

Guilford College Quaker Archives
Report to North Carolina Fellowship of Friends
2023-2024

The Quaker Archives at Guilford College serves as the home for the records of this yearly meeting and constituent monthly meetings as well as other meetings and organizations in our region. This past year new deposits of records were received from the following associated directly with NCFF in addition to some of the initial minutes from NCFF as an organization:

- Mount Airy: Monthly Meeting and Ministry & Counsel Minutes
- New Garden: Ministry & Counsel Minutes
- New Garden Quarterly Meeting: Select Minutes, 2013-2016
- Greensboro (First Friends): Older Monthly Meeting, Ministry & Counsel Minutes, and Membership Records

Meetings are encouraged to be sure their holdings are complete for future historians and meeting record keeping needs. You can always check what we have for your meeting at our newly updated and reorganized inventory page at <https://library.guilford.edu/quakerrecords>, Contact archives@guilford.edu if you have questions about your meeting's records or about topics documented through our collections. Records ARE NOT accepted via email and annual deposits are encouraged as best practice (rather than more frequently or less often).

We are now in year two of fundraising to match the Damon and Mary Hickey challenge gift pledging \$100,000 per year to endow the Quaker Archivist position which is to be named in honor of Carole Edgerton Treadway, former archivist and beloved Friend. Meetings and individuals are encouraged to consider financially supporting this essential challenge to make certain North Carolina Quaker records receive professional care for the next century. Learn more about this initiative at <https://sites.google.com/guilford.edu/treadway-endowment>.

Thanks to annual contributions from various meetings (including NCFF and NCYM, Inc.) for care of records, Beth Saunders continues in our part-time Quaker Collections Associate position. She handles incoming meeting records and assists with other projects specific to Quaker materials such as processing publications and manuscript collections.

This past June Archivist Gwen Gosney Erickson represented North Carolina Friends at the international "Fox at 400 Conference" held in Lancaster, England. In addition to serving on the Quaker archives panel, she also presented a paper on how North Carolina Friends have remembered and commemorated Fox's 1672 visit to Carolina over time and included quotes from past North Carolina Yearly Meeting minutes.

You can follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/GuilfordQuakerArchives/>) to see more updates through the year.

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