

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, DEER CREEK MONTHLY MEETING OF ANTI-SLAVERY FRIENDS PAPERS, 1843-1846

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Society of Friends (Quakers) are a Christian sect with roots in England dating to the 1640's. Until the late 19th Century, their beliefs were distinctive from other Christian groups in a number of ways: their repudiation of pastoral ministry, their plain style of living, advocacy of women's equality, and their belief in the "Inward Light."

In the early 1800's, a large number of Quakers migrated from Virginia and North Carolina to Ohio and Indiana. The dispute over the question of slavery resulted in a separation among Indiana Friends beginning in 1842-1843. On February 7, 1843, an Indiana Yearly Meeting of Anti-Slavery Friends was established in Newport, Indiana (Wayne Co.), and some Anti-Slavery Friends established local monthly meetings. By 1857, the Indiana Yearly Meeting of Anti-Slavery Friends was discontinued, and most members rejoined the Orthodox body.

The Deer Creek Anti-Slavery Friends began monthly meetings, located approximately four miles south of Marion, Indiana (Grant Co.), on February 25, 1843 for those "residing within the limits of Mississinewa and Back Creek." The meetings were discontinued in 1857.

For biographical information on those persons mentioned within this collection, see: *Grant County, Indiana. Index of Names of Persons and of Firms*. Vol. 1 & 2. (F532.G7 A2 1940).

Sources: Materials in the collection.

Edgerton, Walter. *History of the Separation in Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends*. p. 60-66.

The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis. p. 1276.

Hinshaw, Gregory P. *Indiana Friends Heritage, 1821-1996*. p. 3-4, 137.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of six typewritten pages of notes from the Deer Creek Monthly Meeting of Anti-Slavery Friends women's minute books (1843-1846). They begin with a quotation from the men's minute books (1843-1855) concerning the establishment of the Deer Creek Anti-Slavery Friends. The notes mention marriages, disownments, and activities of the Friends.

The following persons are listed as charter members according to the notes: Rachel Allen, Lydia Baldwin, Elizabeth Ballinger, Gincy Ballinger, Milly Bogue, Gulia Coggeshall, Rachel Coppic, Mary Ann Davis, Rebecca Davis, Sarah Davis, Sarah Harris, Mary Harris, Mary Hollingsworth, Maris Howell, Lydia Jackson, Ann Jones, Elizabeth McCrackin, Elizabeth Macy, Hannah Macy, Jonathan Macy, Elizabeth Morris, Mary Moorman, Maris Neal, Jane Pearson, George Shugart, John Shugart, Mary Shugart, Sarah Shugart, Elizabeth Small, Jane Small, Rachel Thomas.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

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