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.
**General sources**


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.


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


Tucker, Leigh. *The English Quakers and World War I*.

**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**


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


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

Quakers include Stephen Hobhouse, Hubert William Peet, Kathleen Lonsdale and Kathleen Wigham.


Includes Old lags Hansard, Walton leader and Winchester whisperer.


Catchpool, Corder. Letters of a prisoner: for conscience sake.

Ceadel, Martin. Pacifism in Britain 1914–1945: the defining of a faith.

Chamberlain, W.J. A C.O. in prison.


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.

Goodall, Felicity. A question of conscience: conscientious objection in the two world wars.


Available at: www.archive.org/details/conscriptioncons00grahrich


Available at www.archive.org/details/quakersinpeacewa00hirsuoft


James, Stanley B. The men who dared: story of an adventure.


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.


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
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. 066.36 FRY

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

A selection of other related titles includes:


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


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


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.’


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


A record of the author’s famine relief work in Russia in 1922.


See also unpublished sources section for Hilda Clark’s papers.


Not held in the Library, but available online at: http://etheses.bham.ac.uk/848/1/Roberts10PhD_A1a.pdf


Printed sources: periodicals


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 was a Quaker relief worker who was Industrial Superintendent at Knockalo in the Isle of Man from 1915–1919


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:


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


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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