

# WINCHESTER PREPARATIVE MEETING MINUTES

**1875-1880**

Notes to the reader about the transcription of these minutes:

While most of the grammar, spelling, and abbreviations were kept as close as possible to what is handwritten in the original Preparative Meeting Minutes, corrections and changes have been made to improve the readability of the minutes. Curly brackets are used to surround words or parts of words that the editors could not read or decipher: { ? }, {?ene}, {Parkin?}. Curly brackets are also used to enclose editorial notes and changes made by the editors.

Parentheses are shown as they are found in the original minutes.

Blanks in the text are shown as they are found in the original minutes.

The spelling of names has been corrected wherever obvious misspellings have been found. Otherwise, the names are spelled as they appear in the minutes. Please note that sometimes several variations of the same name do occur.

Corrections and clarifications to people's names will be welcomed by the editorial staff. The goal is to make these minutes clear, accurate, and above all, useful to the reader.

(Transcribed January 2006)

Monthly Janitors of Meeting House

1st month 2nd day 1875

J. Charles

1 - J. Thornburg

2 - C. Peelle

3 - ~~Thos. Ward~~

4 - Isaac Thornburg | Thornburg

5 - Stephen Harris

6 - A. Lennington

Appointment of Clerk 11th {ho?}

Appointment of Usher 7 {ho?}

London Epistle first preparative after first quarterly after Yearly Meeting

At Winchester Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 1st month 23rd day 1875.

By the reports from White River Monthly Meeting it appears that the Friends living in the town of Winchester request the privilege of holding a Meeting for worship and a Preparative, to be held at 10 ½ O'clock A.M. on first day of each week and the midweek meeting at 7 O'clock P.M. of each week the Preparative to be held at the close of the meeting for worship on 5th day preceding the 1st 7th day in each month and known by the name of Winchester Preparative Meeting. And that said Monthly Meeting unites in granting their request. Which claiming the attention of this Meeting it unites granting the same and establishes said Meeting

and appoints William Johnson, Nathan Thornburg, Ruth Johnson and Emily Thornburg to attend the opening thereof on the 4th day of 2nd month next and report to next Meeting.

Taken from the minutes of the Meeting

Ira C. Johnson

Anna Fulghum, Clerks

In accordance with the forgoing minute the Friends of Winchester met 2nd month 4th day 1875 and the Meeting was opened in usual form.

Stephen J. Harris was appointed Clerk for the day. Thomas Moorman was appointed to propose to next Meeting the name of a Friend for Clerk.

Ruth Peelle also Olive Merrill with her minor children Mary V. and Samuel S. Merrill request to be joined in membership with Friends which is directed to the Monthly Meeting.

This Meeting employs Elihu Addington to build fires and take care of the meetinghouse for one year commencing 1st month 22nd day 1875 for fifty dollars to be paid quarterly. The Meeting to furnish wood, oil, and all other things necessary.

The Meeting then concluded.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 3rd month 4th day 1875.

The Friends appointed to propose the name of a Friend for Clerk propose Frank Moorman who being united by the Meeting was appointed accordingly.

The Meeting then concluded.

At Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 4th month 1st day 1875.

Malissa Aker, Adaline Newton, Angelousia Way, Minnie Mullin, Eliza T. Addington, William W. Reed, Elihu Addington, Thomas Mofford, George Mullin, Louis Thornton Browser, Calvin Mullin and Malissa Helton, request to be joined in membership with Friends. This Meeting unites in forwarding their names to the Monthly Meeting.

The 1st, 2nd, and 8th Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers thereto which the Clerk is directed to forward to the Monthly Meeting.

J.M. Hodson, W.C. Brown, Mattie Thornton, Margery Harris and E. Moorman are appointed to propose to next Meeting the name of one man Friend and two women Friends to serve this Meeting as Overseers.

Thomas Moorman, Elihu Mullin and Stephen Harris are appointed to take steps to procure a bell for the use of this Meeting and report to next Meeting.

Alice Macey, Mattie Hodson, and Mattie Thornton are appointed to endeavor to get and put up blinds to the windows of this room (basement) and report when work shall be done.

William C. Brown is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting.

The Treasurer is directed to open free subscription to raise money (\$12.50) to pay first installment on our janitor fee, pay the money to Elihu Addington and report to next Meeting.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 4th month 29th day 1875.

Evan Thornton, Mattie Hodson and Mattie Thornton are proposed to serve as Overseers which this Meeting unites, and the Clerk is ordered to forward their names to the Monthly Meeting.

Bell Committee reports bell furnished but their work not completed and are continued another month.

Treasurer reports that \$7.00 out of the \$12.50 ordered raised was collected and paid over; same Treasurer was continued and is to report to next Meeting.

Catherine J. Oiler, Lucinda Way, Fannie Diggs, William Smith and Willis Smith request to be joined in membership with Friends, which the Clerk is directed to forward to Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 6th month 3rd day 1875.

Bell Committee reports bell furnished at a cost of \$172.14 which has been raised by Friends and others and bell paid for.

Treasurer reports that his duty performed, janitor fee collected and paid over for 1st quarter.

Rachael Way, Caroline Pennington, Harriet McClinton, Phebe B. Reed, Jennie Baldwin and Ellen O'Harra request to be joined in membership with Friends, with which this Meeting unites, and direct the Clerk to forward to Monthly Meeting.

Then the Meeting concluded.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 7th month 1st day 1875.

The Queries below were copied from the 1864 Indiana Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice and are included here before the answers from the meeting.

1864

FIRST QUERY -- Are all the Meetings for Worship and Discipline attended? Do Friends avoid unbecoming behavior therein? And is the hour of meeting observed?

SECOND -- Are Friends preserved in Christian love one toward another? And do they avoid and discourage tale-bearing and detraction? 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 the principles of the Christian religion, and in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel? Do they guard them against pernicious reading, and from corrupt conversation? And are they encouraged to read the Holy Scriptures diligently?

FOURTH -- Are Friends clear of importing, vending, distilling, and the unnecessary use of all intoxicating liquors; and 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 testimony against priests' and ministers' wages? Against slavery; oaths; bearing arms, and all military services; trading in goods taken in war; and against 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; or in hazardous or speculative trade? Are they just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their contracts and engagements; and in paying their debts seasonably? And where any give reasonable grounds for fear in these respects, is due care extended to them? (There was a period and not question mark at the end of this sentence in the book)

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?

#### ANNUAL QUERIES

FIRST QUERY -- What new meeting settled?

SECOND QUERY -- Are schools encouraged for the education of our youth under the tuition of teachers in membership with us?

THIRD QUERY -- Is each family of Friends furnished with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, and is a portion thereof read in each family daily, in a collective capacity, with a devotional pause?

FOURTH QUERY -- Are the queries addressed to the Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings, read and answered therein as directed?

The Queries were read with the following Answers.

1st Answer to Annual Queries.

A meeting for worship and a Preparative by the name of Winchester.

2nd Answer.

The school education of our children has been attended to, but no opportunity has been afforded {under?} teachers in membership with us.

3rd Answer.

Each family of Friends is furnished with a copy of the Holy Scriptures: and a portion thereof is read daily in a collective capacity in families, read frequently, occasionally, and neglect it.

4th Answer.

The Queries addressed to this Meeting have been read and answered therein as directed.

#### Winchester Answers

1st Answer.

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, and generally by the most of our members. Unbecoming behavior discouraged and avoided; And the hour of meeting nearly observed.

2nd Answer.

We believe Friends are preserved in Christian love one toward another. Talebearing and detraction discouraged and as far as appears avoided. No differences amongst us requiring care.

3rd Answer.

We believe Friends endeavor to educate their children and those under their care in the principles of the Christian religion and deportment. Not so much care in regard to plainness of dress and address by some as may be desirable. They generally guard them against pernicious reading, and corrupt conversations, and encourage in the study of the Holy Scriptures.

4th Answer.

We believe Friends are clear in the several requests of this Query.

5th Answer.

No poor amongst us requiring aid.

6th Answer.

So far as appears Friends maintain our testimony in all the requisitions of this Query.

7th Answer.

We believe Friends endeavor to comply with the demands of this Query in the management of their business.

8th Answer.

None coming under the notice of this Query.

The Queries were read in this Meeting with Answers which are directed to forward to the Monthly Meeting.

William Albert O'Harra, Johnathan L. Edwards, Laura E. Edwards, his wife, Catharine M. Kizer, Sarah Willson, Rebecca Willson, Harriett L. Colerove, Lydia Way, Lucinda Aker, request to be joined in membership with Friends with which this Meeting unites and directs the Clerk to forward to Monthly Meeting.

The Treasurer was directed to collect the quarterly janitor fee and pay it over to janitor and report to next Meeting.

The {Advices were} read in this Meeting.

The Meeting unites in requesting that the Monthly Meeting be held at this place once every three months.

The Meeting concluded.

Winchester Preparative of Friends held 8th month 5th day 1875.

Catherine E. Edwards, Mary Reinheimer, Olive Irvin request to be joined in membership with Friends, which the Clerk is to forward to Monthly Meeting. As the Treasurer's work was not completed, he was continued another month.

The Meeting then concluded.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 11th month 4th day 1875.

Elihu Addington requests to be released from serving as janitor. W.C. Brown and Thomas Moorman are appointed to employ someone in his place and report to next Meeting. Sylvanus and May Jane White and Margaret Ann Bunger request to be joined in membership with Friends, with which this Meeting unites and directs the Clerk to forward their names to the Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting then concludes.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 12th month 2nd day 1875.

The committee to employ a janitor report they have employed S.W. White at \$5.00 per month, to take charge of the {meeting}house and keep it in good order, and the Meeting is to furnish fuel ready for use.

Stephen Harris and Martha Hodson were appointed as a committee to secure a Clerk and report to next Meeting.

Then the Meeting concluded.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 12th month 30th day 1875.

The 1st, 2nd, and 8th {Queries} were read in this Meeting with Answers to the same which the Clerk is directed to forward to the Monthly Meeting.

Benjamin F. Mullin, William A. Manard, Sarah A. Manard and Dora Fletcher request to be joined in membership with Friends with which this Meeting unites and directs the Clerk to forward their names to the Monthly Meeting.

The committee appointed to nominate a Clerk proposed Matta Hodson with which this Meeting unites and she is appointed accordingly.

Then the Meeting concluded.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 2nd month 3rd day 1876.

James G. Brice requests to be joined in membership with Friends, with which the Meeting unites, and directs his name forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting concludes.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 3rd month 2nd day 1876.

Thomas Moorman, Stephen Harris and W.C. Brown are appointed to make out a ratio of apportionment among our members, and report at next Meeting.

The Meeting concludes.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 3rd month 30th day 1876.

The committee appointed at last Meeting to make out a ratio of apportionment for the raising of money made a satisfactory report.

The first, second, and eighth Queries have been read in this Meeting and the Answers thereto, which are directed to be forward to the Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting concludes.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 5th month 4th day 1876.

Thomas Moorman requested the appointment of a committee to arrange the seating of our members. The following Friends were appointed and directed to report at next Meeting. Benjamin Beard {editor's note: Elkanah Beard's brother}, Stephen Harris, Evan Thornton, Caroline Beard, Mattie Thornton, and Olive Merrill.

Stephen Harris and Elihu Mullen were appointed to secure the services of someone as janitor and report at next Meeting.

This Meeting concludes.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 6th month 1st day 1876.

The committee on seating members made a satisfactory report.

The committee to secure a janitor not being present were continued to report at next Meeting.

Anna Jane Edwards requests to be joined in membership with Friends, with which the Meeting unites and directs {her name} forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting concludes.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 6th month 29th day 1876.

All the Queries have been read in this Meeting, the Answers thereto agreed on and directed to be forwarded to the Monthly Meeting. The Advices have also been read, as directed.

The committee on janitor report they have secured the services of Bro. Frank Mullin, which is satisfactory to the Meeting.

Meeting concludes.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 8th month 3rd day 1876.

The Meeting concludes.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 8th month 31st day 1876.

Meeting concludes.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 10th month 5th day 1876.

Meeting concludes.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 11th month 30th day 1876.

Evan Thornton, Thomas Moorman, Allie Macy and Laura Ward are appointed to present the name of a suitable person to serve Meeting as Clerk next year.

Meeting concludes.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 1st month 5th day 1877.

The Clerk being absent, L.O. Ward was appointed to serve.

The 1st, 2nd, and 8th Queries were read in this Meeting, and the Answers thereto, which are directed to be forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

The Overseers inform that Robert S. Payne and Margaret Payne, his wife, John Helton and his minor children Lillie May and Lucretia Ann request to be joined in membership with Friends. The Meeting directs the requests forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

The committee on Clerk not having attended to the service are continued.

The Meeting then concluded.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 2nd month 1st day 1877.

The committee on Clerk proposes the name of Mattie Hodson which is united with.

The Overseers inform that William Arbaugh and Susan Arbaugh, his wife, their children Archie Mayo and Charles Vail; and Susan E. Helton request to be joined in membership with Friends. The Meeting unites in their request and directs it forwarded to the Monthly Meeting. A committee consisting of Brothers E. Mullen and White are appointed to secure the services of some person as Treasurer, and report to next Meeting.

The Meeting concludes.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 3rd month 1st day 1877.

The committee to propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer report the name of William Arbaugh, who is appointed accordingly.

The Overseers inform that Joseph Stines, Lucinda Stines, Thomas B. Austin, Catherine Austin, Rebecca Payne, and Melissa C. Hill request to be joined in membership with Friends, which is directed to the Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded.

E.O. Thorton, Clerk for Evening

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 4th month 5th day 1877.

The 1st, 3rd, and 8th Queries have been read in this Meeting. The Answers thereto agreed on and directed to be forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

Harrison Waters requests to be joined in membership with Friends, which is directed to the Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting concluded.

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Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 5th month 3rd day 1877.

Meeting concludes.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 5th month 31st day 1877.

Meeting concludes.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 8th month 30th day 1877.

Deborah Haines requests to be joined in membership with Friends with which the Meeting unites and directs forwarded to Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk pro tem

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 11th month 29th day 1877.

The Clerk being absent E.C. Thornton is appointed to serve for the evening.

Martha B. Thornton and Phebe Ballard are appointed to propose to next Meeting the name of a Friend to serve this Meeting the ensuing {year} as Clerk.

E{Ikanah} Beard called our attention to our membership by reading the names of heads of families and individual members and encouraged more social intercourse with each other.

The Meeting then concluded.

E.C. Thornton, Clerk for the Evening

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 1st month 3rd day 1878.

E.C. Thornton is appointed Clerk for the Evening.

The 1st, 2nd and 8th Queries were read in this Meeting with written Answers thereto, which are directed to the Monthly Meeting.

The committee for that purpose proposed the name of William C. Brown for Clerk, who being united with is appointed.

The Meeting then concluded.

E.C. Thornton, Clerk for the Evening

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 1st month 31st day 1878.

The Clerk being absent E.C. Thornton is appointed for the evening.

Lilly M. Fitzpatrick requests to be joined in membership with Friends. The request is forwarded to the Monthly Meeting for further consideration.

After a season of testimony, prayer and praise the Meeting concluded.

E.C. Thornton, Clerk for the Day

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 2nd month 28th day 1878.

The Clerk being absent E.C. Thornton is appointed for the evening.

The Overseers inform that Minnie E. Addington requests to be joined in membership with Friends. The Meeting directs the request forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded.

E.C. Thornton, Clerk for the Day

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 4th month 4th day 1878.

The First, Second, and Eighth Queries were read in this Meeting with written Answers thereto which are directed to the Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 5th month 2nd day 1878.

The Clerk being absent E.C. Thornton is appointed to serve for the evening.

The Meeting then concluded.

E.C. Thornton

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 5th month 30th day 1878.

There being no business to claim our attention the Meeting concluded.  
W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 7th month 4th day 1878.

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Queries with written Answers thereto were read in this Meeting and ordered to be forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded.  
W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 8th month 7th day 1878.

The Clerk being absent E.C. Thornton is appointed for the evening.

The Overseers inform Louisa O. Willmore requests to be joined in membership with Friends. The Meeting unites in forwarding the request to the Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded.  
E.C. Thornton, Clerk for the Day

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 9th month 5th day 1878.

The Clerk being absent E.C. Thornton is appointed to serve for the evening.

The Meeting now concludes.  
E.C. Thornton, Clerk pro tem

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 10th month 3rd day 1878.

The Clerk not being present E.C. Thornton served the Meeting for the evening.

There being no business to claim our attention the Meeting concluded.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 10th month 31st day 1878.

There being no business claiming our attention the Meeting concluded.  
W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 12th month 5th day 1878.

The Meeting then concluded.  
W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 1st month 2nd day 1879.

The 1st, 2nd, and 8th Queries were read and the written Answers thereto which were directed to be forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 1st month 30th day 1879.

The Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 2nd month 27th day 1879.

The Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 4th month 3rd day 1879.

The time for which the Clerk of this Meeting was appointed having expired, it was proposed that the present Clerk, W.C. Brown, be reappointed to that station with which the Meeting united.

The Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 5th month 1st day 1879.

The Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 6th month 5th day 1879.

The Meeting unites in appointing Thomas Moorman and W.C. Brown to settle with its Treasurer and propose at next Meeting the name of his successor.

The Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 7th month 3rd day 1879.

The committee appointed at last Meeting to settle with the Treasurer report that duty attended to and find the treasury with \$6.40 on hand and the Meeting indebted \$22.50 for borrowed money.

The name of a new Treasurer not being agreed upon the committee is continued and ordered to report at next Meeting.

The 1st to 4th Queries inclusive were read in the Meeting with written Answers thereto and directed forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 7th month 31st day 1879.

The committee heretofore appointed for the purpose of offering the name of a suitable person for Treasurer offer the name of Isaac Thornburg with which the Meeting unites and he is appointed to that station accordingly.

The name of Eunice Moorman being proposed to this Meeting for Overseer is united with and ordered forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 8th month 4th day 1879.

The Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 10th month 9th day 1879.

The Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 10th month 30th day 1879.

The Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 12th month 4th day 1879.

Meeting solemnly concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 1st month 1st day 1880.

The Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 2nd month 5th day 1880.

Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 3rd month 4th day 1880.

Meeting then concluded.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 4th month 1st day 1880.

Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 4th month 29th day 1880.

Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 6th month 3rd day 1880.

Meeting then concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 7th month 1st day 1880.

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Queries with written Answers thereto were read in this Meeting, approved and ordered forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

Meeting then concluded.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 8th month 5th day 1880.

Meeting concluded.

W.C. Brown, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 9th month 2nd day 1880.

Meeting concluded.

W.C. Brown

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 9th month 30th day 1880.

Stephen Harris and Eliza Addington are appointed a committee to bring forward at next Monthly Meeting the name of a suitable person to serve this Meeting as Clerk in place of W.C. Brown who asks to be released.

Meeting then concluded.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 11th month 4th day 1880.

The committee appointed at last Meeting to bring forward name of a suitable person to serve as Clerk present the name of John W. Pickett with which the Meeting unites and he is appointed to that station accordingly.

Meeting then concluded.

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 12th month 2nd day 1880.

The Meeting raised five dollars by subscription {as} its part of Monthly Meeting stock.

The Meeting then concluded.

J.W. Pickett, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 12th month 30th day 1880.

The Meeting concludes.

J.W. Pickett, Clerk