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COVER PHOTO: CYM Archives Committee Chair Joyce Holwerda (right) and CFHA Chair Gordon Thompson sign an historic cooperation agreement.
PHOTO : Heather Somers.

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Message from the Chair:

Ninth Month, 2018

Welcome to another issue of *The Meetinghouse*, and a fine selection of contributions related to the legacy of Quakers in Canada. There is a lot to communicate, and I am sure you will enjoy this issue.

Quakers from the earliest days have held a concern for the administration of justice. The concern was a natural consequence of their early experience of great injustice and extremely poor treatment as detainees and prisoners. This concern remains active today, as is illustrated by the report and images of the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting (YSMM) “Helping Hands” project provided by Margaret McCaffrey, Helping Hands Committee Co-chair.

Regular features such as ‘Transcription Tidbits’ and ‘Canada Tells’ are back in this issue. Thank you to June Pollard who has provided some unique glimpses into the thoughts and experiences of Friends from 100 years ago. If you find these items interesting you will be pleased to know that dozens of new document transcriptions have been added to the CFHA website or migrated there from the Canadian Yearly Meeting Archives (CYMA) website. Please see the list of new material provided. Also, please drop us a line if you find something particularly interesting and informative when reading through transcriptions. Catch the details of the recent agreement between CFHA and the CYMA which facilitated migration and consolidation of transcriptions under a single coordinator.

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members. At the CFHA booth at the Ontario Genealogical Society Conference

held at the University of Guelph earlier this year we spoke with many registrants with Quaker roots. We are very pleased to warmly welcome five new members from this event.

We also extend to all members a very warm invitation to the upcoming Annual General Meeting business session and program. We are pleased to hold this AGM at Friends House in Toronto on the 22nd of this month. For those of you who have not been to a previous AGM business session, I encourage you to attend this year. The activity of the past year is reported, and future activity and budget presented and discerned “in the manner of Friends”. This method of decision making relies on the presence of as many members as possible, and on their verbal and non-verbal contributions. As always, the AGM provides opportunities to share family histories and topics of research, and to enjoy the evening keynote speaker presentation. We are very pleased to have a First Nations lunch and dinner theme this year, and catering provided by the First Nations operated restaurant ‘Tea ‘N’ Bannock’. Space is limited, however, so please see the details inside and get your registration form and payment in early!

One final thought: please come join in our work, inspirations and rewards—check out the “Help Wanted” item and consider the ways you can help build our organization.

Happy reading!

Gordon Thompson, Eighth Month, 2018 ■



Gordon Thompson
Chairman

Events & Notices:



Ninth Month, 2018

22 CFHA Annual General Meeting, Friends House, Toronto. Please see information and registration details in this issue and updates on the website www.cfha.info 'Upcoming Events'.

Fourth Month, 2019

13 CFHA transcription coordinator and Quaker historian Randy Saylor will be the featured speaker at this regular meeting of the Kingston branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. For more details concerning time and location please contact Kingston branch www.kingston.ogs.on.ca.

Sixth Month, 2019

20-23 The Ontario Genealogical Society's Conference 2019, "Breaking Down Genealogical Barriers" will be held at the London Convention Centre, London, Ontario. Local tours on Sixth Month 20, Conference lectures and plenary sessions, and annual general meeting, Sixth Month 21-23, 2019, For more information contact <https://ogs.on.ca/>

Seventh Month, 2019

12-14 Henderson family reunion, Norwich, Ontario. The first Reunion of the Joseph and Isabella Henderson family was held August 20th, 1926 at the farm of Albert Pollard in Norwich, Ontario, Canada. This date was chosen to honour the 100th anniversary of Joseph Henderson's birthday (August 21, 1826). His 3 daughters, Jane, Janet and Agnes had married and settled in Norwich. The reunion has been held at various locations and in various years since then, occasionally drawing together almost 150 participants. Contact June Pollard (647-995-5459) for additional details.

Note: please do not hesitate to send information about your Quaker related event, activity or occasion to chair@cfha.info. We will do our best to help pass along the details. ■

Senior High School Student Essay Award Announcement

Congratulations to James Ross, a student of E.L. Crossley Secondary School in Wellandport, Ontario. James submitted his essay "Quakers Impact on Canadian Society, Politics and Economics" to the CFHA University Scholarship and High School Essay Committee. We are pleased to announce that James has been awarded the 2017-2018 Senior High School Essay award. The Award, valued at \$300, has been forwarded to James.

Concerning his essay and award James writes:

"I have always had an interest in history, since I was little I would read books on different significant historical events. I mostly focused on conflicts, so when I was given the opportunity to write an essay on the Quakers and their history, I was interested to learn about something not

necessarily within my interests. Writing this essay allowed me to learn of Quaker customs and history, something I had very little knowledge about before, which I now know have a very rich history. I am planning to go to school for history and teaching so doing this essay definitely helped me with my background knowledge. The resource teacher at my school, Ms Corcoran suggested that I do this essay, knowing my interest in history and I am glad she did."

James is the first and so far, only recipient of a CFHA high school essay award. He wrote again later to say he will be attending University in New York City this year, and will apply the award towards the cost of books His comments highlight the personal benefit he has realized as a result of this program, and we wish him every success in the pursuit of his chosen career.

Transcription Tidbits

In this edition of The Meetinghouse we are pleased to feature excerpts from a collection of letters and documents from the estate of Arthur Clayton. These documents are being transcribed by his niece June Pollard. We wish to thank June for providing the following brief “tidbits” excerpted from longer documents, and for the material included in “Canada Tells” elsewhere in this issue.

Arthur Clayton (1901-1994) was a long-time resident of Norwich, Ontario, a lifelong member of the Religious Society of Friends and one of the first members of CFHA. The following excerpts are in chronological order. They include communications involving Arthur’s parents Joseph and Caroline Clayton, brother Howard and others in the extended community of Friends. They provide a flavour of the early 20th century among members of his and his parents’ generation.

1. 3/8/1910

- from Eliza McGrew, Ohio,
to Caroline Clayton in Norwich

“We hear your King Edward has deceased. Truly the death angel does not spare those in high positions in life any more than those in lowly.”

2. 6/9/1912

- from a friend in West Grove
to Caroline Clayton in Norwich

“The friends of our monthly meeting have been willing to liberate my husband to attend Canada Yearly Meeting with full unity and approved. A minute was granted. A suggestion of his wife going with him was acted upon promptly and the addition made to this minute that I was liberated to accompany him.”

3. 4/15/17

- from son Howard Clayton to father Joseph Clayton, from Olney School in Barnesville, Ohio

“I hate to ask for it but if you don’t mind I should like to have about five dollars sometime soon. If it suits you you might as well send it all at once as to make two jobs of it. I suppose I will have to count on about \$5.00 for office bill, etc. Do as you like and don’t send any at all if you don’t think it necessary for I can get along somehow.”

4. 4/23/17

- from Aunt Margaret (Paullina, Iowa) to Eunice Clayton (Norwich)

“A strange life surely has gone out. There was so much good beneath the apparent opposite.” (re: Isaac Watson)

5. 1/6/18

- from brother Howard Clayton to Arthur Clayton from Olney School, Barnesville, Ohio

“The Allies have offered peace terms. My, if it was only true and if only they would be accepted. I wonder if we could feel natural without the war for excitement.”

6. 5/15/21

- from Mary Foster (friend) (Centerville, R.I.) to Caroline Clayton (Norwich) – quote from Herbert Hoover -

“You cannot make peace with documents. Peace must be made in the hearts of men.”

Transcription Tidbits

are relatively short excerpts selected from various minute book transcriptions.

They provide a flavour of the meeting challenges, and illustrate how Quaker principles and application of the Discipline was expressed in everyday meeting life. The original spelling and punctuation are retained. Readers are invited to forward their own favourite excerpts from CFHA transcriptions for consideration as future tidbits to chair@cfha.info.

Helping Hands

Yonge Street Monthly Meeting Helping Hands Project



ABOVE : A selection of items to be distributed via Yonge Street Monthly Meeting's Helping Hands project.

PHOTO : Margaret McCaffrey

by **Margaret McCaffrey**

A Bit Of Background

In November of 2015, the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends (YSMM) made a commitment to help the most vulnerable people coming out of the Provincial courts located just north of the Yonge Street meetinghouse.

These individuals were being released on to the streets of Newmarket without money, personal identification or OHIP (Ontario Health Insurance Plan) cards and in prison jumpsuits or the clothes in which they had been arrested. In some instances, individuals wearing only shorts and tee shirts were released in the winter.

We had learned that the most vulnerable of these people often have neither friends nor family to pick them up and drive them to either Lindsey or Milton where the correctional facilities have their valuables. Upon release they become essentially homeless! Since we started our work in November 2015, we estimate we have helped in excess of 250 people per year.

Letters have been written to the leaders of the provincial government, but to no avail. Friends have visited local politicians, and the local MPP. Although they have said they find this deplorable, they have not been able to achieve improvements.

YSMM spends between \$4000 and 4500 a year on this project and Friends are committed to continuing to help meet the needs of the vulnerable sector coming out of the court system.

What YSMM Provides

Friends have built up relationships within the courts to best assess the needs that we can fill. We are in contact with the Elizabeth Fry Society and the Salvation Army as well as court staff.

YSMM provides personal toiletry kits which include items such as soap, shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste and deodorant, as well as socks and seasonal items such as gloves, or rain ponchos. In all the kits usually contain ten or eleven items.

As well, we provide \$10 gift cards for places such as Tim Horton and McDonalds so released detainees can have a meal when they are first on the streets. In some cases, \$10 is also provided to the released detainees. The court clerks hand out the cards and gifts as they identify those in need.

Fred Victor Mission, YSMM and the College Park Court

In the fall of 2017 YSMM members were contacted by The Fred Victor Mission in Toronto. This organization works to provide assistance to women coming out of detention. It was shocking to learn they work with 6,000 women annually, and, of these, half (3,000), are vulnerable. This is 250 people per month, or twelve times as many people as the Newmarket Court releases in one year!

College Park Court is located at College and Yonge Street, and so these women have to walk out of court in jumpsuits and flip flops with no money, identification, medications, or any valuables. Sexual predators are waiting for the women as they are released and try to make their way to a shelter.

We have dropped off many bags of clothing but the item the women want most is our toiletry bag. Friends from YSMM have been told “they fly off the shelves” at the court where Fred Victor Mission staff are present. YSMM recently agreed to give this new project funding of \$1000.

Yonge Street Friends continue to try and find ways to help those people released from detention in a way that might ease their suffering as they try and transition to the outside. We have been asked how individuals can help. If you are led to donate to the Helping Hands project, please make the cheque out to YSMM with the memo line Helping Hands.

Margaret McCaffrey
PESAC Clerk YSMM

*Editors' note: Donations may be mailed to:
Yonge Street Monthly Meeting
17030 Yonge Street,
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 7A9*

To learn more about the advocacy and activities of Quakers related to the court system in Canada please see the Canadian Quaker History Journal special issue “Jails and Justice” number 68 (2003). ■

BELOW : An example of a toiletry bag waiting for distribution.
PHOTO : Margaret McCaffrey



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Transcription Agreement Signed

by Joyce Holwerda and Gordon Thompson

The Canadian Yearly Meeting Archives Committee (CYM AC) and CFHA are pleased to announce the signing of a formal protocol and agreement on transcription and posting of historical documents held in the CYM Archives.

The agreement reads, in part:

“Both the Canadian Friends Historical Association (CFHA) and the Canadian Yearly Meeting (CYM) wish to make the handwritten Canadian Quaker records accessible to the public”.

“The Minutes and other holdings in the Archives are the property of Canadian Yearly Meeting and are held by the Archives Committee (CYM-AC). The original documents are the definitive source of authenticity for all references in any form.”

“To that end CYM-AC and CFHA are establishing a transcription project

as a means to fulfill our shared goals of preserving and sharing the rich Canadian Friends’ Heritage.”

The signing of this agreement resolves and clarifies the role and work of each

organization as they work cooperatively to achieve their respective objectives. An immediate and desired outcome of this agreement is the consolidation of transcription and posting previously performed by

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each organization separately.

Administration of this work will be under the care of CFHA webmaster Randy Saylor. This consolidation ensures coordination among the transcribers and will prevent possible duplication of effort and multiple versions of transcriptions. Existing transcriptions posted on the CYM Archives website will be added to those on the CFHA website and a common

annotation procedure and format applied. Viewers of the CYM Archives website will have access to all transcriptions and material posted on the CFHA website.

As of the date of this article a total of one hundred and fifteen transcriptions of minute books, digests, registers and journals are available at www.cfha.info. This total includes transcriptions of six documents from Nine Partners NY meetings and two from its subsidiary meeting of Ferrisburgh, Vermont.

Members of both CYM AC and CFHA look forward to working together going forward, and to providing public access to the contents of many more historical documents.

RIGHT: Joyce Holwerda and Gordon Thompson sign a memorandum of agreement between The Canadian Yearly Meeting Archives Committee (CYM AC) and the CFHA.

PHOTO : Bev Jackson and Heather Somers



Transcription Update

The conclusion of an agreement between the Canadian Yearly Meeting Archives Committee and CFHA regarding transcriptions has facilitated great advancement of this work. A number of transcribed documents, that were awaiting posting, have now been configured into a format consistent with previous CFHA material and added to www.cfha.info. The new transcriptions include minute books as well as important registers and digests of marriages, births and deaths, certificates of removal, and other historical detail. As can be seen below, the fourteen new postings include documents from a number of meeting locations and various time periods.

- 14 May/18 - Yonge St MM Register of Marriages 1804-40
- 9 May/18 - Yonge St MM 1812-25 loose notes: Marriages, complaints, disownments, removals. (Box 23)
- 6 May/18 - Pelham MM Marriage Register 1790-1856
- 27 Apr/18 - Yonge St Register 1868-1938 Parents, children, births, deaths, from 1791
- 26 Apr/18 - Yonge St Monthly Meeting 1896 - 1928 (Botsford St, Newmarket)
- 22 Apr/18 - Botsford, Newmarket Register 1801-1973 Families, births, deaths, etc.
- 22 Apr/18 - Yonge St MM 1828 - 1835
- 20 Apr/18 - Pelham Women's Prep 1828-1878
- 16 Apr/18 - Pickering MM, 1842-1870 (O)
- 9 Apr/18 - Births, Deaths, Marriages, Removals, etc. Norwich MM Book B, 1842 (1761-1969)
- 9 Apr/18 - This register is a major addition to the resources available on this web site. Yonge St Register Births & Deaths, 'Family Book', 1804 - 1824
- 8 Apr/18 - Yonge St Preparative Meeting 1804-6214
- 6 Mar/18 - Yonge St MM 1828 - 51

This was the update report two months ago when this item was started. Since then transcription coordinator Randy Saylor has been very busy. The following list includes transcriptions which have been migrated from the Canadian Yearly Meeting Archives website to allow administration by a single coordinator, plus some new postings. Please note that there may be some minor variances in format, such as use of brackets, in the migrated items listed below. Formatting is consistent within each transcription.

- 3 Aug/18 - Yonge St MM 1961-80 (Botsford)
- 3 Aug/18 - Nicholson Diary, 1896
- 3 Aug/18 - Fuller & Webster 1848 marriage & family
- 2 Aug/18 - Family of Comly Randall, settlers of Yonge St
- 2 Aug/18 - Memorial of Elenor Hughes 1825
- 1 Aug/18 - William Allen Memorial, Minister, 1898
- 1 Aug/18 - Memoir of Vincent Bowerman, 1870
- 1 Aug/18 - E.H. Marion Cronk Fonds, Letters 4-1
- 1 Aug/18 - E.H. Marion Cronk Fonds, Letters 4-2
- 1 Aug/18 - Marriage Cert Rogers & Cody 1856
- 1 Aug/18 - Yonge St MM Marriage Register 1937
- 1 Aug/18 - Charles Teffry Journal, c 1834
- 1 Aug/18 - Rogers Family Letters 1846-1914
- 1 Aug/18 - George Pollard Letters 1863-1889
- 1 Aug/18 - Population of Friends, Upper Canada, 1824
- 1 Aug/18 - West Lake HYM Treasurer Bk 1830-47
- 1 Aug/18 - Yonge St Register c1803-1866
- 1 Aug/18 - Pelham MM Register 1790-1856
- 1 Aug/18 - Pelham Monthly Meeting 1806-1834
- 27 Jul/18 - Pelham Monthly Meeting 1799-1806
- 27 Jul/18 - Norwich Preparative Mtg 1816-1829
- 26 Jul/18 - Halcyonia Monthly Meeting 1918-1935
- 26 Jul/18 - Halcyonia Monthly Meeting 1935-1965
- 26 Jul/18 - Halcyonia Monthly Meeting 1969-1983
- 26 Jul/18 - Epistles to Fritchley Mtg, UK 1864-90
- 25 Jul/18 - West Lake MM 1880-1954
- 25 Jul/18 - Collingwood PMW 1895-1898
- 25 Jul/18 - Collingwood PMW 1883-1895
- 25 Jul/18 - Collingwood PMW 1871-1883

- 25 Jul/18 - Collingwood PM 1892-1899
- 25 Jul/18 - Collingwood PM 1871-1891
- 25 Jul/18 - Grey Monthly Meeting 1893-18
- 24 Jul/18 - Norwich Monthly Meeting 1819-1822
- 21 Jul/18 - Lobo First Day School, 1931-56, Bk 4
- 21 Jul/18 - Lobo First Day School, 1905-30, Bk 3
- 21 Jul/18 - Canada Half Year, West Lake, Treasurer, 1830-50
- 21 Jul/18 - Canada Half Yearly Mtg, Orth, 1914-25
- 21 Jul/18 - Pelham Marriage Register 1817-1958
- 21 Jul/18 - Yonge St Marriage Register 1901-42 (Botsford)
- 21 Jul/18 - Yonge St MM 1950-60 (Botsford)
- 20 Jul/18 - Yonge St MM 1928-37 (Botsford)
- 20 Jul/18 - Yonge St MM 1938-42 (Botsford)
- 20 Jul/18 - Yonge St MM 1943-49 (Botsford)
- 18 Jul/18 - Norwich MM Book A, 1819-1842
- 27 Jun/18 - Lobo (Coldstream) Prep 1912-1938
- 25 Jun/18 - Lobo (Coldstream) Prep 1895-1912

In addition to making Quaker document transcriptions freely available, we seek to facilitate information sharing and collaborative networking between researchers and family historians. Please do not hesitate to advise us of genealogical and other additional information you would be willing to share. We also welcome volunteers willing to transcribe portions of additional documents currently in progress or slated to be transcribed. Instruction is provided, and work proceeds at a leisurely pace to suit your timetable. If you are interested in transcribing, or if you already have a transcription you would be willing to share, please do not hesitate to contact us at chair@cfha.info. ■

2018 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association.



PHOTO: Toronto Monthly Meeting.

The AGM of the Canadian Friends Historical Association (CFHA) will be held at Friends House, 60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5R 1C7 on Seventh Day, the 22nd of Ninth Month (Saturday, September 22) 2018. The business meeting will commence at 9:30 AM. All members are encouraged to attend. There is no charge to attend the business meeting, but please register if you plan to attend so we have an idea about numbers. The business meeting will be followed by lunch, rest and relaxation, and a group “Building the Organization” discussion and a review of options to implement new technologies.

In a spirit of Friendship and Respect we are pleased to have lunch and dinner catering

provided by the staff of Tea ‘N’ Bannock, a restaurant in Toronto operated by members of various First Nations communities. Tea ‘N’ Bannock staff will be present at dinner to describe the meals to be served and the efforts made to source ingredients from reserves and traditional harvest areas.

The Keynote Presentation will follow dinner. We are delighted to have scholar and Toronto Monthly Meeting member Judy Pocock provide this presentation.

After 17 years as a high school English teacher, Judy Pocock returned to the University of Toronto and earned her MA and then her PhD in English Literature in 2010. Since graduating, along with teaching, she has completed a Graduate Certificate in Quaker Studies from the University of Lancaster (UK) and pursued an interest in Quaker History, faith, and practice. In 2017 she published an article on French Quakers in the Canadian Quaker History Journal and is contributing an article on early Quakers and Islam to a forthcoming book. Judy is a member of Toronto Friends Meeting. Her talk, “The Birth of a Peculiar People” will focus on the faith and practice of early Quakers as they emerged during and just after the English Revolution.

Space and meal availability are limited. Please register as soon as possible. For additional information please contact June Pollard secretary@cfha.info or phone 647-995-5459. ■

Help Wanted!

Yes, we do absolutely need help in a number of areas as we adapt to new technology and respond to new opportunities. We specifically need the following:

- Individuals to serve on the Board of Directors.
- Writers, journalists, chroniclers, and researchers of Quaker history and current related items who would be willing to provide news items, articles, or occasional or regular contributors to features such as ‘Transcription Tidbits’ and ‘Canada Tells’.
- Editor or assistant editor of The Meetinghouse.
- Marketing, Outreach and Network program administrators and volunteers.
- Transcribers—join the team! work at your own pace and help provide access to historic documents.
- Individuals with curatorial or archiving experience, able to provide guidance and advice on new technology and information management opportunities.

Members of the board of Directors typically serve a 3 year term. Combined Executive Committee/Board Meetings are held 6-7 times a year (no meetings usually at Christmas or summer months), usually at Friends House in Toronto or at historic Quaker venues. Current members of the Executive Committee reside in Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia respectively, so with modern technology distance need not be an obstacle to participation.

This is where the fun and discovery really happen! Please feel free to contact chair@cfha.info or call 905-471-9528 to discuss and obtain further details.

Canada Tells...

by **June Pollard**

Thank you to June Pollard for providing the material in this publication of Canada Tells. June has recently started to transcribe a collection of letters and documents from the estate of her late uncle Arthur Clayton (1901-1994) of Norwich, Ontario. Members of the Clayton, Pollard and Henderson families were among those which made up the core of the Quaker communities at Norwich and Coldstream, Ontario, and were often related to one another. During the late 19th century onwards the extended Henderson family included a group located near Paulina, Iowa. They maintained regular correspondence with their family in Ontario. The following excerpt is taken from a letter written over 100 years ago to Arthur Claytons parents, advising them of the untimely death of Herman, a 12-year old nephew of Arthurs' mother and a first cousin to Arthur.

The letter was dated 4/28/1918 and was written by Joseph Henderson. It was sent from Paulina, Iowa to his brother-in-law Joseph Clayton and his wife Carrie (nee Waring) at Norwich, Ontario:

"He was sick for 7 weeks and about 5 weeks the Dr. came every day. He had very little hope of Herman getting better tho of course there is always a chance as the saying is. About two weeks before he died we had a consultation Dr. from Herron Lake, Minnisota came here and diagnosed the case and called it the same as Dr. Oldag but he had more experience as he is older and runs a large hospital. (note 1) He said practically all the cases he had were between the ages of 10 and 14 years and mostly about 12 years. They call it Eurythma. (note 2) There is a rash with it which comes and gals like hives but that was about all gone. But his heart was bad or beat so fast that it was hard to count the beats. One time he wanted me to listen to it, said it squeaked and it did sound a bit that way. He did not seem to suffer much and kept cheerful most of the time. When Dr. would come in and ask him how he was he would say 'alright' and the Dr. would smile.

The morning of the 8th of 3rd mo. He seemed more tired and had not rested quite as good during the night and a little after breakfast time started to vomit but did not get much up and they called me. When he could speak he said call the Dr. which was done. The Dr. seemed to understand what it meant and came prepared to stay. Mary and I had each talked with him in regard to the likelihood of him not getting over it and altho he did not say much the impression was comfortable and to the effect that he had thought of these things. After the Dr. came he started to vomit again but it seemed too much for his strength. Mary was in front of him and I at his back holding him. 'Oh', he said, "I am going to die." Then Mary said, wasn't he willing to go. He said, yes. Then Emma said there would be one there waiting for him. He nodded getting a little easier. He said, 'not yet'. Then a little later he said 'yes' and after this he did not seem to have any doubt but that he was going and he began to tell some things he wanted done. He asked me to write to Dr. Moe of Herron Lake as he had asked him to write to him in two weeks, and it was near the time. I have since done so. He called for Agnes who was at school and called for Alfred who was near but he could not see him. He said, "Alfred help Father all thee can, and Agnes help Mother." He bade each one farewell including the Dr. who seemed affected, thanked him for all he had done. He called for Walter H. And he and Arthur came from the school. He told Walter to tell the class to stick to the school til they graduated and the same to Arthur and then bade them farewell. His uncle Walter and Aunt Margaret coming in he bade them farewell. After a while when he seemed past speaking, he brightened up and said, 'I wonder if I can get the names right. There is father and mother and Agnes and Alfred and Emma and Dr. Oldag. W. And M. coming in just then he said, 'Uncle Walter and Aunt Madgie. Afterwards he said 'farewell everybody'. It was about 10:30 when the Dr. came. When the clock struck 12 he said 'I'm hungry'. Dr. said give him something, it would be alright, but he

only took a few swallows of water. About 3:15 pm he passed away without a struggle except a little stiffening of the muscles. The Dr. stayed to help lay him out. We did the best we could in getting a casket but it cost \$75.00 including embalming which they said was necessary if we kept him long enough for a ...from a distance to come and they don't like to sell a casket without. We went and got the casket and did not need the hearse which saved \$25.00. It'd have been \$100."

Note 1: It appears no expense or course of action was spared in the efforts made to save Herman. The best available medical care was obtained, including that of Doctor Moe, the head of the hospital at Heron Lake, a distance of 110 kilometres from Paulina. The following excerpt is taken from an history and timeline of Heron Lake, Minnesota, available at <http://www.heronlakecity.org/history/>.

"1903 - Heron Lake was the first Jackson County community to have a hospital. It was built in

1903 by Dr. A.J. Moe and was operated as a private business. Dr. Moe chose Heron Lake because of the rail service available there... Passenger train service was so good that it was possible for patients to come into Heron Lake from any direction in the morning, visit the doctor and pharmacy and return home on afternoon trains. The Moe hospital was an institution of 50 beds operated in a wood frame building offering surgical and post-operative care of all sorts.

In addition to the hospital Dr. Moe and his wife also ran a school of nursing. It graduated about five students a year and operated from 1909 until 1918."

Note 2: "Eurythma" (conventional spelling Erythema) in this context appears to refer to a disease now known to be caused by a virus. As noted above, the disease appears to have selectively affected children and adolescents. The young victims frequently succumbed to the illness during this time period. ■

CYM Archives Committee Receives Samuel Rogers Trust Support

The Canadian Yearly Meeting Archives Committee (CYM AC) is pleased to announce that it has received \$7800 funding from the Samuel Rogers Trust to advance work on several projects. The Samuel Rogers Trust is a separate trust fund able to consider and provide limited funding of special Quaker activities. The funds provided supplement the annual allocation provided by Canadian Yearly Meeting.

Committee activity in recent years has focussed on completion of the ambitious project of creating a comprehensive catalogue of the titles of documents and other holdings in the Archives collection at Pickering College, Newmarket, Ontario. This work has been substantially completed and the catalogue may be viewed online at <https://quaker.ca/archives/our-collection>.

The supplemental funding received from the Samuel Rogers Trust has allowed the Archives Committee to employ Michelle Tolley, Pickering College assistant Librarian, for a number of hours during her summer vacation period. Michelle will be able to assist with a number of activities:

- synchronizing the Archives transcriptions with those on the CFHA website.
- Processing a number of boxes of documents recently

received from the Canadian Friends Service Committee, plus some boxes of records related to the Quaker meeting previously held on Botsford Street in Newmarket and from other sources.

- verifying the holdings in the Dorland Room

In addition to regular archivist work, Michelle will also be able to assist researchers seeking details of specific documents and subjects by locating and assembling specific documents when requested. This activity has recently included assistance provided to researchers from Wilfred Laurier University in their study of a Quaker retreat facility which was once located on Grindstone Island in the Rideau river.

The Archives Committee would like to express its appreciation to the Samuel Rogers Trust.

Joyce Holwerda
Clerk, Archives Committee.

Note: More details concerning the Grindstone Island facility are available in various issues of the Canadian Quaker History Journal. Of particular interest is the article "Thirty-One Hours on Grindstone Island" by Robynne Rogers-Healey in the Canadian Quaker History Journal Number 71, 2006).



Pickering Orthodox Quaker Meetinghouse Update

The Town of Ajax has initiated a major project to stabilize, upgrade and restore this historic building. This work was intended to be completed earlier, and some of the project funding was provided by the Canada 150 program. The work has encountered significant challenges and delay due to the wet spring and the very large amounts of groundwater encountered during excavation to create a full basement. Once the work is completed, however, one half of the building will be available for public rental. We can try again next year!

The building was originally constructed by the Orthodox faction of the Quakers in Canada. It was purpose built to accommodate the many members and representatives of that faction who would travel considerable distances to attend the Yearly Meeting sessions held there. Completion of the building was timed to enable it to host the inaugural session of Canada Yearly Meeting (Orthodox) in the summer of 1867, the same year Canada itself was established.

A very thorough and detailed restoration and renovation is in progress. Original flooring will be taken up and re-laid on a new subfloor to be installed per modern building code requirements. Existing electrical and plumbing services will be replaced and upgraded. At the rear of the building a new extension will be constructed to provide space for a modern kitchen facility. The finished restoration will provide a very special venue for AGM 2019. ■



ABOVE: The Pickering Orthodox Quaker Meetinghouse prior to renovations.

PHOTO: Charles Chua.
BELOW: A recent view of the meetinghouse. The entrance porch was a later addition and will be removed.
PHOTO: Heather Ioannou

The intended venue for the CFHA AGM this year had been the restored and refurbished Orthodox Quaker meeting house located on Kingston Road and Mill Street in the old village of Pickering. Since the sale of the meetinghouse more than 60 years ago, the building has been used as the Doric Masonic Hall. After the recent acquisition of the building by the Town of Ajax it will continue as a Masonic Hall, but some areas will be opened up for public rental.