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

**ANNUAL APPEAL AND NEWSLETTER
2005**

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.

This spring Paul Basile will finish the paint stripping and all of the restoration work on the first floor except for the north side. This restoration includes extensive rebuilding of studs and joists as well as door and window frames, all on the first floor. The shutters have also been restored and look splendid as you can see from the photos.



Front & East side , sanded & treated
with linseed oil.



Paul Basile, preserving
shutter with epoxy.



Hanging the restored shutter.



Paul Basile, Peg Steneck, Hal Haydock
admire restored shutters.



Paul Basile & Jim Brotherton discuss the
removal of the shed on north side when
new heating system is installed.

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GRANT AWARDED TO REPLACE FURNACE.

Through the efforts of Peg Steneck, president of the Friends Meeting House and Cemetery Association, the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund has awarded a grant of \$45,600 to replace the heating system in the Meeting House and Annex.

This is new money for preservation made available by the County, and the Association is a first round grant recipient. **The Association must provide one fifth of the funds for the heating system replacement which comes to \$9,120.** With these funds contractor Paul Basile will remove the shed that houses the present furnace and restore the north wall. The new gas-fired furnace will be located under the Annex with ducts running under the foundation of the Meeting House.



Site visitation by the Evaluation Committee of the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

ALWARD TREE'S NEXT GENERATION PLANTED.

The once magnificent Alward tree, planted by Harriet Alward in the 19th century, will live on through a sapling, sprouted from one of its seeds and planted just yards from its parent. The seedling was nurtured in Colts Neck by James Brotherton, a descendant of one of the founding families. His wife and son transplanted the tree to its present location on April 9, 2005.

Our next goal is to install a new security system and to complete the last of the sanding and treatment of the exterior of the building. Please help us to reach our goal. In order to meet the match, we must dig deeply into endowment funds. Thank you for using the enclosed envelope to make a generous donation.



Sapling, planted in front of parent tree.

Cleaning up brush.
J. & M. Brotherton,
Hal Haydock, Richard Irwin, Lee Whildin



Sincerely,

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