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A Letter to our Readers from the Editorial Desk

This issue goes to press just after the Annual Meeting, so the reports for the year are fresh in our minds. If ever we may feel that not enough has been accomplished, or that our work is moving too slowly, we need to look at the record of the first eight years since the Association was founded in 1972. We are grateful for all the work which many of you have done in research and in writing, in keeping the Newsletter alive by content and production. The sense of moral support that comes when we know that others care and are supporting the Association, is of great value in keeping all of our volunteers going.

Read over the minutes which appear in this issue to see what has been done this year. I wish to give special thanks to Kathleen Hertzberg for her leadership and continued work as the Chairman-Clerk who has given of her time and talents on the Association's behalf. Leadership continuity is essential to the organization during these early years of its existence.

In this "busy" age, we need the thoughts and work of Friends and others, as well as the contributions of funds. Appreciation for donations is another thing for which we have to thank our supporters warmly, and to extend the invitation to share again. All contributions help and added together may make us solvent for another year! Donations are tax-deductable. We are equally thankful for membership fees; membership fees are the major part of our financial support. We need to seek new members.

We give thanks that there are some new people involved each year but we do need to make the Association more widely known and to encourage more interested support from individuals, Meetings, libraries etc. by joining the Association and renewing their membership each year. Some of the growth has come from interested Friends in New York and Philadelphia, including support from the Haverford and Swarthmore Friends Historical Libraries. As we shared materials and topics in workshops and conferences this past year, we have become more closely knit and more helpful to one another. The fresh insights, new energy and scholarly involvement of a younger generation is also exhilarating. As the result of the work of some of these Friends, plans for next year's program is already evolving and we are looking ahead positively.

The Rendell Rhoades Discipline Collection is now comfortably at home in its special room at Pickering College. The room is pleasant and work area is provided if you wish to come and browse or research a topic. The Historical Journals from the Friends Historical Association (Haverford), the Philadelphia Friends Historical Society and that of London Yearly Meeting's Friends Historical Society are now part of the Collection, as are the Annual Monitors from London, 1819-1920, with indices. Lewis Benson recently presented these and other books from his library to the Pickering Collection. All gifts are much appreciated. The work of organizing the Collection continues. Gifts of funds to help pay for the Collection are still very welcome and needed, and are also tax deductible. Please send any donations to Pickering College, Newmarket, Ontario, ear-marked for the Rendell Rhoades Collection.

The Collection recently held "Open House" for the Members of the Corporation of Pickering College. It was been a privilege and a pleasure to spend a little time each morning in the Collection. I nearly always turn up a familiar name in the fly-leaf of a book, or realize the author (of more recent books) was a teacher of mine, or one who worked in various Friends schools or in Quaker service in which we have served. Or I find a particularly pertinent statement of truth from the past that cuts through time and speaks clearly to us today. When I see the faithfulness of Friends in the past to the Testimonies, I realize anew how much we are indebted to their pathmaking and I am given renewed strength. Each witness is unique and significant, but we are in a long line of Friends and go forward in the Light that has been given over the years. It is heartening. It seems right to underline once more my feeling that history is not dusty escapism but essential to help us forward now and in the future.

The Pendle Hill pamphlets in the Friends Collection are rich works covering our faith and practice for over three hundred years. The 50th anniversary at Pendle Hill this Fall was indeed a significant commemoration of a half-century of service. We join as a society in appreciation of the Pendle Hill Centre for study and enrichment and continued search and wish them well for the coming years of service.

The historical records of the Society of Friends in Canada housed at the Archives at the D.B. Weldon Library's regional division at the University of Western Ontario, can now be of considerable more use, as they are nearly all indexed by Mark Ritchie. The index is on cards in file drawers. The index can later be utilized by various methods but for the present, it is quickly available at the University of Western Ontario. Ed Phelps has given oversight to the indexing project. We are tremendously grateful to the Ontario Ministry of Culture & Recreation for having funded the indexing project for a second time; first in 1978 when 100% funding was granted, and again this year when 75% was received. Without these grants from the Ministry, we can clearly state that the indexing would never have got off the ground. Meetings and individuals are asked to consider contributing financially to the cost of indexing the records of the own Meetings.

You may feel that financial matters are mentioned continually in this letter. We hope, however, that under the various needs for funds, you may find one which is of special concern to you. Gifts do not have to be large to be important, for it is in sharing by many that the need will be met. It is a good company of which to be a part.

In closing this letter to all our members and readers, the Christmas season is again with us, the following prayer offered by Anna Cox Brinton, Co-director of Pendle Hill for many years, expresses the thankfulness which we feel:

"We give thanks for the things which change not in the midst of man's confusion; for the beauty of the world and the upholding strength of household affection. And we pray that we may perfect our relationships, increase our obedience to God our Father and our serviceableness to one another, through the Grace and Mercy of the Everlasting Christ".

(Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Faith and Practice, 1972, p. 83.)

Jane V. Zavitz.

MINUTES

Annual Meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association held Saturday, December 6th, 1980, at 10:30 a.m., at 60 Lowther Ave., Toronto, Ontario

Present:

Kathleen Hertzberg, Clerk; Erica Bracke, Arthur Clayton, Christopher Densmore, Harold Doan, Mary Eck, Stanley Gardiner, Marguerite Johnson, Stephen Kent, Rosemarie McMechan, Dorothy Muma, Grace Pincoe, Bertha Pollard, David Pollard, Myra Pollard, Mark Ritchie, Tom Socknat, Irene Sotiroff, Pat Starr, Barry Thomas, Jane Zavitz.

Regrets:

Burton Hill, Arnold Ranneris, Wim Van Veen

The Clerk extended a welcome to the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Association. She then gave a short outline of the history and progress of the Association, saying that at present it seemed to be at a temporary stand, the fewness of members being a handicap.

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Meeting, printed in Newsletter No. 26, were approved.

Chairman's Report was presented by Kathleen Hertzberg. Copy is attached.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Dorothy Muma, showing bank balance of \$912.89 at October 31st. There is a term deposit of \$600.00 made up of Life memberships. The meeting approved holding bank deposits at a chartered bank because of convenience of locations for the Treasurer. There was a discussion of costs of producing the Newsletter, and the Chairman will pursue investigations of other printing sources. It was felt that there might be more publicity done through Monthly Meetings about the Association and the Newsletter and this will be followed up by the Executive. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Membership Report was presented by Marguerite Johnson. As of November 30th, there were 114 members of all classes. Eight Meetings are represented in this number. Possible new members might be the people who have used our records for genealogical search, and an ad might be placed in the publication of the Ontario Genealogical Association.

Genealogical Search:

It was agreed that the Executive should investigate the methods of charging search fees. The index being done by Mark Ritchie should be microfilmed when finished.

Mark Ritchie gave a report on his work on indexing our archives at University of Western Ontario. Yonge Street Meeting has been completed and Toronto Meeting is being worked on. Most of the Ontario Meetings have been done but more work is being done on families and miscellaneous historical items in the records. The files are alphabetical with a small secondary file of dates, and are easily accessible to anyone wanting to use them. Information on removals is limited, as some records

are lacking in this information. Information on sufferings, Indian concerns and other social concerns is plentiful, along with information on those who were outspoken, those who led and those who developed connections between Ontario and U.S. Meeting. The index will contain births, deaths, marriages, disownments and so on, although the reason for disownments will not be in the index as in some cases this would be considered sensitive information. For the most part records only go up to 1920, as later records are still with the local Meetings. Preservation of original documents is difficult and very expensive and this makes microfilms an absolute necessity, even though it must be remembered that microfilms themselves are not permanent.

The Records Committee of Yearly Meeting should make a regular check on the location and use of Minute books in order to ensure continuation of our archives and their safekeeping. Cross-inventory listing are being pursued between the University of Western Ontario, Ontario Archives and Canadian Archives. It is necessary to make the indexing work known so that it will be most useful. Mark Ritchie and Ed Phelps will prepare a report in the Spring and it is hoped that the index will by that time be completely accessible.

The Meeting expressed its deep appreciation to Mark Ritchie for his work on the indexing and for his present report.

Jane Zavitz gave a report on the Rendell Rhoades Collection which was acquired by Pickering College and is now housed in a special room there. It is hoped to have this Collection as the nucleus of a Quaker Reference Library. Visitors are invited to see the Collection and should contact Jane Zavitz. Other materials have been added to the original Collection and are still coming in. Work on such Collections is ongoing permanently and in the future it may be necessary to find some means of endowment to allow work to continue. This is being followed by Pickering College and other interested people.

Nominations:

Marguerite Johnson presented the report of the Nominating Committee. Copy is attached. Irene Sotiroff was added to the list as a member of the Executive.

Correspondence:

- a) Arnold Ranneris sent a report on the visit to the Doukhobor Village during Yearly Meeting 1980. (See page 21).
- b) Arnold Ranneris's letter about a pamphlet on Quaker history was referred to the Executive.
- c) See also "Correspondence 1980" (Page 11).

The Program during Yearly Meeting 1981 will have some reference to Sharon Temple anniversary programs.

Barry Thomas agreed to draw up a report on this Annual Meeting which could be used in various Friends' publications.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m. to hear a talk by Stephen Kent, PHD.
Candidate, Department of Religious Studies at McMaster University, Hamilton, on
"The Papist Charges Against the Pre-Restoration Quakers".

Recorder: Dorothy Muma.

Canadian Friends Historical Association

Chairman's Report to Eighth Annual Meeting - 1980

During 1980, the Executive Committee has met in January, February, June and November. Each time in Toronto. Notices, together with a brief agenda, were mailed to members living at a distance and to corresponding members. When time permitted, written comments and suggestions were received.

Plans for the Canadian Friends Historical Association gathering at Yearly Meeting 1980 at Nelson, B.C. involved considerable time and correspondence. Out of the experience of this year, it may be wise for the Historical Association to consider carefully before focusing an event on topics which, though of considerable historical interest, may have unresolved contemporary significance. Appreciation is expressed for the planning and participation of Friends in the west and for their contributions to the special issue of Newsletter No. 27. For the first time, the Newsletter featured a Meeting House outside Ontario, namely - Argenta Meeting House.

Application to the Ontario Government for an "Experience '80" grant was again successful. This enabled the indexing of the Quaker Records at the University of Western Ontario to continue for a second summer. The terms of the grant in 1980 were that the Ontario Government would cover 75% of the wages and benefits of the student employed and the sponsoring agency was required to raise 25% of the costs. Canadian Friends Historical Association's share amounted to \$710.80 for which we appealed in Newsletter No. 27. This money has not yet been raised.

We were fortunate that Mark Allen Ritchie was available again for the indexing. He will be reporting later to this meeting. In addition, the Executive agreed to accept Mark's offer to continue the work during the winter. He will work 6 days per month for 7 months to May 1981 for \$80 per month. We require further donations to cover this cost, for which tax-deductable receipts will be issued. The index is important for the proper use of the records for research and genealogical search. We hope that the index will eventually be available on microfilm.

There will have been three issues of the Newsletter in 1980. No. 26 - March, which was the Seventh Annual Meeting issue with David Holden's talk on "Some Lesser Known Separations in the Society of Friends"; No. 27 - July, which focused on Friends and the Doukhobors in preparation for the Canadian Friends Historical Association annual gathering at Yearly Meeting at Nelson, B.C., and an article on "The Swarthmore Settlement in Saskatchewan" by Wim Van Veen; No. 28 will be the Eighth Annual Meeting issue in December.

Jane Zavitz and Kathleen Hertzberg have acted as co-editors. Kathleen has been responsible for production. Printing has been by the "instant printing" process from carefully typed "first copy". Our thanks are due to Julie Wank who will have typed two issues as a volunteer, using a "word processor" for Issue No. 27, with very neat results.

The cost of each issue of 200 copies per issue, including production, printing, envelopes and postage is an average of \$300. Argenta Friends Press has been asked to quote for the printing of the Newsletter.

Articles on aspects of the history of Quakerism in Canada and other contributions are welcome, as well as "guest editorials". Arnold Ranneris, as our Convenor on Publications has written in the "Canadian Friend" encouraging individuals to write for the Association. Meetings have been asked to consider writing up their origins and growth.

The Newsletter is now on sale through the Quaker Book Service in Ottawa. Individual copies have been sold at Yearly Meeting and at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Genealogical Society. The Newsletter could be made more widely known. We need to promote membership to widen interest, to increase the circulation of the Newsletter and income. Efforts could be made to have the Newsletter reviewed in other Canadian historical magazines.

We plan to respond to the invitation of the Ontario Genealogical Society to have a display and copies of the Newsletter for sale at their Annual Meeting in May 1981 at McMaster University, Hamilton.

A printed brochure for distribution would be a great asset.

As the Quaker records continue to be used for genealogical search and as the index will be of particular value to such enquirers, the Executive feels that fees could be paid by enquirers. Attention is drawn to the sample Form Letter designed by Ed Phelps, which is being sent to both general and genealogical enquirers from the Regional Library of the University of Western Ontario. We have expressed our gratitude to Elsie Cutler who is no longer able to assist directly in searching the information requested, after having done this for many years. We are thankful to Bill Britnell who continues to do a great deal of this work.

- Suggestions -
- 1) that the use of Quaker records for genealogical search and procedures of search, be reviewed;
 - 2) that a definite fee be charged for any use of Quaker records for genealogical search; a brief questionnaire be prepared to accompany the Form Letter prepared by Ed Phelps and that search be preceded with only after the fee has been received.
 - 3) that Canadian Friends Historical Association take out organizational membership in the Ontario Genealogical Society and work more closely with that organization i.e. by having a display at the Society's Annual Meeting.
 - 4) that we have in mind for the future the microfilming of the Index for inclusion with the microfilms at the National and Provincial Archives.

Relations with other historical societies and associations needs to be pursued. Both the British and U.S. Friends historical societies have responded to our question as to how we could best relate to each other. This matter has not yet been clarified.

It would be helpful if Friends across the country would feed into Canadian Friends Historical Association information about any Quaker related historical event or anniversary celebration such as the Swarthmore Settlement (Sask) celebration in June 1980, and the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Davidite Sect (Sharon Temple) which is to take place in 1981. Liaison with local or provincial historical associations on behalf of Canadian Friends Historical Association would enrich our work. We also need to have more contact with the Ministry of Culture & Recreation, Historical Branch.

Eight Monthly Meetings in Canada are members of the Canadian Friends Historical Association. A letter has been written to the remaining twenty-eight Meetings and Worship groups, enclosing a complimentary copy of the Arthur Dorland Memorial Issue of the Newsletter. We have asked them to name a member or attender with interest in Quaker history.

Meetings are also encouraged to write their history and to up-date the Quaker archives with more recent records (or microfilms).

The acquisition by Pickering College of the Rendell Rhoades Collection of Quaker books as the basis of a Quaker Reference Library is an exciting development. Jane Zavitz will report on progress.

We are glad that Canadian Yearly Meeting decided to fund a set of microfilms of the Quaker Records for the use of the University of Western Ontario.

Nominations - in a small group of Friends, it has always been difficult to find Friends or attenders to serve Canadian Friends Historical Association who have time and interest. A letter was written to eleven Friends asking them to consider serving on the executive, as active corresponding members, if they are unable to attend meetings.

The attention of members is again drawn to the "List of Priorities and Tasks for the Canadian Friends Historical Association" contained in Newsletter No. 26 (March) 1980. A workshop at the time of Yearly Meeting to exchange our thinking on these matters would be helpful.

Kathleen Hertzberg.
5.12.80.

CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

- APPROVED BY THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING, DECEMBER 6TH, 1980.

CHAIRMAN	-	Kathleen Hertzberg
VICE-CHAIRMAN	- 1ST	Jane Zavitz
	2ND	Barry Thomas
TREASURER	-	Dorothy Muma
SECRETARY & MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	-	Marguerite Johnson
NEWSLETTER - (Joint Editors)	-	Jane Zavitz & Kathleen Hertzberg
CONVENOR OF PUBLICATIONS	-	Arnold Ranneris
ARCHIVIST	-	Edward Phelps
LIAISON WITH CANADIAN YEARLY MEETING RECORDS COMMITTEE	-	Jane Zavitz Margaret McGruther
HISTORICAL RESEARCH: GENEALOGY & LIAISON WITH ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY	-	William E. Britnell
HISTORICAL RESEARCH: GENERAL	-	Barry Thomas Wim Van Veen
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	-	Marguerite Johnson Jane Zavitz (with the Executive Committee)
MEMBERS AT LARGE	-	Hilda Eames Grace Pincoe Tom Socknat Elizabeth Moger Burton Hill Irene Sotiroff Patricia Starr
Corresponding Members: West	-	Margaret McGruther
East	-	John and Doris Calder
U.S.	-	Elizabeth Moger.
Liaison with Friends Collection at PICKERING COLLEGE	-	Jane Zavitz Hilda Eames Rosemary McMechan

CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1980

1979

Nov. 1	Balances on Hand:		
	Royal Bank #3009	1,413.72	
	DUCA Savings #1285450	150.25	
	DUCA Current #1285451	34.12	
	DUCA Term Deposit #6709	<u>545.00</u>	2,143.09
	Receipts:		
	Memberships	761.00	
	Donations	446.30	
	Sale of Bulletins	34.75	
	Province of Ontario re Indexing	1,563.00	
	Interest	93.98	
	U.S. Exchange	<u>15.82</u>	2,914.85
			<u>5,057.94</u>
	Payments:		
	Newsletter Production & Mailing	1,101.34	
	Indexing Project	2,215.17	
	Postage	102.66	
	Annual Meeting 1979	55.20	
	Copying Services	19.58	
	Telephone	40.90	
	Ontario Historical Association		
	Membership	10.00	
	Bank Charges	<u>.20</u>	3,545.05

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Oct. 31	Balances on Hand		<u><u>1,512.89</u></u>
	Balances comprised of:		
	Royal Bank #3009	908.84	
	DUCA Savings #1285450	10.00	
	DUCA Term Deposits #6709	<u>594.05</u>	<u><u>1,512.89</u></u>

I have examined the records of the Canadian Friends Historical Association for the year ended October 31, 1980 and certify they are in order and that the above statement is in agreement with them.

Signed:
J.B. Petrie
Auditor.

CORRESPONDENCE - 1980

For interest and information, the following is a list correspondence received during 1980.

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| Feb. | - | Molly Montgomery (daughter of Arthur Dorland) expressing appreciation and thanks, also on behalf of whole family, for the Memorial issue of the Newsletter and for arranging the Memorial Gathering at Yonge Street Meeting House, Aug. 1979. |
| Feb. | - | Edward Milligan, the Library, Friends House, London, Eng. re. relations with Friends Historical Society of London Yearly Meeting. |
| Feb. | - | Elizabeth Moger, Haviland Records Room: New York; Re. Powell House Conference on the writing and publishing of Meeting histories. |
| Feb. | - | Laurentian University per Margaret Kechnie - asking for information re. United Farm Women of Ontario formed in 1918. This request was published in Newsletter #27. |
| Feb. | - | Ontario Historical Society - re. submissions for their "Award of Excellence". |
| March | - | Prof. Goldwin Smith expressing appreciation for the Arthur Dorland Memorial issue.

(A number of similar letters were received in 1979). |
| March | - | John Moore, U.S. Friends Historical Association re affiliation of Canadian Friends Historical Association with U.S. F.H.A. |
| March | - | Ontario Genealogical Society - returning photo of Uxbridge Meeting House and sending copies of "Families" containing articles on Uxbridge and Coldstream Meetings. |
| April | - | Ontario Historical Society - notice re. Annual Meeting in Ottawa - June 13, 15th, 1980. |
| May | - | Sharon Cadieux. Ontario Genealogical Society, asking us to have a Canadian Friends Historical Association display and sale of Newsletter at their Annual Seminar 1980 at Queens University with someone to "man" it. |
| May | - | Swarthmore Celebrate Committee - re. festivities on July 4th, 1980 to celebrate the founding of the Swarthmore Quaker settlement in Sask. |

- June - Complimentary copy of "Canadian Archives" - report to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, re. the state and fate of public and private archives in Canada. The chapter on Church Archives echos our own position.
- July - American Bibliographic Center - Historical Periodicals Directory - re. listing CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER in the new edition of HISTORICAL PERIODICALS DIRECTORY to be published in Fall 1981.
- Oct. - John M. Moore, Friends Historical Assoc. Pa. U.S.A. re. Autumn Issue of QUAKER HISTORY which will contain Tom Socknat's article on the "China Convoy". \$2.50 per copy.
- Oct. - Ontario Historical Society - re. listing of CFHA NEWSLETTER in the Annual Bibliography of Ontario History.
- Oct. - City of Toronto Archives re. exhibition of "Black History in Early Ontario" - Feb. 7th - March 15th, 1981.

Plus much correspondence re. Experience 80" grant from Min. of Culture & Recreation.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

General Membership	-	72
Senior Membership	-	26
Student Membership	-	2
Life Membership	-	18
Honourary Memberships	-	5
Corporations, Libraries, Newspapers, etc.	-	12
Friends Meeting Memberships	-	4
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Total Paid Up Memberships	-	<u>139</u>

The Papist Charges Against
The Pre-Restoration Quakers

By Stephen A. Kent
Ph.D. Candidate
Dept. of Religious Studies
McMaster University
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

An abstract of a talk given to the Canadian Friends Historical Association,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on December 6, 1980.

The original text upon which this talk is based is under publication consideration by
the Journal of Religious History.

STEPHEN KENT is a graduate student at McMaster University and a member of Hamilton, Ontario, Friends Meeting. He came to Quakerism as a young man in Baltimore, Maryland. His teaching and work in the Department of Religious Studies at McMaster are reflected in the paper he presented to the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association at Friends House, Toronto on December 6th, 1980. As a focus for study, he has particular interest in the earliest years of Quakerism in the 17th century.

It was Stephen Kent who first alerted us to the existence of the Rendell Rhoades Collection. We are grateful for that, as well as for his preparation and presentation of "The Papist Charges Against the Pre-Restoration Quakers".

Discussion after the talk was lively and searching for the identity of Quaker spiritual life then and now. Canadian Friends were interested to have some new observations on the early period of Quakerism, for, whatever we think as Friends today, we cannot shed the fact of being descendants of that great period when Quakerism was born.

The Editors.

THE PAPIST CHARGES AGAINST THE PRE-RESTORATION QUAKERS

Prominent Puritans in the 1650's watched with distress as the new Quaker sect grew in numbers. Not only were the Quakers' religious doctrines in conflict with basic Puritan belief in predestination and human depravity, but also the Quakers had insulting habits such as interrupting Puritan ministers who were in the middle of their sermons. Not surprisingly, Puritans, especially Puritan ministers, lost no time publishing their hostility to Quakers.

What is surprising to the modern reader, however, is that numerous ministers and others believed that Quakers were disguised Catholic priests, monks, and nuns who shared the Papal wish to see Protestant England destroyed. By the 1650's, fear of Catholicism among the English had a long and somewhat justified history, and Puritans were convinced that the Pope and his Catholic followers in France, Spain, and England itself wanted to see their religion abolished. The 'Papist' charges against the Quakers, therefore, must be viewed in the context of several decades of national paranoia, a paranoia that increased in the 1650's with the Puritans' tenuous hold on the government and its religious institutions.

The charges appeared in various forms. Prominent figures, such as the member of parliament and lawyer, William Prynne, and the famous Puritan minister, Richard Baxter, claimed that Papists had disguised themselves as Quakers and other sectarians, and through these disruptive groups they were trying to destroy the country by religiously dividing it. Even if at times they hedged on claiming that all Quakers were Papists, they believed that at least the Quaker leaders were, and that these cunning persons hid their true religious origins from their deluded followers. Further 'proof' to the Puritans' claim came from the fact that Quakers originated from the northern part of the country, which was well known for secretly harbouring Papists. Moreover, Puritans insisted that Quakers evidenced monkish behaviour. Opponents cited Quaker's emphasis on silence, their visions and revelations, their simple attire, and their creation of hostile feelings between converted children and their Puritan parents as clear proof of their 'monkishness'.

In 1655, the Papist charges received considerable credence when William Prynne published a 'sworn testimony' by a Bristol man who claimed that he had spoken to a Franciscan who had acknowledged that his fellow Catholics comprised the substantial portion of the Quaker leaders in London. Soon this testimony was cited and reprinted by other Puritan controversialists as conclusive proof of the Quakers' Catholic roots, despite the Quakers vigorous denials. In a similar vein, Puritans printed other stories that linked various Catholics to the Quaker movement.

The condemning evidence against Quakers was sought by still other means. Quakers' refusal to swear that they were not Papists became proof to many of the new sect's true religious inclinations. More damaging was the Quakers' hostile and abusive attitude toward Puritan ministers. Quakers called them 'the vilest of names', not only at the end of the ministers

sermons, but also in the middle of them. Clearly, the Quakers intended to seduce the people away from their congregations, and thereby undermine the country's social and political fabric.

Finally, several tracts were printed which identified 'similarities' between Quaker and Catholic doctrines. Both groups, Puritans pointed out, reejected predestination and asserted that men contained an inherent righteousness (i.e., the Quakers' "Inner Light"). Both Groups insisted that persons could fully conquer sin, and even obtain a state of infallibility. Finally, Puritans charged, both Quakers and Papists denied the absolute authority of the Scriptures.

The charge that Quakers were Papists was, of course, incorrect, since the Quakers had no connection with Roman Catholicism, and indeed shared the Puritans' hostility to it. The charge persisted, though, for several specific reasons, beyond the general fear of Catholics that Protestant Englishmen shared. The most obvious reason was that Puritan ministers were unable to interpret the hostile attacks and social disruption by the Quakers as a dispute within Protestantism itself. When they felt the sting of the Quakers' printed and verbal attacks, they simply associated the group with the Catholics who also threatened--though not openly--Puritan beliefs. Furthermore, ministers believed that the Quakers' rejection of the theological tenet of man's inherent sinfulness was positively seditious, and that if this perspective gained wide support, Satan would creep into the hearts of the deluded populace.

As persistent as the charge of Papism was it was not consistent between tracts or even within the same tract. Sometimes the polemicists believed that all Quakers were Catholics; other times they believed that only Quaker leaders were Catholics while the members themselves simply were fooled by them. At still other times they believed that Quakers were demonic or were as socially disruptive as Papists were suspected to be. While it is true that not all Puritans believed the fallacious charges, the amount of evidence from printed tracts indicates that many prominent persons did believe them to be true.

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VISIT TO THE DOUKHOBOR VILLAGE (CASTLEGAR)

Canadian Friends Historical Association used the opportunity of holding the Yearly Meeting in the Kootenay area of British Columbia to recall the historic links of the Quakers and the Doukhobors. Our recognition took two forms: Preparation of the 27th Issue of the Canadian Friends Historical Association Newsletter with the theme "Doukhobors and the Quaker Connection", and an outing to visit the reconstructed Doukhobor Village Museum (1971) at the nearby town of Castlegar. Our outing included talks by Hugh Herbison of Argenta, Dr. Mark Mealing of Selkirk College, and Joe Podovennikov of the Doukhobor community. In the talks we were reminded of how the Quakers were instrumental in arranging for the Doukhobors' coming to Canada in the 1890's and the intermittent contacts up to the present, and our common commitment to the peace testimony. We also shared a meal of borsht and dessert and heard some recorded music of their renowned choirs. It is approximately 90 years since the first Doukhobor families arrived in Canada and it was appropriate that we share with them the occasion of the first Canadian Yearly Meeting to be held in British Columbia.

Arnold Ranneris.
Victoria.

CANADIAN FRIENDS HISTORICAL PROGRAM - YEARLY MEETING 1980

At Canadian Yearly Meeting 1980, I participated in the visit sponsored by the Canadian Friends Historical Association to the Doukhobor museum in Castlegar. It was disappointing that it was not possible to arrange a full gathering of Quakers and Doukhobors. There are some parallels between the two groups in beliefs and practice. Hugh Herbison from Argenta met with us before we left on our trip, and talked a little about the Doukhobors and their life. He played a record of Doukhobor singing, which is unaccompanied and in 4-part harmony. He told about some of his personal contacts with several groups of Reformed Doukhobors and the alienation of some of the groups of Doukhobors from each other, which to me, as a Quaker, underlines the necessity for us to check out our insights prayerfully against the insights of others in our own Quaker Meetings.

The journey by bus from Nelson to Castlegar was through country settled by Doukhobors, but there was little to suggest that the well-kept farmhouses and small holdings were owned by a particular ethnic group except for some Russian sounding names on mail boxes. We marvelled at the number of huge hydro dams on the Kootenay River.

At the Doukhobor museum we were met by Joe Podovnikov and Dr. Mark Mealing, who has made a study of Doukhobor culture and history. Dr. Mealing gave us an introductory talk explaining how the Doukhobors came to British Columbia and established their communal houses. He told how the community land came to be forfeited through mismanagement on the part of their leaders, and this broke up the system of communal living. We divided into two groups, one of which explored the museum, while the other walked over to the Doukhobor restaurant adjoining it.

The museum consisted of two communal houses of the type used by the Doukhobors when they first came to this country. One was used as a reception building, and had space for audio-visual presentations. The other was a house with its adjoining out-buildings all built around a central courtyard. Some outbuildings were rooms for young families, and others were the various workshops and storerooms needed by a farming community.

On the ground floor of the main house was a large communal kitchen/dining room/workroom, and a meeting room with a table on which were the traditional bread, water and salt. All the buildings were sturdily constructed of wood, with plastered walls on the inside. Upstairs was a long hallway with rooms opening on to it from each side, in which lived the single people and young married couples. All the rooms in the house were filled with appropriate Doukhobor artifacts. A young girl was stationed in the kitchen to explain and answer questions. It was not difficult to get some picture of the way the communal living worked.

In the banquet room at the Doukhobor restaurant we enjoyed a light meal of homemade borscht, jam tarts, and coffee. Our group persuaded the owner of the restaurant to sing for us, and he sang a secular, as well as a religious song. He had a lovely voice. Later he talked of Doukhobor relatives who live in the USSR and of

how they cope under a communist government being conscientious objectors to war and military service. It was interesting to learn that some Doukhobors had remained in what is now the USSR. The restaurant had records of Doukhobor singing for sale, beautiful hand-carved wooden ladles, and other Doukhobor souvenirs.

Besides the official visit, since we were staying in Doukhobor country, some of us found that there were informal contacts with Doukhobors. David Thompson University Centre, where we were staying was undergoing extensive renovation. We discovered that the soft-spoken workmen were Doukhobors who took a kindly interest in us and wished us well.

Joe Podovnikov was interested in the Quaker Taxes for Peace campaign, and had corresponded about it with Edith Adamson of Victoria Friends Meeting. He invited her to speak to a Meeting at his local community hall, and a small group of us accompanied them. The community hall was on the highway that we had travelled before, between Nelson and Castlegar, a little more than half-way. It was a lovely meeting, and showed how Doukhobors, like Quakers, do business in a spirit of worship. I was impressed by the solemnity and simplicity of the people and the conduct of the meeting.

At the front of the room was the table with bread, water, and salt, and a beautiful vase of colourful flowers. The men were seated on one side, and the women on the other. Space was made for us on the front row of chairs. The meeting began with the singing of the Lord's prayer, in harmony and unaccompanied, as on the record that Hugh Herbison had played. Then Joe and Edith spoke to the people, and Edith put on a slide show explaining the Taxes for Peace campaign. Most of them understood English, but for those who had difficulty, Joe interpreted. The Doukhobors were interested in the idea, and they asked some searching questions about it afterwards. They do not vote in elections, and they seem far more reluctant than Quakers to take any kind of political action. The meeting concluded with the traditional closing hymn or song. After that it was possible to talk informally with some of the Doukhobors, who apologized that the hall was only half full. They said that it would have quite full if they had had more notice of the meeting. I found it a very moving experience, which added immensely to my feeling for the Doukhobors, and I was grateful for the opportunity to be there.

Margaret McGruther
Calgary.

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING AT POWELL HOUSE

Week-end Gathering on October 31-November 2

"QUAKER RECORDS AND QUAKER MEETING'S HISTORY"

The following are notes of the comments which Jane Zavitz made to the conference. She was asked to talk about the Indexing of Quaker Minutes. It is felt that some of our readers may find these notes useful in the process of using older records for research or are called upon to write or prepare newer minutes for the Archives. The Powell House Conference was also attended by Irene Sotiroff of Kitchener Meeting and Barry Thomas of Ottawa Meeting, both of whom are undertaking to write the history of their own Meeting.

Section dealing with Record keeping; sub-section Indexing

This short item was divided into two parts:

- A. Indexing of older records mainly for historical study and genealogical research.
- B. Present Record taking; minute making and indexing as taken.

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(Activities prior to actual indexing - saves time, permits use.)

- A. Key to use of older minutes and records in the archives.
 - 1. a) Always inventory records and minutes by name of meeting with subheading of geographical place/name used today.
 - b) Include the dates of a given meeting (established 1735 etc. - laid down - 1878. etc.)
 - c) Likewise date the coverage for any record book.
- 2. Make a chart of the meetings related in Preparative, Monthly, Quarterly, Half-Yearly -- relationship. Before and after any of the separations.
- 3. A map showing exactly where they were (are) situated is also helpful.
- 4. Place in the archives, the Discipline of the Yearly Meeting for the dates covered, for reference as one is using a given set of minutes or records.
- 5. Note the topics covered in any set of minutes; they tend to have a pattern of procedure usually followed (query '8' in 2nd mo.) which can save the researcher a great deal of time.
- 6. Make a list of the clerks who served and dates...

7. a) List the names of Friends in the minutes with set of abbreviations for: Mb. Membership by birth; Mr. membership by request; Mt. Membership by transfer/release; - d.-death; t.-transfer; d.-disownment; Mrr.-marriage; Mn.-minister; etc. These abbreviations are quick to record when going through the minutes and also give;
 - b) Good short terms for computer index in future. You can make your own, but common selection again may make computer keys for reference tools easier in the future;
 - c) Once a Friend is named 4-5 times one might simply star that this is a key person. Life dates would limit the time span of the search;
 - d) Visitors named should be listed in index.
8. a) Key headings for any index should include specific names, places events related to that Meeting's history -- the building of a meeting house etc.
 - b) Should also include the testimonies related to Friends as they have been continued throughout the history: Simplicity; Human Rights (Slavery, Indian Affairs, Women's Rights, etc.) Education - schools under a Meeting; assistance to other schools - young people sent to school elsewhere - etc; Peace; Truthfulness.
 - c) References to the broader threads of Quaker history - the separations in a particular place; stand taken locally on Slavery; Temperance; Response to Yearly Meeting Minutes abstracts...
9. Do not hesitate to page old record books if this has not been done. Less wear on documents; index entry shorter (dates more space to enter).

B. Indexing for Current Minutes.

Title:

1. Always indentify index as to record book/minutes covered: Name of Meeting and place held and dates.
2. Use of wider margins (remember binding takes up some space) to permit use of left hand margin for notation as to topic in a paragraph(s) makes immediate indexing possible.
 - a) Heading topic listed when minutes are written takes no extra time for content is in writer's mind.
 - b) They are available to refer back to from that meeting on, and often minutes are referred to in a subsequent meeting, or a year later - time is saved.
 - c) The topic headings can also be uniform under the headings of specific Quaker concerns: Peace, Friends...(name of project or activity or specific concern). This will allow collecting under a larger umbrella for full index of volume(s) later to be done easily and completely. Names and specific items could also be listed alphabetically for quick access.

- d) Always Page record books. If your Recorder's Book (Register) has separate pages they are kept alphabetically. If a bound book, give the page number in index for an individual member.
- e) Send a copy of the index (Xerox) with the copy of the record to the archives if you have compiled the volume's content. Otherwise, with the margins' headings for topics, they can quickly make one. If the formal index is not compiled for reasons of time or funds the marginal headings are still of great assistance to later researchers.

(My comments for the session ended here). The following are items that came later.

- C. Added to those pleas of other archivists: Support for the Obvious! (Easily overlooked).

Use acid free paper for records and minutes.

• ink that will last.

• long preservation, or box in acid-free boxes the secure notebook
'Cost was considered a concern, but relative costs in other areas
make this the final consideration for choice in binding records).

• records/minutes into the Yearly Meeting archives regularly.
(annually/Bi-annually).

• Keep a second copy for meeting reference of current records.

- 6. Designate where the current minutes are kept in case of accident, death etc.
- 7. Any older records should also be microfilmed or copied and bound so there is a second record in case of disaster. Each storage location should have a list stating where the duplicates for records and in their holdings are.
- 8. Privacy of records is still an issue and must be kept for life-time of individual, unless they permit release. For older records, a person designated by Yearly Meeting - (Records Committee) should grant permission for use and publication of material from the records of the Yearly Meeting.
- 9. Records of meetings no longer in existence belong to the next constituent body in the Yearly Meeting structure. This is important when gathering minutes and records of earlier periods. But carried out in future could be helpful for later historians.
- 10. As any new meeting is established part of the responsibility of Yearly Meeting or body establishing said meeting, is to give directions as to how minutes and records should be made, kept and passed to the archives. (Personal paper, etc.)
- 11. Do not weed too heavily. Time, spaces, resources are not really saved because we do not know what the future uses or needs for the materials may be.

NOTES

1. Needed! Additions to the Friends Collection, Pickering College

As a Canadian Research Library for Friends we should always add writings by Canadian Friends writing about Canadian Friends, and materials originating in Canada related to Quakerism regardless of geography. If you know of items please share them with us, or send bibliographic details to Jane Zavitz at the Pickering College Library so that the building of the library can proceed both more quickly and more completely. It will be a service greatly appreciated. Since the library is yet so new, older Canadian Quaker material is also sought for the building collection. The Collection held "Open House" for the members of the Corporation of Pickering College on November 19th, 1980.

2. Re: Barbara Bachovzeff

The editorial of the last issue of the Canadian Friends Historical Association Newsletter No. 27 referred to Barbara Bachovzeff and mentioned her visits among the Doukhobors. She visited them in Kingston prison and read and wrote letters for the women. As a result of this reference, several Friends have said they knew her and remembered her and her stories with great affection. The making of a collection of 'Barbara Stories' which you either know from experience, or have heard her tell seems a suitable project to undertake for the archives. Her life was rich and full. Another aspect of the project would be the listing of the art pieces she created which you may have, or know about. They could then be photographed and identified to include in the record volume for reference. At Yearly Meeting 1981 we could have a taping session as an interest group if this proves feasible. Others will be grateful for your sharing. It seems important to collect and preserve this material.

3. John M. Moore, Friends Historical Association, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa. 19081

John Moore writes on October 18th that the Autumn issue of QUAKER HISTORY, will be published in November and will contain the article by Thomas P. Socknat of McMaster University on "The Canadian Contribution to the FSU China Convoy" referred to in the July Issue No. 27. Tom Socknat's article is the text of the talk which he gave to the REUNION OF THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT OF THE FRIENDS AMBULANCE UNIT held on Saturday, November 12th, 1977, as the program of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association. This historical event was reported on by Reg Smith in Issue No. 21 of the NEWSLETTER dated March 1978.

Copies of "QUAKER HISTORY" can be obtained directly from:

Friends Historical Association
Haverford College Library
Haverford, Pa U.S.A. 19041. Price - \$2.50 per copy (U.S.).

Membership in the Friends Historical Association (Haverford, Pennsylvania) is \$5.00 (U.S.) per annum.

4. Newmarket Historical Association

Jane Zavitz spoke to the Newmarket Historical Association at their meeting on November 20th, 1980. Her subject was "History of Quakerism and the Newmarket Connection". She took a box of interesting historical books with her for display.

5. Books: (from the December 1980 Newsletter of the Ontario Genealogical Society)

The Canadian Genealogical Handbook: by Eric Jonasson.
Price \$12.50 from the O.G.S. It is a complete reference to resources and methods of genealogical search.

Tracking Your Ancestors in Canada: 34 page booklet published by the Public Archives of Canada (free of charge) from their Information Service, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A major exhibition has been prepared by the Market Gallery of the City of Toronto Archives on:

BLACK HISTORY IN EARLY ONTARIO

in celebration of Black History Month in North America.

DATE - February 7th through to March 15th, 1981.

PLACE - THE MARKET GALLERY
South St. Lawrence Market
95 Front Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M5E 1C2

The aim of the exhibition is to make the public aware of the role played by Blacks in building the Province of Ontario.

Note: A rare book Bill McMeahan has donated to the Pickering College Friends Collection Library entitled "A Narrative of the Adventures & Escape of Moses Rogers" dated 1838. The Collection has numerous items related to Friends efforts to abolish slavery.

2. Annual Seminar of the Ontario Genealogical Society

This will be hosted by the Hamilton Branch of the Society.

Date: May 15, 16 & 17th, 1981

Place: McMaster University

Address for Information:

Ontario Genealogical Society
Box 310
Dundas, Ontario
L9H 5G1

Canadian Friends Historical Association has been invited to set up a display and have someone available at the gathering. If you can assist us in preparing and manning this display, please contact Kathleen Hertzberg or Jane Zavitz as soon as possible. Help would be greatly appreciated.

NEWS

1. The American Bibliographic Centre, Santa Barbara, Cal, has invited us to submit current information regarding our publications for the HISTORICAL PERIODICALS DIRECTORY in the U.S. - Canada volume which will be published in the Fall 1981. The necessary information has been forwarded to them.
2. The Ontario Historical Association has authorized Laurentian University to compile the Annual Bibliography of Ontario History. Copies of the 1980 CFHA NEWSLETTER have been sent to them as requested. Through the Bibliography persons interested in Ontario History across the Province and beyond will gain access to Canadian Friends Historical Association Newsletter.

Do You Know the Answer? (Requested by Barbara Curtis)

Which American Friend travelled with JACOB GREEN, of Ireland, around Canada in 1832 -33?

For Your Information:

Gleaned from the "Letter to our Readers" (Page 1 of this issue and from the Autumn Meeting Minutes) we list here the items for which funds are needed:

1. Quaker Records Indexing Project (Mark Ritchie)
 - a) Canadian Friends Historical Association's Contribution of 25% of Costs of Wages and Deductions (Summer 1980) = \$ 652.00.
 - b) Contributions of \$80.00 per month for 7 months to cover continued work on the Indexing during the winter months by Mark Ritchie = \$ 560.00.

2. Rendell Rhoades Quaker Collection at Pickering College

Donations towards the final installment are required.

Please send donations direct to:

Pickering College
Newmarket, Ontario
L3Y 4X2

Tax-deductible receipts are available for all donations to these needs.

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