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**SOCIETY OF FRIENDS YEARLY MEETING
LETTERS, 1936–1958**

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Society of Friends, also known as Quakers, is a Christian religion that developed in England and expanded to the United States during the 17th century. Some of the major beliefs associated with the Society of Friends are pacifism, plain dress and speech, and refusal of oaths and tithes. Each congregation holds monthly meetings where members' concerns and administration may be addressed, with the monthly meetings culminating in a yearly meeting. The clerk of the meeting acts as an official and draws together the meeting's thinking to discuss points of action. The first yearly meeting for the Society of Friends in Indiana was held in 1821.

Sources:

Vann, Richard T. "Society of Friends." *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. April 21, 2017. Accessed December 11, 2018. <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Society-of-Friends>.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of letters relating to the yearly meetings of the Society of Friends that are dated between 1936 and 1958. The letters were written to Albert Maxwell, the clerk of the Western Yearly Meeting of Conservative Friends in Plainfield, Indiana, and were sent from different yearly meetings found globally. The content of the letters concerns the epistles of the meetings and discuss a variety of topics such as conscientious objection, Communism, global unrest, higher education, missionaries, and tolerance.

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