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- 8 Benjamin, b. 3-16, 1811; d. 4-4, 1825.
- 9 Elizabeth, b. 7-14, 1813; d. 1-2, 1904.
- 10 Martha, b. 2-14, 1815; d. 9-14, 1834.
- 11 Jane, b. 4-20, 1817; d. 9-17, 1841.
- 12 Anna, b. 8-19, 1819.
- 13 Sarah, b. 3-24, 1821; d. 5-7, 1895.
- 14 Lydia, b. 1-3, 1823; d. 6-5, 1900.
- 15 Moses, b. 5-31, 1824; d. 1919, aged 95 years.
- 16 Margaret, b. 3-3, 1826; d. 12-19, 1891.
- 17 Edward, b. 4-11, 1828; d. 5-8, 1899.
- 18 Mary, b. 8-4, 1829; d. 2-12, 1840.
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- 19 Harriet, b. 3-24, 1831; d. 11-26, 1863.
- 20 Martha, b. 9-5, 1855; d. 1, 1909.

Elizabeth Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, dau. of Moses, mar. Joseph Griffin and had two sons, Benj. and Moses. The latter died at 13. The former, Benj., mar. Angeline L. Kellogg, dau. of B. B. Kellogg, of New Fairfield, Ct.

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Anna Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, dau. of Moses, mar. Wm. Swift, who died in 1850. Two sons and one daughter. Thomas lives at Mountain Park, Mexico, and William at Jefferson, Ohio. The dau. Mary mar. Dr. Elbert Barney who died in 1895. She mar. 2d Hiram Howland. No issue. She now lives at Erie City, Penn.

Sarah Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, dau. of Moses, mar. Daniel J. Congdon, who died 1867. Three chil: Phebe who died 1870 at 18 years. James G. who died 1871 at 22 years, and Edward, the oldest, still living, by latest news, at Empire Canal Zone. Sarah died 1895.

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Moses Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, son of Moses<sup>m</sup>, mar. twice; 1st Anna Height, d. 1872; mar. 2d. Mary C. Jones, one dau., with whom Moses<sup>m</sup> was living at the present time (1909) in Chappaqua, N. Y. Later died in 1919, aged 95 years.

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ing to see his sisters in Conn. I am Margaret, daughter of Moses Wanzer, the brother of your grandfather. I have been married to Dr. M. F. Holcombe of N. J. for 28 years and have lived in the city of N. Y. all the time since, when I have been in America. I have gathered any particulars of the History of the Wanzer family since it has existed in America, and hope sometime to write it all out, and therefore I shall want to put you and yours down in their proper place in it. I wish also to hear all about you because we are cousins. I should like you to tell me the dates of birth of both your father and mother, of their marriage and death. Also the names of all their children, ages, and if you or they are married and have children, and as much about yourself as you will. I have always talked of and hoped to go and see you, but perhaps I never shall. If you have time, will you give me the names and ages of your aunts and their children, the living and the dead, if they are not living. I have seen Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Carr think once, and I have also seen one of your cousins, Mr. Levi Castle, years ago. What has become of him? If you care to have it, I will send you a genealogical account as far as I know it. Have you any pictures of your grandfather and mother, or of your father? I should much like to see them and also of yourself and brothers and sisters. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am very truly,

Your friend,

M. W. H.

54 E. 25th St., N. Y., Jan. 6, 1881.

Dr. Dillwyn C. Wanzer,  
Dear Cousin:

I thank you most heartily for the care you so kindly take in sending me the records and notes of the family. I have also received this M. a letter from your aunt, Mrs. Warner, giving dates, etc. She says the Bible belonged to grandfather Abraham, your great-grandfather, and is in possession of Lydia Smith's daughters. Will you not be kind enough to try to find where it is? If you find it please get an exact copy of every word written in it. This is the only way to be certain, you know. I thank you most heartily for the signatures and photograph of my grandfather. What was the book from which you took it? Are you willing to part with it. I will give you the dates and names of his wives, dates of marriage and children.

Abraham Wanzer, son of Moses Wanzer and Elizabeth Knapp, was born in New Fairfield, Conn., in a house in which his father, Moses Wanzer, died Aug. 10, 1772. A part of the house is still in existence. Your

great-grandfather, Abraham, was his oldest child, born Oct. 16, 1748; died April 4, 1813, as you know. He married first, Phebe, b. 3-24, 1753 daughter of Zebulon Ferris, Sept. 1771 (he died in 1778). They had one son, Zebulon, born in 1773 or 4. He married Sybilla Wing, Dec. 21, 1796. Abraham Wanzer 2d married for his second wife, Lydia daughter of Reed Ferris and Anna Kipp, in Nov. 1776. Their children were Annie who married William Sweet Olmstead; Benj., born Sept. 1779, married Eunice Knapp in 1800; Moses, born as you know, married Sarah Akin. Lydia Ferris Wanzer died in 1783. Abraham Wanzer 2d married his first wife Phebe Ferris, daughter of Zebulon Ferris, Sept. 1771. Zebulon and Reed Ferris were brothers. They had one son Zebulon, born in 1773 or 4. This son married Sybilla Wing, daughter of Elihu Wing and Kezia Hoag, Dec. 21, 1796. Their children were Michael, Elihu, Reuben, Elizabeth, Sarah and Jane. This first wife Phebe died (am not quite sure of the date). Abraham Wanzer 2d married his second wife, Lydia, daughter of Reed Ferris and Anna Kipp, in Nov. 1776. Their children were Anna, born, (have not exact date). She married William Sweet Olmstead. Their children were Abraham, Bezaleel, Phebe, William, Lydia, Jane, Ebenezer. Their children all lived and those who died, died near Ravenna, Portage Co., Ohio. Second child, Benjamin, your grandfather; third child Moses, my father, born Nov. 10, 1781. He married Sarah Akin. Had \*Nicholas, \*Phoebe, Benjamin, Elizabeth, \*Martha, \*Jane, Anna, Sarah, Lydia, Moses, Margaret, Edward, \*Mary, Harriet, Martha; those marked with a star are now dead. Moses, my father, died April 10, 1860; my mother, Oct. 2, 1861. Abraham Wanzer's first wife Phebe died in the town of Sherman, Conn., then a part of New Fairfield. She is buried in a field belonging now to Kirby's; then it belonged to Reed Ferris and he lived on the place. It is in Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y. Lydia Ferris Wanzer was buried in the same ground as her cousin, on her father's, Reed Ferris, land. She died in 1783 at the age of 27 years, my father being in his third year. The clover leaf I enclose to you grew on her grave. Abraham Wanzer married third time, Jane, daughter of Nath'l. Stevenson, Apr. 1786; as you know, no children. I have seen a copy of the first Abraham Wanzer's will and also of Moses Wanzer's will. Abraham's was probated in Feb. 1784, and Moses' in Aug. 1772, twelve years before the death of his father. The wills were recorded in Danbury, Conn.

I am very truly,

Your friend and cousin,

M. W. H.

March 9, 1881.

Elwyn C. Wanzer,

Dear Cousin:

Your letter mailed yesterday arrived this A. M. I am very much obliged for the portraits, indeed. I remember seeing Uncle Benj. once at my home and recall his face very clearly. I cannot remember ever seeing Aunt Eunice. Your father came once to see us with his sister and me, I think, and there was another young girl with them, perhaps one of Lydia Smith's daughters. It is many years ago. Your father is a much better looking man than many of the Wanzer's. He was much taller and larger than either his father or my brothers, who are all small, light short men, as was my father. My father was born in New Fairfield, either in a house which stood about 100 rods north of the house where I was born, or at "Leach Hollow," about two miles north near a mill, which once belonged to my grandfather, Abraham<sup>2</sup>.

I think I have told you he (Abraham<sup>2</sup>) was a miller. He lived in both the houses spoken of, but I cannot tell in which one the children of his second wife were born. Nicholas was the second son of Moses, our great-great-grandfather. He married Phebe, daughter of Dr. John Wheeler, a Dr. of Medicine from London, Eng., and Hannah, daughter of Benj. Ferris and Phebe Beecher. He first kept house in a log house on a farm given him by his father. Then he built the house here I was born in New Fairfield\* and lived there many years, just how many I cannot tell, but he was living there when my grandmother died and left her three little ones, my father being the youngest. He and his wife took him and reared him as their own son. There were four children of their marriage. About 1799 or 1800, this Nicholas bought a farm, mill and store at New Milford, Conn., and went to live there in a dwelling which was at the "Four Corners," near the Friend's Meeting House, and is now occupied and owned, I think, by a man named Knowles. When my father was 17 years old, he was placed in charge of the first farm in New Fairfield, which belonged to his uncle Nicholas, at Squantz Pond; this in 1799.

He continued in charge of it till he was 25, when he married my mother at the age of 18. Then his uncle gave him the half of that property; it was called \$3,000 value. He at least paid \$3,000 for the half, or agreed to and did. There were about 300 acres of it, mountain and meadow. I think you will call it a "big price." He afterwards bought a farm which joined him on the south for which he

\*This was the Wanzer homestead at Squantz Pond, and the part built, likely by Nicholas, was the second oldest or middle part.

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paid \$2,800. He also bought a good many acres of mountain woodland. To this home he took my mother in October 1806, and there they had fifteen children born to them, four sons and eleven daughters. The first and third children were sons, Nicholas, Akim and Benj. Nicholas died at 18 and Benj. at 14 years of age. My brother Moses was born in 1824, Edward in 1828, and I in 1826. They never had any other home or lived in any other house. After 54 years of marriage my father died, April 10, 1860; my mother followed him October 3, 1861. Now the property belongs to a stranger.

I think I have already told you that the adjoining farm north belonged to Moses Wanzer, your great-great-grandfather, and part of it was given him by his father, Abraham<sup>1</sup>, who lived and died two miles away, west. Both these properties have been in the hands of Wanzers for 160 years.

My father and mother, grandfather, great-grandmother, with a great many of the connections, are buried in Friend's burying ground at New Milford, Conn. My great-grandfather is buried in an older ground, also in New Milford. My great-great-grandfather Abraham lies in an old ground in the present town of Sherman, formerly a part of New Fairfield. I have seen a woman who knew him and saw him stand by the death bed of his son Moses, who died in 1772 at the age of 52.

I do not know anything of your grandfather's early life. I think his wife must have been related to him. His grandmother you may recall was Elizabeth, daughter of Ebenezer Knapp and Elizabeth Benedict. As for the pictures, I will get some made of myself. I have none now, and will send you as soon as I can one of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, if I can get them. I should greatly like to have the book you speak of with grandfather's autograph. And I thank you most sincerely for your willing interest in all this family matter, and I am certain you will find still more interest in your own children the more you know about it. I am proud of my father and grandfathers on both sides and if I had children would take all possible care that they should have no reason to despise me.

Very truly your friend and cousin,

M. W. HOLCOMBE.

P. S.:

I will give some of the Wanzer Genealogy. Abraham was born in New Amsterdam, 1699, and was, I think (though I cannot prove it), the son of John Wanzer and Susannah De Nys who were married in New Amsterdam, Dec. 8, 1698. He married, about 1719, Abigail Husted of

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se Neck, N. Y., and had by her two sons, Moses and Anthony. He married second time Deborah Classon, and had two daughters\*. Both married men named Leach. He died in 1784 and is buried in Sherman, Conn. Moses married Elizabeth, daughter of Ebenezer Knapp and Elizabeth Benedict of Danbury, Conn. Their children were Abraham, Moses, Abigail, Ebenezer, Husted, Elizabeth and John.

It is no little work to ferret out all this family business, but it is most clear now back to Holland and the beginning of the 17th century, 1600. I have found their home in Holland and hope to find the names I need, between the John of 1644 and the John of 1698, with names and days. We shall know at any rate who our fathers were. In finding you can find the old Bible, I am very truly,

Your friend and cousin,  
M. W. HOLCOMBE.

Zebulon Wanzer<sup>rd</sup>, oldest son of Abraham<sup>rd</sup>, was born 1773. Married Syllilla Wing Dec. 21, 1796. He was born in New Fairfield, Conn.; only child of Abraham's<sup>rd</sup> first wife, Phebe Ferris.

### Children:

Michael  
Elihu  
Reuben  
Elizabeth  
Sarah  
Jane

Michael Wanzer<sup>rd</sup>, son of Zebulon<sup>rd</sup>, was born in New Fairfield, July 8, 1801. Married Lavina Peck of Armenia, Dutchess Co., Conn. Jan. 4, 1834. He died Feb. 13, 1890. His wife died Oct. 7, 1884. Lived a long and useful life at Zanesfield, Ohio, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

### Children:

Abram, born Oct. 27, 1834.  
Jane, mar. E. H. Brosins, Alliance, Ohio.  
Emily, mar. Prof. Mills, who was Pres. Oberlin College.  
David, died 1860, at the age of 14.

Abram Wanzer<sup>rd</sup>, eldest son of Michael<sup>rd</sup>, married Hannah W. Mell. Oct. 23, 1856.

Abraham says in will, "my only daughter Deborah."



MICHAEL WANZER<sup>rd</sup>

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### Children:

111 Chas. Michael, born Sept. 7, 1857.

112 Edwin Peck, born Mar. 31, 1863.

Chas. M. Wanzer, M. D., son of Abram<sup>rd</sup>, married Amanda B. Cratty, Sept. 17, 1879. He graduated in 1883 from the University of Cincinnati a medical college.

For many years he practiced in Zanesfield, Ohio, moving to Urbana, Ohio, in 1904. He was a member of the Ohio Legislature for five sessions, beginning Jan. 1890.

He is now Assistant Supt. of the State Hospital at Parsons, Kan.

### Children:

113 Hattie Martha, born June 18, 1881.

114 Mary Emily, born May 16, 1886.

115 Winfred Clair, born Feb. 4, 1897.

Edwin Peck Wanzer<sup>rd</sup>, born May 31, 1863, second son of Abram Wanzer<sup>rd</sup>.

He is a lawyer of prominence at Armour, South Dakota; was district attorney for several terms; also State senator.

Mrs. E. P. Wanzer was very actively engaged just before the war in connection with the *National Association for the Study of Prevention of Tuberculosis*. A long article in the *Ladies' Home Journal* tells of quick work done by her in selling 200,000 Red Cross seals in only 35 days. During the war she spent her energies in helping the government, and certainly deserves all the praise that was given her.

Reuben Wanzer<sup>rd</sup>, third son of Zebulon<sup>rd</sup>, was born in New Fairfield, Ct., in 1803. Moved to Wapello, Iowa, in 1833. He married Nancy Hagans of Fulton Co., Ill., in 1837. Reuben died in 1849.

### One son:

116 Henry, born near Wapello, Iowa, Sept. 21, 1841. Served in Civil War, first in Co. C. 14th Iowa Inf., reenlisting in the 7th Iowa Cavalry. Served five years and discharged in 1866. Married Cyrenan Evelyn Wilson in 1866. Died Jan. 13, 1887.

### Children:

117 Lizzie Irene, b. Oct. 6, 1867; mar. Chas M. Erving 1891, and she died 1902. Children Harriet E. b. 1892, Chas. D. b. 1897, May R. b. 1899, John Arthur b. 1901. May married Mr. Coleman.

118 Cora C. b. Aug. 17, 1869; mar. F. W. Crossley 1892. She died 1906. Children Grace b. 1893, Lulu b. 1894, Winnie b. 1896, Paul b. 1899, Clarence M. b. 1901, Nellie R. b. 1903, John S. b. 1905, J. 1905.

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Minnie May b. July 14, 1874; mar. F. W. Crossley 1905. Muscatine, Iowa. *Children* Gladys R. b. 1910, John S. b. 1912, Chas. L. b. 1914.

John Henry b. Jan. 20, 1876. Single, lives at Rudyard, Montana. Arthur b. Mar. 14, 1878. Married Ina Odle, 1906. *Daughter*, Margaret b. 1908.

Oscar Anthony, Valley Home, Cal., b. June 3, 1880; mar. Edna Johnson 1901. *Daughter*, Gertrude Helen b. 1923.

Benjamin Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, second son of Abraham<sup>m</sup>, was born in Newfield, Ct., Sept. 1779. He married Eunice, daughter of Johnathan App and Adah Couch Knapp of Reading, Conn., in 1800. He died Feb. 5, 1854. His wife, Eunice, Jan. 14, 1864. Both were buried in Friend's cemetery at Morris, N. Y., where they lived.

### *Children:*

Lydia Wanzer, born in New Fairfield, Ct., Jan., 1802.

Ann Eliza Wanzer, born in New Fairfield, Ct., May, 1804.

Emeline A. Wanzer, born in Brookfield, Ct., Apr. 20, 1808.

Abram Wanzer, only son, born in Brookfield, Ct., Dec. 31, 1814.

Jane E. Wanzer, born in Brookfield, Ct., Feb., 1818.

Ann Eliza Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, second daughter of Benjamin<sup>m</sup>, married Nelson Cornor of Watertown, Conn., in 1826. They had one daughter Julia, who died when 2 years old. Her husband, Nelson, died in the 30's, and died in 1878.

Emeline A. Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, third daughter of Benjamin<sup>m</sup>, married James Carr in 1842. They have one son, Geo. N. Carr, born June 30, 1846. James W. Carr died Aug. 21, 1855. Emeline W. died July 27, 1874.

Abram Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, born Dec. 31, 1814, only son of Benjamin<sup>m</sup>, married Lois T. Furman Jan. 10, 1845. He married second Nebijal Fronecker, 23, 1863. He died May 24, 1863. Lois, his first wife, died Nov. 1857.

### *Children:*

Dillwyn C. Wanzer, born Dec. 1, 1845.

Ann Eliza Wanzer, born July 18, 1848.

William F. Wanzer, born Mar. 23, 1852.

Charles Wanzer, born July 8, 1854.

Jane E. Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, fourth daughter of Benjamin<sup>m</sup>, married Isaac Little of Thompson, Ct., 1840. One son, Levi, born 1842, who died young. One daughter, Sarah, born in 1849, who married Jerry Ammens.

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Dillwyn C. Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, Morris, N. Y., mar. Oct. 27, 1890. *Children:*

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132 Martha, born June 15, 1893; married Howard Bundy, Nov. 22, 1905. Living at Mendale, Del. Co., N. Y.

134 Lois, born Apr. 29, 1882; married Rev. Edward Ramps. Now living at Croton Falls, N. Y.

Wm. F. Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, born Mar. 23, 1852; mar. 1st Emily Brown. She died July 27, 1876; 2d wife Sophia Rockwell; third wife Adelia Whitman. One dau. by 2d wife, Elnora, born 1884, now living at Sidney, Del. Co., N. Y.

Chas. Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, third son of Abraham<sup>m</sup>, was born July 8, 1854. Mar. Clara Fuller Dec. 25, 1879. Daughter Nathalie born Feb. 22, 1893. Lives at Sidney, N. Y.

Ann Eliza<sup>m</sup>, only daughter of Abram<sup>m</sup>, born July 18, 1848; mar. 1st Oct. 10, 1867, Samuel Brown, who died Sept. 13, 1873. Mar. 23 William Garratt. One son, Fred, now living No. 2 Seminary Ave., Binghampton, N. Y.

## NICHOLAS BRANCH

Nicholas Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, second son of Moses<sup>m</sup>, was born Oct. 22, 1751, and died Mar. 20, 1836.

He was very active in business, and a thoroughly good man. He married first Phebe, daughter of Dobson Wheeler, a doctor of medicine from London. Married second Hannah, daughter of Benj. Ferris and Phebe Beacher.

He lived first in New Fairfield at Squantz Pond and after 1800 at Lanesville, Ct., at "four corners," now called Still River. He was partner at one time with Daniel Sherwood in the ownership of the iron works and grist mill at Great Falls, on the Housatonic river. This was about 1806. This site is now occupied by the Bridgeport Wood Finishing Co. He also conducted a general store.

Nicholas<sup>m</sup> had no children but adopted his nephew, Moses<sup>m</sup>, son of Abraham<sup>m</sup>.

From the old New Milford records we find, "Silas Hill sold to Nicholas Wanzer for £32 of lawful money, Oct. 3, 1788, one acre of



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to set a meeting house on, and for a burying ground and other conveniences, belonging thereto, and for no private use."

This land is where the Lanesville (New Milford, Ct.) Quaker meeting house now stands, and the graveyard is just north, adjoining, and here rest many of the first Wanzers of this country. See Ott's history of New Milford, Ct., for a list of same.

The oldest Quaker meeting house, built about 1740, stood near it is called the Picket burying ground, north about a mile on the east bank of the Housatonic river, but this was torn down and replaced on this lot just spoken of. And not long afterward, this was replaced by a new building. This was about 1805. This building is standing today (1919).

The old Picket meeting house is where the Moses' whole family buried the Friends.

The Friends of this quarter also had a large meeting house just over the line in New York state, five miles east of Pawling, N. Y., at Baker Hill. This house was built about 1742, but was rebuilt in 1760.

In this house Washington and his troops encamped and tradition says his troops hid in the attic. In just what connection it is not known, but here were laid the wounded and dying heroes, who shed their blood for the liberty they craved. The grim old rafters of this ancient building vibrate to their cries and groans, and the oaken floors bear the crutch marks of the crippled and maimed who sought the shelter of its friendly roof.

Across the street slumber the dead of that memorial time, and the stirring days have passed, but this old church still remains a monument of the patriotism of those trying times.

The first effective action against slavery was taken here in 1767. This building of two stories cost two hundred and thirty six pounds.

A huge stone boulder was placed on these grounds in 1904, on which is a copper tablet, with the following inscription:

### OBLONG MEETING HOUSE

the society of Friends. Erected in 1742, south of this road. Present meeting house erected in 1760. First effective action against slavery was taken here in 1767.

Occupied as a hospital in 1778 by Revolutionary soldiers, many of whom are buried south of this road. Meeting divided in 1828. Meetings discontinued in this house.

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In sight of this building just mentioned, north, is the Orthodox meeting house that was built about 1828, when the society divided, caused by the preaching of Elias Hicks. In this instance, the Hicksites were the stronger, and forced the other branch to build.

Stephen M. Osborn, a Friend, living near, found in 1885, a cast-iron ball under the old building, first mentioned, which he still had in his possession in 1914.

The Wanzer family attended these three churches and a search of the old records of the meetings, which follows, contains many interesting facts.

### *Search of Friends' records by John Cox, Jr.*

#### JOINT COMMITTEE ON RECORDS OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

JOHN COX, Jr., Chairman, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York  
ELLWOOD BURDSALL  
ALFRED BUSSELLE  
CHARLES W. LAWRENCE  
FREDERICK E. WILLITS  
JAMES WOOD

New York, 10 Mo. 18 1909.

The records, documents and papers belonging, or relating, to the meetings and their allied organizations throughout the two New York Yearly Meetings (one held at Fifteenth Street, New York, and sometimes called "Hicksite," the other held at Twentieth Street, New York, and elsewhere, and sometimes called "Orthodox") were brought together in 1904 and placed in the care of this Joint Committee at the Fifteenth Street meeting house, entrance, 326 East Sixteenth Street.

All volumes are numbered and catalogued, to facilitate examination, in the descriptive "Catalogue of the Records of, or relating to, New York Yearly Meeting and its subordinate branches, and a history of the meetings," by John Cox, Jr., begun in 1897. It includes all known records from 1663.

Many lost volumes and papers have been found and restored. We earnestly request all who have such books or papers in their possession, or who know of such, to notify the Committee of the fact, and if not ready to send them promptly to give information as to their nature and location, so that they may be properly listed in the Catalogue.

The Records may be seen in the presence of the Custodian by members of either New York Yearly Meeting without fee. Other persons are charged a fee of \$1.00 per hour, minimum fee, \$1.00. All applications to see the records should be addressed to the Custodian, John Cox, Jr., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York (telephone connection). Examinations to be made at convenience of Custodian by previous appointment, or John Cox, Jr., will make the examination and report thereon at the same rate.

William D. Wanzer,  
Boston, Mass.  
Esteemed Friend:

Replying at last to thy inquiry as to Wanzer's, I have the following important data for thee.