

Quaker Archives Report to Friends Church of North Carolina
2020-2021

Guilford College gratefully acknowledges our partnership with you in the care for Quaker records in our region. This year was one of challenges but also of openings as we strived to maintain services and care for records in uncertain times while undergoing closures and major staffing cuts. Our research room in person services remain closed to public through summer but plans are underway for some in person services by appointment with the new academic year.

Online services continue to provide access options since that time. Earlier work to make pre-1940 Quaker monthly meeting records available online via Ancestry.com and to provide access to some of our highest used resources has shown its value many times over. However, U.S. Quaker archivists are also in conversation about the discomfort we have with items being behind a for-profit company's paywall. Opportunities for open access and partner collaborations are actively pursued to improve researcher access equitably as we are able. A new open access site was launched this Spring to provide discoverability of some key college and Quaker Studies resources via JSTOR with easy links for sharing (see <https://www.jstor.org/site/guilford/>).

The Quaker Archives continues to receive recent records from meetings. FCNC related records were received this past year from The Connection, Deep Creek, Forbush, Goldsboro, and Science Hill. Churches are reminded that they can check online at <https://library.guilford.edu/quakerrecords> to see which records are already in the archives and answers to some of frequently asked questions. Monthly meetings and individuals can contact archives@guilford.edu with any questions. Due to the large number of groups we partner with and our need for document longevity, paper records submission are still required at this time. Efforts are underway to have a process for electronic record submissions but this is not yet available. Regardless, we are not able to accept email attachments as record deposits.

Guilford receives some funds each year from several organizational partners to help us in providing direct archival services (i.e. care of records). Direct financial support was received over the past year from FCNC as an organization as well NCYM, Inc. and several other groups and individual meetings. Annual contributions from meetings need to be mailed directly to Quaker Archives as those are processed as partner support rather than charitable donations. Contributions from individuals qualify as charitable giving to be directed (either through postal mail or online giving) to the college's Advancement Office. All checks are to be made payable to Guilford College with "Quaker Archives" noted in the memo line. Our operations remain dependent upon Guilford College's annual operating budget to remain sustainable. Therefore, annual support and investment to increase endowment funding are actively sought so that care of records is fully funded by Friends and not through student tuition.

As some of you may know, Guilford College has had an especially challenging past year. The continuing support of alumni, Friends, and friends is essential. The continuing engagement and prayers of the Friends Church of North Carolina and your membership is much appreciated.

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<https://www.giving.guilford.edu/s/1833/interior.aspx?sid=1833&gid=2&pgid=692>