
Society of Friends in South Australia

SRG 103
Series List

On first meeting of the Society of Friends in South Australia took place on 3 December 1837 in the home of John Barton Hack.

In 1839 the London Yearly Meeting set up a fund to collect money so that a Meeting House could be provided in South Australia. A prefabricated building was shipped out and erected on land purchased from J.B. Hack in Pennington Tee., North Adelaide, where it still stands. For the first few years the Meeting House was little used because most members of the Society were concentrated in the Mt. Barker-Echunga area.

The Society consisted of a nucleus of about six families until membership increased in the 1880's. Many of the early members returned to England with the depression of 1842.

In 1986 there were approximately 200 members and attenders of the Society in South Australia, compared with some 250 in 1976.

The records cover the period 1836-74 (apart from earlier estrays) the earliest being the membership certificate of J.B. Hack.

The records have:been deposited on indefinite loan and are restricted. Written permission for access and copying should be sought from the Regional Meeting Clerk:

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For additional information and statistics see Research Note 49.

A preliminary inventory prepared by Mrs. Rees is filed with correspondence with the Society in Sub 16. (1Dec. 1977) Special lists prepared by Mrs. Rees follow the series list.

Minutes of 'Two Months Meetings', 1843-1948, together with typescript minutes. 1843-67, and membership lists. 1854. 1843-82. 11 volumes and 9 pages.	<u>1</u>
Minutes of the Ministry and Oversight Committee. 1883-1927. 3 volumes.	<u>2</u>
Register of members. 1843-1974. 1 volume.	<u>3</u>
Membership lists, tabular statements and statistics, and lists of appointments. 1862-1925. 1 folder and 2 bundles.	<u>4</u>

Papers relating to changes in membership including applications, acceptances, removals, resignations, disownments and certificates of membership. 1836-1924. 6 folders. [See Special List].	<u>5</u>
Burial notes and correspondence relating to deaths. 1843-1946. 6 vols and 2 folders. [See Special List].	<u>6</u>
Birth notes. 1856-1956. 5 vols and 2 folders. [See Special List]	<u>7</u>
Birth notes and marriage certificates 1841-1862. 1 volume.	<u>8</u>
Documents relating to marriages including certificates, liberating documents and declarations. 1858-1919. 1 folder. [See Special List]	<u>9</u>
Epistles and circulars from South Australian Meetings and epistles and minutes mostly from London Meetings to South Australian Meetings. 1838-1922. 1 folder. [See Special List]	<u>10</u>
Correspondence, chiefly of the clerk and correspondent of the Society. 1856-1949. 1 folder. [See Special List]	<u>11</u>
Financial papers 1845-80. 1 folder. Includes , including account books, 1845-81; balance sheets, 1855-1925; and receipts.	<u>12</u>
Miscellaneous material relating to the Ministry and Oversight Committee and 'Two-Months Meetings'. 1880-1934. 2 folders. [See Special List]	<u>13</u>
Documents relating to the Meeting House Land, 1846; lease of the Blackwood Hall, 1842 and use of the Society's North Adelaide hall by the Adelaide City Mission, 1897. 3 items.	<u>14</u>

List of members and attenders in the Australian colonies and South Africa, compiled by Robert Lindsay and Frederick Mackie during their visit to these countries. 1852-4. 1 item.	<u>15</u>
Correspondence about the Society's burial ground at West Terrace, cemetery, 1886-7 and map of the burial ground. 1904. 12 items. [See Special List]	<u>16</u>
Papers relating to the civil and internal registration of marriage by the Society and gazetted notice about cemetery regulations. 1842-1925. 2 bundles. Mostly printed.	<u>17</u>
Papers relating to Joseph Barritt comprising certificate of removal, consent to his marriage, draft of marriage certificate and birth notice of his daughter. 1839-53. 6 items. [Joseph Barritt's marriage was the first Quaker wedding celebrated in South Australia]	<u>18</u>
Blank forms used by the Society for internal and civil purposes. Various dates. 2 bundles.	<u>19</u>
Miscellaneous papers	<u>20</u>
1) Programmes of General Meetings. 1920, 1921, 1922, 1924. 4 items.	
2) Guard book containing printed statements and addresses made by the Society of Friends in England, 1830-43 and rough genealogical notes on the Tylney, Cotton, May, Child and Wellesley families, c.1900's. 1 vol. [Not an official record, possibly the property of Joseph Coleman a member of the South Australian Society]	
3) Plan of Milang. n.d. 1 item.	
4) Record of door to door sewing machine sales (presumably an estray). 1902. 1 item.	
Minutes of Eden Hills Preparative Meeting April 1915 - May 1934. 1 notebook.	<u>21</u>
Cash Books 1926-1968. 3 vols. (Vol. 1 includes miscellaneous balance sheets from 1922).	<u>22</u>
Papers relating to the purchase and conveyance of land for a meeting house at North Adelaide. See Special List for Series 23 for details. 1839-1847.	<u>23</u>

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- Papers relating to the appointment of new Trustees for the North Adelaide Meeting House. See Special List for Series 24 for details. 1863-1887. 24
- Papers relating to the deed of the North Adelaide Meeting House, and other issues of ownership. See Special List for Series 25 for details. 1890-1928. 25
- Papers and documents relevant to the Real Property Application No.28016 to bring the North Adelaide Meeting House under the Real Property Act. See Special List for Series 26 for details. 1866-1937. 26
- Papers relating to the Mount Barker Meeting House, including a lease, certificate of indenture and a photograph. See Special List for Series 27 for details. 1856 and n.d. 27
- Papers relating to burial grounds, burials and death certificates. See Special List for Series 28 for details. 1846-1942. 28
- Miscellaneous papers relating to the Society, its members and operations. See Special List for Series 29 for details. 1838-1940. 29
- Papers and photographs relating to the history of the first long journey of the South Australian Peace Caravan. 1980-1982. 30
- Circular addressed to South Australian Quakers 1838. 31
'An Affectionate Address to the Members of our Religious Society in South Australia by the Meeting for Sufferings (Society of Friends, London, 5th of the Tenth Month, 1838', printed, with signature of George Stacey, Clerk. The archivist of the S.A. Archives in 1936 has added a note beside the last paragraph relating to mention of Aborigines of the Country and how they are to be respected and treated by Quakers in the colony. (Formerly A 959)