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**Editorial:**

## **QUAKER JOURNALS**

Gifts from the Past - Tools for Today

Historically the 'Journal' has been the major contribution of Friends to literature as a genre, but far more importantly it becomes the record of individual member's religious experience available to other pilgrims on the way. They sought to live their lives guided by the Spirit of Christ, as most early writers have referred to the Presence of God, as they found it while living their lives in their time and place. Journals were much read in Friends' homes and were a major influence upon them.

The Journal of George Fox was the first model. It and others written in the early period of Quakerism were read by members in many 'approved editions' by all segments of the Society of Friends after the separations. The Journal of George Foy continues to be read and to influence many today. Also valued, John Woolman's Journal is read as a major 18th century literary work. Although many journals exist only in manuscript several hundred have been published, mainly after care and concern that truth be presented to Friends, by committees of the **Yearly Meetings** established for editing and approving writings for printing. So Christopher Densmore's use of an existing manuscript for Joseph Hoag's Journal, as he and Doris Calder edited the portions relating to Hoag's Maritime visit, illustrates the work of such committees when two printed editions are compared to the manuscript and some differences found.

Later the various bodies read 'approved' journals for Friends of their particular segment. The earliest journals and the subsequent works had similar simple style. When we consider the common experience of spiritual maturing over a lifetime, as well the comment made by Howard Brinton in his useful work on **Quaker Journals: Varieties of Religious Experience Among Friends** (Pendle Hill, 1972) is understandable. In many years of reading Quaker journals he found similarities in manuscripts written by Friends who had not seen many of these journals to copy. Certainly George Fox's Journal was read by most Friends, and in the next century that of John Woolman. The books could not but have impact on the readers.

This issue of the Canadian Friends Historical Newsletter is indebted to the work of two members of our association who have edited the Joseph Hoag Journal for coverage of the east coast while on a religious journey. The map, which Doris Calder based upon her ongoing research, positions early settlements and rural homes of Friends visited by Joseph Hoag. The research efforts Christopher Densmore made to find all editions of the work and the earlier

manuscript transcription in the Haverford Friends Library is helpful to the scholarly community, but interesting to all of us, since it refers to early Canadian Quaker History, which has been more focused upon the region known as Upper Canada.

The Canadian Yearly Meeting will be held in New Brunswick this August. Thus this issue of the Newsletter is taking the good opportunity to tie the past to our Quaker present for those who attend. The special event at Canadian Yearly Meeting for all who wish to participate will include a trip to the sites of early settlements at Beaver Harbour and Penfield. Please take the opportunity to visit these spots with Doris Calder who is an excellent story-teller of history - and guide. I shall miss not being with you. I remember well the trip my daughter and I made to the early Quaker scene as we drove home by the New Brunswick 'circle route' from **Yearly Meeting** at Memramcook, in 1979. We had seen the special slide-tape presentation Doris had prepared for Friends before going to the settlements and so were able to enjoy them all the more.

We proceeded with this issue in spite of all delays and expect it to arrive before **Yearly Meeting**. We are grateful to the contributors who gave the focus on the eastern region of Canadian Quakerism. The whole story is far from told. If you possess any old manuscripts or other materials please inform us at the Canadian Yearly Meeting Archives. In all parts of the **Yearly Meeting** we need more histories of meetings and worship groups. Become part of the oral biography project, or write a journal of your religious experiences for the fuller record of Friends in Canada and the world today.

The histories of Friends can be studied from these journals. The beliefs of Friends would be evidenced; the testimonies would be exemplified, and struggled with, in the lives of the writers. Even as we see references in Joseph Hoag's manuscript, some of which, the editors note, were edited out of later printed editions. The role of women in the ministry was referenced and the natural support of their service illustrates the early concern of much wider expectations in life for women by Friends. We read a simple account, follow it, and find truths coming to the surface with ease. The Journal is sincere and gives accurate accounts of the events. In this light it is neither boring nor difficult to read. The Wilburite Friends read Hoag's Journal more in the years after its publication. Some of their approaches and stated concerns are apparent in Hoag's comments.

If you wish to read the entire Journal there are copies in the Arthur Garratt Dorland Friends Historical Collection. So long as a duplicate copy exists in the collection it may be borrowed by special request. The other journals in the collection represent a major component of the holdings. We wish to add any we do not have, including variant editions of published journals and biographies.

To add that incoming articles and materials are requested and always welcome is never redundant! This issue illustrates how several have contributed much from their time and talent. We, the co-editors, are much indebted and grateful to Doris Calder and Chris Densmore. Their recent archival and bibliographic work once again illustrates that the Journal is a major historical reference

and item for study as a primary source.

It appears I have been on vacation too long and am returning to a 'pedagogical state', but for this instance it is a pleasure to share background on a long time interest - Quaker Journals! To complete the 'Lesson' for this time I add that there are several other particularly Quaker materials: the Disciplines, the Minutes, and the **Yearly Meeting** epistles, of corporate authorship by an appointed committee, and the Tracts written on those subjects of concern to Friends are also useful in present studies of where we are and where we have come from. The Pendle Hill Pamphlets began as modern Quaker tracts, and the articles in the Quaker periodicals are often short modern tracts on a topic.

It comes in summary that the above items cover the contents of our Canadian Yearly Meeting Archives and The Arthur Dorland Friends Historical Collection at Pickering College. Come visit it in the Fall when I hope to be able to greet you. It makes this editorial a summary of what has been happening there these past few years. We are grateful for what has been supported and allowed to occur and trust that much good work lies ahead. In closing we wish you a good summer; hope that many of you will meet at **Yearly Meeting**; wish Doris Calder well with the special afternoon trip; and hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on October 25th, at Pickering College. You are all needed! We appreciate all your support.

Finally it is most important to thank Kathleen Hertzberg for the production of this issue.

Jane V. Zavitz, co-editor

### QUAKER HISTORIANS AND ARCHIVISTS MEET

The report of the Quaker Historians and Archivists 6th Biennial Meeting at Malone College on June 24 to 26 is enthusiastic. It was well attended with a varied program content of interest covering many topics from Quaker history. The participants found discussion stimulating from start to finish. They begin to feel that two years is too long a span between meetings, but for this next session they will meet at Pickering College in June of 1988. We will be ready to welcome them. It is always useful to attend a gathering with others of common interest who have knowledge and experience to share. Many of the individuals who send us correspondence related to the work of the Canadian Yearly Meeting Archives and of the Dorland Friends Collection were there. We continue to 'talk shop' with great glee!

Ed Bronner left us to be at Haverford for the final two days of service to that institution as Librarian. After retirement he will continue to serve as Curator of the Haverford Friends Historical Library, and to continue writing and research on Quaker topics. We wish him well, and rejoice in the benefits of his new freedom to serve as he is lead. A book of special essays, **Seeking the Light**, edited by J. William Frost and John M. Moore was published by Pendle Hill Publications in his honor.

The majority of the attenders at the conference are members of the CFHA, or their institutions are, and so they are up to date on our activities. it is a benefit to share with them, and a lift to mind and spirit.

Jane Zavitz

**PROGRAM FOR CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

**EVENT AT CANADIAN YEARLY MEETING 1986**

Canadian Yearly Meeting 1986 will be held from August 10 - 17 1986, at Rothesay, New Brunswick. Address as follows:

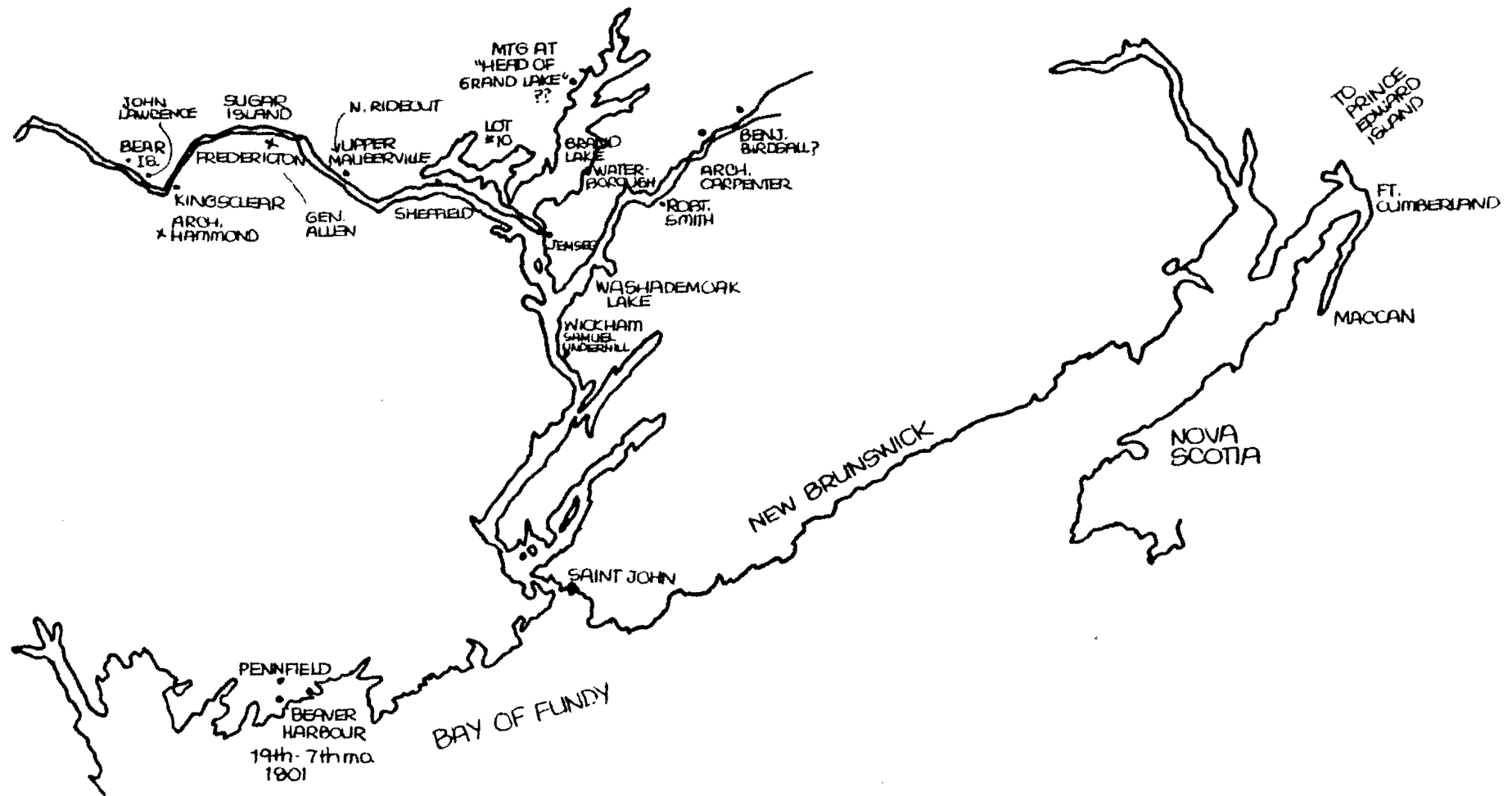
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**HIGHLIGHT OF HISTORIC EXCURSION THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH**

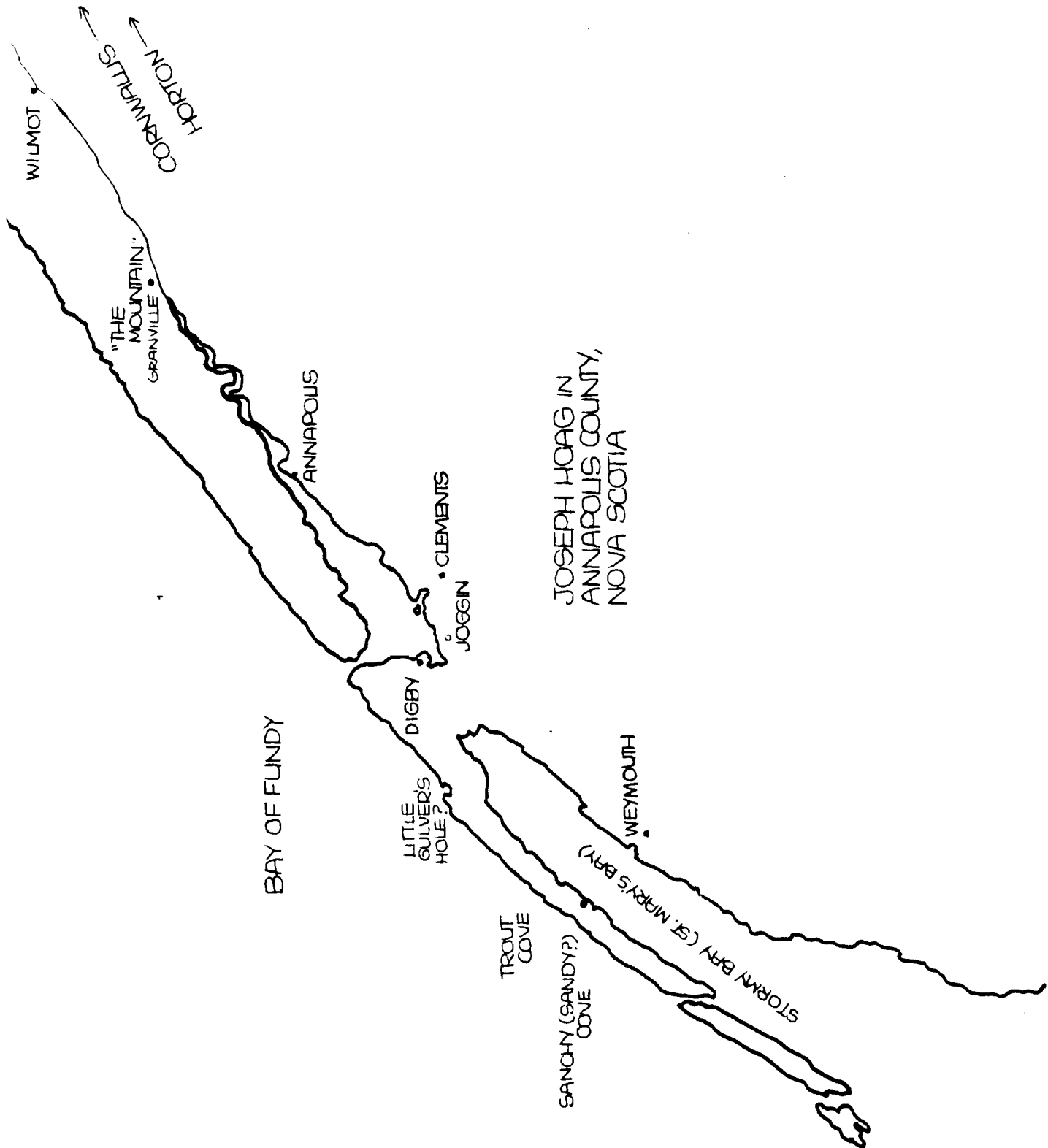
The excursion on Thursday afternoon and evening will consist of a tour by bus and/or car of the waterways and surrounding countryside of the Kennebecasis, Belleisle, and St. John River valleys. It will be an historic as well as scenic tour, with stops, and commentary, made along the way. It will include rides on five different cable ferries across rivers. Part of the afternoon and evening, including a picnic supper, will be held at the Oak Point Park and beach on the Long Reach of the St. John River. This is an especially lovely ground spot surrounded by huge oak trees, with a play ground as well as beach suitable for swimming for all ages. An old Loyalist church and burying ground are adjacent to the park. For those who are interested, Doris Calder will give a presentation on the missionary journeys of Joseph Hoag, a Wilburite Friend, who travelled up the River St. John in 1801 - 1802. This talk will take place either in the Park Pavilion or in the Anglican church nearby, built in 1790. Altogether, there will be lots to see and do. It will be interesting and enjoyable, as well as relaxing.

Throughout the excursion, Doris will treat us with tales providing "local colour" as well as historical background. She grew up in this area. Her family has lived in the same house for three generations. She has written an entertaining book, **All Our Born Days**, based on oral histories, from the "neighbours". The Calders are members of the New Brunswick Monthly Meeting.

JOSEPH HOAG'S TRAVELS  
ON THE ST. JOHN RIVER, 1801, 1802







WILMOT

CORNWALLS  
← HORTON

"THE MOUNTAIN"  
GRANVILLE

ANNAPOLIS

CLEMENTS  
JOGGIN

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LITTLE GULLIVER'S HOLE?

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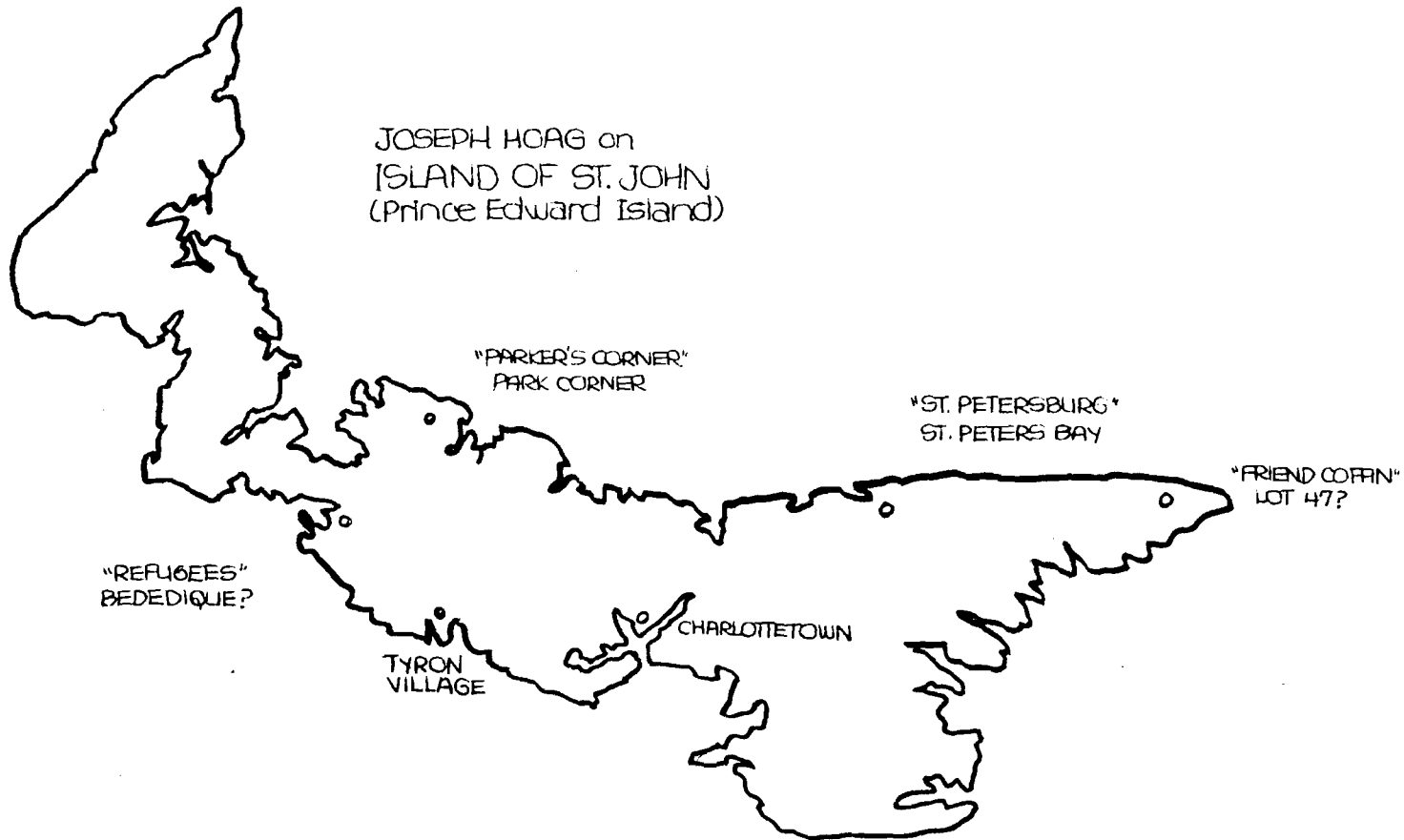
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SANCHY (SANDY?) COVE

STORMY BAY (ST. MARY'S BAY)

JOSEPH HOAG IN  
ANNAPOLIS COUNTY,  
NOVA SCOTIA

BAY OF FUNDY



JOSEPH HOAG on  
ISLAND OF ST. JOHN  
(Prince Edward Island)

"PARKER'S CORNER"  
PARK CORNER

"ST. PETERSBURG"  
ST. PETERS BAY

"FRIEND COFFIN"  
LOT 47?

"REFUGEES"  
BEDEDIQUE?

TYRON  
VILLAGE

CHARLOTTETOWN

## **The Journal of Joseph Hoag: A Quaker in Atlantic Canada, 1801-1802**

Edited by Christopher Densmore and Doris Calder

In 1801, Joseph Hoag set out from Vermont on a religious visit to Quakers and others in New England and to "Nova Scotia and the adjoining British provinces." The journal kept by Hoag of his nine months in Atlantic Canada is the most extensive description of the Quaker settlements in that region and also records Hoag's contacts with New Lights, Baptists, Methodists and Swedenborgians.

Hoag's interest in the Maritimes may have been sparked by his Vermont neighbor Timothy Rogers who traveled to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in 1795, as a companion to Joshua Evans who was making a religious visit to Canada. Rogers's manuscript journal contains copies of letters he received from Samuel Moore and Thomas Green who he had visited in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia and who, by 1797, were anticipating a visit from Joseph Hoag. (1)

Joseph Hoag was an acknowledged minister in the Society of Friends. His concern to visit Friends and others outside of his own Yearly Meeting required the approval of his monthly and Quarterly Meetings who prepared a certificate or minute showing their approval. Friends traveling in the ministry normally were accompanied by a companion. For most of the trip through the Maritimes, Hoag traveled with Joseph Wing of New Bedford, Massachusetts. After Wing returned to New England from Nova Scotia in 10th Mo. 1802, Hoag was accompanied in the remainder of his journeys by Samuel Moore and Thomas Green of Nova Scotia.

At the time of Hoag's travels, there were three regions of Quaker settlement in the Maritimes. In the 1780s, a number of Friends from the island of Nantucket moved to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The meeting at Dartmouth was a distant "PREPARATIVE MEETING" of the Nantucket Monthly Meeting. While a number of Quakers from the Dartmouth meeting moved to Great Britain in the 1790s, some remained at Dartmouth. Quakers in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia appear to have been connected with the Dartmouth meeting. Another area was in New Brunswick where Quakers accompanying the loyalist settlers had a Meeting near Beaver Harbour. (2)

Joseph Hoag was born in Dutchess County, New York, in 1762 and moved to Vermont about 1789. Hoag and his wife, Huldah Case Hoag, were well known Quaker ministers. Hoag continued making extensive travels during his life, the last to Iowa in 1842 when Hoag was 81.

There are two printed editions of the Hoag Journal. The first was printed at Sherwoods, New York, in 1860. The second was originally published at Aurburn, New York, in 1861 and reprinted in London in 1862 and in Philadelphia in 1909.

In the 1840s, Joseph Hoag was a strong adherent of the Wilburite position within the society of friends. Hoag, like John Wilbur of Rhode Island, disapproved of the direction taken by some Evangelical Friends, as represented by English Friend John Joseph Gurney. In 1845, Hoag gathered up his "writings" and took them to his granddaughter, Narcissa Battey, who acted as his scribe and amanuensis. The following winter, he placed a writing in the hands of Narcissa's parents, Ezra and Hannah Hoag Battey, with instructions that they not fall into the hands of the followers of Joseph John Gurney. The separation between the Wilburite and Gurneyites in the Orthodox Society of Friends which Hoag had anticipated occurred in New England Yearly Meeting in 1846 and in Hoag's own **Quarterly Meeting**, which was a part of New York Yearly Meeting, primarily from Vermont and central New York, undertook the publication of Hoag's journal in the 1850s.

The Wilburite New York Yearly Meeting at Poplar Ridge sent the manuscript of Hoag's journal to William Hodgson in Philadelphia for assistance in preparing it for publication. However, the Wilburites in New York Yearly Meeting were divided, and one faction objected to some of Hodgson's editorial work. The Yearly Meeting split in 1859 and both factions published an edition of the Hoag Journal. The 1860 edition was printed by the "Otis" faction and the 1861 edition by the "King" faction.

In the Quaker Collection at Haverford College is a manuscript copy of the journal which appears to represent an earlier version of the Hoag journal than either of the printed editions. The manuscript lacks punctuation, is marked by misspellings, and contains some materials omitted from both of the printed versions. The manuscript appears to represent the form of the Hoag journal sometime after Hoag's writings were put into shape by Joseph Hoag with the assistance of Narcissa Battey in 1845. In the absence of Hoag's original diaries and papers, it is this manuscript which appears to be closest to the original. The two printed texts differ from each other in numerous minor ways, but most of these differences appear to represent matters of editorial style rather than substantive disagreements on the meaning of the text.

The version of the Hoag account which follows is based on the Haverford College manuscript. In the interest of presenting a readable text, we have added punctuation, corrected spelling and in a small number of instances, changed the tense of a verb. The word order has been maintained intact. Words enclosed in brackets have been added. Place and personal names are first spelled as they appear in the text, followed when appropriate by the correct or more probable spelling of the name. Lengthy or significant passages omitted in the printed versions are underlined.

The manuscript of the Hoag journal is used with the permission of the Quaker Collection, Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**REMINDER:** The Annual Meeting 1986 of the **Canadian Friends Historical Association** will be held at Pickering College, Newmarket, Saturday, October 25, 1986. Business session in the morning; lunch - talk in the afternoon. All welcome: details to follow.

**150th Anniversary of the McKenzie Rebellion 1837.** There will be a preliminary planning meeting, for a possible special event to commemorate this anniversary, to which CFHA has been invited. It will take place on Wednesday, August 6, 1986 at Black Creek Pioneer Village at 7 p.m.

**Toronto Historical Board Garden Party** for the 183rd anniversary of the birth of John George Howard and the 150th anniversary of his acquisition of High Park. The event will take place on Wednesday, July 30, 1986 from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Colborne Lodge, High Park.

### QUAKER HISTORY NOTES

Madeline Malott of Kingsville Ont (daughter of Chester Hilborn, granddaughter of William Wilson Hilborn - early Quaker settler family in Uxbridge Ontario) writes on February 14th, 1986, with the following interesting information:

As I renew my membership I enclose this titbit.

One Hundred years ago or in 1886, my grandfather **William Wilson Hilborn**, member of the Society of Friends, was appointed by Sir John Carling as **first** horticulturist of Central Experimental Station Ottawa, Ont. He moved to Ottawa from Warwick Township, Lambton County there. He was son of Levi, grandson of Joseph, great-grandson of Thomas Hilborn considered one of the founders of Uxbridge, Ont. 1804 - one of the Catawissa Quakers.

Sincerely

Madeline Malott  
daughter of Chester Harvey Hilburn  
granddaughter of William Wilson Hilburn

### Elizabeth Robson's Diaries in Upper Canada 1824 - 1825

Among the material which has come to the editors of Canadian Quaker History Newsletter is an interesting article on the Diaries of Elizabeth Robson who travelled amongst Friends in Philadelphia and Canada in 1825 - 25. These Diaries have been issued on eight reels by World Microfilm Publications. The originals are located in Friends House, London, England.

The editors of the newsletter regret being unable to identify the kind person who wrote and sent this interesting article to us. We would like to publish it with permission and credit the author. If you can help us identify the author, we would be most grateful - with apologies for our record-keeping oversight!. Eds.

**Victoria Friends Meeting** - Arnold Ranneris, our member in Victoria B.C. writes:

Newsletter Editors.  
Canadian Friends Historical Assn.

Dear Friends,

Two items of interest from Victoria, for future issue:

1) Our local daily, the Victoria Times - Colonist, does a weekly column and sketch of "Landmarks" in the area. Recently the Friends Meetinghouse was featured.

2) Last weekend, a considerable celebration occurred as delegates and citizens from Marioka, Japan gathered here as part of the "twinning" of Victoria and Marioka. Why Marioka? Well, in 1933, Japanese Quaker Inazo Nitobe died in hospital here and the Royal Jubilee has become a place of importance to many Japanese. You can read/quote from **Christian Faith and Practice** ( 89, 90). Friends in Victoria have been quite touched by the events and the "recognition" given to this Quaker whose life testimony for peace has been recognized by citizens of Marioka and Victoria in a tangible way.

With good wishes,

**Arnold Ranneris**  
(CFHA Western Correspondent)

**Extracts** from "Christian Faith & Practice in the Experience of the Society of Friends". (Section 89)

**Inazo Nitobe** (1862-1933) was by birth a member of the samurai, the ancient military caste of Japan. He was converted to Christianity in his student days, and then also arose in him the desire to be a link between East and West. One of the first two Japanese students to study in America and Europe, he joined our Society in Baltimore about 1885, and married a Friend, Mary Elkinton of Philadelphia, in 1891. Having studied agriculture and taken his Ph.D. at Halle, he returned to Japan and effected great agricultural reforms. He was eminent also in education and at their home in Tokyo, he and his wife influenced countless students through the long years of his service to his country. After the First World War, he became Under-Secretary General of the League of Nations at its foundation and spent some years in Geneva. On his return to Japan, he was made a life-member of the House of Peers.

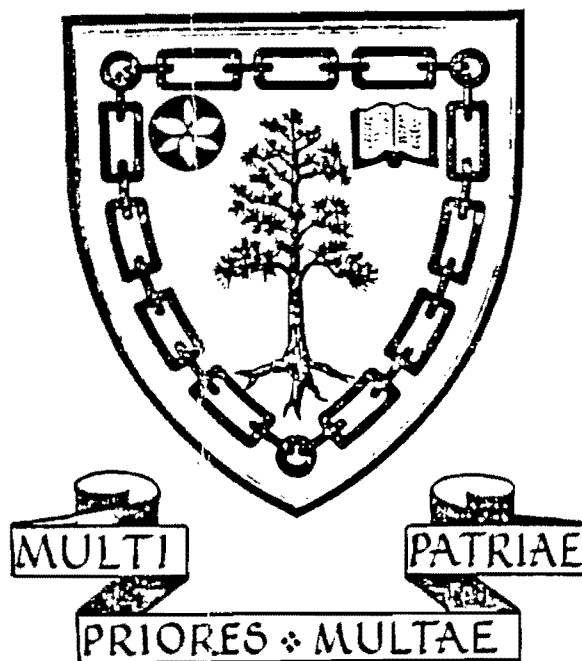
Readers are referred to his book "A Japanese view of Quakerism" (1927) from which the extract which follows the above short biography of Inazo Nitobe is taken.

### NEWS AND NOTES

The Ontario Genealogical Society is celebrating one hundred years of preserving history. An application has been made to Canada Post for a commemorative stamp to be issued. We look forward to seeing and to using the stamp.

the Ontario Genealogical Society celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year. On 24th January 1986, a special ceremony celebrating the event took place, at which Mr. Brian Sparrow, the British Consul General presented Letters Patent from the Lord Lyon King of Arms, Edinburgh, Scotland, granting Ensigns Armorial to the Ontario Genealogical Society.

The Shield comprises 4 basic elements: white pine tree and trillium to denote Ontario, with the trees' roots also representing the genealogical pedigree; open book to symbolize the scholarship and research of the family historian; and unbroken chain on the border to signify the continuity between past and present, as well as the strength of the Society. The design is in green and white (colours of OGS) and red and white (colours of Canada). Finally the motto (trans. "Many ancestors, many homelands") was devised by Mrs. Marjorie Simmons, OGS Past President, to celebrate the cultural diversity of Ontario.



Armorial Bearings of the Ontario Genealogical Society granted 21 September 1985 by Letters Patent from the Lord Lyon King of Arms, Edinburgh, Scotland.



**Ontario Genealogical Society** to celebrate further its 25th Anniversary is asking people with Ontario roots to set 1986 as the year to write a family history from the material they have gathered over the years. These histories will be stamped with the OGS anniversary logo and will be known as **The Silver Anniversary Collection of Family Histories**. Guidelines for preparing the histories are available.

The Canadian Friends Historical Association welcomes this encouragement to Friends and those with Quaker ancestors to write the history of their family. The CFHA would be glad to participate in this project and to have such family histories channelled through CFHA for the endorsement. We would be glad to hear from anyone interested but above all, we would be delighted to know of anyone in the process of writing a family or a Meeting history.

**Ontario Heritage Centre for Toronto** - In October 1985, a \$5 million campaign was launched by the Hon. Lily Munro, Minister of Citizenship and Culture of Ontario, to fund this much discussed project to provide a headquarters for many provincial heritage and historical associations - a facility where space, services and expertise can be shared efficiently and economically. The Centre will be at 10 Adelaide Street East (1907 - 08). The Centre will be owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

**Re: Joseph Hoag's Journal** - we were very pleased to have the comments of our member, Gerald Turnbull, of Wellington, New Zealand. Gerald Turnbull was aware of the connections which Joseph Hoag had with Canadian Friends through his visits to Quaker settlers in the Maritimes. He notes that there was strong difference of opinion about some parts of the Journal. He hopes to hear more about this and perhaps the research done by Doris Calder and Christopher Densmore in this issue will answer some of his questions, as well as the bibliography. Gerald's letter was passed on to Christopher Densmore.

### QUAKER ORAL HISTORIES

The CFHA Annual Meeting 1985 appointed a committee with Peter Chapman, Irene Soteroff and Fritz Hertzberg, to enable the **Oral History Project** to be pursued more vigorously.

The Ontario Black Historical Society have kindly sent us, at our request, a number of copies of the "release form" which is required to be signed and to accompany the tape recording.

We hope to be able to do some recordings at Yearly Meeting in New Brunswick 1986. Can you help us?

Arnold Ranneris of Victoria Meeting B.C., writes that he has tape recorded remembrances of two Friends in Victoria; Joe Awmack and Edith Adamson. He hopes to do others. Thanks to Arnold for this valuable work. We hope friends in other Meetings are doing the same. It is so important for the recording of Quaker history in Canada.

### NEWS OF MEMBERS

Janet Chatting was able to visit with **David Newlands** and family on a recent visit to England. David was eagerly awaiting the official opening of the Sigmund Freud Museum in London, where he is curator.

We are all very happy that our co-editor **Jane Zavitz** will soon be back from recent sick leave. We are grateful for her contribution to this issue.

**Deaths:** Helen Dunn of Toronto Meeting, on 16.10.85. Helen was one of the earliest members of the Canadian Friends Historical Association. She was a valuable member. She served the Association in various ways, especially working with Grace Pincoe in the Library at Friends House.

## BOOK REVIEWS

From the New England Genealogical Society:

"Quaker Genealogies: A selected list of Books".

Widdifield Heiss and Thomas D. Hamm.

Published: Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society:

Price \$4.95 (U.S). 73pp.

This book is a comprehensive listing of genealogies relating to Quaker families. It includes more than 900 titles. It has a cross reference index which enables researchers to find families "hidden" within other genealogies.

The present reviewer has noted many names of Quaker families, members of which probably came to Canada either before or after the American War of Independence. They came mainly from New York and Philadelphia, but also from New England and Massachusetts. Timothy Rogers, perhaps the best known Quaker settler in Upper Canada, came from Vermont.

A brief perusal of the surnames listed in the book reveals many which occur in Canadian Quaker records and history. However, in only one case - Widdifield - is it specifically stated that the account covers the family in Canada. Other accounts may do so. However, the selected book list could be very useful to our many genealogical enquirers and to our volunteers who undertake the search.

It would be interesting to check the names with the Index of Names of the Canadian Quaker Records presently in the process of completion for microfilming, as well as with Burial Ground listings.

We shall certainly deposit this book in the **Arthur Garratt Dorland Friends Historical Collection** at Pickering College where it can be made available for Canadian genealogical and historic researchers.

### **Genealogy in Ontario: Searching the Records**

Brenda Dougall Merriman.

Ontario Genealogical Society. 1984. Price \$10

The Canadian Friends Historical Association is very aware of the extent to which genealogical and family history research has increased over the years. Many people in Canada and the United States who have Quaker ancestors, call

upon the Quaker records through the Canadian Friends Historical Association to help them to complete their family histories and family trees. The CFHA relies on volunteers such as Bill Britnell, Wim Vanveen and more recently on Albert Schrawers, to receive and to follow up on the enquiries which come to us. The information and advice in this book is of great value, not only to the "beginning genealogist", but it is also a useful guide to the experienced non-professional genealogist. It should be initial reading for anyone embarking on a family history research, using sources and institutions available in Ontario. Acquiring a methodology based on knowledge of existing archives, museums and libraries, is essential, especially for those who assist others in their search. As readers of this Newsletter will be aware, the Canadian Friends Historical Association has been working for a number of years to complete the **Index of Names** of the Quaker Records (Registers of births, Deaths & Marriages and Minute Books etc.), the originals of which are now located in the Canadian Yearly Meeting vault at Pickering College, Newmarket, Ontario. This **Index** will eventually be microfilmed and will be available alongside the microfilms of these ancient records at the Provincial and National Archives of Canada, as well as at the University of Western Ontario, London and at Pickering College.

The preface to this book mentions some of the limitations and drawbacks associated with finding and using the records at these institutions. For the Quaker records, the **Index** is a much needed instrument to correct what has been one of the outstanding drawbacks to the use of the microfilms. Ever since they arrived in Canada, the Quakers have recorded births, deaths and marriages very diligently prior to and ever since the Vital Statistic Post 1869 (RGO), so the Quaker records have been in much demand. Unfortunately there are many missing links in the records. It is our fond hope that these missing links may still be found in private hands or in libraries or museums unbeknown to us and that they can eventually be made available for microfilming.

The appendix 1. Resource Centres: could include the Archives of the Canadian Yearly Meeting now located at Pickering College, Newmarket, complete with microfilm and reader, which can be used on prior request. The establishment of the **Arthur Garratt Dorland Friends Historical Collection**, also at Pickering College (a research and reference library) could also be a useful tool for genealogical search as well as for historic research.

The Canadian Friends Historical Association's **Canadian Quaker History Newsletter**, could in a revision of this useful book, be included under B) "Associations, many with publications".

Kathleen Hertzberg

**MATERIAL RECEIVED**

**Families. Vol. 25. No. 1 Feb. 1986. Ontario Gen. Society.** The article, 'Our Immigrant Ancestors in Ontario' is of particular interest to our readers, especially those who are post II World War Immigrants.

**Ontario Historical Society Bulletin.** Issue 48. Spring 1986.

**Toronto Historical Board** - copy of Civic Museum Task Force Report which was unanimously adopted by the Board in March 1986. The report revealed wide-spread support for the idea of a civic museum and recommend a Planning and Financial Feasibility Study as the next step.

**University of Toronto Press** - catalogue of new books on Canadian history, include. "The Making of a Peacemaker" the memoirs of George Ignatieff.

**"All our Born Days"** by Doris Calder. Percheron Press, 1984. \$14.95. This book is by our member, Doris Calder. It is a history of the New Brunswick Kingston Peninsula. Doris Calder is a well-known local historia. She will be guiding us on the Quaker historic tour in New Brunswick at the time of 1986 Yearly Meeting.