started. It is noted that young Friends are taking renewed interest in the spiritual presence of God.

"Old things doth pass away, still the world is new,  
Old thoughts that ruled the day, in turn passed too;  
And knowing well the changes that await our every hour,  
We hug the truths still closer that bear eternal power."

Through the years there was a concern to preserve spiritual thoughts expressed in the Yearly Meeting. Following is one that is preserved to us and has been enjoyed by many:

"The outward word is good and true,  
But inward power alone makes new;  
Not even Christ can save from sin,  
Unless He comes and works within.

"Christ in the heart, if absent there  
Thou cans't not find Him anywhere;  
Christ in the heart, Oh, Friend begin  
To build the throne of Christ within.

"And know by this that He is thine,  
And that thy light is made divine;  
That Holy Love will have control  
And rule supremely in thy soul."

- Anon.

(Given to me by Isaac Wilson.)

This History by Seth E. Furnas, Sr.  
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QUERIES AND ADVICES

1819 QUERIES -

First Query - Are all meetings for worship and discipline attended? Do Friends avoid unbecoming behaviour therein? And is the hour of meeting observed?

Second - Do Friends maintain love towards each other, as becomes our christian profession? Are tale-bearing and detraction discouraged? And when differences arise, are endeavours used speedily to end them?

Third - Do Friends endeavour, by example and precept, to educate their children, and those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel? Do they guard them against reading pernicious books; and from the corrupt conversation of the world? And are they encouraged frequently to read the holy scriptures?

Fourth - Are Friends clear of importing, vending, distilling, or the unnecessary use of spiritous liquors; of frequenting taverns, or attending places of diversion? And do they observe moderation and temperance on all occasions?

Fifth - Are the necessities of the poor, and the circumstances of those who may appear likely to require aid, inspected and relieved? Are they advised and assisted, in such employments as they are capable of; and is due care taken to promote the school-education of their children?

Sixth - Do Friends maintain a faithful testimony against a hireling ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries?

Seventh - Are Friends careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage? Are they just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their engagements? And where any give reasonable grounds for fear in these respects, is due care extended to them?

Eighth - Are Friends careful to bear a testimony against slavery? Do they provide, in a suitable manner, for those under their direction, who have had their freedom secured; and are they instructed in useful learning?

Ninth - Is care taken to deal with offenders seasonably and impartially, and to endeavour to evince to those who will not be reclaimed, the spirit of meekness and love, before judgment is placed upon them?

1819 ADVICES -

To observe due moderation in the furniture of their houses, and to avoid superfluity in their manner of living.

To attend to the limitations of truth in their temporal business.

To be careful to place their children amongst Friends; preferring those whose care and example will be most likely to conduce to their preservation,

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1819 ADVICES - (cont'd)

To inspect the state of their temporal affairs once in the year, and make their wills whilst in health.

To apply for certificates, when about to remove, and to pay proper attention to those coming from other places, who appear as Friends, without producing certificates.

And it is advised, that when occasions of uneasiness appear in any, such may be treated with in privacy, and with tenderness, before the matter be communicated to another; thus, the hands of those concerned in the further exercise of the discipline, will not be weakened by a consciousness on their part, of a departure from the true order of the gospel.

It is further recommended that all our meetings for business be kept select, and that Friends endeavour to manage the affairs of society in the spirit of meekness and wisdom, with decency, forbearance, and love to each other; labouring to maintain the "unity of spirit in the bond of peace."

1834 QUERIES -

First Query - Are all meetings for worship and discipline attended? Do Friends avoid unbecoming behavior therein? And is the hour of meeting observed?

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Sixth - Do Friends maintain a faithful testimony against a hireling ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods, and lotteries?

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First Query - Are all meetings for worship and discipline attended? Do Friends avoid unbecoming behavior therein? And is the hour of meeting observed?

Second - Do Friends maintain love towards each other, as becomes our christian profession? Are tale-bearing and detraction discouraged? And when differences arise, are endeavors used speedily to end them?

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Sixth - Do Friends maintain a faithful testimony against a hireling ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries?

Seventh - Are Friends careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage? Are they just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their engagements? And where any give reasonable grounds for fear in these respects, is due care extended to them?

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1849 ADVICES -

To observe due moderation in the furniture of their houses, and to avoid superfluity in their manner of living.

To attend to the limitations of truth in their temporal business.

To be careful to place their children among Friends; preferring those whose care and example will be most likely to conduce to their preservation

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1849 ADVICES - (cont'd)

To inspect the state of their temporal affairs once in the year, and make their wills whilst in health.

To apply for certificates, when about to remove, and to pay proper attention to those coming from other places, who appear as Friends, without producing certificates.

And it is advised, that when occasions of uneasiness appear in any, such may be treated with in privacy, and with tenderness, before the matter be communicated to another; thus, the hands of those concerned in the further exercise of the discipline, will not be weakened by a consciousness on their part, of a departure from the true order of the gospel.

It is further recommended that all our meetings for business be kept select, and that Friends endeavor to manage the affairs of society in the spirit of meekness and wisdom, with decency, forbearance and love to each other; laboring to maintain the "unity of spirit in the bond of peace."

1869 QUERIES -

First Query - Are Friends diligent in the attendance of our meetings for worship and discipline? Do they avoid unbecoming behavior therein, and observe the hour for meeting?

Second - Do Friends maintain love towards each other, as becomes our Christian profession? Are tale-bearing and detraction discouraged? And when differences arise, are endeavors used speedily to end them?

Third - Do Friends endeavor, by example and precept, to educate their children, and those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel? Do they guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world? Are they encouraged frequently to read the Holy Scriptures?

Fourth - Are Friends clear of importing, manufacturing, or the vending and use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, or of attending places of harmful diversions, and do they observe moderation and temperance on all occasions?

Fifth - Are the necessities of the poor and the circumstances of those who appear likely to require aid, inspected and relieved? Are they advised, and assisted, in such employments as they are capable of? And is due care taken to promote the school education of their children?

Sixth - Do Friends maintain a faithful testimony in favor of a free Gospel Ministry, and against Oppression, Oaths, Military Services, Clandestine Trades, Prize Goods and Lotteries?

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1869 QUERIES - (cont'd)

Seventh - Are Friends careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage? Are they just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their engagements; and where any give reasonable grounds for fear in these respects, is due care extended to them?

Eighth - Is care taken to deal with offenders seasonably and impartially, and to endeavor to evince to those who will not be reclaimed, the spirit of meekness and love, before judgment is placed upon them?

Ninth - Are schools encouraged for the education of our youth, under the direction of teachers in membership with us?

Tenth - Are the queries addressed to the Quarterly, Monthly, and Preparative Meetings read and answered therein, as directed?

1869 ADVICES -

To observe due moderation in the furniture of their houses, and to avoid superfluity in their manner of living.

To attend to the limitations of truth in their temporal business.

To be careful to place their children among Friends, preferring those whose care and example will be most likely to conduce to their preservation.

To inspect the state of their temporal affairs once in the year, and to make their wills whilst in health.

To apply for certificates, when about to remove, and to pay proper attention to those coming from other places, who appear as Friends, without producing certificates.

And it is advised that when occasions of uneasiness appear in any, such may be treated with in privacy and with tenderness, before the matter be communicated to another; thus, the hands of those concerned in the further exercise of the discipline, will not be weakened by a consciousness on their part, of a departure from the true order of the Gospel.

1892 QUERIES -

First Query - Are Friends diligent and punctual in the attendance of meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to maintain devotional solemnity therein? Have any meetings been omitted?

Second - Are love and unity maintained, and if differences arise is due care taken to end them? Do Friends strive so to live as to be a good example to all?

Third - When members violate any of our testimonies, is due watchfulness observed to extend to them Christian care for their restoration?

Fourth - Are Friends careful to observe moderation, simplicity, and plainness, and do they endeavor to train their children, and those under their care, in a life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession?

Fifth - Do Friends encourage the reading of the Scriptures, and meditation thereon, and by their attendance and advice endeavor to promote the interest of First-day schools? Is care taken to give instruction in our principles and testimonies?

Sixth - Are Friends clear of giving aid in any way to the manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage or in the preparation of food and are they diligent in discouraging the same? Do they avoid places where such liquors are sold, and all places of a demoralizing tendency? Is the cultivation and use of tobacco, and the use of all other narcotics, discouraged?

Seventh - Have the records of births, deaths and burials been made and reported to the Monthly Meeting? Are our burial grounds kept in good order?

Eighth - Are the circumstances of members who require aid inspected, and is relief afforded? Are they advised and assisted in suitable employments? Is care taken to promote the school education of their children?

Ninth - Do Friends encourage a free gospel ministry, resting upon Divine qualification?

Tenth - Do Friends encourage arbitration as opposed to war, and do they avoid and discourage oaths, and all forms of lotteries, gambling, bribery and oppression?

Eleventh - Are Friends careful to live within their means, and do they conduct their business in a manner becoming their religious profession, and avoid extending it beyond their ability to manage? Where any give reasonable grounds for fear in these respects, is care extended to them?

Twelfth - Are the queries, including the introductory paragraphs and "The Advices" read in the subordinate meetings, and are the former answered therein as directed?

1892 ADVICES -

To observe moderation in furnishing their homes, and in their manner of living.

To encourage their fellow-beings in abstaining from the use of everything hurtful.

To attend to the limitations of truth in their temporal business, inspect the state of their worldly affairs once in a year, and make their wills while in health.

To apply for certificates when about to remove, and to pay proper attention to those coming from other places, who appear as Friends without producing certificates; to be careful to extend cordial welcome to young people and strangers who attend our meetings.

When any give occasion for uneasiness, to speak to them in privacy and with tenderness before the matter be communicated to another. Then, should further exercise of the Discipline be necessary, those intrusted with it will not be weakened by a consciousness that the true order of the Gospel, as explained in Matt. 18: 15, 16 and 17, has been violated.

Friends are earnestly advised to read and study the Discipline, that they may learn to realize and appreciate the wisdom and beauty of the system it is intended to uphold.

1928 QUERIES -

First Query - Do you attend Meetings for Worship in a spirit of willing service and of prayerful desire to make them profitable to each individual and to the assembled group? Are you careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting by late arrival? Is suitable opportunity afforded for silent communion with God?

Second - Do you endeavor so to order your daily lives that opportunity is provided for meditation and close communion with the Divine Spirit for guidance and strength?

Third - Are love and unity fostered among you?

Are you exerting your influence that tale-bearing and detraction shall be avoided, and that individual disagreements among you may be prevented?

When differences arise, do you endeavor to settle them speedily and in the spirit of meekness and love?

Are members whose conduct or manner of living give reasonable ground for concern seasonably advised with for their preservation and recovery?

Fourth - Do you live in sincerity and simplicity?

Are you careful to live within the bounds of your circumstances?

Do you observe moderation in proper things and abstain from those that are harmful?

Do you advise your children and those under your influence to observe the same care?

Does your Meeting take care of such of your members as need aid, and assist them when possible, to become self-supporting?

Fifth - Are you careful to use your influence against the manufacture, sale, and use of alcoholic liquors as a drink and for culinary purposes, and to discourage their use as a medicine?

What has your Meeting done during the past year to promote education regarding the value of clean living and the harmful effects that result from the use of alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics?

Sixth - Do you maintain a high ideal of family life?

Do you teach your children the value and power of spiritual forces?

Do you encourage the frequent reverent reading of the Bible and do you exert an influence for good reading and wholesome diversions?

Seventh - Do you fulfill the responsibility of your membership in your religious Society by regular attendance and support of its meetings?

What are you doing to strengthen the spiritual life of the meeting and to invite others to share in its fellowship?

Are you active in advancing the principles of your Society and in working for the spread of righteousness in the world?

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1928 QUERIES - (cont'd)

Eighth - Are you actively interested in the promotion of education? What part does your Meeting take in its advance?

Has your Meeting made inquiries respecting the education of the children of the membership? What advice or opportunity for further progress has been extended to them during the year?

What has your Meeting done during the past year for the religious development of its young people, and for their understanding of the principles of our Society?

Ninth - Do you endeavor to follow the principles of human equality and brotherhood in your relations with all mankind?

What is your Meeting doing for social improvement in your community and to better the conditions under which men, women and children live and labor?

What is your Meeting doing to encourage its members to engage in voluntary social work at home and abroad?

Tenth - Do you endeavor to conduct your business in accordance with our religious principles?

Are you punctual to promises, and just in the payment of debts?

What is your Meeting doing to secure better understanding of the problems of industry and to foster upright practice in business relations?

Eleventh - Do you fulfill the obligations of citizenship?

What is your Meeting doing to develop a community spirit, to promote civic righteousness, to discourage gambling, to further prison reform, to foster proper care of dependent and delinquent children, and to co-operate in providing wholesome public recreation?

Twelfth - Do you individually maintain a spirit of good-will toward all races and nations and do you labor for a just and generous policy toward them?

What has your Meeting done during the past year, through its own efforts or in co-operation with other agencies, to promote peaceful methods of settling international differences, to remove the causes of war, and to increase understanding between nations?