

First Conventions

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For the Friends & Workers Fellowship

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Canada

Australia

Ireland

United States

Conventions in Canada

Toronto	1906
Alberta	Mission Center 1908
British Columbia	Nelson 1908
Manitoba	Minnedosa 1906
New Brunswick	Smithtown 1911
Newfoundland	Paradise 1915
Nova Scotia	Dartmouth 1908
Ontario	Toronto 1906
PEI	St. Eleanors 1913
Quebec	Magog 1917
Saskatchewan	Bredenbury 1911
NW Territory	? ?
Yukon Territory	? ?

Conventions in Australia

NEW SOUTH WALES – Need Information

QUEENSLAND – Need Information

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1915.....Bassendean First Convention held between the homes of the Radfords and Jacobs then known as West Guildford in March 1915; and also in 1916.

VICTORIA

1908 First Convention at Northcote
 1909 & 1910 at Malvern
 1911 & 1912 at Warrandyte (possibly at Alexander Speers place)
 1913, 1914, 1915 at Clayton, (Millards)
 1916 until 1974 at Dandenong, except 1942 when Army in occupation
 1918 until 1942 at Stoneyford
 1928 until 1950 at Mildura
 1950* until 1965at Larpent (*should be 1957)
 1966 at Yeo, (Colac)
 1965 at Speed. Nov 19th
 1973 at Thoona
 1974 at Drouin

TASMANIA

1909, 1910, 1911 at Evandale
 1912, 1913 at Springfield
 1914, 1915, 1916 at Scottsdale
 1917 at Ryndaston
 1918, 1919, 1920 at King's Meadows
 1921 until 1934 at Talbots's Sandhill
 1935 at Relbia

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1909 Woodside township
 1910 – 1926 Wuttke's farm. Woodside with exception in 1918 and 1919.
 1918 Islington
 1918 – 1919 Bethel
 1919 – 1951 Blackwood Park
 1935 Oak Lodge
 1952 Wilmington
 1928, Dec Willie John's, West Coast
 1930, April Milton Payne's, West Coast
Some Australian conventions had a childrens' meeting tent; e.g. Dandenong in the 1940's.
This practice was discontinued.

Conventions in Ireland

1900 Portadown, Co. Armagh.
 1901 Rathmolyon, Co. Meath.
 1902 Derrygonnelly, Co. Fermanagh. In wooden hall; *mayhave been* one at Rathmolyon also.
 1903 Rathmolyon, Co. Meath & Lurgan, Co. Armagh.
 1904 Crocknacrieve, Co. Fermanagh.
 1905 Belfast, Mission Hall, Leadbetter Street.
 1906 Belfast, Leadbetter Street, off Shankhill Road in a shed.
 1907 Crocknacrieve, First large convention.
 1908 Crocknacrieve, Large. & Rathmolyon.
 1908 Crocknacrieve, Willsburgh, Co. Tipperary.
 1909 Crocknacrieve. Large.
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 1912 Nutfield, Co. Fermanagh; also Carrick, Co. Laois – started and continues.
 1913 Crocknacrieve. Smaller; Rathmolyon last for William Irvine.
 1914 Crocknacrieve. Smaller.
 1915 Crocknacrieve. Smaller
 1916 Crocknacrieve. Smaller.
 1917 No Conventions in Ireland owing to the war.
 1918 No Conventions. Many smaller meetings.
 1919 Scarva, Co. Monaghan; Knock, Belfast in a tent at McMeekins.
 1920 Crocknacrieve and Scarva. Last Convention at Crock.
 1920 Eglis, Co. Tyrone. Large, in a tent.
 1921 Eglis, Co. Tyrone. Second and last Convention there; Scarva: Tthird and last Conv. there.
 1922 Derrybard, Co. Tyrone. Large, Downpatrick, Co. Down.
 1923 Mullaghmeen, Co. Fermanagh, started, & Carnteel, Co. Tyrone, started and continues.
 1923 Ballybay, Co. Monaghan, started and continues. Carrick.
 1924 Mullaghmeen, Carnteel, Ballybay & Carrick.
 1925 Mullaghmeen, Carnteel, Ballybay & Carrick.
 1925 Taylorstown, Co. Antrim, started and continued until 1968.
 1926 Mullaghmeen, Carnteel, Ballybay & Carrick.
 1927 Mullaghmeen, Carnteel, Ballybay & Carrick.

1928 Mullaghmeen – last; Carnteel, Ballybay & Carrick.

1928 Greenhill, Co. Fermanagh, started and continued till 1939.

1940 Gortaloughan, Co. Fermanagh started and continues.

NOTES: The first three or four conventions on the list must have been small – really large meetings. There may have been a convention at Rathmolyon in 1902 but I am not certain. From 1912 onwards other conventions in addition to Crocknacrieve were started north and south, but as I have no record I have not included them.

The following is a list of the families at whose homes the conventions were held.

Crocknacrieve (John West)

Derrygonnelly (the workers stayed in David Donaldsons)

Rathmolyon (Hughes)

Willsburgh (Falkiners)

Nutfield (McClungs)

Scarva (Bothwells)

Eglish (Richardsons)

Derrybard (Humphreys) One year|

Carnteel (Reids)

Ballybay (Crookes, now Jennings)

Taylor's town (Kellys)

Mullaghmeen (West's)

Greenhill (Fugues)

Gortaloughan (Reids)

Downpatrick (Porters)

Carrick (Pearsons)

Conventions in United States

Alabama	Brookwood	1928
Alaska	Wasilla	1935
Arizona	Glendale	1929
Arkansas	Benton	1945
California	Paso Robles	1906
Colorado	Denver	1912
Connecticut	None	n/a
Delaware	None	n/a
Florida	Kendrick	1923
Georgia	Winterville	1910
Hawaii	Honolulu	1929
Idaho	Moscow	1914
Idaho	Payette	1910
Illinois	Chicago	1907
Indiana	Pendleton	1910
Iowa	Burlington	1916
Kansas	Centralia	1911
Kentucky	Lancaster	1911
Louisiana	Shreveport	1933
Maine	?	n/a
Maryland	Baltimore	1908
Massachusetts	Bellingham	1926?
Michigan	Sunshine	1908
Minnesota	Minneapolis	1908
Mississippi	Jackson	1959
Missouri	Jameson	1912
Montana	Red Lodge	1915
Nebraska	Petersburg	1907
Nevada	None	n/a
New Hampshire	Milford	1936
New Jersey	None	n/a
New Mexico (English)	Las Vegas	1935

New Mexico (Spanish)	Peralta	1936
New York	Niagara Falls	1908
North Carolina	Roaring Gap	1911
North Dakota	Sydney	1907
North Dakota	Page	1912
Ohio	Zanesville	1908
Oklahoma	Tonkawa	1929
Oregon	Canby	1909
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	1906
Rhode Island	None	n/a
South Carolina	Clover	1925
South Dakota	Chancellor	1916
Tennessee	Chattanooga	1920
Texas	Round Rock	1929
Utah	Murray	1950
Vermont	None	n/a
Virginia	Roanoke	1917
Washington	Milltown	1911
West Virginia	Hartford	1920
Wisconsin	Janesville	1907
Wyoming	Powell	1921