

Blue River Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Benjaminville Meeting House Eighth Month 9th 1924.

The clerks not being present Clarence Mills was appointed for the day with Stanley Flitcraft as assistant.

Written reports from Blue River and Clear Creek and verbal report from Chicago Monthly Meetings show that Luella Flitcraft, Charles Smith, Clement B. Flitcraft, Edith Mills, Edna Wolf, Mattie Mills, Frank E. Smith, Arthur Wilson, Ramond Bumgarner, Charles Baynes and Elizabeth P. Trueblood were appointed as representatives to this meeting. Four were present. Written reason for non-attendance was received from Charles Baynes. Other members from Clear Creek were prevented from attending on account of heavy rains.

Statistical reports from three of our meetings are received and are directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting with our reports. Benjaminville is requested to make out report of membership and forward in time for Yearly Meeting.

Minutes of the Fifth month Quarter were read. No business claiming our attention came from this reading.

From the consideration of the queries considerable helpful discussion was brought out. The following summary answers were prepared and directed to be forwarded with our reports to the Yearly Meeting.

Ans. 1 – Resident members are reasonably diligent in attendance of our meeting for worship. Monthly meeting often not so well attended. Reports indicate that greater diligence not only in attendance but in punctuality would add to the life and interest of all our meetings. Testimony is borne in favor of a free gospel ministry in accordance with present day views and understanding. One report says that some are not in favor of a free ministry.

Ans. 2 – Our members generally endeavor to maintain love and fellowship toward each other. They try to avoid unjust criticism and corrupting conversation. They encourage plain and honest living.

Ans. 3 – We believe our members generally exert and influence socially and politically toward strict enforcement of our prohibitory laws. So far as reported our members are clear of the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicants. With a few exceptions they are clear of the use of tobacco, but it is noted in one report that its use has been on the increase the past few years. The use of both alcoholic stimulants and narcotics and medicines are discouraged. Our members do not rent their property for any immoral purposes. They endeavor to extend a temperance influence in their respective neighborhoods

Ans. 4 – The principles of justice uprightness and punctuality are usually well observed by our members. No unemployed among us. If any are known to be in need, aid is extended.

Ans. 5 – Our members give the children under their care a useful education under the best available influences to promote moral and spiritual growth. They try to provide wholesome and inviting literature. Interest in the First day School is encouraged by the presence and participation of many members. More frequent reading of the Scriptures should be encouraged.

[Note — A promising little Sabbath School has been organized and regularly held in our Meeting House at Benjaminville where no First day school has been held for several years.]

Ans. 6 – We believe our members bear a testimony against war. They favor arbitration as a means of settling difficulties between individuals and nations. They discourage amusements which tend toward militarism.

Ans. 7 – Patient Christian care is extended where differences arise. We know of no violations of our principles and testimonies.

Ans. 8 – No meetings have been established or discontinued. The Queries have been read and answered as directed.

As representatives to the yearly meeting we appoint Sadie M. Mills, Albert Miller, Griffith E. Coale, Elwood Brooks, Oliver Trueblood, Jeanette F. Stetson, Albert T. Mills and J. Warner Coale.

This meeting directs our treasurer to pay our quota of Yearly Meeting fund so far as money is received.

An interesting letter dated in 1871 concerning the first Quarterly meeting held at Benjaminville was read. It set forth some of the difficulties which the energetic Friends of that day had to overcome to hold this meeting here as well as in other localities. But it was thought well worth while. Twenty five from a distance were in attendance. James Haines spoke at this time with force and power the letter notes.

Having transacted the business claiming our attention in life and good will, we conclude to meet at the usual time in Eleventh month at Clear Creek.

Clarence Mills	}	clerks for the day
Stanley Flitcraft		