

mans and Pasquotank Counties. In 1904 a minor part of its membership withdrew from affiliation with North Carolina Yearly Meeting (held at Guilford College) to unite with the Conservative Yearly Meeting held at Woodland, N. C. The present membership in affiliation with the Yearly Meeting at Guilford College is about 540. The local meetings for worship are Piney Woods and Up River. The monthly meeting is held alternately at the two places.

The record books used in compiling the following abstract consist of one book of births, deaths and marriages, designated as volume I, three later books of births and deaths, designated as volumes II, III and IV, eight books of men's minutes, 1706-1910, and four books of women's minutes, 1780-1906. In addition to the minutes the first books of men's minutes contain marriage records dating from 1680 to 1756 and birth and death records with dates ranging from 1668 to 1747.

Volume I of birth, death and marriage records has the following inscription: "In consequence of a fire in 1851 which destroyed

the dwelling of the Recorder, the book of births, deaths and marriages in Piney Woods Monthly Meeting, N. C., was consumed; and in order to supply its place a large committee was appointed to collect from reliable sources as much information amongst its members as was practicable---which resulted in the following facts which are herein recorded--many copied from the original marriage certificates. The order of time is not regarded in this record. Monthly meeting appointed four friends to assist the Recorder. Benjamin C. Pritchard, Recorder, 1852."

In the transcript of the birth and death records, which begins on page 3, page numbers without volume indication refer to records in volume I; page numbers followed by the figures 2, 3 and 4 refer to records in volumes II, III and IV, respectively. The material from the recently discovered record book was received too late to be combined with the other records in the usual order. It has been inserted at the end of Perquimans records, on pages 90a to 90h.