

Some Interesting Ohio

Cyrus Cooper (1860–1940)

Like several other leading ministers in Ohio YM in the early 20th century, Cyrus Cooper was an immigrant. He was born in southeastern Pennsylvania, where he said the Lord began working in his heart in his mid-20s. He came forth in the ministry, and his gift was recorded in 1897. One of his early travels assisted in the spiritual awakening of his best friend, Harry Moore, who came into the ministry himself. In 1901, Cooper saw a spiritual hand directing him to move to Ohio, and he settled at Middleton. Cooper continued the tradition of holding public meetings. He travelled widely among Conservative Friends and visited the remaining meetings of Primitive Friends. He died in 1940 following an auto accident while visiting Thomas W. Fisher in Malvern, Pennsylvania; the driver of the car was the Methodist pastor in the community where Cooper was raised.



James Henderson (1859–1942)



James Henderson was one of the most important Ohio ministers of the early 20th century. He was born in Scotland and raised in Canada. He met some members of Ohio YM in the 1880s and enrolled at Olney. After graduation, Henderson worked at Tunesassa. He moved to Stillwater in 1894, and in 1896 his gift in the ministry was recorded. Henderson was somewhat singular in his day as a minister who did not use the sing-song mode of delivery. He had a concern to visit President Woodrow Wilson in 1917. When the first contact was made before leaving Ohio, it appeared that Wilson did not have time in his calendar to meet with Henderson. Since

he did not feel released from the concern, Henderson travelled to Washington anyway, and after contacting the local U.S. Representative, a short visit was arranged that allowed Henderson to remind Wilson to trust in the Lord for strength and protection and not in outward weapons. After World War I, Henderson had a concern to visit several European nations. He happened to meet Alfred Lowry, an Eastern Friend who happened to know French and German, and Lowry became Henderson's companion on the journey to eight nations in Europe. Henderson was highly respected for his spiritual insights and weighty contributions during business meetings.



Frank and Charlotte Wood moved to Middleton from Canada YM. Charlotte was a minister at Middleton for many years.

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Martha B. Thomas was the final Clerk of the women's YM and the first Assistant Clerk of Ohio YM during the joint sessions.



W. Mifflin Hall and wife Marianna. WMH was Men's YM Clerk 1926–37 and Carl Patterson's companion to Europe. Marianna was a daughter of Jesse Edgerton.

Friends of 1925 to 1950



Carl Patterson

Carl and Edith Patterson were children of Friends who left Chesterfield in the mid-1800s. Carl was active in several local businesses, including the bank and the phone company. He was called to the ministry around the year 1900. His spiritual labors were not limited to the meeting; he found many opportunities to share with others about the joys of communion with God. In a time when most Ohio ministers were inward-looking, Carl Patterson welcomed opportunities to share the things of the Lord with others. His visit to Europe was a landmark event for Ohio Friends and opened the door for Ohio to participate in larger Quaker activities. Carl Patterson had a great love for others and a concern for the welfare of others. Edith Patterson had poor health through much of her adult life; she was well-known for her personal angel food cake recipe.

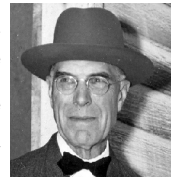


R. Bertha McGrew was a minister at New Garden. Her grandfather was Joseph Edgerton and her father was Walter Edgerton (both ministers). When she and husband Edgar moved their memberships to Ridge in the 1950s, they helped provide a way to resolve tensions there that was initially unpopular but worked in the long term.



Thomas E. Mendenhall (Elder at Fairhope), daughter Elva, and wife Ruth Mendenhall (women's YM Clerk in 1944).

Charles P. Morlan was a minister for many years in Salem QM. He served as Men's YM Clerk 1937–49, where he worked for communication with other types of Friends, visited



COs during World War II, and asked for the merger of the men's and women's business meetings.



Foster Hall, Alice Satterthwait, Joshua Henderson, Bill & Verna Cope, James Cooper

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