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SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

RECORDS OF HOBART REGIONAL MEETING FROM 1833

Records of the Hobart regional meeting of the Religious of friends (Quakers) from 1833, including minutes of meetings, membership records, clerk’s correspondence and papers, etc.

The Hobart meeting began in 1833 when the visiting Quakers, James backhouse and George Washington Walker, held meetings for worship in the Quaker manner, and others wished to join them. Accordingly on 20 September 1833 a small group of Friends met in a private house in Bathurst street and formed a “Meeting for Discipline”. In 1836 a house in Murray Street was purchased as a Meeting House. In 1880 a stone Meeting House was built behind the old weatherboard house and in 1960 the present site in Argyle Street next to the Friends School was purchased.
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These begin with the foundation meeting called by James Backhouse and George Washington Walker on 20.9.1833. Until 1844 meetings were held alternately at Hobart and at Kelvedon, Great Swanport (duplicate minutes being kept at Kelvedon, see S.1/A2). Between 1844 and 1851 a separate Monthly Meeting was held for Launceston (including Kelvedon and meeting there alternately with Launceston, see S.1/A3) but this ceased after members moved away. Minutes deal with admission and discipline of members, notes of removal, birth, marriage, death and burial, (including occasional permission for non-members to be interred in Friends' Burial Ground), matters concerning the Meeting House, burial ground, library, answers to queries and advices etc. Before Sydney's Monthly meeting was established in 1844 (with the help of Francis Cotton) Sydney Friends' births and burials in the Sydney Friends' Burial Ground were registered at the Hobart Monthly Meeting (there being no meeting of record in N.S.W.).

Vol. 1 also includes (reverse of volume): list of members and register of births, marriages and deaths 1834-1888.

(7 vols., bound calf, c. 27 cm. x 40 cm. x 5 cm.,
2 vols., loose leaves in folders)

A.1  (1) 20.9.1833 - 3.12.1857 (includes Register 1834-1888)
(2) 7.1.1858 - 1.5.1889
(3) 5.6.1889 - 10.12.1900 (indexed)
(4) 11.2.1901 - 14.10.1918 (indexed)
(5) 2.12.1918 - 14.2.1937 (with part index)
(6) 14.3.1937 - 10.12.1950
(7) 11.2.1951 - 30.6.1961
(9) 11.2.1973 - 4.12.1977

A.1(B) List of names mentioned in Hobart Monthly Meeting Minute Books from 1833-1892.
Hobart Monthly Meetings, 1833 - 1843, were held, in alternate months, at Kelvedon, Great Swanport, and a duplicate copy of the minutes was kept there. In 1844 Kelvedon became part of the newly formed Launceston Monthly Meeting, alternate meetings again being held at Kelvedon and duplicate minutes kept there, until the Launceston Meeting ceased in 1851. The first volume has the note: 'This duplicate copy of the minutes of Hobart Monthly Meeting remained at Kelvedon until after the death of Edward O. Cotton, when his widow, E.H. Cotton, handed it over to me on behalf of the Meeting and it is now placed in the safe, W.S. May, clerk, 14 XII Mo. 1913'. Volume 2 ends with a note by Francis Cotton that no meetings had been held for some months as most members had moved away.

(2 vols., bound calf)

A.2 (1) Hobart 20.9.1833 - 27.12.1843
Launceston 4.1.1844 - 24.4.1848
(including Register 1834-1843)

(2) Launceston 4.5.1848 - 16.11.1851

A.3 LAUNCESTON MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES 1844 - 1851

Launceston Monthly Meeting ceased to be held in 1851, after most members had moved away. Minutes signed by John Lawson, clerk, who also entered copies of Minutes of meetings held at Kelvedon.

(1 vol., bound calf, 27 cm. x 40 cm. x 3 cm.)

Includes List of members, list of books owned by Meeting and Register of deaths (near end of vol.)

A.4 ANNUAL MEETINGS 1834 - 1902

These were called Yearly Meetings until 1865, when the Melbourne Monthly meeting pointed out that the name could be misleading, as implying a disciplinary authority. (NB. A General Meeting For Australasia was proposed in 1893 but the first not held until 1902 in Melbourne).

Vol. 2 includes (reverse of volume) list of members 1834-1895

Recording: date of entry, name, description (i.e. residence and date of minute of admission), 'decease, removal or disownment' (not always entered)

A.4 (1) (1 vol. bound calf) 1834 - 1861

(2) (1 vol. bound calf, leather bands, 43 cm. x 30 cm. x 7 cm.) 1862 - 1902
A.5 DRAFT MINUTES 1833-1890

Draft minutes of Monthly Meetings and also of 'Yearly Meetings' (the latter at back of volumes), later copied into the Minute Books

A.5/ (1) 1833 - 1845
(2) 1846 - 1860
(3) 1887 - 1890
(2 folio vols., bound vellum, 1 exercise book)

A.6 MEETINGS OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS, MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT 1849-1957

Minutes of meetings of ministers and elders under the minute number 37 of the 'Yearly Meeting' 1848 appointed to meet every three months to read the queries and advices to ministers.

In Hobart at first there were no elders so overseers were invited to attend the meetings with the ministers. The early minutes mostly record only reading the advices (copy not entered), but sometimes they considered the needs of ministry towards, for example, country members, young people, interviewing young people who had reached the age of sixteen, etc.

(Thin folio vol., half bound leather and cloth)

A.7 TRAVELLING MINUTE 24 Feb. 1842


(Parchment, large script)
S.1/B

MEMBERSHIP

Lists and Registers of Members

1833-1869 (Entered in back of Hobart Monthly Meeting Minute book) See S.1/A.1(1)

1834-1895 (Entered in back of Annual Meeting Minute book) See S.1/A.4(2)

1844-1848 (Entered in back of Launceston Monthly Meeting Minute book) See S.1/A.3

Recording: date of entry, name, description (i.e. residence and date of admission), decease, removal or disownment (not always entered)

B.1 Australian members 1919, 1923, 1932 (4 copies), 1961, 1966, 1971 (Small booklets, various)

Tasmanian members (? 1921), 1974, 1980, 1982 (copy)


(2) Circular and memoranda for 'Friends appointed to prepare the Tabular Statement' from the Recording Clerk, London, 1911.

(3) 'Report on Statistics': Yearly Meeting 1974. The first ten years of Australia Yearly Meeting compiled from Statements of Membership. (1 folder)

B.3 Applications for Membership, Acceptances, Joining, Transferrals, Removals, Resignations and withdrawals. Correspondence, reports, extracts from Minutes, certificates, forms etc. 1873 - 1897, 1916-1926. (1 folder)

Jane ACRES 1892 Transfer
Robert ACRES 1892 "
Charles J. ATKINS 1891 Disassociation
Geo. R. BELL 1893 Resignation
Emma Eliz. BENSON 1890 Transfer
William BENSON "
   children: William Noel "
   Anna Dorothea "
Charles BURLEY or BEWLEY? 1890 "
S.1/ B.3 cont'd.

MEMBERSHIP

Olive Plester BLYTH 1896 Membership
Hubert Neville BLYTH
(children of Edith C. Blyth and Harold W. Blyth)
William A. CARINS 1889 Transfer
Mary CARINS (Also letter from
and children Ann Jackson about visiting them and other friends)
George Eddington CLARK 1888 Transfer
Thomas Phillip CLEMES 1894 "
Annie COOPER 1894 "
Charles Frederick COOPER 1891 "
Edward J. COOPER 1925 "
Ellen COOPER
Joseph Haigh COOPER 1894 "
(son Herbert William)
William Livingstone COOPER 1926 "
Henry COTTON - Declining kind offer of membership - too old - but believes in Friends' princepals (sic)
Reinstate 1891
Children of Isabella COTTON
Joseph COTTON 1891 ?Recognition
Marion CRAWFORD 1890 Appln. membership
Amelia Bertha DIXON 1891 Transfer
John William DIXON 1890,
Marion 1894 "
(+ daughter Winifred, son Philip)
William A. DORAN 1925 Membership
(+ children Eithne, Archibald, David)
Hazel Eliz. EDWARDS minor 1924 Membership
(daughter of L.R. & H.F. EDWARDS)
Herbert William FARRINGTON 1925 Disassociation
Edith FLETCHER 1891/2 Transfer
Edward H. FRYER 1916 "
Annie Christina
and son Francis Edward
Ada M. Gatchell 1889 M'ship & transfer
Mary Gillett HARRIS 1890 Membership
Octavius JACKSON 1889 Transfer
Emily JACKSON and son 1892 Membership
Anna Maria KING 1896 Transfer
David Sheppard KING 1896 "
Mary Ward KING 1897 "
Walter Henry LEAN 1894 "
Benjamin Bower LE TALL
Amy LIDBETTER 1873 "
Deborah LIDBETTER 1873 "
Ellen Louise LIDBETTER 1889 Membership
(and son James Staples) 1890 Transfer Appln.
S.1/B

MEMBERSHIP

B.3 cont'd.

Margaret Ann LIDBETTER 1873 Transfer
Thomas (and family) LIDBETTER 1890 "
William Walpole LIDBETTER 1893 "
Joseph B. MATHER 1891 Disassociated
E. Sydney MORRIS 1924 Transfer "
Irene MORRIS 1925 "
(and children G. & M.E.)
E. Ethel OYSTON 1924 Membership appln.
Alice PEIRCE 1895 Transfer
(and daughter Margaret (minor))
Henry L. POLLARD 1893 Transfer
Richard POLLARD 1891 "
William John SHEPPARD 1883 "
Charles SOWDEN 1890 "
Eric TODD 1925 "
James Backhouse WALKER 1891 Disassociation
Joseph Benson WALKER 1874 Reaffirmation of membership
Elizabeth A. WALKER 1891 Disassociation
Mary Augusta WALKER 1893 Transfer
Robert WALKER 1891 Disassociation
Jane WATSON 1892 Request for membership
Ralph WATSON 1890 Request for membership
Mary WHATMOUGH

Added to list of members. Min.3 19/11/1891
Lucy Emma Propsting
and children of above and N. Henry
Alfred George Henry
Ida Lucy
Eleanor
Cecil
Amy
Winifred Elizabeth
Lillian Newburn

children of Edward C. and Helen Cotton

children of J. Ridley and Adah C. Walker
Ursula Ridley, Geo. Washington,
Bernard Ridley, Margaret Joan Ridley.

Ralph Watson and wife Jane invited to apply for membership.
S.1/ MEMBERSHIP

BIRTHS

1834 - January 1886 Entered in back of Hobart M.M. Minute book vol. 1. See S.1/A.1(1)

Noting date, where born, name, description (i.e. son or daughter), names of parents, residence, description of father (i.e. occupation), remarks (e.g. 'not a member'), signature of Registrar. Includes a few earlier notices from 1792; also some Sydney entries before 1844.

B.4 Certificates, notifications of birth 1873-1897, 1924 (1 folder)

Note: some birth notes included with Minutes (also in show cases at M.H.)

Blyth, Olive Mester 21/9/1890
daughter of Harold William and Edith Consuelis (née Cotton)

Clark, Isabel Eddington 15/2/1893
daughter of Geo. Eddington and Edith Clemes

Carins, William Collingwood 5/3/1894
son of W. (or ?M) A. and Mary

Clark, Everard Lindsey 28/10/1895
son of Geo. Eddington and Edith Clemes

Dixon, Philip Fletcher 19/3/1892
son of John Wm. and Marion

Gray, Oberlin Herbert 11/10/1890
son of Frederic S. and Bithiah

Gray, Arthur Plester in N.Z. 25/11/1893
son of Frederic S. and Bithiah
Gray, Frederic Oliver 11/7/1895
son of Frederic S. and Bithiah

Gray, Thomas Edward 31/1/1897
son of Frederic S. and Bithiah

Mather, Douglas Robert 16/7/1875
son of Robt. and Ann Elizabeth

Mather, Irene Wiseman 27/4/1889
daughter of Robt. and Ann Elizabeth

May, Roland Morris 9/12/1891
son of Wm. L. and Marg. E.

Mather, Clara Hope 7/7/1892
daughter of Robt. and Ann Eliz.

Mather, Ellen Grace 2/9/1893
daughter of Thos. Bourne and Eliz. (Gray)

May, Anna Mary 25/5/1893
daughter of Wm. L. and Marg. E.

May, Lucy Margaret 24/8/1895
daughter of Wm. L. and Marg. E.

Morris, Margaret Ellen 7/9/1924
daughter of Emanuel Sydney and Irene Totten

Pollard, William George 17/2/1873
son of Robt. Geo. and Adaline

Propsting, Frederick 15/11/1873
son of Henry and Hannah

Pierce, Margaret 9/2/1881
daughter of John and Alice
MEMBERSHIP

MARRIAGES

1834-1887 Entered in back of Hobart Monthly meeting Minute Book. Noting names, places of residence, date of marriage. See : S. 1/A. 1(1)

B. 5 Papers relating to marriage 1874-1905
Declarations of intention, consent of parents, Liberation Documents, records of marriages, Marriage Amendment Act (1896) (1 folder)

Clark, George Eddington
m. Clemes, Edith Emma 1891

Grasby, William Cotton
m. Propstting, Hannah 1896

Mather, Joseph Francis
m.
1) Lidbetter, Margaret Ann 1874
2) Thompson, Lucy Margaret 1905

May, William Lewis
m. Lester, Edith Ellen 1904

Walker, John Ridley
m. Giblin, Adah Caroline 1882

Also copy of "Society of Friends Magazine Regulations 1906 (London)"
S.1/ MEMBERSHIP

DEATHS

1831 - August 1888Entered in back of Hobart M.M. Minute book. See S.1/A.1(1)

1844 - April 1851 Entered near back of Launceston M.M. Minute book. See S.1/A.3

When died, name, age, residence, description (e.g. 'daughter of', 'wife of'), when buried, where buried, name of Registrar.

B.6 Burial notes, certificates of death and burial dates 1870-1896, 1923-1933. (Some also attached to Minutes.)

Arnold, Mary 7/9/1894 (not a member)
Andrews, Mabel Emilie 15/4/1896 (7)

Brock, Herbert Edward 8/9/1889 (27) (died at sea)
Bell, Alice Jane 4/3/1928 (70)

Clemes, Margaret 4/4/1923 (74)
Clemes, Samuel 25/10/1922 (76)
Cooper, Elizabeth Adele 27/4/1923 (59)
Crawford, Marion 2/8/1922 (90)
Cotton, Francis jr. 2/5/1872 (50)
Crouch, John Marston 3/10/1874 (5y)
Cotton, Harold Tennyson 21/10/1874
Crouch, Thomas James 29/5/1890 (84)
Cotton, Joseph 23/7/1923 (82)

Fairfax, child of Mrs 7/11/1893 (stillborn)

Gray, Frederick Simmons 25/2/1933 (79)

Mather, Esther 1/9/1872 (77)
Mather, Robert Arthur 20/2/1890 (35)
Mather, John Davenport 8/3/1890 (30)
Mather, Harriet Eliza Ann 9/5/1890 (30)
Mather, Joseph Benson 17/5/1890 (75)
Mather, Ann 20/2/1892 (71y. 9m)
Mather, Irene Wistar 24/12/1892 (3y. 8m.)
Mather, Ellen Grace 16/9/1893 (14 days)
Mather, Ann Elizabeth 28/4/1923 (74)
Mather, Joseph Francis 11/8/1925 (81)
Mather, Thomas Bourne 5/12/1925 (74)
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B.6 DEATHS cont'd.

Propsting, Julia Davidson 14/6/1894 (39)
Propsting, Emma 15/8/1896 (54)
Propsting, Nathaniel Henry 12/11/1922 (73)

Rawson, Sarah 14/4/1890 (70)
Rowntree, Edward Casson 8/11/1893 (82)
Rowntree, Hannah 22/2/1895 (68)

Spooner, Thomas 6/4/1896 (85)

Todd, Fanny Emma 7/7/1872 (daughter of Geo. S. Crouch) aet. 9 wks
Thomas, Alfred George 31/1/1890
Tanner, Annie Worth 5/11/1891 (65)

Vaughan, Marian Rachel 12/5/1892 (6)

Walker, Margaret Bragg 17/11/1870
Walker, Eliza Hannah 5/10/1891 (48)
Walker, Sarah Benson 26/8/1893 (81)
Walker, Robert 7/9/1894 (48)
Wells, Elizabeth Lucy 5/2/1925 (72)

B.7 TESTIMONIES AFTER DEATH 1925

To the life and service of:
   Joseph Francis Mather, William Lewis May,
   Thomas Bourne Mather (2 copies)
Correspondence and copies of testimonies.
   (1 folder)
C.1 First Meeting House, Hobart, 1837-1880

Papers relating to purchase of suitable premises by James Backhouse and appointment of 'trustees', 1837 (inc. reduced copy of elevation and ground plans).

Additions and repairs 1857
Erection of two school rooms behind Meeting House and repairs to main premises 84.15s.6d., 4 to surveyor for superintending work.
(See M.M. Minute 10, 5 Mar. 1857 Ref. S.1/A.1(1))
Money borrowed to defray these expenses and contributions received.
(See M.M. Minute 7, 2 Apr. 1857 Ref. S.1/A.1(1))

Transfer 1858
Transfer of ownership to Hobart Monthly Meeting.
Latch of Meeting House exhibited in present Meeting House showcase (see explanation with letter 13 May 1958 Ref. S.1/C.3(3), 3rd M.H.)
Accounts 1876-1879
Gas, insurance, fencing, rates
(1 folder)
S.1/ PROPERTY

C.2 Second Meeting House, Murray Street, 1879-1958

(1) Tender 1879.
Building tender for £964 plus extras (total £1,115) from Rippon Shield, builder.

List of subscriptions by English Friends for Mtg.Hse 13/8/1880 (Total £137.0.0)

Building 1880
See also Building arrangements, architects' plans rejected, and revised, use of surplus stone from rebuilt Roman Catholic cathedral.
Builders' accounts and accounts for initial fittings (See a/cs at end)

Decorating 1889.
Agreed quote from decorator.

Room under Meeting House fitted out to be used for Social Teas.
(see also M.H. a/cs) 1904
Basement problems and repairs 1917.
Correspondence with architects/surveyors and Boys' Life Brigade.

Lease of land at rear of Meeting House 1924, 1925-1930. (See also M.M. Min.7 of 6.2.1889 Ref.S.1/A.1(2) to Thos.Porthouse)
Transfer of trust to National Executors and Trustees Co. 1926.

Mortgage 1928

Declaration by Evan Williams about adjoining property projecting over boundary. 8 Oct. 1935.

Request by neighbour, C.S. Smith to connect drainage to Meeting House system. Feb. 1936.


Blockage of drain and cost of repairs 1956.

Proposed sale of Meeting House 1956

Piping of rivulet at rear of property, 1957.

Sale of second Meeting House 1957-58.
Correspondence with solicitors and estate agents on option to purchase, auction, sale, etc., (See also M.M. Min.2, Ref: S.1/A.1(7) 13 July 1958), removal of safe into store (1958) (See also M.M. Min.12, Ref.S.1/A.1(7) 9 Feb. 1958).

(2) Accounts 1879-1958
PROPERTY

C. 3 Third Meeting House, 393 Argyle Street, Hobart. 1956 –


(2) Sketches, plans, specifications for new Meeting House. 1958-59.
   (i) Survey plan (n.d)
   (ii) Scheme 1 (April 1958)
   (iii) Scheme 2 (August 1958)
   (iv) Scheme 3 and letter 15 Dec 1958 (December 1958)
   (v) Scheme 4 (May 1959)
   (vi) Final plans and working drawings with structural and joinery details with letter 23 October 1959 (October 1959)

(3) Building 1957-66
   Building committee, building fund, samples of donations (1960-61), loans (1960-66), Savings Bank books (1954-63), correspondence with architects, solicitors, Friends School, London Friends central office, etc.

   Opening of Meeting House 1960-1.
   First meeting for Worship held 25 December 1960.
   Special meeting for Worship, official opening with invited guests 19 March 1961.

   Palfreyman House 1962-63
   Recommendation for use of Palfreyman House, plans for proposed alterations to provide flats for rent (29 March 1962), subsequent sale of house to Friends School.

   Mortgage repaid 1968.
   Repayment completed of mortgage on whole property, solicitors’ letter 21 August 1968.

(4) Accounts 1958-65
   For surveyors, architects, builders, storage, fixtures and fittings, equipment, insurance, rates, shrubs, garden loam, repairs, cleaning, etc.
S.1/ PROPERTY

C.4 Claremont Meeting House

(1) Correspondence 29 January 1921 - 30 May 1945

including xerox copy of letter from W. Cooper, Sydney, to Edward Cadbury, Bournville, England, 29.1.1921, about Cadbury's at Claremont, Tasmania, mentioning the need for a plain building at Claremont village which could be used for Friends' Meetings and other activities, plan (with letter 17 July 1925) building of Meeting House, lease of land from Cadbury-Fry-Pascall Pty. Ltd. (1925), ultimate sale and removal of Meeting House (1944-1945).

(2) Meeting House Committee Minute Book 18 March 1923 - 31 March 1926.

Finance

(3) Building Fund

(4) Accounts
Tradesmen's accounts for bricks, labour, electrical work, furniture, fences, sign board, etc., also insurance. 24 January 1924 - May 1926.

Photograph of Claremont Meeting House 1923. See S.1/H.6, also transparency S.1/J.1(50).

'History' of Meeting House attached to M.M. Minutes of 12 November 1944 - Ref. S.1/A.1(6).
PROPERTY

BURIAL GROUNDS

C.5 Hobart, Mellifont Street.

(1) Deed of gift from Wm. Shoobridge to James Backhouse 10 February 1836 (held by solicitors, J.B. Walker and Wolfhagen (later Simmonds, Wolfhagen, Simmons and Walch). Receipt 30 May 1895, (Copy).

Appointment of Trustees, application for Crown grant 1850 (copy of Monthly Meeting Minute 3, 4 April 1850).

Declaration of Trust, 1 April 1851, registered 3 April 1851. (? with solicitors - see letter 10 April 1926)

Stone wall 1851, 1852. .. Erection of a rubble stone wall [around Burial ground] six feet high and to have glass bottles on the top properly set in mortar. Two piers for the gateway, seven feet high and to have a stone cap on the top for cost of £80. Payment to architect for superintending work, £3 17 0. Paid out of funds raised for the purpose. (See Monthly Meeting Min. 3, 2 Oct. 1851; Min. 6, 1 Jan., 1852, Min. 4, 1 Apr. 1852 Ref. S.1/A.1(1))

Cornelian Bay Cemetery 1914, 1915. T.B. Mather's reports of interviews with Trustees of Cornelian Bay Cemetery, 7 Sept., 1914, 11 Feb., 1915. Type of headstone for graves at Cornelian Bay (copy of M.M. Min. 5, 25 April 1915, Ref. S.1/A.1(4))

Land grant 1925 Notice of application by Lucy Anna Moore for grant of land adjoining burial ground, 26 March 1925.

Trustees, 1926 Transfer of Trustee-ship to Nat. Executors & Trustees Co. of Tasmania Ltd.

Lease of ground 1926 10 year lease of half Burial ground to Hobart City Council for use as a children's playground, after objections to sale of ground by various Friends.

Removal to Cornelian Bay 1936 Estimates for exhumation of graves and re-interment or cremation at Cornelian Bay (no action taken)

Gift to City Council 1936, 1937 Gift of Burial ground to Hobart City Council with certain conditions including naming of ground 'Friends' Park' and headstones to be placed against boundary wall. Conveyance of transfer, erection of public lavatory.
PROPERTY

C.5 Hobart Burial Ground (Cont'd)

Recreation ground 1941
Declared to be a city recreation ground to comply with the Hobart Corporation Act and City By-laws.

Use and state of ground 1957, 1962-1983
Trolley bus turning circle to be made on part of the Reserve.
Comments by Hobart M.M. to H.C.C. on untidy condition of ground and unsightliness of public conveniences.
Copies of Monthly Meeting minutes, comments from Friends concerning submission to H.C.C. for notice board to be erected, state of gravestones, collapse of wall etc.; and subsequent correspondence with H.C.C.

(2) Plans of Burial ground 1857, c 1865 and n.d.
with marked graves -
1 linen backed, on wallpaper, 2 April 1857
1 linen backed, edged with silk, n.d. (c 1865?)
with paths and borders for shrubs and flowers, n.d.

(3) Accounts 1873-1906
Digging grave, fencing, taking down and rebuilding wall, 1873, 1886, 1889, 1891, 1900, 1905, removing body and reinterring, removing headstone (1876) erecting, repairing and repainting gates 1886.
Friends' contribution to repairs of Mellifont St. (1890)
Solicitor's account for conveyance of ground to new trustees (1890)
cleaning graveyard 1893, clearing and cutting trees 1906.
Police rates, caretaking (also included in Mtg. Hse accounts) road rate, land tax, repairs to lock and chain (1904).

(4) Lists of burials, graves.
Burials since Feb. 1890 (31, with dates) n.d.

Burials 1837-1937
List compiled by C. Frederick Cooper (83 names with date of death and age)

Miscellaneous lists (2) n.d.

C.6 Launceston

1838
Copy of John Lawson's will requesting burial after the manner of the Society of Friends.

Conveyance of land, 1840.
Copy of conveyance of land to J. Lawson and T. Willington to be used as a Friends' Burial ground. Price paid £16.

Rental of land to Charles Wills for 1 shilling per annum 1862.
PROPERTY

C.6 Launceston Burial Ground (cont'd)

Cottage 1863-1932
Correspondence from John Lawson concerning rental of ground to Benjiman (sic) Cockerill for 7 year periods at 1 shilling p.a. with permission to build a cottage thereon at his own expense, keeping the fences in good order and the burial ground clear of obstructions.
Memorandum of agreement between Trustees and Benjiman Cockerill 14 October 1865 (and draft).
Death of Benjiman Cockerill, cottage unfinished but occupied by his widow and daughter and later, daughter only. Fences and cottage dilapidated, ground overgrown - Report on state of property with plan, 19 July 1890. Rent raised to one shilling per week (1894) and warning to daughter Harriett of eventual three months' notice to quit (1895).
Various sums received for rent from Harriett Cockerill per C. Nickalls 1900-1908.
Search for title of land 1901 (see Solicitors' account rendered - in General accounts, Ref. S.1/F.7(5))
Correspondence with City Council and solicitors dealing with eventual transfer 1931-1932.

C.7 Quaker Housing Project 31 July 1977 - 5 April 1981

In 1977 a concern was felt by Hobart Regional Meeting to find accommodation close to the Meeting House for older members who wanted to be independent for as long as possible but who would welcome a setting in which they could be given support and encouragement. It was envisaged that a group of Friends of varying ages, living in a close community, could share skills and resources to achieve this end.
A block of nearby units became available and it was decided to purchase one for the Regional Meeting with the help of loans and donations from members. This could be rented by any Friend wishing to live there but unable to buy a unit. Several of the remaining units were purchased by individual Friends and a community of friendly co-operation soon developed. The Regional Meeting unit was let to a Friend with failing eyesight and after three years was purchased for her by her daughter. Loans and donations were returned to lenders and donors and surplus funds were invested to provide for any future housing needs.

(1) Minute Book 22 August 1977 - 5 April 1981
includes copies of rules, letters of appeal for fund-raising, financial statements, correspondence etc.

(2) Committee Papers.
Reports of Meetings, letters of appeal for fund raising, rules, sample loan/donation forms, article in newsletter (October 1977).
Correspondence with solicitors, Perpetual Trustees, etc. (1 folder)
PROPERTY

C.7 Quaker Housing Project (cont'd)

Finance

(3) Cashbook:

   (soft cover)

   (soft cover)

(6) Loan Register
   (1 vol.)

(7) Receipt book 15 September 1977 - 16 November 1980

    Cheque books (4) 22 September 1977 - 16 March 1981
   (1 folder)

(9) Notices of intention (loans or donations), loan certificates, receipts,
    correspondence, financial balances for 1978, 1979, 1980 and to 17 March
    1981, with relevant accounts and receipts for rent, rates, interest,
    maintenance and other expenses.
   (2 folders)

(10) Miscellaneous
    Rubber stamp "Quaker Housing Project".
BEQUESTS AND BURSARIES

D.1 ESTHER MATHER
Died 1 September 1872 leaving £50 to be invested to help with the building of a suitable and proper [Friends'] Meeting House. But if not erected or finished within 21 years then the accumulated funds to go to whoever is entitled to the residue of her estate. (Extract from will.)

Legacy, with accrued interest, say £55. (See memo on Building Fund account with Min.3, 5/2/1879 Ref. S.1/A.1(2) to £70 on 1/12/1879 (Min. 3, 7/1/1880 Ref. S.1/A.1(2))

D.2 FRANCIS COTTON BEQUEST
This bequest was made in a will dated 31 January 1882. (Francis Cotton died in 1883.) The income from the investment of £500 was to be paid or applied to or for the support of accredited Ministers of the Society travelling as Missionaries in Tasmania and to or for Ministers so accredited as Missionaries by the Monthly Meeting of Hobart. The capital was to be kept intact in the hope that it would be increased by other legacies and donations or by accumulated income. The investments authorised by the will are real securities in, or Government debentures of, Tasmania.

(1) (Copies of extract from will (2) and summary.)
First Trustees appointed 1886.
(Copy of M.M. Min.4, 6 Jan. 1886 Ref. S.1/A.1(2))

Correspondence and Papers 1895-1973
Correspondence, extracts from Minutes, legal proceedings for alteration of wording of Bequest, including an appeal against alteration (later withdrawn) and resignation of some members over the matter (1932), legal explanation of the will by lawyer, P.A. Wilson. (25 June 1973).

Finance

(2) Account Book 1886-1935
Principal, interest, Commonwealth Stock, list of mortgages etc. (also includes Monthly Meeting Treasurer's account of subscriptions and current expenses, June 1888 - July 1889, page 50, loan to Monthly Meeting 1924 - 1929 p.27. Other headings, unused. (Bound vol.)

(3) Interest account book 1886 - [1946]
Receipts and expenditure.
(Exercise book, stiff cover.)

(4) Correspondence, etc. 1891 - 1960
Investments, (mortgage, stock, savings bank accounts) notices of interest cheques paid, payments to Friends from bequest and receipts (1912 - 1960 and n.d.), payments to Chas. Miller for clerical work (1918 - 1923). Solicitors' fees and statements, etc. (2 folders)
D.3 HENRY PROPSTING BEQUEST
A bequest 'to the Hobart Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends',
made in a will dated 6 May 1892, for £50 to be invested and the
interest used 'for the benefit of any poor members of the Society at
the discretion of the said Meeting'.

Bequest accepted by Society of Friends, Trustees appointed, 1902.
Copy of M.M. Minute 5, 14 April 1902, also extracts from will and
Solicitors' letter (original inserted in Minute Book Ref. S.1/A.1(4)).

Help for a member of the Society, 1931-1943
Correspondence, receipts for care, etc.

D.4 THOMAS BOURNE MATHER died 1925
Received money from legacy for missionary work.
Part of legacy used for transfer of Meeting House property to National
Trustees, 1927.

D.5 CLAREMONT BURSARY FUND
A fund established in 1946 after the sale of Claremont Meeting House
for the benefit of Tasmanian Friends' children attending the Friends'
school.

Correspondence & Papers 1946-1984
Extracts of Hobart Monthly Meeting Minutes, correspondence between
Hobart Meeting and the Friends' school, minutes of Bursary Fund com-
mittee meeting (Feb. 1982).
(Last letter incomplete.)

D.6 LENA GRAY BEQUEST
Lena Gray died on 28 July 1960 leaving half her estate 'to the
Religious Society of Friends in Tasmania for the general purposes of
that Society' (see M.M. Min.8 of 11 Sept. 1960 - Ref. S.1/A.1(7))
The Bequest was later incorporated into a 'Bequests Account' to
include other non-specific bequests. (R.M. Min.7 of 2 Aug. 1981 -
[Ref. S.1/A.1(10)]).
(A quarter of the estate was left to the Friends' School)

Letter from Butler, McIntyre and Butler enclosing realisation account
and cheque from the estate (20 Dec. 1960), receipt from member of
Hobart Meeting for payment from Bequest (1963).
S.1/ BEQUESTS AND BURSARIES

D.6 Continued

Statements of accounts. 1902-1935, 1983
(For others see also Francis Cotton Bequest and Hobart R.M. Yearly
Statements of accounts.)
Hobart Savings Bank books (6). 1915-1952
(1 folder)

D.7 RAYMOND WILSON BEQUEST
Raymond Wilson died on 7 July 1967. He left a part of his estate to
'The Society of Friends (also known as The Quakers) of The Friends'
School, Hobart, .... to be used by the trustees of such Society for
the general purpose and work of the School. In May 1969, a committee
appointed to consider the use of the interest from the money invested,
recommended that it be used to enable the School to invite persons of
special creative qualities to live and work in the School community or
to give talks, conduct discussions, etc. The choice of such persons
to be the responsibility of the School Board of Governors.

Copy of will 28 April 1967.
Correspondence 1968-1970
With solicitors and Friends' School.
(1 folder)

D.8 Other bequests
In 1981 a Bequests Account was opened by the Hobart Regional Meeting
to incorporate non-specific monetary bequests by members of the
Society.
(1 folder)
CORRESPONDENCE

YEARELY, LATER ANNUAL, MEETING 1834-1902

Epistles, Circular Letters, etc. 1732 - 1902

E.1 Minute book of Y.M. Correspondence Committee 21 Dec. 1857-29 Nov. 1893 includes copies of Epistles, reciprocal correspondence with 'the other Meetings of Friends, or isolated Members, or persons professing our principles in the Australian Colonies and New Zealand,' proposal from London Meeting for Sufferings for the interchange of membership with Great Britain (1857) and address in reply (1858), petition to Parliament supporting Bill for discontinuing State Aid for religious purposes (1859), publication of address on war (1860).

Also, loose, letters received (1860-1863) copy of Y.M. Minute to Committee of Correspondence (1862) and drafts of correspondence sent (1863 and n.d.).

E.2 Copies of epistles and circular letters to and from other meetings in Australia and N.Z., also the Continental Committee, London. 1891-2. Note: Report of Friends' School Committee and statement of Receipts and Expenditure, 1891, at end. (Bound volume).

E.3 Copies of epistles and circular letters, as above, 1893-4, copy of The Queries. Note: Report and abstract of Receipts and Expenditure, Friends' High School 1893 at end. (Bound volume).

E.4 Copybook of epistles to various meetings Mar. 1897 - Mar. 1902.

E.5 Printed addresses to absent members, other Friends in isolated situations 1880, 1881, 1891.

E.6 Epistles, etc. from other meetings:
(1) London: 1732-1894, 1960,62 (incomplete). Yearly meeting, Women Friends, Meeting for Sufferings include various petitions and statements on Abolition of Tithes 1833,34; slavery, 1833, negro apprenticeship 1838; abolition of church rates 1850; Militia Bill 1852; arrangements for disciplinary connection with Australian meetings, 1861. Addresses to Queen Victoria on her accession, 1837 and her marriage, 1840 (also to her mother and Prince Albert).
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E. 6 Cont’d.
(2) Epistle to London Yearly Meeting from George Churchman, Maryland 1792.

(3) Dublin, Yearly Meeting of Women Friends 1878, 1881, 1887, 1889 to women of meetings in Australia and N. Z.

(4) U.S.A Women Friends 1870, 1875, 1880, 1881, 1886, 1887, (n.d)

Correspondence received:

E. 7 Letters, epistles, replies to epistles from individual Friends and other meetings.
James Backhouse and George Washington Walker from South Africa (1838, 1840), Meeting for Sufferings, London (1871), Anna Maria Cotton (1873), S J Bell (1874), S Australia (1876, 77), Rockhampton (1880, 1887, 1888), Melbourne (1887), Auckland (1888), Sydney (1889, 1896), Brisbane (n.d), Meetings.

E. 8 To Joseph B Mather (Y. M. Correspondence Committee) 1871-1890, mostly in reply to letters sent with epistles.
From:

E. 9 Miscellaneous

(1) Extracts from correspondence in relation to fugitives from Slavery in America 1863 (printed paper 1864).

(2) Y. M. London Minute 1887
Recognition of Sydney Meeting as a Meeting for discipline.

(3) Conference of Society of Friends, Melbourne 1888.
Minute 38: formation of peace organisations in Australia.

* Photo of Elinor Clifton (1793-1866), cousin of Elizabeth Fry – to be found page 135 of “A question of survival : Quakers in Australia in the nineteenth century, Morris Quaker BX 7725 .O18 1985
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MONTHLY MEETING

E.10 (1) From Wm. Benson, Melbourne to R. Mather (clerk) 13 June 1891. Possibility of next Australian Conference being held during year.

(2) From Alice Pierce to Hobart Monthly Meeting 1896. Visiting Friends around Queensland, going to Sydney then wishes to attend Annual Meeting in Melbourne.

(3) From Clifford Cooke, Manchester to Thomas B. Mather (registrar) and copy of reply 1925. Requesting nomination for emigration to Tasmania, request refused.

(4) To clerk, Maurice Oyston 1925-26. Miscellaneous, also draft and copy of outgoing letter to Mayor of Hobart, Premier and newspapers concerning visiting American sailors and alcohol (1925), copy of letter to Prime Minister on League of Nations from Melbourne Monthly Meeting (1926).

GENERAL MEETING, AUSTRALIA 1902 - 1963

Subscriptions and current expenses, Treasurer's account June 1888-July 1889
(See Account Book with Francis Cotton Bequest Ref.S.1/D.2(2), p.50)

F.1  Cash book  April 1895 - June 1953
    Receipts and Payments
    (bound vol.)

F.2(1) Members contributions to Monthly Meeting 1885-1908, Dec., 1945-July 1972
    (2) Notebook giving names of members and amounts collected 1886 - 1901
    (3) Receipt book  May 1894 - Oct. 1897
    (4) Dues book  1897 - 1903

F.3  Receipts  July 1953 - Mar. 1967
    (1-4) 4 books (various)

F.4  Expenditure  July 1953 - Mar. 1967
    (1 book, soft cover)

F.5  
    (1-9) Bank Pass Books
    1875-1884
    1889-1890
    1897-1900
    1900-1901
    1901-1905
    1905-1907
    1958-1959
    1960-Feb. 1962
    Mar. 1962 - May 1962

F.6  Investments  Aug. 1956 - Jan. 1964
    Misc. corres., stock certs, receipts, etc.

F.7  Sundry Accounts
    (1) Accounts to Hobart Monthly Meeting for payments made by J.B. Mather & Son
    on its behalf 1877 - 1888
    (bundle)
    (2) Printing, engraving advertisements, stationery, postage, typing, etc.
    1875-1966.
    (bundle)
    (3) Charity payments to Sarah Jane Bell 1887 - 1898
    (bundle)
    (4) Subscriptions to Australian Friend 1899 - 1908
    (bundle)
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F.7  (5) Solicitor's account for sundry services 1901 - 1908  
(6) Sunday school accounts (equipment, materials) 1951 - 1965 (bundle)  
(7) Film slides and screening, hire of Town Hall and amplifier 1958.  
(8) Sample of Sales Tax Form (Sales Tax Act 1935 - 1959)  
(9) Fares to Sandford meeting 1958.

F.8  Donations, contributions, subscriptions from Monthly Meeting (later Regional Meeting) 1900 - 1904, 1952 - 1982  
Letter of thanks, receipts, copies of minutes authorising payments.  
(1 folder)

(bundle)

F.10 Samples of working papers, running expenses, 1951-1953, 1959-1969, 1976/77 include monthly, annual statements with relevant accounts, balance sheets and/or drafts (1965-1969 signed by Treasurer and/or Auditor), bank statements, etc.  
(1 folder)

F.11 Miscellaneous Correspondence 1966 - 1970.  
Thanks to Auditor, recommendations from Finance Committee.  
(1 folder)

F.12 Copies and drafts of M.M. Treasurers' accounts 1890-91, 1904, 1905, 1908.
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MISCELLANEOUS

Manuscripts etc.

G.1 'A Short Account of The Rise and Progress of the Society of Friends in Tasmania Published in Commemoration Of the 50th Anniversary of Its Formation with Some Reference to The Formation of Meetings In The Australian Colonies' [1883]
Manuscript written by Joseph Benson Mather, but not signed. Handwritten, with corrections, on loose octavo papers. Also rough notes, extracts from Monthly Meeting Minutes. (See also M.M.Min.6, 3/10/1883. Ref. S.1/A.1(2))

G.2 'A Monotonous Monologe (sic) Read at the breaking up of Friends' School at the close of the first year of its Establishment' [1887] MS by Joseph Benson Mather?, unfinished.

G.3 Articles by William Cooper on religion, particularly the Society of Friends, including some published in 'Australian Christian World', others for broadcasts, meetings, etc. with newspaper cuttings and drafts, 1931-1948 and n.d. (MSS and TSS)

(1) To: Sir Ronald Hibbert Cross 23 Aug. 1951 signed by Clerk and Registrar (See also M.M. Min. 5, 12 Aug 1951 Ref. S.1/A.1(7)) (2 copies)

(2) Lord Rowallan 21 Oct. 1959 signed by Clerk and Assistant Clerk. (2 drafts, 2 copies) also correspondence with Chief Secretary, Government House, 8-9 Oct.

(3) Lt. General Sir Charles Gairdner 1963 (1 typed copy, 1 scroll with heading only, invoice for typing)

G.5 Nuclear Weapons. n.d.
Statement against Hydrogen Bombs issued by the Executive of the Religious Society of Friends in Great Britain and endorsed by Hobart Monthly Meeting (2 copies)
MISCELLANEOUS

G. 6  Conscientious Objection 1970
Two signed statements by Stephen Meredith made when appearing as a conscientious objector before the Hobart Court during the Vietnam War and copy of statement by Hobart Regional Meeting (n.d).


G. 8  W N Oats: "Musicians for World Peace", 18 June 1989
"Dr W N Oats speaking during interval at 'Musicians for World Peace' concert at the Sydney opera House".
(cassette recording C90).

G. 9  The Friends School Register, 1887-1964 (C.D)
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PHOTOGRAPHS

✓ H.1 George Washington Walker (1800-1859) aged 54. by Beattie, Hobart. (sepia, cabinet size, mounted; eyes and hair colour tinted).

✓ H.2 Rockhampton Friends' Bible School Annual Picnic 24 May 1889 inscribed: For Friends of Hobart Meeting, with love from Rockhampton Friends Association. 24.v.1889. (sepia, cabinet size, mounted, with key)

H.3 Photograph album of C.J. and J. Holdsworth 1867-1869

Album of photographs, carte de visite size, of Friends in South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria and a few views. Charles and John Holdsworth visited Australia in 1867-9, as young men, with William Benson and a tutor, Joseph Bell.

Photographs include:
South Australia: pages 1-17, 43, 48, 50
Members of families of Moorhouse, Williams, May, Frederick and Rachel Mackie, Phillips, Coleman, Campbell, Way, Wheeler, P.B. Fox, Dunn, Duffield (and Duffield home), Moorhouse, Horner, Brind, McKirdy, Willington, Binns, Robson. Also views of Adelaide and South Australian aborigines.

Tasmania: pages 18-31, 42, 46
Members of families of Cotton (pp. 18-20), Mather (21-23), Walker, Crouch, McRay, Bell, Houron, and C.J. and J. Holdsworth. Also views of Hobart, Newtown, Ferntree, Launceston, Kelvedon, Mona Vale, and Tasmanian aborigines (Charles Wooley photo 1866).

Victoria: pages 32-41, 47, 48
Members of families of Sayce, White, Bell, Havey and Miss Beale. Also views of Ballarat, Melbourne and aborigines.

Sailing ship 'Sobraon' - 'the vessel that C.J. and J. Holdsworth sailed to Sydney on, leaving Plymouth the 21st of 11th Mo. 1866' page 15.

✓ H.4 Photographs of Camp groups 1909 and negatives of copies of Gosford and Lawson camps.
Gosford Dec. 10/13 (with key) Lawson Aug. 20/3 (with key)
Beltana Nov. 26/9 Evelyn Oct. 22/5
(Held during visit of Wilfred Littleboy & J. Elliott Thorp from Meeting for Sufferings to Young Friends)

H.5 Photograph of General Meeting, Adelaide 1913
Undated photo, but style of dress suggests 1913, General Meetings were held in Adelaide in 1905, 1909, 1913, 1917.

✓ H.6 Photograph of Friends' Meeting House, Claremont. 1923 (Copy)
The Society of Friends in Tasmania from 1832 to 1981

The formation of the Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends in Van Diemans land in 1833 meant the birth officially of Quakerism in Australia.

These slides and brief notes show something of the growth and a few of the participants in that growth, in what since 1855, has been known as Tasmania.

Photography mainly by Kelsey Aves and notes by Nancie Hewitt.
‘The Society of Friends in Tasmania from 1832 to 1981. The formation of the Monthly meeting of the Society of friends in Van Diemen’s Land in 1883 meant the birth officially of Quakerism in Australia’.

(1-68) A collection of transparencies, mostly prepared by Alec Nightingale with brief notes by Nancie Hewitt. Includes various Quakers, Governor Arthur, Duterreau’s painting of George Augustus Robinson with aborigines, Hobart Friends’ Meeting Houses, burial ground, Friends’ School, etc. (see over).

Miscellaneous transparencies of early Hobart, Friends’ School, Quaker children wearing historical clothes, in plays at Yearly Meetings, etc., past and present members of Hobart meeting. (un-numbered – see over).
1. This early picture of Hobart Town gives some idea of what it looked like just before the arrival of Backhouse and Walker.

2. George Fox (1624-1691), was born at Fenny Drayton, Leicestershire, England. He was the founder of the Society of Friends.

3. Elizabeth Fry (1780-1845) was well known for her efforts towards prison reform. It has been confirmed that she was responsible for the planting of the seed of a possible visit to the Colonies by James Backhouse.

4. This shows Elizabeth Fry visiting Newgate Gaol. The woman with her is Mary Sanderson.

5. This urn, the wedding gift to Mary Sanderson from Elizabeth Fry was presented to the Australia Yearly Meeting. It is kept in the display case in Hobart Meeting House library.

6. James Backhouse (1794-1869) came to Australia with George Washington Walker in 1832, and travelled first for several years in Van Diemen's Land, followed by extensive visits on the Mainland of Australia, and to Norfolk Island.

   His chief concerns were to learn about the conditions among the convicts and the Aborigines. He was encouraged by Governor Arthur to give reports from time to time containing constructive criticism and suggestions.

   In 1833 he and George Washington Walker convened the first Monthly Meeting in the Australian Colonies, in Hobart Town. The minutes of that Monthly Meeting and subsequent ones have been continuously kept and preserved since that time.

   His book, "A Narrative of a Visit to the Australian Colonies" is a very valuable piece of Australiana.
7. George Washington Walker (1800-1859) came as companion to James Backhouse on his voyage to the Colonies. Following their later visit to South Africa, he returned to Hobart Town where he married Sarah Benson Kather in 1840. (In Sarah Benson Kather's reminiscences she writes that their marriage was the first Friends' marriage in Hobart Town. This was a mistake. In the showcase in the Hobart library is the marriage certificate of William Nicholias and Isabella Rayner in 1835.) Copy. Original - Ref. J.5/5

8. James Backhouse and George Washington Walker travelled extensively throughout Van Diemen's Land, on foot, on horseback, or by boat. They visited every settlement, every gaol, and every convict gang in all parts of the island. This is a map showing their journeys.

9. In Backhouse's journal, he states that this drawing had been inadvertently entitled as a Chain Gang near Sydney, but was in actuality drawn from the Hulk Chain Gang in Hobart Town.

10. Governor Arthur became Lieutenant Governor of Van Diemen's Land in 1824. He and his family always made Backhouse and Walker very welcome at Government House. They had a great regard for him, though with some sections of the inhabitants he was unpopular.

11. This was perhaps the first Anti-Racist Proclamation in Australia. It was directed to both settlers and Aborigines and was displayed throughout the island by order of Governor Arthur. It speaks for itself.

12. This is a painting by Duterreau showing George Augustus Robinson, who in 1830, after the failure of Arthur's Black Drive, went out, accompanied by a few friendly Aborigines to bring in the remaining members of the scattered tribes throughout Van Diemen's Land. They were to be taken to Flinders' Island.
13. In 1817 Czar Alexander I asked for, if possible, a Quaker agriculturist to undertake the supervision of the draining of the wastelands round St. Petersburg. Daniel Wheeler offered his services and remained there until 1832.

It was then he felt a concern to visit Van Diemen's Land, New South Wales and the Pacific Islands. Meeting for Sufferings gave its approval and the vessel "Henry Freeling" was bought and fitted through gifts from Friends. His son Charles offered to be his companion and they set out for Australia in 1833.

Daniel Wheeler mentioned in one of his letters a terrific storm they encountered, when at least two hundred whales lined up alongside the vessel and acted as a breakwind against the mountainous waves.

In Van Diemen's Land they met Backhouse and Walker and for a time travelled with them, conveying them to Sydney and Norfolk Island before continuing their own journey.

In the Hobart Meeting House Library is a tablecloth from the "Henry Freeling" and two shells from the Pacific Islands given to a Hobart Friend by Daniel Wheeler.

14. When Backhouse and Walker first came to Hobart they lodged with Thomas and Sarah Crouch. They were Wesleyans but Sarah Crouch afterwards joined Friends. Sarah Crouch in her younger days.

15. Thomas and Sarah Crouch in later life.

16. Port Davey was at the time of the visit of the vessel "Tamar", completely isolated and uninhabited, and still is, with only one or two families there, and with limited access.

The incident of Backhouse being nearly left behind and having to sit and slide down the hill is a highlight of his visit there. The "Tamar" had to wait here for seventeen days to avoid the stormy weather outside.
17. It was in 1831 that the remnants of the Van Diemen's Land Aborigines were taken to Flinders' Island. As J.B. Walker said, 'for the greater part of them it was destined to be their grave'.

Backhouse and Walker saw the settlement in 1832, and at his request made a report to the Governor.

This is Wybalenna, the site of the settlement. It meant in the native language, 'a resting place'.

Backhouse recorded one incident where the natives had been asked to stop using 'bal-de-winny' (a mixture of red ochre and grease) in their hair. They consented on condition they were given other covering for their heads. They were issued with Scotch caps which delighted them. Because they thought they resembled military caps, they immediately arranged themselves in ranks like soldiers.

It must be remembered that the natives of Van Diemen's Land were totally different from the race that inhabited the Mainland. They (the Tasmanians) were far more primitive.

Efforts are now being made to protect the remains of the original settlement on Flinders Island.

18. Francis Cotton (1800-1883) and his wife Anna Maria (1801-1883) had had belonged formerly to the Society of Friends in England. Their marriage had been solemnised outside the Society and therefore was regarded by Friends as irregular, and this was one of the reasons they were disowned. With their family they emigrated to Australia and settled in Van Diemen's Land in 1829. They received a grant of land some few miles south of Swansea (then known as Waterloo Point), which they named Kelvedon. It still remains in the Cotton family. A later resident on the East Coast commented that some of the Cotton neighbours 'was always quarrelin', but the Cottons, they was different, but then they was Quakers, and the fightin' bit has been left out o' Quakers'.

Kelvedon became, after Hobart, a main centre of Quakerism. First Francis, and later Anna Maria Cotton were received again into the Society, and for some time Monthly Meeting was held alternately
at Kelvedon and Hobart Town, and later, when Launceston Monthly Meeting was formed, the same procedure was followed between Kelvedon and Launceston.

19. A drawing of Kelvedon from Backhouse's journal.


21. Dr. George Story (1800-1885) was born in England. He was educated in Edinburgh, and received his Medical Diploma in 1824.

Edward Cotton wrote: "In those days 'subjects' were not legally obtainable and students had mainly to supply them themselves. Dr. Story would sometimes tell of the adventures, expedients, and exploits he was engaged in during wild midnights with a select party of students procuring subjects from fresh graves!"

In 1828 he emigrated to Van Diemen's Land. He was appointed District Assistant Surgeon at Swansea (then Waterloo Point). When Francis and Anna Maria Cotton settled at Kelvedon, he joined them, and except for two years (1842-1844) when he was in charge of the Royal Society Gardens (now Botanical Gardens) he made his home there. He was an ardent botanist and geologist.

Many were the stories he told of Aborigines, convicts, settlers and bushrangers in the early days. He was greatly loved among the people of the district. It was said: "No river was too flooded, no night too dark for him. He was always there when wanted, to birth or death and to all in between."

Although brought up as a Wesleyan, he joined Friends during the visit of Backhouse and Walker, and became an active and valued member of the Society.

J.F. Hodgkin comments in his journal in 1896, that when he visited Kelvedon, among the possessions left by Dr. Story, was to be seen "the skeleton of a child a few weeks old, and a whole shelf filled with parts of human skulls belonging to old patients of the doctor."
22. Robert Mather (1782-1855) had arrived in Hobart Town with his first wife Ann, and their family in 1821. He was a Wesleyan, but while in London had purchased from a barrow of second-hand books a copy of Barclay's Apology (still in possession of the Mather family). This proved a background for his later association with Friends.

He opened a shop in Hobart Town and was later given a grant of land at Muddy Plains (now Lauderdale), which he farmed. He also operated a haulage line across Ralph's Bay Neck to enable the small boats to avoid the longer distance around South Arm on their voyages to or from Hobart Town.

In 1831 his first wife died. He continued to live at Lauderdale, their home at Ralph's Bay, and it was here he met James Backhouse and George Washington Walker. In 1835 he returned to Hobart Town and again set up business as a draper.

About 1840 he married Esther Dixon, who is shown here with her husband.

He joined Friends in 1837.

23. Sarah Benson Mather (1812-1893) was the daughter of Robert Mather of Muddy Plains. She joined Friends in 1834.

In one of his letters George Washington Walker refuted strongly in no uncertain terms the rumoured suggestion among his friends in England, that her application for membership in the Society of Friends was inspired by regard for him!

After her mother's death, she took charge of her father's home until she married George Washington Walker in 1840.

Peter Walker, in "All That We Inherit", says of her "she had great energy and was so unremitting and scrupulous in her attention to her domestic duties, that it amounted almost to a passion. Her household labours in turning out cupboards and generally straightening things were habitually carried far into the small hours of the morning."
24. Many of Sarah Benson Walker's clothes were preserved by the Robey sisters, and some are seen here being worn by Pat Hewitt and Elizabeth Aves.

25. Abraham Davy was one of three convicts who became prominent in the affairs of the Society in Australia. In the State Archives in Hobart are many testimonials supporting his application for a Ticket of Leave, but in spite of this it was refused. Instead he was assigned to James Backhouse and went to Sydney with him. Before he left Hobart Jane Dawson applied for membership of Hobart Meeting. While her membership was under consideration she and Abraham Davy were married in a 'Presbyterian Meeting House'. He was disowned and her application was refused. They must again have been received into membership in Sydney.

In 1840, during a visit to Sydney of Joseph Benson Mather, Abraham Davy was engaged in business in George Street. Later he acquired 1000 acres of land at Campbell Town, about thirty miles from Sydney. Joseph Benson Mather was much exercised in his mind about the spiritual welfare of Abraham Davy and his wife, and took many opportunities to advise and admonish them. Abraham Davy had a stone cellar underneath the Meeting House given to Sydney Friends by John Tawell, and used it, among other things, for the storage of 'sugar to be used for brewing'. Possibly this, as well as his worldly ambition to acquire property, was what concerned Joseph Benson Mather so much!

26. As inconvenience was being caused by lack of a permanent room to meet in, Margie Robey tells us in "The Centenary of Australian Quakerism" - "An allotment in Murray Street, with a weatherboard cottage on it, where Friends had already been in the habit of meeting, was offered for sale, and was purchased by James Backhouse, who then applied to Meeting for Sufferings for a loan until funds were otherwise found. This was in 1836."
27. **Circular Head** is a large promontory above the town now known as Stanley. (The Municipality is still Circular Head.) It was the headquarters of the Van Diemen's Land Company, where Backhouse and Walker were made very welcome.

At Woolnorth, part of the property farther west, they met with George Augustus Robinson, with some Aborigines he was bringing in. These joined others in a Meeting for Worship with Backhouse and Walker who commented on the reverence of their deportment.

28. Joseph Benson Mather (1814–1890) was the son of the first Robert Mather. He married Anna Maria, the daughter of Anna Maria and Francis Cotton. He was the first Chairman of the Friends' High School Committee. His life was given to the service of the Meeting and the community. His testimony against any involvement with the military system brought him much abuse and criticism. He refused to accept large contracts for the supply of military uniforms, which meant a big financial loss.

29. The Friends' Burial Ground in West Hobart was originally part of the property known as Providence Valley, and owned by William Shoobridge, who sold the land to the Society of Friends for use as a burial ground in 1836. Ironically he was the first person to be buried there. Though remaining a Wesleyan, he had frequently attended Friends' Meetings, and given ministry which was not altogether acceptable to Friends. It was found necessary to ask him "to refrain from mere cogitations of the mind" (H.T.M.N.)

In 1936 when the ground was no longer used as a cemetery it was given to the Hobart City Council for a children's playground.

30. Henry and Ann Propsting joined Friends in 1836. Henry Propsting was one of the three convicts who became members of the Society and took a prominent part in its activities. One went to Sydney as an assigned servant to James Backhouse, and the third, Abraham Charles Flower, after a chequered career was last heard of near Castlemaine in Victoria.
Henry Propsting and his first wife Ann, had fourteen children. After Ann died, he married again and was the first Friend in Tasmania not disowned for 'marrying out'.

31. A portrait of a Quaker child, by the convict artist, Thomas Rock, is of Elizabeth Propsting, daughter of Henry and Ann Propsting.

32. Henry Propsting's second wife Hannah. They also had fourteen children.

33. On his return to Van Diemen's Land to marry Sarah Mather, and after throwing himself so wholeheartedly into the formation of a Temperance Society, George Washington Walker felt that something should be done to remove the temptation of extra money in their pockets from its new adherents, so he opened a savings bank in a corner of his shop in Liverpool Street.

From "All That We Inherit" by Peter Walker we read 'that on the 1st March, 1845, the Hobart Savings Bank opened for business. When one thinks of the splendid office of the Hobart Savings Bank (now the Savings Bank of Tasmania) it is interesting to visualise the scene at the opening of the Bank at the drapery establishment of George Washington Walker.

"The shop premises were not very large .... There was one entrance to the shop in which there would have been wooden counters running along one side. There would have been a display of hats, woollen goods, and clothing and wearing apparel."

"There was no special section for banking business .... Depositors and shoppers must wait in line to be served."


35. Plague in present Liverpool St. Bank commemorating G.W. Walker.

36. Elinor Clifton was a member of Kingston Meeting in England. Her husband - a non-Friend - led a group of emigrants to Western Australia,
with their children.

Elinor Clifton brought with her a pre-fabricated Meeting House. Her aim was to establish a Meeting in Western Australia which she also hoped would be a centre for culture and education. Little did she realise the difficulties and the immense distances involved.

When she did come to see how impossible her ideas were, she wrote asking for membership with the Hobart Town Yearly Meeting, as it was then called, the only one at that time. The minute recording this reads:—

"This Meeting having been introduced into near sympathy with Elinor Clifton in her peculiarly lonely situation as regards religious association with members of her own Society, believes it right to accede to her request of admitting her a member of this Yearly Meeting, and appoints James Backhouse and George Washington Walker to inform her thereof, and to hand her such religious counsel as may appear suitable to one in her very secluded allotment."

Hobart Monthly Meeting maintained a regular correspondence with her until her death and afterwards with her daughter.

37. From The Tasmanian Daily News, Saturday June 30, 1855.

SELECT DAY SCHOOL

MARGARET BEAL (sic) and Daughters, just arrived from England, are about to commence a Day School, at the Friends' Meeting House, 143 Murray-street, and are prepared to receive a few Select Pupils.

The Course of Instruction will comprise English in all the usual branches, French, Latin, Drawing and Needlework.

References are kindly permitted to be made to George W. Walker, Savings' Bank; Joseph Benson Mather; R. Andrew Mather, Liverpool Street; and Thomas James Crouch, Under Sheriff.

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French and Drawing, each 110

143, Murray-street,
31st of 5th month, 1855. (Beale)

This was the second small Friends' School that had been started in Hobart Town. The first had been run by Thomas Mason, of New Zealand.

38. **Frederick Mackie** had journeyed to Australia and New Zealand to visit all Friends, with Robert Lindsey. The book, "Traveller Under Concern" is a detailed and most readable diary of their travels, between 1852 and 1855.

39. Frederick Mackie married **Rachel Kay** of South Australia and with her, for several years ran a small school in Hobart on what was for those times very advanced ideas.

40. **William May** went to South Australia in 1839. While on a visit to Kelvedon he met Mary, the daughter of Francis and Anna Maria Cotton, and married her in 1855. They lived for a short while in South Australia and then moved to Sandford, Tasmania.

William May was a firm believer in Inner Guidance, and because of this he never referred to his farm at Sandford as "my farm", but always as "my Father's farm". He said, "He brought us to it, and He lets us occupy it."

One of his earliest memories was an occasion in England, as a boy, when he heard Disraeli's maiden speech, which for Disraeli was an occasion of ridicule, he heard the famous sentence, "Well, gentlemen, I shall sit down now, but the time will come, when you will hear me."
In 1880 with the deterioration of the cottage where Meetings had been held, it was decided the time had come to erect a new Meeting House. It was built partly with stone, already consecrated, left over from the building of St. Mary's Cathedral.

It was used until sold in 1960, the land now being part of that occupied by the R.A.C.T.

It was largely through Joseph Francis Mather's (1844-1925) instrumentality that the Friends' High School was finally established in 1887, in Hobart. His voluminous correspondence with Edwin Hansome and Charles Holdsworth is now deposited with the University's Archives on indefinite loan. Though there were many difficulties, he was indefatigable in his efforts to get the school established on a solid basis.

To one applicant for a teaching appointment, Joseph Francis Mather sent a message to "tell him that from general report of colonial children, he will only get good work out of them by keeping them in their proper places!"

The first Committee of the Friends' High School appointed by the Hobart Monthly Meeting was formed in 1886, prior to the opening of the school.

From left to right: (top row) Henry Propsting, Robert Mather; (middle row) N.H. Propsting, Thomas B. Mather, Joseph Benson Mather, (Chairman), J. Francis Mather, (Secretary); (bottom row) William May, William Benson, John Pierce.

The Friends' High School was opened in 1887. Samuel Clemes was chosen as the first headmaster. He had been a missionary in Madagascar previous to being brought from England to the School.

The School was commenced in a private house in Warwick Street, but it was soon found that the premises were too small.
46. A property in North Hobart, known as Hobartville, was purchased from the Lord family, and the School was moved there in 1889. This was greatly facilitated by a loan of £4000 from the Baptist Union.

47. Samuel Clemes left in 1900 to commence a school of his own known as Leslie House, in Pirie Street. Afterwards he moved to Argyle Street, to the house originally named Boa Vista. When Samuel Clemes died, the school was renamed Clemes College. In 1945 this was purchased by the Friends' School and incorporated with it.

48. This is the front entrance of the Main School Building as seen from Commercial Road.

49. Karrie and Linor Robey (by which names they were better known than Margerita and Elinor) were the daughters of Esther and Charles Robey, grand-daughters of Joseph Benson Kather, and great grand-daughters of Francis Cotton and Robert Mather, therefore were well grounded in the history of Hobart Monthly Meeting.

For many years they were the mainstay of the Meeting in so many practical ways, and raconteurs of no mean ability! Their home was a veritable museum of early Tasmanian and Quaker history, besides being for so many years a centre of hospitality.

Linor was the representative for Friends' Service Council over a long period, and no contribution was too small for her to acknowledge it by a friendly letter. Many of their friendships were begun in this way. She died in 1971.

Both Linor and Margie organised groups to sort, wash, mend and pack many, many bales of clothes for victims of the Second World War. This was done in the basement of the old Meeting House in Murray Street, with the help of other workers, though theirs was always the driving force.

Margie died in 1981 at the age of 92.

50. The Claremont Meeting House was built on the Cadbury Fry Pascal estate at Claremont. The idea was that those employees of Cadbury's who were Quakers (it was originally a Quaker firm) should have a Meeting House
of their own.

Eventually the time came when it had not been used for the intended purpose for some years, and the building - which belonged to the Monthly Meeting though the land did not - was sold and removed.

The proceeds from the sale formed the basis of the Claremont Bursary Fund, used by Hobart Regional Meeting to provide a bursary at the School for the children of Friends.

51. William Livingstone Cooper was born in Sydney in 1892. He was the eldest child of William Cooper, one time Clerk of General Meeting and Chairman of the School Board for many years.

Will, as he was known, served in the Friends' Ambulance Unit during the 1914-18 War. In 1924 he married Dorothy Gullick and came to live in Hobart.

He was a prominent member of the Society in Hobart giving valuable service as Clerk of the Meeting for twenty-seven years, also as Clerk of Elders and Overseers for a lengthy period; an Elder for thirty years; Treasurer of the Meeting, and a member of the Board of Governors of the School for fifty years.

He was well-known for the “Cooper” shine on his shoes, which illuminated every meeting he attended!

He died in 1978.

52. Barbara Farnett was the grand-daughter of Henry Propsting, an early Hobart Friend. She was brought up as a Methodist though with a strong Quaker influence, and in 1919 joined the Society of Friends.

From her earliest years she had had a concern for old people, and in 1922, 'with a capital in hand of £10, a stout heart, and a few friends' she opened the first "Rest Home" in Hobart. It is more than probable she was the first to use this term. She made it a rule to take one free patient, and several for just the Age Pension, which when she started was 15 shillings a week.
Before she died in 1945, she had moved the Home several times, and had named it St. Ann's. After her death it was temporarily sponsored by Ida Mather, another Friend, and eventually taken over by a Committee from the Baptist Church, and moved to its present site in Davey Street.

53. **Ruth Erskine** (1878-1964) had already been active in both Sydney and Melbourne Meeting before she came to Hobart in 1924. Her interests were many and varied and she never spared herself in giving help to the organisations to which she belonged, which were numerous.

In 1924 she was given a unique - to my knowledge - among Australian Friends, award of the Second Class of the Badge of Honour of the German Red Cross for her work during 1919-1923 in Melbourne for the war victims of the 1914-18 War.

One of her most valuable contributions to Hobart Meeting was her concern for the young people of the Meeting. In 1925 she formed the Young Explorers Club, which covered such activities as walks, camps, the sponsoring of two babies each year at the Home of Mercy. This meant girls making clothes and toys and the boys making stools for the nursery.

She died in 1964.

54. **Ernest Unwin** (1881-1946) came to the School in 1923, after teaching at several Friends' Schools in England. He was most energetic and far-seeing in his plans for the School, which because of his enthusiasm brought much financial help from English Friends.

He introduced the hitherto unknown subjects of physiology and botany to the School curriculum. He was the first of three headmasters to make music an integral part of the School.

One of his dreams was to have a Meeting House built in the precincts of the School, and the Murray Street Meeting House sold, but this was not to be in his time.

He died very suddenly in 1945.
55. One Sunday in August a Meeting for Thanksgiving for the life of Evan Williams was held in the Senior School Assembly Hall.

Evan Williams had come to the School and to Hobart Meeting in 1910 from Wales, and remained on the staff until his retirement in 1951.

Hobart Meeting he served in many capacities, and though he rarely if ever, gave vocal ministry, his ministry of silence is one few of us who knew him will ever forget.

From his many contributions to the School, I would like to quote the following instance from a letter written by his daughter, Bronwen (Meredith): "During the thirties the children of Wales began to send each year a message of greeting to the children of the world endeavouring to promote the idea of world peace through friendship. This was in the early days of radio, and the founder saw ... through radio a way of communication between the peoples of the world ... The Welsh children's message was broadcast in Welsh and in English, and there was a quick response worldwide. The Friends' School, Hobart, for about twenty years made a great feature of this. Ernest Unwin used the opportunity to speak on world peace and co-operation."

Each year the message was read by Evan Williams in Welsh, and students read it in other languages being studied.

56. Before he died Ernest Unwin had already mentioned to the School Board the name of a possible successor, for when the time came for him to retire. This was the then headmaster of King's College, Adelaide, who was a Friend - William N. Oats.

Bill Oats took on the Headship in 1946. He carried out many changes and plans anticipated by Ernest Unwin, and was the innovator of many others. Perhaps one of the most notable was the amalgamation of Clemes College and the Friends' School which took place in 1946.

Speech Nights during his era were memorable for the choral work with all the school taking part.

He was at different times Clerk of the Meeting and Clerk of Elders and Overseers.

Following his retirement in 1973, he wrote 'The Rose and the Waratah'
covering the background and the formation of the Friends' School in Hobart. This was published in 1979.

57. Group at Last Meeting in Murray Street Meeting House

58. After eighty years in the Meeting House in Murray Street, Friends felt the time had come to make a move. Though there was a strong sentimental attachment to the old building, the suburbs of Hobart were rapidly expanding and it was thought a Meeting House closer to the School might be more appropriate.

The Murray Street property was sold and a house and land adjoining the Junior and Preparatory School was bought.

The third of our Meeting Houses was ready and the first Meeting for Worship was held on Christmas Day, 1960.

59. While the building was in progress, Meetings were held in the Frank Wells Hall.

Frank Wells was a 'birthright' member of Hobart Meeting. The home at Sa.ey Bay of Frank and his wife Isabel, was well-known to Hobart Friends and to many from all over the world. The warmth of welcome there was always unmistakeable.

Frank Wells had been associated with the school from 1891, when he first became a student there. His interest was life-long. It was in recognition of his thirty-three years on the Board of Governors (twelve of them as Chairman) that the Frank Wells Hall was named after him.

60. In 1967 Quaker Service Council Australia sent overseas the first Friend to be wholly supported by Australian Quakers. This was Patricia Hewitt who went to the Friends' Rural Centre, Rasulia, Mid-India, where she served for several years. She is a fifth generation member of Hobart Meeting, and has been an Elder, Assistant Clerk and Clerk.

She is a Churchill Fellow and her particular sphere of work is Family Planning, with special emphasis on youth counselling.
61. There is a magnificent series of six volumes named the Endemic Flora of Tasmania. For the text of this, one of our Hobart Friends, Minifred Curtis (L.Sc.), is responsible. In the world of botany this is an outstanding work. It is illustrated by Margaret Stones and was sponsored by Loré Talbot de Malahide, Fingal. The six books soon became collectors' items.

Minifred Curtis came to Hobart in 1939 with her parents. She had been a member of Friends' House Meeting in London, and on her arrival linked with Friends in Hobart.

At first she had a part-time position in the Department of Biology at the University of Tasmania, and before she retired was Reader in Botany.

She has served as Overseer and also as Assistant Clerk.

62. In 1951 a collection of poems called The Witnesses was a prizewinner in the Festival of Britain. The writer was Clive Sansom (1910–1981). We were fortunate to have him a member of our Meeting from the time he came from England with his wife Ruth—a Tasmanian—to live in Hobart.

Before and since, a number of other works written by him have been published. Twice a series of performances of The Cathedral have been staged in St. David's Cathedral.

Readings of his works have been given many times by himself and Ruth, before groups of appreciative Friends.

In our Meeting he has been Clerk, Elder, and Clerk of Elders and Overseers.

In 1981 the last of his books—Francis of Assisi—was published.

63. The present Chairman of the Board of Governors (1980) is Robert Mather, a great-great-grandson of the Robert Mather who joined Hobart Meeting in 1834.

It was in 1953 he was appointed to the Board; Chairman to the Executive in 1957, and of the full Board 1958–69, when he resigned on
becoming Minister for Education in the House of Assembly. He returned to the position of Chairman in 1973.

It is worth noting that Hobart Meeting has boasted seven generations of fathers as members in direct line from 1834.

64. Roderic Grosvenor (1927– ) from 1962 - 1968 was in charge of Brumana Friends' School which catered for children from all round the Persian Gulf area (except Palestine) both Muslim and Christian.

After later spending several years in England, he with his family came as Headmaster to Friends' School, Hobart in 1974.

In the tradition of the two previous Headmasters, he also contributed to the musical side of the School community in various ways, one of which was by bringing in a totally new feature - The Friends' Singers - a group which comprised scholars, Old Scholars, staff, members of the Meeting, parents of scholars, and even a grandparent.

He gave service as an Elder and as Clerk of Elders and Overseers.

65. At the Yearly Meeting in Hobart in 1980, news was received of the appointment of Richard Meredith as secretary of Friends' World Committee for Consultation, to take effect in January 1981.

We have known Rick in many capacities - Clerk of Hobart Regional Meeting, Clerk of Elders and Overseers, Head of Friends' Junior School, and Clerk of Yearly Meeting.

He joined the Society in Hobart in 1947, and after his teaching years at Friends' School, he and his wife Bronwen spent some time teaching in Port Koresby, and later at Katharine and Darwin.

66. He married Bronwen Williams, a daughter of Evan Williams. She has given much active service to the Society as Clerk of Hobart Meeting, Clerk of Yearly Meeting, and in many other ways.

67. This shows the presentation of a farewell gift to Bronwen and Richard Meredith by Nancie Hewitt on behalf of Hobart Regional Meeting.
(January 1981) on their leaving for London for Richard to take up the Secretaryship of the F.W.C.C.

68 Four Principals of Friends' School:
William Oats, joint Principals Margaret & Michael Bailey,
Roderic Grosvenor
Early Friends
Abraham Davy
Sarah Benson Walker (Mather)
Frederick and Rachel Mackie
J. Francis Mather
Esther Robey
Samuel Clemes

Drawings by F. Mackie (2)
Adelaide Meeting House
Sydney Meeting House

Meeting Houses, Hobart
First, Second and interior, Third (4)

Friends’ School
Various, including early views (12)

Early Hobart (4)

Junior General Meeting January 1962
Children’s play ‘In the Love of the Gospel’ (6)

Junior Yearly Meeting January 1967
Children’s play ‘I was a Stranger’ (8)

Patricia Hewitt and Elizabeth Aves wearing clothes belonging to early Friends, mainly those of Sarah Benson Walker (nee Mather). Some slides include Linor and Margie Robey, Nancie Hewitt, Mary Washington, December 1966. (8)

LIST OF NAMES MENTIONED IN THE HOBART MONTHLY MEETING MINUTE
BOOKS FROM 1833 -1892

Key:

A. Attender
B. Application for membership
C. Accepted
D. Deferred
E. Refused
F. Resigned
G. Disowned
H. Transferred
I. Died or buried
J. Marriage
K. Any other reference
L. Minister’s appointment
M. Member
N. Reapplication
O. Birth notice
Acres, Jane 6.3.1878 (H), 5.1.1887, 11.11.1892 (H)

Acres, Robert 6.3.1878 (H - Launceston), 5.1.1887 (H), 11.11.1892 (H - Pecuniary affairs unsatisfactory)

Allen, Mary (Sydney) 4.5.1841 (I)

Arnold, George 1.8.1883 (I - non-Friend)

Ashworth, James 11.4.1844 (I - Launceston)

Atkins, Charles 1.3.1882 (H), 3.12.1891 (dis-associated)

Augusta Road Trust to be paid 5 pounds towards cost of roads and footpaths near burial ground, 6.11.1889.
Backhouse, James 20.9.1833 (K), 5.10.1837 (K), 6.1.1859 (transfer of meeting House)

Beale, Margaret and Joseph 16.5.1855 (certification of removal from Mt. Mellick, Ireland), 5.3.1857 (K – went to Melbourne)
Children of the above –
Joseph
Sarah Davis
Margaret Grubb
William Joshua
Laura
Anna
Octavious
Charles

Bell, Alice Danby (daughter of GRB and Phoebe), 3.9.1879 (O)

Bell, Charles Gladstone (son of GRB and Phoebe), 7.6.1882 (O)

Bell, George 4.10.1838, 21.1.1841, 28.1.1841, 6.10.1842, 7.4.1853

Bell, George Renison 12.5.1875 (B), 2.6.1875 (C), 7.2.1877 (K), 9.5.1877 (J) (married Phoebe, daughter of Henry Cousins and Mary Ann Cox)

Bell, Henry George 2.1.1884

Bell, John Renison (son of GRB and Phoebe), 7.8.1889 (O)

Bell, Sarah 4.10.1838 (B), 28.1.1841 (B), 6.10.1842 (D), 7.12.1843 (E), 5.1.1854 (K), 4.6.1857 (K), 2.7.1857 (K), 4.2.1885 (I)

Bell, Sarah Jane 4.2.1869 (B), 1.4.1869 (C)

Benson, Anna Dorothea 4.1.1888 (O)

Benson, George 6.11.1845 (C – Launceston), 2.12.1845 (K – gone to Port Phillip), 5.8.1847 (K), 20.4.1848 (K)

Benson, Richard S 18.5.1843 (B), 5.8.1847 (K), 28.10.1847 (G), 11.11.1847 (G&K), 6.3.1848 (G&K)

Benson, William 7.1.1885 (J), 1.6.1887 (H), 6.8.1890 (H – with wife Emma, son Noel and daughter Dorothea went to Melbourne).
Bewley, Charles 4.9.1889 (H), 7.5.1890 (K).

Biggs, Thomas 7.2.1869 (K)


Brooke, David 6.7.1845 (I)
Carins, William  5.6.1889 (H)
Carins, Mary  5.6.1889 (H)
Carins, Ellen May  5.6.1889 (H)
Cartledge, James  5.8.1847 (B), 20.4.1848 (E)
Chambers, John  1.2.1844 (B – Launceston Minutes), 6.6.1844 ©, 8.1.1846 (H – gone to South Australia), 3.4.1851 (G – disowned for marrying out, Chesterfield Meeting, England).

Chatfield, Alice E H  2.12.1869 (I), non member.
Clark, George Eddington  3.8.1888 (H), 3.9.1890 (K), 6.5.1891 (K – decl. of marriage To Edith Clemes), 5.8.1891 (J)
Clemes, Samuel  6.10.1886 (H), 3.7.1889 (K)
Clemes, Margaret  6.10.1886 (H)
Clemes, Alfred Willis 8.10.1887 (O – 4.9.1887 actual birth)
Cook, Joseph  1.12.1836 (K), 18.2.1841, 4.3.1841 (J), 3.6.1841 (G), 5.8.1841 (G)
Cooper, Charles Frederic  5.8.1891 (H)
Cotton, Francis (ex-member), 20.9.1833 (A), 14.10.1833 (B&C member ---), 15.5.1834 (L), 17.2.1842 (K), 4.8.1842 (K), 1.5.1862 (H), 2.8.1883 (I), 14.7.1883 (K)
Cotton, Anna Maria (ex-member), 20.9.1833 (A), 4.4.1834 (B&C), 1.6.1837 (L), 1.5.1862 (H), 4.10.1882 (K), 3.1.1883 (I)
Cotton, Tilney  15.9.1836 ©, 3.3.1859 (H – married Annie Allen from Cranbrook)
Cotton, Edward Octavius  8.11.1838 (O), 6.12.1838 (K), 5.10.1881 (J – married Helen Grueber – always lived at Kelvedon)
Cotton, Joseph  19.4.1840 (O), 6.10.1875 (J – went to live at The Bend when Edward’s fiancé died)
Cotton, Rachel  7.4.1842 (O), 7.4.1880 (J – married Samuel Salmon)
Cotton, Anna Maria (jun) 3.11.1842 (J), 5.6.1856 (J – married Joseph Benson Mather)

Cotton, James Backhouse 6.12.1849 (K – missionary with Hannah Hall, died in America)

Cotton, George 6.11.1851 (K), 4.12.1851 (G – married Mary Connell, nursemaid to the Mather family, daughter of a convict woman – not a happy marriage)

Cotton, Mary 2.8.1855 (J – married William May. Shot herself while mentally unbalanced)

Cotton, Henry 2.8.1855 (J), 7.2.1856 (G – married Lavinia Amos), 6.5.1891 (K – reinstatment), 6.9.1891 (K – refused offer, too late),

Cotton, Thomas 5.8.1857 (J – married Bridget Burke, an Irish emigrant help at Kelvedon. AM Cotton would have nothing more to do with them. BB died at age 36 of TB. They had a ‘beautiful child like a princess’ - Eliza. Eliza worked at Kelvedon, ‘like a slave’. She ran away with a man named “Gomez”. ‘He was a good man’, was all she would say when found. She later lived the life of a recluse at Risdon.)

Cotton, Francis (Junior) 2.10.1872 (I – suicide)

Cotton, John 3.9.1863 (J), 7.10.1875 (K – married Marian Wills, lived at Earlham).

Cotton, Consuelio 30.8.1866 (O – daughter of Thomas)

Cotton, Howard Gurney 30.8.1866 (O – son of John, died during Father’s trial, acquitted)

Cotton, Harold Tennyson 25.2.1868 (O), 6.1.1875 (I)


Cotton, Helen Evelyn 5.1.1887 (O – actual birth 28.1.1886), 2.12.1891 (added to list of members)

Cotton, Francis Tilney 2.12.1891 (added to list of members)

Crawford, Marion 3.12.1890 (B), 4.3.1891 (C)
Crouch, Sarah 3.9.1836 (B), 2.3.1837 (C), 2.2.1876 (I- Mins Cottage, Argyle St).
It is with this couple that Backhouse and Walker lodged while in Hobart.

Crouch, Sarah R 16.2.1843 (I – aged 5 years), Ann Rebecca 5.7.1849 ©, James Rothwell 1.6.1843 ©, Mary Ann 3.12.1840 ©, John Marston 10.8.1854 ©, Jane 1.9.1880 (I) – all family of Sarah and Thomas

Crouch, Thomas 20.9.1833 (K)
D

Davy, Abraham 20.9.1833 (A), 4.4.1834 (B&C), 7.8.1834 (K), 6.10.1836 (K),

Davy, Ellen 3.12.1840 (O)


Dixon, Esther (later Mather) 1.6.1837 (M), 6.2.1842 (J), 5.6.1862(H), 2.10.1872 (I)
Robert Mather’s second wife.

Dixon, James 4.1.1866 (I)

Dixon, John 4.6.1890 (H – from Brighouse Meeting, England)

Dixon, Marion 4.6.1890 (H – from Brighouse Meeting, England)

Dixon, Winifred 4.6.1890 (H – from Brighouse Meeting, England)

Dixon, Philip Fletcher 12.9.1892 (O)

Dixon, Amelia Bertha 2.9.1891 (H)

Dixon, Joseph 11.4.1867 (H- Sydney)

Dore, James 2.8.1838 (B), 16.5.1838 (D), 12.7.1838 (C), 2.8.1838 (D),
1.8.1839 (D&K), 2.4.1840 (D), 19.4.1840 (E), 20.7.1843 (B), 5.10.1843
(E), 7.8.1845 (B), 4.12.1845 (E)

Douglas, Robert Walker 6.2.1878 (K – from USA)

Dyer, George 1.8.1888 (tradesman doing work)

Dymond, Joseph J 3.3.1875 (K – visit from England)
Eade, Mary 20.9.1833 (A), 7.8.1834 (B), 4.9.1834 (D), 2.10.1834 (D),
6.11.1834 (D), 4.12.1834 (D), 4.12.1834 (G), 1.1.1835 (D), 5.3.1835 (D),
2.4.1835 (D), 2.4.1835 (D), 21.5.1835 (D), 2.6.1835 (D), 2.7.1835 ©,
5.8.1835 (D), 4.9.1835 (D), 7.10.1835 (D), 2.12.1835 (D), 14.1.1836 (E)
Farmillo, P 6.5.1858 (mended ceiling)

Fletcher, Edith 5.8.1891 (H), 4.5.1892 (H – to England, from Radcliffe Meeting)

Flower, Abraham Charles (alias Richard Edwards) 20.9.1833 (A), 5.10.1833 (B), 14.10.1833 ©, 23.10.1833, 1.11.1833, 15.5.1834 (L), 3.6.1841 (K), 2.12.1841 (K), 3.2.1842 (K), 28.7.1844 (K), 3.12.1844 (K), 29.5.1845 (K), 4.2.1847 (K), 11.3.1847 (K), 3.6.1847 (G), 13.1.1848 (K), 13.2.1848 (K)

Flower, Sarah 14.1.1836 (O)

Flower, Mary 3.8.1837 (O)

Flower, Charles 2.12.1841 (O)

Foster, John 1.12.1886 (H)

Foster, Eliza 1.12.1886 (K)

Free, Stephen (alias John Wilson) 7.8.1834 (K – convict assigned to Major Schaw, Bothwell)
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Hamilton, Archibald 20.9.1833 (A)

Harding, Robert 2.4.1890 (visitor from England)

Harris, Cuthbert Gilbert 4.4.1888 (I)

Harris, Mary G 1.10.1890 (B), 5.10.1890 (C)

Hawkins, Caleb 10.8.1854 (I) non-member

Hawkins, Mary 7.12.1854 (I) non-member

Hawkins, Mary 5.7.1860 (B), 2.8.1860 (C), 5.1.1865 (I – died at Hy. Propsting’s house. Lived formerly at Meeting House).

Hayes, Ann 11.4.1844 (B), 2.6.1864 (I)

Hayes, David 11.4.1844 (B), 2.6.1864 (I)

Heath, William 23.10.1833 (A)

Heywood, Francis 4.2.1858 (C) from Bristol

Heywood, Josias 7.5.1884 (I) non-member

Holdship, William 4.4.1834 (K – meeting at his house), 5.6.1834 (B), 10.7.1834 ©, 5.2.1835 (K), 2.4.1835 (D), 4.6.1835 (D), 2.7.1835 (D), 5.8.1835 (D) 4.9.1835 (D), 7.10.1835 (D), 2.12.1835 (D), 14.1.1836 (G)

Hollinstead, Ann (non-member) 1.1.1863 (I – daughter of William Francis Hollinstead, shoemaker, Murray Street)

Hortin, Eliza

Hortin, Mary Ann 2.7.1846 (O), 1.6.1854 ©, 7.6.1860 (I)

Hortin, Priscilla Emma 6.9.1949 (O), 1.6.1854 ©

Hortin, William Dutton 3.12.1834, 9.2.1854 (B), 2.3.1854 (C), 1.6.1854 (C), 7.8.1887, (tailor, went to Canada)
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Lambkin, Ann Mary 1.11.1855 (I) non-member
Lambkin, John 7.1.1864 (I) non-member
Lawson, James 7.10.1841 (O)
Lawson, Joseph 5.10.1843 (O)
Lawson, John 2.8.1838 (B), 7.5.1840 (K), 3.9.1840 (K), 3.6.1841 (C), 6.11.1862 (K), 3.9.1863 (K), 6.10.1875 (I)
Lawson, John (Jnr) 6.8.1838 (O)
Lawson, William 21.10.1839 (O)
Le Tall, Benjamin Bower 16.11.1893 (H) Teacher at Friends' School from Harrogate.
Lidbetter, Deborah 10.9.1873 (H), 11.6.1879 (I)
Lidbetter, Margaret Ann 10.9.1873 (H), 18.2.1874 (J)
Lidbetter, Amy Shoobridge 10.9.1874 (H), 4.10.1876 (J), 1.5.1878 (I) Married
Lidbetter, Ida 10.9.1873 (H)
Lidbetter, Thomas 6.1.1886 (H), 5.3.1890 (H – from Saffron Walden)
Lidbetter, Sydney 6.1.1886 (H)
Lidbetter, Thomas (Jnr) 6.1.1886 (H)
Lidbetter, Deborah Ellen 6.1.1886 (H)
Lidbetter, Ellen Louisa 5.6.1889 (B & C)
Lidbetter, James Staples 5.6.1889 (B & C)
Lindsay, Sarah 6.12.1860 (K)
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Mackie, Rachel 3.7.1856 (K), 3.9.1857 (K), 7.2.1860 (H)

Mason, Thomas 3.6.1847 I(B), 1.7.1847 (C), 1.11.1849 (K – Clerk), 6.3.1851 (K), 5.6.1889 (K)

Mason, Jane 5.8.1847 (B), 7.19.1847 (C), 6.3.1851 (K)

Mason, Catharine Jane 4.11.1847 (I)

Mason, John 2.12.1847 (C), 6.3.1889 (H)

Mason, Thomas (Jnr) 2.12.1847 (C)

Mason, William 2.12.1847 (C), 6.3.1889 (H)

Mason, Elizabeth C 2.11.1848 (O), 6.3.1889 (H)

Mason, Eliza Jane 4.7.1850 (O)

Mason, George 2.3.1892 (went to Strahan from Manchester)

Mather, Sarah Benson 7.8.1834 (B), 4.9.1834 (C), 1.6.1837 (L), 3.12.1840 (J - married GW Walker), 7.4.1875 (I)

Mather, Robert Andrew (Snr) 7.8.1834 (B), 4.9.1834 (C), 2.6.1846 (J), 5.4.1855 (I), 1.4.1869 (K), (married 1) Ann Benson, 2) Esther Dixon

Mather, Joseph Benson 5.8.1835 (B), 4.9.1835 (C), 6.7.1837 (L), 13.6.1839 (K), 3.12.1840 (K), 3.11.1842 (J – married Anna Maria Cotton, Jnr), 7.4.1859 (K)

Mather, Ann Benson 14.10.1869 (J)

Mather, Robert Andrew (Jnr) 3.8.1837 (B), 6.9.1837 (C), 9.11.1837 (K), 11.4.1839 (J)

Mather, Joseph Francis 6.6.1844 (O), 18.2.1874 (J)

Mather, Sarah Benson (Jnr) 2.7.1846 (O)

Mather, Robert 13.7.1848 (O), 7.10.1874 (J)

Mather, Theophilus 7.3.1850 (I)
Mather, Thomas Bourne 6.3.1851 (O), 7.12.1887 (K)
Mather, Mary Louise 4.12.1851 (O), 3.12.1857 (I)
Mather, Anna M 5.8.1852 (I – lived 11 days)
Mather, Emma Elizabeth 6.10.1853 (O), 7.1.1885 (J), 1.6.1887 (H)
Mather, Jane Dixon 7.9.1854 (O), 6.7.1881 (J & K), 13.7.1881 (H), 7.9.1881 (H)
Mather, Frances Josephine 2.8.1855 (O), 5.6.1856 (I)
Mather, George Lidbetter 1.9.1859 (O), 4.2.1864 (I)
Mather, Ann Elizabeth 7.4.1875 (B), 12.5.1875 (C)
Mather, Margaret Ann 5.7.1876 (I)
Mather, Douglas Robert 1.9.1875 (O), 6.3.1878 (I)
Mather, Oswald Lidbetter 1.11.1876 (O)
Mather, Ruth Annie 5.6.1878 (O – actual birth 11.4.1878)
Mather, Lillie Roberta 3.9.1878 (O – actual birth 6.7.1878)
Mather, Hazel Mary 1.6.1881 (O)
Mather, Jane Dixon 6.7.1881, 13.7.1881, 7.9.1881
Mather, Mary 7.12.1881 (I – wife of Samuel B Mather)
Mather, Irene Wistar 4.12.1889 (O), 24.12.1892, 16.1.1893 (I)
Mather, Harriet Eliza Ann 4.12.1889 (B), 5.3.1890 (C), 4.6.1890 (I)
Mather, Robert Arthur 5.3.1890 (I)
Mather, John Davenport 2.4.1890 (I)
Mather, Joseph B 3.12.1891 (disassociated)
Mather, Ann 6.4.1892 (I), born 20.2.1892
Mather, Clara Hope 12.9.1892 (O), actual birth 7.7.1892
Mather, Raymond La Monte 2.5.1883 (O), actual birth 13.3.1883
Mather, Robert Andrew 5.11.1884 (I)
Mather, Ida Sarah 7.9.1885 (O), actual birth 3.8.1885
Mather, Thomas Bourne 7.12.1887
Mather, Robert Andrew 5.1.1887 (O), actual birth 2.8.1886
May, William 2.9.1874 (H), 5.4.1882 (K)
May, Mary 2.9.1874 (H), 2.6.1886 (I)
May, Roland 1.3.1876 (I)
May, Roland Morris 3.2.1892 (O)
May, William Lewis 7.9.1887 (I)
McCann, Jenny 2.5.1883 (I), daughter of William
McCann, Ben 2.5.1883 (I), actual birth 21.3.1883
McCann, William 7.11.1883 (H)
McCann, Jacob 4.11.1885(I)
Morris, Samuel 1.3.1893, visitor from America with Joseph Rhoads.
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Nichollias, William 2.10.1834 (B), 6.11.1834 (C), 6.2.1835 (J), 7.10.1835 (K), 3.6.1836 (D), 4.8.1836 (D), 13.9.1836 (D), 3.11.1836 (D), 1.12.1836 (D), 6.7.1837 (D), 5.10.1837 (K), 7.12.1837 (K), 1.2.1838 (G)

Nichollias, Isabella (Rayner) 5.6.1834 (B), 10.7.1834 (C), 6.2.1835 (J), 7.10.1835(K), 5.11.1835 (K), 7.4.1836 (K), 3.6.1836 (G), 4.8.1836 (D), 13.9.1836 (D), 6.10.1836 (D), 3.11.1836 (D), 1.12.1836 (D), 6.7.1837 (D), 5.10.1837 (K), 7.12.1837 (K), 1.2.1838 (D), 6.12.1838 (D&K), 11.4.1839 (G), 2.12.1853 (B), 7.7.1853 (E)

Nichollias, George 6.9.1837 (O), 1.9.1853 (G)

Neave, Joseph 5.3.1868 (K)

New Meeting House 6.10.1880 (K)

Newman, F W non-Friend (burial ground)

Nickalls, Charles 6.7.1887, 2.10.1889 (K)
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Page, James  4.2.1847
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Palser, Thomas  3.12.1840 (O)
Palser, John  11.4.1867 (I), Sydney M M.
Pierce, John  5.1.1881 (H), 5.9.1883 (K), 7.11.1888 (H)
Pierce, Alice  5.1.1881 (H), 5.4.1882 (K), 7.11.1888 (H)
Pierce, Margaret  1.8.1861 (O)
Pierce, Thomas  1.2.1838 (B), 5.4.1838 (C)
Pierce, Mary Ann  7.6.1838 (B), 12.7.1838 (D), 2.8.1838 (C)
Pollard, Ann (later Mather)  20.9.1833 (A), 1.11.1833, 5.3.1835 (K), 2.9.1863 (H), 1.4.1869 (H)
Pollard, Theophilus  20.9.1833 (A), 4.4.1834 (B), 5.5.1834 (C), 2.12.1835 (K), 5.3.1835 (D), 1.5.1835 (G), 3.7.1856 (B), 7.1.1858, 4.2.1858 (E), 1.10.1868 (H), 7.2.1872 (H), 5.6.1872 (I)
Pollard, Robert E  3.10.1867 (H), 5.10.1870 (H), 7.2.1872 (H), 6.1.1875 (H)
Pollard, Andrew W  1.10.1868 (H), 7.4.1875 (H), 1.9.1875 (G)
Pollard, Elizabeth Frances 10.6.1869 (H)
Pollard, William George 2.9.1873 (O)
Pollard, Theophilus Henry 2.10.1878 (H), 6.7.1881 (J&K), disapproved, 13.7.1881 (H), 7.9.1881 (H), 4.6.1884 (H)
Pollard, Jane Dixon 4.6.1884 (H)
Pollard, Richard 1.11.1891 (K), Brighton, England.
Porthouse, Thomas Leased ground at rear of Meeting House (n.m)
Powell, Maria 5.7.1860 (B), 2.8.1869 (E)
Propsting, Joseph 14.1.1836 (O), 6.2.1851 (I)
Propsting, Henry 7.4.1836 (A), 5.5.1836 (D), 3.6.1836 (D), 7.7.1836 (D), 4.8.1836 (D), 13.9.1836 (C), 15.9.1842 (K), 1.12.1859 (J), 3.3.1859 (J), 10.4.1878 (K)
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Propsting, Isaac 6.12.1838 (O), 7.6.1860 (F), 6.9.1860 (F)
Propsting, John Newburn(sic) 3.12.1844 (O)
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Propsting, Nathaniel Henry 5.7.1849 (O), 2.8.1871 (J)
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Propsting, George 6.11.1856 (O), 4.11.1858 (I)
Propsting, Sarah 4.2.1864 (F), 2.11.1865 (F - accepted), 2.1.1878 (I)
Propsting, John N 3.10.1877
Propsting, Hannah Florence 1.7.1869 (O), 4.7.1875 (B)
Propsting, James 4.7.1837 (O), 1.4.1844 (I&K)
Propsting, Samuel Cater 30.8.1871 (O)

Propsting, Frederick 18.2.1874 (O)

Propsting, Hannah 3.6.1874 (D), special letter, 1.7.1874 (C)

Propsting, Henry Hadley Melville 5.6.1878 (O)

Propsting, Ernest 7.4.1880 (O)

Propsting, James Cater Ralph 1.3.1882 (O)

Pudney, Bethiah 6.4.1887 (H), 5.10.1887 (J)

Propsting, Henry; John Pierce; J. Francis Mather; William May; J Benson Mather; N Henry Propsting; Robert Mather; Thomas B Mather; William Benson; School Committee Appointees 1.9.1886

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Rayner, George 19.4.1840 (I)

Rasche, William 7.3.1867 (from Melbourne)

Rawson, Sarah 7.5.1890 (I) (Launceston)

Reeves, Hannah 2.4.1838 (I)

Reeves, Charles 18.1.1841 (I)

Reeves, Mary 18.2.1841 (I)

Reeves, Isaac Godfrey 18.2.1841

Richmond, Sarah 3.2.1836 (B), 3.3.1836 (D), 7.4.1836 (D), 5.5.1836 (D), 3.6.1836 (D), 7.7.1836 (D), 4.8.1836 (D), 13.9.1836 (D), 6.10.1836 (D), 3.11.1836 (D), 1.12.1836 (D), 2.3.1837 (D), 6.4.1837 (D), 4.5.1837 (E)

Ridler, Henry Harford 2.4.1835 (B), 2.7.1835 (D), 4.6.1835 (C), 3.6.1836 (K), 7.7.1836 (K), 5.1.1837 (K), 6.7.1836 (K), 3.8.1937 ©, 9.11.1837 (K), 3.6.1839 (K), 2.4.1840 (D), 11.10.1840 (K), 19.11.1840 (K), 24.5.1842 (F), 2.6.1842 (K), 15.9.1842 (K), 1.12.1842 (K), 5.8.1846 (F), 5.11.1846 (F)

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Robey, Elinor Josephine 7.10.1885 (O)

Robey, Marguerita Frances 5.8.1889 (O)

Rowntree, John 5.8.1852 (I – aged 3 years)

Rowntree, Hannah 3.5.1866 (B), 6.9.1866 (C)

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Thomas, Alfred George 5.2.1890 (I)
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Child of Lydia & William, non-Friends from

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White, Alpheus
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Wells, Martha
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Wilton, W I
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OLD FRIENDS' BURIAL GROUND 1837-1937

James Backhouse Walker 1841 - 1899
Eliza Hannah Walker 1843 - 1891
Robert Walker 1846 - 1894
Sarah Thompson Walker 1849 - 1905
John Ridley Walker 1847 - 1915
Ellen Mather 1893 (14 days)
Sarah Benson Mather 1847 - 1875
Sarah Propsting 1817 - 1877
Henry Propsting 1810 - 1901
James R Propsting (Little Jim) 1837 - 1915
Hannah Propsting 1851 - 1877
Joseph Benson Walker 1800 - 1859
Margaret Bragg Walker ? - 1870
George Washington Walker 1802 - 1893
Sarah Benson Walker 1848 - 1882
Julia Davidson Propsting 187 - 1894
Theophilus Pollard 1795 - 1877
Henry Llewellyn Pollard 1826 - 1907
Rowland May 1866 - 1876
Margaret Elizabeth May 1854 - 1901
Mary May 1827 - 1886
Emma Propsting (wife of John) 1832 - 1890
Eliza Jane Walters (daughter of H & M Vaughan) 1855 - 1933
Charles Henry Robey 1857 - 1910
Rachel Ann Mackie (wife of Frederick) 1827 - 1906
Marian R Vaughan 1881 - 1898
Georgina Rachel Vaughan (nee Propsting) ?
Elizabeth Rachel Propsting 1839 - 1899
Richard Propsting 1820 - 1899
Amy Shoobridge (daughter of T & D Lidbetter) 1856 - 1878
William Shoobridge (donor of land for friends' Burial Ground) 1732 - 1836?

Theophilus, Henry Mather (died 1849 aged 10 months)
Anna Maria Mather (died 1856 aged 12 days)
Eliza Crockett 1786 - 1877
John Rowntree 1850 - 1852
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HODGKIN

Donated to Friends’ Meeting records by Robin Hodgkin.

THOMAS HODGKIN

VISIT TO AUSTRALIA 1909

Dr Thomas Hodgkin of Barmoor Castle, Beal, Northumberland, UK, made a religious visit to members of the Society of Friends’ (Quakers) in Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand in 1909, accompanied by his wife, eldest daughter Violet and youngest son George. L. Violet Hodgkin wrote an account of the visit describing her impressions of colonial life (not always favourable), the meetings and social functions and detailed descriptions of the chief Friends’ in each place. In Hobart where they arrived 9 March 1909 after brief calls at Perth and Melbourne and stayed at Heathorn’s Hotel, Violet Hodgkin described the Mathers; the Robeys and their daughters, Linor and Margie; the Propstings whose shop was not doing so well; Edith Barnett; John Ridley Walker, Elder of the Meeting and his aunt Mary Augusta Walker. Violet Hodgkin and her brother held special meetings, talks or bible classes for the younger members in each place and in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide joined the Young Friends’ camps. In Hobart Violet describes several girls from Friends’ High School. Hobart, New Zealand and Adelaide were highlights of the visit. Violet Hodgkin does not say much about Sydney, where they spent two months except for a visit to the Allen’s in the Blue Mountains, and the visits to Queensland and Melbourne were short and often difficult. Some photos of groups and people met are stuck in the diary account, but there is also a photograph album of people met, groups and scenery.

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1,2 L V Hodgkin’s account of the visit, 1909 – 1910

3 Photograph Album 1900 – 1910

Includes photos of Christ Church Annual Meeting, Adelaide General Meeting, other meeting groups, Evelyn Camp, Gosforth Camp, Healesville Camp, members of families of Woodham, Erskine, Benson, Howie, Greaves, Allen, Sayce, Robson, Dixon, Mather, Mackie, Isaac Sharp. Also View of New Zealand, Maori carvings, Dandenongs Victoria, Sydney and Point McLeay Mission. Also loose photo of Mary Augusta Walker age 93 wearing her mother’s Quaker dress 1972, and first General Meeting Hobart 1903.

[Portrait of William May, Snr, claims to be Francis Cotton. Confirmed to be William May, 24 Oct 2005].
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