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The OLD and the NEW



A little Friend finds the perfect place to sit at the Wooler Meetinghouse.
PHOTO CREDIT: Rick Rolston, Wooler MM

On First Day, Tenth Month 04, 2015, Wooler Monthly Meeting celebrated the 200th anniversary of the first Meeting for Worship held in what was known as Cold Creek in Murray Township.

The rural road alongside the Friends' Church just outside the village of Wooler in Brighton Township was lined with cars, and the parking lot was crammed. Some 50 people assembled for Meeting for Worship, active Friends, descendants of early Quaker settlers and other

visitors. Many of those with connections with the Meeting had fond memories of being brought up by Quaker parents. Among others the Dorland and Nelson families were well represented. Visitors came from as far away as Yonge Street and Ottawa, and I came from Coldstream.

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Chairman's Message:

Events celebrating Canadian Quaker legacy 'meet a need'



Gordon Thompson
Chairman

Welcome to a new look for The Meetinghouse! After producing The Meetinghouse for a number of years, Pat Moauro has laid down his role as editor and producer of the newsletter. Our members have appreciated the high quality and lively publications that Pat provided, and I am pleased to acknowledge and express our sincere appreciation for the valued and excellent contribution that Pat has provided to CFHA.

This is also my opportunity to welcome and thank Tim Chisholm of Halifax, Nova Scotia for the new format and production of this and subsequent issues. Articles, event announcements and reports, and family history and news items related to the Canadian Quaker legacy are always welcome and should be forwarded to me at Chair@CFHA.info. The current issue contains a number of interesting and informative items, and I am sure you will enjoy the content and the new format.

A few months ago Randy Saylor and transcription group members Carman Foster and Moira Greenlee completed and posted the minute book of Ferrisburg, Vermont, Preparative Meeting 1793-1801 to the CFHA website (<http://www.cfha.info/Ferrisburg1793-1801.pdf>). For me all historic minute books read like 'what will happen next?' page-turners that inform and enhance my appreciation of Quaker tradition. The Ferrisburg Preparative meeting minutes include references to Timothy Rogers before his settlement of the Yonge Street Quakers at Newmarket, Ontario. I was searching for these references when I came across the following passage from the meeting held on the 31st of 3rd month, 1796:

"The extracts from the meeting for Sufferings at New York the quarter Directs the monthly meetings to Raise money by Suscription [sic] for the Relief of the poor of Newyork – *those not of our Society* who have been Redused to want by the Late

Calamity that befell them, wee therefore Direct our preparative meetings to open Subscriptions for that purpose and Send the money to Joseph Baron of Sarratoga who is appointed to Receive the Same – "

Intrigued, I looked up information on the "Late Calamity". It turned out to be a particularly devastating outbreak of yellow fever, previously unknown in New York, but similar to and likely linked to an earlier outbreak that had inflicted massive casualties in Philadelphia.

The striking element of the passage was that the money was to be raised "...for the Relief of the poor of Newyork – those not of our Society..." (emphasis added). There was something about this small community in Vermont being called upon to assist unknown individuals far removed from their local community which resonated and reminded me of the present day efforts of Canadian Quaker meetings to raise funds and assist the Syrian refugees. It was with this thought in mind that I concluded the passage would make a good choice for the Executive Committee meeting 'reading' which generally follows the opening period of silence observed at these meetings. This early account spoke of the raw and basic empathy of individual Quakers in the time before there was a CFSC or an AFSC to provide an institutional response to crises.

The reading was presented at the Executive Committee meeting held in Tenth Month, 2015. An unexpected personal connection was revealed: Bob Moore revealed that Joseph Moore, an ancestral uncle to both him and his cousin and fellow Executive member Donna Moore, had been a victim of the earlier outbreak of yellow fever in Philadelphia. Joseph Moore had been appointed to a committee delegated as Quaker observers during treaty negotiations to be held between Native tribes and the United States government at Sandusky, Ohio in 1793. He went from the ►

talks to the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting where he contracted yellow fever and died. Bob recounted that Joseph Moore's family called on a "Coloured" neighbour to help bury him because the slave population were not vulnerable to the plague.

This account serves well as an example of empathy among early Friends and the manner in which historical figures and instances are inherently linked to the present. Such examples and connections inform and guide the work of CFHA. In this issue you will read about a new CFHA Quaker Study Scholarship award program to provide junior and senior high school student Quaker study essay awards and a

two-year post-secondary scholarship valued at \$1500 per year. To ensure that CFHA will be able to financially support such a multi-year commitment we will re-introduce the time-honoured practice of raising funds by subscription. Details of the Quaker Study Scholarship award program and the fund-raising subscription, news of the Founder's Fund applications received, plus notes on the 200th Wooler Monthly Meeting Celebration and many other interesting items await you in the following pages. Happy reading!

Sincerely,
Gordon Thompson

Founders Fund Committee Appointed, Considers Applications

CFHA Founders Fund background

The creation of a CFHA Founders Fund was an item of discussion at the AGM as early as the 2010 session. The initial steps to create such a fund were taken and the first contribution was received at the 2011 AGM session held at the Conrad Gebel University College. The fund was listed among the 40th anniversary projects noted in 2012. Relatively few donations dedicated specifically to the Founders Fund were received, however, and the actual resources of the fund grew quite slowly. At the 2014 AGM the members present approved a transfer of approximately \$400 from the CFHA operating fund to the Founders Fund to bring the amount available to \$2000. This same AGM session also minuted that any otherwise undesignated bequeathed amounts, would be allocated to the Founders Fund, provided that the requirements of the Association operating fund were otherwise available.

Such a bequeath was received early in 2015 from the estate of Frank V. Miles, a US citizen but long time resident of Canada and active participant in both local meetings and

Canada Yearly Meeting for many years. As a result of this generous bequeath the CFHA Founders Fund now has in excess of \$30,000 available and has received two applications for funding assistance. Receipt of these applications has created a need to appoint a Founders Fund Administrative Committee. According to the established Founders Fund guidance this committee is to consist of three members in good standing plus the current CFHA Chair and Treasurer. The most recent CFHA Executive meeting was pleased to confirm and appoint members Leona Crabb, Cynthia Hastings and Kenn Harper as members of the Administrative Committee. The committee is currently reviewing and discerning recommended CFHA responses to the two funding requests currently in hand. The committee will also review the current available application information and guidance and propose any recommended modifications. The recommended responses to the two funding requests are expected shortly and will be reported in a subsequent issue of The Meetinghouse. ■

Events:



Fourth Month 2016

13 An independent Ad Hoc Committee has scheduled an event to share its work to identify Quaker burial sites of forgotten African American fugitives, and to honor and restore the dignity of those who traveled to Freedom along the Underground Railroad. The event “Honoring Those Known Only To God” is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 • 7:00-8:30 pm at Friends Center, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia PA. RSVPs requested: contact AvisWanda@yahoo.com or via Facebook <http://bit.ly/FBinfoHonoringThoseKnownOnlyToGod> for additional details. The committee hopes to live stream the event.

Sixth Month 2016

03-05 Ontario Genealogical Society Conference 2016

Toronto, Ontario

Once again CFHA plans to have a booth at this popular event. If you plan to attend be sure to stop by and say hello, register for the AGM and even renew your membership for the coming year:

Location: International Plaza Hotel
655 Dixon Road

Toronto, Ontario, Canada M9W 1J3

Conference Information:

Email: conference2016@ogs.on.ca

Phone: (416) 489-0734 ext 205

12 The Committee of Friends Meeting House will host the 207th Anniversary Interdenominational Service at the historic Friends Meetinghouse starting at 2:30 PM am.

Location: Uxbridge Friends Meeting House,
6800 Concession Road 6, Uxbridge, Ontario
Information:

<http://www.uxbridgequakermeetinghouse.com/>
or contact Ron Gould at 905-640-2578.

24-26 The Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists (CQHA) and the Quaker Studies Research Association (QSRA) will hold a joint conference at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in Birmingham, England.

Our own editor of the Canadian Quaker History Journal, Robynne Rogers-Healey, will deliver the George Richardson lecture. The conference will feature presentation of a number of interesting papers. Complete program information and registration details are available at <http://library.guilford.edu/cqha> or to register contact Woodbrooke directly at: enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk.

Ninth Month 2016

10 The United Empire Loyalist Association Canada, New Brunswick branch, in association with the Black History Society of New Brunswick and the Beaver Harbour Archives and Museum are holding a gathering September 10, 2016 at the Beaver Harbour Museum 1:00 -3:00 PM, 18 Quaker Lane, Beaver Harbour N.B. Keynote speaker Deborah Coleman, President of the UELAC N. B. branch, will speak about the founding of a colony. Posters will be available by April 30. Seating will be limited so please RSVP by September 01. Call Deborah (506-634-7783). Light refreshments will be served. It is a home coming where we pay homage to our Loyalist Quaker ancestors.
Location: Beaver Harbour Archives and Museum, Beaver Harbour, New Brunswick. Information: Deborah Coleman 506-634-7783.

24 CFHA Annual General meeting, Uxbridge Scott Historical Centre, Uxbridge, Ontario. Please see details elsewhere in this issue and watch for registration details and forms to be available in a few months at www.cfha.info.

Wooler Monthly Meeting celebrates 200 years of worship

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The deep silence of Meeting for Worship was interspersed with ministry. We received warm greetings from The Canadian Yearly Meeting archivist Jane Zavitz-Bond, who was unable to be present in person. Various worshippers gave moving accounts of attending Meeting as children and stressed the importance to their present life of the Quaker values instilled in them in their youth.

After the traditional handshake signalled the end of Meeting, many hugs and delighted greetings were exchanged by F/friends long lost to each other's sight, but not to mind. There was ample time to examine the historical displays - preciously preserved local Quaker artifacts and, of course, the Canadian Friends Historical Association display, prominently set up

on a raised platform, which attracted the attention of a steady stream of the curious, who dropped in to chat to CFHA chairperson Gordon Thompson.

From my very first visit to Wooler Friends' Church - the building's official name, as inscribed under the eaves - I was curious about its architecture. With its arched windows, it is more reminiscent of a small Non-Conformist Church than a traditional Meetinghouse. The first building in Cold Creek - later to become Wooler - was erected around 1857. The current building bears the date 1896. A number of Friends' Churches were in existence around those years and there were still Friends' Churches in existence when the various branches of Quakers united in 1955 to form Canadian Yearly Meeting. ▶



The second meetinghouse at Wooler, originally built as a Community Church in 1896 after fire destroyed the earlier traditional Quaker meetinghouse.

PHOTO CREDIT: Rick Rolston



Wooler Meetinghouse thus was once the scene of programmed Quaker worship with services that included sermons by visiting ministers and hymn singing. Recorded ministers visiting Wooler included Asa Rogers, Harry Parry and, later, Burton Hill. In addition, there was a regular pastor, sometimes unpaid if the incumbent was local and had an independent source of income. For young people, the Christian Endeavour Society was an important activity in the area. Although current Wooler members cannot remember programmed services, some remember times when worshippers would rise from their seats and request a song. Over the years, the benches - still the original ones with scrolled metal legs - have been rearranged in a square instead of all facing forward, but the pulpit still remains in its place at the back of the building.

By the end of the first quarter of the 1800s, Quakers were the main denomination in nearby Prince Edward County. However, by the end of that century, numbers were declining, due to both “removals” and the “disastrous” – to quote Arthur Dorland – separation of 1881. Numbers continued to drop off in the Twentieth Century and now Wooler is the only remaining Meeting of the original four Meetings of Haldimand, Thurlow, Huntingdon and Cold Creek, which were Preparative Meetings of West Lake Monthly Meeting. Then, in the 1960s ▶

TOP LEFT: Merrill Stewart and Sheila Havard enjoy a break for food at the 200th anniversary event.

MIDDLE LEFT: Canadian Quaker History Journal contributor and Dorland family descendant Dan Nelson with CFHA webmaster and transcription coordinator Randy Saylor.

LOWER LEFT: CFHA Chair Gordon Thompson examines original Wooler MM documents, including the recently frames original deed to the meeting and burying ground property.

PHOTO CREDITS: All photographs by Rick Rolston



ABOVE LEFT: Ruth Hillman and Laird Nelson enjoy the celebration. Laird estimated 65 participants would attend, but stopped counting as the actual number approached 100. ABOVE RIGHT: In foreground, L to R, Carolyn Holden, Carol Corsetti, Elizabeth Rolston, Jennifer Benson Ali. PHOTO CREDIT: Rick Rolston

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and 1970s a few Friends started to move into the general area and joined the Nelson family in holding Meeting for Worship in Wooler. The story (of which I have heard different versions) has it that, when the first newcomer entered the Meetinghouse to find Allie Nelson sitting there, Allie said, “I knew you would come!”

At Canadian Yearly Meeting’s annual gathering in 2012, a new Monthly Meeting came into existence in Peterborough. This is in line with a long-term trend for urban Meetings to gain members and rural Meetings to remain stable or decline. There is a certain amount of coming and going

between the two Meetings, especially as Wooler Friends only meet every second Sunday.

By mid-afternoon, well fed thanks to the potluck meal laid on, once more up-to-date on F/friendly news, and with a new appreciation for their Quaker roots or for the impact of Quakers in the area, visitors began to drift away and its customary silence once more descended on Wooler Friends Church/Meetinghouse. To paraphrase what one member once told me in praise of Wooler Meetings: “Our Meetings are so silent; all you can hear is the birds!” ■



ABOVE: Delegates to the Fall Session of Pelham HYM are joined by visitors and members of Yarmouth MM on the steps of the Yarmouth Meetinghouse in 10th Month 2015.

Left to right, back to front:

Stillwater, Robert Nunn, Patricia Shouldice, June Pollard, Kit Zavitz, Tom Edge, June Etta Chenard, Cynthia Hastings, Peter Kevan, Gord Thompson, Don Alexander, Cheryl Barendregt, Sheila Havard, Fran McQuail, Cathy Jolliffe, Kerrie Gill, Steve Crow, Julie Berry, Alice Preston, Daniel Allen.

Not in photo: Rose Marie Cipyryk
 PHOTO CREDIT: Rose Marie Cipyryk, Pelham Executive Meeting

Pelham Half-Yearly Meeting gathers at Yarmouth Meetinghouse 10th Month 2015

The first Half Yearly meeting of Quakers in Canada was that of Canada Half Yearly Meeting, established under the authority of New York Yearly Meeting. This Half Yearly Meeting held its inaugural session in First Month 1810 in a log meetinghouse which once stood at Bowerman's Hill, a short distance east of Wellington, Prince

Edward County, Ontario. This Half Yearly Meeting consolidated all Friends in Upper Canada under the oversight of New York Yearly Meeting. Sessions of Canada Half Yearly Meeting were attended by delegates appointed by the three monthly meetings of Pelham, Yonge Street and Adolphustown (later West Lake) then in existence. ▶



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Delegates of later Monthly Meetings were accepted as these meetings were established. Canada Half Years Meeting was held alternately in Prince Edward County and at the new Yonge Street meetinghouse in Newmarket until the “Great Separation” into Orthodox and Hicksite factions occurred in the late 1820’s.

The separation in Canadian meetings manifested itself at various dates in respective meetings. When the delegates appointed to attend the summer session of Canada Half Years Meeting at the Yonge Street meetinghouse assembled on the 2nd of 9th Month, 1829, they found the meetinghouse occupied by a great many individuals who later became associated with the Orthodox faction. Denied entry into the meetinghouse they regrouped at the home of a local sympathetic Quaker, noted their denial of the Yonge Street meetinghouse, conducted their business, and minuted their intention to meet again as usual for the winter session at the Green Point meetinghouse in Prince Edward County. This ejected group of delegates became in effect Canada Half Years Meeting (Hicksite), This group retained the minute book of the previous sessions of Canada Half Years Meeting and carried on minuting the subsequent sessions of what they considered to be the only legitimate superior meeting in Canada. New York Yearly Meeting itself had separated into Hicksite and Orthodox entities. In 1832 the New York Yearly Meeting (Hicksite) established Pelham Half Yearly Meeting as a second Hicksite Half Yearly Meeting in Canada. In 1834 New York Yearly Meeting (Hicksite) established a new Yearly Meeting—Genesee Yearly Meeting—to exercise oversight of the Hicksite meetings of western New York ▶

An interior view of the Yarmouth Meetinghouse at Sparta, Ontario, site of Pelham Half Yearly Meeting Fall session, 2016. PHOTO CREDIT: Rose Marie Cipryk, Pelham Executive Meeting



ABOVE: CFHA Membership Secretary Sheila Havard with Fran and Tony McQuail at Pelham HYM Fall 2015.

PHOTO CREDIT: Rose Marie Cipryk, Pelham Executive Meeting

State and the two Half Yearly Meetings in Upper Canada. The effect of this decision created a Yearly Meeting which initially contained more members in the United States than in Canada. Over time the Canadian Hicksite members became more numerous than the American ones, and the Yearly Meeting sessions alternated for a time between Canadian venues (often at Yarmouth meetinghouse at Sparta) and American ones such as Farmington, New York State.

Pelham Half Years Meeting came to acquire similar bi-national characteristics. The Hicksite faction in the state of Michigan fell into disorder and multiple smaller schisms and separations. In 1848 Genesee Yearly Meeting assigned oversight of the members of the Hicksite Battle Creek Monthly Meeting and its three Preparative meetings to Pelham Half Yearly Meeting. When Battle Creek Monthly Meeting was eventually laid down in 1891 ownership of property held by the Monthly Meeting passed to the Pelham Half Yearly Meeting. Disposition of this Michigan property

held by Pelham Half Yearly Meeting has only been accomplished in recent years.

Neither the surviving Yonge Street Half Yearly Meeting nor Pelham Half Yearly Meeting nor the more recently established Western Half Yearly Meeting performs all the roles and retains all of the authority of the 19th century Half Yearly Meetings. They do, however, continue to serve the important function of drawing Friends from a wider area into personal contact with each other for the purpose of discernment and conducting business in the manner of Friends. As the photograph of the delegates and visitors to the Fall 2015 session of Pelham Half Yearly Meeting illustrate, 184 years after it was inaugurated this body remains serviceable and important in meeting the needs of present day Friends. ■

CFHA Student Essay Award and Scholarship Program Initiated

One CFHA student essay scholarship is available to junior high school students (Grades 9-10) in the amount of \$200, and one award is available to senior high school students (Grades 11-12) in the amount of \$300.

During the CFHA 2015 AGM members present approved the initiation of a student scholarship program during the current year. The purpose of the program is to promote awareness of CFHA and local meetings among students, to facilitate student interest and research related to Canadian Quaker history, and to create additional content for the CFHA publications The Meetinghouse and the Canadian Quaker History Journal. The first awards are intended to be granted in the 2016/2017 CFHA membership year. All CFHA members, including individuals, meetings and subscribing organizations such as museums, archives and libraries are asked to promote awareness of this program among local Young Adult Friends, local high schools and the general public as appropriate. CFHA will directly contact the applicable departments of selected universities and post-secondary institutions.

One CFHA student essay scholarship is available to junior high school students (Grades 9-10) in the amount of \$200, and one award is available to senior high school students (Grades 11-12) in the amount of \$300. In addition, one scholarship in the amount of \$1500 per year for each of two years is available to be awarded to a university student who is undertaking a program in relevant Canadian Quaker research.

The criteria which will be applied for

evaluating student essays includes the clarity of the thesis, the clarity of the overall paper, and the evidence of personal research support. The topic should further the understanding of the experience and contribution of the Quakers in Canada. There is no maximum essay length, but junior high school essays should be at least 1000 words in length, those of senior high school students a minimum of 1500 words. Submission of artistic or creative works on a Quaker theme are welcome in lieu of an essay provided that the subject matter and content provide an historically accurate depiction of an actual Canadian Quaker event, family, or chronicle etc.

Applicants for the university student scholarship need to submit a detailed outline of their proposed research topic and details of their university enrolment and degree program being pursued. The student receiving the scholarship needs to show evidence that he/she is making progress toward the completion of a research article, and will need to submit the completed paper in order to receive the complete scholarship amount. It is intended that the completed paper will be provided to CFHA for publication consideration in the Canadian Quaker History Journal or other CFHA publication. CFHA publications are typically posted to the freely accessible CFHA website.

Complete application instructions and application forms may be downloaded from the CFHA website at scholarship@cfha.info or a hard copy requested by mail. Questions may be directed to Donna Moore at the above website. ■

Transcripts

Thanks to the coordination work of Randy Saylor and a dedicated group of volunteer transcribers CFHA has been able to post hundreds of pages of transcribed Quaker minute books and other documents of meetings located in the northern United States. Postings available so far on www.cfha.info have included records of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting in New York state and Ferrisburgh Preparative Meeting in Vermont. These records include scattered but significant references to Quakers who at some point and by different means

migrated to and settled in Canada. These references include some of individuals who were prominent early founders of Canadian Quaker meetings and communities, including Phillip and Elizabeth Dorland and Timothy Rogers. Transcription of the Ferrisburgh Men's Preparative Meeting 1801-1816 is progressing, and it will be the next minute book to be posted. It is expected that this minute book will provide information on a number of families who followed Timothy Rogers to Upper Canada. ■

MARK THIS DATE!

Ninth Month (September) 24, 2016

The CFHA Annual General Meeting

Will be held at the Uxbridge Historical Centre
(Uxbridge-Scott Museum & Archives), Uxbridge, Ontario



Yes, you will be smiling too, like these students and staff of the Quaker school at Uxbridge were doing in the 1930's (photo courtesy Uxbridge Historical Centre (Uxbridge-Scott Museum & Archives)).

The full day program will include:

- The morning Business Meeting held in the manner of Friends
- An afternoon bus tour of notable local Quaker sites with tour guide Allan McGillivray
- Dinner and keynote presentation with Allan McGillivray, well known speaker, historian and former curator of the Uxbridge Historical Centre (Uxbridge-Scott Museum & Archives)

Additional details of the meal and bus tour packages and a link to an AGM registration form will be available in the next issue of The Meetinghouse.

Our AGM is always a worthwhile and informative gathering – Please plan to attend!

Give the Meetinghouse a Lift!

Fund raising to support installation of an elevator to access the lower level washrooms and kitchen at the Yonge Street Meetinghouse continues. Generous donors have bequeathed and contributed over \$56,000 so far. The cost of the project has increased, however, apparently due to the discovery that the foundation walls provided when the meetinghouse was modernized in the 1970's are much thicker and more difficult to modify than had been anticipated. Although available federal and other grants, including the Samuel Rogers Trust, provide an additional \$129,000, a shortfall of \$81,216 remains to be raised by various means. Donations designated for the Yonge Street MM Improvement Fund qualify for charitable tax receipts and may be mailed to:

**Yonge Street Monthly Meeting,
17030 Yonge Street,
Newmarket, Ontario
L3Y 7A9v
Attention: Evelyn Schmitz-Hertzberg. ■**

TOP LEFT: Members of the Yonge Street MM House Improvement Committee launch fundraising activities. L to R: Richard Kamus, Ruth Jeffery-MacLean, Sherita Clark, Eve Schmitz-Hertzberg, Barbara Horvath, George Ivanoff

MIDDLE LEFT: The cake says it all! Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today!

BOTTOM LEFT: L to R: Beth Ward, Mary Clark-Ward and Phillipa Hajdu-Scott enjoy the porch of the Yonge Street Meetinghouse.

PHOTO CREDITS: Eve Schmitz-Hertzberg with help



CYM Pickering Archives Update

News Notes from Archives:

Submitted by **Jane Zavitz-Bond**

*Over the years,
exchanges with
inquirers has enriched
my knowledge.
I often find new
understandings as a
result of new facets
which are related to
the questions posed.*

The dedicated volunteer members of the Canada Yearly Meeting Records Committee continue to achieve progress in their efforts to re-organize and catalogue the contents of the collection. With the assistance of Pickering College staff, the second of two sets of rolling shelves was recently installed in the climate-controlled vault located on the lower level of the main building at Pickering College. Other work is also progressing. Archivist Jane Zavitz-Bond provides the following overview and reflections on recent Pickering College Archives activity:

The Archives Committee is continuing work on expanding its portion of the 'quaker.ca' website. Michela Lockhart, vault project archivist, has almost completed the inventory. Nancy Wade has added to the Arthur G. Dorland Friends Historical Research Library catalogue. Both will be placed on the CYM website when completed.

Researchers continue to contact us for genealogy, academic papers, and books and articles for publication. The online access to CYM, Ancestry, and CFHA online already assist many. The upgrading and additions to CYM- Archives website will add much. As archivist, I have given assistance from my home. This has increased in recent years. The phone is still an attribute, and some have

come here to discuss their work. They also find Yarmouth Meeting important for better understanding of Quaker perspectives and thus supportive to their projects. As members of CFHA, if not part of a meeting already, our readers are encouraged to attend a meeting when possible. This experience can assist anyone researching Quaker related topics.

Over the years, exchanges with inquirers has enriched my knowledge. I often find new understandings as a result of new facets which are related to the questions posed. The layerings continue to build understandings. I am grateful to the many who have come. With the benefits of online accessibility fewer personal exchanges will occur. Two sides of technology's coin! To have this support is important as few of us are able to be at the Archives as often as in the past.

The books based on research continue to be written. Reviews will appear as they are published. Currently I am excited about the draft of a book on the History of the Peace Testimony. It is to be a text for secondary students, and any of the public who choose to read it. It is needed today more than ever. While on that subject, the CFSC is collecting stories of peace activities of our meetings, and from individuals' experiences. Again, valuable outreach for today's world. Do you have stories from your experience, or in your family? Send them to CFSC. ■

**CALL FOR
SUBMISSIONS:**

**Share Your
Interest in
Canadian
Quaker
History!**

Do you have a particular area of interest related to Canadian Quaker history that you would consider sharing with fellow members and subscribers? Have you been compiling research on a particular topic, family, or Canadian Quaker concern or event that you would consider submitting for publication consideration in The Meetinghouse newsletter or the Canadian Quaker History Journal? Many individuals are surprised to learn that others are interested in the same subject matter and may have their own additional information to bring forward.

The Meetinghouse newsletter and the Canadian Quaker History Journal (the 'Journal') provide the best means for members

to share subject matter of interest to others, and both publications are always seeking additional new submissions.

Shorter items up to a page or two in length are suitable for The Meetinghouse, while longer items (over 1500 words) are typically included in the Journal. Writers compiling articles for publication consideration in the Journal are asked to follow the **CFHA** Journal stylesheet available from the editor Robynne Rogers-Healey (journal@cfha.info) or the Chair (chair@cfha.info). Please note submissions for the upcoming edition of the Journal must be received by Robynne no later than the end of Fifth Month, 2016. ■

Sydney Stevenson Receives CFHA Award



L to R: Mitchell and Linda Stevenson; Sydney Stevenson, Grade 11 student and CFHA Award recipient; Gordon Thompson, CFHA; Julia Hunt, Director of the Global Leadership Program; Peter Sturup, Headmaster of Pickering College.

Thursday November 26, Gordon Thompson of the Canadian Friends Historical Association came to Pickering College to speak to the Senior School Morning Meeting. He came to recognize Sydney Stevenson, now in Grade 11, for the exceptional essay she wrote as part of the Grade 10 Global Leadership Program Quaker Day experience, and also to recognize Pickering College for our work with the local and global Quaker community.

The meeting opened with welcoming comments by Julia Hunt, Director of the Global Leadership Program, and closed with a stirring address by the Headmaster (found in his blog). We were privileged to learn that Sydney's essay, which was shared with Quakers across Canada by members of our local Yonge Street Meeting House and CFHA, had spurred

a new initiative: research and essay contests for secondary students, and a scholarship program for post-secondary students, beginning in 2016.

Thank you to teachers Kim Bartlett and Julia Hunt, the 2014 Grade 10 class, and Jane Zavitz-Bond and Bev Jackson of the Dorland Quaker Archives for helping Pickering in this engagement with the broader Quaker community. And congratulations especially to Sydney! ■

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Missed reading the essay by Sydney Stevenson? Please see the Summer 2015 issue of The Meetinghouse on the CFHA website www.cfha.info or by following the link:
<http://www.cfha.info/2015summer.pdf>

