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CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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RECYCLED PAPER

CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION TOUR

NORWICH, ONTARIO - JUNE 14th, 1975

Marguerite Johnson

Saturday morning, June 14, was a glorious warm sunny morning as the Canadian Friends Historical Association set out on its third annual tour. Our bus contained 38 interested and involved persons whose destination was the Norwich area, one of the strongest and longest lasting of the Quaker communities in Canada, approximately 150 years old.

On arriving at Morriston we stopped in order to welcome three Hamilton Friends, Morrie and Denise Barron, and Esther McCandless. Agnes Hemsall from Oakville also joined the group.

The drive to Norwich was made interesting and informative by the readings from diaries, and anecdotes on the spots we were about to see, given by Margaret Pennington, Arthur Clayton and Grace Pincoe. Kathleen Hertzberg gave a short talk on Quakerism for the benefit of the non-Quaker guests in our group of whom there were several very interesting persons.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., we arrived at Norwich. Washroom facilities were a bit limited, especially for a tour of 38 people, so the group split up with about a third or less going to the Norwich Municipal Building, and the Norwich and District Museum. The rest of us went further down the main street, to the Norwich United Church which had come to our rescue through the kind assistance of Paul Moore. Paul is a descendant of an earlier Quaker and he made arrangements with the United Church authorities for the church facilities to be opened for our use.

Lunch was eaten picnic fashion at the tables in the grounds of the Norwich and District Museum, which was formerly the Norwich Friends Meeting House. We had taken our own sandwiches, but coffee and tea were amply supplied by the Norwich Friends. Norwich Friends were kept busy for some time dispensing

copious amounts of coffee, tea and home-made cookies.

Following lunch a visit was made to the Norwich and District Museum, housed in the former Friends Meeting House, and where many mementoes of our past are displayed, donated by the Hights, Pollards and Walkers to mention but a few. Many of us were interested in a case containing a 150 year old doll; an Eaton Beauty doll; and some old glass. Of particular interest was the Quaker Wedding Certificate, and a copy of the marriage vows also on display. This was followed by the explanation that Friends married each other without the presence of clergy, and this proved of great interest to some of our guests.

It was noted that the information desk at the Museum had several useful souvenir items for sale, which had been made in Ontario. The plates with the Norwich and District Museum inscribed on them were very reasonably priced, and had been made in Collingwood, Ontario. They came in two sizes, a dinner plate and a smaller tea plate. Mugs were also on display with an assortment of coloured designs on white.

Following the Museum visit we boarded our bus and headed for the first cemetery on our itinerary, the Pioneer, on Quaker Street, which has been levelled off, and the grass recently cut. On a plaque near the entrance are listed the names of people buried there. Some of the names seen here were Willson, Stover and Moore. Some of the older headstones bore the letters O.T. which seemed to confuse most of those present, as no one seemed to be absolutely sure just what it meant. Perhaps some Friend could help us on this point.

Going west on Quaker Street, a very short distance, we came to our second cemetery, which was the "Old Brick" (Orthodox). In 1949 the "Old Brick" Meeting House was removed and the headstones stand today at the back of a lovely green vista. Names here to mention were Haight, Pollard, and Sutton.

Leaving the "Old Brick" we followed Quaker Street further west until we came to the Middle Town Road. Here we turned south, four or five miles, until, on arriving at the Otterville Road, we turned east on the Otterville Road and pulled up at the edge of the village. On this spot the old Pine Street Meeting House (Hicksite) had once stood. This ground looked a little rougher, with poison ivy around some of the headstones; however, this did not prevent us from reading the names. Names seen here were Freeman Clarke, Corles, Webster and Lossing.

From Otterville, we continued east to Highway 59, then turned south for a mile or two to have a quick look at the Sommerville Community Cemetery which was the fourth on our list.

After leaving Sommerville we started back to the Museum and stopped at Milldale Cemetery, our fifth, which had many Quaker names. Milldale Meeting was a Preparative Meeting

of the Old Brick. Names such as Pennington, Stringham, and Treffry appeared here.

Coming up from Port Rowan, Carson Bushell and David Pollard drove some members of the tour around by car.

We returned to the Norwich and District Museum, arriving around 3:00 or 3:30 approximately, where a very welcome cup of tea was awaiting our arrival. The Norwich Friends had again, very generously supplied us with a most delicious addition to our afternoon tea--cookies and date squares. Several of the group have mentioned how very refreshing the afternoon tea break was.

Before leaving for home, Kathleen Hertzberg and Grace Pincoe expressed thanks to the Norwich Friends for their kindness and generosity.

We left Norwich District Museum around 4:00 p.m., for our return journey home. A very brief stop was made at the meeting house which belongs to the Evangelical Friends Alliance Eastern Region at Beaconsfield. Clerk of the Meeting, Dorothea Walker had kindly arranged to have the building opened for us.

The return home was made interesting with a reading from the Nicholson Diary about the Beaconsfield Meeting House, and other materials were later passed around. These books and manuscripts are available at the Friends House Library, Toronto.

Appreciation is expressed to Grace Pincoe for her dedication to the Canadian Friends Historical Association. As a result the organization of the tour proceeded with a smoothness that made a most enjoyable and interesting and informative day for all present.

THE ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES AT YEARLY MEETING

Edmonton, Alberta August 18-24, 1975

Margaret McGruther

Some members of CFHA attended Yearly Meeting 1975 at Concordia College in Edmonton. No formal meeting was held, and because of tight and simultaneous programming, no time was available even for holding discussions as a group. Our historical activities consisted of a display at Concordia College, a trip to the Provincial Museum and Archives, a taping session with Margaret Lorenz, and informal discussions and exchanges of information between individuals.

Our display was set up in a classroom next door to the room where Yearly Meeting sessions were held--quarters that we shared with the Ad Hoc Indian Committee. The focus of the

display was on Quaker history in Alberta, the sources for which were chiefly from Calgary correspondence and the Canadian Friend. A large map of Alberta featured a pink flower and many pink flags. The pink flower was the provincial flower of Alberta, the wild rose, and the pink flags stood at locations where Friends had lived--light pink for pre-1925, and dark pink for 1925 to the present day. Placing the flags was more difficult than one might suppose as some of the place names did not appear on any of the maps we could locate. The reasons for this were that some places, such as Clemens, no longer exist, and others, such as Carlstadt, had their names changed. Carlstadt's name was changed to Alderson during the first World War as German names were not tolerated at that time. After much digging among local archives, surveyors' locations by Section, Township, Range and Meridian, were found for all place-names, and the little flags were placed accordingly.

Around the map were ranged xeroxed copies of some of the material in the Calgary files. These included copies of letters from isolated Friends in Alberta to Herman Sharples, Clerk of Calgary Meeting at that time, who was collecting information about isolated Friends. One of the letters was from Jane Wetherald, in Edmonton, dated 1915. Another series of documents related to the Northland Mission School at Little Buffalo Lake (Lubicon Lake) in Northern Alberta. This school was set up as an Indian mission school in the 1950's by a couple of Evangelical Friends from Indiana. An inspector's report described conditions there. Without a radio, they were cut off from contact with Peace River in winter by snow and cold, and in summer by muskeg. There was a petition to keep a teacher, Miss Mallinger, signed by a number of local families. It was interesting to discover that D. Mary Hyde, who was present at Yearly Meeting, had actually met Miss Mallinger. The school is now operated by the Provincial Government.

Many western Friends were interested to find their names on an old list of members of B.C. and Alberta Quarterly Meeting dated 1922. Two photographs were included in the display. One was of the Quaker parents of Elizabeth Chantler who came to Alberta as the wife of George McDougall, the well-known Methodist missionary who helped found the mission among the Stoney Indians at Morley, Alberta. Elizabeth Chantler's parents farmed near Meaford, Ontario, and the picture, obtained from Glenbow Archives in Calgary, was dated about 1850. The other picture shows the Johnson family standing in the doorway of their sod house near Alterio, Alberta. Jessie Johnson of Calgary was unable to attend Yearly Meeting, but she shared reminiscences of homesteading in Alberta with some of us at a pre-Yearly Meeting gathering at the McGruthers'.

A large map of Alberta was marked by Joe Awmack with indicators to show where Friends had travelled from to reach Yearly Meeting 1975. Grace Pincoe brought a number of resources from the Friends' House Library in Toronto, but because of transportation problems these were limited to a few things.

On Thursday, August 14, 1975 a group of 27 (including three young people) boarded a bus to visit the Provincial Museum and Archives. The Archives people can handle groups of no larger than about 15, so 16 of us took a guided tour behind the scenes, and the rest spent the time in the Museum. We were welcomed in a lecture room by Alan Ridge, the Provincial Archivist. He told us about the territory served by the archives and about the types of material they keep, especially Alberta government records. They do also keep private records from the northern part of the Province, those from the south are looked after by the Glenbow Institute, a much older organization. He gave us some idea of how the records are collected and stored and about a program for obtaining tape-recorded interviews. We received a number of pamphlets, including one on how to conduct a tape-recorded interview. We saw loading platforms, a huge fumigator, necessary to destroy bookworms among other things; photographic rooms, and extensive bunks housing written and photographic materials. There was not enough time to browse in the reference room where there was a fine collection of finding aids, though we did spend a few minutes in the display room looking at the current display of materials, tastefully arranged by the museum staff.

During the course of Yearly Meeting a taping session was arranged with Margaret Lorenz. She had spent a few months in Calgary as a teenager and had met many of the people mentioned in the earlier records of Calgary meeting. Besides telling us about Calgary meeting, she told us about the trials of her family (the Fred Muskett) when they were farming first in the Alberta foothills, and then in the dry southeastern part of the province before they moved to B.C. Margaret McGruther was interviewer, Philip Martin ran the tape, and Grace Pincoe and Fritz and Kathleen Hertzberg were present. The interview fitted in well with the theme of the historical display, "Quaker Settlement in Alberta".

Calgary meeting records are now being stored on permanent loan at the new University of Calgary Archives (the Rare Book Room, University of Calgary Library). A microfilm has just been made of the correspondence and other miscellaneous files, under the title: Papers, 1912-1967. The microfilm was made by the London Microfilming Company, London, Ontario, under the supervision of Edward Phelps, Librarian, Regional Collection, University of Western Ontario, London. A copy of the microfilm is held by Calgary Monthly Meeting and is available on request from the Clerk.

HISTORICAL PLAQUE TO TELL STORY OF PINE ORCHARD FRIENDS

October 15, 1975. Pine Orchard, Ontario. A historical plaque commemorating the Quaker settlement here will be unveiled Sunday, October 26. The ceremony will be at noon at the Pine Orchard Union Church.

The plaque is one of a series being erected throughout the province by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, an agency within the Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

The ceremony is being sponsored by the Congregation of the Pine Orchard Union Church and the Chairman of the Church Board, Mr. David Summerfeldt, will act as chairman of the ceremony. Among those invited to attend the unveiling program are: William Hodgson, M.P.P. (York North); Sinclair Stevens, M.P. (York Simcoe); Mayor Gordon Ratcliff of Whitchurch-Stouffville; and Anthony Adamson, who will represent the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Mrs. Helen Johnston, a local historian will summarize the history of the congregation. Mrs. Elma S. Starr of the Society of Friends in this area will unveil the plaque. The inscription on the plaque reads:

WHITCHURCH QUAKER SETTLEMENT

Among the early settlers locating in this area were a number of Quakers, including Samuel Lundy who provided land for the construction of a Meeting House in 1814. Formerly a part of the Yonge Street Meeting, the Whitchurch Quakers were granted the right to hold their own meetings two years later. A schism in the Society of Friends occurred in 1828 and this building, completed in 1830, was used by the Hicksite faction of the Society. By 1900 the various Whitchurch Quaker groups had come together to form the Pine Orchard Union Church. Both buildings continued in use until the earlier Meeting House was moved to Aurora in 1944. A year later the Society of Friends sold this building to the Pine Orchard Union Church.

By the beginning of the nineteenth century two organized groups of Quakers or Society of Friends had been established in Upper Canada, one at Pelham and one at Adolphustown.

In 1800 Timothy Rogers of Vermont came north to Upper Canada and secured a fairly large grant of land near Newmarket. In the Township of Whitchurch, a number of Quakers had been holding a meeting since 1805. In 1810 they requested recognition as a regular Preparative Meeting. This request was not granted by the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting until 1816. Meanwhile in 1814 the Whitchurch Quakers had received land from Samuel Lundy, also a Quaker, on which to erect a meeting house. The property was part of lot 31, concession 4 of Whitchurch Township. The first trustees of the Meeting were Henry Widdifield, Watson Playter, Peter Williams, and James Willson. The first meeting house was erected about 1814 and continued in use until 1827 when a proposal was made to build a new Meeting House. In 1828, however, the Hicksite Separation divided the Quakers at Whitchurch. The new building, completed by 1830, was used by the Hicksite faction while the other Quakers continued to use the original meeting house. The early building was used until 1944 when it was moved to Aurora. The 'new' Meeting House, completed in 1830, was sold to Pine Orchard Union Church in 1945 by the Quakers.

MINUTES OF THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT YONGE STREET FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, NEWMARKET

November (Eleventh Month) 29, 1975.

Present: Walter Balderston, Hilde Rosenfeld, Grace Pincoe, Wim van Veen, Mary (Walton) Corns, Patricia Starr, Marion Thomson, Myra Pollard, Margaret Rogers, Elwyn Rogers, Mervyn Hobbs, Flossie Hobbs, Bertha Pollard, David Pollard, Carla Shepherd, Margaret Pennington, David McFall, Timothy Classey, Joyce Howlett, Timothy Rogers, Arthur E. Clayton, Keith Moore, Marguerite Johnson, Lorna Moore, David L. Newlands, Glenn Julian, Carolyn Mann, Lina E. Yates, Isobel St. John and Muriel Nesbitt from Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society, Bill Britnell, Kathleen Hertzberg, Chris Chatten.

Regrets: Arthur Dorland, Ralph Greene, Jadwiga Bennich, Elsie Cutler.

Opening Remarks: Walter Balderston, chairman, welcomed members to the meeting. He felt that it was appropriate that we should hold the Third Annual Meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association in the restored Yonge Street Meeting House. He expressed the appreciation of the Association that the task of restoration had been so efficiently organised and so beautifully executed. It was in the Historical Association that the first inspiration for the planned restoration had been sparked off.

Minutes: The minutes of the Second Annual Meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association held at the University of Western Ontario, London, on November 25, 1974, were circulated in Newsletter No. 11. They were approved as circulated.

Report of the Executive Committee: Kathleen Hertzberg presented the report of the Executive Committee. The report will be found on Page 10 of this Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented by Grace Pincoe. The financial statement for the fiscal year November 21st, 1974 to October 31st, 1975, shows a balance at the bank of \$462.70. The statement is attached to these minutes. The accounts have been audited by John Petrie for Stirling Nelson.

Auditors for 1976: Stirling Nelson and/or John Petrie were appointed to audit the accounts for 1976.

Registration for Income-tax purposes under the Charitable Act has now been received. The Association is thus now able to issue tax-deductable receipts for donations to further the work of the Association.

Membership Report: Grace Pincoe presented the report regarding membership. We now have a total of 111 members, including 6 life, 2 honorary, 5 ex-officio, 7 libraries and public archives and 8 Friends Meetings.

Report of the Nominating Committee: Hilde Rosenfeld presented the slate of nominations, as follows -

Honorary Chairman:	Arthur Dorland.
Chairman:	Walter Balderston.
Clerk:	Kathleen Hertzberg.
Corresponding and Membership Secretary:	Grace Pincos.
Treasurer:	Wim van Veen.
Convenor of Publications:	David Newlands.
Editor of "Canadian Quaker History Newsletter":	Jadwiga Bennich.
Archivist and Convenor of Archives Committee:	Edward Phelps.
Convenor of Nominating Committee:	Hilde Rosenfeld.
Canadian Yearly Meeting Records Committee	Elsie Cutler.

The Executive Committee consists of the above and the following members at large -

Anna Chamberlin.
Margaret McGruther.
Patricia Starr.

These nominations for 1976 were approved.

Appreciation was expressed for the work of Alaine Hawkins who served as treasurer and recording clerk and who has now moved to Argenta, B.C.

Thanks were also expressed to David Newlands who has edited the Newsletter for three years.

Announcements: Grace Pincos reported on two Friends' record books recently made available. The Canadian Yearly Meeting of Young Friends has placed in Friends House Library the Minute-book of the Canada and Genesee (later Canadian) Yearly Meetings of Young Friends 6th/10th Month, 1928- February 4, 1962. The glimpses we get of older Friends today as Young Friends then, is really fascinating. Very timely has been the acquisition of the Minute-book of the Hicksite Yonge Street Friends Meeting 1871-1957. This is accompanied by correspondence relevant to the disposition of the property.

David P. Rogers died on 16th Sept. 1975 and the Association would like to record with appreciation his interest and support of its work.

The Friends World Committee for Consultation will be holding its 13th Triennial Meeting Meeting at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario from 18th - 24th July, 1976. The Historical Association has been asked to cooperate with the Planning Committee in providing local Quaker historical background information and assistance. Because of the very large size of this conference sessions and events are open only to delegates and appointed observers.

CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NOVEMBER 21, 1974 to OCTOBER 31, 1975

1974

Nov. 21 Balance at Bank 337.66

Receipts:

Membership fees	477.00	
Sale of Inventory	21.50	
Donations	90.00	
Bus Tours	292.00	
Rebate re Postage	4.52	
Tape Sale	10.00	
Bank Interest & Exchange	<u>12.24</u>	<u>907.26</u>

1,244.92

Payments:

Newsletter	211.84	
Memberships in other Historical Societies	30.00	
Telephone	28.34	
Postage & Stationery	105.44	
Bus Tours	349.15	
Photocopying	23.21	
"Oral History"	24.00	
Sign	9.00	
Bank Charges & Exchange	<u>1.24</u>	<u>782.22</u>

Oct. 31 Balance at Bank 462.70

1,244.92

*Examined and found correct
Sterling Nelson per [Signature]*

CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESENTED TO ANNUAL MEETING, 29TH. NOVEMBER, 1975.

The Executive Committee would like to express on behalf of the Association sincere regrets at the loss during the past year of interested and generous members and supporters of the Association. We would like to record our thanks to the late David P. Rogers for his contribution towards microfilming.

Alaine Hawkins who has moved to Argenta Friends School in British Columbia, resigned as treasurer in August and we would like to record our thanks to her for her service as treasurer and in other ways.

NEWSLETTER: There have been four issues of the Newsletter during 1975. Thus it can now be regarded as a Quarterly. Circulation - the Newsletter is issued in an edition of 150; it is being used more extensively by university libraries and other Historical Associations and is appreciated and looked forward to by our members.

New editor. David Newlands has asked to be relieved of this responsibility. He has edited the Newsletter for three years. We are pleased to welcome Jadwiga Bennich as new editor.

- EVENTS:
- 1) Norwich Ontario Historical Bus Tour. June, 1975.
We were able to fill a bus from Toronto and Hamilton and others joined the group from Norwich and London. A full account appears on Pages 1 to 3 of this issue of the Newsletter. The tour was enriched by the presence of Margaret Pennington who grew up in the Norwich district. She was able to supply valuable details about the Orthodox Friends and Arthur Clayton of Norwich recounted the history of Conservative Friends, Norwich being the centre of Conservative Friends in Canada after 1881. Appreciation is expressed to Norwich Friends for their hospitality.
 - 2) "Rural Ontario History in the 1800s".
Evelyn Hertzberg and Deborah Barkhouse, who spent the summer 1974 researching and writing up the history of the site of the North Pickering Community and proposed airport, with slides, sponsored by the Durham Region Board of Education for use in schools, were invited to give a talk with the slides at a meeting sponsored by the Association in Toronto. The meeting was well attended and we were delighted to have Arthur Dorland present.
 - 3) C.F.H.A. gathering at 1975 Yearly Meeting at Edmonton. No formal meeting was held because of time. Our historical activities consisted of a display "Quaker Settlement in Alberta" at Concordia College, prepared by Margaret McGruther of Calgary; a trip to the Provincial Museum and Archives and a taping session with Margaret Lorenz, a Western Friend with long memories of Quakerism in Western Canada.

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Membership - See Minutes page 7.

Registration for Income-tax purposes - See Minutes page 7.

OPENING OF RESTORED YONGE STREET MEETING HOUSE: The C.F.H.A. is happy to acknowledge that the original initiative for this valuable historical project occurred in our midst but that the whole task was carried out by the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting and by David Newlands. A Meeting for Worship to open the restored Meeting House was held on Sunday, November 2nd. There was a large attendance. In the Meeting for Worship there were expressions of thankfulness for the completed task and for the fact that the Meeting House with its new accomodation can now be used all the year around and continue to give a sense of historical continuity and spiritual atmosphere of Quakerism.

SLATE OF NOMINATIONS: - See Minutes page 8.

In conclusion we would like to express our appreciation to all those whose goodwill, service and knowledgesability have further contributed towards the work and development of our Association. There is still a great task to be done to fully complete our archives and areas of research. In spite of the short time the Association has been in existence, we believe it has already made a valuable contribution to the history of Quakerism in Canada in a contemporary manner. The executive wishes to express gratitude to Grace Pincoo for her valuable work.

Kathleen Hertzberg.

Clerk,

17.11.75.

on behalf of the Executive.

NEWS AND NOTES

Apologies

Apologies to all those unwilling victims of the postal strike who did not receive the flyer surrounding our annual meeting of November 29th, at the newly restored Meeting House at Newmarket. We sent as many as we could by "pony express." Visitors to Friends House were pressed into service to take back copies for their meetings and/or towns. We took them to historical society meetings and managed to deliver a number there. Anyone going to England or the U.S. was given out-of-country mail. A member in Connecticut was surprised to find on opening an envelope postmarked Tampa, Florida, our flyer!

Afternoon programme at Annual Meeting

Those who made it there enjoyed the lovely lunch produced by Christine Chatten of Toronto Monthly Meeting, in the fine assembly room in the new basement. This with great expertise she managed to produce in a kitchen with no pots, pans, utensils, or dishes! The restoration funds did not stretch ^{to} such things or furniture. The Yonge Street Friends with true Quaker caution did not go into debt for the "extras". The Yonge Street Meeting Restoration and Improvement Fund Committee has now been laid down;

however the treasurer of the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting will be happy to receive donations for such purposes. Send your cheque to Sheldon Clark, Treasurer, 567 Second Street, Newmarket, Ont. L3Y 4K2. Mark the cheque "For Meeting House project".

After lunch David Newlands gave us an interesting slide talk on the nature, aims, and methods of the restoration work. On its conclusion a convoy of cars drove about a mile south on Yonge Street to see the site of the old Hicksite Meeting House built about 1830. Nothing remains of the building but folks were interested in the burying ground and the names well known in Canadian Quakerdom - Armitage, Chantler, Phillips, Hughes, and Walton to name a few. There is no sign on the highway to mark this cemetery - this could be our next project. A list of the burials here drawn up by the late Leroy Cody is printed in the York Pioneer for 1965, page 51-53.

We then cut across East of Yonge Street and drove a couple of miles to visit the Pine Orchard Meeting House, which is now a Union Church. Some early names seen in the older part of the burial ground are Playter, Tool, Wasly, Widdifield, Minthorn, Gilroy, and Starr. An article on this Meeting House and Burying Ground as told by Elmer and Elma Starr to David McFall appeared in the York Pioneer for 1967, page 31; it is followed by a list of names recorded from the tombstones, page 36-51. Those who survived the whole expedition on that snowy, blowy, windy day welcomed the tea and cookies provided on our return at 4 p.m. to the newly restored (Orthodox) Yonge Street Meeting House. A letter just received from Elma Starr from Ohio where she spends her winters, expresses her great disappointment at not being able to be present to help out at the meeting at Yonge Street, and welcome us to the modernized Pine Orchard Meeting House which she attended for many years until it was sold.

PHOTOS OF US

We thank Esther McCandless, Winifred Clark, Keith Moore and Tim Classey for the fine photos they took and donated to the Friends House Library. The first two named supplied the ones of our June trip to Norwich; the last two were of the recent annual meeting.

1976 FEES NOW DUE

To save time and work we enclose a renewal notice in **all** envelopes. If you have already paid ignore it; or better still cross out renewal and give it to a friend. Fees go by the calendar year. If you joined in the fall we count your membership as a 1976 one.

1976 BUS TOUR

Canadian Yearly Meeting of Friends will be held at Alma College St. Thomas, Ontario, July 25th to August 1. This can be an opportunity to investigate Sparta, Yarmouth, and Malahide area history. Because of the distance the tour will probably start and end at the college. Stand by for further announcements, as to date, time, etc.

QUAKER HISTORY (magazine)

Friends House Library now has a full run of this magazine from volume 1, number 1, 1906 through to Autumn 1975. We filled in issues lacking from the era when it appeared as the Bulletin of the Friends Historical Society of Philadelphia. It has eleven issues of indexes.