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QUAKER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COLLECTION

The collection includes newspaper clippings, church bulletins, and financial reports for Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, Virginia. Also included are letters and financial records relating to the 1899-1904 restoration of the Quaker Meeting House, which is on the grounds of this Presbyterian church.

FOLDER 1 Miscellaneous Quaker Memorial Church records

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Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church had its beginning in a Sunday school for neighborhood children established by Emily Rowse LOGAN, who lived near the ruins of the Quaker Meeting House. At first, she met with the children in her home. When attendance in the Sunday school grew, Mrs. LOGAN sought the assistance of Rev. J. A. McMURRAY, pastor of the Floyd Street Presbyterian Church. They received permission to use a schoolhouse that had been moved to the Meeting House property. Attendance continued to grow and additional property was sought for a larger Sunday school.

Dr. John J. TERRELL, one of the last remaining Quakers in the area, assisted Rev. McMURRAY in securing the Meeting House property from the Richmond Meeting, Society of Friends, for \$25.00 in 1899. The congregation immediately set about to restore the abandoned Meeting House. "The completed and restored church was dedicated October 2, 1904. The present walls are the original ones, other portions, including roof and interior furnishings are new."

"In May 1910, the church was organized and accepted by Montgomery Presbytery. It was given the name, 'Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church." The Church erected a building for its Church School in 1943 and, in 1950, completed the present sanctuary. In 1951, the congregation decided to preserve the old Meeting House and adjoining cemetery as "an historical shrine," in honor of the original Quaker congregation.

[Mrs. H. L. Morton, "History of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church," Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church Collection, Mss., MS1280, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA.]