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RECYCLED PAPER

MINUTES OF FOURTH ANNUAL MEETINGHELD AT FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE IN HAMILTONNovember (Eleventh Month) 13, 1976

Present: Walter Balderston, Grace Pincoe, Wim Van Veen, Patricia Starr, Myra Pollard, Bertha Pollard, Mary Pollard, David Pollard, Marguerite Johnson, Bert Robinson, Glenn Julian, Kathleen Hertzberg, Eileen and Stan Gardiner, Hilda Eames, Jane Zavitz, Jadwiga Bennich.

Regrets: Elsie Cutler, Hilde Rosenfeld, Fritz Hertzberg, Ed Phelps.

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The Meeting opened with a period of silent worship.

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1. Minutes: The minutes of the Third Annual Meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association held at the Yonge Street Meeting House, Newmarket, on November (Eleventh Month) 29, 1974, were circulated in Newsletter No. 14. They were approved as circulated.
2. Chairman's Report: Walter Balderston presented his executive committee report as follows:
  - a. Executive Meetings. The Executive Committee has met twice since last Annual Meeting, in London, on March 2, 1976, and at Yonge Street Meeting House on September 26, 1976. Plans for the Newsletter, summer activities and other matters were discussed and dealt with, including plans for this Annual Meeting.
  - b. Newsletter. Four issues of the Newsletter have been issued to our members since the last Annual Meeting in accordance with the policy adopted by the Association.
    - (1) Number 14 (12th Month, 1975) contained the reports of our Third Annual Meeting, held at Yonge Street Meeting House on November 29, 1975.
    - (2) Number 15 (Third Month, 1976) featured an account by Albert Martin of the establishment of Hamilton Meeting and the acquisition and adaptation of the meeting house in which we have the privilege of holding this Annual Meeting. The same issue contained a valuable account of Arthur G. Dorland of his long life as a member of the Society of Friends. The version we published was edited from a type-script taken from a tape recording of Arthur Dorland's talk, which was given at West Lake Quarterly Meeting in Wellington, Ontario.

The published result unfortunately illustrates vividly the dangers which lurk in such a process and we offer our most sincere apologies to Arthur Dorland for the typographical and other errors, for which he bears no responsibility, which crept into our version of his very interesting and valuable contribution.

- (3) Number 16 (Six Month, 1976) As two important meetings of Friends were to be held in southwestern Ontario in July, this issue was devoted to the history of the Friend's communities established early in the last century at Sparta and Coldstream. We deeply regret to announce that Charles Buck, who graciously permitted us to publish part of his unpublished history of the Sparta community, died in London this fall at an advanced age, alert and active to the end.
- (4) Number 17 (Ninth Month, 1976) was devoted to an index, compiled by Wim Van Veen, of the issues of the Newsletter from its beginning November 1972 to the end of 1975. We trust it will be helpful to anyone wishing to retrieve information already published.
- c. Summer Activities. The fact that two important meetings of Friends were held in southwestern Ontario during July has already been mentioned. The Triennial Conference of ~~Friends~~ World Committee for Consultation brought about 300 Quakers from around the world to McMaster University in mid-July. Our Association did not plan any special programme, but did have a display of our Newsletter and material of interest relevant to Quaker history in Ontario. At Canadian Yearly Meeting which met at Alma College, St Thomas, in the last week of July, an historical tour was held on July 29 when a considerable number including visitors from abroad, took part. The members of the tour were greatly assisted by local Friends in their visit to sites of interest in Sparta and Coldstream. A separate account of this trip, by Marguerite Johnson appears elsewhere in this issue.
- d. Project for Indexing Meeting Minute Books and Registers. There has been an increasing number of requests for information from Friends' records, mainly for genealogical information but for scholarly purposes as well. The absence of any form of index for proper names and important topics has made the use of the records, either the originals or the microfilm copies now available in London and Toronto, extremely time consuming, and often very frustrating. In July Edward Phelps, Curator at the Weldon Library of Western Ontario, proposed that a start be made in preparing an index, starting with those records most in demand. At that time he had a competent student who could do the work under his supervision. This proposal was discussed at Canadian Yearly Meeting in July and the proposal to begin the indexing of the Xonge Street Meeting records appeared to meet with approval in principle. Before any further steps could be taken, however, the person who had been proposed to begin the work took other

employment. As a consequence, the indexing proposal is in abeyance, but the opportunity should be taken in the near future to see if a long term plan can be worked out for making the material in the Quaker records more accessible.

I believe that the Canadian Historical Association and the Canadian Yearly Meeting should take this opportunity to work out plans for indexing the records, which is urgently needed, and to formulate a statement of policy in respect to access to the records and their use. In addition to genealogical information, our records contain information that is of great interest to scholars who find Quaker records of great potential value for historical research in such fields as population studies and movement of populations. They are of course, of primary importance to all studies of the Society of Friends.

Once again I would like to renew my plea for the identification of materials for Quaker history and emphasize the importance of placing them in custody. Official records, such as minute books are the property ultimately of the Canadian Yearly Meeting, no matter where they are now located, but in addition there are undoubtedly unofficial materials such as letters, journals, newspaper accounts, whose preservation and security should be assured.

- e. Acknowledgements. In closing this report, I would like to express the gratitude of the Association to all those who have devoted a great deal of their time and attention to our affairs during the past year. In particular I would like to pay tribute to the work of Grace Pincoe and Jadwiga Bennich.

(signed) Walter Balderston.

The appreciation of the association is recorded for the excellent work of Wim Van Veen in preparing the Index to the Newsletter 1972-1975 which appears in the last issue, number 17; and also to Jane and Russell Zavitz for acting as our tour guides for the Sparta/Coldstream Historical Bus Tour.

- 3. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's report was presented by Wim Van Veen. The financial statement for the fiscal year November 20th, 1975 - October 31st 1976 shows a balance at the Credit Union of \$680.01. The accounts have been audited by John Petrie for Stirling Nelson. The financial statement and the Treasurer's Report re Financial Statement are as follows:

a. Financial Statement

CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Financial Statement 20 Nov 1975 - 31 Oct 1976

1975

20 Nov Balance at credit union 0.00

Receipts:

Membership fees	502.50	
Sales	51.50	
Donations	152.00	
Annual Meeting	55.00	
Bus Tour, balance	114.30	
Interest & Exchange	22.61	
Bank transfer	300.00	
Sundries	12.42	<u>1,210.33</u>

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Payments:

Newsletter	224.89	
Membership	8.00	
Telephone	16.91	
Postage & Stationery	181.89	
Annual Meeting	65.00	
Photocopying	24.04	
Charges & Exchange	5.34	
Sundries	4.25	<u>530.32</u>

1976

31 Oct Balance at credit union 680.01

1,210.33

1976

Royal  
31 Oct Balance at/Bank as per information 200.78

Balance at credit union as per 1 680.01

*Examined and found correct*  
*Stirling Nelson per [Signature]* 880.79

b. Treasurer's Report re Financial Statement

Nine days before the Third Annual Meeting, on November 20th of last year, I became your treasurer.

The major change I effected was a transfer of funds from the Royal Bank to a credit union. This has been advantageous for several reasons, it cut down the costs to the Association, and increased the interest income.

This year's interest of \$22.61 compares favourably with last year's \$12.24, which amount included more U.S. dollar exchange advantage. The bank charges and exchange of 8 cents increased this year to \$4.89.

b. Treasurer's Report re Financial Statement (Cont'd)

During the year 25 deposits were made, or one every two weeks throughout most of the year. I found it somewhat disturbing that membership fees are being paid throughout the year, while they are due during the first month of the calendar year. This adds considerably to the work load of the membership secretary.

You may want to hear some comparisons: membership fees increased \$25.00 from \$477.00 to \$502.00, but we should account for the vote of confidence from two among us who opted for life membership and increased our income by \$100.00.

Donations increased from \$90.00 to \$152.00 and this represents another vote of confidence. The receipts for income tax purposes will be mailed at the beginning of January.

The cost of the newsletter went up slightly, since paper and postage expenses increased from \$105.00 to \$180.00.

All in all, a conservative year financially, but it is my feeling that in these uncertain times some caution by the executive will be welcomed by the membership.

4. Appointment of Auditors for 1977. Stirling Nelson and/or John Petrie and/or Stanley Gardiner were appointed to audit the accounts for 1977.

5. Membership Report. Grace Pincoe presented the report regarding membership. The Association's membership shows a modest increase from 111 in 1975 to 125 in 1976. This latter figure is made up of 105 personal and 20 institutional memberships. A breakdown of personal memberships may be of interest: 59 are general membership, 28 senior citizens, 1 student, 9 life members, 4 honorary, 2 complimentary, and 2 ex-officio. In the institutional group are: 8 Canadian Quaker Meetings, 10 archives, libraries or historical societies, 2 are members on an exchange basis. We regret to report the loss of one member by death last year - Lloyd Williams, who in former years had contributed so much to the life of the Montreal Meeting. Early in the new year it will be necessary to drop some members who have fallen behind two years with their fees.

6. Secretary's Report. Grace Pincoe presented the Secretary's report.

a. Letters of Inquiry

Because the Secretary of this Association is also the Librarian of Toronto Monthly Meeting, she wears two hats as it were. This arrangement is at the same time very helpful, but also makes for a bigger volume of work. Both organizations gain from the information and contacts. The number of letters of inquiry of a genealogical nature have risen to the point where they take a disproportionate amount of time from other duties in the Library. Consequently we warmly welcome the assistance of Bill Britnell and Pat Starr. They may have to limit the amount of time they spend on answering individual letters.

b. Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists.

In July, I was privileged to attend this Conference which took place at the Quaker Hill Conference Centre, Richmond, Indiana. Besides the valuable contacts made or renewed, the accounts of research in progress and the interesting papers read, a most important Minute came out of the Conference regarding Quaker records. This Minute was sent on to the Triennial Meeting of Friends World Committee for Consultation which endorsed it. (For more on this Conference see News and Notes section of this issue of the Newsletter).

c. Earlham College Library fortunately also located in Richmond, Indiana, has a fine Quaker Collection. Here I spent a profitable day returning home with some much wanted books from their duplicate exchange collection and a copy of that list for Friends House Library.

d. Visit to Nova Scotia and Brome County, Quebec. In September I spent about ten days in Nova Scotia chiefly in Halifax, getting acquainted with the members of the Monthly Meeting and the work some of them are doing, assisting in the research on the early Quaker whalers at Dartmouth, and in the restoration of the Quaker Whaler's House. Libraries, archives and museums, yielded much attractive information for Friends House Library. The Heritage Museum in Dartmouth, the Nova Scotia Public Archives, the Library at Dalhousie University (open on Sunday) and the Nova Scotia Museum are well worth a visit. I did not get to Acadia University at Wolfville, Nova Scotia, which has, I was told, excellent Canadiana material. I visited the unmarked site of the old ~~Pictou~~ Meeting, the graveyard of which was bulldozed over to make way for a rotary. This incident emphasizes again the need for us to become more active in marking and improving sites. Barrington was visited but its "Old Meeting House" was not Quaker - Quakers merely assisted in its construction. I was not able to get out to sites of early Quaker settlements off the mainland. Yarmouth has an excellent historical and genealogical collection in its Public Library, but Yarmouth is somewhat outside the area of Quaker settlement. I did not get to the Museum there which also has a Library.

On the way back to Toronto I visited Brome County Historical Society Museum and Archives at Knowlton, Quebec which yielded more good material for the library and is well worth visiting for Quaker materials. The site of the ~~East Farnham~~ Meeting is just outside the town. When I was there the stones in the burial ground were being restored. At one time Stanley Zielinski and other Montreal Friends had considered efforts to revive the Meeting.

e. Discussion

- (1) Friends Burial Grounds. The Executive Committee was asked to take under consideration the concern for Quaker Burial Grounds, ways in which they could be identified, listed, marked and improved. This will be done in cooperation with the appropriate Monthly Meeting (or Canadian Yearly Meeting) as well as other responsible bodies, eg the local historical society, cemetery committee, etc.

- (2) Minute of Triennial Committee of Friends World Committee, Hamilton, July 18-24, 1976. For the text of this minute which was read here see the News and Notes section of this issue under Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists.
- (3) Minute of Canadian Yearly Meeting approved August 1976 was read: "We authorize the launching of an appeal by the Canadian Friends Historical Association for funds to begin the indexing of Quaker archives at the University of Western Ontario". (See its printed Minutes, 1976, Page 106, #113).
- (4) Jane Zavitz re Indexing. Jane Zavitz expressed the opinion that we could begin piecemeal but that overall planning and subject headings need to be available in advance. For any computer based indexing we would need to set up a pattern of subject headings. She offered to help in any way possible.
- (5) Suggestions re Financing. The meeting considered other ways by which assistance with indexing and archival work could be financed. It was suggested that the Archives of Ontario could be approached again for a possible grant to employ a student. The Ontario Multi-Cultural Association was also mentioned. It was felt that a clear outline of the project should first be prepared. This was referred to the executive.

7. Report of the Nominating Committee. In Hilde Rosenfeld's absence Kathleen Hertzberg presented the slate of nominations as follows:

Honorary Chairman:	Arthur G. Dorland
Chairman:	Walter Balderston
Assistant Chairman:	Kathleen Hertzberg
Secretary:	Grace Pincoe
Treasurer:	Wim Van Veen
Membership Secretary:	Marquerite Johnson
Convener of Publications:	"
Editor of "Canadian Quaker History Newsletter":	Jadwiga Bennich
Archivist:	Edward Phelps
Liaison with Canadian Yearly Meeting Records Committee:	Elsie Cutler
Historical Research Committee:	Jane Zavitz (Chairman)
	Margaret McGruther (Western Canada)
	Elsie Cutler
	William F. Britnell (Genealogy)
	Patricia Starr (Genealogy)
Nominating Committee:	Anna Chamberlin
	Hilde Rosenfeld
Member-at-Large	Hilda Eames

These nominations for 1977 were approved.



There being no more business to transact, the business session concluded with a period of silence.

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A very fine lunch was supplied by Hamilton Friends. Appreciation was expressed to Hamilton Monthly Meeting for the generous use of the Meeting House which provided a beautiful setting for this fourth annual meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association.

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8. Afternoon Session: Talk by Richard Rempel "Quaker Renaissance 1885-1914".

This session convened at 2:00 p.m., Kathleen Hertzberg in the chair. Andrew Brink introduced Richard Rempel of the History Department of McMaster University whose field is English History of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Richard Rempel has spent some time in England and in North America researching English Quakerism of the period. The revitalization in the Society which occurred in this period, much of which can be attributed to Young Friends, he pointed out, was in a large measure responsible for the increasing influence of Friends in the progressive movement which saw the introduction of many social reforms of the early 20th century. This interesting lecture was taped and transcribed. After Richard Rempel has had a chance to examine them, the tape and/or transcription may be borrowed from Friends House Library.

After a short discussion period and a cup of tea we bade farewell to our Friendly hosts at 4:00 p.m.

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CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION TOUR

SPARTA/COLDSTREAM - 22 JULY 1976

By Marguerite Johnson

(For a more detailed account of the history of Sparta and Coldstream Meetings we suggest that you see the articles by Jane Zavitz and Elsie Cutler in Newsletter 16, June 1976).

The morning of July 29th, 1976, started out to be rainy, foggy and cloudy by turns, as forty-eight would be pilgrims of the Canadian Friends Historical Association prepared for a tour of the Sparta/Coldstream area. By noon, the rain had stopped and the fog had lifted with bits of blue sky appearing here and there, giving us reason to hope that a pleasant afternoon was in store for us. We departed Alma College, St Thomas, Ontario at 1:30 p.m., and headed for Sparta which was to be the first part of our tour.

Our trip this year was unique in that we were joined by twenty-four visitors from all over the world who had stayed over for our Yearly Meeting after attending the Thirteenth Triennial Meeting of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, which had taken place at McMaster University in Hamilton the previous week. There were visitors from Africa, Australia, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. Several Canadian Friends from the Victoria Meeting joined the tour, while two came from Toronto for the day. No doubt about it, our trip this year had a truly international flavour.

Our first stop on the tour was to pick up our guide for the Sparta area, Jane Zavitz. Jane lives in an early Quaker house, built in 1837, on the Sparta Union Road. Jane proved to be most interesting indeed, pointing out sites of interest as we drove through the district to the Sparta Cemetery, also known as the Yarmouth Burial Ground (Sparta). Jane pointed out graves of interest and among these were those of Joshua Doan and his companion, Amos Perley of the 1837 Rebellion fame. Carolyn Cameron spoke to us about her research of the history of the Doan family. Other well known Quaker graves found in that burial ground are Haight, Freeman, Gille, Palmer, Schooley, Webster and extensive Zavitz family.

On our arrival at the Sparta Meeting House about one and a half miles further on, we were welcomed by Edna Willson, and Shirley Willson the Clerk of the Yarmouth (Sparta) Preparative Meeting. Jane explained that the present Meeting House, built in 1855, is the third one in the area. The first two Meeting Houses were built on the same site as the burial ground. Because the centre of population was moving towards the "Corners" this third Meeting House was built closer to the new Village of Sparta. That is why the burial ground is not on the same site as the present Meeting House.

Many of our visitors, particularly from overseas, were intrigued by the moveable walls, separating the men from the women at the business meetings in former days. While explaining this, Jane demonstrated how the walls operated up and down. Most meeting houses were made of local materials. Gilbert Zavitz remembers as a boy the splendid stand of tall pine trees in the area. This explains the unusually long and very wide pine boards used in the Sparta Meeting House floor. The interior with its grey walls and white trim creates an atmosphere of repose. At one end of the room there still stands an iron box stove the sides of which are decorated in relief with fruits.

The Sparta Meeting House visit ended with a few minutes of really deep silence, unbroken by so much as the hum of an insect. Sparta Meeting House definitely has a "Presence", which can be felt immediately one enters. One could sense the presence of all those past Friends who had worshipped here, watching over us perhaps.

The Sparta visit being completed we now said goodbye to Jane, and her father-in-law took over the remainder of the tour to Coldstream, forty or so miles to the north. The Coldstream Meeting House is on Quaker Lane, off the Ninth Concession. On reaching Coldstream Meeting House around 5:30 with our box lunches, we found that Florence Cutler and Hazel Zavitz had a very welcome cup of hot tea and coffee waiting for us.

During supper Elsie Cutler gave us a brief history of the Coldstream Meeting House, with comments on its structure. Unlike the Sparta Meeting House we had just left, the Coldstream Meeting House was made of brick and painted light green inside with grey benches. Souvenir plates were for sale for the "Collectors" in our group, showing the Coldstream Meeting House outlined in brown.

Supper over, we returned to our bus for the trip back to Alma College. On the trip back we passed several houses of historic interest, an old General Store which is being restored, the site of the old Grist and Saw Mill, and then went the length of the Sydenham Conservation area. We reached Alma College promptly at 7:00 p.m.

This was a delightful afternoon, made more so by a very well organized itinerary, which ran smoothly without a hitch due to the careful groundwork of Russell Zavitz.

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#### NEWS AND NOTES

#### RECORDS OF THE YONGE STREET MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

BY

W.E. BRITNELL

The following brief notes may aid those using the records of the Society of Friends, which can now be found on microfilm at the Ontario Archives (Reference Code: MS 303).

For the Yonge Street Meeting, the records of most value to the genealogist are briefly noted below. The most significant records are:

1. Register of births and deaths.
2. Book of Marriage Certificates.
3. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting which contain records of Friends arriving from other Meetings, Friends departing to other Meetings, new Friends applying for membership, notices of unauthorized marriages, disownments for various reasons, etc.

In the following records available for Yonge Street three references are given:

1. the inventory number assigned by the Ontario Archives;
2. in brackets, the inventory number originally assigned by the University of Western Ontario, where most of the actual records are housed; and
3. the microfilm reel number.

YONGE STREET MONTHLY MEETING (1805-1828)

\* Register of births and deaths. The original was not located and is probably in private hands. However, a handwritten transcription of the original can be seen at the Archives, where it is found as "Records of Early Families of Friends (Quakers) Who Settled on Yonge Street" (Reference: MSS Misc. Coll. 1803). The handwriting is that of Ethel J. Trehwella, née Willson (1882-1959), who had extensive Quaker ancestry and was greatly interested in the history of the Newmarket-Sharon area.

Book of Marriage Certificates.

1804-1828: C-3-104 (H-15-2) Reel 48

The same book continues with Hicksite marriages after 1828.

Minutes of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting.

1805-1818: B-2-83 (O-11-6) Reel 27

1818-1828: B-2-84 (O-11-7) Reel 27

YONGE STREET MONTHLY MEETING, ORTHODOX (1828- )

Register of births and deaths. Not located.

Book of Marriage Certificates. 1829-1885: B-2-93 (O-12-2) Reel 28

Minutes of Monthly Meeting. 1828-1835: B-2-78 (O-11-4) Reel 26  
(mistakenly listed in the inventory as Minutes of the Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders)

1836-1850: B-2-85 (O-11-8) Reel 28

1850 - : Not located.

YONGE STREET MONTHLY MEETING, HICKSITE (1828- )

Register of births and deaths.

Original: C-3-103 (H-15-1) Reel 48

Typescript copy: B-2-82 (O-12-1) Reel 28

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\* Original has now been located - See page 12 (C-3-103A Reel 59)

Marriages.

- 1828-1840: C-3-104 (H-15-2) Reel 48  
Continued in the book of preseparation marriages.
- 1840-1858: Not located. However, a list of marriages containing most of the information can be compiled from the Monthly Meeting Minutes.
- 1859-1897: B-2-27 (O-12-3) Reel 28.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting.

- 1828-1850: C-3-100 (H-16-3) Reel 48
- 1851-1864: C-3-101 (H-16-4) Reel 48
- 1865-1895: C-3-102 (H-16-5) Reel 48

"UPDATES" FOR YOUR INVENTORY ISSUE

(We are indebted to Wim Van Veen for compiling the following list which was chiefly compiled from a revision on sheet supplied by Roger Nickerson, of the Ontario Archives).

Addition to "List of the Archives of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Canada". (See Canadian Quaker History Newsletter No. 13 Ninth Month (September) 1975).

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|----------------------|--|----------|------|
| * YONGE STREET -     | <del>Yonge Street Monthly Meeting</del><br>1807 - 1810                           | C-3-97A  | R.59 |
| * YONGE STREET -     | Yonge Street Monthly Meeting<br>1810 - 1811                                      | C-3-97B  | R.59 |
| * YONGE STREET -     | Yonge Street Monthly Meeting<br>18 March 1813; 1p only                           | C-3-98A  | R.59 |
| * YONGE STREET -     | Yonge Street Friends' Family<br>Register (births, marriages<br>deaths) 1740-1823 | C-3-103A | R.59 |
| ** DARTMOUTH, N.S. - | <del>Preparative Meeting Minutes</del><br>1786-1798                              |          | R.59 |

- \* Acquired by the Ontario Archives from David C. Doane (wmj)
- \*\* Microfilmed by Nantucket Historical Association, 1974.
- \*\* Listed in the copy of the Finding-Aid in the Art Gallery at the end of the book under: Additional.
- \*\* Dartmouth Heritage Museum produced in 1975 a transcription of this by Ralph Greene; a copy of which is available in Friends House Library, Toronto.

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VICTORIA, B.C. MONTHLY MEETING RECORDS

GO TO PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES

Arnold Ranneris, Clerk of Victoria Meeting wrote to us on 30 September to tell us that the Meeting had decided to give on an extended loan basis its minutes and records (dating back to 1913) to the B.C. Provincial Archives located in Victoria. The address is as follows:

British Columbia Provincial Archives  
675 Belleville Street  
VICTORIA, B.C., V8W 1A1

On December 30th he confirmed the fact that the records had been delivered and that the Archives staff are already preparing them for microfilming. When this has been completed he assured us that both the Quaker Archives at the University of Western Ontario in London, and the Canadian Yearly Meeting will each receive a positive copy of the film; the Yearly Meeting copy will be placed in the Ontario Archives along with the microfilms of our other Quaker records. The master negative will be kept at the B.C. Provincial Archives.

CONFERENCE OF QUAKER HISTORIANS AND ARCHIVISTS, QUAKER HILL CONFERENCE  
CENTRE, RICHMOND, INDIANA, 9-11 JULY 1976

AND

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE OF FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION,

McMASTER UNIVERSITY, HAMILTON, ONTARIO, 18-24 JULY 1976

The Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists was one of about five Pre-Triennial events. Because the Minute it sent on to the Triennial was so well received and would reach a world-wide group of readers we are treating the two events together here. (Brief reference was made in this issue under the Secretary's Report, and the discussion following - section 8b, and 6e(2). The full minutes of the Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists along with the membership list are in Friends House Library. For further details contact Grace Pincoe.

Text of Minute endorsed by F.W.C.C. and sent out to each Yearly Meeting.  
Approved by Canadian Yearly Meeting.

"At a conference of Quaker historians and archivists, held at Quaker Hill, Richmond, Indiana, 7th Month 9th through 11th 1976, a concern was shared that FWCC be asked to join us in a query to be sent to Friends' Meetings around the world, to this effect

Are your decisions fully and clearly recorded?  
Are your records securely kept and made available  
for useful study?

Out of concern that future generations of Friends might lack the orderly minutes, letters and other documents which have until our time been able to open doors to our Quaker heritage, the conference appointed an archivists' committee, to consist of Thomas Bassett (New England Yearly Meeting) Barbara Curtis (Philadelphia Yearly Meeting) and Willard Heiss (Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting) from among those present. These accepted the responsibility, and undertook to invite others to join them as the way opens. This committee will consider ways to promote better archival practices among Friends, and to discover and to collect or microfilm the Minutes and other papers of Monthly Meetings and Quaker committees. It will also make more widely available lists of existing manuscript collections and recorded tapes as resources for study of Quakerism.

We also urge Yearly Meetings who have none already to appoint an archivist or record-keeper, to encourage members of their Meeting to record on tapes for oral history the memories and the sense of purposes and achievements, not only of their older members, but of those recently involved in key events or retired from central roles.

We intend to seek funding to release the time of a trained archivist to help local Meetings in these programs for one or more years.

We ask if Friends World Committee for Consultation would be willing to sponsor our Committee on these efforts."

signed: Hugh Barbour, Chairman  
Thomas Bassett, Clerk of Archives Committee  
for the Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists.

These matters were referred to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Some Notes and Quotes from the Conference of Quaker Historians, etc.  
Minutes.

Robert Leach told of his project in summarizing some major groups of manuscript materials on Nantucket. Copies of his 21 tapes may be obtained from him at cost. His address is as follows: Box 294, Nantucket, Mass.

At the planning and brain-storming sessions we agreed to continue gatherings about once in two years. We asked the Friends Historical Association, Philadelphia, to print articles from our meetings in Quaker History as well as archival and research news. The Association was also asked to incorporate our group as a sub-committee. They responded by sponsoring the Conference as an affiliated group. Hugh Barbour will continue as chairman for two years or until a steering committee chooses a successor.

We discussed topics for such a session including Latin American Friends and the relation of Friends to the American native peoples. We project the developing of working groups on Quaker History as fictionalized and dramatized. We discussed areas in which we were aware of the need of new Quaker research - such as the need to correlate the existing exhaustive genealogical data in order to find links between regional and economic backgrounds and the division of Ohio and Indiana Quakers into Orthodox, Hicksite and Conservative. We hope it will be possible to find presses willing to reprint First Publishers of Truth, Frederick Tolles Witness of William Penn, and Janet Whitney's John Woolman. Three successor volumes to Rufus Jones' Quakers in the American Colonies by Edwin Bronner, Kenneth Carroll and Arthur Worrall are in progress.

QUAKER GENEALOGY - A WORKSHOP. "Quaker Life" in its January issue, 1977 carries an advertisement for this along with other weekend events at the Quaker Conference Centre, Richmond Indiana. It is to be a workshop on research methods and resources with actual practice led by Willard Heiss. The cost is \$18.00 plus a \$5.00 registration fee. June 24-25, 6:30 p.m. Friday dinner through Saturday afternoon. More information from Quaker Hill Conference Centre, 10 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, Indiana, 47374, or Grace Pincoe.

Cornell Burying Ground, Foot of Markham Road, Scarborough, Ontario.

At the Annual Meeting in Hamilton, Bertrand Robinson told us about this cemetery high up on the "Embankment" at Scarborough Bluffs with a beautiful view overlooking Lake Ontario. There were no signs or markers on it. He had been told it was a Friends' Cemetery. Driving back to Toronto he offered to take us to see it the next day. There it was just as he said a shallow weedy field, with graves. Shortly after Pat Starr went to the Registry Office and came back with the following information:

1. A plan of subdivision of part of lots 17 and 18 Concession "C" Township of Scarborough, Plan No. 4185.
2. A map of the area showing the location.



3. It was owned by a William Cornell in 1809, and registered in 1810. It remained in the Cornell name until the death of James Cornell, the last owner in 1954 when it went to the National Trust. The original property was large. Bits were sold from time to time, eg in 1937 a piece was sold to Christ Church. Under the Cemeteries Act, the burial part cannot be sold. The man at the Registry Office said it was probably a private family burial ground. From Bill Britnell we learned that none of the Scarborough "Cornells" were Quakers, they were all Anglicans. There is no record of a Quaker Meeting or Burial Ground that we can find in Scarborough. There is a Gervas Cornell buried in the Orthodox Quaker Burial Ground at Pickering. Although there are many Cornells in other areas of Ontario, especially in Micksite areas, there are no Quaker Cornells in Scarborough. If any of our readers have more information about this Burial Ground please let us know.

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