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Stanton Township Society of Friends
Records, 1871-1909

Collection #322

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Creator/Corporate Name: Stanton Township Friends

Inclusive Dates: 1871-1909

Physical Description: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)

Provenance:

The Stanton Township Society of Friends collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

Access:

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Historical Note:

A number of the earliest settlers in Eastern Illinois were members of the Society of Friends. Around 1820, these "friends," also known as Quakers, began to establish homes in the area, the earliest families being Haworth, Henderson, Mills, Brown, Cook, and Canady. These Quakers were against slavery, war, liquor, divorce, lawsuits, and other "worldly amusements." They were interested in education and arranged to have schools in the churches and established a library in each meeting house with books on loan to members. The Eastern Illinois settlers were affiliated with a group of meetings in Indiana, and for their monthly meetings, they had to travel quite a distance. In response, in 1826, they were permitted to have their meetings at Vermilion, to be known as Vermilion Monthly Meetings. Later, as more families moved into Eastern Illinois, several other meetings were started, including Stanton Township Friends in Champaign County, Illinois, in 1871.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains meeting minutes from the Stanton Township Monthly Meetings from 1871-1909. The meeting minutes offer history and information about the memberships, marriages, education, and decisions concerning the Quaker Society of Friends of Stanton Township. Also included are demographic reports about the Society of Friends in Stanton Township, the membership, and the schools within the church. An index is included.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Subject Terms:

Church records and registers

Quakers

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