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Message from the Chair:

Ninth Month, 2019

It has been almost a year since the previous Issue of The Meetinghouse has been published. The usual activities of CFHA have continued during this interval. In addition, much effort has gone into upgrading member on-line capability. This issue will provide details of these activities, plus some familiar features such as Transcription Tidbits. You will also find information on the upcoming Annual General Meeting. This year, in addition to another great program and keynote presentation, the business meeting will deal with the organization's transition considerations. Please plan to attend our friendly and informative annual gathering.

Earlier this year we marked with sadness the passing of Kathleen Schnitz-Hertzberg, the surviving co-founder of CFHA. It is remarkable to realize that it has been forty seven years since Kathleen and Grace Pincoe, both members of Toronto Monthly Meeting, created the Association and supported it during the early years. Please see the tribute to Kathleen in this issue.

We also note the recent passing of Life member Arnold Ranneris. Arnold contributed to CFHA in many ways. From time to time Arnold would mail in a simple hand written note expressing appreciation for the work of CFHA. These were always gratefully received.

Last fall marked the passing of CFHA supporter Jo Vellacott. Jo used her considerable talents as a researcher and writer and her concern for feminism and for justice issues to contribute three informative articles to the Canadian Quaker History Journal.

We also note the passing over a year ago of long-time member Bert Ross. Bert was a frequent participant at our AGM sessions in recent years, and a very active member of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting.

Communications technology, social norms and knowledge have all undergone immense change in the past forty seven years. Tendencies to obscure, ignore or modify historical narratives are not new or unique to present day spokespersons. What is new

and unique is the pervasive capability of current technology to alter and establish public understanding and perspective of the historical record. Present day social experience appears to strongly recommend that a solid working knowledge of historical information and an ability to critically discern embellishment, exaggeration and denial is a skill much needed by modern citizens. Development of an informed perspective is a shared social responsibility not to be relegated exclusively to the experts and specialists in the subject.

Although under-appreciated, Canadian Quaker history is a no less important component of Canadian history. CFHA has sought to provide free public access to the contents of extensive original Quaker documents, and has promoted awareness and appreciation of little-known but significant Quaker contributions made to the collective Canadian experience. Arguably, the benefit of such work and the need to do more is greater now than at the start. We hope you agree and that you will continue your interest in and support of CFHA activities.

In closing let me add that this will be the last planned issue of The Meetinghouse as we transition to a new electronic blog format. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have generously contributed and supported this newsletter over the years. A special "Thank you" is due to the contributors to this issue. They include: David Newlands, Joyce Harris, David Zavitz, Heather Ioannou, June Pollard, Carman Foster, Heather Somers, Evelyn Schmitz-Hertzberg and Randy Saylor. Special thanks are also due once again to Tim Chisholm for his masterful layout and formatting.

Summer is now fully upon us, and a very pleasant one in recent weeks. There is a lot of information in this issue. I hope you enjoy it and that we will see you in person or in spirit when we gather next month.

*Cheers! And Best Wishes,
Gordon Thompson, Eighth Month, 2019 ■*



Gordon Thompson
Chairman

Transcription Tidbits

The “Tidbits” included in this issue of *The Meetinghouse* are all taken from transcriptions of meeting minutes recorded at various times and locations in the meetings then established in Upper Canada. The excerpts broadly relate to items of business which came before and “claimed the attention” of the Preparative (PM) or Monthly (MM) Meeting. Quaker meetings then, as now, applied considerable attention towards aligning meeting discernment with established principles. As can be seen, earlier meetings maintained, by common consent, a diligent oversight of all aspects of their members personal behavior. These excerpts provide a glimpse into the hopes and challenges experienced by individuals and meetings in these earlier times.

Concerning Care of Children (1)

YONGE STREET PREPARATIVE MEETING
1804- 1862

CYM ARCHIVES DESIGNATION O-11-1

“The Committee appointed to take into consideration the accomadations on the meeting ground report their sense that it would be right to enclose a yard for each sex the length of the meeting house and 20 feet back with a board fence and a necessary convenience in each apartment, with which this meeting unites.”

Concerning Care of Children (2)

FROM LEEDS MM 1838-55,
0-4-6 IMAGE 103

“Leeds Monthly meeting held at
Farmersville 12th 2nd mo 1852

The Comt appointed to collect the information required by the yearly meeting respecting schools report as follows viz That the most of the schools within our limits at which most of the children of Friends are receiving their Education are Sectional Schools (commonly called District schools) in which no Teachers are Licensed to teach except those of good morrals, as for the religeous character of the schools we think it would be best explained by an extract from the 14th section of the School act which in substance is as follows, nor shall any perfect?

Right

in any such School be required to read or studdy in or from any religious book or join in any exercise of devotion or religion which shall be objected to by his or her parents or gardions and shall be allowed to receive such religious instruction as their parents or gardions may desire

The number of children of an age suitable to attend school is 14 most of which are attending Sectional Schools 2 friends Boarding School, We believe they are all in a way to acquire the necessary portion

of school learning except one which is incapable of being taught in our schools being deaf and Dum whos care we believe should claim the particular attention of the monthly meeting, Which having been read friends have full unity there with, and in regard to the child alluded to in said report This meeting would taking into consideration the pecuniary state of its members and the lowness of its funds lay her case before the Quarterly meeting for and trust it will claim its particular attention she is in the strict sence of the word an orphin left by her mother under the care of Friends, her father having been disowned by friends pays no regard to her education nor contributes in any way to wards her support”

[*Editors note:the identify of the special needs child has so far not been found.]*

Concerning Marriage (1)

“At Pelham Monthly Meeting of women
friends held at Black creek 4 of 7 mo

182 Proposals of marriage were produced to this meeting between Daniel Birdsall and Gulielma Willson with consent of parents this meeting appoints Sarah Spencer and Mary M. Taylor to inquire into Gulielma’s clearness of preengagements and report next month where they are left to appear for an answer”

“At a Monthly Meeting of women friends held at Pelham 1st of 8th Mo. 1827.

The committee appointed to inquire into Gulielma Willsons clearness of preengagements report their is no obstruction on her side, but their is on his and she requests to have their proposals withdrawn with which this meeting concurs”

Concerning Marriage (2)

PELHAM MMW 1810-42

H-7-5 REEL 42

“Pelham Monthly meeting of women friends held 5 day of 12 mo 1838

The friends to prepare a testification against Mary Hairett forwarded one to this meeting which read approved and signed by the clerks - Hannah Page is appointed to hand her a copy and report

Mary Hairett Having had a right in membership with friends has so far deviated as to neglect the attendance of meetings and to be dissatisfied with her husband which appears to be without a cause - for which she has been treated with without the desired effect - we therefore disown her her [sic] from being any longer a member amongst us -

Signed in and by direction of Pelham monthly meeting held the 5 day of 12th mo 1838

*Isaac Willson clerk for the day
Ann Morris - clk to the meeting this year”*

Concerning Attending Non-Quaker Marriage(3)

YONGE ST MM BK 3 1828-51

H-16-3

“Yonge Street Monthly Meeting of friends held at yonge Street the 15th of 10th mo 1840

This meeting recieved the following communication (to wit) We the undersigned having attended a marriage of a member who went out from us (the most of) from want of proper consideration and under the impression that from the late

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alteration and wording the Query in that particular that such attendance was not a breach of Discipline We therefore

request the Overseers to inform the monthly meeting the circumstances and that we are desirous to be found Supporting the Discipline in evry respect as the same is or may be established by the yearly meeting

Signed by Nathan Dennis, Thomas N Watson, James Armitage Elizabeth Dennis, Clarissa Watson, Mary Armitage, Elizabeth Phillips, Dorcas Hughes, Edith Hughes Elmira Armitage after deleberating on the aforesaid communication the meeting concluded to accept the same as Satisfactory and appointed Peter Willson, Mordica Widdifield, and Samuel Hughes, to inform them of this conclusion and report to next meeting”

Concerning Marriage (4)

“Pelham Monthly meeting of women friends held at Black Creek 6th of 1st month 1830

Gulaelma Birdsall formerly Willson had had a right of membership amongst Friend but being so regardless of her right as to accomplish her marrige contrary to our Discipline for which this meeting disowns her and she is not to be considered a member of our society until she condemns the same to the satisfaction of Friends

Signed in and by order of pelham Monthly Meeting held at black creek the 6th of the first mo 1830

*Isaac Willson } Clerk
Rebecca L. Pound Clerk for the day”*

Transcription Tidbits

are relatively short excerpts selected from various minute book transcriptions.

They provide a flavour of the meeting challenges, and illustrate how Quaker principles and application of the Discipline was expressed in everyday meeting life. The original spelling and punctuation are retained. Readers are invited to forward their own favourite excerpts from CFHA transcriptions for consideration as future tidbits to chair@cfha.info.

Events & Notices:



Fourth Day (Wednesday) , Ninth Month 11, 2019

York Region Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will start their fall program with a presentation by CFHA members Heather Ioannou and Gordon Thompson. The presentation will focus on newly available transcriptions of early Yonge Street Monthly Meeting minute books. Particular attention will be paid to the many 'heads of households' names listed in the recently transcribed Yonge Street Monthly Meeting 'Family Book' 1803-1824.

LOCATION: Richmond Hill Public Library, 1 Atkinson Street, Richmond Hill (MAP) .

CONTACT: york@ogs.on.ca

TIME: 7:15 pm.

Seventh Day (Saturday) Ninth Month 21, 2019

CFHA Annual General Meeting. Please see details in this issue and plan to attend our annual gathering.

LOCATION: Friends House Toronto
60 Lowther Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario, M5R 1C7

CONTACT: secretary@cfha.info

TIME: Registration- 9:00 AM, Business Session start: 9:30 AM

Note: please do not hesitate to send information about your Quaker related event, activity or occasion to chair@cfha.info. We will do our best to help pass along the details. ■

CFHA Welcomes Allana Mayer and Chris Landry

We are very pleased to announce that CFHA has taken some bold and necessary steps and secured the assistance of Allana Mayer and Chris Landry on a part-time basis.



Allana will be upgrading the CFHA website and adding new member features and capability. Allana will also be assessing and rationalizing existing CFHA digital holdings, and developing a CFHA digital archive/repository and procedure to allow CFHA members undocumented personal historical Quaker material to be digitized and preserved for the future.

Allana Mayer is an archivist, researcher, and writer in Hamilton. She has an undergraduate degree in cultural studies, and a graduate degree in library and information science with a focus on archivy. She works for a Canadian nonprofit on digitization and digital collections solutions, and writes about art and culture, technology, copyright, and history. Allana will be helping to design and implement the CFHA's new website and digital archives.



Chris Landry will provide needed administrative support for key CFHA membership, and member communications, and financial activity. He will facilitate data migration to the new website platform and facilitate blog communications. He will also support CFHA programs such as the 'Who are the Quakers?' Display panels, Founders Fund and others.

Chris Landry is Scholarly Communications Librarian at OCAD University. He has over a decade of experience working in libraries and archives including The University of Guelph, Western University, and Library and Archives Canada. He is looking forward to assisting the CFHA in the months to come.

Come and meet Allana and Chris at the AGM!

In Memorium

Kathleen Schmitz-Hertzberg 1916—2019

Kathleen Schmitz-Hertzberg (nee Brookhouse) was born on Fourth Day, the sixteenth of Second Month in 1916. Her birth commenced a life of almost 103 years and one which made a difference in the lives of countless people who knew Kathleen or benefitted from one or more of the many aspects of the energy she devoted to Quaker service and concerns.

Kathleen has been a member of Toronto Monthly Meeting for many years. The following is summarized from information and excerpts taken from the announcement of her passing:

Kathleen “became a convinced Friend at nineteen and joined Stafford Friends Meeting (now Stafford Quaker Meeting). She attended Woodbrooke College for two terms 1937-8. Kathleen travelled in Germany 1938-39 under the auspices of Friends. She attended Germany Yearly Meeting 1938 and visited German Quakers. She helped Jewish families escape from the Nazi regime. While in Germany she met a German medical student, Friedrich Schmitz-Hertzberg in Kassel. They became engaged to be married in 1939 and Fritz visited England. He had to return to Germany and WWII separated the two for ten years. Kathleen’s report of her time in Germany for Woodbrooke College has been printed in the Canadian Quaker History Journal: <http://www.cfha.info/journal74ToC.pdf>

During the war Kathleen worked on the Quaker Germany Emergency Committee, on the Friends Ambulance Unit during the blitz of London, the Quaker Friends War Victims Relief Committee finding homes for London evacuees, and through the British Home Office, working as a social worker settling refugees, mainly German Jews in North Wales 1943 - 45. After the War she worked again at the Germany Desk in London 1945-47 with Fred Tritton and Richard Ullmann.

In May 1949 Fritz returned to Germany after nearly five years as a POW in Russia. The couple were reunited and married under the care of Stafford Friends’ Meeting. Fritz finished his

medical studies in Germany. Their first child, Evelyn was born in 1950 in Kassel, Germany. The small family immigrated to Toronto, Canada in December 1951. Kathleen was offered a position working with Fred Haslam at Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC), while Fritz got his Canadian medical qualifications. Fritz took up a position in Pickering, Ontario as a family physician. They had two more children, Andreas and Martin. They became active members of Toronto Monthly Meeting (TMM), and Canadian Yearly Meeting (CYM).

In the years following her migration Kathleen became familiar with the various elements of Quaker legacy passed down from the Orthodox, Hicksite and Conservative Yearly meetings which then existed in Canada. A particular concern that this legacy be preserved and appreciated arose in Kathleen when she learned of plans for the sale and dismantling of the historic Uxbridge Quaker meetinghouse. This event spurred Kathleen and fellow Toronto Monthly Meeting member Grace Pincoe to develop their concern and those of other like-minded Quakers and non-Quakers into the Canadian Friends Historical Association. Informal meetings were held, and in 1972 the first newsletter was circulated to a small but enthusiastic membership.

Kathleen devoted great effort to the early years of CFHA serving as Chair, publishing the Newsletter, writing and contributing articles during its first decades of activity. The effort to preserve the Uxbridge Quaker meetinghouse initiated by Kathleen was successful. Kathleen fostered awareness of the precarious state of many other aspects of Canadian Quaker heritage. Thanks to Kathleen’s efforts and those she inspired, greater awareness and appreciation of this legacy has been achieved. CFHA has carried forward her vision and objectives. Its work stands as a tribute and testimony to her full and longstanding dedication. We remember Kathleen with gratitude. ■

2018 AGM Highlights

by **Gordon Thompson**

What goes on at a CFHA Annual General Meeting? The morning business meeting satisfies the official requirement that CFHA provide financial and activity reports for the scrutiny, review and approval of the members. It is also the time when the proposed slate of members willing to serve on the Executive committee in the coming year, and the draft budget, are reviewed and approved.

On the face of it, this may not sound very appealing or engaging. It is our experience, however, that the social aspect of meeting friends and fellow members in a convivial and meaningful exercise is an occasion many members look forward to, and register for early.

Food, fun, and friendly information sharing feature prominently in the day's activities. Last year the AGM was held at Friends House in Toronto, and we will meet there again this year. The historic building with pleasant garden walk and paneled library and dining room proved very suitable to our needs last year.

The business session last year was conducted, as it typically is, "in the manner of Friends" meaning that decisions flow out of the shared discernment and resulting 'sense' of the meeting thus attained.

Food was a highlight of the day. Catering of the lunch and dinner meals was provided by the First Nations operated 'Tea 'N' Bannock' restaurant. AGM participants chose to enjoy either vegetarian or traditional bison, elk or trout dishes, accompanied by 3 Sisters soup, delicious wild rice and, we were told, "bannock presented by the world's best bannock-maker", Christina Nagoki.

LEFT: A peaceful stroll and conversation during an AGM 2018 afternoon break..
PHOTO: Heather Somers





ABOVE: AGM participants enjoy the 'Who are the Quakers?' display panels..
PHOTO: Heather Somers

Friendly, information sharing took place throughout the day. Two occasions in particular deserve mention.

First, the informal afternoon session held in the dining room included a helpful 'voice of the members' round table discussion. This was followed by a very well-prepared presentation and demonstration on the latest internet search techniques of particular interest to researchers of Quaker family history and genealogy. This was provided and performed by members Heather Ioannou and Heather Somers, and was very much appreciated.

Second, the very detailed and well researched keynote presentation provided by Judy Pocock recounted the early 17th century formative years of the Quakers. The presentation outlined the political and social context of this period, and traced the development and gradual adoption of Quaker concepts, testimonies and practices. This led to a lively Question and Answer session following the presentation, and occasionally during it.

Another great day of activities, fun, food and friendly sharing is planned once again for AGM 2019. Please see the details elsewhere in this issue, and please plan to register early and participate. ■



ABOVE: Tea 'N' Bannocks caterer Christine Nagokee puts finishing touches on dinner!



LEFT: CYM Archives representative Joyce Holwerda (left) and CFHA member Heather Ioannou share a moment at AGM 2018.

PHOTOS: Heather Somers

Latest Website Postings Update

The following is the list of postings of new minute book transcriptions and other documents which have been added to the CFHA website since the last issue of The Meetinghouse. This list includes new, previously unavailable transcriptions of 13 meeting minute books. The list indicates the date of posting followed by the document title. Thanks are due to the transcribers and contributors Carman Foster, Doug Smith and Randy Saylor.

- Jun/19 - Yonge St Register Births Deaths 1803-66
- 18 Jun/19 - Uxbridge Prep Mtg 1817-1840
- 23 May/19 - Leeds MM 1838-1855
- 13 May/19 - Quakers who were Loyalists
- 8 Apr/19 - Pickering MM Register Marr & Removals 1845 - 1874
- 5 Apr/19 - Pickering MM Register 1845-1908
- 27 Mar/19 - Pelham Prep Meeting 1802-79
- 13 Mar/19 - Pelham Monthly Mtg Women 1810-42
- 10 Mar/19 - Pelham Prep Women Mtg 1810-78
- 17 Feb/19 - Timothy Rogers Jr: Quaker

- to Slave Master: his wife Phebe Royster and sister Martha Rogers and the slaves emancipated to Liberia.
- 3 Feb/19 - Norwich Prep Women Mtg 1828-43
- 13 Dec/18 - Norwich Prep Meeting 1829-48
- 20 Nov/18 - Pelham Register Book B, Marr 1807-1906, Births 1739-1857 C-3-54
- 1 Nov/18 - Hugh W. Zavitz Diary, from 1874 to 1901
- 5 Oct/18 - Norwich Monthly Meeting 1834-52
- 30 Sept/18 - Norwich Monthly Meeting 1822-34

Transcribing is a rewarding and informative contribution to CFHA activities. Transcribers work at their own pace using images of original hand-written documents provided by the transcription coordinator. Basic guidance on the conventions and practices used is provided. Previous transcription experience is helpful but not essential, and new individuals are always welcome to join the group. If interested please contact chair@cfha.info. ■

Middlesex Centre Archives, Delaware, Ontario Quaker Record Holdings

Thanks to David Zavitz for compiling the following list of Quaker documents and family history records available at the Middlesex Centre Archives. David advises that at present none of these records are viewable online via the Archives.

Contributed by **David Zavitz**

1. Marsh Collection:

- Water Lilly Temperance Magazine 1891-93
- Scattered Seeds 1892
- Friends Intelligencer 1887
- What Should I Do Now? How to Work For Canada at Peace 1910
- From War to Peace -Repatriation Plans

2. Temperance literature:

- Bond of Hope Jubilee
- Young Friends review 1895
- Canadian Architect Builder jul 1889
- Canada Citizen 1886
- Messenger of wisdom
- Theosophical Quarterly 1918
- People's Friend 189
- Northern Messenger 1893, 1894

3. Bycraft-Zavitz Family History by Anna Bycraft Ward including:

- letters from Ethel Bycraft WW1 1916-17 Barnsley England
- letters from George Bycraft WW1 1918-Friends Reconstruction Team in France

4. Family genealogy Binders

- Sylvanus Brown Family
- Benjamin Cutler Family
- John D. Harris Family
- Joseph Marsh Family
- 7 Zavitz family collections.

For additional information visit the archives website www.middlesexcentearchives.ca or contact middlesexcentearchives@gmail.com ■

Notice of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association.

The AGM of the Canadian Friends Historical Association (CFHA) will be held this year at Friends House, 60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5R 1C7 on Seventh Day, the 21st of Ninth Month (Saturday, September 21) 2019. Registration will open at 9:00 AM in the Dining Room. The business meeting will commence at 9:30 AM. All members are encouraged to attend. There is no charge to attend the business meeting, but please register if you plan to attend so we have an idea about numbers. The business meeting will be followed by lunch, rest and relaxation, and opportunities for information sharing. Please note that considerable progress towards implementation of a new website software platform has been made in the past year. The “Go Live” initiation of the new platform will open up CFHA communications and activity to a whole new world of social media channels and opportunities. Members will also gain the benefits of on-line membership renewal, electronic fund payment and access to a new members-only section of the website. Please plan to attend the afternoon session to learn about the exciting aspects of this transformation and new opportunities for your interest in Canadian Quaker legacy and history to be communicated and shared.

The afternoon program will conclude with the keynote presentation by long time member and transcription coordinator



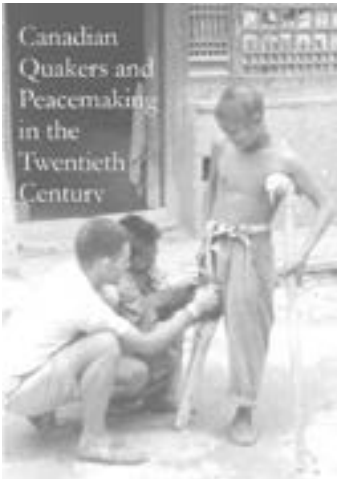
Randy Saylor. Please see the details off his presentation in this edition.

This year we will take a break from Friends House by going to a nearby establishment for delicious chef-prepared vegetarian or non-vegetarian meals. Please note that those wishing to participate in the pre-booked lunch and/or dinner plan are asked to forward a completed registration form with payment dinner plan no later than Ninth Month 12 2019. ■

ABOVE: Toronto Monthly Meeting House.
PHOTO: Toronto Monthly Meeting.

Registration is now open, and registration forms may be downloaded at www.cfha.info. For additional information please contact secretary@cfha.info or phone Gord Thompson at 905-471-9528.

CFHA Updates and Changes



ABOVE: A number of CFHA members elected to receive and pay for printed copies of the Canadian Quaker History Journal issues that would normally have been published in membership years 2017-2018 and/or 2018-2019 respectively. For all such members we are pleased to announce the publication of a double issue (Edition number 82/83) will be available shortly.

Efforts during the past year to enhance CFHA member website capability are nearing completion and activation. Once implemented, members will be able to perform many actions via the website, which up until now required printing and mailing of forms and fees. The following is a summary of the changes which can be expected as the website upgrade project is implemented.

New member privileges will figure prominently going forward. Membership renewal and new memberships will be able to be accomplished on-line, as will payment and purchase of items which may be offered for sale. Website visitors and members will also be able to complete and submit various CFHA forms and program applicants on-line.

The new website will feature a regularly updated blog where we will post the types of materials you have been receiving in your newsletters and Journal. This will vastly increase our capacity to share important event information on a timely basis. We will also share articles of interest to our members. This includes historical articles, articles about genealogy and finding your Quaker ancestors, and primary sources that come to our attention. Importantly, the new website will offer members the opportunity to dialogue with one another. It will also give us the opportunity to connect members who want to share information, especially on genealogy. The new website capabilities will also facilitate an expanded CFHA footprint on various social media platforms.

Members only website section is an added website feature for members only. The specific access and benefits to be provided exclusively to members are still being determined, but anticipate that this will probably include a genealogy forum or “chat room” where members can ask questions and connect with

others interested in Quaker ancestry. All website content that is now freely accessible, including transcriptions and back issues of publications, will remain so. Additional information will be provided as soon as possible.

New Publication Policy. Please note that with the introduction of the CFHA blog neither the Canadian Quaker History Journal nor The Meetinghouse newsletter will continue as regular organization publications. In place of these intermittent publications, members will receive timely and stimulating articles on the blog. Blog posts will include current event details and announcements and longer researched articles and transcriptions contributed by members and others. CFHA members will gain the benefits of greatly increased information flow and sharing plus the ability to comment on and participate in on-going and informative blog dialogues and discussions.

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From time to time, CFHA may publish a special monograph that it considers of interest to its members. These monographs will be available for purchase on the ►

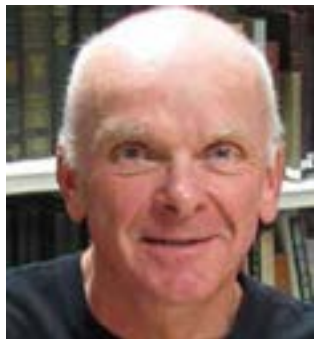
website. Commencing membership year 2019-2020 (Ninth Month 01, 2019 to Eighth Month 31, 2020) membership will include a member subscription to the CFHA on-line blog in place of the electronic or printed versions of publications.

Be sure to renew your membership for 2019-2020! All members currently on record will have CFHA online privileges extended to them once the new website is activated. Among the first items to be posted and distributed to members via the blog will be the electronic version of the Canadian

Quaker History Journal number 82/83. Other interesting and significant recent items are already lined up in preparation for posting to members. You will not want to miss these! Membership fees for the 2019-2020 membership year are unchanged from previous years. Please download and complete a membership renewal form available under the "Membership" tab at www.cfha.info. Better yet, plan to attend and renew your membership at the AGM. ■

Randy Saylor to make Keynote Presentation: Quaker United Empire Loyalists: An Exploration.

Many members of CFHA will be familiar with Randy Saylor as the CFHA webmaster and coordinator of minute book and other document transcriptions for CFHA and more recently the CYM Archives. Fewer will be aware that Randy has served as coordinator for almost 15 years. As a result, he has become one of the most knowledgeable and well-informed individuals on the records of concerns and issues addressed in the early Quaker settlements in what would become Canada. We are delighted to have Randy provide the keynote presentation, and to invite you to an interesting and informative evening.



Discussion about the existence of 'Quaker loyalists' among the historical community has at times been contentious. Some have suggested that it was not possible for individuals to conform to Quaker principles while also availing themselves of the benefits conveyed by an official United Empire (UE) designation.

The details of many pages of minute book transcriptions have allowed Randy to bring forward some clarity on this apparently uniquely Canadian Quaker issue. His research has so far identified 6 instances where early meetings recorded their efforts to discern a response. Since publishing a short account of his findings in

Trailways, the newsletter of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada, other readers have identified two more 'Quaker Loyalists'.

Then, as now, Quaker individuals and communities were required to address the outcomes of competing interests, dangers and opportunities in a fast-changing North American political and social world. This will be an interesting evening with Randy, and an opportunity to explore with him an important element of the Canadian Quaker legacy.

Space and meal availability are limited. Please register as soon as possible. For additional information please contact June Pollard secretary@cfha.info. ■

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At our preparative Meeting of Pelham the 29th of the 5th Mo. 1811

This Meeting was Inform,d that Benjamin Birdsall is Living in the Neglect of Attending meetings Appears out of plainness both in Dress and Address and making use of the Vain Compliments of the World & that he is Concernd in the Distillation of Grain also that he has Reciev,d A tract of Land of land from Government under the Appellation of UE. his Case is ordered up to Monthly Meeting.”

A True Story of Conscientious Objection 160 Years Ago



ABOVE:: Isabella and Richard Clark showing four generations of their family on the occasion of their Golden Wedding in 1892. Back (L-R): Edward Neave, Bertha (Neave) Headley (married) Harry Headley, Will Neave, Lillie (Neave) Deane (married) Alfred Deane. Seated (L-R): Mary-Ann (Clark) Neave, Isabella Clark with baby Joyce Headley, Richard Clark, Bella Clark, Rebecca Clark. Front (L-R): Winifred Neave, Harold Neave.

by **Esme Joyce Harris**

In 1853 my great, great grandfather, Richard Clark, refused to fight when England went to war with Russia. His wife, Isabella, also believed it was wrong to fight and kill people. This is their story.

Richard, a Sussex man, was apprenticed to a sail maker in Arbroath on the east coast of Scotland. Isabella Brown came from a Scottish farming family, and was working as a lady's maid in Arbroath when Richard met her.

In time they decided to marry and Richard applied for a post with the Preventive Service which, at that time, was separate from the Navy. In 1842 he was posted to Suffolk and they lived in one of the Minsmere Cottages on the cliff.

Richard and Isabella had four children and a baby on the way when all able-bodied men in the Preventive Service were told to prepare to leave for the Crimea. Richard, having been assured that he would never be asked to fight while working as a Coastguard, refused to obey the Government order. He was a devout Christian, and could not find it in his conscience to kill others.

A black bag containing his uniform and kit was distributed – but was left hanging on the garden gate. Much pressure was put on him to join up and he agonised over it pacing the beach at night, praying for guidance, knowing that if he refused to fight he would be imprisoned and his family would receive no income. The military authorities asked the local authorities to arrest him, but they refused saying - 'there was not a more respectable man in the whole district'.

On February 10th 1854, Isabella gave birth to her fifth child, the same morning that the government vessel arrived at Dunwich to take Richard away. It was a terrible dilemma for Richard - his wife with a new baby, and four children needing his support. At last Isabella said to him, "Richard if you go to war I will take my children and we will fare as best we can, but I will never accept, for their support or my own, any money that you earn as a soldier."

Richard then called the family together and read 46th Psalm. They prayed together and he left with the four soldiers who had come to collect him with the sobs of his eldest daughter in his ears. As he reached Dunwich, there were a few villagers waiting to say goodbye. One asked if there was anything he could do and Richard asked him to deliver a note home. On the boat going out to the vessel he wrote a hasty note to his little daughter Mary Ann,

who he knew would feel his leaving acutely.

To my little daughter Mary Ann, hoping she will consider the necessity of early seeking to become a blossom on the tree of life – to have – (then follows some smudged illegible writing) – heaven on earth – to love the blessed Saviour who died that she might become one of the little lambs of his fold. Farewell from your Father.

Richard was imprisoned on a prison hulk for nine months and treated very badly. He was regularly asked if he had changed his mind. He never did.

There was a family of Quakers living in Westleton, Suffolk - the Salters - who were

very helpful to Isabella and the family, finding a cottage for them to move to in Westleton.

Meanwhile, efforts were made for Richard's release by Suffolk Friends. Several influential people were working for this and his case was eventually brought to the attention of John Bright, a well-known parliamentarian. Bright was instrumental in securing Richard's release. This was one of the earliest cases of conscientious objection on religious grounds in the country.

In 1855, Richard and Isabella joined the Society of Friends with all their family. ■

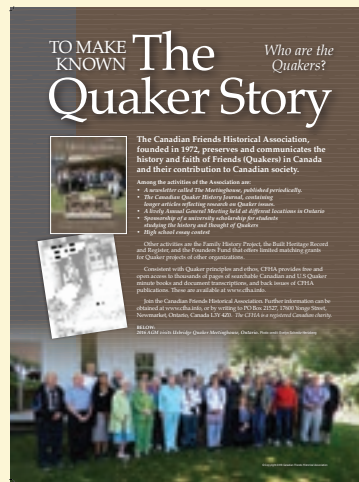
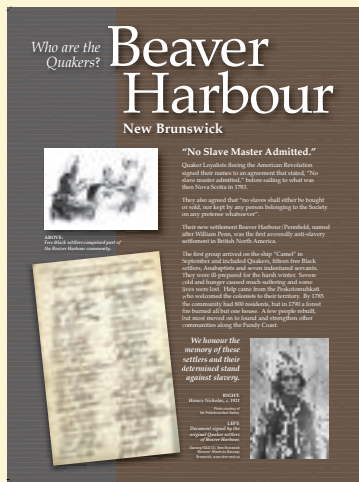
Two New Posters Added to the ‘Who are the Quakers?’ Display Set

The Canadian Friends Historical Association is pleased to announce the creation of two new posters. The new posters have been added to the existing ‘Who are the Quakers?’ display sets. This brings the number of posters in the complete set to 10.

Beaver Harbour New Brunswick “No Slave Master Admitted”

has been researched and compiled by members of New Brunswick Monthly Meeting. The poster incorporates images of original period documents, graphics and an historic photograph to illustrate the remarkable account of how a racially diverse population of black and white Loyalists and members of the Peskotomuhkati nation peacefully shared the environs of present-day Beaver Harbour, New Brunswick. The story is revealed through surviving records related to the small Quaker meeting established there in 1784 and later sources.

To Make Known The Quaker Story paraphrases the mission statement of the Canadian Friends Historical Association: “To preserve and communicate the history and faith of Friends (Quakers) and their contribution

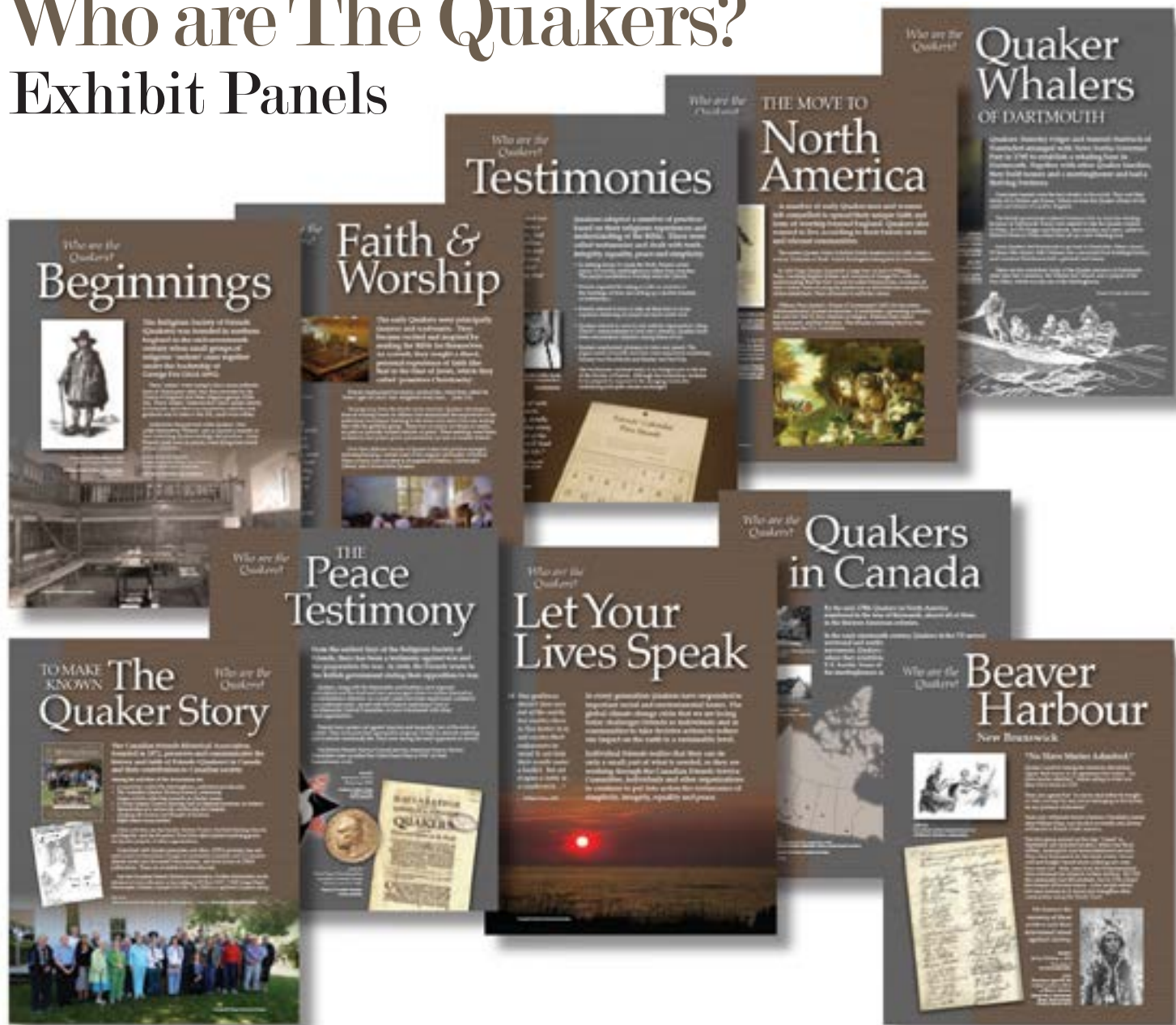


to the Canadian experience.” The poster provides a synopsis of the various means by which this mission is accomplished through publications, meetings and other activities. The poster text and illustrations promote awareness of the organization and the benefits of membership. Not the

least of these benefits is the opportunity to share, learn from, and exchange information among a welcoming community of descendants of early Quaker migrants, active Quakers and those who share an enthusiasm and interest in Quaker legacy and experience. Membership is open to all.

As noted elsewhere in this issue, copies of the complete poster sets are now being made available for purchase by Quaker organizations and meetings. Please see the advertisement on the next page.

Who are The Quakers? Exhibit Panels



The Canadian Friends Historical Association (CFHA) is pleased you make the “Who are the Quakers?” (WATQ) display poster sets available for purchase by Quaker organizations, groups, and meetings which agree to display them in venues accessible to the public and without admission charges.

The WATQ poster set can be used for both Outreach and Inreach purposes. The images and text of each poster has been professionally selected and designed. Several well-known Quaker graphics have been used with special permission. These colorful and informative posters provide excellent background information for members of the public attending local meeting events such as “Doors Open” and like occasions.

The set consists of 10 posters as illustrated. These trace the development of the Religious Society of Friends from its origins

to the present day. Both the ‘Quaker Whalers of Dartmouth’ and the ‘Beaver Harbour’ New Brunswick posters highlight little-known aspects of early Quaker experience in Canada.

The posters are printed on a heavy-duty acrylic medium which is UV resistant and suitable for indoor or outdoor display. Each poster measures approximately 60 cm. by 80 cm (24 by 31 inches). They are flexible and can be rolled up for easy transport. The cost for the 10-poster set is \$380. Canadian funds. This amount covered the CFHA production and tax cost plus mailing costs within Canada. Financial assistance for up to 50% of the purchase price may be available from the CFHA Founders Fund.

To download a WATQ poster set order form please see the CFHA web site www.cfha.info.