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The Meetinghouse  
Editor: Barbara Horvath

## CHAIRMAN's MESSAGE: Passages, and a salute to Heroes...

Dear Members of CFHA:

It is now 'high summer' of 2011, and I hope that all of you are enjoying the warm months and longer days in whatever form of recreational pursuits the season affords.

The program for the next CFHA Annual General Meeting is proceeding well, and I hope that many of you will plan to attend. The AGM provides a needed and productive opportunity to report personally to our members, and to receive approval of the work performed by the Executive Committee through the year. Most importantly, we come together as a specific historical interest community at the AGM, and this gathering always proves worthwhile, informative and inspiring. The coming session will mark something of a watershed as CFHA experiences new energy and opportunities going forward. Please plan to attend, and to enjoy what promises to be yet another memorable CFHA event.

The Canadian Friends Historical Association is now approaching forty years of activity and service. I have been privileged to serve as Chairperson for the previous four years. As retiring chair I look back to the inception of CFHA and, with greater personal knowledge, to the most recent years. As I do, I am struck by one particular theme which emerges repeatedly over time. That theme is the shared expression of our members' concern that the legacy of Canadian Quaker experience be told, be recovered, and be celebrated. The key element here is that the concern is a *shared and collective one*. Competing interests notwithstanding, CFHA members champion and carry forward this shared concern. Whether our members are directly engaged in CFHA activity or support the organization with renewed membership, I believe there is a special element of community to this sharing,

It may be a bit of a stretch to think of CFHA as a collective of 'regular' individuals who collectively rise to the definition of 'heroes'. On the other hand, pooling of resources and sharing of skills is the common element whenever separate individuals rise to the level of concern that *they take and commit to collective action and a shared sense of mission*.



Gordon Thompson, CFHA Outgoing Chairman

I think it likely that the members of CFHA acquire some sense of the history and body of experience they study. The story of the early Friends is a compelling and inspiring one, the experience of Friends in Canada is compelling and instructive. Although the objectives of CFHA are quite apart from those of the founding Friends, I consider it possible that some whisper of the sense of mission that unified and informed the Valiant 60 lingers, if only by way of example, in the work and sustained interest of our devoted members. Certainly the founders of CFHA came together with a sense of

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## Chairman's Message continued....

purpose to preserve Canadian Quaker history and a sense of mission to make that legacy better known and appreciated.

For the last four years it has been my privilege and honour to experience that shared sense of mission and mutual support "up close and personal", and it has been an inspiring and frequently humbling experience. New challenges and new opportunities lie ahead for CFHA, and to these challenges and opportunities our present heroes will continue to respond and new heroes will emerge. Thank you to all who have made the past four years ones of growth and achievement for CFHA and have set the stage for greater accomplishments to come!

Gordon Thompson

Seventh Month, 2011

### CFHA Reminders

**Membership:** Please take a few moments to renew your membership. The membership form is available at CFHA's website: <http://www.cfha.info/membership.html>

**Renew at a rate of \$25 per year, \$20 for seniors or students. Or, receive a life membership for \$500.00.**

**Mail to: CFHA Membership Secretary, CFHA,  
PO Box 21527, 17600 Yonge St,  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4Z0**

**CFHA Website:** Additional back-issues of the Canadian Quaker History Journal have been posted to the CFHA website. Readers can now peruse CQHJ Number 53 to Number 62 (winter 1997) in addition to the previous issues already posted. Go to: [www.cfha.info](http://www.cfha.info)

### Deadlines for The Meetinghouse: Please send us your articles, photos, notices

**November 15 for December 1st issue**

**February 15 for March 1st issue**

**May 15 for June 1st issue**

**Email to: [newsletter@cfha.info](mailto:newsletter@cfha.info)**

**Mail to: CFHA, PO Box 21527,  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4Z0**

## The Meetinghouse: Updates on previous articles

Gail Lewis reports The Black Cemetery in Otterville (described in MH volume 2010—4) has been chosen as a World UNESCO site for this Black Heritage year. There are 11 sites in Canada. They are adding to the Black History display at the Otterville Museum because of this designation.

The dedication of the Christian Zavitz Grist Mill (also described in volume 2010—4) will take place on July 17th, 2012 in Port Colborne.

Re the War of 1812: The Mills at Otterville were burned by the Americans in 1814 and rebuilt afterwards, since the mills were essential to the community. Reuben Haight bought the 62 acre site, plus another 1000 acres with an investing partner who never came to Canada. Reuben arranged the purchase in 1817, completed the rebuilding by 1819, and lost it, along with all his properties, in 1820. He was forced to sell in order to repay for co-signing for his neighbours/Friends, which had allowed them to purchase their farm property. Reuben and Sarah Haight were then invited to come to Yarmouth (Sparta) in 1821, to take up the clergy reserve. Their arrival provided a minister to the Meeting, which was then recognized as a Preparative Meeting. As part of this event, John and Elias Moore, here given land as sons of Samuel, (of Norwich).

Submitted by Jane Zavitz-Bond

### Corrections for Meetinghouse, Vol. 2011—1

The Lieutenant Governor presented the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement to Jane Zavitz-Bond in February.

The dates of the Quaker 20th Bicentennial Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists are June 22—24, 2012 at Pickering College.

Canadian Friends Historical Association was founded in 1972 with the aim of preserving and making known the religious, cultural, social and pioneer heritage of Quakers from their first settlement in Canada until today.

CFHA is open to all who share an interest in Canadian Quaker history. Membership fees support the activities of CFHA and help maintain CFHA's website.

## Do not stop the presses!

Your journal's editors are in the process of putting the final touches on this year's *Canadian Journal of Quaker History*. While this is not an exhaustive list of the journal's contents, here's a sneak peek of what you can expect:

Mary Beth Start's keynote address from the CFHA 2010 AGM and Conference, "Peaceable Kingdom: Unsound Friends Norwich Monthly Meeting Divided."

Notes on the tours of North and South Norwich that took place at the CFHA 2010 AGM and Conference with accompanying photographs. For those who were unable to join us at the 2010 AGM, Start's address and the tour notes will give you a sense of the discussions and places we shared. For those of you who were in attendance, we hope you'll enjoy your recollections of last year's AGM.

David Newland's 1983 lecture to the Ontario Archaeological Society at the University of Toronto, "Gone But Not Forgotten: Quaker Burial Grounds and Grave Markers in Central Ontario." David has written an updated introduction and the questions he raises call those interested in Quaker history to renew their awareness of issues facing Friends burying grounds today.

Those of you interested in family history will appreciate Bob Moore's article, "Samuel Moore's Notable Sons." The Moore family settled in Upper Canada near the end of the War of 1812; there were a number of notable Moore men who left an imprint on Canadian history.

Andrew Cresswell has provided an introduction to an excerpt of James Henderson's *Autobiography* detailing his visit to Friends in Canada in 1903. Cresswell's article, "To pursue the prospect as the pointings of Truth may direct": James Henderson's 'Visit to Friends of Canada 1903'" demonstrates the importance of ongoing connections between Friends across national boundaries.

A response to Kathleen Hertzberg's "Report of Visit to Germany, 14 April 1938 – 18 January 1939," which was published in last year's journal. Kurt Strauss's "Reflections of a Survivor – a Postscript to Kathleen Hertzberg's Report" provides a potent reminder of the impact of Friends' peace work at times of war.



## Canadian War Museum, Ottawa, Ontario

### Peace: The Exhibition

**December 22, 2011 to April 9, 2012**

**This Exhibition explores the events and issues that have propelled Canadians to act for peace.**

**This Exhibition** is a unique look at how Canadians have acted for peace. Artifacts, multimedia and stories combine to weave the long, rich and diverse history of peace in Canada. From the Great Law of Peace of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy to the range of Canada's responses to Afghanistan, the exhibition will explore the many, often differing views Canadians have held on peace, and encourage visitors to contribute their own thoughts and opinions.

Note: Amber Lloydiansdon, staff person from the Canadian War Museum, worked with Jane Zavitz-Bond in February to gather information about Canadian Quaker responses to war and activism for peace. The Exhibit promises to be a very engaging counterbalance to the permanent exhibitions about the many wars in which Canadians have been engaged and their aftermaths.

## Chase Family Photos and History

Hello Jane

I have some old pictures that we rescued many years ago and wonder if they might be of interest to anyone in your community as the family were Quakers and Elias Henry Chase was born in Sparta. I have tried to locate family members but have had no success.

The pictures are Julia Josephine Chase daughter of Elias Henry Chase and Sarah Selfina Kester. There are many unmarked pictures.

I have included 2 of the pictures, which had names on the backs. Julia Josephine Chase born Aug 1881 Sparta, Ont. daughter of Elias Henry Chase born May 1850 Sparta, Ontario and Sarah Selfina Kester b 1845 Boston, NY They are listed on the 1881 Canadian census as Quakers.

If you think they would be of interest to anyone in the community I would be happy to mail the pictures to you.  
Delores Johnson

Hello Delores Johnson,

We are happy for you to send these items to Sparta for people to see them. I will take them to the CYM Archives, housed at Pickering College, Newmarket, ON, to be scanned and inventoried there. In the meantime I will be in touch with other Chase descendants who have contact with the Meeting in Sparta and share scanned photos.

The Chases, early settlers, came to Yarmouth Township from Massachusetts (Boston-not NY state) but they may have lived in NY state at Macedon for a short

time and moved into Ontario /Upper Canada later.

Their certificates for transfer of membership would have gone to Pelham Monthly Meeting (MM) prior to 1819, and to Norwich MM, which was set off from Pelham after 1819. Yarmouth Meeting was 'on the verge' of the MM', as the certificates often stated. Yarmouth Meeting was an 'allowed meeting for worship' until a sufficient number of Friends established the community, and had a 'recorded' minister ( Sarah Haight) living here. Sarah Haight permitted recognition of this meeting. after 1821. She and Reuben Haight moved with a large family from Otterville/Pine Street Preparative Mtg. (another Norwich MM satellite community) So they did not need to transfer the family's memberships, which are held by the MM. It took time for Norwich MM to follow all the required procedures, with all the correspondence and committees to care for this and report, including 40 miles of trekking through the 'wilderness' of Talbot Trail. So Yarmouth Preparative Meeting, one of the small worshipping communities under Norwich MM's "umbrella" ,was finally formally established in 1823. It had a meeting-house and held meetings for worship as soon as the first families arrived from Pennsylvania. Settlers were encouraged by Jonathan Doan, the land agent for Col. James Baby, who held a grant from the Crown. Doan was here in 1813, and as soon as the War 1812-14 ended, settlers arrived! Doan had been 'recruiting them! The Chase and Mills families intermarried soon, and were very significant in the settlement. Some of their descendants are still here.

We continue to appreciate your care for the Chase materials, and especially your effort to secure their future preservation and access for researchers.

In friendship, Jane Zavitz-Bond

CYM archivist (and



Meeting House at Macedon Centre, built in 1817. Some of the Chases lived in Macedon before moving to Sparta. This Meeting House may have been the model for the Yarmouth Meeting House at Sparta.

### Chase Photo

Photo sent by Delores Johnson.

Julia Josephine Chase is the fourth woman in the back row.

Other Quaker family names in the photo include Fritts, Carman and Hartley.



### Recent donations to the Archives

Ross W. McCurdy, DESCENDANTS OF JACOB & RACHEL (WILDMAN) MOORE OF PELHAM TWP., ONTARIO. A Work in Progress to the 7th Generation. published by compiler, June, 2011., 94 pages, Indexed by name. This includes many Pelham, Norwich, Yarmouth residents, and lineage shows the migration west into Michigan and into middle western US.  
Gift of Ross McCurdy

H. Godwin Arnold, Roger Thorne, et al, HALLELULAH! RECORDING CHAPELS AND MEETINGHOUSES, Compiled by members of the Nonconformist Working Party of the Council for British Archaeology. and published by the Council, 1985 bibliography, well illustrated.  
Gift of Sheila Havard

Box of Photographs with identifications for a number of the descendants of I. Amasa Chase (1745-1821); II. Abner Chase (1784-1882) Built cobblestone house north of Sparta; III. Isaac Upton Chase (1820-1908) Photos are mainly from branch of Elias Henry Chase (1849-1943) who went to British Columbia. Added interest were newspaper clippings related to WWII. One article is in regard to the Doukhabours' stand against military service.

Gift of Delores Johnson

Albert Schrauwers book, UNION IS STRENGTH: W. L. MCKENZIE, THE CHILDREN OF PEACE AND THE EMERGENCE OF JOINT STOCK DEMOCRACY IN UPPER CANADA.  
Gift of CFHA Executive Committee

## The Jeremiah Lapp Journal: Query arising from CFHA Canadian Journal of Quaker History

To : Jane Zavitz-Bond

From: Edsel Burdge, Archivist, Mennonite Historical Association of the Cumberland Valley (Pennsylvania), Chair, Eastern Mennonite Associated Libraries & Archives

..... I am researching the formations of the Wilburite and Conservative Friends in the 19th century. Recently while trolling through the back issues of the CFHA newsletter/ journal posted on the CFHA website, I came across reference to the journal of Jeremiah Lapp, a Conservative minister. The article stated that the archives has both the original journal and a typescript. I was wondering how many pages are in the typescript; if it would be possible to get a photocopy of it; and if so, what would be the cost of a photocopy.

To: Edsel Burdge  
From Jane Zavitz-Bond

.... Now to your query about the Jeremiah Lapp Journal.. I believe it is about 50 pages. I remember receiving it from a descendant in Ohio.

Jeremiah Lapp was part of the Grey County Friends who moved from the Orthodox Meetings at Yonge Street, West Lake and Mariposa, and settled near Georgian Bay on Lake Huron in later 1840's and mainly '50s. They moved up a natural valley from Yonge St MM /Tecumseh Prep. Meeting.- to Grey County. Incidentally, Owen Sound, in Grey County, had a black community and was an Underground Railroad destination, especially after the US Anti-Fugitive Slave Law of 1850. This may or may not have a connection to the Quaker move to Grey County.

Some Quakers from West Lake migrated due to economic repercussions following the repeal of the English Corn Laws. John Bright was instrumental in this reform, which was needed. . The Rorke family moved to Grey County after losing their Adolphus Mill interests as a result. The advent of the railroad also may have been significant factor as grain/ground flour formerly shipped from the mill by boat was moved by the rail line built north of the Prince Edward Co. peninsula.

The settlement of Friends in the Grey County area created three preparative meetings. These formed Grey Monthly Meeting in 1871, set off from Yonge St. Quarterly Meeting. Grey MM was an important component of Canada Yearly Meeting (Orthodox) with leading members active in the YM. The Conservative-Orthodox separation did not occur in Canadian YM until 1881. This was much later than the Wilberite movement in New England in 1840's. In Canada, the separation was due more to the shift to evangelical Friends' 'churches'

as many new members joined without the experience of silent worship and related Friends' practices. The separation of 1881 was hard on the small Grey meetings. Then, by 1904, Wm. I. Moore organized a western settlement at Swarthmore, Sask, and a number of families again migrated. They were Orthodox 'church' Friends. A few families remained into the present, but now all members of the Society of Friends are gone. Some descendants value their heritage, but they are active in other churches. Now a worship group of 'new' people is meeting in Owen Sound.

The Swarthmore Mtg., near Unity, SK, and the one at Hartney, Man.,( Chain Lakes/ Dand) became part of the United Church of Canada in 1925. A group of 'Conservative' Friends came to Bordon, Sask., c. 1904, from the Fritchley Friends Meeting near Birmingham, England. The Friends groups in the West did have an annual conference for some years, but never formally organized into a "body". The Friends near Bordon did not join Canadian Yearly Meeting, although some attended as visitors, with marriage ties to Norwich Conservatives. After 1955 reunification of the three YM's in Canada they made the decision not to join Canadian Yearly Meeting.

The reunification of the three Canadian Yearly Meetings was possible because all three were declining in numbers, they had worked together for Peace, and shared in Friends Service Committee. work, and they recognized more united them than divided them. They needed one another. I lived through this era and worked with Friends from all three bodies from whom I gained much, and was allowed to share in the joint work. Now we face new challenges in a changed and changing world.

Of course you may have a copy of Jeremiah Lapp's Journal. Photocopies are 7-10 cents each, depending on number. Postage in Canada is higher than US.. Total cost should be under \$10. I am a volunteer archivist and so a donation to the Archives is helpful, as I do not charge for my time.

With good wishes for your work.

Jane Z-B

**Underground Railroad Free Press**  
**The July issue is now online at [www.urrfreepress.com](http://www.urrfreepress.com)**  
**This publication is very interesting and inspiring.**

**The upcoming September issue will include announcement of the 2011 Free Press Prize winners**

## Bowerman Hill Cemetery, Prince Edward County

In recent months, Maureen Morse Marsh, whose grandmother, Ella Louise Bowerman is buried there, made enquiries about the status and maintenance of the Bowerman Cemetery. This led to an extensive exchange of information.

The questions were many:

Is this Cemetery still part the Bowerman-Cronk farm property?

Was the property set off /given/sold to the MM when it was established after the Separation? This was a Hicksite Meetinghouse.. It was a time of upheaval in our Quaker History so it is possible the property was simply 'being used' for meeting purposes.

What is the cemetery's status today?

Is it still an "open" cemetery?

Who is responsible for its upkeep?

Randy Saylor provided some answers, gleaned from conversations with Gord Moran, who looked after Marion Cronk's affairs. He reported that Marion Cronk died 20 May 2009 and she is the last person to be buried in the Bowerman Cemetery. In 2002 when the Bowerman farm was sold, the attached cemetery was owned by Marion. He was not sure if it was part of the farm or already severed. Following Marion's burial, the cemetery was closed and given to the County of Prince Edward to look after.

Randy then checked minutes and Dorland's History and reported the following:

Arthur Dorland, in his 1927 version of his History, pages 83 and 84, states that the first meeting house was built in 1803 on land donated by Judah and Stephen Bowerman on Bowerman Hill.

To confirm this I examined the Adolphustown Minutes of 1798 to 1813.

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In the 4th month of 1803 we read of the establishment of West Lake and the need for a meeting house (pages 88 and 89). Later starting in 11th month of 1803 we read about a committee to secure title to the burying ground and lot for the new meeting house. This goes on (pages 103, 105, 106 and 108) until finally in 3rd month 1804 we read that the committee has "answered" the desire to secure a title (page 110).

So a title existed and somehow over the years the title reverted to the Cronk family, owners of the original Bowerman farm. Perhaps when the meeting house was moved to Bloomfield the title was taken back by the Bowermans.

Regarding the building of the second West Lake meeting house, check the West Lake Women's minutes of 1815 - 1825.

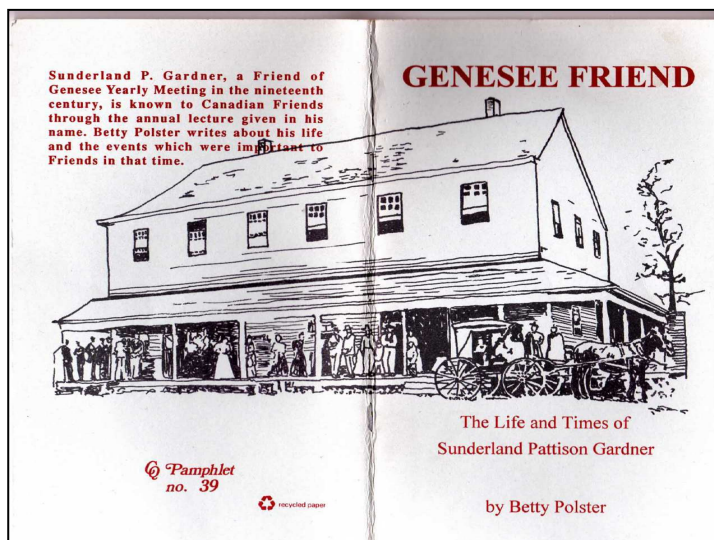
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[brary.quaker.ca/transcripts/West%20Lake%20Prep%20Meeting%201815-1825.pdf](http://www.archives-brary.quaker.ca/transcripts/West%20Lake%20Prep%20Meeting%201815-1825.pdf)

Here on 6 month 1816 is mentioned the desire to build a meeting house "at this place" (page 6). On 5th month 1818 a committee is formed to raise money for a house (page 22). Reports that the subscription for building the meeting house go on nearly every month - past 1821 - though Dorland implies the new meeting house was built soon after 1817 and I think likely right after the subscription was established in 1818.

Compiled by Barbara Horvath, with Emails from Randy Saylor, Jane Zavitz-Bond



## Farmington Meeting House, New York

Cover of the Canadian Quaker Pamphlet which Betty Polster wrote about Sunderland P. Gardner, who was associated with Farmington Meeting. All the Genesee meeting-houses ( Bloomfield, Yonge St. and those in western NY state.) were on this same style .

The CYM Archives holds the preparatory material used by Betty Polster when researching the pamphlet. The artwork is by Betty's granddaughter.

For extensive information about the significance of the Farmington Meetinghouse and for updates on the restoration project, go to [www.farmingtonmeetinghouse.org](http://www.farmingtonmeetinghouse.org)

### Thank you for your support

Each year, the Canadian Friends Historical Association makes an appeal for donations to support its current programs and the development of new ones. Like any not-for-profit organization, we depend on financial contributions to achieve our mission to preserve and communicate the history and faith of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Canada and their contribution to the Canadian Experience. CFHA extends a special thanks to all our donors for their generosity.

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### Upcoming conference on war resisters

Historians Against the War, supported by a number of other organizations including the War Resisters Support Campaign, have organized a conference titled "Looking Back, Moving Forward: War Resisters in North America", to be held September 23 and 24, 2011 in Toronto. The event will look at war resistance from WWII to today, and will include veteran testimony, discussions on international law, Canada's immigration and refugee policy, and strategies for building the anti-war movement today.

For more information on the conference program, please contact Luke Stewart, Historians Against the War at [L5stewart@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:L5stewart@uwaterloo.ca).

### CFHA AGM: Saturday, September 17

**Neither shall they learn war any more: The Conference of Historic Peace Churches**

Location: **Conrad Grebel University College**, University of Waterloo

Bus Tour: the **Detweiler Meetinghouse** in Roseville, Ontario: the only surviving stone meetinghouse built by Mennonites in Ontario (1855).

Keynote Speaker: **Laureen Harder-Gissing**, Archivist-Librarian for the Mennonite Archives of Ontario/Conrad Grebel University College Library.

AGM: 9:30 – 12:30 ; Conference 1:30 – 8:30

Registration: \$40. including lunch and dinner (pre-registration required for Conference)

To register, send cheque to Canadian Friends Historical Association, PO Box 21527, Newmarket, ON L3X 1G9

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<i>From Quaker to Upper Canadian: Faith and Community among Yonge Street Friends, 1801-1850</i> By Robynne Rogers Healey	\$95.00
<i>E-Journal 1998-2007 CD</i>	\$10.00
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<i>The Journal of Timothy Rogers CD</i>	\$10.00
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### Coming Events

**Sept. 17 CFHA Annual General Meeting.**

**Doors Open:**

- **Sept. 17** Yonge Street Meeting, Newmarket
- **Oct. 1** Yarmouth Meeting, Sparta

**June 22—24, 2012** The 20th Bicentennial Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists, at Pickering College, Newmarket, Ontario

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