

Quaker Archives Report to Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting
2020-2021

Guilford gratefully acknowledges our partnership with you in the care for Quaker records in our region, including those of Piedmont Friends and member meetings. This year was one of challenges but also of openings as we strived to maintain services and care for records in uncertain times. Our research room for in person services remained closed for the entire year due to pandemic related restrictions. Archivist Gwen Gosney Erickson was able to return to work in early August to offer some online services and handled incoming mail (both emails and postal mail) arriving since operations were furloughed four month earlier. Online services continue to provide access options since that time. Earlier work to make pre-1940 Quaker monthly meeting records available online via Ancestry.com and to provide access to some of our highest used resources has shown it's value many times over.

The Quaker Archives continues to receive recent records from meetings. Some have also opted to arrange for in person delivery of minutes with terrace services by appointment. Records were received this year from Salem Creek Friends. Other meetings are reminded that they can check online at <https://library.guilford.edu/quakerrecords> to see which records are already in the archives and answers to some of frequently asked questions. Meetings and individuals can contact archives@guilford.edu with any questions. Due to the very large number of meetings we partner with and our operations focus on archival longevity, meetings are still asked to submit paper records at this time. Efforts are underway to have a process for electronic record submission. Regardless, we are not able to accept email attachments as a way of depositing records.

Guilford receives some funds each year from several of our key organizational partners to help us in providing direct archival services (i.e. care of records). Direct financial support received in the past nine months from Piedmont Friends Fellowship and from Charlotte, Davidson, and Friendship meetings. Annual contributions from meetings needs to be mailed directly to Quaker Archives as those are processed as partner support rather than charitable donations. Contributions from individuals qualify as charitable giving to be directed (either through postal mail or online giving) to the college's Advancement Office. All checks are to be made payable to Guilford College with "Quaker Archives" noted in the memo line. Much of our funding still comes from Guilford College's annual operating budget. Therefore, annual support and investment to increase endowment funding are actively sought.

As some of you may know, Guilford College has had an especially challenging year. The continuing support of alumni, Friends, and friends is essential. A fuller report of the overall Quaker Archives and Special Collections operations, including our programming and services to researchers not detailed above, will be available online at the end of year in June.

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