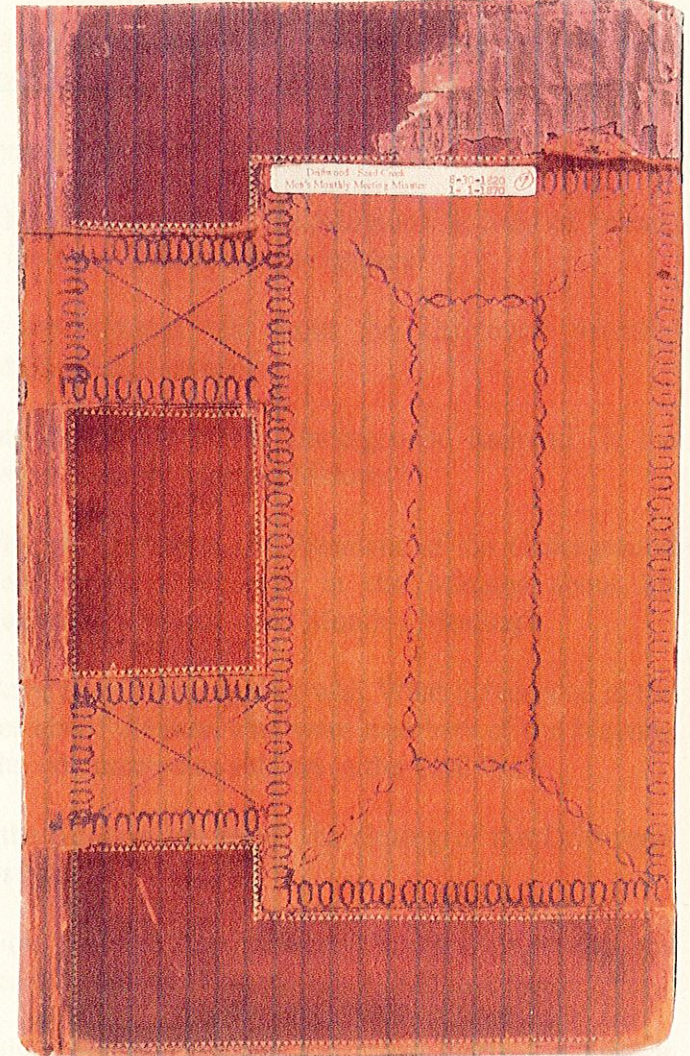


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IN THE DRIFTWOOD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES



Sunday, March 6, 2016
Jackson County Public Library
Seymour, Indiana

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Where did the Driftwood Quakers settle in Jackson Township,
Jackson County?

From where did these Quaker settlers come?

How did being a member of the Religious Society of Friends
affect the lives of these Quaker settlers?

What do the Minutes tell about the Driftwood Monthly
Meeting Lending Library?

What mention is made of the Underground Railroad in the
Driftwood Monthly Meeting Minutes?

Levi Coffin was known as the President of the Underground
Railroad. What is recorded in the Minutes about his
involvement in the Driftwood Monthly Meeting?

Quakers have a testimony against war. What is recorded in the
Minutes about the men who were members of the Meeting
and who volunteered as soldiers in the Civil War?

What do the Minutes tell about the closing of the Driftwood
Friends Meeting in 1887?

Caleb Elliott and his family were Quakers. What do the
Minutes tell about moving the Elliott Family cemetery?

What do the Minutes tell about the New Driftwood Friends
Meeting established in the vicinity of Jaketown in 1893?

DATES FOUND IN THE MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

- 1820 - Driftwood Monthly Meeting opened ¹
- 1824 - Sand Creek Friends Meeting opened and became a part of Driftwood Monthly Meeting ²
- Mid 1850's - Driftwood Friends Meeting relocated ³
- 1869 - Name of Driftwood Monthly Meeting changed to Sand Creek Monthly Meeting ⁴
- 1887 - Driftwood Friends Meeting discontinued ⁵
- 1893 - New Driftwood Friends Meeting opened ⁶
- 1932 - New Driftwood Friends Meeting became a Federated Community Church ⁷

¹ *Driftwood Women's Monthly Meeting Minutes 1820-1846*
8th mo 30th 1820

² *Driftwood Men's Monthly Meeting Minutes 1820-1870*
10th mo 9th 1824

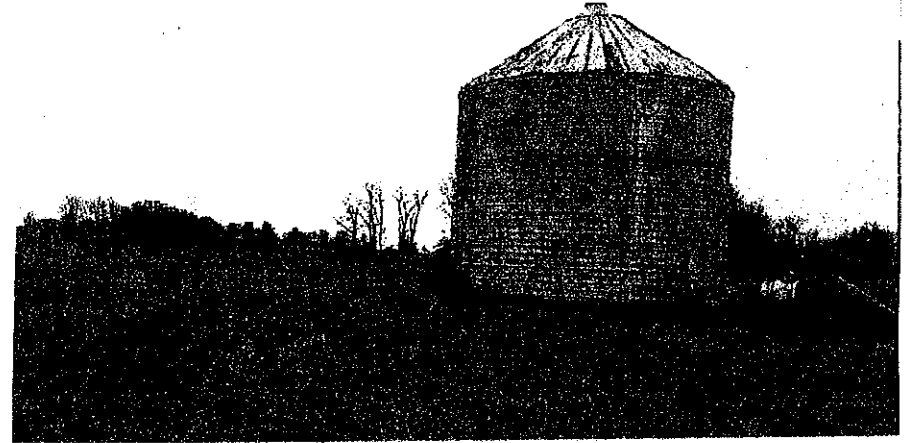
³ *Driftwood Men's Monthly Meeting Minutes 1820-1870*
4th mo 9th 1856

⁴ *Driftwood Men's Monthly Meeting Minutes 1820-1870*
4th mo 3rd 1869

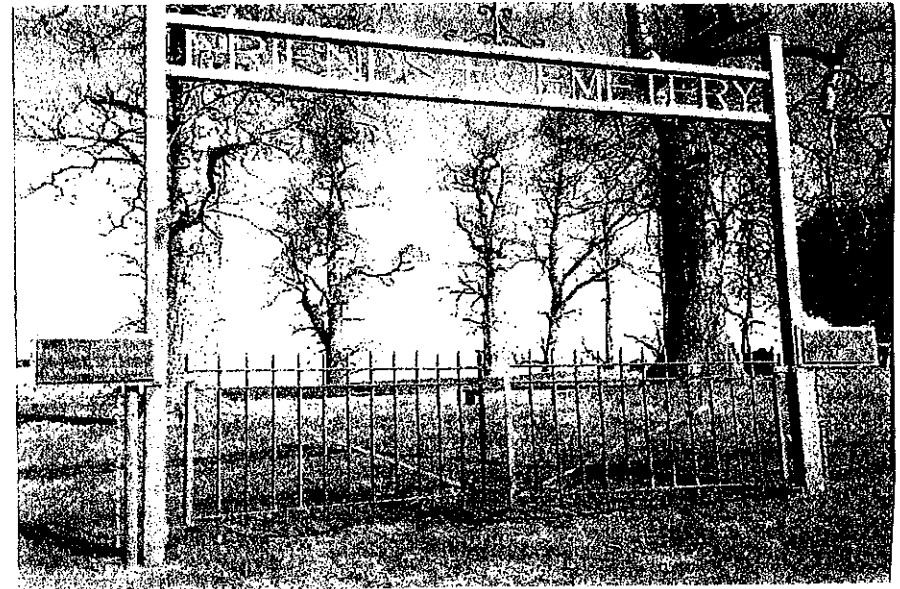
⁵ *Sand Creek Men's Monthly Meeting Minutes 1870-1898*
7th mo 2nd 1887

⁶ *Sand Creek Men's Monthly Meeting Minutes 1870-1898*
1st mo 1894

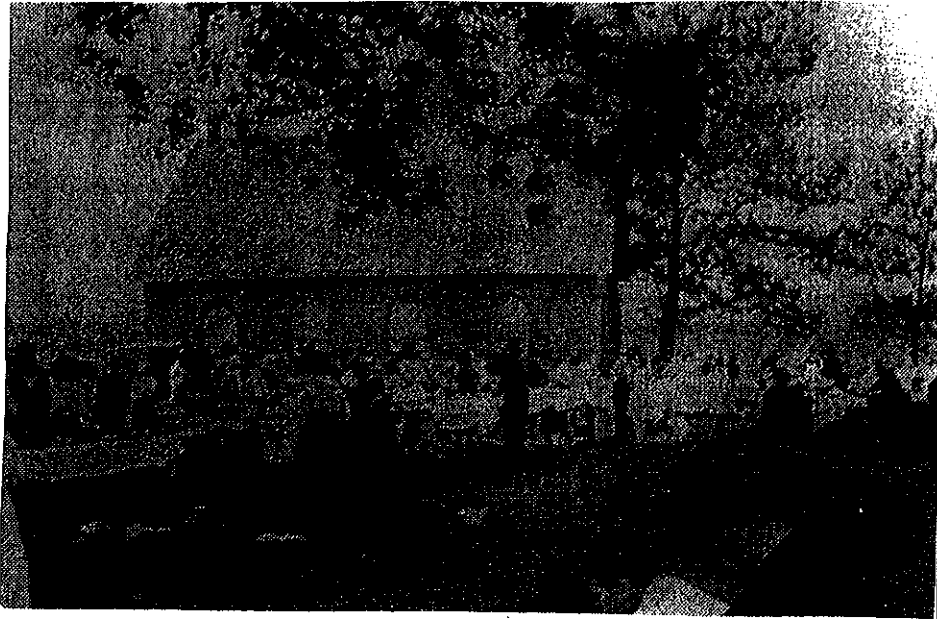
⁷ *Sand Creek Men's Monthly Meeting Minutes 1898-1940*
2nd mo 1932



First Driftwood Friends Meetinghouse, School, & Cemetery
At the row of trees, left of the grain bin. Photo taken in 2016



Second Driftwood Friends Meetinghouse, School & Cemetery
Entrance to cemetery. Photo taken in 2016.



'Pitch-in' dinner at New Driftwood Meetinghouse - early 1900's



Four people standing - each one on a different corner of the foundation of what had been the New Driftwood Meetinghouse. Photo taken in 1996.

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David T. Newsom and wife, Ruth
Pastor at New Driftwood Friends Meeting, 1893 - mid 1920's

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LOCATION 1

First Driftwood Friends Meetinghouse, School, & Cemetery

See top photo on page 3

South side of County Rd 340 North at County Road 925 East.
Meadowbrook Dr. at Steak & Shake becomes Co Rd 925 East.

Must cross private property to reach cemetery today

Driftwood Meeting opened in 8th month 1820.

Driftwood Meeting relocated in mid-1850's to LOCATION 2

LOCATION 2

Second Driftwood Friends Meetinghouse, School & Cemetery

See bottom photo on page 3

North side of County Rd 300 North and near Co Rd 850 East

In 7th month 1887, Driftwood Meeting was discontinued.

LOCATION 3

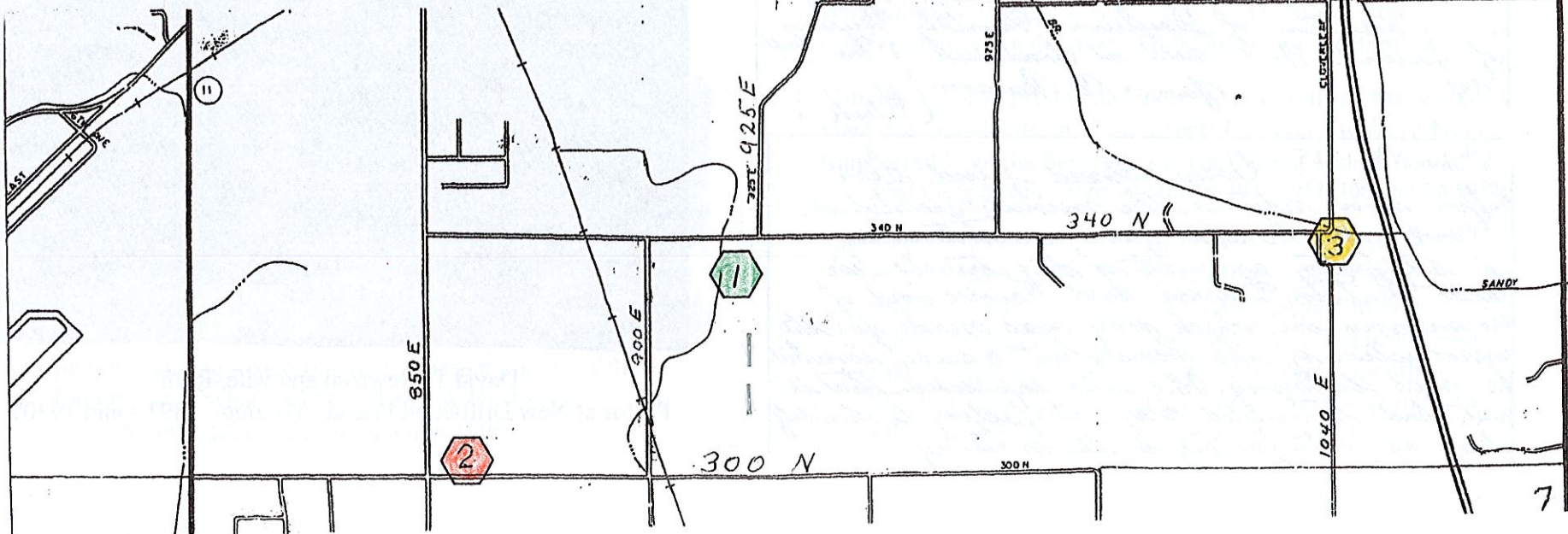
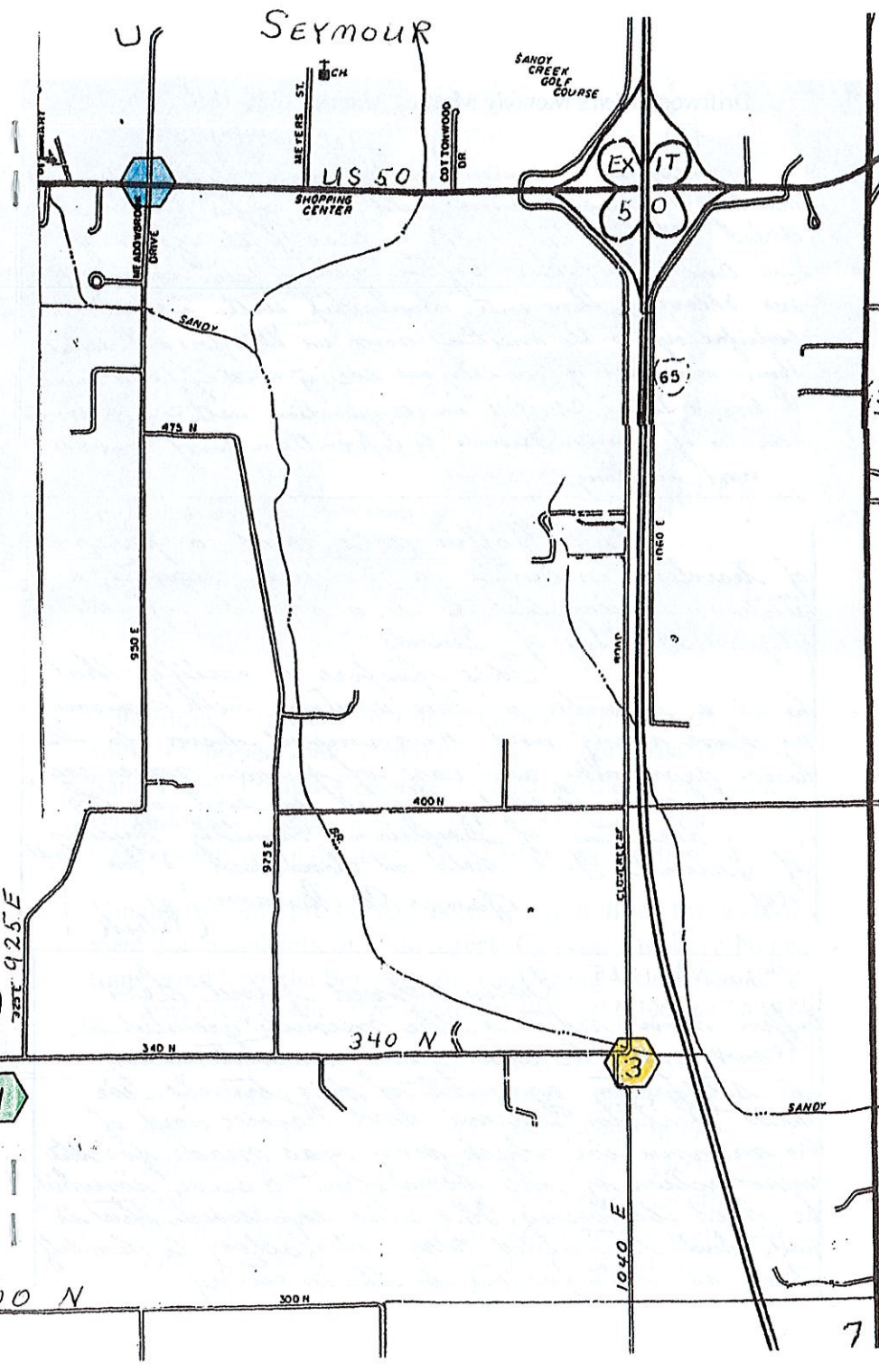
New Driftwood Friends Meetinghouse

See photos on page 4

East side of County Rd 1040 East at County Rd 340 North

New Driftwood Friends Meeting opened in 12th month 1893

In 2nd month 1932, it became a Federated Community Church



Driftwood Men's Monthly Meeting Minutes 1820-1870

1st mo 14th 1860

Received a communication from New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Arba Louisiana dated 11th mo 19th 1859 in case of the request of Levi and Catharine Coffin giving their consent to our receiving them into membership with us, which was satisfactory to the meeting and we therefore acknowledge them members of our religious society and appoint Isaac P. Cox & Silas Moffitt in conjunction with a like committee of women friends to inform them thereof & report to next meeting.

5th mo 7th 1864

Levi Coffin who has a prospect of traveling in Europe on business, requests a certificate showing that he is a member of the religious Society of Friends. This therefore to certify that he is a member of this meeting with whom we have unity and recommend him to the kind sympathy and care of friends where ever his lot may be cast. Signed in and on by direction of Driftwood Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Sand Creek 5th mo 7th 1864
James W. Newman } Clerk

8th mo 5th 1865

Our beloved friend Levi Coffin now returns the minute granted in 5th mo 1858. He also gave an interesting and satisfactory account of his travels in Great Britain Ireland and France and of the manner in which way was made for the introduction of the benevolent cause in which he was labouring. He also expressed that the visit had terminated very satisfactory to himself which is satisfactory to the meeting.



Tombstones originally in Elliott Family Cemetery on a farm south of present day Seymour. Now at northeast corner of Sand Creek Friends Cemetery located northeast of Azalia in Bartholomew County - West of U.S. 31 on Co Road 650 S. Caleb Elliott was a member of the Driftwood Meeting.

Minutes record '\$70.00 had been received from the government for burial lots in Sand Creek Cemetery to bury bodies transferred from the Seymour Airfield' during World War II.

Sand Creek Monthly Meeting Minutes 1939-1952 10th mo 7th 1942

Elliott, Hulda	Died 1846 - Age 55 years
Elliott, Caleb	Died 1860 - Age 77 years
Elliott, Sophia	Died 1864 - Age 2 months
Elliott, Sophia H.	Died 1864 - Age 24 years
Elliott, Elizabeth E.	Died 1866 - Age 3 months
Elliott, Caleb	Died 1866 - Age 24 years
Elliott, Caleb	Died 1890 - Age 61 years

MONTHLY MEETING RECORDS
INCLUDE NAMES OF SOME FAMILIES

Driftwood Meeting 1820 - 1887

Albertson, Boggs, Bundy, Coffin, Condray, Cox,
Crabb, Crow, Draper, Elliott, Hiatt, Howell, Jessop,
Keller, Lancaster, Littler, Marshall, McDonald, Moffitt,
Moore, Morris, Newby, Nicholson, Overman, Parisho,
Ruddick, Simons, Stanfield, Stephens, Stout, Thompson,
White, Winslow,

New Driftwood Meeting 1893 - 1932

Antonia, Bingham, Booth, Brooke, Cooley, Crane,
Cutsinger, Dolkins, Dowers, Downs, Duckworth,
Emley, Fislar, Horn, Johnson, Lewis, Maston, Moore,
Myers, Nott, Otto, Ray, Richardson, Roeger, Ruddick,
Russell, Savage, Sawyers, Shelley, Spurling, Stanfield,
Sweaney, Ward, Waterbury, Williams, Winslow,

SOME WORDS YOU MAY HEAR TODAY

First Day - In today's language - Sunday

Friend - Member of the Religious Society of Friends

Jesus said, 'Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I
command you.' John 15:14

Disowned - No longer have a right of membership

Meeting - In today's language - a congregation of a religious
group

Meeting for Worship - A gathering of Friends for worship

Meetinghouse - The building in which Friends meet

Monthly Meeting - A Meeting for Business which convenes
each month and consists of the entire membership

Minutes - The official record of the proceedings of the
Monthly Business Meeting

Religious Society of Friends - Name the early Friends used for
their religious group

Quaker - Nickname given in England in the 1600's to a member
of the Religious Society of Friends

Query - A question to be answered silently and used to help the
person examine his/her own behavior.

8th mo 30th 1820 - Example of how the Minutes are dated

Sandcreek-Azalia Friends Meeting
13275 South 350 East, Elizabethtown, Indiana 47232
Office telephone 812-579-6858
Peggy Caldwell, Pastor

Presenter - Mary Rose Wicker Bassett

Reader of Men's Minutes - Al Reed

Reader of Women's Minutes - Pat Clark

Opening Skit - The Tony Boyle Family
Tony, Amanda, Justin, Tyler, Anna

Greeter - Marci McCauley

The Monthly Meeting Minutes -Record of Births and Deaths -
Record of Marriages, etc. are stored in a fireproof cabinet in
the Sandcreek-Azalia Friends Meetinghouse.

The Minutes and other Records do not leave the Meeting-
house. Anyone may arrange to come to the Meetinghouse and
view the records. A member of the Meeting will be available to
help in the search for information..

Driftwood Monthly Meeting Birth and Death Record Books
Book A - 1818 -through 1865 and Book B 1865 through 1874

Driftwood-Sand Creek Monthly Meeting Marriage Record Book
1854 through 1890

Driftwood-Sand Creek Monthly Meeting Membership Books
1877 to the present day

Driftwood-Sand Creek Monthly Meeting Minutes
1820 to the present day

Sand Creek Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Established in 1867 to 1969 - Discontinued in reorganization