



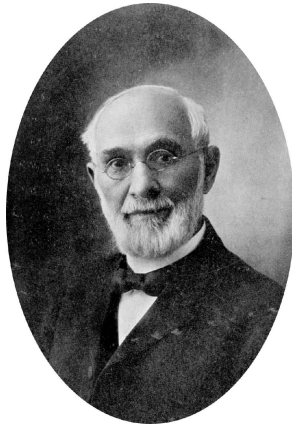
Springfield Friends Meeting  
555 East Springfield Road  
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March 4, 2023

North Carolina Fellowship of Friends  
Richard Wilcox, clerk  
417 Keaton Way  
Suffolk, VA 23434

Dear Friends,

Springfield Friends Meeting has care of the historic Allen Jay house across the street from our meetinghouse. The Allen Jay house was built in the 1840's and served as the headquarters of the Baltimore Association during the tremendous work of rebuilding in the 1860s and 1870s. The house was restored during the 1940s, and most of the original layout, wood paneling, etc. are similar to when Allen and Martha Jay lived there.



*Allen Jay  
1831-1910*

The Allen Jay house is currently the home of FEMAP (Friends Emergency Material Assistance Program). FEMAP is a well-established ministry, which involves Friends from over a dozen meetings. Springfield doesn't charge FEMAP any rent. They run on a shoestring but manage to pay their own utilities.

This winter FEMAP has been having frequent trouble and numerous service calls for their oil furnace, which is 40+ years old. The service technician says it's on its last legs and needs to be replaced.

The gas company ran a line down Springfield Road a few years ago, so we would like to change over from an oil furnace to a gas one, which would be much more efficient and environmentally conscious. Members of FEMAP are planning to be at the business meeting today and you can call on them for corroboration of the need.

At our February monthly meeting for business, Springfield approved asking for help with replacing the furnace at the Allen Jay house. We have estimates from three local HVAC contractors for replacing the old furnace. The range is from of \$6,000 to \$7,000.



*The Allen Jay House*

We understand that the North Carolina Fellowship of Friends has income from trust funds which may be available for this type of work. We would therefore like to ask for your assistance in the amount of \$7,000. At the end of the work, any unspent funds would of course be returned to you.

As an additional note, the night after our meeting approved making this request, we suffered a major loss when thieves stole two of our large 5-ton air conditioning units from the meetinghouse. The thieves also cut through the piping on two other units, but took off without loading them. The two remaining units are ruined. Police say the thieves will probably sell the stolen units to a salvage yard for scrap metal for about \$80 apiece.

We are still in the process of getting estimates for this work, but the total may well exceed \$20,000. We have insurance, but there is a very substantial deductible. The police have recommended that we install additional security measures, which would not be covered by insurance. In any case, we are not only facing the need for two very large repairs at once. Any help you can give with the Allen Jay house would be extremely welcome.

On behalf of the meeting

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joshua Brown, Pastor