

Deep Creek Friends Church

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Newport News, Va.

A Quaker
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RELIGION MUSEUM

STARTED IN VIRGINIA

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. -- The Deep Creek Friends Church has organized a committee to set up a museum for the "display and propagation of things of a religious nature, both old and new," and to seek suitable artifacts for its contents.

To be known as the "Religion Museum of Newport News," the temporary director, Garland E. McBride, has started the long process of collecting various relics from the retired missionaries and pastors of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church, of which Deep Creek is affiliated.

"Starting from scratch," he said, "is a real challenge to us, but it is also an advantage. We can hand-pick our items for display and can begin our filing and cataloging without inherited problems."

But the solicitation has not been limited to the Friends denomination, many letters being forwarded to the heads of other denominations seeking suitable items from their work. Every religion, every sect, every denomination, is to be represented, it is hoped, so that it truly will be a museum of religions.

As a non-profit organization set up by Deep Creek Friends Church, the Religion Museum of Newport News is asking everyone who has an item, no matter how large or small, which would be appropriate for such an organization, to send it, along with any pertinent information which would make its display more meaningful and informative.

Among the items desired are pictures of a religious nature, sculptured idols, Bibles used by famous people, stamps with a religious inscription, coins depicting religion, items of sorcery, Chinese sacrifice money, and anything denoting religion.

Located at 14-20 Deep Creek Road, Newport News, Va., home of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., builder of the atomic carrier Enterprise, the Deep Creek Friends Church will use its present facilities to house the museum until such a time as suitable quarters may be secured. Mr. McBride said, "It is hoped that through the support of interested patrons the Religion Museum will soon be completely separated from this Quaker church, and will become a major display of religious relics."