

Some information about Quarterly and Monthly Meetings in Indiana  
Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends before the year 1829.  
(Compiled by Eli Jay, Richmond, Ind., 1899)

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Indiana Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, set off from Ohio Yearly Meeting and established by it, was opened at Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana, 10 mo. 8th 1821. It was composed of five Quarterly Meetings, two of them established by Baltimore Yearly Meeting, namely Miami, opened at Waynesville, O. in 1809 and West Branch in the southern part of Miami County, Ohio, about one mile west of the West Branch of Great Miami, whence the name, and two miles south of West Milton, Ohio, opened 6 mo 13. 1812; and three set up under authority of Ohio Yearly Meeting, namely, Fairfield at Highland County Ohio in 1815, Whitewater at Richmond, Ind. 1.4.1817, and Blue River in Orange + Washington Counties Ind, in 1819.

Omitting Miami + Fairfield and Blue River, whose records are not in reach of this compiler, it may be stated that

West Branch had three monthly meetings prior to 1828, namely.

(1) West Branch, set up in 1807, had before 1828 three subordinate meetings, West Branch, Rocky Springs + South Fork, the last two indulged meetings

(2) Mill Creek M.M. opened in 1811 and had three subordinate meetings: Mill Creek 1809, Randolph 1815 and Concord in 1816

(3) Union M.M. 1813, with one meeting, Union, set up about 1808. Lick Branch, which afterwards was subordinate to that M. Mtg., was not established till 1836.

(See pg. 42)	>1 West Branch M.M. > 1.17.1807 > >	>1 West Branch 1805 ->2 Rocky Springs about 1826 >3 South Fork about 1826
West Branch Q.M. 6.13.1812	->2 Mill Creek M.M. > 3.23.1811 > > >3 Union M.M. >__ 1.2.1813	>1 Mill Creek 1809 ->2 Randolph 1815 >3 Concord 1816 >(see note 2. p. 18)  >1 Union about 1808 >2 Greenville Creek about 1826

All the above meetings were in Miami Co., O. except Randolph, Rocky Springs, and South Fork, which were in Montgomery Co., O. Rocky Springs + South Fork are reported to the Quarterly meeting as "indulged" meetings. In 1825 Indiana Y.M. directed that monthly meetings might allow such meetings to be held under a committee which should report every three months, and this information was to be sent to the Quarterly meeting. In that way accounts of them appear on the Q.M. Records. These three indulged meetings did not become established meetings till after 1828 according to the Q.M. records

Location of these meetings -- West Branch Meeting House was 2 miles south of the town of West Milton, Rocky Springs 5 miles south of West Branch, and South Fork 5 miles S.W. of West Branch at Philipsburg, Montgomery Co., O. Mill Creek Meeting house was 4 miles east and one south of West Branch. The meeting house lot was in the S.W. corner of Monroe Township, Miami Co., O. adjoining the south line of the county and about 100 rods from the west line of Monroe Township. Concord was three miles north and a little east of Mill Creek, Randolph was six miles east of south from Mill Creek, and Union six miles north of West Branch.

West Branch, Whitewater, Elk and Mill Creek Monthly Meetings at first composed West Branch Q.M. West Branch M. Meeting was set up by authority of Redstone Q.M. Pa, and the other three - by Miami Quarterly. West Branch Q.M. had part in setting up Union m.m. in 1813 and Lick Creek M. Mtgs. Orange Co. Ind. in 1813. New Garden M.M. Wayne County, Ind, and Blue River m.m. Washington Co. Ind. in 1814 and Westfield, in Preble Co. Ohio in 1821.

Whitewater Q.M., set off from West Branch Q.M. and established by it and Ohio Yearly Meeting, was opened at Richmond, Ind. 1.4.1817, and was then composed of the two Monthly Meetings, Whitewater + New Garden. Afterwards it had part in establishing Silver Creek M.M., two miles west of Liberty Union County, Ind, in 1817; West Grove M.M. in the central part of Wayne Co. Ind, in 1818; Springfield in the N.W. part of Wayne Co., in 1820; Cherry Grove in southern part of Randolph county Ind, in 1821; Milford M.M. in south western part of Wayne Co., near Milton, in 1823; Chester, at Chester, Wayne Co., Ind, in 1823; and Duck Creek, Greensboro, Henry Co., Ind. in 1826

New Garden Q.M., set off from Whitewater Q.M. and established by it and Indiana Y.M., was opened near Newport, now Fountain City, Wayne Co., Ind. 1.25.1823 It was then composed of the two M. Mtgs New Garden + Cherry Grove and in 1824 had part in setting up White River M.M., set off from Cherry Grove M.M.

Westfield Q.M., set off from West Branch and Whitewater Q. Meetings and established by them and Indiana Y.M., was opened at West Elkton 3.25.1825. It was composed of the three monthly Meetings: Elk + Westfield, Preble Co. O. taken from West Branch Q.M. and Silver Creek M.M., Union Co., Ind. from Whitewater Q.M. and was to be held alternately at Elk and Salem Meeting house, about three miles S.E. of Liberty Ind.

Before 1829 there would therefore be records of four Quarterly Meetings, West Branch, Whitewater, New Garden and Westfield, and 17 Monthly Meetings: West Branch 1807, Whitewater 1809, Elk 1809, Mill Creek 1811, Union 1813, Lick Creek 1813, New Garden 1815, Blue River 1815, Silver Creek 1817, West Grove 1818, Springfield 1820, Cherry Grove 1821, Westfield 1821, Milford 1823, Chester 1823, White River 1824 and Duck Creek 1826.

I have not had access to any records of Blue River Quarterly Meeting nor of Lick Creek and Blue River Monthly Meetings nor of Springfield, Milford, and White River Monthly Meetings mentioned above. I can give some account of the records of the other twelve M.M.

The following is the opening minute of West Branch Quarterly Meeting;

At a Quarterly Meeting opened and held at West Branch the 13th of the 6th month 1812 and to be known by the name of West Branch Quarterly Meeting. The above Quarterly Meeting was established by our Yearly Meeting of Baltimore held the 10th Month last; the meeting of Ministers + Elders to be held the sixth day preceeding each Quarter. The following friends were appointed to attend the opening of said meeting, viz: Samuel Potts, Abraham Branson, Garrard L. Hopkins, Richard Barrett, Jonathan Wright, junr and Horton Howard, part of whom attended." Samuel Brown was appointed Clerk and Stephen Macy assistant clerk.

The first Book of the records of the men of West Branch Quarterly Meeting is from 6.13.1812 to 2.19.1842. The Book is 7 3/4 by 12 3/4 inches, 260 pages, Boards, leather back + covers. The records to and including 12.13.1828 are contained on 94 pages of this book.

The first Book of Women's records is from 6.13.1812 to 12.17.1855, book 7 3/4 by 12 5/8 inches 260 pages boards with leather back + corners. The records up to and including 12.13.1828 occupy 63 pages of the book.

Women's opening minute states that the meeting was opened agreeable to the direction of the Yearly Meeting held at Baltimore from the 14th of 10th month 1811 to the 18th of the same inclusive and that Patient Whitaker, Sarah Barret, Deborah Stabler and Sarah Proctor were appointed, if way should open, to unite with men friend in attending the opening. There is no statement about who attended, or whether any of them. The first clerks appointed were Esther Pearson, clerk and Susannah Hill, assistant.

The first Book of the record of Minister and Elders meeting is paper 7 3/4 by 12 1/2 inches stitched together and covered with paper, 90 pages, 70 of which are used, and it contains the records from 6.12.1812 to 2.20.1846. Twenty four pages of this book are occupied with the records up to and including those of 12.12.1828.

West Branch Monthly meeting, set off from Miami Monthly Meeting and established by it and Redstone Quarterly Meeting, Pa, was opened at West Branch Meeting House 1.17.1807. It was then composed of West Branch Preparative Meeting established the same week as the Monthly Meeting. The boundary between Miami and West Brach Monthly Meetings was the Great Miami River, except that the Friends settled on Elk Creek were to belong to Miami Monthly Meeting.

The first Book of records of men's meeting of West Branch Monthly Meeting is from 1.17.1807 to 2.15.1823 = 16 1/6 years. The Book is 8 by 12 3/4 inches, about 250 pages. Boards with leather back and corners.

Second Book - From 3.15.1823 to 4.15.1841 = 18 1/6 years, 8 by 12 3/8 inches, about 300 pages. Boards with leather back and corners. Not able to give the number of pages occupied before 1829.

I was not able to get any account of the Women's minutes of West Branch Monthly Meeting. They are probably lost - [see page 18]

Family Register of Births, Deaths +c One Book from 1807 to 1899 = 92 years. The Book is 7 1/2 by 11 1/2 inches 316 pages. Boards leather back + corners.

It contains the record of 120 families and parts of families and about 930 persons. [see pg. 18]

Record of Marriage Certificates - One book from 1807 to present time. Book 8 by 12 3/4 inches about 250 pages. Boards Leather back and corners.

Contains the record of 83 Marriage Certificates the marriages having taken place under athority of West Branch Monthly Meeting [see pg. 19]

Have no means of knowing how much of the above two books were used before 1829.

Mill Creek Monthly Meeting set off from West Branch Monthly Meeting and established by it, and Miami Quarterly Meeting, was opened at Mill Creek Meeting house 3.23.1811

The first Book of Men's records from 3.23.1811 to 12" mo. 1821 = 10 5/6 years is probably lost

Second Book - From 1.26.1822 to 8.16.1836 = 14 2/3 years

7 3/4 by 12 1/4 inches 266 pages - Leather

From 1.26.1822 to 12.27.1828 occupy 84 pages

The first book of Women's Records is Preserved.

First Book - From 3.23.1811 to 1.24.1824 = 12 11/12 years

7 3/4 by 12 3/4 inches 72 pages - Paper. No other Book of Women's Records yet found.

Mill Creek Records of Births, deaths and Marriage Certificates were in existence about six years ago when I had them and copied the substance of their contents. When I was there last May, I was not able to find either of these Books. When I saw them they were in good condition and the records in them have been reasonably well kept. I suppose they will yet be found.

Mill Creek Monthly Meeting was laid down 9.11.1860, having had an existence of about 49 1/2 years. Nearly all the Friends in its limits, formally belonging to it, had then moved away. The small remnant was attached to West Branch Monthly Meeting. I think Randolph preparative was not laid down for some years after the above date.

Union Monthly Meeting set off from West Branch Monthly Meeting and established by it and West Branch Quarterly Meeting was opened 1.2.1813 at Union Meeting House about one mile north of Ludlow Falls, Miami county, Ohio, in the southern part of Newton Township.

Records of Union Monthly Meeting:

First Book - Mens - From 1.2.1813 to 11.7.1829 = 16 11/12 years  
7 3/4 by 12 1/4 inches about 160 pages. Boards, leather back &

corners

No Records of Women's Meeting Found yet

Record of Births deaths +c

First Book - 8 1/2 by 13 1/4 inches, about 100 pages, about 50 pages used. Leather. Probably all in this book have been transferred to the 2nd Book.

Second Book - 8 5/8 to 11 1/4 inches. Cloth with leather back & corner, 220 pages. Records 140 families + parts of families and 1020 persons. This Book appears to contain all the families from the beginning of the meeting.

Record of Marriage Certificates. One Book from 1813 to 1870, when the last marriage according to Friends order took place. I failed to get the dimensions and number of pages in this book.

The Preparative Meeting of Minister and Elders in this Monthly Meeting appears to have kept no records as I did not find any.

I did not find any record of Removal Certificates in any of the Monthly Meetings which composed West Branch Quarterly Meeting

Whitewater Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Set off from West Branch Quarterly Meeting and established by it and Ohio Yearly Meeting was opened at Richmond Ind. 1.4.1817. It was composed of two Monthly Meetings, Whitewater set up in 1809, and New Garden set up in 1815.

Records of Whitewater Quarterly Meeting

First Book, Men's Minutes - From 1.4.1817 to 9.1.1849 = 33 years

8 by 13 inches, 680 pages, 445 used. Leather

First Book, Women's Minutes - From 1.4.1817 to 9.5.1857 = 41 years

8 by 13 inches, 460 pages, 440 used. Leather

Whitewater Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders

First Book - From 4.4.1817 to 6.6.1851 = 34 3/4 years

8 by 12 1/4 inches. Writing paper sewed together with a pasteboard cover, 120 pages

If desired, the number of pages taken up with the records before 1829 can be ascertained I do not now have these three books at hand.

Whitewater Quarterly Meeting at its establishment in 1817.

			>1	Whitewater Preparative	1809	
			>	Indulged	1807	
			>2	Silver Creek "	1814	
			>	"	1809	
			>3	West Grove "	1816	
	>1	Whitewater M.M.	1809	→4	Elkhorn Indulged Meeting	1814
	>			>5	Middle Fork " " 1814	
Whitewater Q.M.	→			>6	Chester " " 1814	
1817				>7	West Union " " 1816	
	>					
	>2	New Garden M.M.	1815	→1	New Garden Prep.	1814
				>__	Indulged	1811

Whitewater Monthly Meeting, set off from West Branch Monthly Meeting and established by it and Miami Quarterly, was opened at Richmond, Ind. 9.30.1809 The Preparative Meeting (Whitewater), established the same week, embraced the same members as Whitewater Monthly Meeting, there being only one subordinate meeting.

Records of Whitewater Monthly Meeting

First Book, Men's Minutes - From 9.30.1809 to 3.21.1830 = 20 7/12 years  
8 by 12 3/4 inches, 552 pages, Leather.

Women's Records, First Book - From 9.30.1809 to 4.23.1836 = 26 2/3 years  
8 by 12 3/4 inches, 572 pages. Leather.

Record of Births, Deaths +c

First Book Size 8 by 12 3/4 inches - From 1817 to 1857 = 40 years

452 pages with an alphabetical index of 24 pages according to the family names. The index shows 224 families. In these there are 462 names of parents without dates of birth and 1174 children with dates of birth, making 1636 members recorded in this book.

Record of Marriage Certificates.

First Book - From 1809 to 1852 = 43 years, Size 8 by 12 3/4 inches, 450 pages including 25 pages of index with the names arranged alphabetically by the family name after marriage. There are 213 marriage certificates recorded in this Book. Leather.

If desired the number of pages in the Books of minutes used before 1829, or any other date, can be ascertained and the number of marriages before any given date as 1829.

Record of Removal Certificates

First Book from 1809 to 5th mo 1823 has not been found

Second Book - From 5.17.1823 to 1.28.1846, nearly 23 years:

8 1/4 by 13 inches, 175 pages including nine pages of an alphabetical index, Boards. It records 505 removal certificates sent away for about 1,500 persons

No Records have been found yet for the Preparative Meeting of the Minister and Elders of Whitewater Monthly Meeting before the year 1829.

New Garden Quarterly Meeting set off from Whitewater Quarterly Meeting and established by it and Indiana Yearly Meeting was opened at New Garden Meeting house near Newport, now Fountain City, 1.25.1823. It was composed of two monthly Meetings, New Garden set up in 1815 and Cherry Grove, in the Southern part of Randolph County, Ind., set up in 1821

New Garden Quarterly Meeting in 1828

		>1 New Garden Indulged 1811 Prep. 1814
>1 New Garden M.M.	→2	Dover Worship 1821 " 1822
> 1815		
>		>1 Cherry Grove 1821
>2 Cherry Grove M.M.	→2	Centre 1818
> 1821		>3 Lynn W. 1823 Prep 1827
New Garden Q.M. →		
1.25.1823		
>		>1 White River 1821
>		>2 Dunkirk 1823
>3 White River M.M.	→2	Jericho W 1823 Prep 1827
> [2.7.C.B.] 1824		
>		
>4 Arba M.M.	→1	Arba 1819
> 2.20.1828		

Records of New Garden Quarterly Meeting:

First Book - Men's Minutes, From 1.25.1823 to 11.22.1845 = 22 11/12 yr.  
 7 5/8 by 12 inches, about 325 pages. Boards leather b + c  
 Women's Minutes - 1st Book - From 1.25.1823 to 11.27.1858 = 35 11/12 yrs  
 7 5/8 by 12 inches, about 325 pages. Boards leather B. + C.  
 No Records of New Garden Quarterly Meeting of Minutes and Elders found

yet.

New Garden Monthly Meeting, set off from Whitewater Monthly Meeting and established by it and West Branch Quarterly Meeting, was opened at New Garden meeting house 3.18.1815. It was composed of New Garden Preparative Meeting established in 1814.

Records of New Garden Monthly Meeting

Men's Minutes 1st Book - From 3.18.1815 to 2.21.1829 - 14 years

8 by 13 inches. 376 pages, Boards, leather back + corners

Women's Minutes - 1st Book - From 3.18.1815 to 1.16.1830 = 14 11/12 years

8 by 12 7/8 inches, about 250 pages. Boards, leather back + corners

I have not yet seen the Family Registry of Births, Deaths +c, nor the record of Marriage Certificates, but probably will sometime soon.

No Record of Removal Certificates nor of New Garden Preparative Meeting of Minutes + Elders found before 1829.

Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting of Friends, set off from New Garden Monthly Meeting and established by it and Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, was opened a Cherry Grove Meeting house in the southern part of Randolph County Ind. about two miles southwest of Lynn 9.5.1821 [5.9.1821 C.B]. It was then composed of three preparative meetings, Centre in Wayne Co. set up in 1818, White River in 1820, and Cherry Grove in 1821.

Records of Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting

Men's Minutes

First Book - From 9.5.1821 to 9.11.1830 = 9 1/12 years

7 2/3 by 12 3/4 inches, 223 pages, Leather home tan

Women's Minutes

First Book - From 9.5.1821 to 11.12.1830 = 9 1/4 years

8 by 12 3/4 inches 160 pages, unruled paper. Leather home tan.

Record of Births Deaths +c

First Book - From 1821. Size 9 3/4 by 17 1/2 inches, 276 pages, about 60 of them used. Records over 200 families and parts of families.

Record of Marriage Certificates

First Book - From 1821 to 1880; Size 8 1/4 by 12 1/4 inches, 285 pages and 131 of them used. Records 129 Marriage Certificates of marriages which took place under sanction of Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting.

No Record of Removal Certificates reported

No Record of the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders reported before 1829.

White River Monthly Meeting

I have not yet seen any records of this meeting.

Arba Monthly Meeting, set off from New Garden Monthly Meeting and established by it and New Garden Quarterly Meeting, was opened at Arba 2.20.1828.

Records of Arba Monthly Meeting

Men's Minutes

First Book - From 2.20.1828 to 6.24.1835 = 7 5/12 years

8 by 11 7/8 inches about 300 pages, 150 used

Boards with leather back + corners

Women's Minutes

First Book - From 2.20.1828 to 6.24.1835 = 7 5/12 years

8 by 11 7/8 inches about 250 pages. Boards leather back + corners

The Monthly Meeting was laid down 6.24.1835, and the preparative Meeting was attached to New Garden Monthly Meeting.

No other records of this Meeting have been found

Westfield Quarterly Meeting, composed of Elk Monthly Meeting set up in 1809 and Westfield Monthly Meeting set up in 1821, both in Preble County, Ohio, and both taken from West Branch Quarterly Meeting, and Silver Creek Monthly Meeting, Union County, Indiana, and taken from Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, was established by these two Quarterly Meetings and Indiana Yearly Meeting and opened at West Elkton Ohio 3.19.1825, where Elk Monthly Meeting was held, about six miles southeast of Camden, O. Westfield Monthly Meeting was three miles west and one north of Camden. Silver Creek Monthly Meeting was held alternately at Silver Creek about two miles west of Liberty Ind. and at Salem about three miles south east of Liberty, Ind. The Quarterly Meeting was held alternately at West Elkton and Salem the third Seventh-day in the 3rd, 6th, 9th & 12th months.

Records of Westfield Quarterly Meeting

Minutes of Men's Meeting

First Book - From 3.19.1825 to 6.15.1878 = 53 1/2 years

8 by 12 1/2 inches, about 500 pages Boards, leather B. + C.

Minutes of Women's Meeting

First Book - From 3.19.1825 to 12.21.1878 = 54 years

8 3/8 by 13 3/8 inches 325 pages, Leather

Women's Records before 1829 occupy [40 (?)] [more likely 22, C.B.] pages of this book

The men's book is at West Elkton, O. or near there [Eli wrote, 8.13.1900, that he then had this book in his possession. C.B.]

Record of Westfield Quarterly Meeting of Minutes & Elders

First Book - From 3.18.1825 to 12.15.1874 = 50 years

Paper 8 1/4 by 13 inches, stitched together and covered with cloth, about 150 pages

This book is also at West Elkton, or near there and I am not able to state the no. of pages occupied before 1829. I have seen all these three books during last month.

Elk Monthly Meeting, set off from Miami Monthly Meeting and established by it and Miami Quarterly Meeting, was opened at West Elkton, Preble Co. Ohio 12.2.1809. It is located at West Elkton about 12 miles east of south from Easton the county seat of Preble County and about 6 miles south east of Camden, the railroad station used [by] the citizens of West Elkton + vicinity.

Records of Elk Monthly Meeting

Minutes of Men's Meeting.

First Book - From 12.2.1809 to 3.1.1823 = 13 1/3 years

8 1/4 by 13 3/4 inches, 144 pages Boards, leather back + corners

Second Book - From 4.5.1823 to 6.4.1831 = 8 1/4 years

8 3/4 by 13 1/2 inches. 180 pages. Boards, leather Back + corners

Minutes of Women's Meeting

First Book - From 12.2.1809 to 12.5.1829 = 20 1/12 years

8 1/2 by 13 1/2 inches, 180 pages, Leather home tan + binding

Record of Family Registry of Briths, Deaths +c First Book - From 1809 to --, 8 1/4 by 13 inches about 300 pages, less than half of them used.

Records of Marriage Certificates

First Book - From 1809 to -- 8 by 13 inches about 200 pages, about 170 used. Boards

Records\_\_ Marriage Certificates

Record of Removal Certificates. None found before 5.11.1830

No Record found of the Preparative Meeting of Minutes + Elders for Elk Monthly Meeting.

Silver Creek Monthly Meeting, in what is now Union County Ind., set off from Whitewater Monthly Meeting and established by it and Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, was opened 5.10.1817. It was held at Silver Creek Meeting house, which is said to have been about two miles West of Liberty Ind., till 5th mo. 1820, then it alternated between that place and Salem till 1823, when its name was changed to Salem Monthly Meeting, and established to be held all the time at Salem, where it is still held.

Records of Silver Creek Monthly Meeting

I Of Men's Meeting

First Book - From 5.10.1817 to 3.22.1834 = 16 11/12 years

7 1/2 by 12 inches, 360 pages. Boards, leather, back + corners

II Of Women's Meeting

First Book - From 5.10.1817 to 12.28.1839 = 22 2/3 years

7 3/4 by 12 3/8 inches, 312 pages, Boards, leather back + sides

Record of the Family Registry of Briths, Deaths +c

This Book has not yet been seen, examined and catalogued. Hope to receive it soon.

Record of Marriage Certificates

First Book - From 1817 to \_\_\_\_ The Book contains the record of \_\_\_\_ Marriage Certificates

7 1/2 by 12 inches, 234 pages, Boards, leather B. + C.

No Record of Removal Certificates found.

No Record of the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Silver Creek Monthly Meeting found.

Westfield Monthly Meeting, set off from Elk Monthly Meeting and established by it and West Branch Quarterly Meeting, was opened at Westfield Meeting house about three miles north of West of Camden O. 12.26.1821.

According to records examined, it was laid down 11.20.1833 and the Preparative Meeting was attached to Elk Monthly Meeting and the records of the monthly meeting placed in the hands of Elk Monthly Meeting. They have two books of records as follows

I. Records of Men's Meeting (Jay wrote me, 8.13.1900, that these Records are in their fire proof safe at Earlham College. C.B.)

First Book - From 3.28.1827 to 11.20.1833 = 6 2/3 years

8 by 12 inches, 230 pages, 128 used, Boards with leather back + corners

II. Records of Womens Meeting

First Book - From 12.26.1821 to 11.20.1833 = 12 years

8 1/4 by 12 5/8 inches, 150 pages, 120 used Boards, leather B. & C.  
No other Records

Westfield Quarterly Meeting in 1828 as well as can be determined from data at hand:

	>1 Elk M.M. 1809	>1 Elk Preparative 1807
	>	> (Indulged 1805.C.B.)
	>	
Westfield Q.M. 1825	→2 Silver Creek M.M. 1817	→1 Silver Creek Indulged 1809, P. 1814
	>	>2 Salem 1819
	>	> (See below) (Poplar Ridge + New Hope)
	>	
	>3 Westfield M.M. 1821	→1 Westfield 1819
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There may have been other meetings for worship or Preparatives in Westfield Quarterly Meeting in 1828, but these are all that I have found in my limited investigation.

Later -- On further examination I find that New Hope and Poplar Ridge meetings were added to Silver Creek Monthly Meeting in 1828. They had probably been indulged meetings sometime before (see page 19.)

Whitewater Quarterly Meeting in 1828

Meetings for Worship & Prep

Monthly Meetings

Whitewater Q.M.  
1-4-1817

- >1 Whitewater M.M. 1809
  - >
  - >
  - >2 West Grove M.M. 1818
  - >
  - >3 Springfield M.M. 1820
  - >
  - >4 Chester M.M. 1823
  - >
  - >
  - >5 Milford M.M. 1823
  - >
  - >
  - >
  - >6 Duck Creek M.M. 1826
- >1 Whitewater 1807 + 1809
  - >2 Orange 1814 + 1819
  - >3 Ridge 1823
  - >4 Smyrna 1822 + 1826
  - >
  - \_\_\_>1 West Grove 1814 + 1816
  - >2 Fairfield 1816 + 1826
  - >
  - \_\_\_>1 Springfield 1817
  - >2 West River 1825
  - >
  - \_\_\_>1 Chester 1814 + 1818
  - >2 Woodbury 1821
  - >
  - >
  - >1 West Union 1817
  - \_\_\_>2 Milford 1821
  - >3 Bethel 1826
  - >4 Hopewell 1826
  - >
  - >
  - >1 Duck Creek 1825
  - >2 Walnut Ridge 1827
  - >3 Spiceland 1828 org

[I do not put Spiceland in my list, as the Div. took place before it was set up. C.B.]

Chester Monthly Meeting, set off from Whitewater Monthly Meeting and established by it and Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, was opened at Chester 4.23.1823. It was composed of two Preparative Meetings: Chester, an indulged meeting in 1814 and a Preparative in 1818, and Woodbury, indulged in 1819 and an established Preparative in 1821.

Records of Chester Monthly Meeting

Men's Minutes.

First Book - From 4.23.1823 to 1.23.1838 = 4 5/6 years

Writing paper 7 by 12 inches stitched together with a paper cover 88 pages

Women's Minutes before 1835 are lost.

Family Registry of Birth's Deaths +c

Book 8 1/2 by 14 inches Muslin Binding, 120 double pages - Record very poorly kept. It is thought that the original book of Family Registry has been destroyed by fire.

Record of Marriage Certificates not yet seen described and catalogued.

Record of Removal Certificates from 1823 to the present time. Book 7 1/4 by 12 inches made of foolscap writing paper with a paper cover

No Record of the preparative Meeting of Minutes and Elders for Chester M.M. yet found.

[Custodian of all, Wilson Kendall, Chester Indiana." C.B.]

West Grove Monthly Meeting, set off from Whitewater Monthly Meeting and established by it and Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, was opened in 2nd month 1818. At first it was composed of West Grove and West Union Preparative Meeting and Fairfield indulged Meeting.

The Records of West Grove Monthly Meeting have not yet been catalogued, though I seen most of them some time ago.

Springfield Monthly Meeting, set off from New Garden Monthly Meeting and established by it and Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, was opened in 1st month 1820.

The Records of this Monthly Meeting have not yet been examined and catalogued. I hope to do so soon.

Milford Monthly Meeting, set off from West Grove Monthly Meeting and established by it and Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, was opened near Milton Wayne County, Ind. in 6th mo. 1823.

Records not yet examined + catalogued

Duck Creek Monthly Meeting set off from Milford  
Monthly Meeting and established by it and Whitewater Quarterly Meeting was  
opened at Greensboro Henry County Ind. 7.27.1826.

Records of Duck Monthly Meeting

Men's Minutes

First Book - From 7.27.1826 to 11.20.1834 = 8 5/12 years

8 by 12 1/2 inches about 340 pages Boards with leather Back + corners.

Women's Minutes of Duck Creek M.M.

First Book - From 7.27.1826 to 8.20.1846 = 20 1/6 years.

8 by 12 1/2 inches about 340 pages. Boards, leather Back + corners.

Record of the Family Registry of Births, Deaths +c

First Book, beginning in 1826, Book 8 by 12 1/2 inches about 340 pages, and  
about one half of them used. An Alphabet index of family names. The record  
Well Kept - Leather

Record of Marriage Certificates from 1826.

First Book, 8 by 12 1/2 inches about 340 pages. An alphabetical index of the  
family names in the Book Records 115 Marriage Certificates. Boards, leather B. + C.

No Record of Removal Certificates or of the Preparative Meeting of  
Ministers + Elders for Duck Creek Monthly Meeting.

## Additions

By Clarkson Butterworth

On 9.7.1899 - At the home of William A. Jones at West Milton, Miami County, Ohio I found "Women's Minutes of West Branch Monthly Meeting Vol. 1 -- 1.17.1807 to 9.15.1821 - paper cover, much worn, not paged nor indexed - size 7 1/2 x 12 1/2, has 40 leaves, all used.

Minutes show that Maragret Kindley and Abigail Cleaver, under appointment of Miami Monthly Meeting, attended the opening of the preparative meeting 1.15.1807 and this m.m. 1.17.1807 + that Rachel Davis was chosen clerk of m.m. women's branch.

Vol. 2 -- About two quires ordinary Foolscap paper, without cover, each quire sewed together, and later the two united into one book, so poorly that it is almost two again. No paging nor index - Size, about 7 1/2 x 12 -- 3.16.1822 to 1.18.1838. [See page 5, foregoing] No record found for 5 mos. between Vols. 1 + 2.

9.7.1899, at Wm. A. Jones, aforesaid I found West Branch m.m. record of Births and deaths Jay described, Page 5 -- noted that it had much writing by a dilligent, peculiar Luke S. Motte (pronounciation and former spelling "Mote"), and I called it a very valuable record, obituary matter, history and genealogy. It seemed, besides other matter, to embrace matter from a previous record, which I found and noted as follows--

"Births and deaths, unbound book - 70 pages numbered and 73 occupied. First 63 pages, with partial index, devoted to births. Last used part, pages 69 to 73, devoted to deaths. Pages 64 to 66, inclusive, have, in pencil, some late minutes, temporary perhaps, of West Branch Quarterly Meeting. The rest of the book, about 11 leaves, are blank. Births begin with the family of Frederic and Mary Yount, born respectively, 1778 + 1779, with 7 children, 1799 to 1816 and Births and with the family of Robert Pierson, Jim and Mary Pearson, whose four children, named were born, 1839 to 1845. Deaths recorded are from 1809 to 1846 - Size of pages, 8 x 12 1/2

Eli Jay - page 5 foregoing describes Record of Marriage Certificates, "One Book, 1807 to present time" of West Branch m.m. - about 250 pages. Boards, leather back + corners, size 8 x 12 3/4 - Record of 83 certificates.

I think I did not find that book

I did find a book - Boards, leather back + corners - size 6 x 11 3/4 and 1 in. thick. This also at Wm. A. Jones, 9.7.1899. It contained, page 1 to page 99, records of Marriage certificates of West Branch m.m. beginning with James Coate to Susannah Teague, 10.28.1807, and ending with John Miles to Dorcas Hutchings, 1.15.1874.

[Refer back to page 5] Same time - 9.7.1899, at Jones', I noted that the last half of the last above book was paged from 1 forward - and occupied as far as page 40, perhaps, with Record of Briths and deaths of Mill creek m.m. - quite likely with many omissions - from the founding of the m.m. 3.23.1811, to 1860 when the m.m. ended. But there are numerous later entries and notes, which seem to have been inserted by the industrious but peculiar recorder, Luke S. Motte, of a later date - all valuable in a historical and genealogical sense.

Marriage Certificates - Same book, same half Beginning at its page 41, there are records of Marriage certificates of Mill Creek m.m. - beginning with that of Robert Evans and Esther Jinkins date 7.2.1812, and ending with Clarkson C. Cook to Bathsheba Jenkins, on page 107 date 1.20.1859. Then follow about 20 blank leaves, and then more notes and memoranda.

Should not Elk m.m. be in the diagram on page 2, as a component part of West Branch Quarterly meeting?

Same as to White Water m.m.? See bottom of pg. 2. No, that was for the date 1828. (The diagram on page 2 is intended to show the meetings of West Branch Q.m. 1828. E.J. 8.21.1900)

Looking to the Establishment of West Branch Q.M. the request sent forward to Baltimore Y.M. from Miami Q.M. of 8th mo. 1810 named, as places for the new Q.M. to be held, West Branch in 12th + 6th month, Whitewater in 3rd mo., and Elk in 9th mo. Did the Y.M. approve this? Did the Q.M. so circulate? and for how long?

It alternated between West Branch and Whitewater till Whitewater was set up in 1817. When the division of the Quarterly Meeting was agreed on in 6 mo. 1815 and directed to the Y.M., the new Q.M. was to embrace Whitewater, Elk and New Garden. But it appears that before the Y.M. acted on the proposition Elk m.m. elected to remain with West Branch, having in mind, no doubt, another Q.M. in that section. At the request of Elk M.M., West Branch Q.M. was held at Elk in the 9th mo. 1819, as the records of the Q.M. show. 8.21.1900 Eli Jay

1. Paint - A m.f.w. (probably before indulged by Elk m.m.) And Westfield p.m. - the latter composed by Paint Friends + Four Mile Friends, were both established by West Branch Q.M. 3.13.1819 and the p.m. was opened 4.26.1819, i.e. "On 4th day before the 1st 7th day in the 5th mo. 1819" [E. Jay's letter 11.20.1900

(It is not clear what became of "Paint" meeting - It probably disappeared informally about the time of the Division. Later, I note that Jay says in his letter, 11.20.1900, that Paint m.f.w. in his final opinion, was at Westfield, and so its name was lost in the name of the p.m. there [C.B.]

2. On page 4 herein Jay gives 1816 as the opening date of Concord p.m. In two other papers of his he says 1817 [C.B.]

3. By his letter it seems that the Indulged meeting at "Four Mile" was continued on after the opening of Westfield m.m. + was not discontinued till after 1825. [C.B.]

Many custodians of Records - as Reported by Jay down to 1828 or longer.

For West Branch Q.M. + m.m.	William A. Jones, West Milton, Ohio
" Whitewater Q.M. + m.m.	Timothy Nicholson, Richmond, Indiana
" New Garden Q.M.	Wilson Randall, Chester, Indiana
" Westfield Q.M. + m.m.	Thomas J. Stubbs, West Elkton, Ohio
" New Garden + Arba m.ms. -	Ephraim Elliott, Fountain City, Ind.
" Cherry Grove + White River	"Moorman Bank" Winchester, Ind.
(I found several <u>Cherry Grove</u> records 11.19.1900 in the home of Thomas Franklin Moorman, 133 S. Main St., Winchester. He said he was official custodian of all the records not in current use, of Winchester Q.M. + its Branches (Orthodox) but that only a part had yet reached him. Same day I saw several <u>White River</u> m.m. Records at said "Moorman Bank")	
For Chester m.m.	Wilson Kendall, Chester Indiana
" Duck Creek m.m. -	probably Seth Stafford, Greensboro, Ind.
" Millcreek, Westfield + Silver Creek	Eli Jay, Richmond, Indiana