

Timeline for Quakers in Baltimore, MD

(summarized from Minute By Minute: A History of the Baltimore Monthly Meetings of Friends, Homewood and Stony Run by Mallonee BC, Bonny JK, and Fessenden NB)

March 3, 1672 - first minutes for West River (MD) were recorded

1714-1781 Patapsco Preparative Meeting at Darly Hall (in the early years these Friends didn't keep minutes that survived to modern day or report much to West River Friends).

1776 formal minutes began for the "Patapsco Preparative meeting" held at Darly Hall which together with Elkridge Preparative Meeting was under the care of Gunpowder Monthly Meeting

1781-1792

January 1781 Patapsco Preparative was renamed Baltimore Preparative Meeting. Land had been purchased in Baltimore Town (Aisquith St) and Meetinghouse built.

Also in 1781, Maryland Yearly Meeting became Baltimore Yearly Meeting

Formal Monthly Meeting status granted to Aisquith Street Meeting in **1792**, designated as Baltimore Monthly Meeting. I've also seen it referred to as "Old Town," e.g. the Baltimore Monthly Meeting at Old Town.

Lombard Street Meetinghouse was built **1805**, & became a formal MM separate from Aisquith Street Meeting in 1807. They're sometimes referred to as Western & Eastern Districts, divided by the Jones Falls. Elk Ridge Meeting seems to have joined with Lombard street in the early 1800s and relations were strained between the two Districts in Baltimore for much of the early 1800s even before the Orthodox-Hicksite split. Lombard Street meeting was the site of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

With the 1828 split, Baltimore Orthodox Friends left Lombard Street Meeting and settled in a new Meetinghouse in 1830 on Courtland Street. In the interim, they met at the old McKendree schoolhouse.

1838 - the women of Courtland Street Meeting established the first charitable group, the Friends Sewing Society for Relief of the Poor.

By the end of the Civil War, Courtland Street location was undesirable (in part due to the icy, treacherous hill in the winter and the thick mud at times during the rest of the year), so a new Meetinghouse was built on Eutaw Street (occupied in 1867).

The Courtland Street Meetinghouse then became the site for a "normal" school for the education and preparation of African-American teachers.

Eutaw St Meetinghouse had close ties to the earliest forms of Johns Hopkins University.

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JHU moved to its Homewood campus first, but the close ties between the school and the Orthodox Friends explain the location of this Meetinghouse (Homewood Friends) across the street.

Other references to 1010 Light Street starting in the **1880s**. The property was acquired by the Monthly Meeting and it served as a Mission House (sometimes called the Federal Hill Mission) with outreach programs and Bible study designed for young people and including both vocational and religious education. The mission work represented a large outlay of time and energy by many Friends over decades. After a request to establish a Monthly Meeting was turned down, 1010 Light Street became a Monthly Meeting in 1906 and was closely affiliated with Eutaw Street Meeting. Over time participation and membership waned. The Light Street Meeting was laid down in 1931.

Homewood Meetinghouse was built in **1921**. The first Meeting for Worship was held in February 1922. The Homewood Meetinghouse served as the administrative office for Baltimore Yearly Meeting from late 1921 to the unification of the Orthodox and the Hicksite Friends into one Baltimore Yearly Meeting in 1968. In 1970, with consolidation of the two Yearly Meetings, the joint BYM office was set up in Sandy Spring. That office opened in May 1970.

West Baltimore Preparative Meeting was organized in **1944** by Friends from Stony Run and Homewood. The preparative meeting was intended to be a presence in the inner city after both Homewood and Stony Run had moved north into the "suburbs." It was intended to be multi-racial, and for a time there was a Joint Peace Committee and a Joint Social Order Committee which sometimes spoke for Homewood, Stony Run and West Baltimore. West Baltimore Preparative Meeting was laid down in **1962**.

A member and a regular attender of Homewood organized the Old Town Friends Fellowship in **2008**. The Fellowship met in a Friend's home initially and then moved to the Aisquith Street Meetinghouse. The Fellowship received support from individuals from several of the Monthly Meetings in Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting.

Hicksite Friends' History:

Remained at Lombard Street Meetinghouse after the split in 1828.

New Meetinghouse was built at Park Avenue in 1889. Friends School built near them a bit later.

From 1889-1944 Hicksite Friends were located at Park Ave Meetinghouse & Friends School.

1949 Stony Run Meetinghouse was built next to Friends School of Baltimore.