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

**ANNUAL APPEAL LETTER
APRIL, 2004**

Dear Association Members and Friends,

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

The meeting house and cemetery have been undergoing extensive restoration. Basile Brothers, under the direction of Paul Basile, have encountered many 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. Below are sets of "before" and "after" pictures, detailing the type of work that has been completed thus far.



May '03 - East Wall
Side Door Trim
Restoration



Sept./Oct., 2003
East Wall Siding



May '03 - South Wall
Restoration



Nov., 2003 - South
Wall Door
Preservative Application



Nov., 2003 - South Wall Door
Trim & siding restoration
completed



Celebrating "An Act for the
Gradual Abolition of Slavery"
February 15, 2004.

(Please turn over)

The Friends Meeting House - February, 2004



Hal Haydock stands in the doorway of the meeting house. Exterior paint stripping completed and ready for linseed oil finish in spring of 2004.

In February the Association sponsored a very successful public program that filled the meeting house and was widely covered by the news media from Boston through New Jersey. It consisted of an historical enactment of three anti-slavery advocates and members of the Mendham meeting, receiving the news of the passage of **"An Act for the Gradual Abolition of Slavery"**, **February 15, 1804**. These three advocates, **Hartshorn FitzRandolph, Isaac Hance, and Henry Moore** were among the founders of the "New Jersey Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery" in 1776 and were instrumental in the passage of the 1804 legislation that helped bring an end to slavery in New Jersey.



Actors



Descendants of
Hartshorn FitzRandolph



Appreciative Audience

With this current appeal for funds our next goal is to replace the 1960 heating system and to rehabilitate any planking, floor timber or sill problems encountered during that work. The paint stripping and exterior restoration of the walls have been completed.

Please help us to reach our goal. Thank you for making a generous donation in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely,

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