

The Library of the Society of Friends

Quakers and World War I

Our aim is to provide a guide to the sources in the Library of the Society of Friends (LSF) relating to the attitudes and activities of Friends (Quakers) before, during and after World War One.

We realise that it is not possible for everyone to visit us, so wherever possible the existence of items on the internet is noted, with links (current as at August 2013). A few items are not held by the Library, but are only available online. Many of the items may also be available at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in Birmingham and some may be obtained through public and university libraries. COPAC (www.copac.ac.uk) is a useful tool to locate items in research libraries in the UK.

A brief guide cannot be comprehensive and further information about LSF holdings can be obtained from the library catalogue, which is available on the internet at www.quaker.org.uk/cat. Note, however, that it does not cover everything: you may need to consult the printed books and manuscripts card catalogues.

After each item a call number is given which is needed to locate it on our shelves. To obtain periodical articles, simply request the issue in which the article appears.

Library guide



General sources

Kennedy, Thomas C. *British Quakerism 1860–1920: the transformation of a religious community*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001. 477p. 097.03 KEN

Chapters 7–11 are particularly relevant

Kennedy, Thomas C. "Many Friends do not know 'where they are': some divisions in London Yearly Meeting during the First World War", *Quaker theology*, no. 11, Spring–Summer 2005.

Available online at: <http://quest.quaker.org/Issue%20-%2011%20-%20Kennedy%20-01.htm>

Kerr-Wilson, Andrew D. *The Sword and the light: the evolution of the peace testimony of the British Society of Friends, 1914–1918*. MA thesis, McMaster University, 1985. 208p.

Not in the Library. Available online at: <http://digitalcommons.mcmaster.ca/opendissertations/7069>

Rubinstein, David. 'Friends and war, 1914–15'. *Journal of the Friends Historical Society*; vol.62, no.1, 2010, pages 67–86.

Tucker, Leigh. 'English Friends and censorship, World War I', *Quaker history*, vol. 71, no. 2, Fall 1982, pages 114–124.

Tucker, Leigh. *The English Quakers and World War I*. PhD thesis, University of North Carolina, 1972. 274p.

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Press cuttings and periodicals

The Library has several collections of newspaper cuttings on Quakers and World War One.

Vol. QQ covering the period from 1912 to 1914 – not all World War One material

Vol. RR covering 1914–1918

Vol. TT covering 1918–1921

Vol. WW covering Quarterly meetings (lectures, correspondence, obituaries), the Guildhall Trial, conscientious objection and the Friends Ambulance Unit

Vol XX. War Victims Relief

The weekly journal *The Friend* will also be vital for any study. *The Ploughshare*, published between 1912 and 1919 was an important vehicle for Quakers with anti-war views. An article on it appears on the Library's blog Quaker strongrooms (see back page).

The Peace Movement, Conscientious Objection and Conscription

Quaker attitudes towards peace have a long history, going back to the Peace Testimony of 1661. For further information on this, see a booklet which was produced by Britain Yearly Meeting in 2011 which is available at <http://www.quaker.org.uk/350>.

Printed sources: books, pamphlets and articles

Ayles, W. et al. *Why I am a conscientious objector: being answers to the tribunal catechism*. London: No Conscription Fellowship, 1916. 20p. 051.54 [War 12/62] and 051.54 [Peace 29/1]

Quaker contributors include James Hindle Hudson (Labour MP), Robert O. Mennell and Hubert William Peet.

Bell, Julian H, ed. *We did not fight: 1914–1918 experiences of war resisters*. London: Cobden-Sanderson, 1935. 392p. 051.57 BEL

Includes 'War and peace, 1914' by Norman Angell ; 'War victims' relief' by David Garnett ; 'Experiences in the Friends' Ambulance Unit' by Olaf Stapledon.

Bibbings, Lois S. *Telling tales about men: conceptions of conscientious objectors to military service during the First World War*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2009. 259p. 051.59 BIB

- Brock, Peter. *Those strange criminals: an anthology of prison memoirs by conscientious objectors from the Great War to the Cold War*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2004. 505p. 051.599 BRO
Quakers include Stephen Hobhouse, Hubert William Peet, Kathleen Lonsdale and Kathleen Wigham.
- Brock, Peter. 'Prison samizdat of British conscientious objectors in the First World War from *The Journal of prisoners on prisons*, vol 12, 2003. Box 552/14 and 15
Includes Old lags Hansard, Walton leader and Winchester whisperer.
- Boulton, David. *Objection overruled*. London: McGibbon & Kee, 1967. 319p. 051.57 BOU
- Catchpool, Corder. *Letters of a prisoner: for conscience sake*. London: Allen & Unwin, 1941. 163p. 051.57 CAT
- Ceadel, Martin. *Pacifism in Britain 1914–1945: the defining of a faith*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1980. 342p. 051.59 CEA
- Chamberlain, W.J. *A C.O. in prison*. London: No-Conscription Fellowship, [1917]. 62p. 051.54 [Peace 26/22];
- Chamberlain, W.J. *Fighting for peace: the story of the war resistance movement*. London: No More War Movement, 1929. 115p. 051.57 CHA
- Cole, Clara G. *The objectors to conscription and war: a record of their suffering and sacrifice, their letters and tribunal appeals, their testimony for liberty of conscience*. Manchester: Workers Northern Publishing Society, 1936. 96p. 051.57 COL
- Elliott, Malcolm. 'Opposition to the First World War: the fate of conscientious objectors in Leicester', *Transactions of the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society*, issue 77, 2003, pages 82–92. Box L215/8
Available at http://www.le.ac.uk/lahs/downloads/05_7799_vol77_Elliott.pdf
- Francis, Thomas W. *The tribunal manual: containing the Military Service Acts 1916 & 1917, the regulations and instructions, and cases decided by the Central Tribunal ... and decisions of the courts, with notes etc*. Whitby: Cheshire Pub., 1917. 141p. 051.57 FRA
- Goodall, Felicity. *A question of conscience: conscientious objection in the two world wars*. Stroud: Sutton Publishing, 1997. 212p. 051.59 GOO
- Graham, John W. *Conscription and conscience: a history 1916–1919*. London: Allen & Unwin, [1922]. 388p. 051.57 GRA
Available at: www.archive.org/details/conscriptioncons00grahrich
- Hayes, Denis. *Conscription conflict: the conflict of ideas in the struggle for and against military conscription in Britain between 1901 and 1939*. London: Sheppard Press, 1949. 408p. 051.57 HAY
- Hayes, Will. *My life in gaol*. London: New Religious Movement, [1932]. 10p. Box 496/17
- Hirst, Margaret E. *The Quakers in peace and war*. London: Swarthmore Press, 1923. 560p. 051.59 HIR
Available at www.archive.org/details/quakersinpeacewa00hirsuoft
- Hughes, William R. *Indomitable Friend: the life of Corder Catchpool 1883–1952*. London: Allen & Unwin, 1956. 196p. 092.3 CAT/HUG
- James, Stanley B. *The men who dared: story of an adventure*. London: C.W. Daniel, 1917. 100p. 051.59 JAM
- Kennedy, Thomas C. *The hound of conscience: a history of the No-Conscription Fellowship 1914–1919*. Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 1981. 322p. 051.59 KEN
- Kennedy, Thomas C. "'They in the Lord who firmly trust': a Friend at war with the Great War'. *Quaker history*, vol. 78, no. 2, Fall 1989, pages 87–102.
About Wilfrid Littleboy, later Clerk of London Yearly Meeting.

- Mason, E. Williamson. *Made free in prison*. London: Allen & Unwin, 1918. 212p. 051.57 MAS
- Moorehead, Caroline. *Troublesome people: enemies of war 1916–1986*. London: Hamish Hamilton, 1987. 344p. 051.59 MOO
- Peake, Arthur S. *Prisoners of hope*. London: Allen & Unwin, 1918. 127p. 051.59 PEA
Available online at: <http://www.unz.org/Pub/PeakeArthur-1918>. Cases of several British Quaker C.O.s in World War One are discussed, pages 105–124.
- Pearce, Cyril. *Comrades in conscience: the story of an English community's opposition to the Great War*. London: Francis Boutle, 2001. 369p. 051.59 PEA
- Rae, John. *Conscience and politics: the British government and the conscientious objector to military service 1916–1919*. London: Oxford University Press, 1970. 280p. 051.57 RAE
- Vellacott, Jo. *Bertrand Russell and the pacifists in the First World War*. Brighton: Harvester, 1980. 326p. 051.599 RUS/VEL
Originally a PhD thesis, McMaster University, 1975. Thesis available online at: <http://digitalcommons.mcmaster.ca/opensdissertations/857/>

Unpublished Sources: archives and manuscripts

Archives

London Yearly Meeting *minutes* (the annual *Proceedings* have been printed since 1858)

Meeting for Sufferings (its standing executive committee): manuscript or typescript *minutes*

Minutes and papers of the following committees are also relevant. Further information on the Committees' functions and activities is available from the Library.

Peace Committee 1888–1965

Friends Service Committee 1915–1920

War & Social Order Committee 1915–1928

Visitation of Prisoners Committee 1916–1920

Wartime Statistics Committee 1917–1922

Manuscripts

This list is not comprehensive. Ask Library staff for assistance in locating all relevant papers.

- Barritt, Cornelius: (sentenced to death, 1916) account of experiences TEMP MSS 62
- Brocklesby, John: (sentenced to death, 1916) account of experiences TEMP MSS 412
- Davies, Russell V.: papers on registration as a CO in World War One, consisting mainly of correspondence TEMP MSS 690
- Dryderdale log: logbook kept by a house-party of former COs and families, 1919 MS Vol S 477
- Ewan, George Alfred: prison memories of a World War One CO TEMP MSS 761
- Harvey, T. Edmund: correspondence with COs from 1916–1920; includes papers from the Pelham Committee, which sought to find employment for COs TEMP MSS 835
- Lane, Terence: collection of material about World War One COs TEMP MSS 585
- No-Conscription Fellowship: duplicated papers, 1914–1919 MS Vol 149
- Philcox, Rowland: personal papers of World War One CO TEMP MSS 197
- Plummer, Hubert: account of experiences as World War One CO. TEMP MSS 594
- Pollard, Pauline: correspondence with World War One COs TEMP MSS 454
- Rowntree, Arnold: papers TEMP MSS 977

Rowntree, Maurice L.: papers of World War One CO	TEMP MSS 480
Sainty, Frederick B.: notebook of Quaker prison visitor, 1917–1919	MS Vol S 410
Tait, Frederick: diary of World War One CO	TEMP MSS 907
Wild, H. E: personal papers of World War One CO	TEMP MSS 122
Wilkinson, A. Denby: Account of experiences as a World War One CO	TEMP MSS 686

Printed sources: Periodicals

CO's Hansard: a weekly reprint from the official parliamentary reports. London: No-Conscription Fellowship. 1916–1919.

Northern Friends Peace Board Annual Reports 1913–

The Tribunal. London: No-Conscription Fellowship 1916–1919

Friends Service during the First World War

It is important to note that there were also non-Friends serving with both of the following organisations and there was some overlap in membership. The picture was not clear-cut and some Friends were involved with other organisations: some signed up for military service.

Friends Emergency and War Victims Relief Committee (FEWVRC)

An official committee of London Yearly Meeting which operated from 1914 to 1924.

Printed Sources: Books

The main history of the organisation is:

Fry, A. Ruth. *A Quaker adventure, the story of nine years' relief and reconstruction*.
London: Nisbet, 1926. 389p.

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Available for browsing but not downloading at: <http://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015014523776>

A selection of other related titles includes:

Back, Lyndon S. 'The Quaker mission in Poland: relief, reconstruction, and religion', *Quaker history*, vol. 101, no. 2, Fall 2012, pages 1–23.

Bell, William A. *A scavenger in France: being extracts from the diary of an architect, 1917–1919*.
London: E. W. Daniel, 1920. 353p.

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Available online at: <http://archive.org/details/scavengerinfranc00bellrich>

Crook, Margaret Brackenbury. *The track of the storm: tales of the Marne, Meuse and Aube*.
London: Headley, 1917. 111p.

066.44 CRO

Not a Friend, but spent two periods in France between 1916 and 1917

Greenwood, J. Ormerod. *Friends and relief: a study of two centuries of Quaker activity in the relief of suffering caused by war or natural calamity*. York: William Sessions, 1975. 360p.

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Volume 1 of *Quaker encounters*. Relevant chapters include 'Quakers in the First World War', 'The Friends Ambulance Unit during the First World War, 1914–19 and the Anglo-Italian Ambulance Unit, 1915–18' and 'The Friends War Victims Relief Committee; and the Emergency Committee for the Assistance of Germans, Austrians and Hungarians in Distress, 1914–1924.'

Jones, Rufus M. *A service of love in war time: American Friends' relief work in Europe, 1917–1919*.
New York: Macmillan, 1920. 284p.

066.44 JON

McFadden, David and Gorfinkel, Claire. *Constructive spirit : Quakers in revolutionary Russia*.
Pasadena: Intentional Productions, 2004. 213p.

066.39 MCF

Loch, Joice NanKivell and Loch, Sydney. *The river of a hundred ways: life in the war-devastated areas*

- of Eastern Poland*. London: Allen & Unwin, 1924. 256p. 066.42 NAN
- Payne, Muriel. *Plague, pestilence and famine*. London: Nisbet, 1923. 146p. 066.39 PAY
A record of the author's famine relief work in Russia in 1922.
- Pye, Edith M. (ed.). *War and its aftermath: letters from Hilda Clark .. from France, Austria and the Near East, 1914–1924*. [Wells: Clare, Son and Co., printers] 1956. 125p. 066.36 CLA
See also unpublished sources section for Hilda Clark's papers.
- Roberts, Sian Lliwen. *Place, life histories and the politics of relief: episodes in the life of Francesca Wilson, humanitarian educator activist*. PhD thesis, University of Birmingham, 2010. 395p.
Not held in the Library, but available online at: http://etheses.bham.ac.uk/848/1/Roberts10PhD_A1a.pdf
- Storr, Katherine. *Excluded from the record: women, refugees and relief, 1914–1929*. Oxford: Peter Lang, 2009. 316p. 066.46 STO
- Thomas, Edward. *Quaker adventures: experiences of twenty-three adventurers in international understanding*. New York: Revell, 1928. 221p. 066 THO

Printed sources: periodicals

- Emergency Committee for the Assistance of Germans, Austrians and Hungarians in Distress (from 1919 part of Friends Emergency and War Victims' Relief Committee) *Reports*, London: 1914–1919. Pers/Emergency
- Reconstruction* : 1918–1920. Journal of the Friends Relief Missions in Europe : succeeded by *International Service*: 1920–23. Pers/Rec
- War Victims' Relief Committee (from 1919 Emergency and War Victims' Relief Committee). *Reports*, 1st to 10th. London: 1914–1923. Pers/F7/War

Unpublished sources: archives and manuscripts

FEWVRC official records consist of minutes and committee reports of the central organisation and extensive documentation about relief work and projects in the various countries. They also document relations with other bodies working in the field, such as the American Friends Service Committee, the Nansen International Office for Refugees, the Red Cross, the Famine Relief Committee and Friends Ambulance Unit.

An outline listing of archives is available in the Reading Room and the entire collection is being fully catalogued during 2013–2014, thanks to a grant from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust. When completed, the catalogue will be available at www.quaker.org.uk/cat

A name index to FEWVRC workers which gives the dates and location of service is also available for consultation in the Reading Room.

Personal papers held include the following:

- Cashmore, Hilda. Her journal describes a period spent working for the FEWVRC on the Marne in France in 1914–1915. TEMP MSS 777
- Clark, Hilda. Undertook relief within France. The collection consists of correspondence, journal letters, postcards, photographs, lantern slides, official travel documents and unpublished writings and is described in an article on the library's blog at: <http://librarysocietyfriendsblog.wordpress.com/2012/07/03/world-war-i-and-its-aftermath-cataloguing-the-papers-of-hilda-clark-1881-1955/> TEMP MSS 301
- Fox, Alizon. Worked under the auspices of FEWVRC in a refugee camp in Udon, Holland, 1916–1918. TEMP MSS 891
- Renton, Sara. A worker with the FEWVRC at Châlons-sur-Marne in France from January 1917 to April 1919. The diaries include photographs, newspaper cuttings, postcards and other items. MS Vols. 446–447
- Thompson, Rebecca. Relief worker in Buzuluk, Russia, 1922–1923. TEMP MSS 888

Unpublished sources: photographs

The large collection of photographs, estimated at 1,500 in number, is primarily arranged by country. For further information please ask Library staff.

'Enemy aliens'

Printed sources

- Baily, Leslie. *Craftsman and Quaker: the story of James T. Baily 1876–1957*. London: Allen & Unwin, 1959. 144p. 092.3 BAI
Baily was a Quaker relief worker who was Industrial Superintendent at Knockaloe on the Isle of Man from 1915–1919
- Chapman, Colin R. and Moss, S. Richard. *Detained in England 1914–1920: Eastcote POW Camp, Pattishall: a brief, illustrated history*. Durley: Lochin Publishing, 2012. 64p.
- Cresswell, Yvonne. 'Behind the wire: the material culture of civilian internment on the Isle of Man in the First World War', in: Dove, Richard. *Totally un-English: Britain's internment of 'enemy aliens' in two world wars*. London: Research Centre for German and Austrian Exile Studies, 2005. 209p. 066 DOV
- Thomas, Anna B. *St. Stephens House: the story of the Emergency Committee for the Assistance of Germans, Austrians and Hungarians in Distress, 1914–1920*. London: 1921. 066 THO
Available at: <http://www.isle-of-man.com/manxnotebook/fulltext/sh1920/>

Unpublished sources: archives and manuscripts

- Garrett-Smith, Celia M. Member of the Camps Executive Committee 1916–1919. (15 items). TEMP MSS 889

Friends Ambulance Unit (FAU) 1914–1919

An independent body which operated from 1914 to 1919: its founders and most of its governing council were Friends.

Printed sources: books, pamphlets and articles

The official history of the FAU is:

- The Friends Ambulance Unit 1914–1919: a record*, edited by Meaburn Tatham & James E. Miles. London: Swarthmore Press, 1920. 263p. 066.44 TAT
- List of Members of the Friends' Ambulance Unit 1914–1919*. London: Friends' Ambulance Unit, 1919. 127p. 066.44 FRI
- Davies, Amanda. *The good straight Englishwoman*. Orford: Orford Books, 2005. 144p. 066.44 DAV
Chapter 7–10 relates to the nursing work of Clare Hedley-Peek and Winifred Morris in World War I and its aftermath on FAU hospital barge in France and for the Red Cross
- Robson, Richard H. 'Quakers in the carnage of the First World War: an individual story from the Friends' Ambulance Unit' *Quaker studies*, Vol.2, no.1, Summer 1997, p. 69–77
- Young, Geoffrey Winthrop. *A story of the work of the Friends' Ambulance Unit, Oct. 1914 –April, 1915*. London: Friends Ambulance Unit (1914–1919), 1915. 25p.
With others, Young formed the first British Ambulance Unit for Italy, which he commanded until January 1919.

Unpublished sources: archives and manuscripts

The Library holds the archives of the FAU (1914–1919) at TEMP MSS 881. They are catalogued in full on our online catalogue of archives at www.quaker.org.uk/cat, due to be released in Spring 2014. The collection includes:

Committee minutes 1914 Oct –1920 July (1 vol)	TEMP MSS 881/ M1
Executive committee minutes 1916 Mar – 1921 May; (3 vols)	TEMP MSS 881/ M 2–4
Personnel records [1914–1919]: series 1	Microfilm no. 588–589
Personnel records [1914–1919]: series 2	Microfilm no. 599–601

These are record cards detailing the background of members and their activities within the FAU.

Among the personal papers held are:

Dingle, C.F. Reminiscences. Commenced May 1918 while on No. 17 Ambulance Train, BEF, France.	TEMP MSS 846
Henry, Sidney A. Scrapbook of letters, photographs etc. relating to service in the FAU 1915–1919.	MS Vol. 202
Maxwell, Leslie B. Testimonial volume to Leslie B. Maxwell on leaving the Unit in 1917.	MS Vol. 284

Unpublished sources: photographs

There is a collection of photographs covering the work of the FAU which have been listed. Please ask Library staff for details.

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