

# WINCHESTER PREPARATIVE MEETING MINUTES

## 1890-1894

Notes to the reader about the transcription of these minutes:

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

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

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

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(Transcribed February 2006)

### Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 1st month 1st day 1890.

The Friends appointed to propose to the Meeting the name of a Friend to serve the Meeting as Clerk, offer the name of A.F. Huddleston, who being united with is appointed to that station.

The Meeting then concluded.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

### Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 1st month 29th day 1890.

There being no business to be brought before the Meeting, it concluded.

J.W. Pickett, Clerk for Evening

### Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 2nd month 26th day 1890.

The following named persons have made application for membership with Friends. John W. Clark, Lucy M. Farquhar, William R. Kelley, Edmond J. Kelly, Matty M. Kelly, Carl Kelly. The Meeting being united the Clerk is directed to forward the names to the Monthly Meeting.

Fannie Yunker and Jennie McConnell are appointed to receive our portion of the Yearly Meeting stock, pay the same to Thomas Moorman, Quarterly Meeting Treasurer, and report to next Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting then concluded.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 4th month 2nd day 1890.

The committee appointed to receive our portion of the Yearly Meeting stock not being ready to make a full report was continued to report at next Meeting. The name of Lyda Brooks being added to the committee.

There being no further business

The Meeting then concluded.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 4th month 30th day 1890.

The committee having charge of the collection of Yearly Meeting stock reports the amount raised.

The Meeting concluded.

A.J. Wooten, Clerk for Evening

At Winchester Preparative Meeting held 6th month 4th day 1890.

Thomas Moorman reports that our indebtedness for fuel and lights is \$31.08 and that it will take about \$29.00 in addition to the above to defray our expenses on the same for the balance of the year.

The Meeting orders the raising of the sum of \$60.00 to pay the same, and John W. Pickett and J.J. Pretlow are appointed a Finance Committee, and are to settle with Thomas Moorman and report to next Meeting.

The Meeting then adjourned.

A.J. Wooten, Clerk for Evening

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 7th month 2nd day 1890.

The Finance Committee not being ready to make a full report is continued to report at next Meeting.

There being no further business

The Meeting concluded.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 7th month 30th day 1890.

The Finance Committee not being ready to make a full report is continued to report at next Meeting.

The Overseers report to this Meeting the following named persons to be dropped from membership in the Society of Friends, on account of want of attendance, and lack of interest in the

(Answers to Queries were read and directed forwarded to Monthly Meeting.)

affairs of the church.

W.W. Canaday and Carrie Canaday

Jadie Aker and Wife  
Estella Way  
Isaac Coats  
Daniel Rock and Wife

The Meeting was united in directing the Clerk to forward the names to the Monthly Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.  
A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 9th month 3rd day 1890.

The Finance Committee not being prepared to report is continued to report when ready.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded.  
A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 10th month {8th?} day 1890.

A.F. Huddleston and Marcus Miller were appointed to contract for gas for the ensuing year and report to next Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.  
A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 10th month 29th day 1890.

The committee appointed to contract for gas for fuel for the ensuing year reports the contract made at \$1.50 during the months of October and May and \$3.00 a month during the months of November, December, January, February March, and April.

The Meeting accepted the report and discharged the committee.

The Finance Committee made the following report. Thomas Moorman having paid all bills for electric light and gas, the Meeting is indebted therein \$65.63 less \$44.05 paid by Finance Committee leaving a balance due Thomas Moorman of \$21.58.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Marcus Miller, Dr. Pretlow and Mrs. Coble were appointed to nominate a name or names for a Finance Committee and report to next Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.  
A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 12th month 3rd day 1890.

There being no business the Meeting concluded.  
A.J. Wooten (Acting Clerk)

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 12th month 31st day 1890.

The committee appointed to nominate a name for a Finance Committee for the Meeting not being ready to report is continued to report at next Meeting.

John W. Pickett and Thomas Moorman were appointed to audit the Treasurer's books and to receive and disburse the interest accruing on the bequest of James Moorman to this Preparative Meeting as provided by the Will, and report to next Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 2nd month 4th day 1891.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books and make the proper disbursement of the interest accruing on the bequest of James Moorman to the Meeting, not being ready to report, was continued to report to next Meeting.

The committee appointed to bring forward a name, for Finance Committee, proposes the name of A.F. Huddleston. The Meeting accepted the report and discharged the committee and united in forwarding the name to the Quarterly Meeting for appointment.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting held 3rd month 4th day 1891.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books and make the proper disbursement of the interest accruing on the bequest of James Moorman, makes the following report. We, the committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer, have examined his books and accounts and find them correct. He has received the two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) bequested to the Meeting by the Will of the late James Moorman, and has loaned on mortgage security as directed by said Will and we think it a safe loan. He has received one hundred and sixty dollars (\$160.00) as the past year's interest on that fund. We have drawn seventy five dollars (\$75.00) of that amount and paid it to our own ministers to aid them in their ministerial labors within the limits of the Meeting, leaving a balance in his hands of eighty five dollars (\$85.00) to be used as the Meeting may hereafter direct.

March 3, 1891 Thomas Moorman } Committee  
J.W. Pickett }

The Meeting accepted the report and the committee was continued.

The Finance Committee is directed to raise one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for Quarterly Meeting stock and the current expenses of Winchester Preparative Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

At Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 4th month 1st day 1891.

There being no business to come before the Meeting it concluded.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

At Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 4th month 29th day 1891.

The following is the final report of the committee appointed to make a disbursement of the interest accruing on the bequest of James Moorman to this Meeting.

We the committee appointed to distribute the accrued interest on the James Moorman bequest now make full report (\$160.00). The bequest being made to this Meeting, we thought best to pay our ministers in proportion to ministerial work in this Meeting.

We have paid

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| A.J. Wooten             | \$65.00      |
| William C. Brown        | 50.00        |
| S.S. Hinshaw            | 25.00        |
| Jesse Johnson           | <u>20.00</u> |
| 4th month 25th day 1891 | \$160.00     |
| Thomas Moorman }        |              |
| J.W. Pickett }          | Committee    |

Dr. Milligan, A.F. Huddleston, Mrs. Milligan and Mrs. Coble are appointed ushers for the ensuing year.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.  
A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 6th month 3rd day 1891.

There being no business it concluded.  
A.F. Huddleston, Clerk  
A.J. Wooten, Acting Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting held 7th month 1st day 1891.

There being no business the Meeting concluded.  
A.F. Huddleston, Clerk  
A.J. Wooten, Acting Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 7th month 29th day 1891.

Queries from the 1878 Indiana Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice:

1. Are your Meetings for Worship and Discipline regularly held, and are they well and punctually attended?
2. Do Friends, in their intercourse amongst men, give evidence that they are imbued with the love of Christ? Do they instruct their children in the principles of the Christian religion, and bring them up to habits of industry and simplicity; and are they encouraged to the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?
3. Are Friends careful in regard to contracting debts and other engagements, so that no discredit or reproach may occur for want of promptness in complying with the same; and are Friends careful of the reputation of others in every respect?
4. When any of our members are overtaken in a fault, are timely measures taken to restore them in the spirit of meekness and love?

## ANNUAL QUERIES

1. Are your Meetings for Worship occasions of religious solemnity and edification, in which, through Christ, our ever-living High Priest and Intercessor, the Father is worshipped in spirit and truth?

2. Do you walk in love, as Christ also hath loved you? Do you cherish a forgiving spirit?

The following Answers to the Queries were read, and directed to be forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

1st Answer. All of our meetings for worship and discipline are regularly held, and are well and punctually attended by some while others are remiss.

2nd Answer. Many Friends are careful in these particulars while some are not as careful as they should be.

3rd Answer. With few exceptions they are.

4th Answer. When any of our members are overtaken in a fault, measures are taken to restore them in the spirit of meekness and love, but not always as timely as might be best.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, it concluded.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

### Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 9th month 2nd day 1891.

There being no business the Meeting adjourned.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

### Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 10th month 7th day 1891.

Thomas Moorman and Dr. Pretlow were appointed to contract for gas and electric lights for the ensuing year. William C. Brown gives the following very interesting account of his services within the limits of White River Monthly Meeting.

From 11 month 1st day 1890

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| Mount Pleasant held                      | 1 meeting   |
| New Hope held                            | 2 meetings  |
| Martindale held                          | 9 meetings  |
| Carlos City held                         | 27 meetings |
| Glenwood Jay Co. held                    | 6 meetings  |
| McCowen held                             | 9 meetings  |
| Bloomingsport held                       | 4 meetings  |
| Center held                              | 1 meeting   |
| One funeral held                         | 1 meeting   |
| Families visited                         | 112         |
| Pages of Tracts and Sunday School papers | 1100        |

The above was very encouraging and satisfactory to the Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 11th month 4th day 1891.

The committee appointed to contract for gas and light for the coming year not being ready to report, is continued to report at next Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting concludes.  
A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 12th month 3rd day 1891.

The committee appointed to contract for light and gas the coming year not being ready to report is continued to report at next Meeting.

John W. Pickett, Jonathan Cranor, Phebe Reed, Fannie Pickett and Calvin Edwards are appointed to ascertain the amount needed to be raised the coming year to pay the Yearly Meeting stock and meet the current expenses of the Meeting. Also to make out a new ratio, for the raising of the above funds.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.  
A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 12th month 31st day 1891.

There being no business to come before the Meeting it adjourned.  
A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 1st month 28th day 1892.

There being no business to come before the Meeting it adjourned.  
A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 3rd month 2nd day 1892.

Thomas Moorman and J.W. Pickett were appointed to receive and disburse the interest accruing on the bequest of James Moorman to the Preparative Meeting and report at next Meeting.

The committee appointed to contract for light and fuel for this year reports it attended to and the committee is released.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.  
A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 3rd month 30th day 1892.

The committee appointed to receive and disburse the interest accruing on the bequest of James Moorman not being ready to report is continued to report at next Meeting.

Laura Ward, Phebe Reed, Dr. Pretlow, and A.F. Huddleston are appointed to procure a janitor.

Andrew Aker, Deck Hunt, Luzena Coble and Nancy Gray are appointed to assist in collecting money for church expenses.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.  
A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 4th month 27th day 1892.

There being no business to come before the Meeting it adjourned.  
J.J. Pretlow, Acting Clerk

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Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 5th month 4th day 1892.

The Friends appointed to receive and distribute the interest of James Moorman fund make the following report.

To Winchester Preparative Meeting:

We the committee appointed to draw the interest on the James Moorman fund and pay it for ministerial labor within the Meeting have attended thereto as directed. This includes the interest on said fund up to December 19, 1891. Which we submit to the Meeting May 3, 1892.

Thomas Moorman}  
John W. Pickett } Committee

Committee to raise money is continued.

Meeting concluded.

J.W. Pickett, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 6th month 1st day 1892.

There being no business to come before the Meeting it adjourned.  
J.J. Pretlow, Acting Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 6th month 29th day 1892.

There being no business the Meeting concluded.  
J.W. Pickett, Acting Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 8th month 3rd day 1892.

The committee appointed to assist in raising money for Meeting expenses, not being ready to report is continued to report at next Meeting.

The Queries were read with the following Answers.

1st Answer. Our meetings for worship and discipline are regularly held and are well and punctually attended by some, while many are remiss.

2nd Answer. We believe Friends that are imbued with the love of Christ are careful in these particulars, while others are not as careful as they should be.

3rd Answer. With few exceptions they are.

4th Answer. Such measures are taken but not always as timely as might be best.

The committee appointed to procure a janitor reports it attended to and are released.

John W. Pickett and Fannie Pickett are appointed to propose a name for Clerk at next Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 8th month 31st day 1892.

The committee appointed to propose the name for Clerk, not being ready to report is continued to report at next Meeting.

No further business the Meeting concluded.

Jessee Johnson, Acting Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 10th month 5th day 1892.

The committee appointed to bring forward a name to serve as Clerk of this Meeting, proposed the name of Mary Reed. Which was united with and {is?} appointed to that station.

Dr. Pretlow and J.W. Pickett are appointed to contract for gas and light for the coming year.

Frank Moorman and Phebe Reed are appointed to assist in collecting the money assessed for Meeting expenses.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 11th month 2nd day 1892.

The committee appointed to contract for light and fuel is continued to report at next Meeting.

Elkanah Beard and A.F. Huddleston are appointed to receive and disburse the interest accruing on the 2000.00 dollar bequest of James Moorman.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk for Evening

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 11th month 30th day 1892.

The committee appointed to contract for light and fuel not being ready to report is continued to the next Meeting.

Elkanah Beard and A.F. Huddleston appointed to receive and disburse the interest money accruing on the \$2000.00 bequest of James Moorman not being ready to report were continued to the next Meeting.

There being no new business the Meeting concluded.

Mary Reed, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 7th month 30th day 1893.

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The Clerk not being present, John W. Pickett was appointed for the evening.

There being no special business to be minuted at this time.

The Meeting concluded.

John W. Pickett, Clerk for Evening

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 8th month 30th day 1893.

The Clerk not being present John W. Pickett was appointed Clerk for the Evening.

The time agreed upon with John Leach and wife for keeping the meetinghouse having expired some time ago, Fannie Pickett, Irena S. Beard and Malona Johnson are appointed to secure the service of someone to keep the {meeting}house the ensuing year and the Meeting also directs that the party thus secured shall sign an article of agreement setting forth what the Meeting shall require of them and report to next Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.

John W. Pickett, Clerk for Evening

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 10th month 4th day 1893.

The committee appointed to secure someone to take charge of the {meeting}house for the coming year was not prepared to report and was continued.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded.

Amy Moorman, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 11th month 1st day 1893.

Winchester Preparative Meeting held 11th month 29th day 1893.

The committee appointed to make new ratio for raising money for Meeting expenses and minister, not being ready to report is continued to report at next Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk pro tem

Winchester Preparative Meeting held 12th month 31st day 1893.

The committee appointed to make the new ratio and minister fund reported that some other members of the Meeting attended to it. Dr. Huddleston and William Diggs were appointed to draw the interest of the James Moorman fund and pay it to the ministers of this Meeting and report to next Meeting.

Dr. Pretlow and J.W. Williams were appointed to settle with Dr. Huddleston on finance and report to next Meeting.

Mary C. Hinshaw desires to become a member of Friends Church the Clerk is desired to forward the same to the Monthly Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded.

Amy Moorman, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting held 1st month 15th day 1894.

Winchester, Ind. 1/15 We the undersigned having been selected to look after the {financial} standing of the Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends report as follows having examined the work and report of Dr. Huddleston who has acted as Treasurer for said Meeting of the years 1891, 1892 and 1893 have accepted the same as a true report showing balance on hand to date of Jan. 18th, 1894 \$18.25. We herewith turn the same over to John Ludy whom we have selected for the year 1894.

Committee: Joel Williams and J.J. Pretlow

There being no further business the Meeting concludes.

Amy Moorman, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting held 4th month 4th day 1894.

The Clerk being absent A.F. Huddleston was appointed for the evening.

I request to be released as serving as Clerk.

Respectfully,

Amy Moorman

Amy Moorman requests to be released from serving as Clerk and Ella Parsons is appointed to serve in her place.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, it adjourned.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 5th month 2nd day 1894.

The subject of raising the Yearly Meeting stock was brought before the Meeting and it was united in asking Frank Moorman to forward the money.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting it adjourned.

Ella Parson, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 5th month 30th day 1894.

Martha J. Hastings requests to be joined in membership with Friends. This Meeting unites with it and the Clerk is directed to forward her name to the Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting now concludes.

Ella Parson, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 7th month 4th day 1894.

Dr. Huddleston, John Ludy and Daniel Anthony were appointed to take up the collection on the first day of the week and report the amount to this Meeting.

Dr. Pretlow was appointed to examine the Treasurer's books and report to next Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting it adjourned.

Ella Parson, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 8th month 1st day 1894.

The Clerk not being present John W. Pickett was appointed Clerk for the Evening.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's books not being ready to report is continued and directed to report to next Meeting.

The Queries with written Answers to them were read in this Meeting which were approved and the Clerk was directed to sign and forward the same to the ensuing Monthly Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting adjourned.

J.W. Pickett, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 10th month 3rd day 1894.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's books makes the following report which is satisfactory to the Meeting.

Amount of collections from January 7th, 1894 to September 23rd, 1894, \$43.86. This is the regular Sabbath collection amount collected from other sources \$5.50 making in all \$49.36. Amount paid out \$42.39 leaving a balance of \$6.97 in treasury.

There being no further business the Meeting adjourned.

Ella Parsons, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 10th month 31st day 1894.

There being no business to claim the attention of the Meeting it adjourned.

Ella Parsons, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 11th month 28th day 1894.

The Clerk not being present A.F. Huddleston was appointed for the evening.

A.F. Huddleston, J.W. Pickett, Nancy Gray, and Fanny Pickett are appointed to receive the interest on the two thousand dollar bequest of James Moorman to this Meeting, and apply it as provided by the Will and report to next Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting adjourned.

A.F. Huddleston, Clerk

Winchester Preparative Meeting of Friends held 1st month 2nd day 1895.

Viola Hardwick requests to be joined in membership with Friends. This Meeting is united in receiving her and the Clerk is directed to forward the name to the Monthly Meeting.

The following report from the Treasurer of the Preparative Meeting for the year 1894 has been read and received.

Jan. 2, 1895

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| Cash received by Sunday collections    | \$57.81       |
| Personal contributions                 | <u>\$3.00</u> |
| Total                                  | \$60.81       |
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| Paid out for lights and other expenses | \$57.84       |
| Balance on hand                        | \$2.97        |
| Yearly Meeting funds                   | \$2.50        |

J.W. Ludy  
Treasurer of Friends Church

The committee appointed at last Meeting to receive the interest on the two thousand dollar bequest of James Moorman, reports not being ready to make a report to the Meeting, is continued, and the name of Dr. Pretlow is added to the committee and directed to report in next third month. (The interest not being due till in the 2nd month.)

Dr. Pretlow and John W. Pickett are appointed to bring forward the name of a Friend to serve this Meeting as Clerk also one for Treasurer and report to next Meeting.

The committee appointed to prepare a ratio by which to raise all money necessary for the Preparative Meeting produced the following which is satisfactory, and adopted by the Meeting.

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