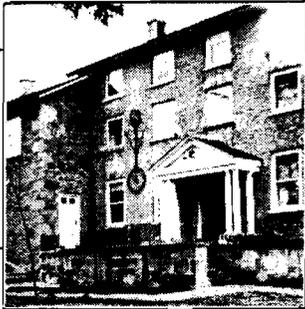


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Eds.

Editorial

Needed: Modern Pioneers: The Bicentennial Year of Ontario continues and this issue records many related events of recent months. The scope includes past events, completed projects and on-going work as well as new projects to be undertaken! Please see the **Notice** of our 1984 **Annual Meeting** to be held at Norwich, Ontario, Saturday, November 3, 1984. An event of special import! Tom Socknat, Department of History, Queen's University, Kingston, will speak on the Role of Friends in the settlement and formation of Ontario Society. We have aimed at having our annual meeting this time early in November in order to escape winter snows. Norwich is near to a number of historic south western Ontario meetings and we hope therefore, to have good attendance. Put it on your calendar now!

As we undertook the editing of this newsletter, the packed folder quickly edited into this full and varied issue. It makes us aware of the increased interest as history is focussed upon this particular year. The queries often bring us into new and interesting areas of search. Many enquirers send information they have already discovered which is useful and interesting.

During the Norwich Genealogical Fair, Marie Avey told us of a cousin, Anna Richardson, and English Friend, who contributed funds to assist in Frederick Douglas purchase from slavery to freedom. Frederick Douglas later edited the national abolition newspaper. Two of his great-grandsons were students at Friends Boarding School, Barnsville, Ohio. Freed slaves and some who came via the Underground Railroad, settled near Otterville/Milldale, some of whom are buried in the black cemetery nearby. The cemetery has been ploughed over and the stones shoved into a ditch. The site is known to some local people. We should encourage an archeological expedition to uncover them. Arthur Clayton and Deborah Haight remember this small community.

Another cemetery is the Genessee site on Yonge Street at the south edge of Newmarket. It has stones on the back line fence which could be built into a commemorative, preserving wall by interested Friends and Young Friends at Canadian Yearly Meeting 1985, if proper plans can be made.

We always learn more from new people we meet with common interests. Flora Phelps has relatives buried in the cemetery. She was also interested in the background and work of Bionney Irwin, a portrait artist and relative born on land now part of the Pickering College farm. She and Russell Phelps have spent time researching in the area. Such interest encourages us to keep working. The knowledge that has come over the last few years, has cumulative benefits. It has now begun to snowball. The work takes time but it provides a dimension to the Pickering College Library enjoyed particularly by librarians. The Arthur Dorland Friends Historical Research Collection, complimented by the Yearly Meeting Archives which will soon be housed at Pickering College, is looked to with special anticipation for they will serve each other well.

After considering possible alternatives, it seems right to continue editing the **Quaker History Newsletter**. We are grateful to all of you who contribute in any way and help this organization to grow. Some projects are now reaching completion, the foundation is laid and we have skills and tools to continue. However, a great deal of work lies ahead. Do keep supporting us, writing articles and sending news items and ideas. Above all at this time, get to work on the **Oral History Project** for your locality. Consider too, the possibility to keep a **log** of your Meeting. This would report events not usually recorded in the Minutes. Some such reports might find their way into the Canadian Friend or this Newsletter.

We may also continue with the Quaker Biographies which **Grace Pincoe** began several years ago. Today in retirement, Grace has the loving esteem of Friends who are aware of her particular contributions to this Association and to the preservation of Canadian Quaker history. Start with those Friends in your Meeting who have been a part of its life. We were reminded at the Friends Historians & Archivists meetings at Moses Brown that individual Friends are very important to the history and development of Quakerism.

Do come to Yearly Meeting ready to further the **Map Project** (with photos and slides of your Meeting House and Burial Ground); try recording **Oral History** (tapes will be provided) writing a **Log Book**. Keep your Meeting in touch with the Historical Association, sharing ideas as we proceed.

I attended Meeting for Worship in the Saylesville (near Providence) Friends Meeting house, the oldest part of which was built in 1703 and has been in continuous use since then. We think of Yonge Street Meeting House as "old" and so it is in the Canadian setting. Some of the "Canadian Loyalist Quakers" came from such places as Saylesville.

Having heard Daisy Newman (Quaker authoress) speak at the 7th gathering of Friends Historians & Archivists, it comes naturally to me to use the phrase "procession of Friends" - we are all in the "procession" from the earliest pioneers to present-day Friends. The challenge today is to go forward carrying the Quaker message into the wilderness of our urban setting as we find our way to the Light. Pioneer friends had to tame the wilderness of nature in the areas where they settled on Yonge Street, the Bay of Quinte and the Niagara district. In many ways, it is more difficult today because the Divine Light may be obscured by urban ease and consumerism. We need imagination and creativeness and discipline for our lives, as we pray for the strength to overcome our fears and find true light for our lives. We need faith in God more than ever. As each of us travels along his or her own path, we can share with each other and receive support from God and give thanks.

So! Happy Bicentennial Days! Let us forge ahead into another decade for this Association. May we all feel the zest and the joy of being "modern pioneers".

Jane Zavitz at Pickering College
July 1984

ANCESTORS ON RECORD

My Ancestors were Quakers: How Can I Find Out More About Them?
by Edward H. Milligan and Malcolm J. Thomas (Society of
Genealogists.

In the serious words of its joint authors, this book "attempts to do no more than outline the structure of meetings for church affairs of the Religious Society of Friends in Great Britain and Ireland and indicate the main classes of records produced by those meetings and likely to be of interest to the genealogist and family historian." So don't read it simply for fun, or in the hope of finding vivid biographies of your own individual Quaker forebears.

But do read it for valuable information, beautifully written and clearly laid out, on the sources of historical biographical material which can be found in Friends House Library, London, England and elsewhere. For those who are unfamiliar with Quaker ways, or whose Quaker history is rusty, Edward Milligan and Malcolm Thomas trace the evolution of the administrative structure of the Society, and the epistles, minutes and other records which kept contemporary Friends informed about the spiritual and material life of members of the Society, and which are, in most cases, still available to inform us today - sometimes with modern indexes.

For the period before the civil registers began (1837 in England and Wales, somewhat later in Scotland and Ireland), Church of England parish registers are, for most people, the place to look for evidence of baptisms, marriages and burials. Quaker ancestors are easier to find. Not only are the Quaker registers of births, marriages and burials more informative, but the famous "Digest" of those registers (in Friends House Library and in geographically relevant Record Offices) is in effect, a vast summary which can cut out hours of research. And there's a bonus: when the Quaker registers began, some of the earliest Friends recorded their own dates of birth, so that occasionally entries are found relating to the late sixteenth century, a generation or two before George Fox was even born.

Using those registers and the Digest, the historian can compile factually accurate family trees; many other records, though give us some glimpses into the daily lives of the individual Quakers whose names and dates appear on those trees.

Starting from the summer of 1676, minutes recorded the plight of Friends whose circumstances were examined by Meeting for Sufferings. From 1682, London Yearly Meeting was sent written answers to such queries as: "What friends Imprisoned for their Testimony have dyed in Prison since the last Yearly Meeting?" If your Quaker ancestor was a minister, elder or overseer, you will learn from this book where you might find valuable references, including the minutes of meetings of ministers and elders or, perhaps, "Testimonies concerning ministers deceased".

Human frailties, as well as breaches of peculiarly Quaker discipline, led to disownment, sometimes happily followed by reinstatement. The circumstances were dutifully recorded in the monthly meeting minutes. (It would seem that earlier Friends were not always as nice and respectable as we nowadays accuse ourselves of being!)

Although Friends led lives which, in many respects, separated them from the rest of the community, they did own land, establish businesses and have their wills proved in ecclesiastical courts. The normal civil and church records contain material relating to Friends and these are briefly mentioned in the book. It is interesting, though, how even in those records the citizens' Quakerism sometimes shows through, because of their testimonies on such matters as swearing oaths, serving in the army or paying tithes. Indeed, in such matters, if you did these things, your name appeared in the Quaker records; if you didn't your name appeared elsewhere!

From its title onwards, the book is written with delightful care, in faultless English. The other two books in the series, produced by the Society of Genealogists have the same title - almost the same title. The books about Jewish and Methodist ancestors use the singular ("My ancestor was a Jew: How can I find out more about him?") but Ted and Malcolm use the plural so as to avoid the "inclusive" male pronoun in the subtitle. The writing is intended to inform (which it does superbly) rather than to entertain, but the authors must have known how we should smile when reading such a lovely sentence as the following, written as it is without an exclamation mark:

It should be borne in mind that up to 1751 Quakers had no objection to September, October, November and December which were factual statements of the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th months old style. From 1752 they did object to using these names which, though not associated with pagan deities, were in new style untruthful.

Martin Vincent

Reprint from *The Friend*, January 13, 1984, Vol. 142, No. 2.

**CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION'S OWN
10th ANNIVERSARY PROJECT**

A Canadian Quaker Pictorial History - Quaker Meeting Houses (or Sites) and Quaker Burial Grounds (see Newsletter No 33. - March 1983).

Collection of information, photographs and slides continues, though slowly. The Ontario Bi-Centennial has brought us some information and some enquiries. Information with map regarding the Quaker Meeting and Burial Ground at **Grafton** (Haldimand) has been received from **Robert Marshall**, who writes as follows:

"Re Quaker Cemetery"

During the taping of a Sarah Carruthers (92 years old), we were tracing names for our historical file. She brought to light that a **Jaynes** was buried in the Quaker Cemetery.

This was new to us. A site visit was sad, as no stones show but site appears to be approx. 100 ft. x 200 ft. Cattle possibly destroyed the growth and then the site was overgrown. We have the permission of farmer Robert Walker, to dig for stones, subject to an agreement.

An 82 year old neighbour, Mr. Bates, remembers the cemetery and the only stone in the 1920's was a **Mary Hudson** - he remembers a childhood burial - **Pretince**.

We understand that some of the **Rodgers** (Rogers) were Quakers and possibly some are therein.

Rodgers - the name keeps appearing, as 1797 settlers from Prince Edward County. Some migrated to Pickering, then to Newmarket and Toronto, we assume from basic research. Original **Rodgers** still exist in our Township and will have to check the records - but the new generation are not Quakers.

I attended Pickering College, Newmarket 1942-46 and as a result am pleased with this new information of a Quaker Cemetery.

We would welcome any information you may supply and will advise on our progress".

Editor's Comment

We sent Robert Marshall a preliminary reply from information in Arthur Dorland's History to the effect that the Haldimand Meeting only existed for a few years and appears to have been laid down at the time of the 1828 Separation. Therefore, it would appear that not many Friends could have been buried in the Haldimand Quaker Burial Ground. (In 1827, West Lake Monthly Meeting set up the two Preparative Meetings at Haldimand (Grafton) and Murray.). "The Quakers in Canada - A History" Pages 73 & 74. Arthur Dorland.

Arthur Dorland makes no mention of **Rodgers** or **Rogers** as Quaker family names in this area. This would require further research.

We are grateful to Robert Marshall for bringing this matter to our attention and hope he can come up with more information. Occasions such as this make us aware of the sad loss of our heritage - the short history of this Meeting makes us realize something of the destructive force of the 1828 schism.

Sparta and Coldstream Cemetery Records

The Elgin County Genealogical Society has copies **Sparta Friends Burial Ground Records** and the London Genealogical Society has copied the **Coldstream Friends Burial Ground Records**. We would like to add these records to our compilation of **Quaker Burial Grounds in Canada**.

Pickering Friends Burial Ground

The Burial Ground Committee has made available historical material regarding the Pickering Quaker Burial Ground. The material has been copied and will be deposited in the **Yearly Meeting Archives**.

People interested in the pioneer burial grounds in Ontario may contact the Ontario Genealogical Society who have made a record of all such known burial grounds.

The Ontario Government's publication "By-laws re. cemeteries" is available from the Ontario Government, Queens Park, price 2.50.

QUAKER HISTORY

Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society - Mrs. Bernice Ellis writes, June 18th, 1984.

Dear Mrs. Hertzberg,

Our Historical Society is unveiling a plaque in the old Society of Friends graveyard at Dunkerron, Hwy. 27 on Sunday, Aug. 26. It is to commemorate the Tecumseth Preparative Meeting and their meeting house and the hamlet of Dunkerron. We wonder if you could help us on a particular point.

The Meeting House, according to the Yonge St. meeting minutes, was approved in 1846. We know it was built and active to close to the end of the century. But I have not been able to get proof of the date it closed. I did get microfilm on the Yonge St. minutes from the National Library and spent a good deal of time recording. The list on one reel included, it said, the Tecumseth meeting 1869-1899. But I could not find it. Perhaps for some reason it was not in the copy I was reading. I don't know. The reel was M 3822. The Tecumseth Preparative Meeting 1869-1899 was (0-8-6) B-2-4-6.

Our Problem is that we want to include the date the meeting closed on the plaque. We believe it was 1899. We know it was closed, and had been for some time, but the building was standing in 1912 when Mrs. Josephine Mills (then Wilcox) came to teach school in Dunkerron, across Hwy. 27 from the Quaker land. Mrs. Mills married a local boy and still lives on the old farm near the N.E. corner of Hwy. 27. and the West Gwillimbury Twp. concession 3 line. She believes it was taken down sometime in the twenties.

We would like to know, too, when the building was either demolished or moved.

Could you possibly help us? There may have been something written about the Tecumseth meeting that I haven't found.

Of course we would be interested in anything we could learn about the Tecumseth Meeting and the people who were members. We would be glad to have you at the unveiling and will be sending the details.

Thank you for any information you may be able to supply. It is too bad time is so short.

We responded (quoting from Arthur Dorland (thanks be to him as always) Page 191. "Several new Preparative Meetings were added to Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting ... in the Townships of Tecumseth, Mariposa, Collingwood, Sydenham, St. Vincent and Peel, (date - after 1828). The available information regarding Meetings established during this period is very scanty. Many of the records either have been lost, or have fallen into private hands, and even when the records are available, little useful information can be obtained". Therefore the date of 1899 for the laying-down of the Meeting, may be the best we can do at this stage. Other avenues however, could be explored.

Eds.

ROCKWOOD ACADEMY: (Rockwood, Ontario)

We regret to report the sudden death of Josef Drenters of the Rockwood Academy in November 1983. The Rockwood Academy, founded by the Quaker, William Wetherald in 1950, was the home and studio of the Canadian sculptor, Josef Drenters who with exceptional dedication and his own personal work, lovingly restored the Academy and made the Quaker educator and evangelist known to wider circles and to Friends. (see Newsletter No. 9).

The friends of Rockwood Academy Association has recently been formed by a group of Josef's friends, under the auspices of the Ontario Heritage Foundation. The objective is to raise funds to repay a land acquisition loan and to assist with the on-going preservation and restoration of the Academy. It will also make proposals for the commemoration of Josef's life and work. A campaign target of \$30,000 by September 15th 1984, has been set. Tax deductible receipts will be issued and matching amounts from a special "Bi-Centennial Challenge Fund" will be available. The first event in the campaign was an "Academy Brunch" held on Sunday, 15th July, 1984 at the Academy. Burton Hill attended on behalf of the Canadian Friends Historical Association.

*Sculpture by
Josef Drenters*



NEWS AND NOTES

Our 1983 **EXPERIENCE** Grant from the Ministry of Citizenship & Culture, which enabled Mark Ritchie to continue work on the **Index of the Quaker Records** at the University of Western Ontario. Readers will remember that at one point it seemed that CFHA would have to return the grant (\$1,139) because, due to an oversight regarding the regulations of the grant, Mark Ritchie was in fact over the age for employment under an **Experience** grant. After rather protracted negotiations with the Minister herself, the Hon. Susan Fish, we were happy and relieved when we received a letter from the Ministry informing us that "after further consideration of this matter, the Honourable Susan Fish, Minister, has agreed to exercise her discretion in this instance and to waive the requirement to repay the Experience '83 grant of \$1,139.

The letter continued: "This decision recognizes the possibility of a misunderstanding by the Association regarding the maximum age requirements of the Experience '83 program and the serious financial consequences to the Association if the grant was repaid....

It is hoped that this decision will assist your Association financially and we wish you much success with your planned Bi-centennial activities in 1984."

Our thanks to the Hon. Susan Fish for this generous reversal of the previous decision!.

We are grateful that we can see the end of the present phase of the **Indexing** project - which we have designated as our **Bi-Centennial Project**.

The Old Doan House - Newmarket

In Issue no. 34, we reported on the efforts of the Newmarket Local Architectural Advisory Committee in preserving the Old Doan House. We learn that the house will be preserved. We encourage our readers to write to the Town of Newmarket encouraging them to use the house as a heritage building. We understand that the house has been offered to the Town of Newmarket for such purpose.

**Up-Date on the Canadian Yearly Meeting Records Index - CFHA's
BI-CENTENNIAL PROJECT**

Work on the **Index** has reached a point at which the much-needed and long-hoped for **Index** can be readied for microfilming. The original cards which Mark Ritchie has prepared, will remain with the CYM Archives when they are located at Pickering College. Microfilms of the **Index** will be available at the following locations:

University of Western Ontario
Pickering College, Newmarket
Provincial Archives of Ontario
National Archives of Canada

The microfilmed **Index** can then be used alongside the microfilms of the Quaker Records also available at these locations.

We are all aware of what it will mean to have the **Index** available at last and what a tremendous help it will be to genealogists and historians in their research and work.

Canadian Yearly Meeting Archival Vault at Pickering College

Work on the vault is now proceeding. It is expected that it will be ready in the Fall. More space will be available than was originally expected. The University of Western Ontario (through Ed Phelps) will assist in moving the Yearly Meeting Archives from Western to Pickering College when the vault is ready. We thank those who have already contributed funds towards the construction of the vault. CFHA has been able to forward \$290 donated for this purpose to date.

MORE FUNDS ARE NECESSARY AND CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE WELCOMED.

Norwich Fair - May 5, 1984

North Norwich Archives & Historical Society organized a full day Fair as the first of an expected annual event for local historians, genealogists and interested attenders. there were speakers, and books and reference materials were displayed and shared. Jane Zavitz spoke on **Pioneer Quaker Settlements in the Area**. Again many new contributors of articles and new references made it a worth while day.

Jane Zavitz was invited to present a short account of **CANADIAN YEARLY MEETING AND ITS RESOURCES - Quaker materials and reference resources in Canadian Yearly Meeting**, to the Annual Conference of Friends Historians and Archivists held at Moses Brown School at Providence, Rhode Island, June 15-17, 1984. The full program included - Daisy Newman, Quaker authoress, who gave a talk on her life and writing, and Chris Deusmore, who presented a paper on "New York or Genessee Yearly Meeting Resources"; archivists from all the major Quaker libraries were present including Helen E. Hatlon of the University of Toronto. Thyra Jane Foster, long time archivist of New England yearly Meeting and supporter of our Canadian Quaker Historical Association and resources, entered hospital at the time and died suddenly on June 29th. We note her work and appreciate her support and are thankful for her life, which we see to be "in the procession of Friends", about which Daisy Newman spoke in her talk to the gathering.

Ontario Genealogical Society - Annual Seminar, May 18-20, 1984.

We took a display of CFHA Newsletters "Quaker History" and some reference books on Quaker history and genealogy to the Ontario Genealogical Society's annual gathering at Erindale College. As always, enquirers share information with us. Interest in the Canadian Friends Historical Association spreads. It was good to meet with supportive members like Bill Britnell.

World Council of Churches - 6th Assembly, Vancouver 1983

The Vancouver friends Meeting, one of the Canadian Churches' groups which gave so much help in the planning of the 6th Assembly, especially on the host Committee, has been donated materials used in connection with the celebration of the Lima Liturgy at the Assembly. One of the 60 ceramic jugs used for the wine at the Eucharist has been given to the Vancouver Meeting. The items have now been donated to the Canadian Friends Historical Association and will be cared for in the Arthur Dorland Memorial Library room at Pickering College.

Greetings and Good wishes to Grace Pincoe who has not been well and was in hospital. Readers will remember vividly that Grace Pincoe was one of the initiators and founders of the Canadian Friends Historical Association and gave service to the Association as secretary for six years. She also edited the Newsletter part of that time and gave of her skills and knowledge as a librarian.

Ontario Historical Society's ANNUAL BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ONTARIO HISTORY

Our **Canadian Quaker History Newsletter** will be included with annotation, in the 1983 Edition of the Bibliography which will appear in June 1984.

The Arthur Dorland Friends Historical Research Collection at Pickering College

The Collection, now housed in the attractive new room in the school library, is receiving regular visitors and enquirers. The room is welcoming in its appearance and the Collection is growing more useful each time additions are made. This year, gifts include an edition of William Sewell's **History of Quakers** (1722) donated by Norah Turnbull.

Douglas Knowles presented nearly 100 books from a Quaker Orthodox home at the turn of this century.

Wooler Friends Meeting has given current publications in remembrance of Carol Vokes (Carolyn Holden's mother).

All these thoughtful gifts enrich the Collection and add to its potential and our future service. We are grateful for the support of so many Friends. We will encourage good use of the Collection.

Jane Zavitz, Librarian

Uxbridge Quaker Heritage

Allan McGillivray of Uxbridge, Ontario, a long-standing member of this Association who has supported us since our founding in 1972, has written an interesting and informative pamphlet on **Uxbridge Quaker Heritage**. He outlines the history of the arrival of the Quaker pioneering families from 1805, the history of the Meeting from 1806 to the final laying down of the Meeting in 1925. He brings us up-to-date on the twinning of Uxbridge town with Catawissa in Pennsylvania. Many of the Uxbridge Quakers came from the Catawissa Meeting. The twinning has been initiated by the Uxbridge Lions Club and the Katawissa Lions Club. Representatives of both places have exchanged visits to participate in the twinning ceremonies. "After 177 years, Uxbridge and Katawissa have renewed a common bond. The Catawissa festivities ended with a traditional Quaker Meeting in the historic Catawissa Meeting House". (Allan McGillivray).

Copies of the booklet can be obtained from the publisher: The Uxbridge-Scott Historical Association. Price \$2.00 (plus postage), Uxbridge, Ont.

BOOKS

The Sesquicentennial of the founding of Toronto (1834-1884) and the Bi-Centennial of the founding of Ontario (1784-1984), has brought many books, interesting material and events this year. We list below a few of these which seem of particular interest to our own readers. Please refer to Issue No. 34 in which we speak, all too briefly, about the role of Quakers as being amongst the earliest pioneers in Upper Canada (Ontario) and their subsequent contribution to the social and religious life of the Province of Ontario. More work needs to be done.

The Editors

1. **Spirit of Toronto** Image Publishing, Toronto & Hamilton, Price \$12.50. Introduction by David Crombie. This book is a collection of personal essays written by invitation of the editor, Margaret L. Holton, by representatives of all the religious denominations and communities in Toronto - 31 in all. The writers outline briefly the history of the arrival of the denomination, the development during the 150 years of Toronto's history, their beliefs and hopes. Friends were one of the earliest religious groups to arrive in Upper Canada and are given place amongst the six of the **First Wave**, the Amerindian being the first on the list. Kathleen Hertzberg wrote the Chapter on **The Quakers**.
2. **Living in the Light** a book of modern quaker biography, edited by Leonard Kenworthy. Dorothy Muma has written an essay on Fred Haslam for inclusion in this book, due to appear shortly. Further details later.
3. **Circle of Voices** A History of the Religious Communities of British Columbia, edited by Charles P. Anderson, Tirthankar Bose & Jos. I Richardson. Oolichan Books, Lantzville, British Columbia, 1983. Price \$12.50. There is a chapter on **The Religious Society of Friends in British Columbia** written by members of the Vancouver Friends Meeting. This book also served as an introduction to the religious communities of British Columbia for people from around the world who attended the 6th Assembly of the World Council of Churches.
4. **Adolphustown, 1784-1984** by Katharine J. Lamont. Published by Adolphustown Bi-Centennial Committee, available from: Mrs. K. Staples, RR 2: Napanee, Ont. K7R 3K7.

Also available from the Adolphustown Centennial Committee are Hasti-Notes: Price 10/\$12 - sketches which include the Quaker Meeting House.

5. **1982 Supplement to Passenger & Immigration List - Index.** Edited by P; William Filby, with Marion K. Meyer, Library. Records of about 500,000 passengers to U.S. and Canada in 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.
6. **Loyalist Lineages of Canada: 1783-1983.** The most authoritative collection of Loyalist Lineages available.
7. **Loyal She Remains - A pictorial History of Ontario.** Published by United Empire loyalist Association of Canada. 33, Prince Arthur ave, Toronto. MSR 1A9. Price \$99.75 retail.
8. **Discovering Your Community:** Published by: Ontario Historical Society, 78 Dunloe Rd., Room 207, Toronto, MSP 2T6, Price: \$25.00.
9. **People of Ontario: 1600-1900:** 3 Vols., covering individual people of Ontario who were the ancestors of millions of people today. Published by: The Genealogical Research Library, Centennial House, 520 Wellington Street, London, Ont., N6A 3P9. Price for 3 Vol. set: \$195.00
10. **The Apocalyptic Word of God - The Life and Message of George Fox** by Douglas Gwyn will be published soon. Further details later. This Ph.D. theses is a new account of the life and the times of George Fox, his message and the first period of Quakerism in England in the 17th century.
11. **Celebrating Together: A Guide to Celebrating Ontario's Bi-Centennial:** Published by Ontario Historical Society, Price: \$2.75.
12. **Promoting the Past: A Handbook of Suggestions for Effective Historical Programming in Your Community:** Published by Ontario Historical Society, Price: \$2.75.
13. **My Ancestors were Quakers:** How can I find out more about them? by Edward H. Milligan and Malcolm J. Thomas. Pub: British Society of Genealogists (Price \$2.00 plus postage.
Please see page 3 of this Newsletter for a review of this valuable book.

BI-CENTENNIAL EVENTS OF INTEREST TO FRIENDS: Some of us may yet catch-up with them!

1. **Sparta Community Celebrations** - Sunday, August 19, 1984.
2. **Sparta Friends Meeting Celebrations** - took place on Sunday, June 24th. There were 150 present for Meetings for Worship - Jane Zavitz gave a talk on "Friends in the Sparta Community".
3. **Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society** - Sunday, August 26, 1984. Celebrations will include the unveiling of a Plaque in the old Society of Friends graveyard at Dunkerron, Hwy 27. The Plaque will commemorate the Tecumseth Preparative Meeting and the Meeting House as well as the hamlet of Dunkerron. The Tecumseth Preparative Meeting belonged to Yonge Street Monthly Meeting and was set off in 1846. It has been difficult to ascertain the correct date for the laying down of this Meeting. Arthur Dorland states that the available information is very scanty, as many of the records have been lost or have fallen into private hand.
e date of 1899 has been decided as the possible date for the laying down of the Meeting and will appear on the Plaque. (for further information, see our Note under "Quaker History - page 7).
4. **Adolphustown Bi-Centennial Celebrations** - May 26 to August 6. For further details contact the Adolphustown Bi-Centennial Committee. c/o Mrs K. Stapes, R.R. 2, Napanee, K7R 3K7. Celebrations were to include the opening of the **Loyalist Parkway** (Hwy 33) by H.M. the Queen and Prince Philip. The first Quaker pioneers arrived in what is now Adolphustown in 1783. (The Meeting was established in 1798).
5. **Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting** - took place at Guelph on June 13, 1984 - especially the Panel events on issues of concern to Historical Association, eg. the role of such societies, relations with government, membership, meetings, publications and finances, would have been of real interest to this Association. If any member of our Association attended, please send us a report.
6. **Ontario Historical Society's Annual Meeting** - took place June 15-17, 1984, at Cornwall, Ont. This interesting event will have taken place when this Newsletter reaches you. Please send us a a report if you attended. We are especially interested in Dorothy Duncan's talk: "Every Life in Early Ontario".
We also note the special **appeal** of the Ontario Historical Society for funds for **Preservation and Educational Projects**. Contributions to the Society, 78 Dunloe Road, Room 207, Toronto, M5P 2T6.

7. Cultural Events

The Market Gallery, City of Toronto - an exhibition on Victorian life in Toronto, May 19 - August 5, 1984. (South Street, Lawrence Market, 95 Front Street East, at Jarvis).

Wed. - Fri. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sat. - Sun. 1.p.m. to 4 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by William Gerencir at the Toronto Room Marine Museum, of Upper Canada exhibition Place, Toronto - until August 10, 1984.

Mon. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Spadina: (Toronto's newest historic house/museum). Just East of Casa Loma for the Sesquicentennial birthday - an 1866 estate of Toronto financier, James Austin. Toronto Historical Board and Ontario Heritage Foundation - Tel. 595-1597.

Mon. to Sat. 9:30 to 5 p.m.

GENEALOGICAL ENQUIRIES

Genealogical enquiries continue to be received, spurred on, we are sure, by the Bi-centennial celebrations and interest in Ontario history. We appreciate the patience of the enquirers who are aware that the search is done by volunteers and often takes considerable time. We thank those who have responded to our request for an **access donation of \$20**. This donation can include on year's membership in the Association which we hope will encourage people with Quaker ancestors to continue as on-going members of the Association. This will strengthen our endeavours.

We are all aware of the need for the **Index of the Quaker Records**, due to be microfilmed we hope shortly.

We pay tribute again to the generous work on genealogical search done by Bill Britnell. His work will continue.

Please address all future genealogical enquiries to:

Wim J. Van Veen
Canadian Friends Historical Association
Genealogical Search
P.O. Box 1057, Stn. Q
Toronto, M4T 2P2
Canada

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

General Membership	\$ 10
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Student	\$ 5
Life Membership	\$150

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The Gymnasium of old Pickering College, Pickering, Ontario. (1898). (the only part of the College to survive the fire of 1905).

ORAL HISTORIES

We have been encouraged by the Home Mission & Advancement Committee of Canadian Yearly Meeting to continue with our **Oral History Project** which has been a long-standing concern of the Association.

This is a simple and effective means of enriching the store of Canadian Quaker history.

Therefore, please come to 1984 Yearly Meeting (to be held at Trinity Western College, Langley, B.C. August 12 - 19, 1984) prepared to participate in a workshop on Oral History which will prepare members to return to their local Meetings ready to undertake exciting local projects before the memory records of Friends are lost. The recording of Oral Histories is also a helpful Meeting experience as a contribution to the knowing and appreciating of your Meeting and its members more fully.

We include for your information and reference, excerpts from the Quaker Records & Quaker Histories Conference at Powell House, New York, held Oct. 31 - Nov. 2, 1980 on Oral History, as presented by Brooks Wright. This will be useful to any Friend undertaking an Oral History project.

Further information and suggestions regarding ways of approaching Oral History, subject matter and use of the histories, will follow later. We welcome your thoughts and ideas. Please bring them to Yearly meeting. A Friend has donated **Tapes** for the recording of the Oral Histories.

Jane Zavitz

The following notes from **Quaker Records and Quaker Histories** a Conference held at Powell House, New York, Oct. 31. - Nov. 2, 1980.

ORAL HISTORY by Brooks Wright

Oral History (Brooks Wright)

- Much of this session will be based on a training session in Oral History offered by James Hatch in New York (Cassette available from Brooks Wright on this training session).
- Oral History is a collection of Recollections.
- The purpose is to Record the Texture of Daily Life that would otherwise be lost: The things that are not important enough to record.
- Why has Oral History emerged in recent years as an important aspect of history?
 - There is increased interest in local history
 - A growing conviction that the lives of ordinary people are important to the corporate life or institutions and organizations, communities, etc.
 - An increased interest in documenting social change.
 - The materials of Oral History are made accessible by a new technology.
- Friends have traditionally been interested in the historical record.
 - The New York Yearly Meeting Records Committee is currently rethinking the kinds of materials that should be preserved.
 - It has been suggested that meetings can undertake Oral History projects of their own, perhaps in conjunction with a formal published history of the meeting.

Conducting an Oral History Project

1. Planning the Project

- 1 Who will be the Informants?
 - Usually elderly members of the meeting, the most active members.
- 2 Who will be the interviewer?
 - An aggressive, talkative person may be the worst interviewer.
 - Would be better to get a quite, diplomatic, self-effacing person.
 - WBW Note: I think a great deal depends upon the nature of the project. In any case, the best person will be the person who knows enough about the subject to ask pertinent questions. Hopefully they will be good listeners and patient questioners.
- 3 What are you looking for?
 - you are trying to elicit substantive information, the sort of information that will die with the informant.
 - Thus details on the Social History of the meeting and of the times surrounding the life of the meeting would be substantive information.

2. Practical/Technical Questions

1. What type of recorder should be used? Reel-to reel preferred.
2. Microphones? Better quality is obtained from an extension unit.
3. Methods of Interviewing? Be uniform or consistent.

3. Preparing the Interview

1. Explain beforehand the purpose of the interview.
2. Make the tentative list of matters to be covered.
3. Test the recorder before you start.
4. Make sure you have all the equipment you might need: long scissors for cutting the tape, splicing material, etc.
5. Prepare a release form if the tapes are going to be deposited in a public archive or released in some kind of public form (transcripts photocopied, published, summarized, etc.).
6. Label the tape reel and its box with: Name of the informant, the date, the interviewer, the general subject, and the number of tapes recorded.
7. Record the label information at the beginning of the tape itself.

4. Methods of Interviewing

1. Look out for extraneous sounds (Air conditioner, telephone, etc.).
2. Chronological sequence is the most common method of conducting an interview.
3. Move from comfortable to more delicate subjects.
4. Ask only one question at a time, and make it specific and short - ask just enough to get the interview rolling.
5. Don't argue or contradict, but if necessary you might help your informant find the correct date or fact by gentle suggestion.
6. Take notes even though you are recording the conversation
 - This will help you to get the correct spelling.
 - Notes are useful in preparing summaries or an index.
7. There are gentle ways of guiding the informant to the information you hope to get.
8. Should third parties be present? Ask yourself whether they would be complementary or competitive with your principal informant.
9. Keep your informant's attention focussed on the subject of interest to you, if he or she tends to wander too far afield.
10. Comparison and contrast questions are usually provocative and help to shape the information in a focussed manner.
11. Stop after 60 or 90 minutes.

5. After the Interview Session

1. Check the labeling on the reel and the box.
2. If you intend to publish the material on the tapes, secure a release from your informant; this can be taped at the end.

3. Prepare a synopsis, or summary, indicating the principal topics covered in the interview (and at which point they occurred, if your recorder has a marking system or indicator.)
4. Send a Thank-You letter to your informant.
5. Transcripts: these are necessary only for the most important interviews.

6. Storage of Tapes

1. Store them where they can be made accessible to whoever might be interested in hearing or using them, preferably in an archive.
2. It is easy to make duplicate tapes if needed.
3. After two/three years, the tapes should be run backwards and stored that way in order to demagnetize them.

7. Legal and Ethical Matters

- Words on tape are the property of the speaker.
- Confidentiality: The interviewer should see themselves as looking after the interests of the informants.
 - If informants wish to erase any material or to put it under seal until their deaths, you must do so.
- Copyright laws should be available in archives for reference by archivists and researchers using these tapes and other archival materials.

8. Uses of Oral History

- You can collect stories from members of your meeting simply by making a tape recorder available in some accessible place to people who might want to record their own stories about the meeting, for example:
 - Announce that the meeting wants to collect as many stories about the life of the meeting as possible and invite any member who might wish to contribute to use the tape recorder at their convenience.
- Observing a well-done interview would be another way of learning what can be done with oral histories.

Sources: Sara Jenkins, Past Present: Recording Life Stories of Older People

(Washington DC: St. Alban's Parish, 1978) 149pp
(Available from: Publications Dept., National Council on Aging,
1828 L Street, N.W. Washington DC 20036 [202] 223-6250)
American Association of local Historians, **Oral History for the
Local Historian**, Gary L. Shumway and William G. Hartley, **An
Oral History Primer**.
(Salt Lake City, 1973) 28pp
(Available from: Oral History Primer, Box 11894, Salt Lake City,
Utah 84111)
Oral History Project at Columbia has valuable information.

QUAKER TAPESTRY

Calling Canadian Friendly Needlecrafters & Historians

English Friends have initiated a **Quaker Tapestry** project, and invite other Friends around the world to join in. The tapestry is an embroidered work done in panels, using the ancient Bayeux tapestry as a model. The Bayeux tapestry depicted scenes from British history, and so the Quaker tapestry is to show Friends' history. The tapestry will consist of approximately 60 panels, each about 24" x 30", showing scenes from Quaker history or illuminating prime concerns. Canadian Friends have been invited to join in, initially by suggesting events from Canadian Quaker history which would be good panel subjects, then later on doing the embroidery on the Canadian panels. To ensure uniformity of appearance, all panels are designed by the English designer, and all materials are supplied from England. The background is a hand-woven wool, of a neutral shade, but of such craftsmanship that it seems to take up the general hue of the embroidery. Embroidery is done in crewel wool in lovely soft shades. A manual of stitches is supplied, also to give an over-all uniformity to the tapestry. English Friends have already completed several panels depicting the work of George Fox. Some Australian Friends have started their embroidery. It is hoped that some illustrative slides will be available for Yearly Meeting time.

Are you interested in being a part of this exciting project?
Do you have ideas from Canadian Quakerism for panel subjects?
Would you like to be a needlecrafter on the panels?

For further information or to take part, get in touch with one of the following: Janet Chattin, 84 Albany Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5R 3C3; Rita Hilder, 89 Hogarth Ave., Toronto, Ont., M4K 1K5; Eileen Gardiner, 61 Anndale Dr., Willowdale, Ont.; Dorothy Muma, 625 Rushton Road, Toronto, Ont., M6C 2Y8.

Jane Zavitz comments that she saw some completed scenes at London Yearly meeting 1982. It is indeed beautiful.



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WILL BE HELD AT

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, NORWICH, ONTARIO

We are the guests of the Norwich Historical Association and the Norwich Friends Meeting.

The Meeting House is located on the west side of Highway 59, near the north edge of the Village of Norwich, south of Highway 401 (16 km)

AGENDA

- 10.45 a.m. - Business Meeting
- 1.00 p.m. - Lunch (will be provided)
- 2.15 p.m. - **Speaker: Thomas Socknet, Ph.D.**
Quaker Bicentennial theme - The Role of Friends in the settlement and formation of Ontario Society
- Tea

- * **Please Come!**
- * **Bring a Friend!**
- * **Make this Meeting Known to Other Historical Associations and Interested People!**

- Registration fee (on arrival) - \$5.00 for the day.
- RSVP (if you wish lunch) to **Bertha Pollard**, Box 363, Norwich, Ont., N0J 1P0, Tel. 519-863-3185

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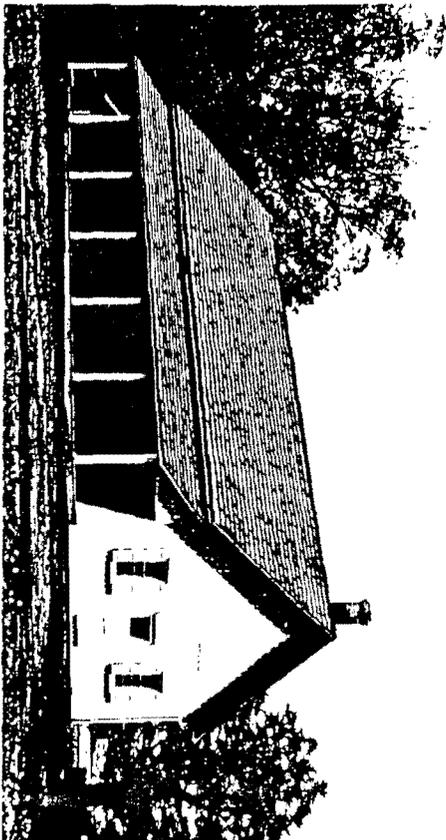
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The Society of Friends arose in England in the 17th century inspired by the message of George Fox. The early Quakers made courageous witness to their Christian faith.

Many emigrated from Europe to America in the late 17th century. William Penn, a Quaker leader, founded the colony of Pennsylvania.

The first Quakers to settle in Canada came from the United States at the time of the American War of Independence.

Quakers were early pioneers in many frontier places in Upper Canada, including York, Prince Edward and Elgin counties.

Quakers began arriving from Great Britain from 1820 onwards.

During the 19th century, many Quaker settlements flourished in rural areas.

The Quakers came with a strong sense of religious guidance. They built Meeting Houses and schools. They contributed in many ways to the religious and social life of the communities in which they lived. Their story is part of the country's vital heritage.

In the present century, Quakers ceased to be primarily a rural people. Only a few rural Quaker communities are still in existence.

Today Quaker Meetings are to be found in the urban centres of Canada. As part of the world wide Society of Friends today, and as Friends have done for 300 years, Canadian Quakers continue their religious witness and their active concern for life in the modern world.

The Canadian Friends Historical Association is a Registered Charity. Donations are tax deductible.

ABOUT THE CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Association was founded in 1972.

Arthur G. Dorland, the historian and author of The Quakers in Canada - a History, who assembled the Quaker Collection of Records at the University of Western Ontario, was the first honorary chairman.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Association is to preserve and to make known the religious, cultural, social and pioneer heritage of Quakers since they first settled in Canada and until today.

THE WORK INCLUDES:

the encouragement of research, study, recording and writing of Quaker history in Canada:

the collection and preservation of Quaker records by deposit in the Archives and on microfilm:

(The Quaker records are often used for genealogical search).

the maintenance of Meeting Houses, Burial Grounds and other Quaker sites of historic interest, where necessary, by restoration. The marking of Quaker historic sites and buildings by erection of historical plaques.

Through a regular NEWSLETTER, other publications and by talks on Quaker topics, the Association aims to increase interest in Canadian Quaker history.

The Association organises visits to historic Quaker sites and the commemoration of Quaker related historical events.

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO FRIENDS AND ALL INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS FRIENDS MEETINGS, LIBRARIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.



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The Canadian Yearly Meeting of Friends, &
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Invite you to join with us
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in the Meeting Room
at
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Reception & Tea to follow

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