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THE OHIO QUAKER GENEALOGICAL RECORDS
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LISTING: Marriages, Births, Deaths, Certificates, Disownments, etc., and Much Collateral Information of Interest to Genealogy, History, Biology, and Social Conditions.

VOLUME IV

(NOTE: This book is one of a two-vol-set, designated as Volumes IV & V, and contains about one-half of the Ohio Quaker Genealogical Records; the other half will be found in Volume V.)

CONTENTS: Volume IV contains the genealogical records found in all original books (known to exist of the 30 Monthly Meetings listed below and now belonging to and under the jurisdiction of the two presently established Ohio Yearly Meetings, viz: the Wilbur and Gurney Branches of the Society of Friends in Ohio; 25 of the said Monthly Meetings are in Ohio, 4 are in western Pa., and 1 in Michigan. (See Volume V for the records of 21 Monthly Meetings in Ohio belonging to Wilmington and Indiana Yearly Meetings.)

N. B.: The records of all Branches are included: Orthodox, Hicksite, Wilbur and Gurney Friends. The Genealogical Records of Meetings of All Types are kept by Monthly (Business) Meetings. Each monthly meeting is attended by Delegates from its sub-ordinate meetings, viz: Meetings for Worship and their Preparative Meetings, under its jurisdiction. Although hundreds of Meetings for Worship have been established in Ohio, their genealogical records are found in the books of the monthly meetings to which they were attached.

Names of the 30 Mo. Mtgs., whose records are contained in this book, and dates of organization:

2. Redstone, Fayette Co., Pa. 1793
4. Concord, Belmont Co., O. 1801
5. Plymouth-Smithfield, Jeff. Co., O. 1802
6. Middleton, Columbiana Co., O. 1803
7. Short Creek (Mt. Pleasant) Jeff. Co., O. 1804
8. Salem, Columbiana Co., O. 1805
9. New Garden, Columbiana Co., O. 1808
10. Stillwater, Belmont Co., O. 1808
11. Providence, Fayette Co., Pa. 1817
12. Carmel, Columbiana Co., O. 1817
13. Alum Creek, Delaware Co., O. 1817
14. Flushing, Belmont Co., O. 1818
15. Somerset, Belmont Co., O. 1820
16. Sandy Spring, Columbiana Co., O. 1820
17. Goshen (Darby Creek), Logan Co., O. 1824
18. Upper Springfield, Columbiana Co., O. 1825
19. Deerfield (Pennsville), Morgan Co., O. 1827
20. Plainfield, Belmont Co., O. 1828
22. Chesterfield, Athens Co., O. 1837
23. Gilead, Morrow Co., O. 1838
24. West, Mahoning Co., O. 1845
25. Greenwich, Morrow Co., O. 1848
27. East Goshen, Mahoning Co., O. 1870
28. Columbus, Franklin Co., O. 1874
29. Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., O. 1883
30. Adrian, Michigan (joined O.Y.M. 1869) 1881
The first established meeting of Friends west of the Alleghany Mountains was at Westland, in southwestern Pennsylvania. This meeting was provided for by action of Hopewell Monthly Meeting located near Winchester, Virginia, November 11, 1783. Groups of Friends from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia were augmented by a large movement from the Carolinas and Georgia. Probably the greatest single factor in this movement was the slavery issue. After the passage of the famous Ordinance of 1787, Friends knew that the territory north and west of the Ohio River would be forever free from slavery, but there were doubtless other contributing reasons, such as availability of good land at a cheap price, the lure of the frontier and natural expansion.

The movement into Ohio began in 1796 and an intensified movement began about 1800 when settlements were made west of the Ohio River some miles northwest of Wheeling, Virginia. These were a "meeting-going" population. These people in their migrations had rested on the First day of the week, and at the accustomed hour had gathered around their campfire for worship.

There is a tradition that at Concord (Colerain) a group assembled first on the trunk of a fallen tree, then were invited to the newly erected cabin of Jonathan Taylor, and later moved to a log meeting house. The first Friends moved into eastern Ohio in September 1800. In less than one year, Friends so increased that two preparative meetings were established and on December 19, 1800, Concord Monthly Meeting was opened.

The place of meeting alternated with Short Creek until 3rd Month, 20th, 1804, when a request was made to Redstone Quarterly Meeting held at Westland that the monthly meeting be divided - Short Creek Monthly Meeting to be held alternately at Short Creek and Plymouth, and Concord Monthly Meeting to be held alternately at Concord and Plainfield. This request was granted. In 1804 Concord Monthly Meeting initiated a movement looking forward to a Quarterly Meeting for the Friends in eastern Ohio.

Among the charter members of Concord Monthly Meeting who were prominent in the beginnings of Quakerism in Ohio were Howard Horton, Nathan Updegraff, Jonathan Taylor, Benjamin Starta, Josiah Bundy, Cadwallader Evans, Bordon Stanton, Jacob Ong, Joseph Hall, Samuel Lewis, Enoch Harris, Benjamin Vaile, Jonathan Wilson, Malachi Jolly, Mary Jolly, Amara Lipsey, Benjamin Steel, David Berry, Joseph Dew, Royal Wade, James Raby, Abner Lambert, Joseph Arnold, Samuel James, William Kirk, Jesse White, William Satterthwait, Levi Wells, Joshua Hatcher, Daniel Frazier, Aaron Brown and William Carr.

In the years 1803-1805 the Hopewell meeting of Virginia sent to Concord in Ohio members of the Lufton, Piggot, Jenkins, Pickering, Miller, Ellis, Steer and Bevan families. Concord Monthly Meeting suffered heavily as a result of the Hicksite Separation in 1828.

Records of Concord Monthly Meeting are preserved by Mable Clark, Custodian, Bridgeport, Ohio, and in the bank vault at Mount Pleasant. Some records have been lost by fire and as a result of having been borrowed and never returned.
Short Creek Monthly Meeting was established in Jefferson County, Ohio, 3rd Mo. 17th, 1804, by Redstone Quarterly Meeting. It had been a preparative meeting under Concord Monthly Meeting. Short Creek Monthly Meeting was made up of Short Creek and Plymouth Preparative Meetings. Short Creek Monthly Meeting established a meeting for worship called Cross Creek on 6th Mo. 16th, 1804, and this was made a preparative meeting 4th Mo. 20th, 1805 and West Grove Meeting for worship was established 2nd Mo. 20th, 1808. Short Creek Monthly Meeting was divided 2nd Mo. 24th, 1915, Mt. Pleasant and Long Run Preparative Meetings becoming Mt. Pleasant Monthly Meeting and West Grove and Georgetown Preparative Meetings constituting Short Creek Monthly Meeting.

Among the early families who were members of Short Creek Monthly Meeting were Jonathan Taylor, Nathan Updegraph, Israel Wilson, Jacob Holloway, Joseph Wright, Samuel Holloway, John Cadwallader, Isaac Whealdon, William Hoge, Enoch Chandler, Isaac Schooley, Evan Roman, Darwin Conroe, Jacob Cope, Josiah Wood, Jacob Ong, Jacob Lewis, Joseph Talbot, Benjamin Stanton, Henry Lewis, Evans Cadwallader, Jesse Fowke, and a number of others whose names will appear in the genealogical records.