

Memorial Minute for Lucretia Mammel

Lucretia Mott Kester Mammel, born in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania moved to Newtown as a young girl with her family where she resided until her death on February 1, 1991.

Her parents, Reuben and Myrtle Kester joined Newtown Meeting with their daughter and son, Howard and were valued and dedicated members of the Society of Friends. They named their only daughter after the famous Quaker leader, Lucretia Mott and she was a credit to the name. She dedicated her own life to the principles and values of Friends. Lucretia with her husband, Albert offered many years of leadership to Newtown Meeting, serving on working committees, teaching in First Day school, Albert serving for many years as treasurer and chairman of Trustees. Lucretia served on the board of the Friends' Neighborhood Guild in Philadelphia when it was under the care of Yearly Meeting and was instrumental in the Women's Group of Newtown providing layettes for new babies born to parents supported by the Friends Neighborhood Guild. She served on the board of the Newtown Friends Home where she later resided and was a volunteer at Chandler Hall in its early days.

The Mammel home on Buck Road was a place where love and hospitality abided. They were exemplary parents to their three boys and had high expectations for them which they met.

Four generations of Kesters have made valuable contributions to Newtown Meeting and have been an influence for good in the wider community. Their faithful attendance at Meeting for Worship and Monthly meeting for business was an example to others. Their convictions were strong and well-considered but when in conflict with the sense of the Meeting were submitted.

In Lucretia's declining years, when poor health forced her to give up her home and move to the Home, she still functioned as a mentor and friend to other resident members. When she could no longer participate in the preparation of Meals for Friends, she contributed generously to the purchase of food for the program. She was a Friend who practiced her belief and testimony all her life and was a role model for other Friends.

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