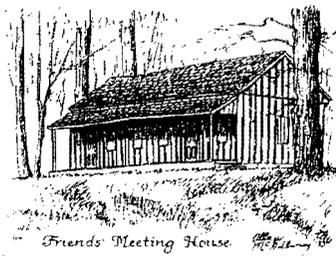


CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER
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Friends Meeting House



Quaker Hall School

Welcome

Do peruse the enclosed Annual Meeting notice. The plans with Uxbridge-Scott Museum staff for a day of venturing into the Quaker settlement history in Upper Canada are made. Allan McGillivray and members of the Museum Association generously agreed to host CFHA and share treasures in buildings, artifacts, and knowledge of Friends' history in Uxbridge's environs. Allan has spent years building the resources - a feast we will share on the afternoon tour of Quaker sites. After the evening meal, in keeping with rural farm culture, by the Trinity United Church Women, Allan will take us over the ups and downs of Uxbridge's Quaker story.

For those of you interested in other pioneer Friends' settlements, the experience at Uxbridge will throw light upon them as well. There are many similarities: they related to one another, visiting when holding Friends' meetings for business; traveling in the ministry; marrying within the Society of Friends; indeed, sharing in all aspects of daily life. Friends followed their 'Faith and Practice' as set out in the New York Discipline, revised and reprinted over the years. They shared plants and people ... and their books. Horticulture, and social culture! Joseph Collins' Account Book for his Uxbridge Mill Store reflects the early economic scene, as the Minutes of the Preparative Meeting. A part of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting, mirror their meeting and home life.

Come, hear more as Allan binds the bricks of history with stories, the mortar, for our understanding. His hod-carrier is filled with sketches of history for our after dinner treat. To have this day literally fall into CFHA's lap, as ripe apples once fell from Uxbridge orchards, gives us an easy harvest, belying the real effort of finding and creating it for us.

Such apparent ease for inquirers is true for much of the work done in history. It seems so simple AFTER the digging and preparation is done. We are grateful to all those working in the various museums and archives, and to the researchers who make up the network of support for Canadian Quaker History. Add your discoveries to the store that others may build and add theirs. It is a shared enterprise made more productive, and joyous, in company.

This CFHA Summer '04 Newsletter reports some discoveries, and inquiries, that have come through visitors to the Archives personally, or by phone, post, and email. Bring word of your particular research interests to Uxbridge! We plan 5 minute sharing blocks before Lunch, and can continue, visiting over refreshments after the tour. Be part of the CFHA procession! Come! Enjoy! And Share! Meet new friends, and renew acquaintances from former years ... And ... Please ... Register by Sept. 5th!!

Enjoy this Newsletter with notes on architecture, on a watercolour depicting Friends actions to protect the rights of Native-Indigenous Peoples, on Quaker Whalers, and some recent publications. Find news of members, and some remembrances of people who enriched our lives.

With appreciation to you all who are part of CFHA.

Jane Zavitz-Bond
chairperson

QUAKER STUDIES RESEARCH PROGRAM (QSRA)

The annual conference of the Quaker Studies Research Association (QSRA) was held in 2003 at Woodbrooke College, near Birmingham, England. "Quakers in Town and Country" was the theme of presentations by young scholars related to their doctoral dissertations.

QSRA is building a research community in Britain, and wishes to include No. Am. Many topics parallel research in Canadian Quaker history in CFHA Journals.. Helen Plant, of Leeds Metropolitan University, presented "Patterns and Practices of Women's Leadership in the Yorkshire Quaker Community, 1760-1820", picking up the theme of woman's autonomy in the work of Robynne Healey; the paper by Kay Taylor, of University of the West of England, "Chalk, Cheese and Cloth", on 17th Century Wiltshire, used economic and geographical features to explain the development of early Quakerism, a reminder of Quaker settlement patterns in Upper Canada in the work of Albert Schrauwers and Gregory Finnegan; Christopher Densmore, Curator, Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College, presented "The Rural Roots of Perfectionism and Social Reform among North American Friends",utilizing the literature on schisms in Upper Canada, by David Holden and Albert Schrauwers. The next conf. is Oct. 2004.

350 YEARS of QUAKERISM in IRELAND, 1654-2004

Quaker development in Ireland had two prongs: The settlers, either already Quaker or soon to join the movement; and the visitors, travelling Friends from England who toured the country holding meetings and preaching wherever possible, convinced their experience of the inward Christ had relevance everywhere. William Edmondson, an Englishman, convinced by the persuasive messages of James Nayler, moved to Lurgan, County Armagh, setting up the first the first regular meeting of Friends in Ireland, in 1654.. At this time, Ireland was a distressed land, under military law, and suffering from Cromwell's government, and, as in England many people responded to the message preached by those already convinced. The Friends World Committee for Consultation, section of the Americas, meeting in Ottawa March 2004 sent greetings on this anniversary to Friends in Ireland. Today's world may hear the message anew.

CANADIAN QUAKER ARCHIVES

Representative Meeting and the Trustees of Canadian Yearly Meeting (CYM) have agreed to establish an archives fund for special projects and major expenditures (one-time), to which interested persons may contribute and receive charitable donations receipts. CYM continues to support the routine expenses of CYM Archives under the care of its Records Com.

It is also agreed to refer to the Canadian Quaker Archives to allow public recognition of and, therefore, better access to the CYM Archives which is still the official, legal, name.

GIFTS to CQA

Laura Quirk presented a copy of her book, "Dr. Charles Ambrose Zavitz: Agriculturalist, Experimentalist, Professor, and Friend", published by the University of Guelph in June 2004, during its 40th anniversary. This volume is a joint project of the McLaughlin Library and the OAC Class of 1933. Michael Ridley, Chief Librarian, wrote, "Charles Zavitz, personally and professionally, embodies the principles that have made this University great - a commitment to research, a successful emphasis on collaborating with other researchers and institutions to advance scientific knowledge and the public good, and a deep concern for students and society". How would Charles respond to the present pressure for genetic engineering?

DOANE HOUSE HOSPICE

The official opening of the Doane House Hospice, on Yonge St., Newmarket, Ontario, took place in October 2003. The event culminated 30 years of community concern over its fate, following its sale by the family to developers in 1967. The purchasers agreed to assume costs for moving it and constructing a new foundation on a new site.

Built ca 1845, the home of Seneca Doan, a Friends minister, it stood conveniently south of Yonge Street Friends Meetinghouse, and was similar in architecture. One appropriate hope was that the Friends might use the house as auxiliary to the Meetinghouse. This did not occur. Finally, in 2001, in conjunction with the 200th celebrations of the arrival of Quakers on Yonge Street, the house was selected as an most appropriate project in commemoration. The Doane farmhouse was moved north to Region of York land at the NW corner of Eagle and Yonge.

Restored as The Doane House Hospice, formerly Hospice Newmarket, the building provides support to those living with life-threatening illnesses. Although not a residential home, bereavement support, structured individually or in groups, is available. Art therapy is provided to children, teenagers, and adults. The warm and friendly atmosphere in the Doane House enhances all the existing programs. It has found good service to the community. A living monument to the pioneers who knew the need for community and lived it.

NEWMARKET HISTORY SOCIETY PROJECT

The Newmarket Historical Society has received a grant from the Local Projects Fund, Federal Government's Community Memories Program, to study the Economic Implications, Past and Present, of the Immigration of the Quaker Families from Vermont and Pennsylvania who settled on the 40 land patents issued to Timothy Rogers in the Yonge Street North area of Upper Canada in 1801. The project is mandated to look for information (drawings, photographs, stories) about the first families. The research is to be submitted before December 2004. It will be available on a section of the local histories website on the internet by Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN) <<http://www.chin.gc.ca>>. An opportunity to come, report and exchange family information will take place on August 14-15th. See Coming Events. More information about this project and the reunion in August can be found at <NEWMARKETHISTORICALSOCIETY.ORG.CA>

BOOKS

MY AMERICAN EDEN: MARY DYER 1635-1660 MARTYR FOR FREEDOM written by Elizabeth Brinton, has recently been published by Burd Street Press of White Mane Publishers, Pennsylvania, 2004. For more information, see <www.elizabethbrinton.com>.

AMERICAN QUAKERISM by Thomas Hamm, Columbia University Press, 2002, is now in the Dorland Collection, and recommended reading! Tom presents the 'head waters' of branching streams of American Quakerism and follows those courses, presenting their changes, and complexities. A daunting task, and a major contribution. As Friends spread over the continent to settle and established new meetings the topography made its impact-- on Quakerism and on the rivers! One may find when and where the branches diverged, and what caused the change.

Discover where your Quaker heritage fits into the picture/collage. The volume will assist those who thought they know 'their' branch, to understand it, and all the others, better..Although

GENEALOGY REQUESTS

Jean Eppich is looking into West Lake records for her Yurex/Yourex, and Dorland-tied and many other Prince Edward County's related families. Karen Cook is researching the Quakers in Leeds County, especially Farmersville, as she cares for the Friends Cemetery there. Heather Hill Gibson is looking for Lloyds and Moores, and others. Bob Kiteley is looking for his ggm, Deborah Rowen's plot, or stove in the Yonge Street corridor. Win Desmond seeks information about a meetinghouse in Perry's Cove, Newfoundland. Her ggggrandfather, a Quaker came there from Dorset c. 1815. Older residents remember the meetinghouse, but she had found no proof. Dorothy Milne from St. John's Meeting sent a full response and wants Jack Ross' article on the first Quaker in Newfoundland. In several searches Thelma Spicer was searching for a William Webster, in King Township, but the Wm. found lived too early for her quest. Nothing takes us on more side trails than genealogy! Stephanie Deakin, on Vancouver Is. forwards emails from inquirers to us. This been helpful. The above are just a sampling of requests...Some correspondent's series of email letters are quite extensive and expand the field...

RESOURCES IN MARITIMES AND NEWFOUNDLAND

NOTICES RECEIVED. Information is available re Family History Homestead Maps at <http://homesteadmaps.com>. Find family homestead locations and family names in the 1800s in Ontario, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia at <CAN-ONT-QUAKERS-L@rootsweb.com>

"Births, Deaths, and Marriages in Newfoundland Newspapers 1810-1890". A CD from Maritime History Archive at Memorial Univ. of Newfoundland, St. John's NL
E-mail: <mha@mun.ca> Web site: <http://www.mun.ca/m>

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Robynne Rogers Healey, ph.d. is appointed to the history dept. of Trinity Western Univ. in Langley, B.C. Her post doctoral research is Canadian Quaker History. We send good wishes..

QUAKER HISTORIANS & ARCHIVISTS CONFERENCE was held June 25-27, 2004, at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon. CFHA members were: Christopher Densmore - chairman of the program committee, Robynne Rogers Healey, also on the Planning Committee, Sandra Fuller and Jane Zavitz-Bond. Tom Hamm, archivist and historian at Earlham College, Indiana, chaired an interesting and useful conference.

The northwest was lovely this June. We was impressed with the distance settlers went, and the hard journey it was overland, before railroads, as we flew non-stop across North America. Looking down from over 30,000 feet was awe inspiring as the terrain changed. No wonder many chose to go by sea! Water transport remains practical today! Friends' impact on the Pacific NW is strong. George Fox Univ. is a leading Friends institution. U.S. President Herbert Hoover attended Friends Pacific Academy, the forerunner of the university in Newberg. He lived with his uncle, the principal, in a home that is now a museum. The opportunity to share with others at the Friends Association for Higher Education and the Quaker Theological Discussion Group, held concurrently made it an even richer time. The attenders had many interests to compliment one another. QH&A papers covered various many time periods, viewed Friends in diverse parts of the world, and considered the various streams of Quakerism as represented by individuals and institutions. Much to digest and consider.