

Excerpts from  
**WHITE RIVER MONTHLY MEETING MEN'S MINUTES**  
**1860-1879**

Notes to the reader about the transcription of these minutes:

These are excerpted sentences or paragraphs from the White River Monthly Meeting Men's Minutes, 1860-1879, that include the mention of Winchester, Winchester Preparative Meeting, Winchester Quarterly Meetinghouse, or otherwise refer to Winchester's Quaker heritage.

In the original minutes, capitalization was inconsistent and has been standardized. The abbreviations "etc." and "&" are used frequently and they have been copied as they appeared. Parentheses are shown as they are found in the original minutes. Blanks are indicated by the word {blank}. The page numbers (i.e., page 1:) are the page numbers that are in the minutes book.

Names have been copied in most cases as they were spelled in the original minutes. Sometimes several variations of the same name occurred. If the spelling was questionable or the handwriting was difficult to decipher, the spelling of names was corrected using the following references: "History of Randolph County, Indiana" by E. Tucker, 1882; "Randolph County, Indiana 1818-1990" compiled by the Randolph County Historical Society, © 1991; "Our Special Heritage – Sesquicentennial History of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends (Quakers) 1821-1971" by Richard P. Ratcliff, 1970; "Indiana Friends Heritage 1821-1996 – The 175th Anniversary History of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends (Quakers)" by Gregory P. Hinshaw, n.d.; and Winchester Monthly Meeting Minutes, 1875 1879.

The word "continued" as used in these minutes refers more often than not to long-term, ongoing committee work as in this example: "*The committee is continued for that purpose {to collect money} and are directed to report in 10th month next.*"

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{The first reference to Winchester starts here.}

page 259:

{from the minutes of At White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd month, 7th day, 1874}

By an extract received from the quarterly meeting, it appears that this Meeting is directed to raise its apportionment of (\$3,000.00) which is (\$600.00) to aid in building a new quarterly meetinghouse at Winchester, Randolph County, Indiana; we appoint John W. Pickett, William C. Pickett, and George Cox to raise the money, pay it into the hands of Thomas Moorman, treasurer of the building committee and report to this Meeting in the 5th month next.

page 264:

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th month, 2nd day, 1874}

The Friends appointed to receive and pay over this Meeting's apportionment of money to aid in building the new quarterly meetinghouse report but little paid; George Cox is continued and Jesse Brumfield is appointed in room of Wm. C. Pickett, who has moved away, to receive and pay over as directed and report to next Meeting.

page 265:

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 6th month, 6th day, 1874}

The Friends continued to receive money to aid in building the quarterly meetinghouse report some money paid in; they are continued to receive and pay over as directed and report to next Meeting.

page 267:

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th month, 4th day, 1874. The assistant clerk being absent, Thomas Moorman is appointed to assist for the day.}

The Friends continued to receive money to aid in building the quarterly meetinghouse report received and paid over one hundred and ninety-six dollars {\$196.00}; they are continued to further attention to the subject and report to next Meeting.

page 270:

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 8th month, 1st day, 1874. The assistant clerk being absent, Job Hinshaw is appointed for the day.}

The Friends continued to receive money to aid in building the quarterly meetinghouse report nothing received since last month; they are continued etc. to report to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th month, 5th day, 1874}

The Friends continued to receive money to aid in building the quarterly meetinghouse report attention; some received, and paid over since last report; they are continued to that service and directed to report to next Meeting.

page 275:

{from the minutes of At White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th month, 7th day, 1874. The assistant clerk being absent, Thomas Moorman was appointed for the day.}

The Friends continued to receive money to aid in building the quarterly meetinghouse report nothing paid in since last Meeting; they are continued and directed to report to next Meeting.

page 277:

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 12th month, 5th day, 1874}

The Friends continued to receive funds to aid in building the quarterly meetinghouse report some received and paid over since last report; they are continued as before and required to report to next Meeting.

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The Friends of Winchester request this Meeting to grant the establishment of a meeting for worship and a preparative at that place; meeting for worship to be held on each first day at 10½ o'clock; preparative to be held on fifth day preceding the first seventh day in the month at 6½ o'clock P.M. which met the unity and approbation of the Meeting and the request was directed sent to the quarter.

page 279:

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st month, 2nd day, 1875}

The Friends continued to receive funds to aid in paying off the quarterly meetinghouse indebtedness report received \$38.00 and paid it over as directed; they are continued to that service and directed to report to next Meeting.

page 282:

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 2nd month, 6th day, 1875}

The Friends continued to receive funds to aid in paying off the quarterly meetinghouse indebtedness report nothing received since last report; they are continued to that service and required to report to next Meeting.

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We are in receipt of an extract from the quarter directing this Meeting to raise its apportionment of \$1,718.05 which is \$584.13% of the unprovided for debt of the quarter and pay it to Thomas Moorman, treasurer of the building committee; the Meeting directs this sum referred to the committee standing to receive funds to pay off the first direction.

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From Winchester Preparative:

Abraham Lennington and Mary, his wife, request for themselves and minor children Eva, Oren, Elizabeth Ann, and Rolland to be joined in membership with Friends. And also Olive Merrel, Mary V. Merrel, and Samuel Merrel and also Fernandes Burr Mullen and Ellis Morford and Ruth Peelle request to be joined in membership. The Meeting unites in appointing Franklin Haisley, Robert Harris and William Robinson to visit them in conjunction with a like committee of women Friends on account of their request and report to next Meeting.

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd month, 6th day, 1875}

The Friends continued to receive funds to aid in paying off the quarterly meetinghouse indebtedness report received \$26.50 since last report; they are continued to that service and directed to report to next Meeting.

page 288:

{from the minutes of At White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 4th month, 3rd day, 1875. The clerk not being present, Thomas Moorman was appointed clerk for the day.}

The Friends continued to raise money to pay the debt for building the quarterly meetinghouse report that they have raised and paid over as directed \$34.00 since last meeting; they are continued to raise the balance and report to next Meeting. (Balance \$858.13)

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th month, 1st day, 1875. The assistant clerk being absent, John W. Pickett served for the day.}

The committee continued to receive money to pay on the quarterly meetinghouse indebtedness report received from Jericho Preparative \$10.50 and paid over as directed; they are continued and directed to report to next Meeting.

Catharine J. Oyler, Lucinda May & Fannie Diggs from Winchester, Willis Smith, Willy K. Smith, Robert P. Horn, & Penina J. Horn from Union City request to be joined in membership with Friends; the Meeting unites in receiving them and appoints Robert Harris, Simon Gray & Franklin Haisley in conjunction with a like committee of women Friends to visit them for their help and encouragement and inform them of their reception and report to next Meeting.

page 293:

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 6th month, 5th day, 1875. The assistant clerk not being present, Woodard Fulghum is appointed for the day.}

Those continued to receive money to pay off the quarterly meetinghouse indebtedness report nothing received since last Meeting; they are continued as heretofore and directed to report to next Meeting.

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West Chester Preparative informs that Amelia Pelleff, Sarah E. Lennard and Susan E. Stanley request to be joined in membership and Winchester Preparative also informs that Rachel Steel, Rachel May, Caroline Pemberton, Harriet McClinton, Phebe B. Reed, Jennie Baldwin and Ellen O'Harry request to be joined in membership with Friends; the Meeting fully unites in receiving them and directs the appointment of a women's committee to inform them of their reception etc.

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{from the minutes of At White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th month, 3rd day, 1875}

Winchester, West Chester and White River Preparatives inform that the following named persons request to be joined in membership with Friends: William Albert O'Harry, Jonathan L. Edwards, Sarah E. Edwards, Catharine M. Kizer, Sarah Wilson, Rebecca Wilson, Harriett L. Colgrove, Lydia Way and Lucinda Aker from Winchester; Rachel Bryan, Lydia Crowell, Aureola Axe and Emila Axe from West Chester; Tobias J. Whitsel, Catharine Whitsel, Elias Warner, Peter Poorman, Mary Poorman, John Staight, Clara M. Staight, Daniel B. Whitsel, Mary E. Whitsel, Catharine Whitsel, Margrett J. Poorman, George W. Poorman, Joseph Cox and Rebecca Cox and their 3 minor children from White River. The Meeting considered the requests jointly and was united in receiving them into membership and appoints Joseph Thomas, Evan C. Thornton & others in conjunction with a like committee of women Friends to inform them of their reception, visit them for their help and encouragement, and report to next Meeting.

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The Friends continued to receive funds to pay off the quarterly meetinghouse indebtedness report nothing received since last month; they are continued as heretofore and directed to report to next Meeting.

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Winchester Preparative requests that this Meeting grant the holding of the Monthly Meeting one third of the time at that place; as follows at

White River	in	1st	4th	7th	10th months
Jericho	in	2nd	5th	8th	11th months
Winchester	in	3rd	6th	9th	12th months

The Meeting united in granting the request; the clerk is directed to forward the same to the quarter.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 8th month, 7th day, 1875}

This Meeting has received an extract from the quarter granting the holding of the monthly meeting one third of the time at Winchester as proposed.

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The committee continued to receive funds to aid in defraying the quarterly meetinghouse debt reported nothing received since last report; the Meeting, after considerable discussion as to the best way to proceed to the raising of the money, concluded to refer the matter to the preparatives for each Meeting to say what they are willing to do at once in the matter and report to this Meeting the result.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Winchester 9th month, 4th day, 1875}

Winchester Preparative Meeting informs Catharine Edwards, Ollie Irvin, Mary E. Reinheimer and Elisabeth B. Russul request to be joined in membership with Friends. This Meeting unites in receiving them and Evan C. Thornton & Noah Brooks are appointed in conjunction with a like committee of women Friends to visit for their help and encouragement and report to next Meeting.

The committee to raise money for the quarterly meetinghouse reported none collected, but that the preparatives

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had agreed to raise the money except some Friends thought not more than 1/2 of Jericho's share could be raised; others thought differently. The committee is directed to give further attention to the subject and report to next Meeting.

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th month, 9th day, 1875. The clerk being absent, Evan C. Thornton was appointed for the day.}

Franklin N. Limbert, George Limbert, Rachel Limbert, Albert C. Sipe, Sarah C. Sipe and Martha J Goodman residing near New Middleton<sup>1</sup>, Randolph County, Indiana and Barbary Kunce, Ella Rittenhouse and William Greer residing near Weintz School House, Jay County, Indiana request to be joined in membership with Friends and Winchester Preparative Meeting informs that Margrett E. Brice makes a like request. The Meeting unites in receiving them and appoints Joseph Thomas, Levi Cox, Stephen G. Harris and Woodard Fulghum in conjunction with a like committee of women Friends to visit them for their help and encouragement, inform them of the action of the Meeting on their requests, and report to next Meeting.

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Mathew Hill, John W. Pickett, Wm. C. Brown and Cyrus Stanley are appointed to make out a ratio for raising money between the preparative meetings and report to next Meeting.

The committee continued to collect money for the quarterly meetinghouse report \$81.50 collected, paid over and receipted for: \$12.00 from Jericho and \$69.50 from White River. The committee is continued and directed to report to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 11th month, 6th day, 1875}

Those appointed to make out a ratio of apportionment between the preparatives to raise money by {sic} in the future, produce the following: that White River pay 35 percent including Middleton<sup>1</sup>; Jericho 35 percent including Union City; Winchester 22 percent; West Chester 8 percent which is satisfactory to the Meeting and is adopted accordingly.

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The committee continued to collect money to pay off the quarterly meetinghouse debt report \$40.00 raised by Jericho and paid over and receipted for since last report leaving a deficiency of \$834.64; the committee is continued to the subject as heretofore and directed to report to next Meeting.

Winchester Preparative informs that Sylvanus White, Mary Jane White and Margaret Ann Bunger request to be joined in membership with Friends; the Meeting jointly considers the requests and unites in receiving them and appoints Job Harris & Stephen G. Harris in conjunction with a like committee of women Friends to visit them for their help and encouragement, inform them of their reception and report to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Winchester 12th month, 4th day, 1875}

The committee continued to collect money to pay on the quarterly meetinghouse debt report \$5.00 paid from White River; the committee is continued and desired to report to next Meeting.

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Letitia McCartney, Mary Tharp, Solomon Harter, John and Sarah Collins, and their minor child Charles Collins, living in the vicinity of Wientz School House, Jay County, request to be joined in membership with Friends; also Mary E. Stakebake of Winchester requests to be joined in membership. The Meeting unites in receiving and appoints

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Cyrus Stanley, Evan C. Thornton, Hannah Scott and Lizzie Cox to inform them of their reception, visit them for their help and encouragement, and report to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of At White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st month, 1st day, 1876}

Also Benjamin F. Mullin and Dora Fletcher living in Winchester request to be joined in membership with Friends; the Meeting jointly considered the requests and united in receiving them into membership and appoints James Maulsby, Olynthus Cox and Stephen G. Harris in conjunction with a like committee of women Friends to inform them of their reception, visit them for their encouragement and report to next Meeting.

Those continued to collect funds to pay off the quarterly meetinghouse debt report \$16.00 from Jericho and \$5.00 from {White River?} since last report & paid over and receipted for; they are continued and directed to report to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 2nd month, 5th day, 1876. Alexander Smith, clerk.}

Winchester Preparative Meeting, and the overseers of said Meeting, informs that James G. Brice, Frederick Henice, Joseph Kidder, William R. Lawson & Martha J. Lawson, his wife, Eliza Greer, Hiram Merchant, Nathan Edwards, Peter Bowden and Jennie Bowden, his wife, and John W. Morrison and Sina M. Morrison, his wife, request to be joined in membership

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with Friends, which being united with, the Meeting appoints John W. Pickett, Wilson J. Hiatt, and Frank W. Hagerman, in conjunction with a similar committee of women Friends, to inform them thereof and report to next Meeting.

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The following extract from the minutes of Winchester Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders is received and being considered is united with: and James Maulsby is recorded a minister of the gospel. The clerk is directed to furnish the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders with a copy of this minute: and forward the information to the quarterly meeting.

Minute: By the reports of White River Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders it appears that that Meeting is united in proposing that James Maulsby be recorded a minister of the gospel: this Meeting unites with them in judgment and directs the clerk to give White River Monthly Meeting said information.

Taken from the minutes of Winchester Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held 1st month, 21st day, 1876.

William Johnson, clerk

second unnumbered page following page 318:

The Friends appointed to collect funds to defray the quarterly meetinghouse debt report \$5.00 collected and paid over since last Meeting; they are again continued.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends, 3rd month, 4th day, 1876, held by general consent at White River instead of Winchester on account of prevailing Small Pox in the village. E.C. Thornton, clerk}

The committees appointed at last Meeting to visit and inform Mary Ann Cox and others of White River; Isaac M. Vail and others of West Chester; Jas. G. Brice, Frederick Henice and others of Winchester & Day's Creek; John F. Harshman and others of Middleton<sup>1</sup>; and John North of Jericho of their reception into membership and visit them for their help and encouragement report the service performed.

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Our beloved Friend James Maulsby, a minister of the gospel in unity with us, laid before this Meeting, in joint session, a prospect of attending and appointing some Meetings in the limits of Indiana Yearly Meeting, but more especially in Winchester Quarter. After a time of deliberation thereon, the Meeting expressed full unity with him in his concern and encourages him in the service according to the leadings of Truth.

The clerks are directed to sign a copy of this minute and furnish him with same.

Daniel S. Pickett expressed a desire to accompany James Maulsby in some of the service about home with which the Meeting unites and encourages him in the service.

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The committee continued to raise money for the quarterly meetinghouse report nothing since last Meeting.

The following extract is received from the quarterly meeting:

To White River Monthly Meeting of Friends.

At Winchester Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 1st month, 22nd day, 1876, monthly meetings are directed to attend to the following subjects. 1st. To read the London General Epistle and the minute made at our late yearly meeting on the state of society. 2nd. To raise their deficiency of yearly meeting stock of 1874. 3rd. To raise deficiency on quarterly meetinghouse. 4th. To raise their respective proportions of \$500.50 yearly meeting stock for 1875. White River's part \$170.17.

Signed by direction of the Meeting,

Ira C. Johnson, clerk

Simon Gray of White River, Lyndley Hinshaw of Jericho, and Stephen G. Harris of Winchester are appointed to receive the quotas of said Meetings, pay over the same to Thomas Moorman, treasurer, and report in 5th month next; and the clerk is directed to furnish West Chester Preparative with an extract of the above minute.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at White River 4th month, 1st day, 1876. Evan C. Thornton, clerk.}

The committee continued to collect money for the quarterly meetinghouse report nothing since last Meeting. They are again continued and desired to report to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 5th month, 6th day, 1876. Evan C. Thornton, clerk.}

The committee continued to collect money for the quarterly meetinghouse report Jericho has paid to date \$286.50, deficiency \$463.97; White River had paid to date \$208.50, deficiency \${blank}. The committee is continued and desired to report in 7th month next.

The committee appointed in 3rd month last to collect yearly meeting stock for 1875 reports West Chester has paid \$13.62, full quota; Jericho \$43.60, deficiency \$17.40; Winchester \$15.66, deficiency \$21.78; White River, no report. The Meetings deficient are desired to raise their full quotas and report in 7th month next.

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The following extract from the minutes of Winchester Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders is received and read, and after consideration is fully united with; and Irena S. Beard is recorded a minister of the gospel. The clerk is directed to furnish the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders with a copy of this minute; and forward the

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information to the quarterly meeting.

Extract: By the reports of White River Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders it appears that, that Meeting is united in proposing that Irena S. Beard be recorded a minister of the gospel; this Meeting unites with them in judgment and directs the clerk to give White River Monthly Meeting said information.

Taken from the minutes of Winchester Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held 4th month, 21st day, 1876.

William Johnson, clerk

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Winchester 6th month, 3rd day, 1876. E.C. Thornton, clerk.}

Elkanah Beard now returns a minute granted him 1st month, 1st day, 1876, for religious services, etc. with some account thereof, which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

Our beloved Friend Elkanah Beard, a minister in unity with us, informed this Meeting that he has a prospect of attending New England Yearly Meeting, and of performing some religious service

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in the Eastern and Middle States. After a time of deliberation, the Meeting fully unites with, and encourages him in his prospect, commending him to those to whom he may come, and to the care and guidance of the Head of the Church.

Our beloved Sister, Irena S. Beard, a minister with whom we have unity, informed this Meeting that she felt called of her Heavenly Master to attend and appoint Meetings for Friends and others in the limits of Winchester and New Garden Quarters in meetinghouses, school houses, or wherever she may find an open door. The Meeting fully unites with her in the concern, encourages her to faithfulness therein, commends to whom she may come, and to the care of the Head of the Church.

Winchester Preparative Meeting informs that Anna Jane Edwards and Austrellius Edwards, minor children of Hamilton and Asenath Edwards, request to be joined in membership with Friends, which being considered jointly by men's and women's Meetings, the request was granted and Jesse C. Johnson and Benjamin Beard were appointed in conjunction with a like committee of women Friends to inform them thereof, visit them for their help and encouragement and report to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at White River 7th month, 1st day, 1876. E.C. Thornton, clerk.}

The committee continued from 5th month last on quarterly meetinghouse deficiency report nothing collected since last report and no prospect of much of the deficiency being collected.

The committee continued from 5th month last to collect yearly meeting stock for the present year report White River has received \$3.00, deficit {\$56.56?}; Jericho \$1.20 since last report, deficit \$14.76; Winchester \$16.54 additional collected, deficit \$5.24. The committee is continued and directed to report to next Meeting.

The committee to assist the overseers in preparing statistics for the monthly meeting make the following

Report

{only Winchester's statistics are included here; see the minutes book for the statistics of the other monthly meetings}

Births: 2; Deaths: 0; Age at Death: -; Number Received by Request: 24; Number Received by Certificate: 2; Members: 119; Males: 48; Females: 71; Families: 24; Parts of Families: 30; Number of Isolated Members: 5; Number under 21: 31; Number Removed by Certificate: 0; Number Disowned: 0; Number Resigned: 0; Number of Meetings: 1; Meetings without Recorded Ministers: 0; Read Daily: 8; Recorded Ministers: 6

One minister not residing in the limits of any Meeting; and one minister of another monthly meeting residing at Muncie.

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The committee on first day schools makes the following report: they are continued and directed to report to this Meeting in the 9th month of next year.

Report of committee:

A Friends school at White River: 5 months, average 50; at Jericho: 5 months, average 45; Union School at West Chester: 6 months, average {blank}.

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One at Middleton<sup>1</sup>: 4 months, average 50; Mission School at Muncie: 3 months, average about 60. Friends at Winchester join in the Congregational School: 12 months, average 100; also in Union School at Pleasant Dale school house: 4 months, average about 30.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 8th month, 5th day, 1876. E.C. Thornton, clerk.}

The committee to collect money for the quarterly meetinghouse report nothing collected since last report. The Meeting being again directed by the quarterly meeting to endeavor to raise the deficiency. The committee is continued for that purpose and are

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directed to report in 10th month next.

The committee continued at last Meeting to collect yearly meeting stock for the present year report: White River \$8.35, deficient \$48.21; Jericho \$1.40, deficient \$13.36; Winchester \$5.24, full quota. The meetings deficient are again directed to raise and pay over their deficiencies and report to the Meeting in 10th month next.

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{the White River Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at Winchester 9th month, 2nd day, 1876, with Evan C. Thornton, as clerk.}

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at White River 10th month, 7th day, 1876. Evan C. Thornton, clerk.}

The committee continued in 8th month last to collect money for the quarterly meetinghouse report five dollars {\$5.00} received since last report; they are again continued and directed to report to next Meeting.

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The home mission committee proposes a revision of its members and presents the following plan of organization and work. 1. That a committee of from 2 to 4 be appointed in each of the preparatives. 2. That the several committees endeavor to organize associations and hold meetings thereof as often as may seem best; receive and keep a faithful record of all home mission work as directed by the yearly meeting of 1875. 3. If no organization is made or maintained, the committee shall appoint one of their number as clerk, who shall keep a record of such work as may be reported. 4. The general committee of the monthly meeting shall endeavor to hold meetings as often as once in three months, including all home mission workers for

conference, prayer, and reports. The committee proposed the following names to constitute said committee: all of which is approved by the monthly meeting and the Friends proposed appointed accordingly, viz:

{only the names proposed for Winchester are included here; see the minutes book for the proposed names from the other preparative meetings}

For Winchester: Evan C. Thornton, William G. Brown, Eliza Addington and Eunice Moorman.

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{The White River Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at Winchester 12th month, 2nd day, 1876.}

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at White River 1st month, 6th day, 1877}

Winchester Preparative informs that Robert S. Payne and Margaret H. Payne, his wife, and John Helton and his minor children, Lillie May & Lucretia Ann, request to be joined in membership

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with Friends. The Meeting is united in receiving them and appoints John W. Pickett, Jacob Gard, Martha B. Thornton and Amy Fulghum are appointed to visit them for their help and encouragement, inform them of their reception and report to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 2nd month, 3rd day, 1877. E.C. Thornton, clerk.}

Winchester Preparative Meeting informs that William Arbaugh and Susan Arbaugh, his wife, and their minor children Archie Mayo and Charles Vail and also Susan Elisabeth Helton, minor daughter of John & Melissa Helton, request to be joined in membership with Friends. The Meeting is united in receiving them and appoints John W. Pickett, Stephen G. Harris, Elisabeth Carson, Laura O. Ward, & Levi Cox to inform them thereof, visit them for their help and encouragement and report of their care to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Winchester 3rd month, 3rd day, 1877. E.C. Thornton and Luzena Haworth, clerks.}

Winchester Preparative Meeting informs that Joseph Stines and Lucinda

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Stines, Joseph B. Austin and Catharine Austin, Rebecca Payne and Melissa C. Hill request to be joined in membership with Friends, which being duly considered, the Meeting united in granting their request and appoints Lydia Way, Martha B. Thornton, Irena S. Beard, William M. Cox and Thomas Moorman to

inform them of their reception, visit them for their help and encouragement and report to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at White River 4th month, 7th day, 1877. E.C. Thornton, Luzena Haworth, clerks.}

Winchester Preparative Meeting informs that Harry P. Waters requests to be joined in membership with Friends. Alexander Smith and Thomas Moorman are appointed to visit him on account of his request, see that he is sound in doctrine and convinced of the principles of Friends and report their sense of his sincerity and report of their care to next Meeting.

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The committees appointed at last Meeting to visit Elisabeth Williams and others of West Chester, Joseph Stines and others of Winchester, Luke Vorhis and Janette Warner of Pike for their help and encouragement etc. report the service performed.

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The committee to visit the overseers for their help and encouragement, and propose to this Meeting such changes as may seem desirable make the report as follows; which is satisfactory; the changes proposed are accepted and the Friends appointed and continued accordingly, viz:

{only the names of those from Winchester are included here; see the minutes book for the names of those from the other monthly meetings}

Winchester: Thomas Moorman, Evan C. Thornton, and Martha B. Thornton are continued and Phebe Reed appointed.

All of which is respectfully submitted, on behalf of the committee.

Franklin Haisley  
Eunice Moorman

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Winchester 6th month, 2nd day, 1877. The women's clerk being absent, Laurinda O. Ward is appointed for the day.}

Winchester Preparative Meeting informs that Pallie Elma Helton requests to be joined in membership with Friends. The Meeting unites in receiving her and appoints Phebe Reed and Laurinda O. Ward to inform her, visit her for her help and encouragement, and report of their care to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at White River 7th month, 7th day, 1877. E.C. Thornton, clerk; Mazana Haisley, clerk for the day.}

Report of committee on statistics:

{only Winchester's statistics are included here; see the minutes book for the statistics of the other monthly meetings}

Number of Births: 1; Number of Deaths: 0; Number Received by Request: 17;  
Number Received by Certificate: 0; Number of Members: 132; Number of Males:

52; Number of Females: 80; Number of Families: 25; Number of Parts of Families: 37; Number of Isolated Individuals: 4; Number under 21 years: 34; Number Removed by Certificate: 0; Number Disowned: 0; Number Resigned: 5; Established Meetings: 1; Recorded Ministers: 4; Meetings without Recorded Ministers: 0; Number of Families Who Read the Scriptures Daily: {blank}.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 8th month, 4th day, 1877. Evan C. Thornton, clerk; Mazana Haisley, clerk for the day}

Levi Cox and Abijah Cox, members in good esteem amongst us, request the privilege of attending in the love of the gospel all the preparative meetings of Winchester Quarterly Meeting. The Meeting unites in sympathy with

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them and encourages them in their prospect. We commend them to Friends generally, and especially to home mission committee, to open the way for such labor as they may feel called to.

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Winchester 9th month, 1st day, 1877. E.C. Thornton, L.O. Ward, clerks}

Winchester Preparative Meeting informs that Deborah W. Haines requests to be joined in membership with Friends. This Meeting united in receiving her and appoints Lydia Way and Mary Whitesel to inform her, visit her for her help and encouragement

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and report to next Meeting.

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The Friends appointed to assist the Temperance Committee in preparing statistics reported for Jericho, Muncie, & Winchester. They are continued and directed to forward reports at once to Thomas Moorman, clerk of the committee and report to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at White River 10th month, 6th day, 1877. Evan C. Thornton, clerk; Mazana Haisley, clerk for the day.

The following Friends are proposed as a suitable committee on Bible schools. The Meeting is united in their appointment and they are desired to see that Bible schools are

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continued in their respective Meetings as late in the season as at all practicable and when from any cause their schools are suspended to have them reopened as early as possible; and see that quarterly reports are furnished

to the quarterly meeting secretary promptly and report to this Meeting in 10th month next. viz: White River: Alexander Smith, John W. Pickett, Delilah Smith and Emaline Huff. For Jericho: Clarkson L. Pickett, Daniel S. Pickett, Fannie Hill and Martha Pickett. For Winchester: Wm. C. Brown, Thomas Moorman, Lydia Way and Eunice Moorman. For Pike: Joseph Kidder, Tully Tharpe, Mary Tharpe and Ellen Baugh. For Middleton<sup>1</sup>: Daniel B. Harshman, Peter Poorman. For West Chester: Franklin Stanley, John G. Ross, Amy Vail and Lucinda Gibson.

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{The White River Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at Winchester 12th month, 7th day, 1877, with Evan C. Thornton and Laurinda O. Ward as clerks.}

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Winchester 12th month, 7th day, 1877. Evan C. Thornton, Laurinda O. Ward, clerks.}

The following communication is now received: the Meeting is united in accepting the resignation. The clerk is directed to give her the necessary information.

Winchester, Ind. 12-1-1877

To White River Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held 12th month, 1st day, 1877:

I hereby respectfully tender you a resignation of my membership in the Society of Friends.

Martha A. R. Hodson

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 2nd month, 2nd day, 1878. Evan C. Thornton, clerk: Mazana Haisley, clerk for the day.}

Winchester Preparative Meeting informs that Lily M. Fitzpatrick requests to be joined in membership with Friends. The Meeting is united in receiving her and appoints Martha Gard, Fannie Hill and Nancy Gray to inform her, visit her for her help and encouragement and report of their care to next Meeting.

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By the following extract from the minutes of Winchester Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, we are informed that that Meeting is united in judgment with White River Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders that James Maulsby has lost his usefulness as a minister of the gospel in the Society of Friends. Whereupon after due consideration this Meeting also unites with them in judgment and no longer recognizes him as such.

Winchester Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held 1st month, 25th day, 1878.

By the reports from White River Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders it appears that that Meeting is united in judgment that James Maulsby has lost his usefulness as a minister of the gospel in our society, this Meeting therefore after having assisted that Meeting in extending care, has come to the same judgment and directs that the matter be referred to the ensuing monthly meeting.

On behalf of the Meeting,

John W. Pickett, clerk

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Winchester 3rd month, 2nd day, 1878. E.C. Thornton, L.O. Ward, clerks.}

Winchester Preparative Meeting informs that Minnie E. Addington requests to be joined in membership with Friends. The Meeting is united in receiving her and appoints Delilah Smith and Phebe Reed to inform her, visit her for her help and encouragement and report of their care to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 5th month, 4th day, 1878. E.C. Thornton, clerk: Mazana Haisley, clerk for the day.}

The following extract from the minutes of Winchester Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders is received and read and after consideration is fully united with and Alice B. Bergman is recorded a minister of the gospel. The clerks are directed to furnish the preparative meeting with a copy of this minute and forward the information to the quarterly meeting.

Winchester Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held 4th month, 26th day, 1878.

By the reports from White River Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders it appears that that Meeting is united in proposing that Alice B. Bergman be recorded a minister

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of the gospel; this Meeting unites with that Meeting in judgment and directs the clerk to give White River Monthly Meeting said information.

On behalf of the Meeting,

John W. Pickett, clerk

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{The White River Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at Winchester 6th month, 1st day, 1878, with E.C. Thornton and L.O. Ward as clerks.}

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at White River 7th month, 6th day, 1878. Evan C. Thornton, Laurinda O. Ward, clerks.}

The Friends to whom was referred the collection of statistics report as follows which is satisfactory.

{only Winchester's statistics are included here; see the minutes book for the statistics of the other monthly meetings}

Births: 1; Deaths: 0; Received by Request: 4; {Received by} Certificate: 0; Members: 130; Males: 51; Females: 79; Families: 22; Parts {of Families}: 49; {Number of} Isolated {Members}: 14; {Number} under 21: 40; {Number} Removed by Certificate: 7; {Number} Disowned: 0; Number Resigned: 9; Established Meetings: 1; Recorded Ministers: 3; Number of Meetings

without Ministers: 0; Number of Families Who Read Daily: 10; Holding an Independent Meeting: {blank}

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 8th month, 3rd day, 1878. Evan C. Thornton, clerk: Mazana Haisley, clerk for the day.}

Winchester Preparative informs that Louisa O. Willmore requests to be joined in membership with Friends. The Meeting unites in receiving her and appoints Martha Gard and Mazana Haisley to inform her, visit her for help and encouragement and report of their care to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Winchester 9th month, 7th day, 1878. E.C. Thornton, L.O. Ward, clerks.}

The committee on education through the quarterly meeting superintendent makes the following report. The services of the committee being rendered quite useless by the free school system, and the change of plan by the yearly meeting in collecting information, it is discontinued.

Report

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1 member graduated in the Winchester High School  
{see the minutes book for the complete report}

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at White River 10th month, 5th day, 1878. E.C. Thornton, clerk; Mazana Haisley, clerk for the day.}

The Bible school committee makes the following report which is satisfactory to the Meeting. They

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are continued and encouraged to labor for increased interest and greater success the coming year, and directed to report to the Meeting in 11th month next year.

Report

	1877	1878	1878	1878	Yearly
	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	Average
Winchester	56/57	63/65	54/58	38/39	53/55

{see minutes book for the other preparative meetings' statistics}

Winchester has had 10 or 12 members engaged in the home mission work; had meetings nearly every first day evening; held a few cottage meetings. Many families and individuals

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visited for their help; some tracts distributed.

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{The White River Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at Winchester 12th month, 7th day, 1878, with E.C. Thornton and L.O. Ward as clerks.}

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{The White River Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at Winchester 3rd month, 1st day, 1879, with E.C. Thornton and Mazana Haisley as clerks.}

page 467:

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 5th month, 3rd day, 1879. E.C. Thornton, Mazana Haisley, clerks.}

The following copy of a minute is received from the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders which upon being fully considered by this Meeting is united with, and Levi Cox is recorded a minister of the gospel. The clerks are directed to give information thereof to the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders and to the quarterly meeting.

Winchester Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held 4th month, 25th, day, 1879.

By the reports from White River Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders it appears that that Meeting is united in proposing to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders that Levi Cox be recorded a minister of the gospel, with which this Meeting unites and directs the clerk to give White River Monthly Meeting said information.

On behalf of the aforesaid Meeting,  
Jno. W. Pickett, clerk

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West Chester, Jay Co., Ind., April 28" 1879

To the Friends at Winchester:

Dear Friends, This is to certify that I, Martha Barrack, do ask of you to withdraw my name from the Friends Church at West Chester as I do wish to have my name withdrawn from this church. And for further information please come and see me and I will tell you my objections.

Yours with respect,  
Martha Barrack

Martha B. Thornton and Mazana Haisley are appointed to visit her on account of her request and report their care and judgment in the case to next Meeting.

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"Monthly Meetings are directed to appoint committees at their ensuing monthly meetings to prepare statistical reports and produce them to the next monthly meeting in order that they may come to the quarterly meeting correct.

Taken from the minutes of Winchester Quarterly Meeting held 4th month, 26th day, 1879.

Ira C. Johnson, clerk

John W. Pickett, Joseph Keys, Cyrus Stanley, Evan C. Thornton, Jos. A. Goddard, Tully Tharpe, Ann Pearson, Martha Pickett, Amy Vail, Laurinda O., Ward, Deborah J. Carson and Mary Tharpe are appointed in accordance to the foregoing direction. Middleton<sup>1</sup> being referred to the pastoral committee.

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The Meeting having finished its business solemnly concludes to meet at the usual time in course at Winchester.

{This is the last of the minutes in White River Monthly Meeting, Men's Minutes, 1860-1879}

<sup>1</sup>There is a Middleton/Middletown (formerly New Middleton) in Jackson Township, 2 miles east of Saratoga, Indiana listed in the Randolph County history books and the Indiana Yearly Meeting history books and they all refer to the same place.

excerpts pertaining to Elkanah and/or Irena Beard from the  
**WHITE RIVER MONTHLY MEETING MEN'S MINUTES**  
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{from the minutes of At White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st month, 1st day, 1876}

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

We have received a certificate of the rights of Elkanah Beard, a minister, and wife Irena, an elder, from Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting and for Amy Ella Jenkins, and minor son Earl Jenkins, from Richland Monthly Meeting, Indiana. Joel Pickett and Wm. M. Cox are appointed in conjunction with a similar committee of women friends to pay them a welcome visit etc. and report to next Meeting.

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{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

Elkanah Beard, a minister of the gospel, laid before this Meeting a concern to perform religious service within the limits of Indiana Yearly meeting in the way of Preaching, Teaching, and Lecturing as the Master may direct; the Meeting united with him in his concern and he is encouraged to attend to the same.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 2nd month, 5th day, 1876. Alexander Smith, clerk}

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

The Friends appointed to visit Amy E. Jenkins and E. Beard & wife on the reception of their certificates report not attended to; they are continued and desired to report to next Meeting.

page 331:

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 5th month, 6th day, 1876. Evan C. Thornton, clerk.}

The following extract from the minutes of Winchester Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders is received and read, and after consideration is fully united with; and Irena S. Beard is recorded a minister of the gospel. The clerk is directed to furnish the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders with a copy of this minute; and forward the

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information to the quarterly meeting.

Extract: By the reports of White River Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders, it appears that, that Meeting is united in proposing that Irena S. Beard be recorded a minister of the gospel; this Meeting unites with them in judgment and directs the clerk to give White River Monthly Meeting said information.

Taken from the minutes of Winchester Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held 4th month, 21st day, 1876.

William Johnson, clerk

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Winchester 6th month, 3rd day, 1876. E.C. Thornton, clerk}

Elkanah Beard now returns a minute granted him 1st month, 1st day, 1876, for religious services, etc. with some account thereof, which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

Our beloved Friend Elkanah Beard, a minister in unity with us, informed this Meeting that he has a prospect of attending New England Yearly Meeting, and of performing some religious service

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in the Eastern and Middle States. After a time of deliberation, the Meeting fully unites with, and encourages him in his prospect, commending him to those to whom he may come, and to the care and guidance of the Head of the Church.

Our beloved Sister, Irena S. Beard, a minister with whom we have unity, informed this Meeting that she felt called of her Heavenly Master to attend and appoint Meetings for Friends and others in the limits of Winchester and New Garden Quarters in meetinghouses, school houses, or wherever she may find an open door. The Meeting fully unites with her in the concern, encourages her to faithfulness therein, commends to whom she may come, and to the care of the Head of the Church.

page 342:

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 8th month, 5th day, 1876. E.C. Thornton, clerk}

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

Elkanah Beard now returns a minute granted him in 6th month last for religious service, etc. together with some minutes expressive of unity with his labors whilst engaged therein with some account thereof, all of which is satisfactory to the Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Winchester 9th month, 2nd day, 1876. Evan C. Thornton, clerk}

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

Also one {a certificate} is received for Laura A. Jessup, same {Indianapolis} Monthly Meeting dated 6th month, 21st day, 1876. Laurinda O. Ward and Irena S. Beard are appointed to visit her

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on the reception thereof and report to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at White River 10th month, 7th day, 1876. Evan C. Thornton, clerk}

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

Our beloved Friend, Elkanah Beard, a minister of the gospel with whom we have unity, informed this Meeting that he has a prospect of holding meetings for divine worship and religious Instruction in diverse parts, which being duly considered, full unity was expressed and he left at liberty and encouraged to perform such service as his Divine Master may require, to whose care and

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guidance we commit him; and commend him to all to whom he may come.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at White River 1st month, 6th day, 1877} {NO clerk's name given}

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

William M. Cox, Alexander Smith, Elkanah Beard, Fannie Hill, Irena S. Beard and Luzena Haworth are appointed to propose to next Meeting the names of suitable Friends to serve the Meeting the ensuing year as clerks.

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{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

Irena S. Beard returned the minute granted her in 6th month last with the information that she had attended to a part of the service as way opened, which is satisfactory to the Meeting.

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

She also informed the Meeting that she had a prospect of traveling in the service of the gospel in the states of Ohio and Indiana to attend and appoint Meetings amongst

Friends and others as her Divine Master may lead. After a time of deliberation thereon, full unity was expressed with her in her prospect and she left at liberty and encouraged therein. We commit her to our Heavenly Father's care and commend her to whom she may come.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Winchester 3rd month, 3rd day, 1877. E.C. Thornton, Luzena Haworth, clerks.}

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}  
Winchester Preparative Meeting informs that Joseph Stines and Lucinda

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Stines, Joseph B. Austin and Catharine Austin, Rebecca Payne and Melissa C. Hill request to be joined in membership with Friends, which being duly considered, the Meeting united in granting their request and appoints Lydia Way, Martha B. Thornton, Irena S. Beard, William M. Cox and Thomas Moorman to inform them of their reception, visit them for their help and encouragement and report to next Meeting.

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{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}  
Simon Gray, Franklin Haisley, William M. Cox, Noah Brooks, Levi Cox, Nancy Gray, Irena S. Beard, Eunice Moorman and Laurinda O. Ward are appointed to visit the overseers for their help and encouragement, propose such changes as they may think best and report to next Meeting.

page 372:

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Jericho 5th month, 5th day, 1877. Evan C. Thornton, Luzena Haworth, clerks}

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}  
West Chester Preparative Meeting informs that Mary Krouse requests to be joined in membership with Friends. The Meeting is united in receiving her and appoints Irena S. Beard and Amy Vail to inform her thereof, visit her for her help and encouragement, and report to next Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at White River 7th month, 7th day, 1877. E.C. Thornton, clerk; Mazana Haisley, clerk for the day.}

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

Elkanah Beard in writing returns the copy of a minute granted him 10th month, 7th day, 1876 with an account of his labors, all of which is satisfactory to the Meeting.

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

Irena S. Beard in writing returns the minute granted her 1st month, 6th day, 1877 together with some returning minutes and

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an account of her services, all of which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Winchester 12th month, 7th day, 1877. Evan C. Thornton, Laurinda O. Ward, clerks.}

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

The committee appointed in 6th month last for religious service at Pleasant Dale school house report that they have held a meeting each alternate first day with one exception, to pretty good satisfaction; that there is still a need and sufficient interest to continue the work; and desire that the committee be revised. In accordance with the latter suggestion Ethan Brown, Irena Beard, Franklin Haisley, Abijah Cox, Mazana Haisley & Asenath Edwards are appointed to bring forward to next Meeting suitable names to constitute said committee.

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at White River 1st month, 5th day, 1878. Evan C. Thornton, Laurinda O. Ward, clerks.}

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

Jonah Irey, Wm. H. Irey, Benj. F. Gardener, Ellen J. Gardener, Mary E. Wiseman and George M. Hiatt, residing near Balbec, Jay County, Indiana, request to be joined in membership with the religious Society of Friends. The Meeting unites in receiving them and appoints Joseph M. Paxson, Elkanah Beard, Irena S. Beard, Wm. M. Cox and Cyrus Stanley to inform them of their acceptance, visit them for their help and encouragement and if way opens, hold meetings for the ingathering and strengthening of the believers; and report of their care to next Meeting.

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The Friends appointed to nominate a suitable committee to hold meetings at Pleasant Dale School House report as follows, which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Friends proposed are appointed accordingly. They are directed to report in the 8th month next.

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Report of committee

We the committee appointed in case of Pleasant Dale Meeting propose that Simon Gray, Nancy Gray, Eli Hinshaw, Susan Arbaugh, Silas Cox, Frank Mullen, Ethan Brown and Emaline Huff be appointed to render them assistance in the holding of Meetings.

On behalf of the committee,

Irena S. Beard  
Franklin Haisley

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{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Winchester 3rd month, 2nd day, 1878. E.C. Thornton, L.O. Ward, clerks.}

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

Pike Preparative Meeting informs that the following named persons residing near Bluff Point, Jay Co., Indiana request to be joined in membership with Friends. The Meeting is united

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in receiving them and appoints Elkanah Beard, Abijah Cox, Martha B. Thornton and Nancy Gray to inform them thereof – if practicable – visit them for their help and encouragement and report of their care to next Meeting.  
{see the minutes book for the names}

page 416:

{from the minutes of White River Monthly Meeting of Friends held at White River 4th month, 6th day, 1878. E.C. Thornton, L.O. Ward, clerks.}

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

Our beloved brother Elkanah Beard, a minister with whom we have unity, informed this Meeting that he has a prospect of attending New England and New York Yearly Meetings and of performing some religious service in their limits. After a time of deliberation the Meeting fully unites with, and encourages him in his prospect, commending him to whom he may

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come, and to the care and guidance of the Head of the Church.

{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

Our beloved sister, Irena S. Beard, a minister with whom we have unity, informed this Meeting that she had a prospect of accompanying her husband Elkanah Beard in his proposed visit to New England and New York Yearly Meetings and to perform some service in their limits. Which claiming our consideration full unity was expressed with her in the concern and she left at liberty and encouraged therein. We therefore commit her to the guiding care of our Father in Heaven and commend her to whom she may come.

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{THIS MINUTE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EXCERPTS ABOVE}

E. & I.S. Beard now return the copies of minutes granted them in 4th month last for religious service with some account of their labor; they also presented several minutes of endorsement: all of which is satisfactory to the Meeting.

{No other mention of the Beards appears from this point to the end of the book "White River Monthly Meeting, Men's Minutes, 1860-1879."}

{end of the Beard section}