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MINUTES OF FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT FRIENDS HOUSE, 60 LOWTHER AVENUE, TORONTO

November (Eleventh Month) 12, 1977

PRESENT: Myra Pollard, Bertha Pollard, Jadwiga Bennich, David Pollard, Dorothy Muma, Patricia Starr, Marguerite Johnson, Wim J. Van Veen, Winifred J. Awmack, Joseph W. Awmack, W. Reginald Smith, Glenn Julian, Carolyn Brownsberger, Dorothy Chapman, F. Willemine Hobbs, Jane V. Zavitz, Grace Pincoe, Kathleen Hertzberg, Elsie Cutler, Hilda Eames, Walter Balderston, Louise Boyd.

REGRETS: Fritz Hertzberg, William E. Britnell.

The Meeting opened with a period of silent worship.

Kathleen Hertzberg presided for the first part of the meeting.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the Fourth Annual Meeting held 13th November, 1976 at the Friends Meeting House Hamilton, were circulated in Newsletter No. 18 December 1976. They were approved as circulated.

2. Arising:

- a. Quaker Burial Grounds. (6/e/1-76)

At the request of the executive Bill Britnell prepared a report on the Quaker Burial Grounds which he has recorded (so far) and his plans for 1978. This was received with appreciation and will be found on page 11.

- b. Indexing and Archival Work. (2/d-76)

We would like to see an application submitted to Canada Manpower for a grant under the Young Canada's Works Program to enable students to be employed indexing at the Quaker Archives at the University of Western Ontario during the Summer 1978. Edward Phelps has already expressed willingness to supervise the work done by the students. Walter Balderston and Kathleen Hertzberg will complete the Canada Works application form.

Approved.

3. Reports:

- a. Treasurer:

Wim Van Veen presented the treasurer's report for the fiscal year November 1st, 1976 to October 31st, 1977. The report which follows shows a balance in the Credit Union Checking Account of \$239.55; in the Credit Union Savings Account of \$553.00; at the Royal Bank of \$206.84 making total assets of \$999.39. The report was accepted subject to audit.

with Mo (Nov 1, 1976) - with Mo (Nov 1, 1977)

3/a

Balance	Credit Union Savings Account	680.01	
	Bank Savings Account	<u>200.78</u>	
		880.79	
<u>Receipts</u>			
	Membership fees	398.00	
	Life Memberships	150.00	
	Sales	28.00	
	Donations	134.50	
	Annual Meeting	59.00	
	Bus Tour	224.50	
	Interest & Exchange	<u>18.47</u>	<u>1,012.47</u> ↓
			1,893.26
<u>Expenditures</u>			
	Newsletter	249.35 ↓	
	Membership	8.00	
	Telephone	23.76 ↓	
	Postage	208.79 ↓	
	Office Supplies	70.67 ↓	
	Photocopying	42.37 ↓	
	Annual Meeting	93.00 ↓	
	Bus Tour	131.75 ↓	
	Charges & Exchange	5.07	
	Sundries	<u>61.11</u>	<u>893.87</u> ↓
			999.39
Balance	Credit Union Savings Account	53.00	
	Bank Savings Account	206.84	
	Credit Union Chequing Account	239.55	
	Term Deposit	<u>500.00</u>	
		<u>999.39</u>	

Treasurer's Report

Except for the number of life memberships, all forms of income have decreased. All forms of expenditures have increased. A summary would therefore have to show some caution. For instance, starting with a work capital of \$206.84 + 239.55 should not make us too confident when postage alone amounts to just over \$200.

This past year we had the pleasure of welcoming three life members. We were also grateful for receiving donations, ranging from \$1.00 to \$45.00, for a total of \$134.50.

Our regular membership income basically stayed the same, and our sales declined by almost a half. The latter experience does not worry me: we're not in the selling business.

Expenditures went up from \$530 to \$760.

Last year I had an additional tangible contribution in the form of the collection of indexes in Newsletter 17. This year it has been limited to research notes for whatever surrounded Hibbert Meeting (Orthodox).

I close with thanks for your trust and with special thanks to Grace Pincoe for her patience.

Bank balances audited and found correct

February 17, 1978.

Stan Gardner

Auditor

Terence McNamee

3. a. (Continued)..

Arising from Treasurer's Report

We agree that the life memberships should continue to be invested and the interest used for current expenses. This will be reviewed from time to time.

We recommend that \$500. of the total of \$550. accumulated life membership fees be invested in a three year term deposit at a fixed interest rate of 9¼% and that the balance of \$50 together with future life membership fees remain in the Credit Union Savings Account.

Approved.

b. Report on Archives

A report from our archivist was not available.

- (1) Custody. The minute of the Executive Committee regarding the custody of Canadian Friends Service Committee archival material was read:

"Grace Pincoe has reported that Canadian Friends Service Committee has been in communication with McMaster University who expressed an interest in Canadian Friends Service Committee archival material. We hope that the Records Committee of Canadian Yearly Meeting will look in to the safekeeping of this archival material.

We feel that all the archival material of Canadian Friends should, where possible, be kept in one place."

- (2) Discussion. The following general points are recorded from the discussion which followed the reading of this minute -

- i. That Canadian Quaker material should continue to remain the property of the Canadian Yearly Meeting.
- ii. That any institution which houses such archival material should be willing to make microfilm of the material.
- iii. That any instituteion which houses such archival material should be willing to index the material.
- iv. That a bibliographic record be prepared showing which and where our records are located.

Approved.

3. c. Report of the Secretary

Grace Pincoe read the secretary's report which follows, which also includes a report on the Newsletter.

(1) Survival after five years. We can congratulate ourselves for surviving our first five years but we better be wary. Communication in an organization which stretches across Canada is extremely difficult, time consuming, and expensive. It is also extremely important and demands tolerance and flexibility. There are no hard and fast job lines. We do a job as need arises and get help wherever we can. Headquarters in Friends House where many people come makes opportunities for communication and help. Toronto members communicate frequently by telephone and in person. We have no recording secretary but find it convenient to appoint one for the day from those present.

(2) Executive Meetings. The Executive has met twice since last annual meeting. In London, Saturday February 26, 1977 at the home of our chairman Walter Balderston when we planned the annual historical bus tour, and in Toronto Tuesday September 27- at Friends House when we planned the annual meeting. Other concerns and business were discussed too.

(3) Letters of Inquiry.

A large number of inquiries ^{come} in, both in person and by letter. The majority of these are genea' gical in nature. These would create an impossible backlog, it not for the time, personal files and expertise of Bill Britnell, genealogical member of the Historical Research Committee, whom we thank warmly. (See his report in this issue Page 10). We are grateful for the work of Elsie Cutler of the C.Y.M. Records Committee who for many, many years has been answering inquiries which ^{come} into the Quaker Archives at the University of Western Ontario. The other inquiries centre on Quaker history involving Canada and come from high school and university students, graduate students, researchers, museums, etc. Topics include Quaker migrations, Travellers in the ministry, education, and "Testimonies". Our speaker ~~this~~ afternoon, Tom Socknat, spent time over a period of two years researching in Friends House Library for material for his forthcoming book on pacifist traditions in Canada.

(4) Canadian Quaker History Newsletter

Readers should note that I have used in the heading above our correct bibliographical name as used in Canadiana and other standard bibliographical works, instead of referring to it as "The Newsletter". Now we are five years old and up to our twenty-first issue this standard way of quoting our title and also using our International Standard Serial Number on occasion, is suitable, and

helpful as well as efficient.

Since the last annual meeting we have published three issues.

- i) Number 18 (Twelfth Month, 1976) Annual Meeting Issue contained the reports of our Fourth Annual Meeting in Hamilton, at Friends Meeting House, when Richard Rempel was the speaker at the afternoon session on the Quaker Renaissance, 1885-1914".
- ii) Number 19 (Third Month, 1977) Adam Spencer issue. "Diary" (reminiscences) of the noted Conservative Quaker who died 1889. Transcribed from photocopy of the Norwich Gazette by Marguerite Johnson. Sources and information supplied by Carson Bushell.
- iii) Number 20 (Sixth Month, 1977) Pickering/Uxbridge Issue. Background material in preparation for the Annual Quaker Historical Pilgrimage at Canadian Yearly Meeting time. Contains "Pickering College", by Jane Zavitz. - "Outline of History of Quakerism in Pickering", by Kathleen Hertzberg. - Three Quaker Cemeteries in the Pickering/Uxbridge Area", by William E. Britnell. The maps are by Stan and Eileen Gardiner.

We regret to report that Jadwiga Bennich laid down the editorship of the newsletter in September. We thank her for her fine work and are happy to report that she will remain on the executive.

(5) Annual Quaker Pilgrimage - Pickering/Uxbridge, 1977

Last issue gave you the historical background, now turn to Margaret McGruther's story (in this issue) of our seventy mile bus jaunt during Yearly Meeting at Pickering College into the beautiful back country our predecessors settled.

(6) Conferences, Workshops, etc.

These interchanges are very important and most enjoyable I would like to see more of us attend them. You get to know the Quaker sources and people in different parts of the country, and my goodness, how these people get around! In 1977 I attended three.

- i) Willard Heiss's Quaker Genealogical Workshop,
June 23-24, 1977, Richmond, Indiana (Friends
Conference Centre.)

This I followed with four or five days browsing in Earlham College Quaker Collection, and the Indiana Yearly Meeting (Orthodox) Records Collection. No one should miss attending one of Willard Heiss's Workshops. He had with him the largest collection of resource material - slides, photocopied indexes, manuscripts,

printed matter - I have ever seen. His slide lecture on Quaker migrations was worth the trip alone. My notes on this trip indicate many items outstanding to me, but there was insufficient time to make a balanced list. They may be seen in Friends House Library.

- ii) Basic Introduction to Oral History, October 25th, 1977 presented by Toronto Area Archivists Group at the McLaughlin Planetarium, Toronto. Excellent resource people from Ottawa and Metro area presented the technical aspects, as well as warned us of threats to historical accuracy in the use of this new medium. The meeting was quite lively. The sessions on techniques of interviewing was extremely useful. The bibliographies and handouts supplied are very current. Support the young Canadian Oral History Association which this meeting introduced to Toronto. There is a very great need for expertise in this area among Quakers and we should be aware of the hazards and benefits to be enjoyed.
- iii) Making and Using Quaker Records, October 28-29, 1977 Powell House, Old Chatham, N.Y. (near Albany) This conference was organized by New York Yearly Meeting Records Committee. It was primarily aimed at Monthly Meeting people in charge of Records but Friends from New England Yearly Meeting and Canadian Yearly Meeting were also invited. The group included seven members of the Canadian Friends Historical Association - three of us from Canada. Marguerite Johnson and I from Toronto (members of the Canadian Yearly Meeting Records Committee) and Joe Awmack from Victoria, B.C. Monthly Meeting. It was a happy occasion and so valuable to talk again to Willard Heiss from Indianapolis, Francis Holmes of the New England Quaker Research Library at Mt Toby, Mass., to Catherine and Mary Cook from the New York Meeting Record Room, and to Elizabeth Moger, who has just recently gone on the staff there to succeed Mary Cook on her retirement, see "Spark"; New York Yearly Meeting News, v.8#4, Sep. 1977, p.1, 3. (includes photo of Mary Cook in the Records Room) Ibid., v8#5, Nov 1977, p.1. Having benefited so much from the work of Thyra Jane Foster (via Ralph Green) in the area of early Quakers in the Maritimes, it was great to meet her in person. We also picked up her recently published inventory of New England Quaker records, a copy of which is in Friends House Library. The migrations back and forth across the border make knowledge of American records of great importance to Canadians. An extra bonus which a trip to Powell House offers is a beautiful walk to the nearby Shaker Museum and Research Library, which is also a good source of Shaker publications, a sect which as one of Historic Peace Churches, Quakers have more than a passing interest in.

(7) Acknowledgements

We are indebted to many people - so many we cannot mention them all here. This year we want to mention the people whose contribution tends to go unnoticed, but who have been a strong support. We hope all the others have been mentioned in connection with their particular activity. We don't want to miss anyone. Here are our acknowledgements up to tonight!

First of all, we are grateful to Toronto Monthly Meeting for allowing us to use Friends House for our headquarters, with all its attendant advantages. Chief among them is the staff; five of them are members of our Association. Our Association would probably never have existed were it not for the wisdom and long time experience in Quaker circles, national and international of Dorothy Muma, Secretary of both the Canadian Yearly Meeting and the Toronto Monthly Meeting. She started us off right as our first treasurer. Next comes the Resident Friend, Gini Smith with her outgoing friendliness, her interest in people who finds us quiet spots on occasion for concentration, and is generally concerned for our well-being. Arthur Clayton, Assistant Resident Friend is really special. He is a long-time member of Norwich Monthly Meeting with a phenomenal memory and knowledge of Quaker events and people, past and present. He has travelled widely on Quaker visits North America, England, Costa Rica, and Australia and New Zealand. His repertoire of humorous Quaker stories is inexhaustible. I have very seldom seen him stuck on a Quaker name. He is ready at a moment's notice to jump cheerfully into a big mailing job for someone, or to whittle a new handle for the library hammer. Lastly, we thank Ruth Morris and the Canadian Friends Service Committee staff for their generosity in making available to our helpers their typewriters and sharing their expertise with tricky machines.

The other helpful resource provided at Friends House is the Elizabeth Fry Sisterhood, which has been meeting regularly since World War I, knitting and sewing for those needing their products. Five of them are members of the Association. They are excellent sources of Quaker historical information and supportive in our work as well.

Margaret Pennington complements Arthur Clayton's knowledge of Norwich Conservative Friends History with her knowledge of the Orthodox branch in the same area. She transferred her membership to Toronto Monthly Meeting in 1910. Several years ago she wrote a short account of her life which includes interesting material on the history of Toronto Monthly Meeting. Mary Eck has been indexing early printed Yearly Meeting Minutes for names, concentrating on the Genesee (Hicksite) branch. She has added some 2000 cards to our name index. Erica Bracke has transcribed the Yearly Meeting 1896 part of the Nicholson girls diary "Six Months in Canada" and has now completed a considerable part of

Frederick Clarke's Journal (from the Mariposa) area, 1855-1867. Only two years remain to be done. We thank Pat Starr for all the hard work she did during the year - indexing, transcribing, and especially the work on the building of the Maitland Street Meeting House and the work on the China Convoy Reunion. Also Louise Boyd, for taking registrations at the Annual Meeting.

We owe a very special expression for the "Friendly" group who provided and/or served the food for the day. Perhaps our minds should be on higher things, but the quality of the food and the concern showed by those serving it that we should all enjoy ourselves added up to a memorable experience. The group consisted of Ruth Pincoe, assisted by Erica Brache, Suzanne Reid, Angela Baptiste, May Jolliffe, Dorothy Muma and Dorothy Chapman. Reg Smith took the China Convoy Group home to supper.

3/d Report of the Membership Secretary

Grace Pincoe presented the membership report.

(1) Analysis

PERSONAL

Type

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
General	66	59
Senior Citizens	32	28
Student	1	1
Life	12	9
Honorary	4	4
Complimentary and ex-officio	5	4

TOTAL	120	105
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CORPORATE

Type

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
Quaker Meetings	6	8
Libraries, Archives, 11		10
Societies		
Exchange	2	2
Complimentary	5	-

TOTAL	24	20
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S U M M A R Y

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
Personal	120	105
Corporate	24	20
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TOTAL	144	125
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(2) Comments on the figures

We are pleased to see an increase in membership of 19; the previous year the increase was 14.

Some other comments on the figures may be interesting and useful. Approximately half our membership are senior citizens and are very interested. This year we dropped mailing to one member. Several valued older members have been transferred to complimentary mailing. You will notice we introduced a complimentary item to the "corporate sector" in 1977. These are Quaker and historical periodicals or newspapers, or institutions which should receive our material, and have not yet joined. It is a form of advertising.

Do not be misled by the various types of Membership in the list. We have more categories than fee amounts. In the interests of simple bookkeeping we have only three fee rates: Life \$50; Senior Citizens and Students, \$2; all others including families and organizations pay \$5. In 1978, with soaring prices (especially postage and paper) we will be faced with the decision of raising fees or cutting benefits - size or frequency of issues. In the meantime we hope members and Friends will be generous in their donations.

(3) Quaker composition

About one third of our personal members - about 40 - are members of a Quaker Meeting; a few more are regular attenders. Most of the remaining two thirds have Quaker roots and value their Quaker background. In many cases the family has moved to a distance from a meeting, they have married out and now have other religious affiliations. Some belong to our association because of a strong interest in history, demographic studies, genealogy, or special areas such as Quaker education, or our social testimonies; some perhaps because of our field trips, or simply because they like us! We have a special welcome for these and would like to hear from you. It is strange that the 1063 members of the Society of Friends in Canada has not produced more people with an active interest in Canadian Quaker history. Quaker Meetings in Canada reflect the same lukewarm interest in our association as the general membership. However given the high priority given to action in the area of social concerns by the average Meeting, and the relative smallness of meetings outside Toronto, it is very understandable considering other demands on their time and money. Yet we are unhappy that out of the 20 Monthly Meetings in Canada today, only 6 hold corporate membership in our Association. However in half of those 20 someone has a personal membership so there is a channel of communication. Our only source of revenue is fees and donations. Besides the 20 Monthly Meetings there are 5 Preparative Meetings, which are attached to a Monthly Meeting, 2 Executive Meetings, which hold property and meet infrequently, and 7 Worship Groups which meet informally. Four persons belonging to this type of Meeting hold personal membership.

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(4) Distant Corporate Members.

We value our distant members to which our Canadian Quaker History Newsletter travels. To Friends House Library, in London, England; to Yale University in the U.S. as well as 3 Quaker Colleges with good Quaker collections - Swarthmore and Haverford near Philadelphia; New York Yearly Meeting Archives in New York City; the New England Quaker Research Library at Mt Toby; and in the West the State Historical Society of Indiana at Indianapolis, and the Public Library of Fort Wayne in Wisconsin.

(5) Deaths

We regret to report here two deaths: the first a member of our Association and the second a member of Yonge Street Meeting.

i) CAROLYN M. MANN

Carolyn Mann, one of the early members to join our Association died September 30th, 1977.

She was descended from early settlers in York County and took a lively interest in local history. A long-time member of the York Pioneer and Historical Society, she served as editor of their annual publication, The York Pioneer for several years and also worked on the Sharon Temple Museum Committee. She was descended from Hugh Willson, a half-brother of David Willson, the leader of the 'Children of Peace' who built the "Temple".* Her interest in her own background led to her joining the Ontario Genealogical Society and the compilation of a mass of information on her family history, which included the Titus family and the Willson family. We will miss her for her ready information to our questions on pioneer social customs and her American Quaker ancestors.

* For further information on this 1812 Separation, the first in the Society of Friends in Canada, see Dorland, A.G. Quakers in Canada, Toronto, 1968. pages 104-111.

ii) GILBERT JONES DOANE, 1886-1977

We regret to report the death of Gilbert Doane in hospital at Ottawa on Sunday, September 18, 1977. Though not a member of the Canadian Friends Historical Association he was for many years a member of the York Pioneer and Historical Society. At the time of his death he was still a member of the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends, although he had lived in Ottawa for some years. After a private funeral in Ottawa, it was fitting that he should be buried in the Yonge Street Friends Burying Ground just north of the farm where he lived in his younger days. He was the husband of the late Mercy Hunter, father of Nancy (Mrs.C.E.)

Heggtveit, Ottawa, and grandfather of Gilbert, Becky and Abby. He will be well remembered for his book, privately published in Ottawa, in 1961, "The Ebenezer Doane Family: supplement to A.A. Doane's Genealogy of Deacon John Jones and his descendants, published in 1902". A copy of this book, gift of the author is in Friends House Library, Toronto. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

(6) Discussion of Membership Report

We encourage more individuals and Quaker Meetings across Canada to join the Canadian Friends Historical Association. The secretary will bring this concern to the attention of Friends Meetings.

Approved.

3/e Historical Research Committee (Genealogical)

Bill Britnell was not able to be present to give the two reports he had been asked to give to this meeting. They were received with thanks and are as follows:

(1) Quaker Cemeteries in the Province of Ontario
by William E. Britnell - (Ref.2/a)

i) Those Cemeteries which I have Recorded (so far)

1. Friends' Cemetery (Orthodox), Yonge Street, Newmarket.
(218 gravestones)
2. Friends' Cemetery (Hicksite), Yonge Street at Armitage
South of Newmarket. (61 gravestones).
3. Friends' Cemetery, Pine Orchard (Hicksite).
(544 gravestones) (Still being used, but no longer
a Friends' Cemetery.
4. Friends' Cemetery (Orthodox), Mill Street, Pickering
(223 gravestones)
5. Friends' Cemetery (Hicksite), between Pickering and
Whitby. (105 gravestones)
6. Friends' Cemetery (Hicksite), Schomberg
(Copied older gravestones only - no longer being
used as a Friends' Cemetery) (138 gravestones)
7. Friends' Cemetery (Orthodox), Dunkerron
(78 gravestones)
8. Friends' Cemetery (Orthodox), Mariposa
(87 gravestones)
9. Pioneer Friends' Cemetery, Quaker Street, Norwich
(100 gravestones)

10. Friends' Cemetery, Pelham (Hicksite)
(120 gravestones)

11. Pelham Evangelical Friends Cemetery (Orthodox)
(328 gravestones)

ii) Plans for 1978:

- Sparta
- Other Friends' Cemeteries at Norwich
- Several Friends' Cemeteries in Prince Edward County and area.

3/e/(2) Report on Queries of a Genealogical Nature Answered for CFHA so far to date. WILLIAM E. BRITNELL (Ref.3/c/3)

<u>Inquirer</u>	<u>Date of Query</u>	<u>Date of Reply.</u>	<u>Follow-up Correspondence</u>	<u>Name Searched</u>
BERGEN, Gary	1975.6.6	1977.4.17	Yes	* Bergen
SMITH, Eugene C.	1975.3	1977.4.17		Smith
DOAN, Harold	1976.6.19	1977.2.20	Yes	Dcan
NEWMAN, Mrs. J.	1976.2	1977.2.20		Brewer
DeLONG, Mrs. H.T.	1976.4.20	1977.3.13	Yes	DeLONG
HUNT, Mrs. G.J.	1976.1.31	1977.2.20	Yes	* Mustard
M'GONIGLE, R.H.	1977.1.25	1977.	Yes	Richardson, Fothergill.
ARMSTRONG, Mrs. H.K.	1977.1.14	1977.1.25	Yes	Knight
LUNDY, Mrs. Kay	1976.7.11	1977.1.3		Lundy
JOHNSTONE, Mrs. Pearl	1976.11.16	1977.1.3		*Thew, Weatherhog
MAJOR, Mrs. Margaret	1976.9.30	1976.12.11	Yes	Rogers
HARPER, Mrs. Doris	1976.7	Yes	Penrose
WRIGHT, Douglas Slater	1976.8.8	1977.1.9	Yes	Brewer

Large backlog of queries from earlier years still waiting...will work on these during winter of 1977/78.

* Non-Quaker

3/f Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Kathleen Hertzberg presented the slate of nominations for 1978, as follows:

Honorary Chairman	- Arthur Dorland
Chairman	- Walter Balderston
1st Vice Chairman	- Kathleen Hertzberg
2nd Vice Chairman	- Jadwiga Bennich
Treasurer	- Wim Van Veen
Secretary	- Grace Pincoe
Membership Secretary	- Marguerite Johnson
Editor of Newsletter	- Grace Pincoe
Convener of Publications	
Archivist	- Edward Phelps

Liaison with Canadian Yearly Meeting Records Committee	-	Elsie Cutler
Historical Research Committee	-	Wim Van Veen
	-	Thomas Socknat (Subject to Consent)
	-	Jane V. Zavitz
	-	William E. Britnell (Genealogy)
	-	Pat Starr (Genealogy)
Nominating Committee	-	Mary Eck
	-	Marguerite Johnson
Members-at-Large	-	Margaret McGruther
	-	Hilda Eames

The Nominations were approved as presented.

4. Arrival of Chairman

Due to a long delay in arrival of his train, Walter Balderston could not be present for the foregoing part of the meeting. At this point he "took over the chair" from Kathleen Hertzberg.

5. New Business

The following new items of business were referred to the executive, due to the lateness of the hour:

- 1) Cost of Newsletter
- 2) Revision of fee schedule.

6. Adjournment The Annual Business Meeting 1977 adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

7. 12:30 - 2:00 C.F.H.A. Lunch catered by Ruth Pincoe and a group from Friends House.

8. 2:00 - 4:30 PROGRAMME OF FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE C.F.H.A.

REUNION OF THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT OF THE FAU

CHINA CONVOY

Chairman: Reg Smith

Speaker: Tom Socknat

Under the chairmanship of Reg Smith (himself an old "China Hand") the twenty-one lined up amidst the impressive photographic equipment and had their picture taken by Bruce Dienes. Unfortunately, Russell Beck is missing from this photo having arrived just too late to get into it - the weather being pretty bad down London way. After being greeted by Ruth Morris, the present co-ordinator of Canadian Friends Service Committee, the audience of some seventy people listened to the well researched address by Tom Socknat. This was at once memory-provoking and thought provoking, as seen from the point of view of a young researcher thirty years after. The title of the lecture was "The Story of the Canadian Contribution to the Friends Ambulance Unit (China Convoy)", and it is commented on in Reg Smith's article which follows. The lecture was followed by contributions of amusing stories by various members of the unit: Ed Abbott, Albert Dorland, Bob McClure, and others. Tea time gave a chance to meet and talk to the members individually and to look at photos, books, maps and other memorabilia. After the programme ended and we regretfully departed, the China Group

went on to Reg Smith's house where they had supper and spent the evening catching up with all that had happened to each other in the intervening years.

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- * Copies of the glossy 7½" X 9½" photo are available from Grace Pincoe, 60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5R 1C7, for \$2.50 plus 50 cents handling.
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REUNION OF THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT OF THE FAU CHINA CONVOY, NOV. 12, 1977
Review and Comments by Reg Smith

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About the Author. Reg Smith joined the Unit in England in 1939. Served with the Unit in China 1942-1945. In China he worked chiefly on the allocation of drugs to various hospitals, dispensaries, etc. in Free China. In 1945 he was seconded from the FAU to the International Relief Committee. Worked for the I.R.C. till the end of 1946, when he returned to England by way of Canada where he met Margaret. Returned to Canada in 1948 to marry her. Living in Toronto and especially serving as Resident Friend for some years greatly facilitated his keeping in touch with FAU affairs and members.
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For its Annual Meeting this year, The Canadian Friends Historical Association invited Tom Socknat, a Ph.D. candidate, Department of History, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, to address its afternoon session on "The Story of the Canadian Friends Contribution to the FAU China Convoy". This story will be a section of his thesis, "Pacifist Traditions in Canada". This Annual Meeting made it possible for the former members of the Friends Ambulance Unit China Convoy to meet again, and for some, it was the first time in more than thirty years. Thus it was, that the members of the Historical Association actually met in person, some of those who made the history of which Tom Socknat spoke.

In the days when I was in China, the Amulance Unit sent a monthly Newsletter to the parents of its members. I remember receiving a letter from my mother in which she commented about the Newsletter, saying, "I am always reading about what Bob McClure is doing, why is there no mention of your name and what you are doing?" Parents feel proud when they see their youngster's name in print. So that none of the sons or daughters of the ex-FAUers present at the Historical Association's meeting shall say, your name was not mentioned, I shall mention the name of every ex-member who was there.

Fred Haslam was there. Fred was recently awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal. He still keeps active with Friends. Bob McClure had arrived back in Toronto only a few days earlier from Zaire. It was good to see him and Amy again. Have you read the recent book about him, "McClure, the China Years", by Munroe Scott? It is very good reading, a lot of it is about the China Convoy. Joe Awmack and his wife Winifred were present; they came all the way from Victoria, B.C. Joe has retired recently. Doug McMurtry came from Winnipeg. Russell Beck and Marguerite came from London, Ontario, and Tony and Jean Stickings from Port Elgin. It was very stormy in Western

Ontario that day and it was very hard driving. Al Dorland and his wife, Lili, came from Carp, near Ottawa; George and Peggy Wright, and Frank Miles and his wife Pat came in from Burlington. Ed and Vivien Abbott were there, and also Wes Brown and his wife Tris. Jack and Elizabeth (File) Gerson who were both with the F.S.U. came too. Bert King, also F.S.U. came with his wife Irmgard. Elmer and Hattie Hobbs came and so did Gordie and Janet Keith; they came from near Barrie. Jack and Inge Dodds came from Streetsville. Stan Outhouse came alone and so did Kathleen Savan (nee Green) and of course Reg and Margaret Smith. Helen Mitchell and Nina Yeomans were there too. Helen and her husband Bjll were in Kweiyang in 1941/2 when the Unit first arrived there. Nina Yeomans was in Shanghai in 1946/7 and was Al Dorland's secretary when he was working for the Canadian Red Cross.

Regrets for not being able to be present were received from Arthur and Terry Dorland, and from Verdine Mjolsness ("Birdsnest"). Russell McArthur sent us a long letter telling of his many activities since his China days, and expressing a strong desire for news of what others are doing. Andy Braid's daughter living close by on St George Street, regretted on her father's behalf and gave us his address in the Philippines. Francis Starr wrote giving us his apologies, but told us he was going instead to a nudist beach in Florida.

Tom Socknat, reminded us that it was most appropriate that this reunion and this meeting was taking place on Armistice weekend. In the years between the two World Wars it had been the custom of Canadian pacifists to reaffirm their belief in peace and nonviolence on Armistice Day.

In doing his research for his paper Tom Socknat met with many old FAU ~~members~~ and his account was a reflection of their experiences in China. Some of the stories are known: about poverty, disease and corruption; the escape from Burma, of trucks and garages and the shortage of gas; of medical supplies being transported and medical teams functioning in temples. He got a bit mixed up when he told his audience that for pocket money the FAU members got \$5.00 each week. It was \$5.00 each month!

I think one aspect of the story that Tom Socknat highlighted was the very real difficulty experienced in financing the Ambulance Unit in China. It remained the Unit's problem throughout. There was never a lack of volunteers, but to fund them was a problem. Behind the whole project were the efforts and prayers of such groups as the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Society of Friends, and the Conference of Historic Peace Churches. The story of how with faith, patience and perseverance a small group of devoted persons pursued all avenues until the dream of sending a Canadian Contingent to the FAU in China became a reality, is a very moving one.

It was the Canadian Friends Service Committee with Arthur Dorland as Chairman, Fred Haslam as the General Secretary, together with Kathleen Green (later Savan) as Fred's secretary, who worked very hard to organize the twenty who formed the Canadian Contingent that eventually joined the FAU in China. They corresponded with Ottawa, London, Philadelphia and China, and received the applications from prospective volunteers. Fred communicated with the Chinese War Relief Fund and the Canadian Red Cross to enlist their support in sending a group of young conscientious objectors to China. The catalyst however, was Bob McClure who arrived in Canada in the spring of 1944. Bob had been with the FAU in China for the past two and a half years, and was able

to speak to groups and individuals and thus publicized the work of the Unit. This publicity brought forward funds that were necessary to finance volunteers for the FAU. There was the promise of half a million dollars from the Chinese War Relief Fund, which gave tremendous encouragement, but was actually never received by the Canadian Friends Service Committee, though this money was sent to Chungking. The Canadian Red Cross outfitted every Canadian member who went to China, and provided medical supplies for their work in that country. Fred Haslam estimates the Red Cross contribution was valued at \$250,000 - \$300,000.

The next hurdle to overcome was getting government permission for the Contingent to leave the country and travel to China. Here again Bob McClure was of great help. Through his contacts with government and the Chinese Embassy Bob was able to help the C.F.S.C. negotiate for the Canadian Contingent to go to China. The first team left Toronto, October 1944. Over in China the Canadian Contingent, while maintaining separate funding, and its distinctive Canadian Red Cross Uniform, melded with the Unit's members from other countries, in the work they did, in the places they lived, and in the risks they took.

Tom Socknat's descriptions refreshed memories and after he had finished his presentation, many members told stories. Some amusing, some tragic, and some of places people had been to. To give a feeling of what the reminiscing was like I will quote two stories which Tom Socknat included taken from circular letters home. One such letter revealed the initial reaction of a young Canadian to China.

"This is a wonderful country; there are contrasts on every side: here is an ox-cart squealing along on wheels that are all but crumpled; there is a new American truck being rattled apart on roads more suited to the ox-cart; here is a string of Chinese horses of a size of children's ponies, loaded with lumps of salt tied to a wooden saddle; everywhere are coolies, with loads on poles, pails of water, bags of rice, bundles of charcoal, baskets of pottery. Everywhere there are children of every size. From before daylight to after dark the streets are crowded with people"

Francis Starrprovided a colourful glimpse of convoy life in the following passage:

"My enthusiasm for life on the road has not abated since my last letters, and eating in a 'fan dien' is still an adventure. The simple act of going to bed is also much more interesting than I experienced at home. I have a removable platform over the open compartment of the truck, right behind the cab. It is there I roll out my bed. For safety's sake we always try to park in a town for the night, and a foreigner going to bed on top of a truck presents about as good a sideshow as many of the people in town have seen. According to the laughs I get, I feel sure they think it is very funny indeed to see me take off one pair of pants and put on another just before going to bed."

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It was a very happy occasion and I thank the Canadian Friends Historical Association and Grace Pincoe in particular, for arranging a program so that the old FAU China hands could have a Reunion.

"When China lies far behind you
And you've sailed across the sea
What will you have to remind you?"

.....Duncan Wood*

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We had a lot of memories that day.

* Quoted from the author's 'Memorandum from Personnel Officer to Gerald Richards' page 7 of "China Convoy Anthology", ed. by Rhoads Murphey.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For those who would like to read the full text of Tom Socknat's address there is as yet nothing available. However, he expects in the near future to publish an article embodying the material. As soon as that appears he will send us a copy as well as a revised version of the tape made for him at the meeting. We will report on this in the News and Notes section of our next issue of Canadian Quaker History Newsletter. The library has a tape made for us at the time which conveys some of the excitement of the event but has audibility defects, particularly in the "story-telling" part. Pat Starr made a transcript of this which is useful for reference but of limited usefulness. It may be read or listened to in the library, but no notes or copies made. In the meantime we are including below, our "Address List for the Reunion", and a "Bibliography of Items Relating to the China Convoy", all but three of which are in the library. Those three are of course, out of print. Anyone who can locate a copy (or who would like to donate us one) please let us know.

If you have any further questions or comments, please write to us. Perhaps Reg Smith or I can answer them.

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Davies, A. Tegla

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494 p. illus. front. (port.) maps. 22cm.

Dorland, Arthur Garratt

Quakers in Canada; a history. Toronto, Canadian Yearly Meeting Society of Friends, c1968.

360 p. illus. 22 cm.

The author who was Chairman of the Canadian Friends Service Committee during the time of F.A.U. activity, and had two sons attached to the Unit, devotes pages 333-337 to the China Convoy.

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Brian Livesey, Registrar.

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The author was General Secretary of the Canadian Friends Service Committee throughout the FAU China Convoy events. (See especially p.61-63)

* Morris, David ("Cloddy")

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202 p. illus. 19 cm.

* Morris, David ("Cloddy")

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202 p. 21 cm.

** Murphey, Rhoads, ed.

A China Convoy anthology. Dedicated to Duncan Wood who is at the foot of this volume and of the little world it represents. Chungking, 1945.

103 p. illus. 18 cm. photocopy.

Photocopied from copy owned by Kathleen (Green) Savan for the FAU Reunion held November 12, 1977, in connection with the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association.

Consists of verse, songs, and a play written by members of the Unit.

List of members up to December 1945: p. 97-103.

Group photo by Bruce Dienes of members present at the Reunion

(7½" X 9½" glossy) inserted at front. Key to photo included.

Scott, Munroe

McClure: the China years of Dr. Bob McClure; a biography by Munroe Scott. Toronto, Canec Publishing and Supply House, 1977.
409 p. front. (port.) 24 cm.

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* Townsend, Peter

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* Not in library yet. We are hunting for second hand copy. Out of print.

** Name given as in editor's note page 2. F.A.U. Register 1975 gives his name as William Rhoads Murphy (spelled without the "e")

ADDRESS LIST

FRIENDS AMBULANCE UNIT, CANADIAN CONTINGENT, CHINA CONVOY REUNION,

FRIENDS HOUSE, TORONTO, November 12, 1977

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++ A Fellowship of Reconciliation person who gave notable service at home.
(Not to be confused with James Malcolm Finlay, also a United Church
Clergyman).

PICKERING - UXBRIDGE AREA TOUR

Canadian Friends Historical Association

August 18, 1977

By Margaret McGruther*

Forty-seven participants in the sixth annual historical bus tour set out from Pickering College, Newmarket, in a large yellow school bus to explore Quaker sites and cemeteries in the Pickering-Uxbridge area. Some were Ontario Friends, some were Friends from other provinces, and some were non-Friends interested in the history of the area.

Grace Pincoe used an electric megaphone to call the roll and explain the plans for the afternoon. At first the megaphone would only squawk and someone suggested that Grace's voice was in very poor shape, but the technical difficulties were soon overcome, and all of our guides used the megaphone to good advantage.

As we set out in an easterly direction from Newmarket, Elma Starr told us that this was Starr country and pointed out a number of places where Starr homes had been built. We turned southward on Woodbine Avenue and Elma pointed out her own home, and soon after that someone pointed out the home of the driver, who was introduced to us as Woody Wilson. Two weeks ago a tornado had uprooted trees in that area.

We neared Pickering, and Alaine Hawkins showed us the area set aside by the government for a new Toronto international airport, a project that has so far been successfully opposed by the local residents. We also saw from the distance the Pickering nuclear generator run by Ontario Hydro.

Alaine continued as guide through this area. After we had passed Finch Avenue where the Hertzbergs live, she pointed out Duffin's Creek where Timothy Rogers had built a mill, and soon after that we turned into a narrow lane overshadowed by trees, which leads to the site of the old Pickering College. The bus seemed to take up the whole lane so that when we came face-to-face with a car driven by Kathleen Hertzberg, it looked like an impasse. Somehow, by skillful manoeuvring, they managed to squeeze past, and we reached a clearing. On the right-hand side of the road was an eye-catching watergarden. At one end was a stone well. The central rectangular area was sunken and had contained a rectangular pond. At each end were three or four steps down to the pond level, made of stone to match the well. The garden had a neglected air about it, though someone had recently cut the grass. On the left-hand side of the road was an old red brick building which had obviously at one time been part of the College, and further on, at the end of the road, was a modern but dilapidated farmhouse and sheds. By the steps of the farmhouse a beautiful brown Doberman Pinscher strained at his leash and barked and howled his frustration at not being able to chase this unwelcome crew from his domain.

* Margaret McGruther originally from England was a member of Montreal Monthly Meeting for a few years. She is now an active member of Calgary Monthly Meeting where she has been clerk as well as serving on several Yearly Meeting committees.

Jane Zavitz told us that the old red brick building had once been the gymnasium of the school, but that it was deteriorating rapidly, and warned us that it would not be safe to venture inside. Bill Thurlow was not to be deterred. He climbed in through the porch and, looking out of an upstairs window, announced that the building was beautiful inside. The rest of us took Bill's word for it. It seems that the land and building is owned now by a developer. We all hoped that some way will be found to save the old building and restore it. Jane told us that the main school building had probably stood on the far side of the gym or behind it. (We were standing near the road). She gave us a short history of Pickering College. We wandered around trying to imagine where the other building had stood, and admiring the view of rolling hills.

Next we drove back a short distance to the red-brick building which had been the Yearly Meeting Centre for Orthodox and later Conservative Friends. Now it is a Masonic Lodge. Here we were met by two brothers, Cyril and Lesley Morley, of the Masons who graciously invited us inside to look around. We went from the vestibule into the room on the right-hand side, which is now used by the Masons for their ceremonies, and was decorated with their regalia. In the centre of the carpeted floor stood a small altar on which was a copy of the Bible. Around the altar, and about the same height as the altar, stood three carved wooden pillars. The Ionic stood for wisdom, the Doric for strength, and the Corinthian for beauty.

The Masons gave us a little talk about the history of the building and some information about Masonry, much to the dismay of the tour organizers because we were pressed for time. Elma Starr told us about the building as she remembered it, and said that it was here that she had met her husband Elmer Starr. At one time the building had been gutted by lightning, but it had been restored. We admired the solid brick walls, the chestnut benches that had been used by the Quakers and are still used by the Masons, and the polished maple floor in the left-hand room where it was not covered by carpet. The wide doorway, which had once existed between the two rooms had been replaced by a solid wall. The left-hand room is now used for meetings of the Eastern Star and as a banquet room. A kitchen had been added along the left-hand side of the centre wall.

From the meeting house we crossed the street to the well-groomed Friends' cemetery surrounded by its black metal railing fence. Some of the company went ancestor-hunting while the rest of us walked around reading the tombstones. On one side of the Friends' cemetery, but outside the fence, the tombstones from a small unfenced pioneer cemetery had been placed around a mound of earth as a temporary preservation measure.

The next stop was the site of the Hicksite Meetinghouse and the graveyard. Like the other meetinghouse, the Hicksite Meetinghouse had been struck by lightning and destroyed. It was not replaced. Kathleen Hertzberg told us that lightning is still a very real danger in that area. The graveyard is hidden from the road by a boarding kennel which now stands on the site of the Meetinghouse and bears a sign warning passers-by to beware of the Doberman. We did not see the guard dog as we walked through the grassy right-of-way alongside the kennel to the graveyard. In the graveyard Elsie Cutler found a stone commemorating her great-great-grandmother, and Chester Brown found the gravestones of his grandfather, David Brown, and other relatives. We returned to the bus and our driver, who seemed to find his own amusement in the

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proceedings, wondered whether we had left any of the Quakers in the cemetery.

From there it was a fairly long drive, about 18 miles, to Uxbridge. As we drove into a heavily-wooded area, Kathleen Hertzberg said that we were entering the Uxbridge Hills, which are the watershed for Toronto. Closer to Uxbridge, in gently rolling country, we admired orchards and cornfields. As we travelled we looked at books about the history of the area and its earlier inhabitants.

The bus pulled in on the grounds of the Uxbridge Meetinghouse which had been used by Orthodox Friends, and had, within the last few years, been granted status as a historical site by the Ontario government. The walls were painted grey. We noticed the difference in design between this smaller Meetinghouse and the other we had seen, and wondered if it had ever had a partition across the middle. Bill Thurlow satisfied our curiosity by climbing a ladder on the wall at the front of the hall to peer into the attic. He reported that nothing was to be seen but beams. We went outside on the grass under the large maple trees and read the historical placard, after which Kathleen introduced Mr. Ewing from the Community Board of Trustees which maintains the building and arranges to hold a community ecumenical service in it once a year. It is no longer used as a Friends' Meetinghouse. Kathleen told us something about the history of the Meetinghouse and the work that was entailed in getting historical site status.

By now it was getting late, but we walked across the road to the Quaker Hill cemetery and looked around quickly. On our return to the bus, Russell Zavitz counted to make sure none of his charges were left in the cemetery. Continuing up the road we passed a gaily-painted barn with the words "Quaker Hill" in big letters. The bus took us to the Scott-Uxbridge Historical Association "Old Quaker School Museum", however as the buildings were all closed we did not get out to look around. There was a large bell in the yard, Kathleen explained that this had been the site of the first school in the area and that it had been built by Quakers because education had always been one of their first priorities.

Under Kathleen's direction our driver took us along the Reach Road to the Hertzbergs' farm, where a sumptuous cold supper awaited us. We admired the old farmhouse with its heavy beams across the ceiling and the lovely view across the valley, and then we did justice to the tossed salad, potato salad, cold cuts, hard-boiled eggs, German rye bread, apple turnover with cheese, and other delicacies.

All too soon we had to board our bus and head back to Pickering College for the Sunderland P. Gardner lecture. We went by Vivian Road passing through Pine Orchard. There we saw from the bus the old Meetinghouse and the cemetery where the Starrs are buried. We reached Pickering College at 7:05 p.m., only five minutes behind schedule, in plenty of time to tidy up before driving across town to the Yonge Street Meetinghouse for the lecture.

Many Friends were heard to declare that this was one of the best historical bus tours ever. Thanks are due to our guides: Grace Pincoe, Elma Starr, Elaine Hawkins, Jane Zavitz, and Kathleen Hertzberg; and to Russell Zavitz for arranging the bus travel. Fritz and Kathleen Hertzberg deserve a special thank-you for opening their farmhouse for our use and providing such a delightful supper.

NEWS AND NOTES

CANADIAN YEARLY MEETING BACK AT MEYRAMCOOK, N.B., AGAIN

August 13 - 20, 1978

Remember we were there back in 1974 and Ralph Greene gave us the fabulous talk on Early Quakers in the Maritimes, with the picture map cartoons done by Wes Nickerson? At this point our plans are not settled. Stand by for further announcements.

In the meantime, those persons interested in Quaker history in the Maritimes might like to refer back to Canadian Quaker History Newsletter #9 October 1974, and #12 June 1975. We have a few copies of those two issues at \$1.00 each.

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