

## **Halcyonia Monthly Meeting, Book D 1969-1982**

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[Fritchley Meeting](#) is in Fritchley, Derbyshire, England and is still an active meeting. Several Fritchley Quakers established Halcyonia Meeting in Borden, Saskatchewan in 1903. They were part of a western group of meetings in Alberta and British Columbia that met annually. The Halcyonia Meeting is now named the [Borden Meeting of Conservative Friends](#) and remains an active [conservative](#) meeting. Jane Zavitz Bond states that the meeting had an association with the Ohio Yearly Meeting. She adds that the first minute book, Book A, has been lost.

There is an excellent detailed article about this settlement in the Canadian Quaker History Journal, titled [Friendly Influences on the Prairies: The Quaker Settlement of Halcyonia, Saskatchewan, 1904 – 1913](#), No. 78, p. 26- 50, 2013. For a wider understanding of western Canada meetings see [Western Friends: Experience of the Spirit in My Life](#), CQHJ, No. 60, p. 3-14, 1996.

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handwritten, discrepancies may occur.]*

4<sup>th</sup> MINUTE BOOK (BOOK D)  
OF HALCYONIA MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

(1969-1982)

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A memorial of Elizabeth Darbyshire Junior (dated 1969)

Also is a minute taken from the minutes of Fritchley Preparative Meeting Concerning the death of Lydia Tomes  
Hugh & Margaret Wake's daughter who remained in England with her husband at the time the rest of the family came to Canada in 1913

A copy of the third minute from the minutes of Fritchley Preparative Meeting held at Fritchley on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1969.

We have sorrowfully to record the death of Elizabeth Darbyshire which took place in hospital on the 26<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> month 1969 at the age of 78 after a long period of failing health which she bore with much patience and courage.

She was a daughter of Jesse & Elizabeth Darbyshire and a birthright member of Fritchley Meeting. She spent most of her life in the village and was a faithful attender of Meetings for Worship and for several years, Clerk to Fritchley Monthly Meeting.

Throughout her life she used the plain language and exhibited a consistent disregard for all forms of ostentation.

She held her beliefs sincerely and, we feel, was careful to live in that measure of light which was hers.

The interment took place at Crich burial ground following a Meeting for Worship at Fritchley Friends Meeting House. Sincere tributes were paid to our Friend in the Meeting and by members of the nursing staff of the hospital who made us feel that

it had been a privilege to nurse her. Her presence amongst us will be greatly missed.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this minute to her relatives and friends.

Minute 5 for 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1980. Fritchley P.M.

It is with a deep sense of loss that we record the death on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> of Lydia Tomes at the age of 89.

Lydia Tomes' family has a long connection with Friends her paternal grandfather being the noted antiquarian Henry Thomas Wake who joined the Meeting in 1882 & had a considerable influence amongst Friends in this area.

She was the daughter of Hugh & Margaret Wake, who; until emigrating to Canada early this century; were members of this Meeting. Lydia remained in this country with her husband Alfred Tomes who had joined Fritchley Meeting as a convinced Friend.

From childhood the Meeting was at the centre of her life. One of her early memories was of being marched, with the rest of the children from the small Friends private school to the site of the present Meeting House, where each pupil laid a foundation brick.

She was ever faithful in attending Meetings for Worship & ever ready to do any good work for the Meeting that lay in her power.

Gentle & unassuming she did not speak much about her faith, she just lived it, this & her sunny smile endeared her to all who knew her well.

Although her life was often tempest tossed, she retained into old age her joy in gardening, in beauty & above all in friendship, & many, both young and old, Friends and non Friends, have expressed their deep feelings of sorrow & bereavement at her passing. We feel her life was an example to us all.

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**HALCYONIA MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS** Held at Thistledale  
Meeting House 24<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> Month 1969.

1<sup>st</sup> Minute: The finance committee brought forward a statement of expences of material, for repairs and re-decorating of the Meeting House.

2<sup>nd</sup> Minute: The Meeting is agreed for each member household to pay 25.00 to enable full payment of expenses,

– Also covering our quota for Yearly Meeting leaving any balance in the treasury.

3<sup>rd</sup> Minute: This Meeting has four newly appointed Trustees, Whom are, Cornelius Penner, Betty Penner, Ruth Bergman, Allen Penner and Philip McCheane (Philip being added later).

4<sup>th</sup> Minute: The question of our present relationship to Canadian Yearly Meeting has been under consideration by the Meeting. After some discussion the Clerk has been instructed to send the following letters – One to Canadian Y. Meeting and one to Norwich M. Meeting. Also ~~and~~ a copy to be appended to the Minutes.

5<sup>th</sup> Minute: Proposed that the date of our next M. Meeting be left open, date & time to be announced.

Margaret Saunders Clerk

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**HALCYONIA MEETING FOR BUSINESS** Held at Thistledale Meeting House 9<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. 1978.

1<sup>st</sup> Minute: The question of appointing a new registra to take the place of our Friend Joshua K. Wake, who has held the position for many years. (He is now 92 years)

2<sup>nd</sup> Minute: The Clerke is requested to gather together names and dates of those of our members whos deaths have not been recorded.

3<sup>rd</sup> Minute: The minutes of our last Meeting have been read

4<sup>th</sup> Minute: William Wake has accepted the Office as Secretary & treasurer for the Meeting.

5<sup>th</sup> Minute: Payment is made from time to time to those of the Penner family for work done in keeping the Meeting House & grounds in good order.

6<sup>th</sup> Minute: The Meeting approved the agreement that each Member give 20.00 towards the upkeep of the Meeting House funds

7<sup>th</sup> Minute: Margaret Saunders has expressed the wish to be freed of the position as Clerk of the Meeting. Neil Penner name was suggested & the Meeting approved his acceptance.

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8<sup>th</sup> Minute: The Meeting has appointed the Trustees to go ahead with the purchasing of 20 more chairs to take the place of those stolen from the Meeting House Also make enquires towards purchasing another book-case to replace the one also stolen.

9<sup>th</sup> Minute: The Meeting has authorized the newly appointed Clerk Neil Penner and William Wake to enquire into the matter that would make it legal for them to sign cheques for the business of the Meeting.

10<sup>th</sup> Minute: Meetings for Worship are held regularly at the Thistledale Meeting House through the Summer months, and in Friends home during the Winter.

11<sup>th</sup> Minute: Time and place for our next business Meeting will be announced.

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#### **Fourth Day 2 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Month 13<sup>th</sup> 1981**

1<sup>st</sup> Minute: Meeting was opened with a short period of Quiet.

2<sup>nd</sup> Minute: Minutes of the Last Monthly Meeting were read

3<sup>rd</sup> Minute: Chairs had been purchased by W.O. Wake to replace the stolen ones. Money was used from the Meeting House expense fund.

4<sup>th</sup> Minute: Margaret Saunders has a list of deaths to record when it is fully prepared. These are Quaker families.

5<sup>th</sup> Minute: For the present the Secretary will assume position of Registrar.

6<sup>th</sup> Minute: We will accept another round of donations for Meeting House Fund etc. \$20 per adult member was decided on.

7<sup>th</sup> Minute: A new official trustee was appointed for the Meeting house & grounds Al Penner.

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8<sup>th</sup> Minute: Things that require care at this time on the Meeting House & yard.

1. Repair Steps
2. Mow Yard carefully & around the driveway
3. Affix board over doorway below the swallows nest
4. Check condition of Sign (needs painting)
5. General Check up of Meeting House
6. Windows to be repaired by Philip M.
7. Tin piece for Heater Stand
8. Runner mat for meeting House
9. Firewood
10. Sand & varnish window sills and table

11. Polish Stove

9<sup>th</sup> Minute: Payment to be made to persons doing maintenance work.

C.R. Penner.

10<sup>th</sup> Minute: Next Monthly Meeting to be called by the Clerk.

Billy -

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**First Day, 2 p.m. 10<sup>th</sup> Mo. 31<sup>st</sup> 1982**

1<sup>st</sup> Minute: Meeting was opened with a “quiet time”.

2<sup>nd</sup> Minute: Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

3<sup>rd</sup> Minute: Al Penner and Gerald Bergmann were appointed to check out and repair, windows, sills, and doorway of meeting house, next spring.

4<sup>th</sup> Minute: A concern about title of the meeting house land was expressed. Note to check this out when we are in the vicinity of the land office.

5<sup>th</sup> Minute: Dave Penner was nominated for registrar. To be registered in Regina before Nov 18 - 1982 (11<sup>th</sup> Mo.)

6<sup>th</sup> Minute: The registrar or clerk will keep record of deaths & births.

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7<sup>th</sup> Minute: Clerkship to be taken over by Allen Penner.

8<sup>th</sup> Minute: It was decided to have Neil Penner continue as treasurer, assisted by Joan Penner.

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**List of Members of Halcyonia Meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1966**

|          |              |   |                          |
|----------|--------------|---|--------------------------|
| CAMPBELL | Mary A. (m)  | B | Box 183, Edison, Alberta |
| CHAMNESS | Harold *     | B | Halcyonia, Borden, Sask. |
|          | Ruth         | B | Halcyonia, Borden, Sask. |
|          | John         | B | Halcyonia, Borden, Sask. |
|          | Winnifred M. | B | Halcyonia, Borden, Sask. |
|          | Lester M.    | B | Halcyonia, Borden, Sask. |

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|-------------|---------------------|---|--|
|             | Larry A.            | B | Halcyonia, Borden, Sask.               |
| CRABB CRABB | John C.             | B | Radisson, Sask.                        |
| CRABB CRABB | D. Edward (Teddy)   | B | Radisson, Sask.                        |
| CRANE,      | Laurence            | R | Halcyonia, Borden, Sask.               |
| GOODRICH,   | Kenneth             | B | Halcyonia, Borden, Sask.               |
| HINDE HINDE | Mary K. (m)         | B | R.R.1, Beaver Creek Rd., Alberni, B.C. |
| HINDE HINDE | Katherine (m)       | B | Radisson, Sask.                        |
|             | Barry C             | B | 1915, Lorne Ave., Saskatoon            |
|             | David               | B | R.R.1, Beaver Creek Rd., Alberni, B.C. |
|             | Joseph Edward (Bob) | B | R.R.1, Beaver Creek Rd., Alberni, B.C. |
|             | Susie R.            | R | R.R.1, Beaver Creek Rd., Alberni, B.C. |

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| HINDE,    | Henry W.                           | B #       | Valley Springs Ranch, Borden       |
|           | Mary Needler                       | R         | Valley Springs Ranch, Borden       |
| INGRAM,   | Elizabeth (Elsie) (m)              | B LUND    | Valley Springs Ranch, Borden       |
|           | Lydia M. (Daisy) (m)               | B LOUCKES | U Dot Ranch, Borden Sask.          |
|           | Hannah (m)                         | B MASON   | 2516 Tomlinson Crescent, Saskatoon |
| Edmund    | R MASON                            | Eliza     | 429 Ave K North, Saskatoon         |
| H.        | B MASON                            | Henry     | 429 Ave K North, Saskatoon         |
| B MASON   | John                               | B         | 637 Victoria Ave., Saskatoon       |
| McCHEANE, | Gorden E.                          | B         | Battleford Hospital                |
| McCHEANE  | J. Mary (w)                        | B         | Edmonton, Alberta                  |
| McCHEANE  | Phillip M.                         | B         | Halcyonia, Borden, Sask.           |
| PENNER    | Cornelius R.                       | R.        | Halcyonia, Borden, Sask.           |
| PENNER    | + Margaret E. ( <del>Daisy</del> ) | B         | Thistledale, Borden, Sask.         |
|           | (Betty) (their                     |           | Thistledale, Borden, Sask.         |

children):

|        |             |   |                            |
|--------|-------------|---|----------------------------|
| PENNER | Allan R.    | B |                            |
| PENNER | Margaret J. | B | Thistledale, Borden, Sask. |
| PENNER | P. Marie    | B | Thistledale, Borden, Sask. |
| PENNER | David W.    | B | Thistledale, Borden, Sask. |
| PENNER | Nancy E.    | B | Thistledale, Borden, Sask. |
| PENNER | Ronald F.   | B | Thistledale, Borden, Sask. |
| PENNER | C. Joan     | B | Thistledale, Borden, Sask. |
| PENNER | Sylvia      | B | Thistledale, Borden, Sask. |

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| RIVETT,  | Roberta E. (m) | B | 1 Steel St., Ottawa 9, Ontario |
| Edmund Saunders, husband of Margaret<br>(nee Wake, deceased) |                |   |                                |
| SAUNDERS,  | David E.       | B | 330 Ave. X., Saskatoon         |
| SAUNDERS   | Edward N.      | B | Borden, Sask.                  |

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|-----------|----------------|---|--|
| SAUNDERS  | Francis John   | B | Box 66, Borden, Sask.                      |
| SAUNDERS  | Margaret (w)   | B | Box 66, Borden, Sask.                      |
| WAKE WAKE | Henry          | B | Battleford Hospital                        |
| WAKE WAKE | John           | B | Thistledale, Borden, Sask.                 |
| WAKE      | Joshua K.      | B | Thistledale, Borden, Sask.                 |
|           | Hannah Pollard | B | Thistledale, Borden, Sask.                 |
|           | William O.     | B | Thistledale, Borden, Sask.<br>and Mackinaw |

Abbreviations

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| B – Birthright member R –                 | 43 Birthright members               |
| member by request * –                     | 4 members by request                |
| attender                                  | <u>47 total members plus</u>        |
| # – member of another monthly meeting m – | 1 attender                          |
| married                                   | 1 member of another monthly meeting |
| w – widow s –                             | (Toronto)                           |
| single                                    |                                     |

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**HALCYONIA MONTHLY MEETING**

Trustees of Meeting-House Property Joshua  
K. Wake

Ministers  
none

Elders  
none

Overseers  
J. Mary McCheane Joshua  
K. Wake

Clerk  
Margaret Saunders

Secretary Treasurer