

West Grove Monthly Meeting  
West Grove, PA

10/8/2023

Western Quarterly Meeting  
Kennett Square, PA 19348  
Margaret Walton, Clerk

Dear Friend,

This letter is a follow-up to the request made by Mary Sproat at the 8th month Historic Properties Committee meeting after discussions in West Grove Monthly Meeting to ask Western Quarter to take over the ownership and responsibility for the Colora Meetinghouse and burying ground property in Cecil County, Maryland.

In the early 1980's, Friends of Colora Meeting asked to become a Preparative Meeting under West Grove Monthly Meeting. West Grove Monthly Meeting approved. When West Grove Meeting asked Western Quarter to take over the other Orthodox properties under its care in the 1980's (Parkersville, Lower London Grove, Lower New Garden, Fallowfield) Colora probably should have been included, but there were still Colora members living at the time. At this time, there are no members of Colora Preparative Meeting.

Colora currently has a balance of \$ 18,851 invested in Friends Fiduciary Corp. Steve Balderston has been the caretaker of the property for several years and also acts as treasurer. West Grove Monthly Meeting holds no Colora funds.

A survey was made of the Colora property in 1983 but we do not know its whereabouts. It may be at Friends Fiduciary along with the deeds.

Although Steve Balderston has done a good job of caring for the property, we would like to see this change take place as soon as possible in case Steve leaves the area.

We are making this request because we are a small Meeting with two other properties to maintain. Further, there is no interest among West Grove members in the Colora property.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Kathy M. Maule, Clerk