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**Summary Information**

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Friends Institute of Philadelphia (MC.975.11.021), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Historical note

The Friends’ Institute for Young Men was originally located at 112 N. 7th Street in Philadelphia when it was established in 1880 to offer a reading room, lecture and meeting room where “suitable” periodical and other literature would be available to young men connected with the Society of Friends. There were approximately 200 original members of the Institute including Edward Bettle, Jr., Ellis Y. Brown, T. Wistar Brown, John G. Bullock, Richard Cadbury, Howard Comfort, William H. Jenks, John H. Dillingham, John B. Garrett, Robert B. Haines, Josiah Leeds, Charles Roberts, Thomas Scattergood, George Vaux, Asa Wing, Edward M. Wistar and others. Although women were almost immediately allowed to use the reading room, by 1885, it was concluded that since women served on so many charitable and philanthropic organizations which held meetings in the Institute, the efficiency of the Association would increase, and there would be no detrimental effect in allowing them to become members. At that point, the name changed to The Friends’ Institute.

Around 1892, the Institute moved to 20 S. 12th Street, where later it would share quarters with the American Friends Service Committee. The Institute’s purpose was said “to provide recreational facilities to Friends in the central section of the city.” Charter was granted by the Court of Common Pleas in 1887. At least by the time of the publication of the Inventory of Church Archives in 1942, there was no affiliation with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and indicates “only a cooperative relationship with the church organization.”

(Information from annual reports of Friends’ Institute and Inventory of Church Archives)

Scope and Content note

This collection is comprised of the single volume membership record of the Friends Institute of Philadelphia. The volume includes the preamble and constitution of the organization, as well as the signatures and addresses of the members.

Administrative Information

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Standard Federal Copyright Law Applies (U.S. Title 17).

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Unknown.

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Related Materials
Related Materials
- MC 1197 Friends Institute records
- MC.975.04.007 Friends Institute scrapbook
- MC.975.09.029 Friends Institute minutes
- MC 1256 William Morris Maier papers

Controlled Access Headings
Genre(s)
- Membership lists

Subject(s)
- Quakers
- Quakers--History
Collection Inventory

Membership record 1880-1921