

HARRIET SHEPHERD ROBERTS SUTTON
12-1-1892 to 10-7-1975

Friends are grateful for the life of Harriet Shepherd Roberts Sutton, who died October 7, 1975 after a long illness. She was born the first of Twelfth Month, 1892 in Upper Dublin, Pennsylvania She attended West Chester State Normal School, Temple University, Philadelphia and was graduated from George Washington University, Washington, D. C. in 1920 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education. Two weeks later, on the twelfth of Sixth Month, she was married to Don Franklin Sutton in Maple Glen, Pennsylvania under the care of Alexandria Monthly Meeting.

Harriet Sutton's commitment to the Religious Society of Friends began in early childhood. She knew well its history, principles and practice. She was vigorous in her efforts for peace in the world while leading the life of the Spirit.

She was faithful in attendance at Monthly, Quarterly, and Yearly Meetings; those Meetings were strengthened by her contributions in meetings for worship as well as in the business sessions. She held fast to the principle of not speaking in any meeting unless moved by the Holy Spirit. Additionally, it was her regular practice to take to Meeting with her not only her own children and later her grandchildren, but also other young people and new members of the Society, seeing to it that the latter became acquainted and were made to feel at home in the Meetings.

A member of Alexandria Monthly Meeting, when Friends Meeting of Washington was established in 1931 as an independent Meeting bringing Friends of various persuasions into worship together, she became a charter member, joining that Meeting Sixth Month 29, 1931. Through the years she served acceptably on Overseers, Peace, Nominating, Religious Education, and Ministry and Counsel Committees, as representative to Quarterly and Yearly Meetings, and in any other capacity either of her Meetings requested.

Again when the unification of the two Baltimore Yearly Meetings was projected, she was tireless in her efforts to bring about a meeting of minds as well as a meeting of hearts among Friends.

Harriet Sutton is survived by her daughters Jean Evelyn Sutton Winder and Mary Sutton Ward, both of Alexandria Meeting and Friends Meeting of Washington, and her son Robert Franklin Sutton, of Plymouth Monthly Meeting, Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, and by nine grandchildren.

She is remembered with deep affection by Friends who knew her.