

MARION BLOOM MOORE
January 9, 1905 - October 9, 1989

Marion B. Moore was a unique member of Friends Meeting of Washington. She was a non-resident member from the start because she lived in Raphine, Virginia and there were no Friends Meetings nearer than Washington. From her correspondence file, I learned that she made at least one weekend plane trip to Washington before she became a member, on November 20, 1961.

Marion Moore had become interested in Quakers partly from her husband, who went to Haverford for two years, and also from being a member of the Wider Quaker Fellowship for many years.

In her correspondence she explained that she was not and had never been a Presbyterian, even though she was serving as President of the Women of New Providence Presbyterian Church of Raphine.

At the time when Marion became a member, she submitted some biographical facts I want to include. Marion Bloom was born January 9, 1905 in Catskill, NY. Her parents were Charles C. and Viola S. Bloom. She graduated from Catskill High School in June 1918 and from Douglass College in June 1926 with a Litt B. degree, English Major and a BK. In June 1928 she received a B. Sc. in Library Science from Columbia University. Marion then worked as Librarian at Douglass College from July 1928 to December 1930.

She married Percy Warren Moore April 17, 1930 - acquiring a ready-made family of two children. A son, Stewart, was born April 17, 1931. They lived briefly in New Jersey, then near Richmond, VA, and finally moved to Raphine, VA, where she continued to live.

Marion's husband died in 1960.

In 1961, Marion Moore became manager of the Mary Baldwin College Book Store in Staunton, VA. She also found time to be a member of American Association of University Women.

Even though I never met Marion Moore, I feel that reading through her correspondence file I have felt a touch of her spirit. I understand now how important it was to have many members of our Meeting to answer her questions and to nurture her as best we could. Those who wrote letters to her were: James Walker, Anne Forsythe, Ellis Williams, Harold Snyder, Janet Snyder, Rachel Conrad Nason, and Sally Cory.

A final note from her son, Stewart, said:

Dear Friends,

Marion B. Moore, a member of your Meeting, died at home on October 9, 1989. Her membership in your Meeting was a comfort and support to her for many years. Thank you for being there when she needed you.