



**Friends Meeting House and Cemetery
Association of Randolph Township, NJ
Established 1898**

April, 2002

Dear Association Members and Friends,

The Friends Meeting House of Randolph Township is the oldest place of worship in Morris County and the oldest active Quaker Meeting House in northern New Jersey. It is owned by the Friends Meeting House and Cemetery Association of Randolph Township which is maintained by private funds.

Since 1984 the meeting house and cemetery have been undergoing extensive restoration. Basile Brothers, under the direction of Paul Basile, have completed ninety per cent of the work; however, they encountered many new problems, requiring additional funds, as the restoration work has progressed. Funds are running out, and the planned new heating system has yet to be installed. With this appeal we hope to raise sufficient funds to complete the current restoration projects and to install a new heating system.



Pictured to the right are Paul Basile and trustees, examining deterioration in the West Wall in November of 2001. To the left, removal of paint and repairs now completed on the South and West sides.



Your generous contribution toward the ongoing preservation of our heritage will be greatly appreciated. Remember, the heritage we fail to preserve vanishes forever.

WHERE THE FUNDS ARE NEEDED.



Shutter repair has been completed. As the window frames have deteriorated badly, re-installation of the shutters will cost between \$200 and \$300 per window.



Additional work is needed on the vertical support post and sill..



Broken gate post to be repaired.

Completion of paint stripping on East Wall in progress.



Paint stripping has turned out to be far more labor intensive

than expected.

The North and East sides of the Meeting House are in good condition and are being used to test for the best finishing technique. The estimated cost of a new heating system for the Meeting House is \$13,000.

We hope your response to this appeal will enable us to reach our goal of the completion of the present restoration projects and the installation of the new heating system. Thank you for enclosing your contribution in the envelope provided.

Sincerely,

James T. Brotherton, Treasurer
Friends Meeting House & Cemetery Association of Randolph Township