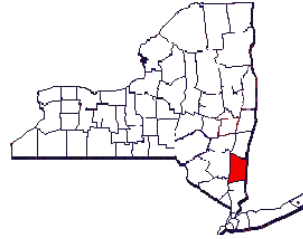


Julia Wilbur 1829 autograph book. From the archives of Oakwood Friends School as is her drawing.



Dutchess County is located in NY's Mid-Hudson Valley

DUTCHESS COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS:

*Cultural Landscape of the
Friends: A Symposium
on Mid-Hudson Valley
Quakers in the 18th
& 19th Centuries*

Pre-Symposium Activities

There is much to do in this area, so why not extend your stay? Special events are being planned, such as a variety of walking tours, and will be posted to our website once details are available. And also contact the tourism office below for a brochure about our area.

Pre-registration & Information

Attendance is limited, so pre-register early!
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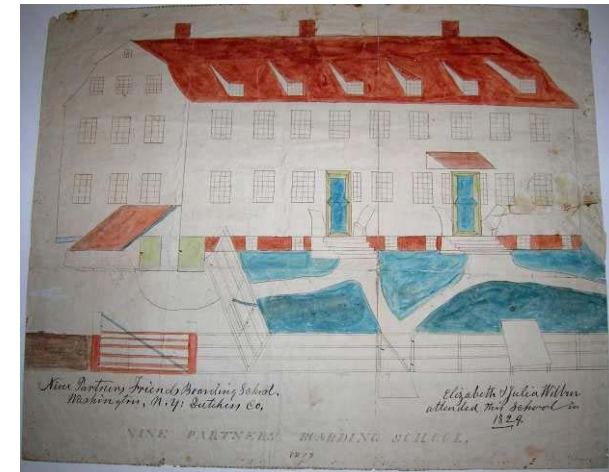
Hotel & Tourism Information

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Nine Partners Boarding School by Julia Wilbur, 1829

November 12-15, 2009

Hosted by

Oakwood Friends School
22 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie, NY

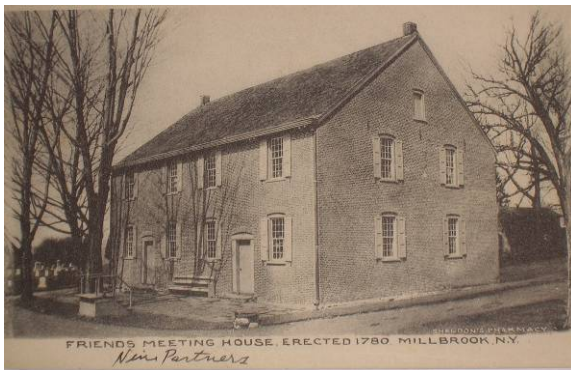
JOIN US ...

* as part of New York's gala celebrations of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson

* to learn more about the rich Quaker heritage in Dutchess & Ulster Counties

Come early and stay a while. Tour some of the many dozens of historical sites in the area. Located in one of the oldest parts of the country, the Hudson Valley is blessed with an abundance of them, from the home of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to West Point.

Tour a local winery or the famous Culinary Institute of America. Or enjoy the spectacular view from the newly restored Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge which opens in October as a pedestrian walkway.

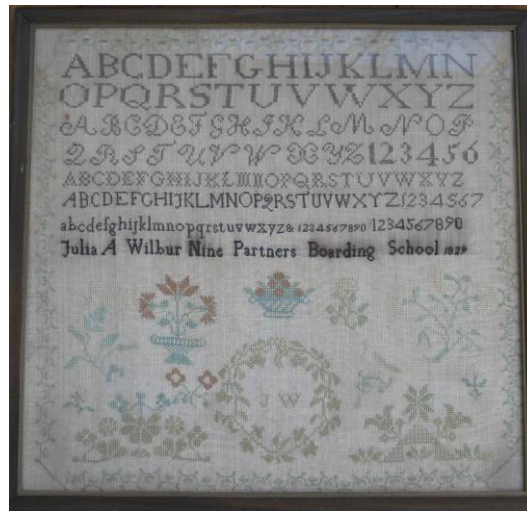


At the time of the American Revolution, Quakers were the fifth largest religious group in the country and had a significant

presence throughout the Hudson Valley and in Dutchess County.

In 1796, the New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) opened the first successful co-educational Friends yearly meeting boarding school in the country in what is now Millbrook. During its day, the fame of Nine Partners Boarding School was known far and wide. Oakwood Friends School traces its roots to this school.

The symposium will discuss the school and Quaker impact in the area.



Julia Wilbur 1829 sampler. Bill & Elaine Koster collection.

At the time the school was founded, girls took great pride in their samplers and families often displayed them in their homes.

The primary exhibit will be Nine Partners Boarding School samplers and artifacts.

Another exhibit will feature Quaker Meeting Houses in Dutchess County, an important aspect of Hudson Valley architecture.

Symposium Highlights

November 12, Thursday

Registration, keynote speech, exhibit unveiling.

November 13, Friday

Presentations include: Quaker history, philosophy and practice; local history; Nine Partners Boarding School and its samplers; and Quaker migration patterns into Dutchess County.

November 14, Saturday

Day trip to Millbrook in Dutchess County to learn more about the school and what the area was like at that time. Tours include the former site of the school, Nine Partners Meeting House and its Burial Ground, Hart's Village and private historic residences.

November 15, Sunday

Day trip to Milton in Ulster County to learn about the role of Quakers in the Underground Railroad in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Tours include the dock site of the ferry for Milton-Poughkeepsie at Sands Point (once owned by Quaker minister David Sands), the 1883 Milton train station (at Sands Point), Hallock mill site, Bell's Dam, Hicksite and Orthodox Friends Burial Grounds and other historic sites.