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WARING QUAKER FAMILY HISTORY

Elma Haight

Canadian Yearly Meeting has in its active membership a fair number of Friends whose families have been members for many generations, dating back to first settlers in many areas of Canada. Names such as Zavitz, Cutler, Pollard, Willson and Haight are a few examples of these early Quaker families. We are printing here material on the Waring family. Elma Haight of Norwich Monthly Meeting, who is a "Waring" very kindly responded to our request for material and "put together briefly a little that covers our line".

Joseph Waring, whose wife was a Hannah Wright, daughter of Thomas Wright, lived at Killiskin, Wexford County, Ireland. An article states that as the entire family at that time belonged to Friends was probably evidence that the ancestors had migrated from England. Joseph Waring was a farmer.

Their son, Joshua Waring, who was born in 1777, in Wexford County, married Anne Sparrow in 1805. They moved to Clournal Tipperary County where they kept store until coming to Canada. A sister of Joshua is mentioned who married a William Mullett.

Joshua and Anne Waring came to Canada in 1820 with seven children of whom Joseph Waring, born in 1807 was the eldest. They sailed on the ship "Lynx", arrived in Quebec after 7 weeks, came to Montreal and from



there to Picton in a batteau. In Prince Edward County, one and one-half miles west from Picton, they secured 300 acres of land. They had a family of five sons and four daughters. Joshua died in 1836 and his wife Anne in 1845.

Their son Joseph Waring, married in 1839, Hannah Boone, daughter of George and Martha (Rees) Boone, born in Birmingham, England in 1808. Deborah, the eldest daughter, married Ambrose Boone, brother of Hannah. Their family was seven daughters and two sons.

Joseph and Hannah (Boone) Waring had two sons--Joshua and Edward. In 1856 they came to North Norwich Township, Oxford County, Ontario, settled on a farm a mile north and five miles west of the town of Norwich. At this time the sons were attending Westown Boarding School.

Joshua Waring, my grandfather, married in 1864, Pheobe Peckham, born in North Norwich Township in 1845, daughter of Isaac and Pella (Willson) Peckham. She died in 1922. Joshua was born in 1840 and died in 1916. They had four daughters--Caroline, who married Joseph Clayton; Mary Elizabeth, who married Maurice Pollard and had an adopted son; Alice Ann, who married Dillwyn Stratton of Ohio, (This was his third marriage); Hannah Sophia, who married Gilbert Haight, my parents.

Joseph and Caroline Clayton farmed in North Norwich Township, and had five children: Wilmer, who died at the age of 4 years, Howard, Arthur, Pheobe and Eunice, who died leaving a young family.

Gilbert and Hannah Haight, also farmed in North Norwich, and had two sons, Allan and Walter as well as one daughter, Elma.

Edward Waring, Joshua's brother, born in 1842, died in 1908. He married in 1865 to Elizabeth Barker, daughter of William and Sarah (Stover) Barker. She died in 1937. Their family was two daughters and two sons: Emma married James Mott, lived in Iowa ; Miranda married Arthur

Haight (brother of Gilbert), lived in Norwich and had two daughters, Anna (MacPherson) and Deborah; Edward married Beatrice Pritchard, moved to Iowa, had an adopted son, living still in Norwich; William married Emma Brearley, farmed in North Norwich, had two sons--Harold living near Norwich and Donald of Iowa. William's second marriage was to Bessie Grass

TWO IMPORTANT ACCESSIONS IN FRIENDS HOUSE LIBRARY, TORONTO

by Grace Pincoe

The world of Canadian Quakers in the closing years of the nineteenth century is opened to our nostalgic, seeking and investigative gaze in two recent accessions which arrived in time for display at the Yearly Meeting in Fort Erie, Ontario. These are Gertrude Nicholson's diary called Six Months in Canada, 1896, and a complete run of the Young Friends Review from the first issue, Volume 1, Number 1, Sixth Month, 1886 to the last issue, Volume 15, Number 3, Third Month, 1899. These two items so different on the surface complement each other beautifully. Together they are a very valuable source for both family history and "Meeting" history in its outward aspects (places, events, organization and people) as well as in its inward aspects (quality of the Meeting for Worship, and so on). The first item we owe to the good offices of Elizabeth Russell of Sarnia, a member of this Association. The second accession came as a gift from Edith Zavitz of Lobo (Coldstream) Meeting, also a member of this Association.

From her original manuscript copy of the two volume diary, Elizabeth Russell produced for us a copy in xerox form which is one of the most beautiful examples of the book art in xerox form I have ever seen. You get a strong illusion that you are looking at the original. Gertrude Nicholson the author of the diary was also an accomplished water-colourist and illustrated her diary by painting her water-colours directly in her diary. These, the late

Bruce Russell, husband of the donor, photographed in colour. The results are twenty-four colour illustrations handsomely mounted on deckle-edge cards. These are tipped in at the same spot as in the original. Since the xerox copy of the illustration appears underneath, one is able to see the exact size of the original illustration and where it appeared in the text. This also facilitates the reading of the diary. One must not forget to mention the delightful thumb-nail pen sketches scattered throughout the text. The one of Hamilton's famous "Incline Railway Car", which surely must have carried a number of our readers up Hamilton's famous "mountain", will recall the feelings of excitement they experienced as young people.

And now turning to the text. From the information supplied by the donor I quote the following:

In 1896 two cousins of my mother, Constance Nicholson Lea, made a six months visit to Canada. Their names were Gertrude (b. 8 mo. 1869) and Alice Maud (b. 9 mo 1873, d. 1951), daughters of Herbert Nicholson (b. 8 of 8 mo. 1841). Their brother William Fletcher Nicholson (b. 11 mo. 1867) was at one time secretary for the Society of Friends in England. In the early 1860's the father, Herbert Nicholson came to Canada to visit his younger brother Howard (b. 5 mo 30, 1843), who had taken up farming near Norwich, Ontario. Herbert married Sarah Walker (b. 11 mo. 1829, d. 6 mo 1898) in Norwich in 1866.

It was to visit their mother's relatives in Norwich, and their father's brother Frederic (b. 11 mo. 1, 1834, d. 1902), my grandfather in Toronto, that the two girls came to Canada. Gertrude undertook to write the diary, and Maud wrote the letters home.

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My mother visited her cousin Gertrude in 1948, along with her school-time friend of Pickering College days, Bessie (Sutton) Dann, and they were thrilled with the diary. Henry Sutton of Norwich, Bessie's father is mentioned, also my "Aunt" Bessie and Margaret (Dorland) Webb, sister of Dr. Arthur Dorland, in the account of the cousin's visit to Pickering College.

Cousin Gertrude left these two volumes to my mother in her will...I would judge somewhere about the late 1950's or early 1960's.

The diary makes fascinating reading (also the handwriting is very good). Light-hearted, kindly, shrewdly observant, we see through it the day-to-day life in the small town and rural circles of Norwich, Rockwood and Niagara areas, the latter when attending Pelham Half Yearly Meeting. There's a brief visit to Toronto and Pickering College (then co-educational). New York and Montreal were toured on arrival and departure.

The Quaker circles the girls moved in were chiefly of the "Progressive" group, although there was much inter-mingling in activities both with Conservative Friends and other denominations. Names which to most of us are mere names in historical accounts come alive as we meet their bearers informally: Alma Dale, Samuel Rogers, William Wetherald, Henry Sutton, J.R. Harris, Albert Walker and many others who are well-known people.

There are vivid descriptions of Christian Endeavour Meetings to which all denominations went; Sunday School before regular Meeting for Worship; singing around the piano when visitors came and when they didn't; hay wagon rides; complicated train rides for short trips, e.g. Niagara Falls to Norwich; exciting buggy rides with frisky horses (the Nicholson sisters were very good drivers); games of catch in the barn with rotten eggs(!) and other youthful diversions.

All in all, this is an excellent bit of writing and deserves a good spot in Canadiana along with Mrs. Simcoe and Mrs. Jameson. Also it's a lot more fun to read!

Illustrations in the Two-Volume Diary

Note: Black and white pen sketches are omitted. Date given after the entry is the date on which the illustration is mentioned in the text; the illustration itself may be several pages away.

Volume 1

1. Gertrude and Maud Nicholson (photo) Frontispiece

2. Gertrude and Maud Nicholson and their father, Herbert Nicholson (photo). Frontispiece.
 3. Abstract of Log, R.M.S. "Germanic" (photocopy) Frontispiece.
 4. The "Germanic" (photo). Frontispiece.
 5. Friends Meeting House, Quaker Street, Norwich. Saturday, May 30.
 6. Harold's grave at Old Brick Meeting House. Saturday, May 30.
 7. House of Mr. T. Walker, Norwich. Monday, June 1.
 8. Residence of Mr. S. Walker, Norwich. Wed., June 3.
 9. Residence of Mr. C. Walker, Beaconsfield, Ontario. Thurs., June 11th.
 10. Residence of Charles Edward Walker, Esq., Burgessville, Ont., Monday, June 15th.
 11. Residence of Mr. F. Nicholson, 790 Manning Ave., Toronto. Saturday, July 10th.
 12. View of W. Harris' house from the gate..Rockwood. Wed., July 22nd.
- Volume 2
13. Residence of H. Nicholson, Norwich (Painted and presented by S. Walker). Frontispiece.
 14. The "Pinnacle", Rockwood. Frontispiece.
 15. Friends Meeting House, Rockwood. Frontispiece.
 16. J.R. Harris Woolen Mill, Rockwood. August 1.
 17. The Cave, Rockwood. Tuesday, Aug. 4.
 18. Maud spending an afternoon in the boat near one of the islands. Thurs., Aug. 9th.
 19. Back view of W. Harris' House, Rockwood. Friday, Aug 7.
 20. Residence of J.R. Harris, Rockwood. Thurs., Aug. 13.
 21. Beaconsfield Meeting House. Sat., Aug. 22.
 22. Residence of F. Walker, near Norwich. Mon., Aug. 31.
 23. Residence of A.T. Walker, Beaconsfield. Mon., Sept. 7.
 24. Back view of C. Walker's House, Beaconsfield. Tues., Sept. 8th.

the "Whittler". A few quotations from the Introduction in the first volume, Sixth Month 1886 will be helpful in explaining this and the general purpose of the magazine.

It is believed that much talent of a high order in the younger as well as in the older members of our Society, lies to a considerable extent dormant for want of a means of expression... we hope in publishing this journal to encourage expression and draw out the latent talent of our members and afford a means whereby they may express and learn to express in poetry or prose their best thoughts and higher feelings.

Our publication will contain news and announcements of Friends in various localities, and of Friends in general; particulars respecting the doings and progress of our Society, contributions religious, literary and scientific; select reviews; hints on teaching and First Day School work; suggestions and papers on philanthropic movements, and social reforms, the home circle, and other matters of interest pertaining to our culture, the well-being of our Society and the cause of truth in the world...

The magazine for most of its period of existence was almost a twenty-page monthly. It reflected the Hicksite Quaker views of its sponsors in London, Ontario and of Genesee Yearly Meeting which included western New York State. Accounts of Orthodox Friends Meetings were carried and from the very beginning there were articles on how best to work for a reunification of Friends. In 1899 it merged with the Friends Intelligencer, of Philadelphia, which later became the Friends Journal, with which we are familiar today. Because of the tie-up with New York State there is also a great deal of news about New York City events. There is regular information about Swarthmore College, a Hicksite College near Philadelphia. Edith Zavitz has listed articles by the recognized ministers Sutherland P. Gardiner and John J. Cornell, belonging to Meetings near Rochester, and also the noted Canadians Isaac Wilson of Bloomfield, Ontario and Serena Minard of Sparta and St. Thomas, Ontario.

We hope to follow-up Edith Zavitz's "Index" with a more expanded and detailed one to serve a wide variety of users. In this way perhaps we may bring closer to realization her aim of making Friends aware and

25. Residence of C. Treffry, Hawtrey. Mon, Sept. 14.
26. Home of the Atkins family, Fonthill (copy). Wed, Sept. 23.
27. View of the woods from C. Walker's orchard. Mon., Oct. 5th.
28. H. Buckrell's house and woods; view from A.T. Walker's. following October 8th.

Let us turn now to the Young Friends Review. It is extremely difficult to write adequately about this amazing magazine--the first Friends magazine published in Canada--and which was published at Coldstream. The contents are so fascinating, moving and advanced for the times that it requires rigid discipline to stick with the descriptive material that must be given about any periodical. Before we proceed to that, however, we must first record our thanks to Edith Zavitz for making the set available to us. Her father Samuel P. Zavitz and her uncle, Edgar M. Zavitz, were active in the publication as publishers, contributors, or editors during the whole time of its existence. Also it makes most interesting and comforting reading. Nevertheless, she has given it to the Canadian Friends Historical Association on condition that it not be removed from Friends House Library, 60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, except perhaps a volume at a time to exhibit at Yearly Meeting under careful supervision.

At the front of each volume she has very lovingly compiled and inserted a partial index (or table of contents) for notable Canadian writings. It is when one goes to follow these up that one gets side-tracked repeatedly as one stops to read other interesting articles on the way, until finally one realizes that the original reference is forgotten, a return to the "Index" at the front is mandatory and the same process gets repeated!

The title Young Friends Review requires a bit of explanation. It is quite different from such things as "The Seed", "Sporadical" or

interested in Meetings and their history in all parts of Canada, not just Toronto and Yonge Street, Newmarket. We shall benefit by knowing more fully "how we became what we are".

NEWS AND NOTES

Corrections to the Marriage Certificate of William Doan and Esther Bostwick.

Ralph Berry, of Westland, Michigan, U.S.A. writes about two points in the article which appeared in Newsletter No. 4. The first sentence read "the father deceased" but should have been transcribed as the "latter deceased". Ralph Berry notes that Ebenezer Doan was granted a certificate to the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting in 1808. His wife, Anna Savilla (Sloy) had died in 1803 and he came to York County to join his children there. He died the 21st day, 11th month, 1818. Second, the reprint of "Sela Armitage" should have been "Seba Armitage". The handwriting on the marriage certificate is often difficult to read and we are thankful to Ralph Berry for bringing these two points to our attention.

Quaker Cited for Contempt of Court for Failing to Give Honour to the Judge

A modern "history" note that reflects old Quaker disputes with secular authorities is reported in a brief news item in the Toronto Star this Spring.

Lyle Snider, a 26-year-old Quaker, would up in court here for claiming everyone in the world as dependents on his income tax returns.

Then he and his wife were cited for contempt for failing to stand when the judge entered the courtroom.

In a letter to the Internal Revenue Service, Snider said: "We are becoming more and more aware of our responsibility to our three billion fellow human beings all over the planet."

"Quaker Flint" Lamp Chimneys

Loris Russell writes in his book, A Heritage of Light (Univ. of Toronto Press, 1968), that in the late nineteenth century one advertisement for kerosene lamp chimneys listed a model called a "Quaker Flint", presumably so-called because it was plain. Others were often flaring with various types of ornate design.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

August 17, 1973

Niagara Christian College, Fort Erie, Ontario

Present: Christine Chattin, Arthur Clayton, Elsie Cutler, Eileen Davis, Ramelle Harkins, Alaine Hawkins, Fritz Hertzberg, Betty Huggard, Leonard Huggard, Audrey Laurie, Jane Lucy, Alice Muma, Dorothy Muma, David Newlands, Edward Phelps, Grace Pincoe, Bertha Pollard, Mary Pollard, Myra Pollard, Margery Scott, Elma Starr, Esther Summers, Boyd Trescott, Hannah Trescott, Chris Ullman, Mable Willson, Harold Zavitz, Neva Zavitz.

The Meeting opened with a few moments of silence. David Newlands, acting clerk, welcomed those present. Apologies were received from Kathleen Hertzberg, Clerk, who was in Australia attending the Friends' World Committee, and from Arthur Dorland.

Old Business

I. Constitution: The Draft Constitution has been in circulation since last year. In her letter of July 12, 1973, Kathleen Hertzberg suggested on behalf of the Executive Committee that section 8 be changed to read as follows:

Section 8. 1) THAT the membership year of the Canadian Friends historical association follow the calendar year.

2) THAT the Annual Meeting of the Association be held in the late fall.

3) THAT the summer meeting of the Association be either a Quaker Pilgrimage or other suitable Quaker historical programme and be held at the time of the Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends.

This change was approved by the Meeting.

II. A letter has been received from the Charitable and Non-Profit Organizations Section of the Department of National Revenue, pointing out that we need two clauses concerning our financial position in our Constitution.

1) The Association shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Association shall be used in promoting its objects, and

2) In the event of dissolution or winding-up of the Association all its remaining assets, after payment of liabilities, shall be distributed to one or more recognized charitable organizations in Canada.

It was approved that we add these clauses to our draft constitution.

Friends approved the Draft Constitution, making it the official constitution of the organization.

Report of the Executive Committee

This report was circulated. In addition to the items mentioned in the report, it was noted that Elsie Cutler and Harold Zavitz have begun work on a project of listing Friends Meetings.

The Report was approved as circulated.

Nominating Committee Report

The Executive Committee suggested that in view of the newness of the Association the present members continue for one more year with the addition of Walter Balderston as Research Secretary.

This was approved.

It was also mentioned that positions as chairman of the Planning Committee and chairman of the Archives and Library Committee were open and the Executive would welcome suggestions for these positions.

Treasurer's Report

CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Financial Statement

December 20, 1972 - August 7, 1973

Receipts:

Memberships and Donations	\$589.65	
Bank Interest	<u>.68</u>	
		\$590.33

Payments:

Postage and Stationery	191.97	
"Quakers in Canada" (2 copies)	17.00	
Membership in Ontario Historical Society	5.00	
Bank Charges	<u>.40</u>	
		<u>214.37</u>
		<u>\$375.96</u>

Dorothy Muma, Treasurer.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Submission of Constitution to Yearly Meeting

It was approved that the Executive Committee submit the Constitution to the Yearly Meeting for their information.

As there was no new business the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. for the Quaker Pilgrimage.

-Alaine Hawkins
Recording Clerk

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR 1974

We value the support of all our members and hope that all our present members will renew their membership subscription for 1974. The cost is the same as for 1973--\$5 for adults (single or family) and \$3 for Senior Citizens and students. Send payment to the Treasurer.

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