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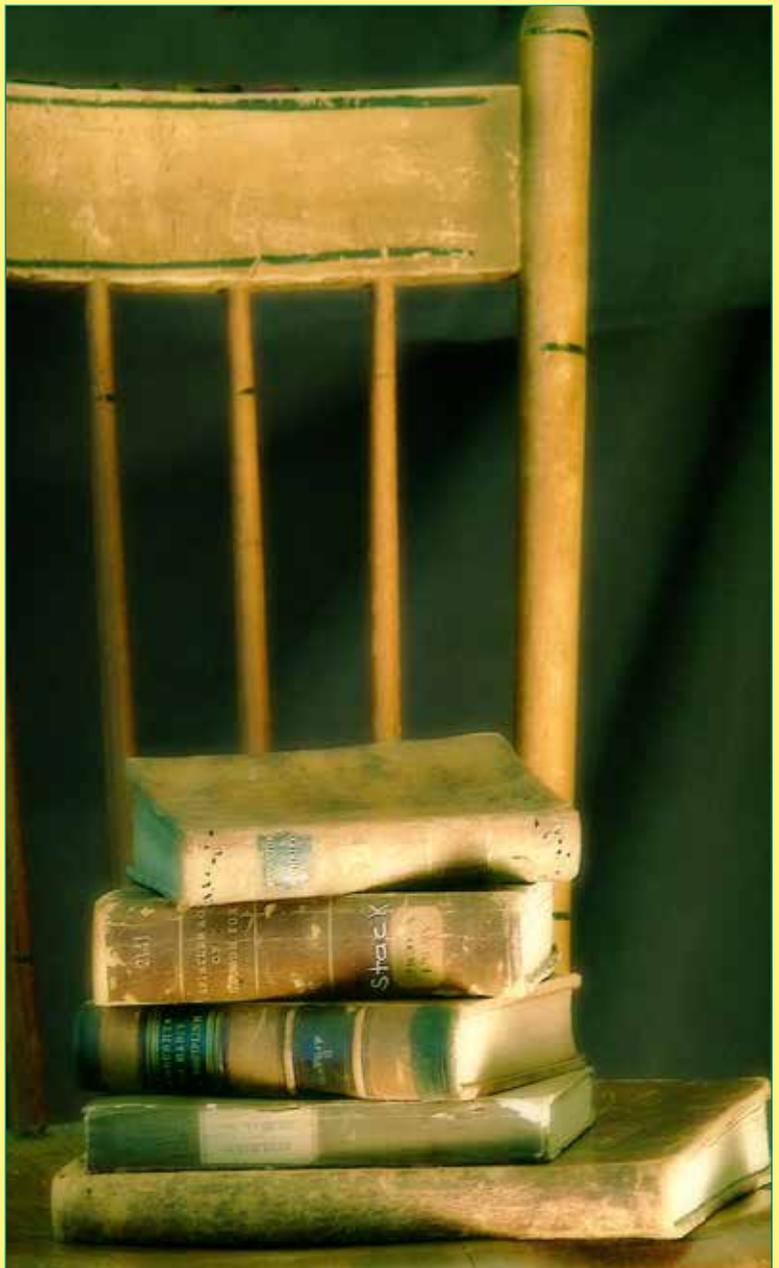


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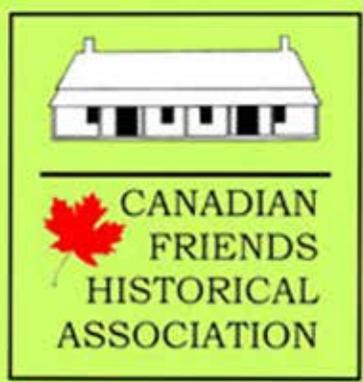
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will not be  
extending his  
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## Editorial Notes

... Pat Moauro, Editor

### Ed Abbott, Frank Miles leave their footprints on sands of time

*Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime, and, departing, leave behind us, footprints on the sands of time.*

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

This quotation came to mind while reading and preparing reports in this issue about two Quaker Friends who both departed this physical world last December.

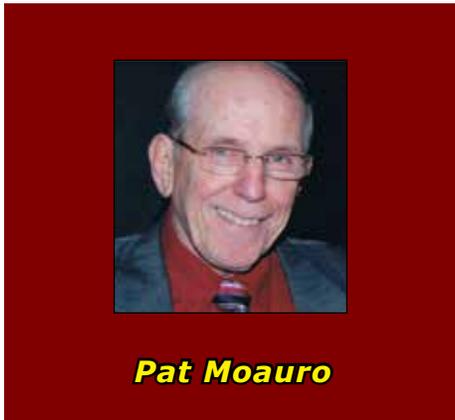
**Ed Abbott** and **Frank Vernon Miles** have undoubtedly left their footprints on the sands of time. I had the pleasure of meeting Ed and his wife Vivienne (both medical doctors) some years ago when they visited Coldstream Monthly Meeting for a visit and presentation. I also was in their company at a CYM gathering in the Ottawa area several years ago.

Both Ed and Vivienne were gentle souls, who spoke softly, kindly and passionately about their work. What particularly stood out for me was their gentleness and humility, as they shared and mingled with all present. Their sense of humour also shone through, as they loved a good laugh.

Ed, a member of Simcoe-Muskoka Meeting, died peacefully in British Columbia last December 1. His memorial service was held at Friends House on February 28 this year.

A conscientious objector during World War II, he undertook alternative service with the Friends Ambulance Unit (FAU) in China.

Ed and Vivienne, who survives him, served in Rasulia, India



Pat Moauro

for many years on a project jointly supported by British Friends and Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC).

As well as raising their children, the Abbotts set up a health clinic to provide medical services during their assignment in India. They also helped the community with what would now be called "root cause" issues to health, such as clean water, proper sanitation and nutritious food.

I didn't have the pleasure of meeting **Frank Vernon**

**Miles**; however, by all accounts he too has left a legacy of unselfish service. You can read more about his life, along with that of his late wife Patricia, in a report from his family on pages 6 to 9.

Both Ed and Frank were excellent role models for younger generations of Friends, demonstrating their unstinting and unselfish service. They not only talked their talk, but walked their walk.

They were examples of how we, too, can put our faith and beliefs into action by demonstrating our love for all humanity and serving with humility and without bias or prejudice.

**Ed Abbott** and **Frank Vernon Miles** have reminded all of us - men and women - that we too can make our lives sublime and leave our footprints on the sands of time.

Peace and Light,

*Pat*



## Chair's Message

... Andrew Cresswell, Chairman

### CFHA Chair says he won't extend his 3-year term in 2014



**Andrew Cresswell**

*"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted."*

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

As we embark on a new year and the days begin to lengthen, we look forward to the promise of starting anew. We carry forward the toil and hope of the past, as we plant again in the knowledge that we are contributing to a cycle that encompasses all life.

It is with this fresh light that I would like to invite you, the members of the *Canadian Friends Historical Association*, to join us in this important work. As I cross the mid-way point of my final year as Chair of the Association, I recall all that has been accomplished and all the tender shoots that still require attention.

Due to increasing personal and professional responsibilities, I have informed the Executive Committee that I will not extend my term as Chair, and furthermore may not be in a position to remain on the Executive as Past Chair after the Annual General Meeting this fall. I hope my announcement will inform and inspire others to consider assuming a position of responsibility in this important Association.

I mentioned in my last Chairman's Remarks that the Executive is conducting a SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat) analysis of the Association in an effort to develop a strategic direction plan for the fall AGM. The work continues, and we will be preparing a draft plan in the coming months.

It is our hope that this plan will refine, focus, and strengthen the work of the Association as it faces the demands and challenges of being a valuable public history organization in the twenty-first century.

As always, I hope you enjoy this edition of *The Meetinghouse*.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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# Nominations of officers for 2014 encouraged

**By Gordon Thompson**  
*Past CFHA Chair*

Members of the *Canadian Friends Historical Association (CFHA)* are encouraged to consider volunteering to fill the positions of Association officers that will become vacant at the 2014 AGM.

The positions include Chair, Treasurer and Membership, and Recording Secretary respectively. As a long-time member of the Executive Committee I can assure members who consider the available positions that this essential service to the membership is *never* tedious or dull.

Instead, a strong sense of community and fellowship quickly develops as the Executive works together creatively and effectively to realize the Association's objectives and perform the necessary business activities.

The relevant portions of the Constitution and By-Laws are reproduced below for easy reference and information concerning the officers' responsibilities.

These parts of the Constitution provide general guidelines and a framework in which the actual practices of the Association Executive are typically performed. The Constitution states that the term of service, for example, is described as "a term no longer than 5 years".

In actual practice, however, officers typically serve for a term of three to four years, subject to their willingness,

availability and annual re-appointment at the AGM.

For additional information and to volunteer for consideration by the Nominating Committee please do not hesitate to contact the Nominating Committee Chair by letter, or e-mail directly to CFHA, or by phone to speak to me in person at 905-793-9593 (please leave a message).

Following are some applicable excerpts from the Association Constitution and By-Laws:

## SECTION IV - OFFICERS

The officers shall be a Chair, a Past Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Treasurer and a Secretary, who shall be appointed for a term no longer than five years.

These officers and others appointed from time to time shall constitute the Executive Committee, and shall be appointed yearly at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee shall have responsibility for the affairs of the Association between the Annual General Meetings

## BY-LAW II DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1) **Chair.** The Chair is the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings. The Chair shall report annually on the activities of the Association at the Annual General Meeting and shall appoint members of committees and delegates not otherwise provided for in the By-Laws. The chair is an ex-officio

member of all committees.

2) **Past Chair.** The Past Chair shall assist the Chair in assuming his or her duties and provide support and advice to the Executive Committee.

3) **Vice-Chair.** The Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair in the event of absence, incapacity or resignation of the Chair.

4) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the Association funds and for maintaining adequate financial records.

5) **Secretary.** The Secretary shall be responsible for the record keeping and correspondence of the Association, including a membership list.

Here are some answers to frequently asked questions:

**Q** - Where are Executive Committee meetings held?

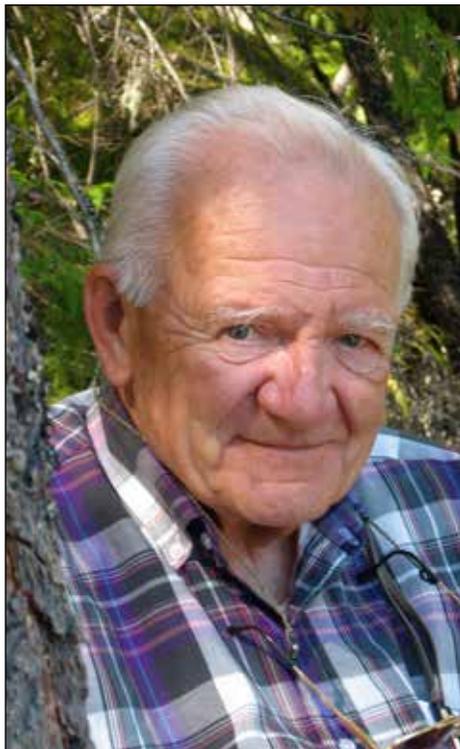
**A** - Meetings are held at a location mutually agreed upon and convenient to most committee members.

Please note that the current Executive does include a resident of British Columbia who communicates via Skype.

**Q** - How often are meetings held?

**A** - Meetings are held once a month, with the exception of December, July and August.

*"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."  
— Albert Schweitzer*



**Frank Vernon Miles**

*Later in the summer, Frank's ashes will be buried next to Patricia's in a memorial garden near Argenta Friends Meeting, in the Purcell Mountains of British Columbia.*

## **Frank Vernon Miles memorial set for April 19 in New Hampshire**

A Memorial Service in the manner of Friends (Quakers) will be held on Saturday, April 19 for **Frank Vernon Miles**, 90, who died on December 25, 2013 at Kendal at Hanover, New Hampshire, where he had lived for the past 11 years.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. at Kendal at Hanover, NH, under the care of the Hanover Friends Meeting. Later in the summer, Frank's ashes will be buried next to Patricia's in a memorial garden near Argenta Friends Meeting, in the Purcell Mountains of British Columbia. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution in Frank's memory to a charity of your choice.

Frank was born in Salem, Oregon on September 16, 1923, the middle son of Ross and Laura Miles. He spent most of his early years in Hazel Green, a small rural community outside of Salem. After he graduated from high school in 1941, he entered the Engineering School at Oregon State University. However, when the U.S. entered World War II he looked for an opportunity to be of service in a way that was more aligned with his faith than the military, and enrolled in a program at Guilford College, NC, to train young men to undertake work in international relief and reconstruction.

Within months this training was discontinued, as congressional legislation cancelled the right of conscientious objectors to go overseas. Frank was then drafted as a conscientious objector into the Civilian Public Service (CPS) and, for three years, cut trails in the Smoky Mountains National Park, served as a medical "guinea pig" for jaundice experiments at the University of Pennsylvania, and worked as an attendant in both the State Mental Hospital in Trenton, NJ and in the psychiatric clinic of the Duke University Medical School.

### **Served in China with Friends Ambulance/Friends Service Unit**

Within three weeks of being released from CPS at the age of 22, Frank was on his way to China to begin an assignment with the Friends Ambulance/Friends Service Unit, which ultimately lasted four years ('46-'50). In 1946 he assisted in rebuilding Zhengzhou, Weiwei, and Anyang Hospitals, which had been badly damaged during the Sino-Japanese War.

In 1947, as medical mechanic, he joined Medical Team 19 (MT-19) at the International Peace Hospital in Yen-an (the wartime headquarters of the Communist Party), during a truce established in the civil war between the Chinese Nationalists and Communists. Shortly after MT-19's arrival in Yen-an, hostilities resumed and Yen-an was attacked by the Nationalists. Along with the entire hospital the team evacuated on foot, often under the cover of night to avoid air attacks, for the next 14 months moving from village to village to reestablish mobile hospitals so as to treat both civilian and military casualties (15 main moves, with stays in 44 villages).

In March 1948, along with a government guide, Frank walked across North China to the port city of Tianjin so that a teammate could return to the United States.

## Frank Vernon Miles memorial

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Next he looked after a machine shop, garage, and a small fleet of trucks in Chung Mou – a period during which the village changed hands between Nationalists and Communists several times. In October 1948 Frank was named Chairperson for the Friends Service Unit groups working in China and assigned to the office in Shanghai.

Upon completion of his term as Chairperson he was ready to return to the United States to complete his college education, but by that time the U.S. Navy was blockading the port of Shanghai so it took eight months for him to secure the requisite permission to leave China (via Tianjin, from which he took a small coastal vessel to Hong Kong and on to the U.S.)

### Frank marries Patricia Beatty in 1951

Upon his return to the United States Frank entered Haverford College in the fall of 1950 (Class of '52), which was made possible by generous scholarship and hospitality support. During his senior year he met Patricia Beatty who was teaching in a public school in Wilmington, Delaware, and they were married in 1951. They spent their first decade together in the Philadelphia area. Frank earned a B.A. in Economics and Sociology from Haverford College in 1952 and also, while working full-time, a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Villanova University in 1962.

During this time, Pat devoted her time to raising their young family and contributing to various activities in the community. After the devastating loss of their firstborn, Douglas, to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Frank and Pat welcomed four healthy children into their lives.

Upon graduating from college Frank sought employment that would support the family and, at the same time, allow them to continue discovering other parts of the world. He worked as Chief Engineer at Lee Tire and Rubber in Conshohocken, PA ('51-'62) in anticipation of their opening a plant in the Philippines. When the company was acquired and liquidated, he joined the International division of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, serving as Chief Engineer for plants in Valencia, Venezuela ('62-'64) and Bethune, France ('64-'69); as Plant Manager in Menzel Bourguiba, Tunisia ('69-'74); Joliette, Quebec ('74-'76, where his knowledge of French and his experience in resolving conflicts were useful in settling protracted labor disputes); and Hamilton, Ontario ('76-'78).

In 1978 Frank was appointed Manufacturing Manager for Firestone Canada, still based in Hamilton, Ontario ('78-'82). Frank and Pat greatly enjoyed sharing with their family and friends the exploration and appreciation of these varied places and their people, and building lasting friendships.

After retiring from Firestone at the age of 60, an opportunity arose for Frank to serve as General Secretary/Treasurer for Canadian Yearly Meeting, the national body of Canadian Friends (Quakers) in Toronto, Ontario ('83-'89).

In addition to keeping the administrative wheels of the organization going he, along with Pat, contributed warmly and wisely to the widely dispersed Friends Meetings and worship groups across Canada through their travel, visitation, and engagement.

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## **Frank Vernon Miles memorial**

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A second retirement took Frank and Pat to the small village of Kaslo, British Columbia where they relished a decade of living next door to son Dan and his family, contributing to several community service groups, hiking up to old mines in the mountains and swimming in the cold waters of Kootenay Lake.

There they also participated in the life of Argenta Friends Meeting, a warm and caring community.

### **Relocated to New Hampshire after 38 years in Canada**

In 2000, after 38 years of living outside the United States, Frank and Pat relocated to New Hampshire so as to be closer to medical support in working with Pat's advancing Alzheimers. While on the waiting list for an apartment at Kendal at Hanover (a continuing care retirement community) they lived for 2 ½ years with daughter Cathy and her family at Brock Farm in Piermont, NH. There, in addition to helping with farm projects and engaging fully with family life, Frank volunteered at the Piermont Library, came to know intimately the early spring ephemeral wildflowers, and explored the surrounding hills by bicycle and on foot.

Later, from a new home base at Kendal ('03-'13), Frank sang with the Bach Study Group and the Kendal Chorale. Throughout his time at Kendal he gave generously of himself in supporting those whom advancing years had robbed of independence – and grew with grace into his own time of increased dependence on the help of others.

Over the years Frank and Pat spent many a holiday with son Steve's family in Ipswich, MA; made a winter trip to Florida to visit daughter Rebecca's family in Tallahassee every year since she moved there in 1989; and enjoyed extended visits to his and Pat's beloved Chalet on Miles Road in Kaslo, near the family of their son Dan.

Frank's roots and contributions to the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) ran deep. During his childhood his family participated in the Pacific Coast Association of Friends, a group of meetings that was re-establishing worship on the basis of silence. Witness to the peaceful resolution of conflict was an essential part of their life. Frank's father had been a conscientious objector in the First World War and had worked in France with the American Friends Service Committee, building orphanages for children who had lost their parents in the war. One of Frank's brothers, Ward, also served as conscientious objector during World War II.

In their lives as a couple, Frank and Pat participated in the worship and community life of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) wherever possible. They were active in Radnor Monthly Meeting in Pennsylvania until they transferred their membership to Hamilton Monthly Meeting in Ontario, Canada after years of living abroad where there were no Friends meetings close by. (During those years, they often held meeting for worship in their home, first as a family and later, with a small group of friends who wished to join them.) Still later they were active members of Argenta Friends Meeting (BC, Canada).

Since the move to New Hampshire Frank was a steady and beloved member of Hanover Friends Meeting (where for a period he served on the Building Committee) and later he worshiped with the Kendal Worship Group.

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## Frank Vernon Miles memorial

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Frank carried himself in a beautifully unassuming way that didn't broadcast his lifetime of rich experience in Quakerism, and his international work and service. Nevertheless he was known by many as a source of light and wisdom with a ready ear for listening, a sense of perspective, and a warm smile and chuckle.

**Frank Miles** is predeceased by his wife, **Patricia Beatty Miles**. He is survived by his brothers **Ward Miles** of Lacey, Washington and **Rodney Miles** of Portland, Oregon and their extended families. Frank is lovingly remembered by his children and their families: **Stephen** and **Ingrid Miles** of Ipswich, Massachusetts and their sons **Garth Landers** and **Stephen Miles, Jr.**; **Rebecca Miles** and **Ward Broderson** of Tallahassee, Florida and her children **Jessamyn Doan** and **Daniel Doan**; **Dan Miles** and **Shelley Stickel Miles** of Kaslo, British Columbia, Canada and their daughters **Sarah** and **Hélène Miles**; and **Catherine Miles Grant** and **Charles Grant** of Saint Johnsbury, Vermont and their sons **Brendan** and **Julian Grant**.

*Thank you to **Dan Miles** (Argenta Monthly Meeting), and the Miles family for this obituary and photo. Thank you, also, to **Susan Stevenson**, Presiding Clerk, Canadian Yearly Meeting, for forwarding this report.*

## Book III in The Emma Field novels series evokes feelings similar to Thomas Hardy novels for British expatriate reader



Carol E. Williams

*The Emma Field series - coming of age in the changing times of the mid-19th century.*

*Author: Carol E. Williams*

*Carol lives, grows and writes near the village of Merrickville, Ontario*

*"I found this novel gave me the same feeling I get reading Thomas Hardy novels. The language is not the same, of course, but I found myself feeling the exact same way towards Emma as I felt as a teenagers towards Tess of the d'Urbervilles. I am a huge fan of Hardy, and not many people can evoke the same feelings in me that his work does."*

*- **Stuart Foxley**, British expatriate living in Sweden*

In Book III something strong and certain is ignited in the young Emma Field by a man who gives freed African Americans a home near Chatham, Canada West and a wise and fiery matriarch of Six Nations of the Grand River. In the process Emma confronts her past and finds her way to a future filled with purpose and love.

Williams' writing has been described as the combination of earth, edge and steadiness. If

you like the writing of Lucy Maud Montgomery (Anne of Green Gables), Gabrielle Roy (Children of My Heart) and Patricia MacLachan (Sarah, Plain and Tall), you will enjoy these books.

Read and re-read by young people and the adults in their lives, this series is about the young Emma Field who grows up amongst the Quakers of her pioneer community of Bloomfield, Canada. Her further adventures take her amongst the Quakers of Nine Partners, New York, and later the runaway slaves and Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) of the Great Lakes.

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## Concern and discernment: An early 19th century reflection on man, God, and environmental balance



**Gordon Thompson**

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*Part One*

*Reference: An early 19th century reflection on environmental balance*

**By Gordon Thompson**

The recent decades have seen the emergence of environmental concerns as a significant and potent social issue among the citizens of developed nations. Awareness of environmental issues, however, is by no means a recent issue. Even as the last herds of buffalo were being slaughtered a growing number of voices were expressing concern for the consequences of human impact on the natural environment.

The late 19th and early 20th century saw focussed efforts to establish large wilderness areas in parts of the United States and Canada to protect watersheds and sources of drinking water. It was the mid to late 20th century, however, before a clear understanding of environmental balance and the inter-related nature of the biosphere became a more generally accepted world view.

The rise of environmental awareness in recent times has paralleled an improved understanding of nature and its mechanisms at work in nature. Better understood and appreciated is just how critical the natural operation is to human existence and how these mechanisms are affected by human activity.

In the early 19th century a Quaker in North America anticipated much of the environmental insight and understanding that is now generally taken for granted. In the brief reflection which follows, this Quaker writer displays a keen appreciation of the relationship between balance in nature and the impact of human activity.

Although clothed in the vocabulary and religious concepts of the day his reflection provides a remarkably prescient sense of the harm which may arise if human stewardship of the natural world is neglected or poorly performed. He correctly discerns the consequences of indiscriminate destruction of competing “noxious” species, and provides an eloquent consideration of ethical animal slaughter and responsible consumption.

Lastly, the following passages recount the developing maturity and growing sense of reverence for life as experienced by a young man just transitioning into adult manhood.

This article is Part One of a two-part examination of this work and the individual who authored it. Part One consists of the transcribed text itself. Part Two will follow in a subsequent issue of *The Meetinghouse*. In Part Two the author’s identity will be revealed and the relationship between this writer and the wider context of early Friends’ related discernment will be explored.

Readers’ comments and responses to Part One are encouraged and appreciated.

This early Quaker writes: “I have already observed that the delight that I took in fishing and fowling had a tendency frequently to preserve me from falling into unlawful and sinful amusements and which, through the assistance and interposition of divine grace, I had now mostly forsook and withdrawn from.

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An early 19th century reflection on environmental balance ... from page 10

*“I have likewise from reflections founded on observation and from the nature and reason of things, been led to believe that we frequently err by the liberty we take in destroying what we esteem noxious creatures and not only abuse the power and rule over them given us by our great common Creator, but likewise act very contrary to and subversive of our own true interest. For no doubt, as all in the beginning was pronounced good that the good God had made, there was a right proportion and true medium and balance among the creatures that were to inhabit this lower world.”*

“And now I began to feel through the rising intimations and reproofs of the precious gifts in my own heart that the manner in which I sometimes amused myself with my gun was not without sin. For though I mostly preferred going alone, whereby in waiting in stillness for the coming of the fowl, my mind hath been at times so taken up in divine meditations that they have been to me seasons of great instruction and comfort and wherein my gracious redeemer was striving gradually to turn my mind from such low and perishing amusements.

“Nevertheless, at divers other times, when in company with others on a party of pleasure, and no fowls presented which were good and useful when taken, we have merely for sport and to try which could excel in shooting, fell upon the small though innocent birds that we could decoy and cause to fly over us that were of no use when dead and destroyed many of them from wantonness or for mere diversion and for which cruel procedure my heart is sorrowfully affected whilst penning these lines. But this conduct, from the convictions I felt, and the result of such reflection, soon appeared to be a great breach of trust and an infringement on the divine prerogative.

“Therefore, it soon became a principle with me not to take the life of any creature, but such as were esteemed really useful when dead or very obnoxious or hurtful when living.

“And it also appeared to be a duty, when we apprehend it right to take the life of any of these, that we endeavour to do it in the most mild and tender manner in our power. For from the consideration, it must appear to every candid mind that the liberty we have for taking the lives of the creatures, and using their bodies to support ours, is certainly an unmerited favor and ought to be used as the mere bounty of our great Benefactor and to be received by us with great humility and gratitude.

“I have likewise from reflections founded on observation and from the nature and reason of things, been led to believe that we frequently err by the liberty we take in destroying what we esteem noxious creatures and not only abuse the power and rule over them given us by our great common Creator, but likewise act very contrary to and subversive of our own true interest. For no doubt, as all in the beginning was pronounced good that the good God had made, there was a right proportion and true medium and balance among the creatures that were to inhabit this lower world. And man being made as a crown to the whole, no doubt his true interest lay in preserving, as much as might be, this true medium or balance.

“But man fell from the state of rectitude in which he was created-and wherein he only was capable of governing the creatures agreeable to the will of the Creator.

“Hence, by exerting his power over them under the influence of his fallen wisdom, and not understanding their true natures nor end of their creation, he has wantonly fallen on and destroyed such kinds as (to his limited understanding) appeared noxious because, at some times, they were observed to feed off some of the fruits of the field that were the product of his industry - when a little care in frightening them away would have been sufficiently effectual and their lives preserved to fill up the place assigned them in creation.

An early 19th century reflection on environmental balance ...from page 11

*“How presumptuous must it then appear from rational reflection for limited, borrowed beings to sport themselves with the lives of other beings? However little they may appear in the view of proud man (who vainly supposes all made for his use) yet they may be as necessary a link in the great chain of nature and creation as his own existence.”*

“Hereby, the true balance has been so materially affected that the tribes of lesser creatures, such as reptiles and insects (which were to feed and support those creatures man had wantonly destroyed and which come not so obviously under man’s comprehension, nor so generally within the limits of his power to destroy) have increased to a proportion sufficient to spread destruction and devastation over the fields and left the face of the earth, at times, as a scorched or barren desert.

“For such has been the wisdom and goodness of the Supreme Being in the creation of man that he has so intimately connected his duty with his truest interest – both in regard to temporals as well as spirituals – that if he falls short in the first, he will likewise feel himself affected in the latter and, for every shortcoming or act of sin, feel the consequent reward or punishment and disappointment.

“Therefore, it is our indispensable duty, as reasonable, accountable beings, wisely to ponder our ways and previously consider the consequent effect of all our conduct.

“For if we are to give an account of every idle word (which we are to do) it must appear clear to every rational mind (for the very idea of rationality secludes from the understanding everything which is irrational – which certain every idle word must be) therefore, every idle or presumptuous act must be still more criminal.

“How presumptuous must it then appear from rational reflection for limited, borrowed beings to sport themselves with the lives of other beings? However little they may appear in the view of proud man (who vainly supposes all made for his use) yet they may be as necessary a link in the great chain of nature and creation as his own existence.

“For although in the course of divine providence we may be permitted to take the lives of such of the creatures (in a reasonable way) as are suitably adapted to the accommodation of our bodies in a line of real usefulness, yet that by no means carries any warrant for us wantonly, or in a sporting way, to destroy the lives of those that are not useful when dead.

“Neither is this privilege given to man, any partial act of the deity, for we see he has given the same privilege to almost every other creature and also furnished them with means whereby they are enabled to take such of the creatures as he has intended for their use and by which the true balance might be maintained. And had man kept his station as well as the other creatures, I have no doubt but the true balance would have been at least much better preserved than it now is – if not inviolably kept.”

*The second and concluding part of this article will appear in the Summer issue of The Meetinghouse.*

## Canadian Quaker records to go online this Spring



**Jane Zavitz-Bond**  
**CYM Archivist**

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Much has been happening at the Canadian Yearly Meeting (CYM) Archives. The following report touches on several areas and we continue to rejoice as each project nears its goal.

The CYM Trustees have signed an agreement with *Ancestry.ca* to place the Canadian Quaker records online this Spring. They will be included in the International Quaker Index which is available for all to search without charge. Anyone wanting a facsimile of a record will be required to pay. The CYM retains ownership of the records for the work of the Archives.

This is the culmination of nearly a decade of effort to make the records available on the internet. The Records Committee can now be released to do other work and genealogists will have fuller and easier access to records.

The second major announcement is that the Records Committee has hired an assistant archivist. The CYM Trustees, funded by the **Ross Rogers** bequest, made a grant available to allow the hiring of **Michela Lockhart**. Michela's training and experience fit her well for the part-time position. She will be working to inventory the holdings and get them catalogued electronically.

Recent gifts to the Archives include:

- Hamilton Monthly Meeting donated *Forty Years Forty Stories - Our Cloud of Witnesses*, a book celebrating 40 years of the Friends community in their meetinghouse and gardens at 7 Butty Place;
- **Gordon Keith's** letters from China with the Friends Ambulance Unity during WW II are contained in a book sent by his son Laird;
- **Kathleen Schmitz-Hertzberg's** memoirs of her full life can be added to the volume previously of the translation of her husband, **Fritz Hertzberg's** diary of his WW II years as a prisoner of war in Russian prison camp;
- **Heather Kirk** donated her biography of **Maza de la Roche**, descended from Yonge St. Quakers and considered a major Canadian novelist;
- **Ken Leland's** *1812 The Land Between Flowing Waters* is the story of four families, black, white and native, struggling to survive in a time of war, when the Peace testimony was challenged.
- **Stanley Fulecki's** story of slaves who escaped to Niagara via the underground railroad and formed a black brigade during the War of 1812 will appear in print soon.

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*“Ed Abbott’s memorial service was held at Friends House on Friday, February 28, 2014, with Vivien and all their children present. In spite of sadness for all those gathered, it was a time of thanksgiving for his life among us.”*

*The Meeting Directory and Registry of Quaker Sites* is another CFHA project. **Ian Woods**, who heads this project, gave four books to the Dorland Collection with background on heritage houses, barns, and mills and their construction as resources.

A photograph of **Ella Rogers** and **William P. Firth's** impressive cottage at Go-Home Bay on Georgian Bay came from the current owners who want to know about its history and more about the Firths. The grandfather of the current owner remembers knowing them as neighbours in the 1940s. When Pickering College was used as a hospital in 1916, the students - mainly girls - finished the school year at Go-Home Bay with the Firths.

**Shadrack Ricketson's** 1821 map of the meetings in New York Yearly Meeting is a valuable pre-separation site document. Recently I read the travel Journal of a 28-year-old male from Prince Edward County on a visit to his Haight relatives in The Hudson River valley. I learned that **Shadrack Ricketson** was a physician in New York City, kept genealogical records, read French, and his travels to Canada included visiting his sister, the mother of the young Haight traveller.

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As well as **Gordon Keith's** letters we have his home colour movie of the FAU filmed in China which he gave a number of years ago. We have the CFSC (*Canadian Friends Service Committee*) Archive records for setting up and supporting the unit, and the letters from the men sent in groups, then typed and forwarded to their respective families.

**Francis Starr's** personal papers came to us from his family. His “homemade” passport for the Friends Ambulance Unit in China, loaned for the major Peace Exhibition at the War Museum in Ottawa, was returned recently. Friends attended the opening on May 30, 2013.

We hope to share more about the role of Quakers in the Rebellion of 1837 in the *Canadian Quaker History Journal*, and to share some of the Friends Ambulance Unit and Relief Work from WW I.

We received a teacher's resource kit from the *Quaker Service Memorial Trust* after sharing some of the Archives' FAU resources with the planners of the British War Memorial Arboretum who have developed an extensive archives. We were asked for contacts with any still living, or with their families, who had served in Quaker Relief Service during and after WW II.

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This report shares some of the activity at the Archives; however, the work continues. The CYM Archives supports the ongoing *Canadian Quaker Biography* and the *Quaker Sites’ Registry* projects.

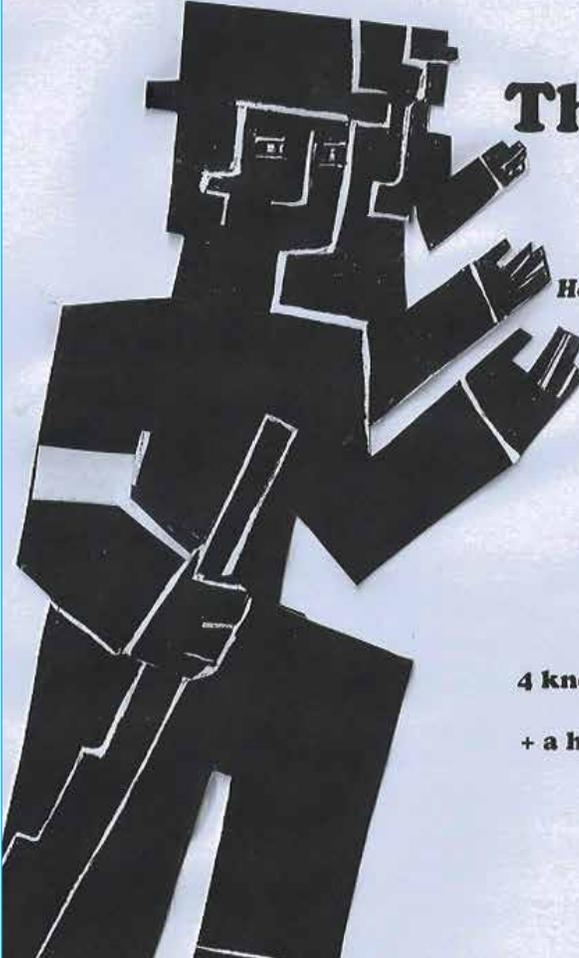
You can share in furthering them by adding information that comes your way, or undertaking specific research of people (biographies) or places (site registry). There is always more historical research to do!

For nearly two years I have been unable to spend much time at the Archives, but my mobility is improving and I hope to work with Michela and those on the Records Committee to further the inventory work. Telephone calls and emails keep me connected at home.

The CYM Archives is the Quaker storehouse in Canada. History matters!

With greetings to you all,

**Jane Zavitz-Bond,**  
CYM Archivist



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