

MARGARET E. JONES
1895 - 1984

Margaret Jones, who died November 26, 1984, was the first Secretary for Friends Meeting of Washington. Before that, she had served briefly as Secretary of Green Street Meeting, Germantown, PA, and Alexandria Monthly Meeting in Washington.

Washington in the 30's was a segregated city and Margaret found time during those years to make people aware of the unfairness of customs and to work at improving the quality of life for foreign students studying here.

For the rest of her working life, Margaret served almost entirely with Quaker organizations, in the U.S. and in Europe. For the short time that she worked for a non-Quaker organization she still chose one giving service: CARE. This is the way it was with Margaret: she worked to serve, not for personal gain.

Friends remember Margaret as a very alive, positive person; one knew where she stood on any matter. Her honesty would not permit her to appear to approve of something by remaining silent. But her opposition was never strident, and many remember her ready smile and that contagious chuckle. Of Margaret it can be truly said: she practiced her principles, she lived her Quakerism, she cared very much for her fellow man.