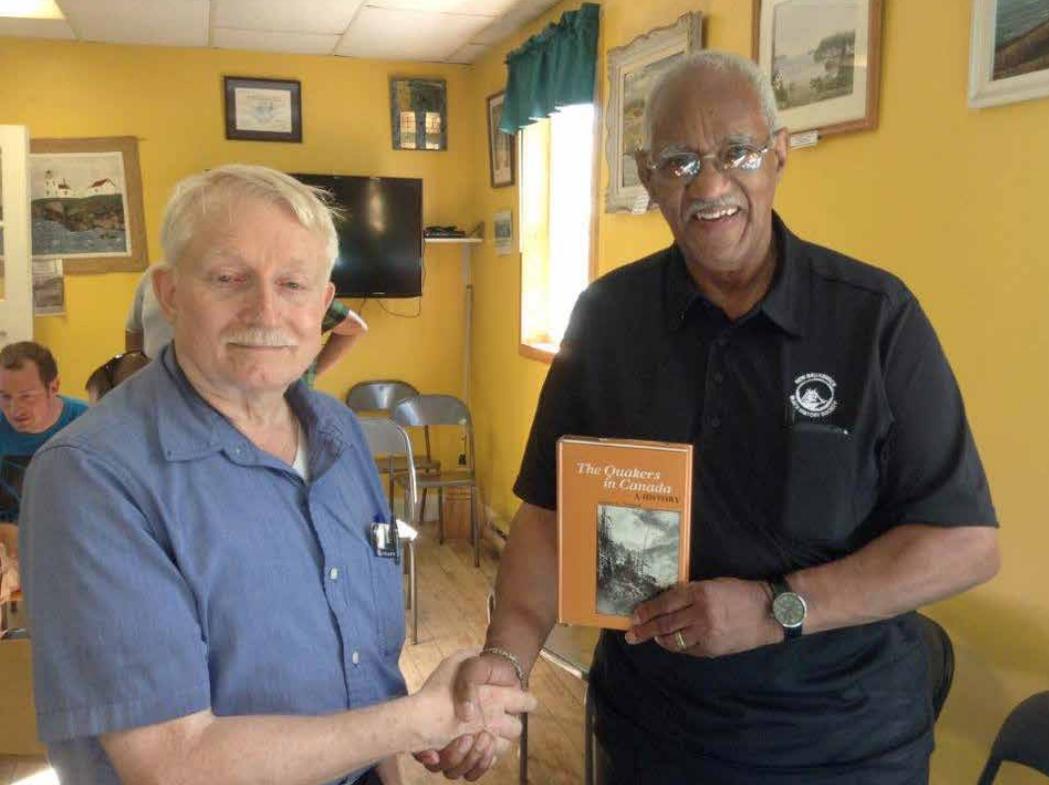
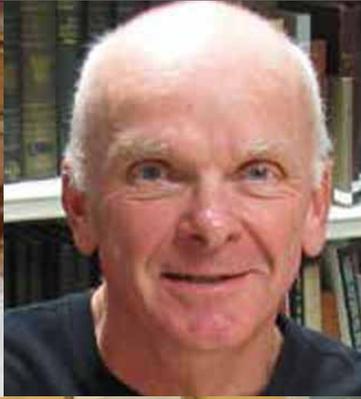




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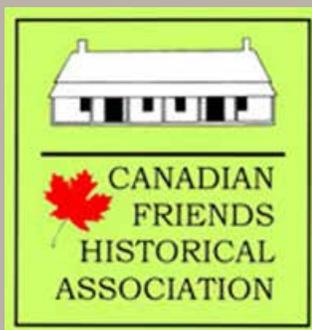
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# Message from the Chair:

Second Month 24, 2017

The opening of the CFHA 2016 Annual General Meeting at the Uxbridge Historical Centre last fall included a reading from the works of William Penn. Because this reading speaks in a timely manner to any age, it is worth repeating here:

*“There is a zeal without knowledge, that is superstition. There is a zeal against knowledge, that is interest or faction; there is a zeal with knowledge, that is religion; and if you will view the countries of cruelty you will find them superstitious rather than religious. Religion is gentle, it makes one better, more friendly, loving and patient than before”.*

While William Penn could not anticipate the present-day circumstances in the world, his observation is one of those timeless insights that any age may benefit from.

Likewise, the observations and records of history can comprise a knowledge which is complementary and sometimes an element of religion. Canadian Quaker history is replete with examples and accounts of a particular faith community which sought to be more friendly, loving and patient, and better than before. Their legacy in Canada, including their failures, is instructive and frequently inspiring.

This issue of *The Meetinghouse* will provide details of the business and social aspects of the 2016 AGM. In addition, you will find updates on many activities that members have undertaken to make Canadian Quaker history more accessible and better known. You will also find updates on the latest minute book transcriptions, on the Essay and Scholarship award program, and the recipient of the first-ever CFHA University Scholarship. We also include interesting historical guidance on ways in which you may contribute financially to CFHA via soon to be implemented Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) subscription arrangements. This issue includes a book

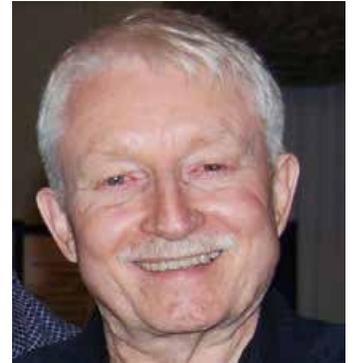
review of *New London: The Lost Dream* dealing with 18th century Friends in Prince Edward island. In short, there is a lot of information in this issue to be shared.

As we go to press, I would like to remind members who have not yet renewed their membership that membership dues for the 2016-2017 membership year are due. Please download the membership form from the website and remit payment as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [chair@cfha.info](mailto:chair@cfha.info).

Please note there is an ever-present desire on the part of the Executive that we will find suitable means and opportunities to engage more of our members in the very rewarding and informative work of CFHA. The needs of CFHA do not differ significantly from those of any other active and forward-looking organization: members are needed to help with all aspects of our work. This can encompass clerical, financial, secretarial, outreach, research and writing and the important work of discernment of the business which comes before the Executive Committee. Participation in the work of CFHA provides unique rewards of personal satisfaction and those of shared achievements. Please contact [chair@cfha.info](mailto:chair@cfha.info) at your earliest convenience to discuss your skills and opportunities to participate.

Recognition of our volunteer member contributors is always important, and we are pleased to announce in this issue the addition of two of our members to our list of Honourary Members. I would also like to acknowledge the receipt of several recent generous donations to CFHA by a number of members, and to express our appreciation for this important support.

Lastly, I would like to thank the many contributors who have helped, make this issue another interesting and informative one. Happy reading to all, and please remember that reader feedback is always welcome.



**Gordon Thompson**  
Chairman



## Fifth Month 2017

**29-31** The Canadian Historical Association (CHA) Annual Meeting, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario. The theme this year is "From Far and Wide: The Next 150", and the extensive program includes over 110 events ranging from Roundtable and panel discussions, presentations and walking tours. The CHA website is [www.cha-shc.ca](http://www.cha-shc.ca).

**30** Special Event! CFHA Presentation by Sydney Harker and Robynne Rogers-Healey to be held at Friends House, Toronto. Sydney will present findings of her research on the marriage strategies employed by pioneer Quaker women living in the frontier Upper Canadian community of Adolphustown. Space is limited, please register in advance at [chair@cfha](mailto:chair@cfha) or call June Pollard at 647-995-5459.

**31** CFHA Executive member and editor of the Canadian Quaker History Journal Robynne Rogers-Healey will present the first of two papers on Canadian Quakers during panel presentations at the Canadian Society of Church History (CSCH) annual meeting at Ryerson University, Toronto. The first paper "Quakers and the South African War" will be presented between 12:45 and 2:15 PM. Members of the public may register and attend. Registration and complete program details will be posted on the CSCH website [www.csch.sche.ca](http://www.csch.sche.ca).

## Sixth Month 2017

**01** Robynne will present her second paper "Quakers on the Margins: Migration and Minorities in Late-eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Quakerism" during a panel held between 10:15 and 11:45 AM at the same venue. Sydney Harker will also present her paper "The Ties That Bind: Quaker Migration and Marriage from England and Ireland to Upper Canada" during this panel.

**11** Uxbridge, Ontario. The Committee of Friends Meeting House will host the 208th Anniversary Interdenominational Service at the historic Friends Meetinghouse starting at 2:30 PM. All are welcome! For directions and additional information please see the Committee website [www.uxbridgequakermeeetinghouse.com](http://www.uxbridgequakermeeetinghouse.com) or call Russell Gould at 705-852-3476.

**16-18** OGS Conference 2017, Algonquin College, Ottawa, Ontario, Plans are taking shape for a CFHA booth at this popular gathering of genealogists and those interested in family history. Come by to say hello, see our display, renew or take out membership and learn more about our activities. The Conference 2017 theme is Our Canada-Your Family-Building A Nation. The OGS website is [www.ogs.on.ca](http://www.ogs.on.ca).

## Minute Book Transcription Update

Late last year the volunteer transcription team added a very significant document to the available transcribed Canadian Quaker minute books. The team completed the transcription of the Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends Men's Minutes, 1834-1876. These Yearly Meeting minutes record the activities of the yearly meeting organized by the Hicksite Quaker faction in Upper Canada and adjacent New York state after the Hicksite-Orthodox split. During the time period covered by these minutes the number of Hicksite Friends in Canada eventually exceeded those in the United States. As a result, the Yearly Meeting sessions came to be hosted by either a Canadian or American meeting. The Canadian monthly meetings which hosted yearly meeting sessions included Coldstream, Pelham and Pickering.

The transcription of Genesee YM minutes details the role played by many Canadian Friends on concerns spanning the border but sometimes of more particular relevance to American Friends.

The transcription was posted on the CFHA website late last year and is fully searchable and accessible. In total the document is over 300 pages of printed text. CFHA would like to express its deep appreciation to transcribers Carman Foster and Moira Greenlee, to Randy Saylor who coordinated and posted the finished work, and to Friends Library at Swarthmore College who provided the microfilmed images of the original documents. A special thank you is due to Patricia (Pat) O'Donnell of Friends Library who kindly provided enhanced images of some otherwise indecipherably faint pages.

# CFHA AGM Designates Two New Honourary Members

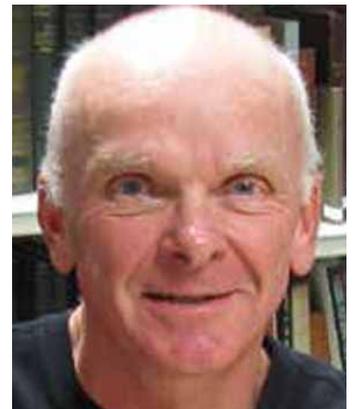
The Executive Committee was pleased to recommend two new Honourary Members to the AGM: Ruth Jeffery-MacLean and Randy Saylor.

Ruth has been an active member of CFHA for many years. Her contributions to CFHA have included service as Treasurer, and Recording Secretary and sometimes in both of these offices at the same time. In addition to serving as a member of the Executive Committee for over 17 years, Ruth has also contributed articles to The Meetinghouse and helped organize many sessions of the Annual General Meeting. Her clear and complete meeting minutes, dedication to maintaining accurate bank records, and positive encouragement have been greatly appreciated by her Executive Committee colleagues and members alike. Ruth has also frequently participated in CFHA outreach booth displays at Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) Conference events and other venues.

Randy Saylor has also been a long-standing member and supporter of CFHA. When the internet became available as a means of sharing information Randy established the CFHA website and continues to serve as the CFHA webmaster. Randy is a descendant of a Prince Edward County Quaker family. His interest in the history of settlement of the Bay of Quinte area led to his early establishment of a website dedicated to providing access to many transcribed documents related to that history. This work has included transcription of many historic local area Quaker meeting minute books using innovative internet 'crowd transcription' involving many remote volunteer transcribers. Visitors to [www.cfha.info](http://www.cfha.info) will find over 2,000 pages of transcriptions provided by these transcribers. Randy has also compiled a PowerPoint presentation on Canadian Quaker history and been a guest speaker at a number of OGS events. ■



Ruth Jeffery-MacLean  
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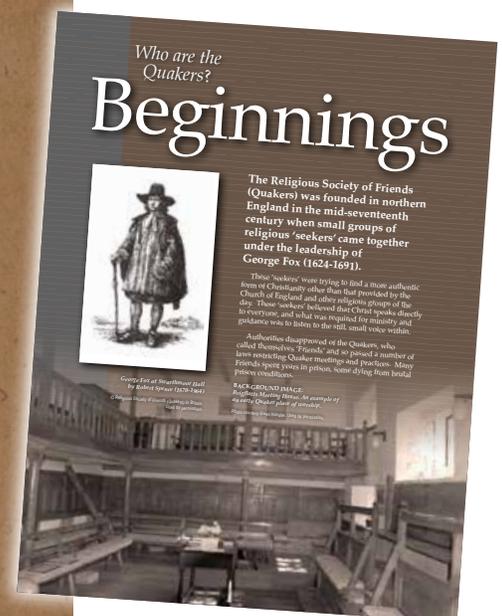
Randy Saylor  
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## New Brunswick Monthly Meeting to add new 'Who Are The Quakers?' panel

The 'Who Are The Quakers?' set of 8 display panels were featured in the centrefold of the previous issue of The Meetinghouse, and are posted on the CFHA website.

New Brunswick Monthly Meeting has started to investigate the creation of a new panel to be added to the set. The proposed new panel would feature the legacy of the Beaver Harbour/Pennfield settlement of 1783. The new panel will increase awareness of the Beaver Harbour settlement as the first multiracial community in North America where slavery and slave masters were explicitly forbidden.

The 'Who are the Quakers?' display is an initiative of Eastern Shore Allowed Meeting, supported by New Brunswick Monthly Meeting and CFHA. Proposals for additional panels celebrating the Quaker legacy of other local meetings are encouraged. For additional details, or to arrange a temporary display of the existing 8 panels please contact [chair@cfha.info](mailto:chair@cfha.info).



ABOVE: The opening panel from the exhibit



## East Coast Friends and Quaker History

by **Gordon Thompson**

ABOVE, L-R: Beaver Harbour celebrations Head Table Guests: Chief Hugh Agaki, Ronald Vienneau (husband to Her Honor), the Honorable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau, Deborah Coleman, and Ralph Thomas.

PHOTO : Ellen Helmuth

In late Fall of 1783 a group of Loyalist settlers sailed into the sheltered waters and wilderness of what became known as Beaver Harbour, New Brunswick, on board the ship *The Camel*. This group of refugee settlers was not unique among the various ship loads of Loyalists who were evacuated out of the United States at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, except perhaps for one thing. Before departing from New York, the members of this group, consisting mostly of Quaker and free black families, had signed a Charter drawn up by leader Joshua Knight to found a new community which

would not include or tolerate either slaves or slaveholders among their numbers.

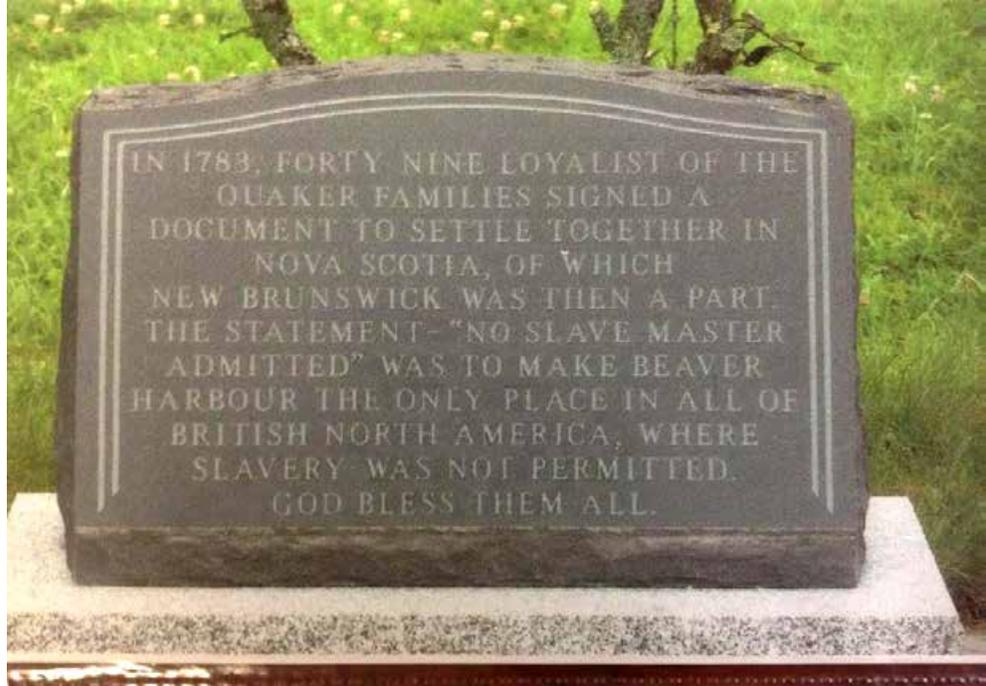
On the 10th of Ninth Month, 2016 this founding history was commemorated and celebrated at the present-day Beaver Harbour Museum and Archives at Beaver Harbour. Although the history of the settlement had largely faded from recollection, certain dedicated local citizens had taken action in recent years to ensure the story of this remarkable community did not disappear entirely. Foremost among these individuals was Rita Hawkins, who donated funds for the erection of an engraved marker stone on the

site of the original Quaker burying ground. Mr. Carman Eldridge, in like manner funded the erection of a second engraved marker stone which provided summary details of the settlement.

Three years ago, members of the New Brunswick Black History Society and the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada New Brunswick Branch, combined with Jim (“Jimmy”) Hawkins, the owner-operator of the Beaver Harbour Museum and Archives to organize the first modern commemorative celebration of the settlement. The event was an immediate success, and this year the organizing group expanded to include representative Chief Hugh Agaki of the Passamaquoddy First Nation among the planners and honoured dignitaries.

The 2016 celebration was once again very well attended, with an over-flow crowd spilling over the main floor of the museum and archives and into the basement. Introductory comments and remarks were provided by the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, Jocelyne Roy Vienneau. Joining the Lieutenant Governor at the Head table were Chief Hugh Agaki of the Passamaquoddy First Nation, Jimmy Hawkins of the Beaver Harbour Museum and Archives, Ralph Thomas of the New Brunswick Black History Society, and Deborah Coleman, Recording Secretary of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada New Brunswick Branch. Deborah delivered the keynote presentation entitled “The Founding of a Colony ~ The Dark Winter of 1783”. The meeting and presentations were followed by refreshments and a specially-decorated commemorative cake.

Present day Quakers were very much present at this celebration. Members of New Brunswick Monthly Meeting and representatives from a number of Allowed Meetings and Worship Groups under its care attended the event and a Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business the



ABOVE: Commemorative marker stone donated by local resident and veteran Carmen Eldridge at the Quaker burying ground. PHOTO: Ellen Helmuth

following day. During the evening of the 10th Friends and others gathered a second time at the museum and archives building to hear a fascinating presentation on the recent nearby discovery of very ancient stone tool making sites dating back over 11,000 years. This presentation was very timely, as New Brunswick Monthly Meeting has taken on a concern to support the acceptance of the local Canadian Passamaquoddy as an officially recognized tribe.

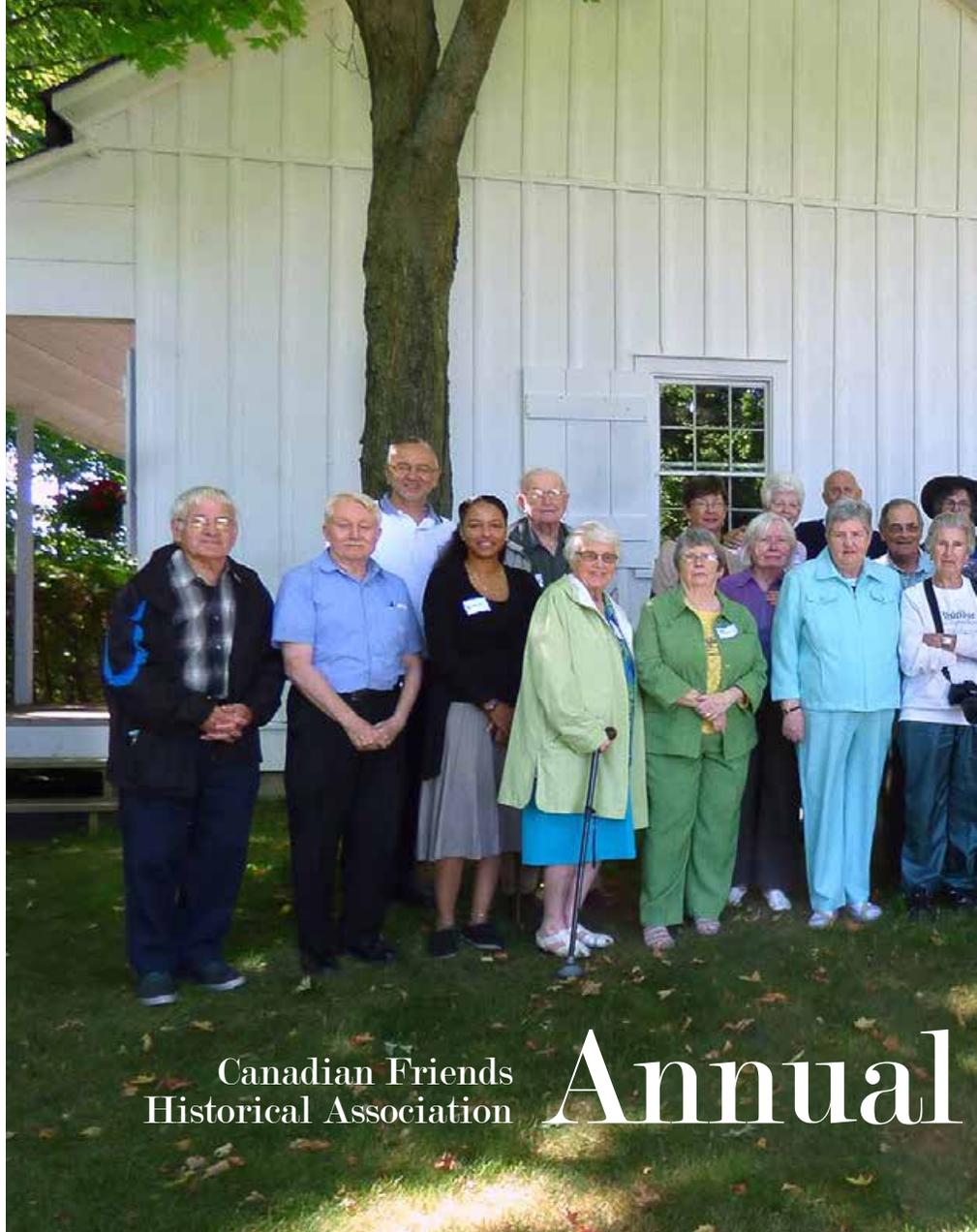
It was a personal honour and pleasure to attend this celebration on behalf of CFHA. Copies of “The Quakers in Canada – A History” by Arthur G. Dorland were privately presented to members of the Head table.

Members of CFHA have had an interest in documenting the history of the Beaver Harbour/Pennfield settlement over many years. More information about this settlement and other early Quaker residents in Atlantic Canada can be found in the following partial list of articles in CFHA publications. All the following articles and additional information can be accessed on the CFHA website at [www.cfha.info](http://www.cfha.info).

1. Various articles by Fritz Hertzberg, Doris Calder and Christopher Densmore in Newsletter #12 Eleventh Month 1982.

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# Canadian Friends Historical Association Annual

ABOVE TOP: AGM business session inside the former Quaker schoolehouse.

ABOVE MIDDLE: Uxbridge Historical Centre's Nancy Marr welcomed us to the site.

ABOVE: Former Quaker schoolhouse, now part of UHC.

MAIN PIC: AGM bus tour participants pose beside the historic Uxbridge Quaker meetinghouse.

ALL PHOTOS:  
Evie Schmitz-Hertzberg

by **Sheila Havard**

Attendees at the Canadian Friends Historical Association annual general meeting came from far and wide to meet on a brilliant fall day at the Uxbridge Historical Centre on September 24, 2016. Over the course of the day, old friendships were renewed and new ones made as the assembled two or three dozen history buffs, archivists, teachers, and interested laypeople shared their passion for Canadian Quaker history. In the afternoon, we were joined by some local residents with similar interests for the bus tour, dinner and keynote presentation. We were lucky to have with us Allan McGillivray, retired after over 25 years

as curator of the Uxbridge Historical Centre. Brought up in the area, he was a mine of knowledge about local social history and the individual Quaker families who moved into Uxbridge in the 1800s, and he regaled us with tales of both amusing and tragic incidents, which illustrated contemporary conditions.

The morning business session, attended by some 25 people and held in the manner of Friends, brought home to us the wide range of activities in which the CFHA is currently engaged. The organization's newsletter, *The Meetinghouse*, is published in colour four times a year and available electronically or in hard copy, as is the annual *Canadian Quaker History Journal*, which publishes more in-depth articles.



# General Meeting

September 24, 2016

The 2016 Journal has been distributed and is to be made available to non-members online to encourage Quaker scholarship and as an outreach tool. Funds have been set aside in the budget to revamp the CFHA website. The Association also produces transcriptions of historical minute books, which are then posted online to aid research.

A recent development has been the creation of funds to encourage scholarship and outreach. One grant has been provided by the Founders Fund for the Eastern Shore Allowed Meeting's application for funding of the "Who Are the Quakers?" display panels for the Dartmouth Quaker Whaler's House Museum in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. These panels may be borrowed for display by

Meetings. An award was also made to Cathy Miles Grant for her proposal to document the historically significant papers of her father, the late Frank V. Miles. One grant has been awarded under the Student Essay and Scholarship Initiative for research on Quakers settling in the wilderness of Adolphustown, Lennox and Adington County, deconstructing the myth that those who settled Upper Canada were British, Loyalist, and Anglican.

The newly appointed Director of Built Heritage will be compiling a catalogue of architectural documentation of existing historical meeting houses. This will make it possible to rebuild along the original lines any meetinghouse that should come to be destroyed. ▶

ABOVE TOP: AGM bus tour participants learn about the historic building and Quaker meeting.

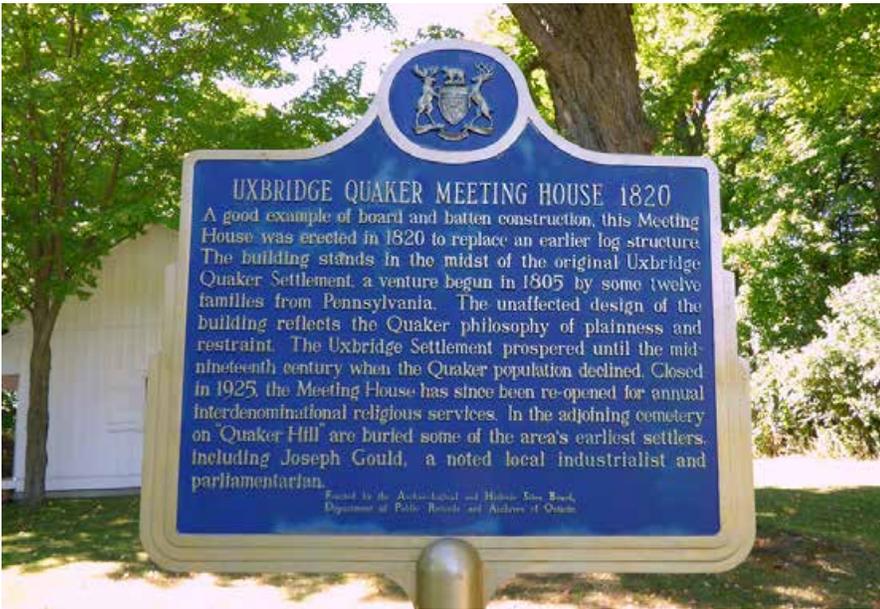
PHOTO: Evie Schmitz-Hertzberg

ABOVE MIDDLE: CFHA member Donna Moore at the Pine Orchard burying ground.

PHOTO: Sheila Havard

ABOVE: Former CFHA Chair Jane Zavitz-Bond with tour guide Allan McGillivray.

PHOTO: Evie Schmitz-Hertzberg



CFHA membership is holding steady but, unsurprisingly, geography presents a challenge. Most members are from Ontario. The executive officers are very widely scattered, meaning that meetings are sometimes by Skype.

Business behind us, we tackled a hearty lunch, and then set out with Allan McGillivray for a tour of local historic Quaker sites. Due south of the Historical Centre, is the Uxbridge meetinghouse, constructed in 1821 and the first building with a religious purpose in Uxbridge. Although no longer regularly in use, it still accommodates a yearly interdenominational service. Allan explained how the benches had been reorganized to reflect the abolition of separate men's and women's meetings. We then had an opportunity to linger in the burying ground, where one of our number located the gravestone of his father. Next on our itinerary, was a visit to the Pine Orchard Hicksite meetinghouse, now a church, and its burying ground. Along the way, Allan explained how settlement in the township had taken place on either side of the central strip of sandy moraine, which was unfit for cultivation. He pointed out what used to be a winding trail through bush and swamp, now regional Road 74, and showed us a maple bush that was original forest as it had never been cleared by the settlers.

After the tour, we had a chance to peruse the museum exhibits or go for tea. I simply sat and admired the magnificent view over fields, woods and hills.

Allan McGillivray gave the evening presentation. He displayed a plan of the lots purchased in the township and then ran through the settler families, telling us where they came from, where they settled and whether they stayed or moved on again. ■

TOP LEFT: Uxbridge Quaker meetinghouse historical plaque.

PHOTO: Evie Schmitz-Hertzberg  
MIDDLE LEFT: Quotation on the front porch of the Uxbridge Quaker meetinghouse.  
PHOTO: Sheila Havard

BELOW: The dilapidated Uxbridge Quaker meetinghouse before the establishment of the local Committee of Friends meetinghouse.  
PHOTO: File Photo

“Three maps re: Joseph Hoags Travels in the Maritimes 1801-1802” by Doris Calder and Nancy Knechtel in Newsletter #39, Seventh Month, 1986.

2. ”A Quaker Odyssey - The Migration of Quaker Whalers from Nantucket, Massachusetts to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and Milford Haven, Wales” by Maida Barton Follini in the Canadian Quaker History Journal # 71 (2006).

3. “The Loyalist Quaker Settlement, Pennfield New Brunswick” by Sandra McCann Fuller in the Canadian Quaker History Journal #74 (2009).

4. “Census of Quaker Families in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, 1787” by Sandra McCann Fuller in the Canadian Quaker history Journal # 74 (2009)

For further information about New Brunswick organizations concerned with the history of Beaver Harbour please see the following:

1. Beaver Harbour Museum and Archives:

[www.tourismnewbrunswick.ca/.../Beaver](http://www.tourismnewbrunswick.ca/.../Beaver)

2. New Brunswick Black History Society:

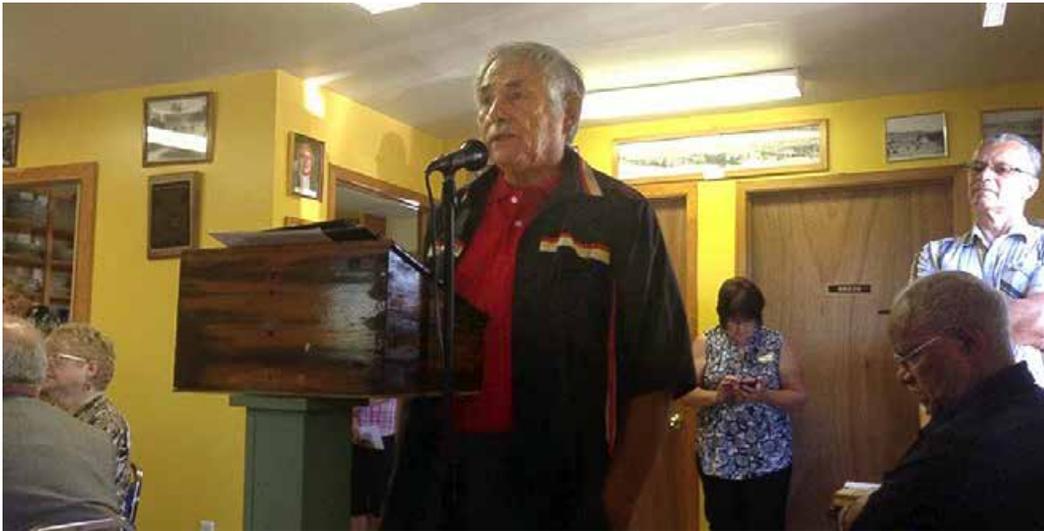
[info@nbblackhistorysociety.org](mailto:info@nbblackhistorysociety.org).

3. New Brunswick Monthly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends/Passamaquoddy Recognition Background Information:

[www.newbrunswick.quaker.ca/passamaquoddy-minute](http://www.newbrunswick.quaker.ca/passamaquoddy-minute).

4. The United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada – New Brunswick Branch:

[www.uelac.nb.ca](http://www.uelac.nb.ca). ■



LEFT: Passamaquoddy First Nation Chief Hugh Agaki presents at the Beaver Harbour NB celebration.

PHOTO: Ellen Helmuth

BOTTOM LEFT: Members of New Brunswick MM and PEI Allowed Meeting, L-R: Doris Calder, Keith and Ellen Helmuth, Bruce and Patricia Craig.

PHOTO: Ralph Thomas

BELOW: PHOTO: Ellen Helmuth



Mrs. Hawkins decided that here should be at long last a memorial stone placed on the Beaver Harbour Burial Ground Site. "Because we've got a responsibility to live up to the legacy of those who came before us by doing all that we can to keep their memory with us."

RIGHT: Site of the original New London settlement, with Leadenhall Street approximately following the modern lane running straight past the pond. PHOTO: courtesy of Marinas.com



## The lost dream revived

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*New London was planned to be a settlement of English Quakers – Quaker-planned, Quaker-finances, and Quaker-led.”*

Thanks to Island historian and folklorist John Cousins, who launched his new book, *New London: The Lost Dream*, in August, the word Serendipity has taken on a whole new meaning among Friends on Prince Edward Island.

John Cousins’s book has filled in a great gap in eighteenth-century Quaker history in this province. While the bare bones of the story have been known, thanks to journals and other preserved papers of the period, and mentions in books by other historians, this is the first in-depth study on this fascinating and unique chapter in Quaker and Island history. For that alone it is exciting. For the author’s ability to bring it to life – with the pain and suffering, the aspirations and disappointments, the betrayals and injustices, and the sheer grit and determination – it is a book that, once picked up cannot be put down. John Cousins adds the driving force of a personal interest in the subject. He is a descendent of one of the settlers about whom he writes so vividly.

In 1772, Quaker clothing merchant Robert Clark from London, England, sent his agent, James MacDonald, to the tiny colonial outpost of St. John’s Island (now PEI) as a “scout” to Lot 21, a township Clark and his partners had recently purchased. MacDonald landed on the inner shore of Grenville Bay (now New London Bay) on the Island’s sand bar-guarded

north shore. In 1773, MacDonald returned with his family and established a hamlet, hewn out of the virgin wilderness, which he named Elizabethtown (present-day Springbrook) after Clark’s first wife. Clark was to follow with his family and a shipload of pioneer settlers, many of them Quakers, almost all of them skilled in a trade.

In 1774, the first wave of Quaker settlers arrived, including Clark and his family. They soon established a second community, named New London (not the site of the present New London), further around the bay on a point overlooking the outer harbor mouth and more easily reached from Elizabethtown by boat than by land. A third settlement grew at the site of a gristmill, seven miles inland, that Clark had built. These three original communities formed a vital triangle of existence and survival for the settlers.

“New London was planned to be a settlement of English Quakers – Quaker-planned, Quaker-finances, and Quaker-led.”<sup>1</sup> It was to prove a unique experiment on the Island. Clark’s plan was not to hew pioneer farms out of the virgin tree-clad wilderness, but to “seed” the settlement with skilled tradespeople: “sawyers, coopers, machinists, carpenters, millers, shoemakers, and blacksmiths.”<sup>2</sup> Their labour would construct the communities and everything

needed to maintain them faster than farms could be developed. The settlement would rely mainly on the fishery and shipped exports and imports. His theory seemed sound, but internal and international political events outside his control and impossible to foresee overtook his plans. New London stumbled on through much severe hardship and stymied growth for a quarter of a century until it finally dwindled away. Its inhabitants scattered to Charlottetown and elsewhere or returned to England. Very few are recorded as retaining their Quaker heritage and practicing their beliefs in their daily lives. By 1801, when Quaker travelling minister Joseph Hoag from Vermont paid a brief visit to the Island, he was troubled to find scarcely any sign of Quaker activity there.

Eventually, Clark lost everything to rapacious enemies and died with little to show for his labours. Yet not quite! A rich repository of documents preserved from his time to tell the sad and sometimes sordid story of his trials lies at the Public Archives and Records Office of PEI, and serves to flesh out and enrich the larger picture of this province's history. But especially, today's Friends have come to learn about his story and marvel at his vision and tenacity. This has great significance because (as far as is known), until the PEI Worship Group (of New Brunswick Monthly Meeting) was formed in 1991, no formal association of Friends has ever existed here. Many Meetings for Worship have indeed been held, including those of Robert Clark's time and in the latter part of the twentieth century through to today (almost nothing is known of Quaker activity on PEI in the nineteenth century). Now our worship group has evolved into the PEI Quaker Meeting (an Allowed Meeting under the care of New Brunswick Monthly Meeting), a semi-autonomous Meeting surely well rooted and here to stay.

Like so many historic places on Prince Edward Island, people today can easily visit these sites sometimes at specifically marked locations, sometimes just part of the surrounding farmland. We can walk where feet have formerly trod, and imagine those who went before walking beside us in companionable silence, perhaps pleased that they are not forgotten. Robert Clark is buried in a cemetery in Charlottetown. Other Quakers



from New London rest in two cemeteries on the way to the original New London site. As you drive down that road towards the beach and lighthouse on the point looking out to the sand bars, you can glance on your right at the undulating fields and imagine that row of houses built with sweat and blood, exhaustion and near starvation, ranged along what they then called "Leadenhall Street."

And the Serendipity? When John Cousins gave a lecture this spring at the University of Prince Edward Island prior to his book launch, several PEI Friends attended the event, along with Andy Black, a Unitarian also newly attending our Meeting. After the lecture, Andy chatted with the author, only to discover that his property is as close as anyone can pinpoint to the site of Elizabethtown. Andy has hosted PEI Friends twice at his home, and we have walked down through his field to the shoreline where we could imagine Clark's agent, James MacDonald, wearily disembarking from the boat that would have brought him to shore from the ship anchored out beyond the sand bars. The start of an unparalleled story.

New London: The Lost Dream, the Quaker settlement on P.E.I.'s North Shore 1773–1795, by John Cousins, published in 2016 by Island Studies Press, UPEI, can be ordered online at <http://projects.upei.ca/isp/new-london-the-lost-dream/> ■

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ABOVE: View from the site of Elizabethtown looking out to the sand bars guarding the entrance to New London harbour. PHOTO: Daphne Davey

# Traditional Quaker Financial Perspectives

by **Gordon Thompson**

When considering EFT options, the financial guidance that was actually observed by earlier Quakers is instructive. The 1806 Rules of Discipline adopted by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) provide some examples that would have been typical for Friends in early Canada. It reveals some surprisingly contemporary elements.

The present-day proliferation of solicitations for unfamiliar, narrowly defined disadvantaged groups or social causes, for example, is apparently nothing new. Similar solicitations occupied the attention of early Friends as well, as indicated in the PYM Book of Discipline passage penned over 200 years ago:

“We also caution all in membership with us against entering into joint securities with others, under the specious plea of rendering acts of kindness; many by so doing have been suddenly ruined, and their innocent wives and children reduced to deplorable circumstances.”

Membership in a Quaker meeting conveyed a certain degree of public credit-worthiness. Quakers who failed in business due to poor judgement were seen as causing the Society itself to come into disrepute. To avoid such harm, 18th and 19th century meetings would, in some situations, make good on debts owed by

the individual Quaker(s) involved. The Book of Discipline includes a number of passages dealing with personal and meeting financial guidance:

“It is recommended that Friends frequently inspect the state of their affairs, and keep their accounts so clear and accurate, that they may, at any time, easily know whether they live within the bounds of their circumstances, or not...”

“... It is advised that where such failures occur, and the cases are under the care of monthly meetings, that the Friends appointed to visit the parties, inquire of their assignees or trustees how their deficiencies happened, and report accordingly. And it is the judgement of this meeting that neither monthly nor other meetings should receive subscriptions, donations or bequests from persons so circumstanced until they have paid off their deficiencies or are voluntarily acquitted thereof by their creditors;”

Early Quakers were encouraged to view all aspect of their lives, and financial considerations in particular, in terms of a personal seeking for and discernment of Divine guidance. Concern regarding possible business failure was balanced by an awareness of the hazards of placing too great an emphasis on the accumulation of personal wealth:

“We affectionately desire that Friends may wait for divine counsel in all their engagements, and not suffer their minds to be

## Journal Number 80: Joseph Hill family history additional resource

The Canadian Quaker History Journal Number 80 was published and distributed a number of months ago. After it was distributed, both Heather Hill-Gibson and Allan McGillivray kindly informed us of an additional detailed Hill family genealogy which had not been mentioned in Sandra Fuller’s article, “Joseph Hill.” Joseph Hill, a Founder of Newmarket, Ontario (Including Some Ancestors and Descendants), 56 pages, by Heather Hill-Gibson

and Allan McGillivray is recently published and available from the Newmarket Historical Society. For further information please contact the Newmarket Historical Society, mailing address 134 Main Street South, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 3Y7, or by e-mail at [newmarkethistoricalsociety@hotmail.ca](mailto:newmarkethistoricalsociety@hotmail.ca). We appreciate this update and hope that readers who enjoyed the Hill family article in the last issue of the Journal will appreciate this additional resource.

hurried away by an inordinate desire of worldly riches; remembering the observation of the apostle in his day, and so often sorrowfully verified in ours, that “They who will be rich, fall into temptation and a snare” and, erring from the faith, “pierce themselves through with many sorrows”.

Subscriptions were “raised” by meetings in response to certain financial needs. Typically, several monthly meetings would work together to fund construction of new meetinghouses or schools, or the work of a Yearly Meeting committee such as the Indian Committee. The subscription ended when all moneys required and pledged were received.

In previous issues of *The Meetinghouse* mention was made of the possibility of reviving the traditional Quaker means of fundraising by “subscription”.

The easiest way to create and administer a present day “subscription” is by means of Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) typically available from Canadian banks. Most members of CFHA will already be familiar with this form of bank transaction. CFHA has taken steps to initiate such capability.

Although we recognize the satisfying element of mindful, intentional member support of CFHA may be put at some risk, we also see practical benefits for members and CFHA alike in offering this option,

CFHA use of Electronic Fund Transfer capabilities would resemble both contemporary and traditional practices: members would pledge ETF payments of a chosen amount at a chosen frequency.

Such subscription pledges provide the contributor and CFHA with greater certainty of funds to be contributed. As CFHA undertakes larger multi-year projects the provision of sustained funding year to year becomes essential.

Membership dues and designated contributions are currently used to support three areas of activity:

1) Operating expenses. Currently all CFHA expenses are grouped under “Operating expenses”. In any given year, however, the basic CFHA fixed operating costs exceed the income received from membership dues. While every effort is made to align basic operating expense with basic membership dues income, shortfalls

are made up using some part of our donations or, if needed, drawing down operating reserves.

2) Founders Fund—this fund supports limited funding up to 50% of the cost of approved project applications submitted to CFHA. Funding available to be awarded is derived from designated donations as indicated on membership renewal/new member application forms, and by generous bequeathed amounts received. It is anticipated that some subscribers may wish to designate some portion of regular contributions specifically to this fund.

3) Student Essay and Scholarship Fund—this fund supports an important CFHA outreach initiative among high school and university students. At present the fund supports two annual high school essay awards totaling \$500 annually, plus two university scholarships of \$1500 each paid annually over a two-year period. The annual potential award support to sustain this program through any given year is \$3,500 (\$500 + \$1500 + \$1500). This program is currently funded for the current year by donations received and withdrawals from operating reserves. Continuation of this outreach requires a regular and reliable funding policy. It is hoped that member subscribers will consider this program for a monthly contribution.

It is envisioned that members may also elect to make membership renewal payments by this method. Complete subscription enrolment details will be posted on the CFHA website as soon as available.

We hope to see a good response to this subscription initiative. Our objective for the coming year is to realize \$6000 of subscription contributions. Please note that all amounts received in excess of membership dues qualify as charitable donations. A charitable donation income tax receipt will be issued for all such contributions.

All individuals who wish to renew membership in or join CFHA, or make a charitable donation by forwarding regular cheques or other means of payment are most welcome to do so. If you are interested in the ETF subscription option, please note that application forms and additional information will be forwarded as soon as available. All contributions are sincerely appreciated. ■

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## A Male line descendant of Timothy Rogers.

CFHA has been requested to help locate a male descendant of Timothy Rogers through his male line of ancestors. The individual who has made this request is seeking to correspond with a male line descendant who would consider an offer of having a Y-111 DNA test performed. This test can only be performed on male descendants with a direct line of male descent (father, grandfather, great-grandfather) from Timothy Rogers. For additional details please respond to [chair@cfha](mailto:chair@cfha).

# Sydney Harker Awarded the First CFHA University Scholarship

by Robynne Rogers Healey



ABOVE: Sydney Harker with the box.  
PHOTOS: Robynne Rogers Healey

This fall CFHA awarded its first university scholarship to Sydney Harker, a graduate student in the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Humanities program at Trinity Western University. Sydney's master's project, currently titled, "A Complex Faith: Strategies of Marriage, Family and Community amongst Upper Canadian Quakers" explores the ways aspects of gender and faith identity influenced community and family structures. Focussing on Adolphustown Township and the neighboring settlement of West Lake, Sydney is asking questions about marriage strategies among Friends and the impact of remote frontier settlement in Upper Canada on marriage strategies, family formation, and faith identity. For instance, given the heightened commitment to the enforcement of endogamy within the Society of Friends following the mid-eighteenth century Quaker reformation coupled with the reality that the selection of potential spouses of the correct faith, age, and affinity was sparse, Sydney asks whether male and female Friends responded to this challenge in the same way. She is studying the implications of choosing transnational marriage (inside the faith community, but outside the geographic community) or local marriage (inside the geographic community, but outside the faith community) on family and community formation. She is also examining family size in these Upper Canadian Quaker communities; preliminary results show that this community of Friends was not limiting family size in the same way other Quakers in the same era seem to have been.

Sydney's introduction to Quaker history took place in Fall 2015 when I asked if she was interested in being part of a revived research project on Adolphustown Quakers that Greg Finnegan has initially begun in the 1980s. (Details on this project are available in the



ABOVE: Sydney Harker

Canadian Quaker History Journal volume 80.) She worked as our research assistant before beginning her graduate program. Immediately her curiosity led her to ask insightful questions and to seek qualitative clarification on quantitative data. CFHA's transcribed records of the Adolphustown and Nine Partners meetings provided an important and extremely helpful entry point into these questions. Having access even to partial archival records advances our understanding of Quaker history.

Sydney is currently completing her course work and working on her research. As her supervisor, I look forward to her sharing her research and preliminary conclusions with members of CFHA through an article in the Journal and with the broader scholarly community in conference presentations. Sydney's work will make an important contribution to Quaker history in a colonial Canadian and early American context. Her work places the Society of Friends directly within the settlement story of Upper Canada and demonstrates that a Quaker community not only helped settle, but also built and established strong community roots in what is now Ontario. As her supervisor, I am, of course, biased. Nevertheless, I am thrilled that Sydney's research is being recognized through the CFHA University Scholarship. Through this support CFHA is making a difference in developing the next generation of Quaker historians. ■