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Part 4: Early Quakers In The Maritimes

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This bibliography is intended to go with two articles in our issue No. 9, Tenth Month (October), 1974: Ralph Greene's "Notes on the Quakers in the Maritimes" and Grace Pincoe's "Locating the Pennfield Settlement and Burial Ground". Unlike previous bibliographies in the newsletter it is confined to one topic only. It is based largely on items and leadings supplied by Ralph Greene. Unfortunately, a complete list of his sources is not available. Additions were made by Grace Pincoe from items located in the Archives of the Province of New Brunswick at St. John and Fredericton; the public libraries in Moncton, Fredericton, and Metro Toronto. Mrs. Olive Magowan of St. George, N.B. kindly loaned articles for photocopying and Haverford College Library Quaker Collection loaned two items and gave us one. Until then, we had not been aware that Daniel Wheeler had also visited the Maritimes. The supplying to us by Ralph Greene of an autographed copy of Edouard A. Stackpole's book "Whales and Destiny" led to several interesting letters from the author. Mr. Stackpole who is the Director of the Peter Foulger Museum, Nantucket, Mass. is a direct descendant of Captain Matthew Pinkham, a Quaker whaler. He gave us a photocopy of the manuscript of John Townsend's Journal of his visit in 1786. This was doubly appreciated since although Elisha Kirk mentioned him in his Journal under the date of June 10, 1786, I had not been able to find a trace of it. Barbara Andrews, Librarian of the Nantucket Atheneum supplied the microfilm of the Dartmouth Meeting minutes.

Ralph Greene in a letter of Eighth Month 30, 1974 passed on some interesting insights which Thyra Jane Foster, Curator of Friends Archives in New England had given him. They had some Nova Scotia records including the Dartmouth Meeting minutes which are now in the Nantucket Historical Society's new building in Nantucket. The Dartmouth Meeting House was sold in 1819. A meeting at Mt. Royal, Nova Scotia was set up in 1752; its meeting house was



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sold in 1781. After the Dartmouth Quakers moved to Milford Haven, Wales, some then moved back to America and settled at Massilou, Ohio. Another group got to Seattle, Washington. The Massilou ones lost their identity as Friends; one became an admiral. Some may have moved over to Eastern Ohio. China (Maine) Monthly Meeting nursed a group of Friends along at Pictou, Nova Scotia in the 1840's. Youngs Cove and Greenville are also mentioned as places where they lived. James Oliver of Nantucket Monthly Meeting went on a religious visit about 1920 to Nova Scotia and was entertained by Eunice Buchanan.

Because of the importance of religious visits from the very beginning of Quakerism, we have included as many references to such visits in the Maritimes as we could find. Leading persons in Meetings in North America, and a number from England left home, leaving large families for many months. They travelled by sea and horseback, often over a thousand miles, encountering much hardship and danger. They were concerned about both the spiritual and material welfare of the isolated Friends and the "right ordering" of the very small worship groups. They kept journals and reported back to their meetings when they returned. These became a part of Quaker records and a number of these journals were later published. They not only give an excellent picture of the religious and social life of the time but also make inspirational reading.

In conclusion, I would like to make two suggestions:  
1.) when in St. John, N.B. go to the provincial Museum Building and see the original Pennfield records; 2.) go back to our honorary chairman's book again, Arthur Dorland's Quakers in Canada and re-read the sections on Quakers in the Maritimes. This time you will be forcibly struck by the skill which made such a marvellous synthesis out of all the 'bits and pieces' type of thing which we now list.

Crowell, Edwin 1889-

History of Barrington Township and vicinity, Shelburne County, Nova Scotia, 1504-1870, with a biographical and genealogical appendix. Yarmouth, N.S. 1923.

611 p. front., plates, ports. fold.map. 22 cm.

Friends House Library has photocopy of parts of Quaker interest: p. 94-97; 108-112; 200-201; 270-271; 394-395; 446-479.

Complete text available at Metropolitan Toronto Public Library.

Based largely on unpublished material left by Arnold Doane.

Ells, Margaret.

The Dartmouth Whalers.

Photocopy.

(In the Dalhousie review. Halifax. 25cm. v.15 #1 (April 1935)

p. 85-95))  
Bibliographical footnotes.

Evans, Joshua, fl. 1795

A journal of the life, travels, religious exercises and labours in the work of the ministry of Joshua Evans late of Newton Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey. Byberry, John & Isaac Comly, 1837.

(In Friends miscellany. Philadelphia. 23 cm. v.10 (1837))

Library has tear sheets and photocopy from the complete text in the Quaker Collection Haverford College Library, of the sections dealing with the author's journey to the Maritimes in 1795 when Timothy Rogers joined him in Vermont: p. iii-iv; 73-78.

Foss, C H

Some notes on the Pennfield colony.

(In New Brunswick Historical Society. Collections. Saint John. 20 cm. no. 18 (1963) p. 185-194.

Photocopy of copy in the Moncton Public Library.

Friends, Society of. Dartmouth Preparative Meeting.

Minutes. v.1 (10/12th month 1786 - 19/4th month 1798)  
107 p.

Microfilm (positive) 1 reel.

Microfilmed at the Nantucket Atheneum July 1974 from the original volume in the collection of the Nantucket Historical Association.

The Meeting at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia held its first Meeting as a Preparative Meeting 12th Month 1789. Preceding that date it had certain temporary privileges regarding marrying people.

Certified list of names contained in letter to the Monthly Meeting 10/12th month, 1786.

Minute book ends with unfinished sentence.

The Grand Manan historian.

Family history. Foreword by L.K. Ingersoll. Grand Manan, N.B., 1973. 69 p. illus. ports. charts. 22 cm.

Special issue no. 17 (1973)

Contents: Methods in genealogical research by R.F. Fellows.- The census of Grand Manan in 1851, by R.F. Fellows.- Because some one cared, by R.P. Nason.- A branch of the family tree, by W.G. Ross.

Hanson, Oscar.

Mr. Oscar Hanson's memoranda on the settlement of the coast from Musquash to Beaver Harbour, ed. by W. F. Ganong.

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Photocopied from Historical-geographical documents relating to New Brunswick, ed. by W.F. Ganong, no. 10.

(In New Brunswick Historical Society. Collections. Saint John. 20 cm. no. 13(1930) p. 114-131)

Hawkins, Lena.

Beaver Harbour, Bellevue - the Pennfield colony, and a short history of some of the first families. Beaver Harbour, N.B., 1967.

7 leaves 34 cm.

Photocopy from copy in the collection of Mrs. Olive Magowan, St. George, N.B.

List of signatories to original agreement: p. 1.

List of original grantees of Beaver Harbour town plot: p. 2.

Hinchman, Lydia S

... Early settlers of Nantucket, their associates and descendants. 2d and enl. ed. Philadelphia, Ferris & Leach, 1901.

347 p. front., illus. plates, ports. facsims. (part fold.) table.

On cover 1639-1850.

Not in Friends House Library, Toronto but available in Metropolitan Toronto Public Library.

Jones, Augustine.

William Rotch.

(In American Friend. Philadelphia, Richmond, Ind. 18 cm. v. (May 2, 9, 1901) p. 2-30)

Photocopy from copy in Bowdoin College Library, Brunswick, Maine.

Inscribed correction of William Rotch's father's first name from Joseph to John: p.2.

Jones, Rufus Matthew, 1863-1948.

First visit.

(Photocopy from the author's Eli & Sybil Jones: their life and work.

Philadelphia, Porter, 1889. 19 cm. chapter IV. p. 40-53)  
 An account of a visit in 1840 to Quakers in New Brunswick  
 and Nova Scotia.  
 Friends House Library also has the complete work.

Magowan, Olive Mitchell.

History of the Quakers at Beaver Harbour; address delivered  
 October 27, 1968 on the occasion of the unveiling of the  
 memorial erected by the Charlotte County Historical Society  
 marking the site of the old Quaker burial ground. St.  
 George, N.B.  
 2 leaves 28 cm.

Transcript of manuscript copy made 1974.

Mekeel, Arthur J.

The Quaker-Loyalist migration to New Brunswick and Nova  
 Scotia in 1783.

(In Bulletin of Friends Historical Association. Philadelphia.  
 23 cm. v. 32 (Autumn 1943) p. 65-75)  
 Photocopy.  
 Bibliographical footnotes.

Mekeel, Arthur J.

The Society of Friends (Quakers) and the American Revolution,  
 by J. Mekeel.  
 3 leaves 29 cm.

Photocopy of typescript.  
 Excerpts from an unpublished thesis (Harvard University, 1940)  
 Bibliographical notes: p. 3.

New Brunswick Museum, Saint John. Dept. of Canadian History.  
 Archives Division.

Inventory of manuscripts. St. John, N.B. 1967.  
 154 p. 28 cm.

Cover title.

Foreward signed Lloyd Muir, curator.  
 Manuscripts, excluding maps, 1764 to mid-1965.

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The Pennfield records; a book of records of the transactions and proceedings of the Society of the People called Quakers, who have agreed to settle themselves on the River St. John's in Nova Scotia. Edited by J. Vroom.

(In New Brunswick Historical Society. Collections. Saint John, N.B. 23 cm. no. 4 (1899) p. 73-80.

Photocopy of copy in Moncton Public Library.

"The records cover a period of three years, 1783-1786 with a later entry in 1789".

Pennfield Settlement, Beaver Harbour, N.B.

Petitions to Governor Thomas Carlton, January 15, 1785.  
3 items. 7 sheets 33 cm.

Photocopy of copy in the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick at Fredericton.

Read in Council January 25, 1785.

The petitions deal with the appointment of the person in charge of surveying and drawing of land, and the appointment of a civil magistrate.

Rogers, Timothy, 1756-1828.

{Journal}

Autobiography - journal, letters, etc.  
39 leaves. 29 cm.

Photocopy of typescript.

Abridged transcript of the original in the Quaker Collection at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ont.

Transcriber unknown. Original of Friends House Library copy owned by the Estate of Joseph P. Rogers. Photocopy donated by David P. Rogers in the late 1920's.

Visit to the Maritimes: p. 19-23.

Rogers, Timothy, 1756-1828.

{Journal}

Timothy Rogers, his journal, 1756-1828.

105, 3 leaves. 4 geneal. charts (1 fold.) 28 cm.

Photocopy of transcript.

Transcription made 1966-67 in the office of David P. Rogers (great-great-great grandson of the author)

Original in the Quaker Collection of the University of Western Ontario, London, Ont.

Copy autographed by David P. Rogers presented to Friends House Library, 1974.

Visit 1795 with Joshua Evans to the Maritimes, via Lake Champlain, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, Digby, St. John, Beaver Harbour, Campobello Island, etc.: p. 65-70.

Correspondence 1795-1798 with Nova Scotia Friends  
(chiefly Samuel Moore and Thomas Green): p. 71-81.

Ross, Jack C.

The first Quaker in Newfoundland. Saint John's, Newfoundland, 1974  
8 leaves.

Photocopy of typescript.

Original in the possession of the author.

The author examines the evidence that George Skeffington was the first.

Sands, David, 1745-1818.

Journal of the life and gospel labours of David Sands with extracts from his correspondence. London, Charles Gilpin and Edward Marsh, 1848.

xi, 240 p. 21 cm.

Contains an account of his visit to the Maritimes.

Siebert, Wilbur Henry, 1866-

The exodus of the loyalists from Penobscot and the loyalist settlements at Passamaquoddy.

(In New Brunswick Historical Society. Collections. St. John, N.B.

22 cm. v. 3, #9(1914) p. 485-529. illus. map

Photocopy of copy in Metropolitan Toronto Public Library. Pennfield settlement: p. 512-514.

Stackpole, Edouard A

Whales & destiny: the rivalry between America, France, and Britain for control of the Southern Whale Fishery, 1785-1825. Amherst, Mass., University of Massachusetts Press, c1972.

427 p. illus. ports. facsim. maps. 24 cm.

Bibliographical footnotes.

Includes lists of various vessels, owners, captains, and statistical data.  
autographed copy.

Townsend, John.

Journal from Nantucket to Halifax and to the Island called St. Johns in the Bay of St. Lawrence and back to Nantucket. 1786.

12 leaves. 23 cm.

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Photocopy of manuscript in the collection of the Nantucket Historical Association.

Photocopy gift of Edouard A. Stackpole, director of the Peter Fouldger Museum, Nantucket, Mass.

The author from London, England travelled with Friends from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Vernon/Knight family. Records.

Photocopy of typescript.

4 sheets.

From collection of Mary Eck, Toronto.

Includes wedding certificate of Joshua Knight, Junior, of Pennfield N.B. to Jane Vernon of St. Georges, N.B. 1794.

Wheeler, Daniel, 1771-1840.

Memoirs of the life and gospel labours of the late Daniel Wheeler, a minister of the Society of Friends.

(In Friends Library. Philadelphia. 25 cm. v.7, no. 1-9 (1843) p. 1-341)

"Visits Nova Scotia and Canada" 1839: p. 301-304.

Wright, Esther Clark.

The loyalists of New Brunswick. Selections, Fredericton, N.B., 1955.

9 p. on 4 sheets. 29 cm.

Photocopy of the following extracts of Quaker interest: p. 92-3; 191, 202-203, 210-211, 244-245.

Includes rosters of names.

"Returns of the number of loyalists gone to St. John's River in Nova Scotia as per returns left in the Commissary-General's: p. 244-245.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### CFHA Seeks Old Photographs

One of the important sources of information about Quakers in the past is old photographs. The CFHA would like to obtain negatives or prints of photographs related to Canadian Quaker meetinghouses, customs, clothing, or special events. If any reader has photographs that fit into these categories and is willing to either donate them to the CFHA or loan them to be copied, please write to CFHA, 60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario and include a list of the photographs. Do not send the photographs themselves without receiving instructions about shipping, etc. from CFHA!