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Memorial to J. Stewart Smith

With the passing from our midst of J. Stewart Smith on April 13, 1956, after a short illness, our Meeting has lost a valued, devoted member who throughout his life made a conscientious effort to live according to the principles of Friends. The high regard in which Stewart was held by his friends, neighbors, and community attest the successfulness of his efforts to follow these principles.

Stewart always bore his share of the responsibilities of our Meeting, cheerfully assuming rather than having thrust upon him his part of such burdens. He served upon several of our committees; especially did he spend much of his time and effort as chairman of the Building Committee when our Meeting House was rebuilt. Those of us who worked upon this committee with him are well aware of the attention to detail and untiring energy he put forth to complete this work. As chairman of the Property Committee he was a special success, as all his farm experience and training could be used to advantage. At the time of his death he represented the Meeting on the Yearly Meeting Executive Committee.

When Stewart engaged in the vocal ministry, his spiritual mindedness and friendliness for others shone through his words as did his special facility for gathering up the loose ends of a message and putting them across to others. About him there was a genuine sympathy for people and their views and honesty in his personal as well as business life.

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To his community he gave his intelligence and ability, to his friends his trust, to his family his love, and to his God his highest devotion. He is missed by us all.

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