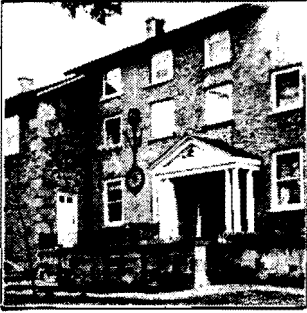


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Page 12 - Catawissa could be spelt with a K or with two t's.

(in the old Pennsylvanian Quaker Records it is spelt Catawissa).

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Editorial

Ontario's Bicentennial Year 1984 will soon be at an end. We are glad that it was possible to hold the 1984 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association at Norwich, Ontario. Norwich is one of the early places of settlement in Upper Canada and where friends as early settlers there helped develop Norwich and some of the adjacent places such as Sparta, Coldstream, Poplar Hill and Otterville. We had hoped for a larger turn-out of local Friends and others but as is often the case, other events clashed with our Annual Meeting, even though the date had been set already in April. We need to set dates even earlier!. However, it was a surprisingly good Annual Meeting and it was encouraging to have visitors present, especially at the afternoon session when Tom Socknat spoke on "The Role of Friends in the Settlement & Formation of Ontario Society." His talk will not be printed in this issue of the Newsletter as it was due to be published in the Autumn issue of Ontario History and will therefore be available. Instead, we are pleased to reprint the very good article on his talk written with insight by Greg Rothwell a reporter on the Woodstock **Daily Sentinel Review**. We thank Greg for his article. His attendance and interest is much appreciated. Tom's talk was a foretaste of what we shall learn from his Ph.D. thesis when it appears in print under the title: "Witness Against War" Pacifism in Canada 1900-1945. We look forward to reading his book. Tom's research is of inestimable value to all concerned with peace.

In his talk, Tom placed considerable emphasis on the historic Peace Testimony of Friends since their arrival in Canada. Though many of the early rural Quaker Meetings no longer exist, the influence of the early Quaker settlers and their descendants on many aspects of Canadian society has been of lasting value and continues to have significant impact.

We listened to Tom's talk with enthusiasm and interest. The writing of history concerns not only the facts of the matter, but also the historian's own interpretation. Whilst Tom includes Quaker witness and work for peace under the general heading of "liberal pacifism", we were glad that he stressed the religious basis of the pacifism of Friends (Christian pacifism). Not only Friends in Canada but many others working for and concerned about peace and the historical background and heritage to which we are heirs, will benefit greatly and will be enriched by Tom's history and by the spirit in which he presents that history. We believe that Friends and others concerned and working for peace today would welcome a talk from Tom. We suggest that a public meeting in Toronto be arranged in the near future, perhaps in co-operation with the Canadian Friends Service Committee or Canadian Yearly Meeting.

Readers will note from the minutes and from the chairman's report, that the Slate of Officers for 1985 was not complete for presentation and approval, as should be the case. The Executive will continue to work on nominations. In the meantime, the present slate will be continued for the time being. The Executive would appreciate receiving names of people willing to serve. At the same time, we would like to remind our members that one need not be a member of the Society of Friends to be nominated - interest, suitability and willingness to serve are the prime requirements. In addition, offers of help to further the work of the Association (oral histories, slides and pictures, Quaker Burial Grounds etc.) would be most welcome.

We would like to put on record our thanks to Stanley Gardiner for the great and time-consuming work of producing the **Index of the Newsletter**. This will be printed as an extra edition of the **Newsletter**. Also to Wim Vanveen for undertaking to process the initial requests for genealogical search and to Bill Britnell for continuing to do the search.

Thanks too, to Bertha Pollard of Norwich who issued the invitation to hold the Annual Meeting in Norwich, to the Norwich Historical Association for the use of the Meeting House, to the North Norwich Archives for the display (Joyce Pettigrew) and to the ladies of the North Norwich Historical Association for the catering arrangements.

Lastly but not least, to Dorothy Muma our treasurer, who reported on the healthy state of our finances (see her statement) and for recording the minutes.

Kathleen Hertzberg

Subscriptions are now due

Please note current fee schedule on Page 11. Subscriptions in arrears are welcome from those who have continued to receive the **Newsletter**.

Minutes of the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association held Saturday, November 3rd, 1984, at Norwich, Ontario, commencing at 10:45 a.m.

Present: Kathleen Hertzberg, Chairman; Dorothy Muma, Recorder; Arthur Clayton, Christopher Densmore, Eileen Gardiner, Stanley Gardiner, Audrey Haight, Deborah Haight, Anna MacPherson, Bertha Pollard, David Pollard, Myra Pollard, Tom Socknat, Irene Sotiroff, Wim VanVeen, Jane Zavitz, Greg Rothwell - Woodstock Daily Sentinel Review, Joyce McMullen - Tillsonberg News.

Regrets: Carmen & Peter Brock, Alaine Hawkins, Fritz Hertzberg, Marguerite Johnson, Elizabeth Moger.

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Meeting (December 3, 1983) were approved as circulated in Newsletter 34.

Matters Arising From Minutes:

1. **Experience '83 Grant:** After correspondence between the Chairman and the minister of Culture & Recreation, the Department agreed not to recall the grant. The Chairman had pointed out to her that the **Index** of the Canadian Yearly Meeting Records was the Historical Association's Bicentennial Project.
2. **Index of Canadian Yearly Meeting Records:** Jane Zavitz reported that she and Rosemarie McMechan are checking the cards prepared by Mark Ritchie. She asked that Friends from Meetings with which she is not so familiar, might assist in this checking. The Provincial Archives of Ontario will microfilm the **Index** and will keep the master, selling copies at cost when requested and approved. The **Index** itself has been moved from University of Western Ontario to Pickering College and will be housed for use along with the Yearly Meeting records (archives). A search is still being carried on to locate some missing records. It was noted that the Ontario Genealogical Society would probably make use of a copy of the microfilm in order to advise people making enquiries of them about Quaker family records.
3. **Indexing of Newsletters:** Stanley Gardiner has completed a comprehensive Index of Newsletters 1 to 35. It was agreed that this Index should comprise one issue of the Newsletter in 1985. The meeting expressed its deep appreciation for the great amount of work done by Stanley Gardiner.
4. **Transfer of C.Y.M. Records to Vault at Pickering College:** The vault is not yet quite completed, but the records will be transferred as soon as work is finished. Jane Zavitz reported that the cost of the vault will be higher than originally estimated. It was noted that more contributions are needed to finance the construction. The vault for the protection and storage of the records will be spacious. Microfilms will

be used for search activities and originals will not be handled except in cases where the microfilm is indistinct. Even this use might be obviated by making a facsimile copy of such records.

5. **Friends Collection at Pickering College:** Jane Zavitz is continuing inventory and cataloging of this Collection and will then prepare a bibliography. It is a long term project.
6. **Quaker Tapestry:** This project was outlined in Newsletter 35 in detail. Suggestions are requested for content of the proposed Canadian Panels as well as for those who might be willing to do the embroidery.

REPORTS

1. **Chairman:** Kathleen Hertzberg presented the Chairman's Report, which is attached to these Minutes. The Nominating Committee's report required revisions after presentation to the Executive in May. It was agreed that the Executive continue work on further nominations. The Executive was also asked to review the Constitution and report back to the next Annual Meeting. Some oral history tapes were made at the time of Yearly Meeting in August. It is felt that this project needs a Friend in each Meeting to carry it forward. Irene Sotiroff agreed to circulate blank tapes to Meetings with information on the project.
2. The Treasurer presented a financial Statement for the year ended October 31, 1984, showing balance of \$3,071.31, a great improvement over last year's figure. The high level of general donations was noted. Stanley Gardiner agreed to audit the accounts before the statement is printed.
3. **Genealogical Enquiries:** These are now initially handled by Wim VanVeen. An access donation of \$20.00 is being requested for each search.
4. **Membership:** There are 146 members listed on our records. It was noted that of these, 51 have not been renewed for 1984. It was agreed that a renewal notice should be sent to these people immediately, and those not responding should, in general, be removed from the list. A renewal notice will be sent each year as a separate mailing in the early fall to remind members that fees are due on November 1st. Suggestions are sought for ways in which more Meetings can be encouraged to become members of the Association. Eileen Gardiner offered to read the Newsletter onto tape for those people who are unable to read because of failing eyesight. It was agreed that circumstances may lead us to make some people Honorary members. A contact person from each Meeting will be asked to report historical items to us and take back news of the Association, thus possibly increasing membership. We will include all meeting in our next newsletter mailing and hope donations will cover costs. Regardless, it seems essential to have this regular grass-roots contact with all meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Rockwood Academy:** After the death last year of Josef Drenters, the former Academy became the property of his brother, Andreas Drenters. An appeal is being made by "Friends of the Rockwood Academy" for funds to pay off the mortgage on an adjoining buffer-zone property and to maintain the Academy. This appeal is also sponsored by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. The Executive will discuss this matter further at its next meeting.
2. **Executive Meetings:** In order to increase attendance from Friends at a distance at the Executive meetings, it was suggested that we investigate the possibility of holding Executive meetings on the same weekends as Yearly Meeting Committee meetings. Kathleen Hertzberg will be in touch with the Yearly Meeting Secretary about the timing of these meetings, and will report to the Executive.
3. **Other Organization Memberships:** It was suggested that we take out membership in the Ontario Genealogical Society. Stanley Gardiner will investigate details of this and report to the Executive.
4. **Historical Information Material** which comes to the Friends House Library might be sent to the Quaker Collection at Pickering College.
5. **Exchange of Information:** It was suggested that an exchange might be arranged with the Friends Historical Association in Philadelphia which might be useful to both our organizations. They already receive the Newsletter through Friends Historical Library at Haverford College.
6. **Archivists:** It was noted that the Association of Archivists will likely meet at Pickering College in June, 1988.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a lunch served by members of the North Norwich & District Historical Association, the meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m. to hear a talk by Thomas Socknat, Ph.D., Department of History, Queens University, Kingston, Ont., on "The Role of Quakers In the Settlement and Formation of Ontario Society". Friends showed a great interest in the presentation and responded by asking a great many questions afterwards. The meeting was chaired by Chris Densmore. the text of the presentation will be published in a future issue of the Newsletter.

Quaker influence still felt, imprinted into our way of life

By GREG ROTHWELL
of The Sentinel-Review

NORWICH - Their numbers were small, but their influence is felt to this day.

During this Ontario bicentennial year there has been much talk about the United Empire Loyalists, who began settling in the province 200 years ago.

Not as well known is the settlement of members of the Society of Friends, also known as the Quakers, who arrived in Upper Canada at the time of the Loyalist migration north, and continued to come to Canada during the early 1800s.

Dr. Thomas Socknat, a professor of history at Queen's University in Kingston, told members of the Canadian Friends Historical Association, who were holding their annual meeting at the Norwich museum Saturday, that while the Quakers numbers have continued to die out in Canada since the middle part of the last century, tenets of their philosophy have had important implications on issues of social and political concern in this country.

PEACE

The Society of Friends has had a continuing interest in peace, and a history of opposition to militarism, and from its earliest days the society has recognized the importance of equal rights for women.

The community of Norwich traces its roots to the establishment of a Quaker settlement. While there are few Quakers remaining in Norwich, a number of old families can trace back to Quaker roots.

During the rebellion of 1837, led by William Lyon Mackenzie, Quakers played an active role in supporting the rebel cause. While only 4.2 per cent of the population in the Norwich area at the time was Quaker, about 40 per cent of those Quakers lent their support to the rebels, although few took up arms, in keeping with their non-violent philosophy.

Socknat said the Quakers who arrived in Ontario from the United States during the spring of 1784 settled in three major areas: the London area, including Norwich; the Bay of Quinte area and in Pelham Township and Black Creek in the Niagara Peninsula.

FOUNDATION

"The Quaker pioneers laid the foundation for much of Ontario's history," the professor said.

While they arrived with the Loyalists, the Quakers did not necessarily share the Loyalists' beliefs.

"Not all of them were Loyalists," Socknat said, "but some of them were."

They had come north "in search of a new society, almost utopian in nature, free of slavery and violence."

They were welcomed by the government authorities in Upper Canada, including John Graves Simcoe, "because they were seen as being most useful to an infant country."

Simcoe accommodated them by exempting them from military duties. Socknat said.

"As a result there was a rapid growth in the Quaker community between 1790 and 1820, when they reached their zenith in numbers and strength."

The Society of Friends arose in England during the 17th century as a result of the teachings of George Fox. Fox taught that each man and woman received a divine revelation or "inward light," and therefore religion was a matter of individual experience and experience. The Friends adopted no formal creed, and every man and woman attending a meeting of Friends was their own minister.

SCHISMS

There were schisms in the early Quaker communities, resulting in the establishment of new sects, and there was a growing expression of concern in social issues.

They supported the Mackenzie rebels in their fight against the Family Compact, and they supported the abolitionist movement in the United States, and were instrumental in establishing an underground railroad for blacks fleeing from slavery.

There was also early support for prison reform in Canada, and opposition to capital punishment.

"They also campaigned against militarism and against a narrow, aggressive nationalism," said Socknat.

In 1864 the Quakers did a survey of school books and made a report to Egerton Ryerson asking that the school system "adopt texts that were free of a militaristic thrust."

During the 1920s the Quakers joined other pacifists in opposing compulsory cadet training in Ontario's high schools, recommending that periods of physical training be used as a substitute.

They took an active role in the Canadian Peace and Arbitration Society and, along with the Mennonites, were involved in the establishment of alternative service programs for conscientious objectors.

They supported the League of Nations, established after the First World War, and continued to fight for peace throughout this century. During the Second World War they were involved in wartime relief work, and among other tasks they assisted Japanese and other 'enemy aliens' interred in Canada.

DRAMATIC

The decline in the ranks of the Quakers since the last century has been "dramatic," Socknat noted. An 1851 census showed there were 7,500 Quakers in Ontario. A census taken in 1941, the last one to contain a list of adherents to the diverse religious affiliations in the province, showed there were 1,500.

Among the reasons for the decline was a "marrying out" of Quakers to spouses of other denominations.

Other reasons included the movement of the general population from rural to urban areas. Today most Quakers live in Toronto or other large centres. There are only a few rural Quaker communities active in Canada today.

They integrated into Canadian society "at the expense of their own denominational identity," said Socknat.

But if their numbers have dwindled, the beliefs they have espoused have had a real impact on Canadian society, the professor said.

The Quakers "had a religious footing for their beliefs," he said, and "whether Canadians know it or not" there has been "an acceptance of much of (the Quaker) social philosophy by the wider social community."

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Quakers left influence on district

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By JOYCE McMULLEN

The Quaker influence on the formation of Ontario society was comprehensively presented by Dr. Tom Socknat of the History Department, Queens University, on Saturday afternoon at the annual meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association at the Norwich and District Museum.

With the celebration of Ontario's Bicentennial, this topic has become a popular one for the publishing of many books. Through his talk, Dr. Socknat stressed some of the important points allowing the group in attendance to see the effects of the Quaker settlements and groups on Ontario from the period of 1784 until the time of World War II.

In 1784 a band of Loyalist and Quaker families headed west and settled in the Bay of Quinte, Black Creek and Pelan Township areas. Not all Quakers were Loyalists although both groups did not want to take up arms. Therefore the Quakers emerged to Upper Canada for they wished to maintain a distance from the Loyalist label. They were in search of a better socio-economic society. John Graves Simcoe tried to entice them to settle in Upper Canada by promising no military duties. Migration resulted and during the period 1790-1820 Quaker settlements developed and reached their strength in the three areas of Bay of Quinte, Newmarket and the London-Niagara area.

Through their religious beliefs, plain speech, dress and architectural style of meeting place, there was little interaction with society. Any man or woman could speak for the Spirit of God and the emphasis was on Christian experience, not dogma. There was no formal creed but a meeting of friends in spiritual communion which developed a special form of spirituatism or quietism. Over everyman was the hand of God and life of society was the work of Divine Providence.

Gradually they accepted social responsibilities and early in the 19th century they became concerned about the welfare and prosperity of the province. Music was in-

corporated in some services and late in the century separatism continued over differences in spiritual doctrine. There became an increasing influence of Evangelical Methodism, which resulted in itinerant ministers.

During the rebellion the Quakers formed 4.2 per cent of the population in rebel areas and 40 per cent of the known rebels and accomplices. Solomon Lossing and Peter DeLong of Norwich may have influenced the cause of participation in the rebellion.

The Quakers moved into reshaping the structure of society through a brotherhood of equality and non-violence. They played a commanding role in the underground railroad and were instrumental in settling black fugitives. They held a commitment to racial and sexual equality. Dr. Emily Stowe and her daughter Augusta Stowe Gullen, products of the Norwich Quaker community, were supporters of feminine suffrage and they with other women helped to enact reform.

Prison reform and abolition of corporal punishment were other concerns with Quakers being the first to encourage rehabilitation of criminals. As well, they campaigned against militarism and psychological effects of a militaristic society. They proposed that Ontario adopt school books free of militarist images and were against such books as, *Flag and Fleet*.

In 1920 they attacked cadet training in schools as being antagonistic to reconstruction of the world and proposed as an alternative physical education activities.

From the beginning of the 19th century they stressed their right to live their peaceful standards. Beginning of the 20th century they tried to extend this to the rest of society. Peace and arbitration committees were formed. They tried to have and maintain pacifist activities. A non-violent revolution was needed for economic justice and peace. Following World War I they supported the League of Nations and promoted international good will. By the end of the 1930s the Quakers were fully integrated into the movement for social changes.

In post World War I society the movement of Quakers of rural areas to urban centres progressed their integration into society at the expense of their distinct denominational identity. A steady decline can be seen from 1851 of 750,000 Quakers to 150,000 Quakers in 1941, the last year the census of Canada set Quakers aside as a separate group. They had become absorbed into society. What was peculiar to Quaker society became peculiar to Canadian society and they were accepted by the wider Canadian community.

An interesting question period followed during which Dr. Socknat discussed various points of his talk as well as specific parallels to the Quakers of the Norwich area. It was noted the Quakers established the social standards and foundation of Norwich which have not been influenced by large cities as many Quaker settlements were.

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Attend Quaker meeting

Dr. Tom Socknat, a member of the history department at Queen's University, recalled the Quaker influence on the formation of Ontario's Society to those in attendance at the Canadian Friends Historical Society annual meeting at the Norwich and District Museum Saturday. Dr. Socknat later talked with Myra Pollard (centre) and Bertha Pollard, both of Norwich, two of the few remaining Quakers in the Norwich area. (Staff Photo)

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Canadian Friends Historical Association

Report of the Chairman to the Twelfth Annual Meeting held Saturday, 3rd. November, 1984 at Norwich, Ontario

Though 1984 has been **Bicentennial Year** for Ontario, during which we have recalled that "Quakers were amongst the first settlers" in many places in Upper Canada, there have been to our knowledge, few commemorative events which have featured the history and contribution of the Quakers. We are therefore grateful to Thomas Socknat for the talk which he will be giving to this Annual Meeting highlighting the contribution of the Quakers. We would like to print his paper in a future issue of the **Newsletter** and also possibly as a Bicentennial CFHA pamphlet published by the Argenta Friends Press. Two events which did include early Quaker settlements were -

Sparta Friends Meeting Celebrations

Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society, which included the unveiling of a Plaque in the Quaker Burial Ground at Dunkerron.

At our 1983 Annual Meeting, we designated the **Index** of the Quaker Records, on which work has been proceeding since 1978, as **CFHA Bicentennial Project**. Not only CFHA, but many others, especially genealogists, look forward to the completion of this stage of the **Index** and to the microfilm.

Our Tenth Anniversary Project - the production of a practical guide to Quaker Meeting Houses, Burial Grounds and sites in Canada, together with the slide show, has been slow to get off the ground due to lack of activity.

The Burial Ground Project (recording of Quaker Burial Grounds and Markers) on which David Newlands has worked professionally (See his articles in Newsletter No. 33 - March '83), has made some headway. A number of Friends and members responded to our request. Interesting material has been submitted. This project requires an interested individual to carry it beyond this point.

Genealogical Enquiries: The procedure for dealing with the genealogical enquiries which come to the Association, agreed at our last Annual Meeting, whereby one individual is appointed to receive all genealogical enquiries to which he/she responds with the **Form Letter** with the request for an access donation of \$20.00, is now in operation. It has proved to be a fruitful way of working. Some funds and new memberships have been the result. After the initial acknowledgment, the enquiries are then sent to Bill Britnell who continues to do the search. We are grateful to Wim VanVeen who has agreed to be responsible for the new procedure. This is a considerable relief to the chairman. We are all aware how necessary the **Index** on microfilm will be.

Oral History Project: There is some progress to report. At the 1983 Annual Meeting, Jane Zavitz agreed to be responsible for the promotion and execution of the Oral History Project. Newsletter No. 35 had an appeal to Friends Meetings to act now to make oral recordings of the reminiscences of older Friends. Unfortunately only 8 of the 32 Meetings in Canada are members of the CFHA. The helpful guidelines by Brookes Wright were printed in

Newsletter No. 35. Jane made the project known at the 1983 Canadian Yearly Meeting and distributed materials. The next urgent step is to send tapes to each Meeting across Canada.

Newsletter Index: We are most grateful to Stanley Gardiner for the diligent and enthusiastic work on the Newsletter Index which is now ready. We suggest a special issue of the Newsletter for the Index.

Newsletter continues to be much appreciated. The editors are heartened by the comments which come to them. This encourages us to persevere!. We would like to share with the Annual Meeting some of the process involved in producing the two issues per year. Editors are dependent on material submitted. We would like comments on the contents. Articles are welcomed on aspects of Quaker history in Canada and any interesting items relating to Meeting Houses, Burial Grounds, individuals; Quaker concerns such as peace, native affairs etc. We would like the Newsletter to be a reliable resource on Quaker history in Canada. Much research needs to be done and there is scope for histories of Meetings to be written up. We recently had a request from the Black History Society for a speaker from the CFHA on the role of Friends in Canada in the abolition of slavery and the involvement in the Underground Railroad. (1984 is also the Bi-centennial of the Prohibition of Slavery in the British Empire). Readily available information was sparse.

Since 1978, Kathleen Hertzberg and Jane Zavitz have been joint editors. KH has been responsible for the production. 200 copies are printed. Most of the material has to be typed roughly. It is then produced on a word processor and run off at the University of Toronto Press at very reasonable rates. Enquiries of other printers reveal in some cases twice the cost. The 150 envelopes are prepared by our membership secretary, Marguerite Johnson; stuffed and mailed by KH. This whole process usually requires about two weeks work on each edition.

Correspondence: A number of pieces of general correspondence, some of which requires research or investigation, is also received. Most of it is addressed to Friends House. There is often delay in the chairman receiving the mail. It is suggested that the address of the current chairman should appear on the notepaper.

The Executive Committee met only once during the year, on May 17th. At the 1983 Annual Meeting, three Friends volunteered to act as a Nominating Committee. They met and submitted a proposed slate of officers to the Executive on 17th May. Some amendments to these nominations were suggested. A further meeting of the Executive has unfortunately not taken place prior to this Annual Meeting, nor have the nominations been followed up. This work remains to be done. I am sure we would all like to see the work load spread and new and enthusiastic people take over specific aspects of the work. We therefore ask for the indulgence of this Annual Meeting, allowing the present Executive time to work further on nominations; at the same time, we would be glad to have nominations from the wider membership.

We would all regret to see the Association flounder. A number of historically knowledgeable Friends are active in the on-going work of the Society of Friends and therefore, cannot be called upon to serve at this time. There are other people who are interested in Quaker history. Perhaps we should spread our net more widely. However, what we need most of all are individuals who will take over specific projects, as outlined in this report and who are enthusiastic enough to work actively on the project to bring it to some conclusion. The Association has always had a number of faithful workers and supporters. We would hope for a higher level of awareness and participation on the part of Friends Meetings and individual Friends. This is one of our tasks.

Enthusiasm and interest in Quaker history and genealogy is often to be found outside the membership of the Society of Friends. Many people, it is astonishing how many people have Quaker ancestors!, value their Quaker ancestors. It may be that we need to revise our Constitution (which is still in draft form) whereby the chairman of the Association is required to be a Friend. The CFHA is an independent organization with its own charitable registration No.

Kathleen Hertzberg
Chairman



JANE ZAVITZ (centre), a former Norwich school teacher, now of Sparta, the vice-president of the Canadian Friends Historical Association, president Kathleen Hertzberg of Pickering (right), and secretary-treasurer Dorothy Muma of Toronto

look at an information bulletin prepared by the association. The association held its annual meeting at the Norwich museum Saturday.

(Staff photo by Greg Rothwell)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR

ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1984

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Nov. 1 Balance at Bank 1,338.89

Receipts:

Memberships	691.00	
Donations:		
General	1,175.00	
Farnham Records	30.00	
Arthur Dorland Room	85.00	
Indexing	50.00	
Newsletter production	10.00	
Archives search	90.00	
Vault	330.00	
Anonymous	42.00	2,503.40

Canadian Government re microfilming	200.00	
Bank Interest	64.86	
U.S. Exchange	34.90	2,803.16

4,142.05

Payments:

Newsletter Production & Mailing	633.15	
Pickering College re Vault	300.00	
Telephone	37.69	
Postage & Stationery	62.79	
Ontario Historical Association		
Membership	12.00	1,075.63

1984

Oct. 31 Balance at Bank 3,066.42

Dorothy Muma

Treasurer

Canadian Friends Historical Association

Membership Report 1984

1. The membership list of 1984 shows a total of 146 names, as follows:

General Member	50
Life Member	21
Seniors	35
Students	3
Honorary	3
Meetings	8
Libraries	16
Corporations	5
Newspapers (exchange basis	5

Total:	146

2. There are still 33 members who have not paid fees since 1982 and some of these are Friends. Can we afford to carry these or should we discontinue them?
3. For 1983 we still have 18 unpaid members.
4. Taking into account the 33 members for 1982 plus the 18 for 1983, we find that a total of 51 are still unpaid as we go into 1985.
5. From the above figures it appears that a concentrated effort needs to be made to get renewal notices out at regular intervals and as soon as possible as fees are due. Membership fees remain our only continuing source of revenue.

Marguerite Johnson

Membership secretary

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Renewal Notice

The time has come for renewal of your membership. If you have not sent in your remittance we urge you to do so soon.

Please note currentMembership fees below

Please send remittance to:

The Treasurer
Canadian Friends Historical Association
60 Lowther Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
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.....

Name:

Address:

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General Membership - 1 year = \$ 10

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NEWS AND NOTES

Quaker Tapestry: Friends were able to learn more about the Quaker Tapestry from Jean Brown of Woodbrooke College, Birmingham, England. Jean is one of the initiators of the **Tapestry** and is conversant with the correct (matching) materials (wools etc), and the embroidery stitches. Jean showed slides at Canadian Yearly Meeting 1984 at Langley, B.C. and at the "Woodbrooke on the Road" gathering at Camp Neekaunis early September. She showed samples of tapestry. The suggestions received so far for the Canadian Quaker contribution to this artistic, historical and international Quaker Project, are listed below. The suggestions are from scenes from Canadian Quaker history and life:

1. Yonge Street Friends Meeting House
2. Underground Railroad (Arthur Dorland's history page 295 on)
3. Quaker woman minister travelling in the ministry to newly founded Quaker meetings and settlements in western Canada prior to turn of the century - Alma G. Dale - granddaughter of Jonathan Gould (one of the first Quaker settlers in Uxbridge). The spirited pair of cream horses - took her across the prairies in all weather - Arthur Dorland, page 271.
4. The arrival of the Doukhobors.

These suggestions will be sent to the group promoting the work on the Quaker Tapestry. Location of photos, drawings on these topics would be welcomed. Eds.

Ajax LACAC Committee: has asked local organizations in the Ajax-Pickering area for suggestions for the use of the gymnasium of the old Pickering College in Pickering Village (depicted in Newsletter No. 35) in the event that the gymnasium could be restored. The editors suggestion is that the building could be used as a small library for the community, or as a small community centre. This is a building (all that remains of the original Pickering College after it burned down in 1905) which came out of the Quaker past, reflecting values and qualities which Quakers contributed to the community.

Old Doan House - Newmarket: The Old Doan House is to be moved closer to the Yonge Street Quaker Burial Ground. Building development around and in the vicinity of the Meeting House proceeds slowly as official approval to proceed is still awaited by the developers.

Quaker Related Bicentennial Events: The Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society event (see page 7 - Newsletter No. 35) went well. There were over 100 people present. The event included the unveiling of the plaque at the original Quaker Burial Ground at Dunkerron (Tecumseth Preparative Meeting of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting). There was also an historical parade. Our thanks to Mrs. Bernice Ellis and the Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Association for this initiative.

Symposium at Sharon: The Sharon Historical Society and University College, Toronto, in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, held a symposium Sept. 21st and 22nd, 1984 at Sharon Temple to explore the architecture and music of Sharon. Geoffrey Payzant, professor of history and aesthetics, spoke on the re-building of the Sharon organ. We plan to give a report on this event in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Besse's Sufferings: This is the important historical work recording the sufferings of the quakers in the first period of Quakerism in the 17th century. We recently received an enquiry asking us where this book is located in Canada. Our first enquiries revealed that Emmanuel College of the University of Toronto Library has a copy of the book.

In 1676, London Yearly Meeting set up a full "Meeting for Sufferings" which was to be held before each Law Term and also to prepare the "Book of Sufferings". The material was assembled but the Book of Sufferings was not prepared for printing until Joseph Besse of Colchester took up the work of digesting the ample MS. and printed materials. His Abstract appeared in three parts in 8vo, 1733-1738 and his Collection of the Sufferings of the People Called Quakers 1650-1689 in 2 vols, followed in 1753.

This information is taken from the "Second Period of Quakerism" by William C. Braithwaite.

We are very happy to report that Jane Zavitz informs us that Rendell Rhoades Collection at Pickering College, contains the following -

1738 ed. which covers 1660-1666.
1753 ed. in 2 vols.

These editions of Besse's Sufferings may be consulted at the Friends Collection at Pickering College, per Jane Zavitz.

We were grateful to Elizabeth Moger of the New York Yearly Meeting Haviland Records Room who responded to our enquiry regarding Besse's Sufferings with the generous proposal that the books might be on long term loan to CFHA.

London Yearly Meeting is undertaking a revision of the Book of Discipline of London Yearly Meeting "Christian Faith & Practice in the Experience of the Society of Friends", last revised in 1959.

Winnifred Tanner of Ottawa Meeting has written to inform us that the "Rideau Watch" in Ottawa has produced 2 cassettes with literature which may be played in a car as the listener drives from Ottawa to Kingston along the Rideau Canal, with a commentary with each lock station. The Rideau Watch plans to have another heritage tape for similar use, this time Prince Edward County (Bay of Quinte area). Winnifred hopes that CFHA will be consulted in the making of this tape as the contribution of the Society of Friends to the development of this area should be included and the tape known to Friends. We plan to be in touch with Rideau Watch about this. If any of our readers could help by talking on a tape or providing background material, please contact the editors.

The Doukhobors: In 1899, the Society of Friends (London Yearly Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Canada Yearly Meeting) assisted in enabling 7,000 Doukhobors who were suffering from persecution in Russia, to settle in western Canada. (see Arthur Dorland's History, page 303). Later both the American Friends Service Committee and the Canadian Friends Service Committee, sent representatives to work with the Doukhobors, especially with the Sons of Freedom. Barbara Bachovzeff of Montreal Meeting, did loving and acceptable service with the Sons of Freedom and visited Doukhobor women in prison. We were reminded of this Quaker service and concern by a report in the Globe & Mail on the death and funeral of the Reformed Doukhobors', spiritual leader Stefan Sorokin. We refer interested readers to this article as it seems to us to be a good review of some aspects of the present approach of the Reformed Doukhobors.

6th Assembly: The jug, chalice and patten used in the Lima Liturgy at the 6th Assembly of the World Council of Church held in Vancouver, B.C. July 1983, presented to the Vancouver Friends Meeting, is now housed and displayed in the Friends Reference Library room at Pickering College.

Alan Kingsley of Vancouver Friends Meeting and a member of the Association has kindly had copies made for reference and research purposes, of material in the Vancouver City Archives pertaining to the Vancouver Adult School and short histories of individual members of the Society of Friends on Lulu Island, Victoria and Vancouver. We are grateful to Alan for sending us this material. It will be placed in the Quaker Archives. We hope to review it in a later edition of the **Newsletter**.

Ontario Genealogical Society - Waterloo-Wellington Branch has recently undertaken the compilation of a handbook for their two counties. To complete this, they require information on church records in the area. Ryan Taylor writes "I believe that at one time there was a Friend Meeting House in Peel Township or that area, because there was a cemetery there for Friends use. Can you tell me if records of this congregation exist, and if so, where they are and what access there is to the? If you know of any other Waterloo or Wellington county material in your archives, I would be pleased to know of it."

We know from Arthur Dorland that at the time of the Separation 1828, new meetings were established in the Townships of Tecumseth, Mariposa, Collingwood, Sydenham, St. Vincent and Peel. Arthur Dorland says that information regarding meetings established during this period is very scanty. Many of the records have either been lost, or have fallen into private hands, even when the records are available, little useful information can be obtained. Peel Meeting was probably discontinued about 1890.

According to the Inventory of the Archives of the Society of Friends, prepared by Edward Phelps Regional History Librarian, University of Western Ontario, dated 1st. December, 1971, there are no records listed for the Peel Allowed Meeting, though some information regarding the Peel Meeting could be contained in the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting minutes, of which Peel was an "allowed" Meeting. The editors would be glad to hear from anyone who may have

information regarding Peel Meeting and the records of that Meeting and Quaker Burial Ground which may be in private hands.

Deaths

Charles Nelson

Forthcoming Events:

Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar '85. "The Meeting Place"

May 17, 18 and 19, 1985, hosted by the Toronto Branch, at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), Bloor Street West, at Bedford, Toronto.

News of Members:

Writing from Malawi where he is setting up museums for the government of Malawi, David Newlands says that his time there ends on 31st. May, 1985 and that he will return to England or Canada. It all depends on the employment picture ... he is pleased to see the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting growing and progressing - it has justified the efforts a small group of Friends made to renovate and restore the building. David is distressed at the speed that housing and shops are surrounding the building. "greetings and best wishes to all".

Stop Press News!

Jane Zavitz writes on Dec. 13th, that "Ed Phelps came on Tuesday with the truck from University of Western Ontario with 41 boxes of (Quaker) archival materials for Canadian Yearly Meeting and with listings of all items. They are in the records area at Pickering College near the vault and ready to be put on the shelves, that is real progress, the shelving is to be delivered next week. Everything is working out properly at last."

NEWSLETTER ON TAPE:

Eileen Gardiner has kindly offered to speak the CFHA NEWSLETTER onto tapes. If you would like to receive the NEWSLETTER on tape, please let us know.

Eds.