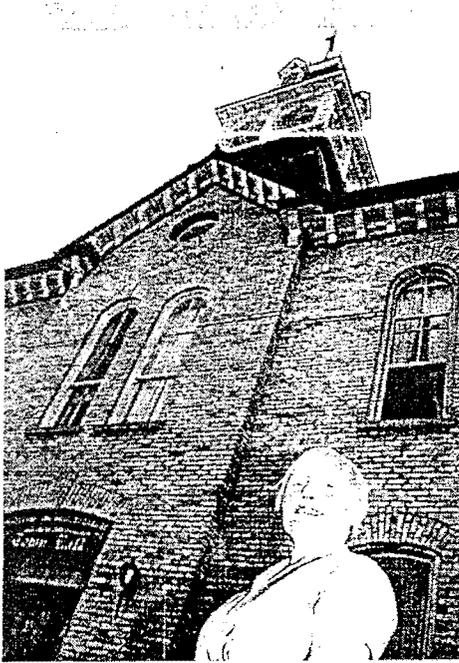


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CFHA Secretary Wins Heritage Award

Sandra Fuller, Secretary on the Executive of the CFHA, has been honoured by the Town of Newmarket and the Ontario Heritage Foundation for her contribution to local heritage preservation. Sandra is a founding member of the Newmarket Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC).

In this role, she has helped preserve some of Newmarket's most notable buildings and heritage properties. She played a key role in the restoration of the Old Town Hall (pictured at left), as well as the Hicksite Burial Ground on Yonge Street. It was due to her dedication that the stones in the Hicksite Burial Ground were uprighted, and the site plaqued. CFHA members will also know of her years of work trying to save the Seneca Doane House on Yonge Street, just to the south of the Yonge Street Meeting House.

Annual Meeting and Tour to be held Saturday, 18 September at Pelham Evangelical Friends Church

Plan now to attend the 1999 Annual Meeting of the CFHA at the Pelham Friends Evangelical Church. As has become our custom, the morning business session will be followed by a bus tour of Quaker sites in the area and an evening presentation by local historians. The subject of this years evening session will be Underground Railroad. Dinner will be provided by the Pelham Friends.

Further details of the program and bus tour will be made available later in the summer.

New Book by Peter Brock, CFHA Honorary Chairperson

Peter Brock, Professor Emeritus of History, University of Toronto and Thomas P. Socknat, Co-ordinator of Canadian

Studies, Woodsworth College, University of Toronto, should both be well known to CFHA members. Their collective work on Canadian and international pacifist movements has now been supplemented by a new edited collection, Challenge to Mars: Pacifism from 1918 to 1945 (University of Toronto Press, 560 pp.). This book contains twenty-eight essays by scholars from eleven countries who present an impressive overview of the modern pacifist movement which emerged from the devastation of World War I. The book will be reviewed in this year's edition of the Canadian Quaker History Journal. The Dorland Room has just received a bibliography of Peter Brock's publications from Dr. Paul Anderson.

- Friends were invited to a service of thanksgiving and appreciation for support of the Underground Railroad during the U.S. Civil War at the close of Black History Month this year. The service was held at the Parkwood Gospel Temple, Feb. 27th, and about 30 Quakers from Michigan and Ontario attended. Tom and Nancy Taylor from Ann Arbor, Michigan were among them. Tom, a former secretary of Friends World Committee for Consultation responded on behalf of Friends, stating that we cannot take credit for the actions of past Friends, but we are challenged by their care for others and trust that we can be as faithful today to the needs of others.

- Jane Zavitz-Bond spoke on similar issues at a retreat with Friends at Coldstream held the same day. On April 19th she also spoke at the Norwich Museum (formerly the Friends Meetinghouse) to the SLATE (So Lets Talk Education) Conference about Friends Education in Ontario during the 19th century. She was assisted by CFHA members Marie Avey and Deborah Haight.

- Kathleen Hertzberg gave a talk recently at the Friends Burial Ground at Mariposa. She also reports a new and active Pickering Historical Society. One of its members, Ron Kennedy, is working on Jeremiah Lapp's

journal (readers will remember Fritz Hertzberg's paper on the 'Faith History' of Jeremiah Lapp republished in Faith, Friends and Fragmentation). Others are interested in John Fothergill and Timothy Pickering. ~~Pickering~~ Kathleen herself is working on a piece on Quaker Testimonies.

- The genealogical index to the records of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting is now sold out. This summer Dan Nelson, a graduate student in history at Trent University, will be adding records which were not available at the time of the original publication of the index before a second edition is published. Dan will also hopefully finish the index to the records of Pelham Monthly Meeting. In the meantime we will continue to provide photocopies of relevant pages of the index to genealogists at a modest per page fee.

- The Dorland Room has received the fourth edition of Tom Hill's index to Monthly Meetings in North America. This encyclopedic volume contains information on every meeting which ever existed on the continent, and the scope and location of its minutes. This is an important tool for researchers.

- CALL FOR PAPERS: The conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists will hold its biennial meeting at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, from June 23-25, 2000, and invites those interested in reading papers covering any aspect of Quakerism to submit a one-page prospectus along with a brief vita to Larry Ingle, History Department, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN, 37403, by Dec. 31, 1999.



From the Dorland Room...

Archives of Canadian Yearly Meeting
by Jane Zavitz Bond

'Footprints in the Sands of Time...'

A friend commented recently that CFHA has come of age. True we are over 21, but do we have the strength and maturity we need? We are gaining in membership and support. Some new members are undertaking our work with fresh energy. And the long term members continue their efforts. It was good to visit with Harry and Ruth Haggerty recently as we plan our Annual Meeting and the 200th anniversary of Pelham Friends in the red brick church at Pelham Corners this Fall.

1999 is also the 150th anniversary of Coldstream Monthly Meeting, a direct descendant of Pelham Monthly Meeting. Friends in Niagara were the hub from which settlements to the north, northwest and west formed. Relationships between people were the bonds between meetings. This is often true today as folks move and feel led to start a new worship group and others are drawn into the meeting circle. Even some CFHA members are being drawn to the faith of their ancestors, as if pulled by a magnet from past experience and from the sense that Truth still beckons. We respond to that bit of the Eternal within each human being.

The CFHA has a widespread, mobile membership undertaking genealogical, social and religious historical research. Ties to other libraries, archives and organizations create our Friendly 'network'. As we grow, and years pass, former projects need updates and improvements. We want members to stay in touch and share discoveries with us!

The Archives and Library includes the tools to assist in searches of various kinds. Quaker history includes the seeking, discovery and growth of ideas about how we should live together on this planet. Never has the need to search for light and the will to follow it been more pressing. Topics researched include: Peace, Human Rights, Education, and the development of creative potential, among others. All are there for everyone to study and ponder. We need the lift and challenge found in the stories and thoughts of those who have gone before. 'Footprints in the sands of time' that we may discover and adapt for this present. Let us undertake our work with joy.

(If you have questions or comments on the Archives, Jane's email address is: janezb@netcom.ca)

Searching For ...

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If you would like your genealogical inquiry to be included on this page, please write to:

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• BAKER, MARTIN and HORNOR families in Blenheim Township, Oxford Co. ca. late 1790s. Thomas Hornor, a Quaker from New Jersey, brought a party of settlers to the Blenheim/Burford area, one of whom was Samuel Martin. Samuel Baker, brother of Samuel Martin, was also the father-in-law of Thomas Hornor. It was said that Samuel Baker was a Baptist but his daughter Olive and son Joseph were Quakers. Anyone who can provide information of the BAKER family, please contact Mary Lou Finn at MFin90885@aol.com.

• BIRCHARD, Mt. Albert, East Gwillimbury Township, York Region. Rhoda Birchard was born 30 Sept. 1827 in Toronto, daughter of Israel Birchard born 1797 in Boston, died 1851 in Toronto; and Elizabeth Tifft, born 1785, died 1837 in Toronto. They were founders of Birchardtown, now Mt Albert, and said to be Quakers. Please contact Susan Ring at snanoose@Direct.ca

• HAIGHT family. The 1824 journal of Consider Haight (1802-1838) of Adolphustown, with an introduction by Merton Y. Williams (which includes a great deal of valuable genealogical material) has been posted to the World Wide Web at <http://listserv.northwest.com/~haight/considerdiary.htm>. The journal is an account of his travels through New York State, via Utica and the Hudson River to New York City and Long Island. Particularly important for the connections it draws between Canadian Friends and their relations in Dutchess County, NY and Long Island.

• WEBSTER. Abraham Webster and wife Anne Lundy arrived in Niagara 1789, settling on Lot 8 Bertie Township (on Lake Erie). Later moved to Newmarket about 1802-4. Various members later moved to Pickering and Uxbridge. A second line through Hugh Webster and wife Sarah Moore arrived in Pelham about 1818, and moved to Norwich. Anyone who can provide information of the Webster family, please contact Al Webster at awebster@cgocable.net.