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APPENDIX A

**CHRONOLOGY OF FRIENDS IN
D.C. AND FRIENDS MEETING OF
WASHINGTON****1800-2006**

Prepared by Marjorie ("Marney") Akins, June 2008

1800

Federal government moved to new capital city

1803

First meetings for worship held under care of Indian Spring
(Maryland) Monthly Meeting

1807

Lot for burial ground near Adams Mill Road given to Friends

1811

First Meeting House built at 18th and "Eye" Streets NW

1817

Care of Washington Meeting transferred to Alexandria
(Virginia) Monthly Meeting, then part of the District of
Columbia



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1827-1828

Hicksite/Orthodox schism in Religious Society of Friends in the United States
Alexandria Meeting and Washington Preparative Meeting in Hicksite branch

1835

Orthodox Friends held meetings for worship in the District of Columbia

1846

Alexandria and Arlington retro-ceded to Commonwealth of Virginia
Indian Spring Monthly Meeting renamed Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting

1849

Status of "Eye Street Meeting" reverted to "Indulged" from "Preparative."
Woodlawn Meeting established under care of Alexandria Monthly Meeting

1876

Meeting for Worship established under care of Baltimore Monthly Meeting (Orthodox)

1879-1880

New larger Meeting House built on "Eye" Street property

1883

School opened at "Eye" Street; later known as Sidwell Friends School



1899

Washington Monthly Meeting (Orthodox) established; Meeting House built at First and C Streets NE; torn down for Senate office building

1906

Meeting house for Orthodox Friends built at 13th and Irving Streets NW

1917

American Friends Service Committee founded for all Friends

1925

Cooperation of "Eye" Street and Irving Street Meetings after fire at Irving Street

1929

Herbert Hoover inaugurated as first Quaker president of USA
Discussions begun by "Eye" Street and Irving Street Meetings on forming a cooperative meeting

1930

6/20 Friends Meeting of Washington incorporated
7/14 Ground broken for Meeting House
12/20 Cornerstone laid

1931

1/4 First Meeting for Worship held at Florida Avenue Meeting House
Clothing relief work in Meeting House (through American Friends Service Committee) begun



1936

International Student House established by the American Friends Service Committee with help from the Meeting

1937

"Eye" Street Meeting property sold; Sidwell Friends School moved to Wisconsin Avenue campus

1938

5/16 *Discipline* adopted

1943

11/1 Friends Committee on National Legislation operations begun in Meeting House

1944

11/20 Friends Meeting of Washington joined Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Homewood, Orthodox)

12/18 Friends Meeting of Washington joined Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Stony Run, Hicksite)

1947

Irving Street Meeting property sold

1949

11/21 Decision reached to extend Meeting House (Decatur Place Room, Terrace Room, Library, two third floor rooms added)

1950

10/2 First Day School held at Sidwell Friends School during construction



1951

- 4/16 Purchase authorized of Capitol Hill property for Friends Committee on National Legislation
- 8/8 New rooms occupied
- 8/18 First session held of Potomac Quarterly Meeting, a new united Quarterly Meeting in the Potomac Valley

1952

- 2/18 Help in resettling European refugee families begun

1955

- 6/20 Mary Walcott Lucy Foster Memorial Scholarship Fund established in celebration of Meeting's 25th anniversary

1956

- 1/25 Special Meeting held to observe 25th anniversary
- 3/19 Wheelchair ramp at north entrance installed
Joint bazaar held with Sidwell Friends School, first of several
- 9/17 Washington Monthly Meeting ("Irving Street") laid down
College Park Meeting of Friends established in Adelphi, Md., encouraged by Friends Meeting of Washington
- 12/17 Funds approved toward Baltimore Yearly Meeting's purchase of Camp Catoctin

1959

- 1/19 Purchase of replacement Friends Committee on National Legislation building authorized
Creation of Sandy Spring Friends School encouraged

1961

- 3/1 Report issued on First Day School space needs
- 9/18 Proposal presented to build Friends retirement home in Sandy Spring



- 10 Langley Hill Preparative Meeting approved under the care of Friends Meeting of Washington

1963

- 5/20 Bethesda Preparative Meeting approved under the care of Friends Meeting of Washington
10/20 Washington Peace Center established in the Meeting House

1965

- 5 Child Care Center in Meeting House established
6 *Friends Meeting of Washington, Background and Origin (1930-1951)* published
9/20 Establishment of Friends Nonprofit Housing approved

1966

- 5/16 Purchase by Friends Meeting of Washington of William Penn House approved
12/18 Establishment of Friends Council-National Capital Area approved

1967

- 10 Friends House Retirement Community, Sandy Spring, Md., opened

1968

- 8 Two Baltimore Yearly Meetings consolidated
After-Meeting coffee time initiated

1969

- 1/19 Langley Hill Monthly Meeting established
2/16 Offer of sanctuary to religious pacifist draft resisters approved
4/1 Called Meeting for Business held on classroom and Meeting space needs



5/19 Agreement reached on rearrangement of Meeting Room seating
Hope expressed that custom of men and women sitting on separate sides of the facing benches he abandoned

1970

7/13 Purchase of Quaker House approved; Memorandum of Understanding with other Meetings approved
11/15 Special Meeting held to observe 40th anniversary (see 1/17/71)

1971

3/21 Bethesda Monthly Meeting established
4/18 "Affiliate members" became full members
9/18 Friendly Gardens (Friends Nonprofit Housing Inc.) dedicated
12/12 Minute approved regarding relationship of Friends Meeting of Washington with White House daily Meeting of Friends protesting the Vietnam War

1972

Term clerk replaced chairman to describe heads of committees
1/16 Establishment of National Capital Area Association of Friends approved
2/20 Ground floor of Meeting House renovated
6/18 Decision reached to refuse paying telephone excise tax for Vietnam War

1973

2/8 Meeting conducted to hold President Nixon in the Light
7/23-24



Break-in at Meeting House

9/16 Quaker Clothing Committee laid down

12/8 Memorandum of understanding re Quaker House revised

Relationship with Washington Peace Center clarified

1974

1/23 Draft resister arrested by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
during Meeting for Worship

10/20 Conclusions of Ad Hoc Committee on Committees reported

12/15 Hunger Committee formed

1975

2/16 Support group for federal prisoners established by seven area
Meetings

3/16 Ross Bequest announced by Trustees, precipitating discussion of
Trustee investment policy

1976

1/18-3/21 Letters exchanged with FBI and Central Intelligence
Agency re illegal entry of Meeting House in 1973

11/14 Memorandum of Understanding re Quaker House
terminated

1977

1/16 Administration of Quaker House integrated with Meeting

4/17 Workshop for committee clerks approved

10/16 Policy approved to write memorial minute for every member

12/18 Meeting participated in New Call to Peacemaking, a
cooperative program of Friends, Mennonites, and Brethren



1978

History of Third and Fourth Decades of Friends Meeting of Washington, 1952-1972 published

- 5/14 Day Care Study Group established; also 3/18/79
- 12/17 Decision made requiring Trustees to be nominated by the Nominating Committee

1979

- 2/18 Minute approved opposing compulsory registration for selective service and compulsory national service

1980

- 1/5 Fiftieth anniversary celebrated through 1/4/81 (report 2/15/81)
- 12/21 Concern expressed about having sojourner as clerk of committee

1981

- 1/18 Minute from 1969 providing sanctuary for draft resisters reaffirmed
- 6/21 Ten o'clock Meeting for Worship under Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns approved
- 10/18 Friendly Child Care Center begun

1983

- 12/11 National Capital Area Association of Friends laid down

1984

- 3/18 Report of special committee on role of Meeting Secretary presented
- 10/21 Job description of Administrative Secretary approved
Personnel Committee established



Advancement and Outreach Committee made standing committee

1985

Washington Quaker Work Camps established with endorsement of Meeting

6/16 Ten o'clock Meeting moved to Quaker House Living Room
Meetings for Business moved to second Sundays

10/13 Name of Social Order Committee changed to Social Concerns Committee

Guidelines approved for distribution of Capital Area Reserve Fund and for socially responsible investments

1986

2/9 Report presented on investment policies of Friends Fiduciary Corporation

4/13 Ad Hoc Committee on AIDS established

6/8 Junior Meeting for Business established

1987

5/3 Called Meeting for Business held on Sharing Budget; report 5/10

12 HIV-positive coffee house begun in Meeting House

1988

1/10 Numbering of minutes begun. All subsequent MfB citations include a month, a year, and a minute number (e.g., 4/88- 30).

4/88-30, 31, 32 Report presented by Ad Hoc Committee on Washington Peace Center

6/88-28, 29 Newsletter Advisory Committee established



- 8/88-12 Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends adopted at annual session
- 9/88-3 Ad Hoc Committee to Revise the Meeting's *Book of Discipline* established
- 11/88-10 Position of Alternate Clerk established
Titles of existing Clerks changed to Presiding Clerk and Recording Clerk

1989

- 3/89-11 Ten o'clock Meeting for Worship made a regular part of the Meeting; oversight by Ministry and Worship Committee
- 7/89 Called Meeting for Business held regarding Meeting for Business procedures
- 7/89-13-14 Executive Committee renamed Committee of Clerks
- 11/89-19 Representative to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1-0 approved

1990

- 1/28/90-31 Auditing Committee laid down
- 7/90-10-13 *Handbook* approved and *Book of Discipline* laid down
Records and Handbook Committee established as standing committee

1991

- 5/91-8 Minute on inclusive language approved
- 11/91-3 Advancement and Outreach Committee laid down

1992

- 2/92-4 Requests considered for ceremonies of commitment under the care of the Meeting
- 3/92-15 Friendship Preparative Meeting established under the care of Friends Meeting of Washington



- 9/6 First ceremony of commitment held
- 12/92-21 Peace Committee suspended "for the time being"
- 10/99-9 Request of Potomac Half-Yearly Meeting to be laid down approved by the Meeting

1993

- 7/93-5 Meeting participation in International Student House teas ended
- 11/93-11 William Penn House incorporated independently

1994

- 5/94-24 DC Scholarship Fund renamed Mary Jane Simpson Scholarship Fund

1995

- 2/95-9 Position of Alternate Clerk continued indefinitely
- 2/95-19 Phase One of repair and restoration of Meeting property begun
- 3/95-9 Creation of Building Committee approved
- 4/95-21 Merger of Ministry and Worship Committee and Marriage and Family Relations Committee to form Worship and Family Committee
- 7/30 Called Meeting for Business concerning repair of Meeting property

1996

- 9/96-3 Experimental schedule for time of Meeting for Business approved
- 9/96-4 Task force on property management formed



1997

- 2/97-3 Report of Ad Hoc Committee on Tenants and Use of Buildings approved
- 2/97-23 Liaison with Right Sharing of World Resources approved
- 6/97-3 Ending tenancy of Washington Peace Center approved
- 7/97-4 Minute on racism approved

1998

- 5/98-11 Committee of Overseers renamed Membership Committee
- 6/98-17 Position of second Assistant Treasurer established
- 9/98-3 Any union held under the care of the Meeting of two persons, regardless of gender, to be called either "marriage" or "union of commitment" according to the couple's wishes

1999

- 6/99-16 Book and Craft Sale held on April 24
- 7/99-3 Same-gender marriages for which a marriage license is not legally available to be reported to the Marriage Bureau in the District of Columbia, or another jurisdiction, if the couple concurs
- 9/99-12 A Book and Craft Sale in the spring as well as the traditional fall Bazaar as annual fundraising events approved
- 9/99-16 Finance and Property Committee split into Finance and Stewardship Committee and Property Committee; clarification of responsibilities of these committees and of House Committee
- 10/99-9 Request of Potomac Half-Yearly Meeting to be laid down approved by the Meeting



2000

- 1/00-3 Position of Financial Coordinator established
- 5/00-13 Garden Committee approved as Special Committee 10/28/00
Potomac Half-Yearly Meeting laid down by Baltimore
Yearly Meeting Representative Meeting
- 11/00-17 Separation of Worship and Family Committee into
Ministry and Worship Committee and Marriage and Family
Relations Committee

2001

- 4/01-10 Peace Committee and Social Concerns Committee merged
to form Peace and Social Concerns Committee
- 9/01-3 Times of "Ten o'clock" and "Eleven o'clock" Meetings for
Worship changed to 10:30 a.m. on First Days with Meetings
continuing to be held in both Meeting House and Quaker
House
- 9/01-18 Meeting sponsorship of Friends Club laid down; sponsorship
assumed by Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church (Bethesda, Md.)
- 12/01-3 Peace banner to be put on Meeting's Florida Avenue fence

2002

- 1/02-4 Formation of Faith, Facilities and Financial Realities Steering
Committee
- 3/23/02 Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Representative Meeting
renamed Interim Meeting (I 2002-10)
- 5/02-20 Newsletter Advisory Committee laid down
- 7/02-14 Number of Monthly Meeting representatives is changed
- 10/02-3 Minute on opposition to war in Iraq
- 10/02-14 Position of Financial Coordinator made permanent
- 12/02- 7 Financial Coordinator made an Officer of the Meeting



2003

- 9/03-14 Meeting became founding member of Pendle Hill Peace Network
- 10/03-4 Report of Faith, Facilities and Financial Realities presented and Committee laid down

2004

- 6/04-4 Goal statement of Finance and Stewardship Committee's fundraising plan relating finances to faith approved
- 7/04-6 Principles of Finance and Stewardship Committee's fundraising plan approved
- 7/04-8 2004 fall Bazaar laid down
- 9/04-4 Approval of moving forward with time of reflection on the spirit behind our service

2005

- 6/05-4 The Meeting approved recommendations of Trustees, in consultation with members of Property and Finance and Stewardship Committees and the School for Friends, to appoint a Planning Committee to work with Chatelain Architects in the Master Planning process
- 6/26/05 Celebration of the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of Friends Meeting of Washington: Thomas D. Hamm and Deborah Haines spoke in a program entitled "The Faith That Binds Us: Our Historical Roots and the Potential of the Tree We Have Nurtured"
- 7/05-18 The Pendle Hill Peace Network (9/03-14) has reorganized to be the Pendle Hill Peace Center and no longer has members or representatives
- 7/05-20 Baltimore Yearly Meeting supported the minute brought forward by Friends Meeting of Washington in support of a call



initiated by Friends Committee on National Legislation for the United States Congress to pass a resolution affirming that it is the policy of the United States to withdraw all United States military troops and bases from Iraq

8/05/05 As part of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Friends Meeting of Washington, Meeting Historian Barbara Nnoka spoke at the BYM Annual Session on "Social Concerns and Peace Action at Friends Meeting of Washington"

2006

1/15/06 The 75th anniversary of the first Meeting for Worship held in the new Meeting House of Friends Meeting of Washington was celebrated with a speech by Joe Volk, Executive Secretary of Friends Committee on National Legislation, on the future of the Religious Society of Friends.



APPENDIXB

LIST OF CLERKS AND SECRETARIES

1930-2006

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CLERKS

YEAR		Clerk	Assistant Clerk
1930	5/20	T. Janney Brown (Temporary Chairman)	
	6/3	Daniel N. Shoemaker (Chairman)	C. Constance Philpitt Warner (Temporary Secretary)
1931		Daniel N. Shoemaker	C. Constance Philpitt Warner
1932		Daniel N. Shoemaker	C. Constance Philpitt Warner
1933		Daniel N. Shoemaker	C. Constance Philpitt Warner
1934		Daniel N. Shoemaker	C. Constance Philpitt Warner
1935	1-5	Daniel N. Shoemaker	C. Constance Philpitt Warner
	6-12	J. Austin Stone	Mary Ida Winder
1936		J. Austin Stone	Mary Ida Winder
1937		J. Austin Stone	Mary Ida Winder
1938		J. Austin Stone	Mary Ida Winder
1939		J. Austin Stone	Mary Ida Winder 1-9 Chester W. Emmons 10-12
1940	1-8	J. Austin Stone	Chester W. Emmons



	9-12	Lawrence L. Morlan	
1941		Lawrence L. Morlan	Chester W. Emmons
1942	1-8	Lawrence L. Morlan	Chester W. Emmons
	9-12	Chester W. Emmons	Huldah Randall
1943		Chester W. Emmons	Huldah Randall
1944	1-8	Chester W. Emmons	Huldah Randall
	9-12	Chester W. Emmons	Julia R. Sharpless
1945		Chester W. Emmons	Julia R. Sharpless
1946	1-5	Chester W. Emmons	Julia R. Sharpless
	6-9	Earle M. Winslow	Julia R. Sharpless
	10-12	Grace S. Lowry	Julia R. Sharpless
1947		Grace S. Lowry	Julia R. Sharpless
1948		Grace S. Lowry	Julia R. Sharpless
1949		Grace S. Lowry	Julia R. Sharpless
1950		Grace S. Lowry	Melva E. Hiatt
1951		Grace S. Lowry	Mary DeWees Becker
1952		Charles E Preston	Myra E. Lank
1953		C. Edward Behre	Myra E. Lank
1954		C. Edward Behre	Myra E. Lank
1955		C. Edward Behre	Myra E. Lank
1956		C. Edward Behre	Myra E. Lank
1957		C. Edward Behre	Mary E. Pidgeon
1958		Earle M. Winslow	Mary E. Pidgeon
1959		Earle M. Winslow	Mary E. Pidgeon
1960		Earle M. Winslow	Mary E. Pidgeon



1961		Ellis T. Williams	Mary E. Pidgeon
1962		Ellis T. Williams	Opal Gooden
1963		Ellis T. Williams	Opal Gooden
1964		Ellis T. Williams	Werner L. Janney
1965		Ellis T. Williams	Werner L. Janney
1966		A. Burns Chalmers	Werner L. Janney
1967		A. Burns Chalmers	Werner L. Janney
1968		Robert G. Gronewald	Werner L. Janney Sue C. Swisher
1969		Robert G. Gronewald	Mary P. Douty
1970		Robert G. Gronewald	Mary P. Douty
1971		Robert G. Gronewald	Mary P. Douty
1972		Marjorie P. Wright	Mary P. Douty
1973	1-2	Marjorie P. Wright	Elois Rogers
	3	Robert G. Gronewald	
	4	John Jones	
	5	Paul Dominovich	
	6	Ellis T. Williams	
	7-9	Opal Gooden	
	10	Gary Singleton	
	11	Harold Snyder	
	12	Reginald Price	
1974		Ralph Boyer	Elois Rogers
1975		Ralph Boyer	Elois Rogers
1976		Ralph Boyer	Elois Rogers
1977		Ralph Boyer	Elois Rogers



1978	Ralph Boyer	Leslie Scattergood
1979	Myra Lank	Leslie Scattergood
1980	Myra Lank	Leslie Scattergood
1981	Myra Lank	Marjorie Akins
1982	Grant Thompson	Marjorie Akins
1983	Grant Thompson	Marjorie Akins
1984	Grant Thompson	Marjorie Akins
1985	Grant Thompson	Marjorie Akins
1986	Grant Thompson	Roderic Davison
1987	Guinevere Scott	Susan Harris
1988	Guinevere Scott	Susan Harris

	Presiding Clerk	Alternate Clerk	Recording Clerk
1989	Guinevere Scott	Charles Harker	Hilda Findley-Knier
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1991	Carlotta Joyner	Riley Robinson 1-2 Hayden Wetzel 4-12	Roderic Davison
1992	Carlotta Joyner	Daniel Dozier	Hayden Wetzel

	Presiding Co-Clerk	Recording Clerk
1993	Winifred Walker-Jones Daniel Dozier	Hayden Wetzel
1994	Winifred Walker-Jones Daniel Dozier	Hayden Wetzel
1995	Winifred Walker-Jones Daniel Dozier	Jacqueline DeCarlo David Etheridge

	Presiding Clerk	Alternate Clerk	Recording Clerk
1996	Grant Thompson	Joseph Izzo	Jacqueline DeCarlo David Etheridge
1997	Grant Thompson	Joseph Izzo	Jacqueline DeCarlo David Etheridge
1998	Grant Thompson	Joseph Izzo	Harry Massey Bernadette Onyiec
1999	Grant Thompson	Joseph Izzo	Susan Lepper Jacqueline DeCarlo
2000	Grant Thompson	Joseph Izzo	Susan Lepper
2001	Jacqueline DeCarlo	Kennan Garvey	Susan Lepper
2002	Jacqueline DeCarlo	Kennan Garvey	Alice Blackburn
2003	Jacqueline DeCarlo	Kennan Garvey	Alice Blackburn
2004	Jacqueline DeCarlo	Kennan Garvey	Julia Isaacs
2005	Kennan Garvey	Gerri Williams	Julia Isaacs
2006	Kennan Garvey	Gerri Williams	Julia Isaacs



SECRETARIES

1931-1939	Margaret Jones
1939-1947	Allen J. White
1947-1956	Herbert Hadley
195&1966	Anne Z. Forsythe
196&1969	Clyde Onyett
1970-1980	Marshall Sutton
1981-1984	Peter Ainslie
1985-1992	Bonny Ogram
1993-2006	Robert "Riley" Robinson
2006-	Thomas Cooke

The title was changed from "Meeting Secretary" to "Administrative Secretary" on 10/21/84.

Dates for Allen White and Herbert Hadley corrected as per Herbert Hadley's own account, found by Barbara Nnoka on 3/11/05.

