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RECORDS AND MINUTES OF
THE THIRTY-THREE OLDEST MONTHLY MEETINGS
WHICH BELONG, OR EVER BELONGED, TO THE
NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
(WHOSE RECORDS ARE KNOWN TO BE STILL IN EXISTENCE)

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BUSH RIVER MONTHLY MEETING

Newberry County, South Carolina

During the last half of the eighteenth century four principal centers of Quakerism arose in South Carolina and one in Georgia. These were in Kershaw, Marlborough, Newberry and Union Counties, South Carolina, and in Columbia (now McDuffie) County, Georgia. The earliest of these settlements appears to have been in Kershaw County, S. C., about 1750. Fredericksburg Monthly Meeting, also called Wateree, was set up in this county about 1755 or earlier. The monthly meeting was laid down about 1782, and the meetings for worship disappeared not long afterward. No records of Fredericksburg Monthly Meeting are known to be in existence.

Bush River Monthly Meeting, in Newberry County, S. C., was established in 1770; Wrightsborough Monthly Meeting, in Georgia, 1773; Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, in Union County, S. C., 1799; Piney Grove Monthly Meeting, in Marlborough County, S. C., 1802.

Bush River Meeting was located in Newberry County, in the west-central part of South Carolina. Dr. Stephen B. Weeks in "Southern Quakers and Slavery", page 115, says: "The group of meetings clustering around Bush River was the most important in South Carolina. The origin of this meeting and the time it began cannot be discovered. William Coate was living near Bush River before 1762, and Samuel Kelly, a native of King's County, Ireland, removed to Newberry County, from Camden, in 1762. Other early Quaker settlers were John Furnas, David Jenkins, Benjamin and William Pearson. Robert Evans came from Camden, probably between 1762 and 1769."

In 1770 a committee appointed by Western Quarterly Meeting to visit Friends at Bush River Meeting in South Carolina recommended that a monthly meeting be settled there. This recommendation was approved by the Quarterly Meeting in 11th month, 1770, but the records seem to indicate that the new monthly meeting was not actually held until 4th month, 1772. Meetings for worship which are mentioned as reporting to Bush River Monthly Meeting include Bush River, Raburn's Creek, Tiger River, Padget's Creek, Mud Lick, Allwoods', White Lick, Edisto, Charleston and Rocky Springs.

Early members of Bush River Meeting (names taken from the first pages of the minutes), in addition to those mentioned by Dr. Weeks, included Jacob Chandler, Samuel Chapman, Eli Cook, Isaac Cook, William Cooper, Enos Elleman, Moses Embree, Robert Evans, Armil Fincher, Nathan Hawkins, James Haworth, Richard Henderson, Elias Hollingsworth, Isaac Hollingsworth, William Hollingsworth, John Jones, Robert Merrick, Henry Millhouse, David Mote, David Mote, Jr., William Neal, John Nelson, Samuel Nelson, Enoch Pearson, Samuel Pearson, William Pemberton, Peter Ruble, David Smith, Henry Stedham, Jonathan Taylor, William Wright.

About 1802, moved by a desire to live in a country where no slaves were held, Friends of Bush River began a migration to Ohio. Between 1802 and 1807 more than one hundred certificates of removal were issued, most of them being for families. This so depleted the membership that the monthly meeting seems to have been all but abandoned in 1808, though not formally laid down until 1822. A minute of Bush River Monthly Meeting, 1806, 6, 28, states that the Yearly Meeting "advises the Trustees, James Brooks, Samuel Brown, Isaac Kirk and John O'Neal, to sell or lease Bush River meeting house and lot, Rocky Spring meeting house and lot, and a meeting house lot at Camden."

In 1809 the few remaining members of Bush River and Cane Creek Monthly Meetings were joined to New Garden Monthly Meeting by order of New Garden Quarterly Meeting. The same procedure appears to have been followed as to Wrightsborough. The minutes of New Garden Monthly Meeting relating to the former members of Bush River, Cane Creek and Wrightsborough Monthly Meetings are quoted below because it has not been possible, in all cases, to separate them and assign each item to the proper meeting.

1809, 6, 24. "Extracts from New Garden Quarterly Meeting, 1808, 12, 10 and 1809, 3, 10.

Friends appointed to visit friends in South Carolina report about 130 members as follows.

Cane Creek, Union District: Richard Cox and wife, Ann, and children, Rebeckah, David, Peter, John, Isaac, Richard and William; Isaac Hawkins and children, Jonathan and Phebe; Dinah, Isaac

ABBREVIATIONS

b	born
bur	buried
cert	certificate
ch	child, children
co	chosen overseer (s)
com	complained, complained of
con	condemned
d	died
dec	deceased
dis	disowned, disowned for
dt	daughter, daughters
fam	family
form	formerly
gc	granted certificate
gct	granted certificate to
gl	granted letter
h	husband
jas	joined another society
ltm	liberated to marry, left at liberty to marry
m	marry, married, marrying, marriage
mbr	member
mbrp	membership
mcd	married contrary to discipline
MH	meeting house
MM	monthly meeting
mos	married out of society
mou	married out of unity
mtg	meeting
prc	produced a certificate
prcf	produced a certificate from
QM	quarterly meeting
rec	receive, received
recrq	received by request
relfc	released from care for
relrq	released by request
rem	remove, removed
rm	reported married
rmt	reported married to
roc	received on certificate
rocf	received on certificate from
rol	received on letter
rolf	received on letter from
rp	reported
rq	request, requests, requested
rqc	requested certificate
rqct	requested certificate to
rqcuc	requested to come under care (of mtg)
rst	reinstate, reinstated
s	son, sons
uc	under care (of mtg)
w	wife
YM	yearly meeting

JENKINS, continued.

- 1786, 6, 24. Thomas rpd mou.
 1789, 10, 8. David, s David & Elizabeth, Dist.
 96, S. C., m Martha Evans.
 1797, 6, 8. Jesse, s David, Newberry Co., S.C.,
 m Hannah Russell.
 1799, 5, 9. Elizabeth, dt David, Newberry Co.,
 S. C., m Samuel Russell.
 1799, 11, 14. Amos, s David, Newberry Co., S. C.,
 m Elizabeth Russell.
 1802, 11, 4. Rebekah (Jenkins), widow of Isaac,
 Newberry Dist., S. C., m Isaac Kirk.
 1805, 3, 30. Amos & fam gct Miami MM, Ohio.
 1805, 8, 31. David, Sr. & s, Enoch, gct Miami
 MM, Ohio.
 1806, 4, 26. David & fam gct Little Miami MM,
 Ohio.
 1806, 4, 26. Eli gct Little Miami MM, Ohio.
 1806, 5, 31. David, s Isaac, gct Little Miami
 MM, Ohio.
 1806, 7, 26. William & fam gct Little Miami MM,
 Ohio.

JOHNSON.

- 1785, 4, 30. Lucy & ch, Charles, David, Collins,
 Sarah, James, Moorman & Judith, rocf
 South River MM, Campbell Co., Va., dated
 1783, 10, --.
 1786, 3, 25. David dis mou.
 1787, 2, 24. Charles dis mou.
 1787, 2, 24. Collins dis.

JONES.

- 1773, 1, 30. Francis & w & ch, Rachel, Frances,
 Samuel, Henry, John, Hannah & Thomas,
 Jane, Elliman, Sarah, Joseph & Mary, rocf
 Cane Creek MM, N. C., dated 1772, 10, 3.
 1773, 1, 30. Henry & w & ch, Elizabeth, George
 & William, rocf Cane Creek MM, N. C.,
 dated 1772, 10, 3.
 1773, 1, 30. James rocf New Garden MM, dated
 1772, --, --.
 1792, 9, 29. Joseph, s Francis & Sarah, Colum-
 bus Co., Ga., m Mary Taylor.
 1793, 1, 26. Mary (with h) & dt gct Wrightsboro
 MM, Ga.
 1794, 11, 29. Rachel (form Paty) dis mou.
 1795, 5, 30. Margaret rocf Wrightsboro MM, Ga.,
 dated 1793, 7, 6.
 1802, 7, 31. Elisha recr. q.
 1805, 12, 28. Elisha gct Miami MM, Ohio.
 1820, 12, --. Robert rpd mou.

JULIAN.

- 1801, 7, --. Charlotte rpd mou.
 1807, 6, 11. Susanna (Julien), Newberry Dist.,
 S. C., m Samuel Gaunt.

KELLY.

- 1776, 3, 30. Mary & ch, Isaac & Ann, & smaller
 ch not named, rocf Fredericks MM, near
 Camden, S. C., dated 1776, 1, 2.
 1776, 3, 30. Mary Engliah, a girl of 10 yrs.,

KELLY, continued.

- uc of Mary Kelly & fam, rocf Fredericks
 MM, near Camden, S. C., dated 1776, 1, 2.
 1778, 10, 31. Isaac gct Fredericksburg MM, near
 Camden, S. C.
 1780, 11, 2. Mary, widow of John, m Zebulon
 Gaunt.
 1784, 12, 9. Ann, dt John & Mary, Bush River,
 Dist. 96, S. C., m Abijah O'Neill.
 1785, 4, 30. Abigail, dt Samuel & Hannah, Dist.
 96, S. C., m Samuel Gaunt.
 1785, 12, 16. Samuel, s Samuel, Edgefield Co.,
 S. C., m Elizabeth Milhouse.
 1789, 1, 1. Samuel, Jr., Newberry Co., S. C.,
 m Hannah Pearson.
 1790, 11, 27. John, s John, dis mou.
 1791, 5, 28. Samuel, Sr. dis.
 1791, 9, 1. Robert, s John, dec, Newberry Co.,
 S. C., m Sarah Paty.
 1791, 11, 10. Ann, dt Samuel, Newberry Co., S.C.,
 m Hugh O'Neill.
 1794, 4, 26. Rebecca Elmore (form Kelly) rpd
 mou.
 1794, 9, 27. Elizabeth Fluke (?) (form Kelly)
 rpd mou.
 1800, 9, 17. Moses, Newberry Dist., S. C., m
 Mary Teague.
 1802, 9, 25. Robert & w, Sarah, & ch gct West-
 land MM, Washington Co., Pa. (rem near
 Miami River, Ohio)
 1802, 9, 25. Samuel & w, Hannah, & ch gct West-
 land MM, Washington Co., Pa. (rem near
 Miami River, Ohio)
 1805, 8, 31. Moses & fam gct Miami MM, Ohio.

KIRK.

- 1794, 4, 26. John rocf MM in Phila., Pa., dated
 1793, 8, 30.
 1795, 1, 25. Isaac rocf Richland MM, dated 1794,
 9, 10.
 1802, 11, 4. Isaac, Newberry Dist., S. C., m
 Rebekah Jenkins.

KNIGHT.

- 1799, 6, 29. Martha rpd mou.

LAMB.

- 1775, 3, 25. William, of Padgit's Creek, dis.
 1778, 7, 25. Thomas, Jr. rocf Fairfax MM, Va.,
 dated 1775, 3, 25.
 1779, 10, 30. Longshore, of Padget's Creek, dis
 mou.
 1788, 4, 26. Robert, s Thomas, dis mou.
 1789, 4, 25. William dis.

LANCHESTER.

- 1799, 5, 25. Rachel rpd mou.

LAURANCE.

- 1790, 11, 11. Jane m Joseph Thompson.

LEWIS.

- 1792, 1, 28. Thomas, s William, recr. q.