



Yonge Street Meetinghouse — 1810

60 LOWTHER AVENUE, TORONTO, ONTARIO M5R 1C7

No. 4

Eighth Month 1973

NOTICE OF FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

The first annual meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association will be held at Niagara Christian College, RR 1, Fort Erie, Ontario, on Friday Eighth Month 17, 1973 at 3:30 p.m.

The business meeting will review the work of the organization during the past year and provide an opportunity for members to hear the plans for 1973-1974. Non-members have been invited as observers at the business meeting.

After the business meeting the Association will adjourn for a trip to a number of early Quaker sites in the Niagara region. Reports of the work of the Association will be sent by post to members.

ACCOUNT OF PIONEER SARAH HUGHES GIVES GLIMPSE
OF LIFE IN QUAKER SETTLEMENT*

Newmarket—Sarah Hughes wanted to be buried on the highest point of land on her husband's pioneer Yonge St. farm instead of across the road in the new Quaker cemetery beside the meeting house.

When she died in 1815 at age 28, her husband, a Quaker settler whose family had started clearing Yonge St. farm in 1805, did just that. He registered the small cemetery on the property deed to ensure that he had "reserved

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a place to remain sacred to her memory for ever," and he marked the graves of his wife and two infant children who had been buried on the hill before her, by laboriously chiselling a marker out of a granite field stone, and hand-forging an iron plaque to be mounted on top of it. Then he built a picket fence around the site.

Now, after 157 years, progress is about to inundate the beautiful hilltop overlooking the Holland Valley, the three lonely, long-neglected graves and their crude marker. They are going to be moved.

Sarah Hughes and her two children are going to be buried in the Quaker cemetery after all.

The grave is located on land which is now part of Quaker Hill subdivision and which will likely be built upon this summer.

Schickedanz Developments Ltd., the sub-divider, advertised last winter for anyone interested in the graves, and when no objections to move were forthcoming, announced last week that the graves will be moved about the end of July. The firm has already made arrangements with the Society of Friends for plots in the Yonge St. cemetery.

The crude marker, believed to be one of the oldest monuments in the district, now is in two pieces, and no trace of the lettering it once bore remains. An early Era story which mentions the grave said a picket fence once surrounded the site.

Sarah's husband Samuel was born in Pennsylvania in 1785, and he came to the Yonge St. farm on what is now the north-east corner of Yonge and Mulock Sideroad with his father, Job Hughes, in 1805. When his father died two years later, Samuel received the 100-acre farm. According to the York Registry Office records, he sold it in 1821 for \$200.

According to A. David McFall, a past president of the York Pioneer and Historical Society, Sarah Hughes was disowned by the Quakers in 1813,

and said Mr. McFall, this may account for the fact that she was buried on the home farm.

Samuel Hughes left a short account of his wife's life, and it provides us with an insight into frontier life in the Newmarket area 150 years ago:

Sarah Webster, daughter of Abram and Anna Webster, was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, the 4th of the 10th month, 1786, and was removed by her parents when quite young into Upper Canada, where the family suffered very much in the time of the famine of 1789. She was religiously brought up in the order of Friend's Society, among whom she remained until after her marriage which was in the twenty-fourth year of her age.

Her lot being cast in a wilderness country in young days, she got little school learning: and all the notes which have been preserved of her have been written by myself, mostly taken from her own mouth, and much more I might have written concerning her, but let it suffice to say that she was a young woman of very tender spirit and much beloved when very young, but with the advance of her life she became more wild and indulged the love of company, and had a strong inclination for the habits of dress so common with that time of life.

But in the twenty-first year of her age, she was visited with a severe fit of sickness and the disorder prevailed so that she was given up by all her friends; but in the moments when they supposed her to be struggling with death, the spirit of the Lord appeared to come upon her, her strength was renewed, and the springs of life seemed to break forth in her and she spoke with an audible voice amongst them; bearing testimony against sin; and pointing out the duties of life through obedience to the Cross of Christ.

She spoke of the states of many present, to the astonishment of all; and as one risen from the dead, even so was she. The pleasures of the world and all the love of habit with the pride of life in which she had taken delight, were all brought into judgment and blotted from the mind, after which she recovered from the sickness as a miracle to all who saw her.

And when she got again upon her feet, she was meek and harmless as a child and lived in obedience to the covenants that she made with the Lord until she married, of which I might record many things remarkable of the workings of Divine wisdom on her mind, directing her in the choice.

She was the mother of three children, but raised none. In her person she was tall and comely, in manners courteous and inviting, mild in her countenance with expression of love in her eyes; in her habits plain and industrious and kind; benevolent to society, and in her death triumphant, a person not easily forgotten by those who knew her.

Her body was interred (according to her own request) by the graves of her two last children on the east side of Yonge St. on the height of ground near the line between lots nos. 91 and 92, in the south side of the line, where I have reserved a place to remain sacred to her memory forever.

SAMUEL HUGHES

She died on the evening of the 24th of the 12th month, 1815. Having lived with her for four and a half years during most of which time she suffered bodily pain and distress.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OF WILLIAM DOAN AND ESTHER

BOSTWICK, IN FRIENDS HOUSE LIBRARY, TORONTO

William Doan of the Township of King, County of York and province of Upper Canada, Son of Ebenezer Doan and Ann his wife (the father deceas^d). And Esther Bostwick Daughter of Jacob Winn and Phebe his wife (the former Deceas^d) Having laid their Intentions of Marriage with each other before two Monthly Meetings of the Religious Society of Friends held at Yonge Street in the Township aforesaid; they having consent of surviving parents, and nothing appearing to obstruct: their proposals were allowed by the Meeting. These are to certify, that for the accomplishment of their Intentions, this twenty first day of the Seventh month in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fourteen; they the said William Doan and Esther Bostwick, appeared at a public meeting of said Society held at Yonge Street aforesaid, And the said William Doan taking the said Esther Bostwick by the hand, and on this Solemn occasion declare, that he took her to be his wife, promising through Divine assistance to be unto her a faithful and loving husband untill separated by death (or words to that Effect) and then, in the same assembly, the said Esther Bostwick, did in like manner declare, that she took the said William Doan to be her husband, promising through Divine assistance to be unto him a faithful and loving wife untill separated by death (or words to that Import).

And they the said William Doan and Esther Bostwick She according to the custom of Marriage, assuming the name of her Husband, as a further confirmation thereof, did then and there to these presents set their hands...

William Doan
Esther Doan

And we being present have Subscribed as witnesses thereof.....

Joel Hughes	Isaac Penrose	Robert Penrose	Ebenezer Doan
Nathan Dennis	Sarah Dennis	Benjamin Thester	Phebe Winn
Olive Rogers	Owen Phillips	Joseph Penrose	Jonathan Doan
Ann Burr	Nicholas Hughes	Rufus Birchan	Lucinda Cogsell
Wetthey Huntly	Rebecca Phillips	Wilson Dennis	Ruth Winn
Elizabeth Dennis	Thomas Sherwood	Peter Evis	Jacob Winn
	Theodore Sherwood	Isaac Lundy	Sela Armitage
Anna Phillips	Rowland Burr		Seth Armitage
	Phebe Winn	John Leacock	John Bostwick
Mary Millare		Isaac Phillips	Ebenezer Doan
Agnes Doan	John Winn	Edith Phillips	Elwood Bostwick
	Thomas Linvill	Sam ^r E. Phillips	James Doan
Hannah Phillips		Mary Phillips	Martha Winn
	Cyrus Berrvis		Tredevica Draper
Henry Bonnel			Ebenazar Winn
Asa Rogers			

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Marriage Certificate

William Doan & Esther Bostwick

Recorded in the first Book of records for Marriage Certificates belonging to Yonge Street Monthly Meeting, pages 61-62.

-William Doan, Recorder

LLOYDTOWN PLAQUE HONOURS QUAKER FOUNDER

A plaque honouring Jesse Lloyd, founder of Lloydtown, was unveiled in late Fifth month by the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board, Archives of Ontario, in conjunction with the King Township Historical Society. The

plaque reads:

In 1832 Jesse Lloyd a Quaker who had come from Pennsylvania to Upper Canada about 1812, purchased 60 acres of land in this vicinity. During the following years he sold portions of his property to incoming settlers. The erection of a grist mill, sawmill and woollen mill, two tanneries, stores and a number of pioneer industries hastened Lloydtown's growth. By 1851 the community contained a post-office and two churches and had a population of about 350 persons. Jesse Lloyd, the founder of the village, had played a significant role in the Rebellion of 1837. He raised and trained a local force but following Mackenzie's defeat Lloyd was forced to flee to the United States where he died in exile.

A photograph of Bill Poulis, President of the King Township Historical Society, and former King Councillor Len Osin, in front of the plaque appeared in the Fifth month 30, 1973 issue of the Newmarket Era.

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF YONGE STREET FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE

A consultation between members of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Friends Historical Association and the trustees of Yonge Street Friends Meeting was held on Sixth Month 2, 1973 to discuss the future of the building as an important historic site and ways to help preserve and restore the structure.

The consultation centered around three areas of concern: 1) making the meetinghouse a more useful building for the Monthly Meeting; 2) the restoration of the meetinghouse as an historic site; 3) the need to protect the meetinghouse in the rapidly "developing" Newmarket community.

The trustees and representatives from the Canadian Friends Historical Association agreed that the time was right to look at the economic and

architectural feasibility of making necessary renovations in the context of the restoration of the property. A minute was drawn up reporting the feelings of the gathering and recommendations were made for the consideration of the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting.

The Monthly Meeting met the next day and appointed a Committee to further investigate the feasibility of renovations and restoration. Members of the Committee include: David Newlands (convenor), Harry Beer, Eric Hall, Stuart Starr, Elma Starr, Sheldon Clark, Barbara Horvath, Dorothy Muma, Donald Laitin and B. Napier Simpson, architect. David Newlands was asked to meet with the architect to discuss the renovation/restoration proposals. This meeting occurred on Thursday evening, Sixth Month 14, 1973.

B. Napier Simpson has agreed to make a thorough investigation of the building and to prepare proposals to present to the committee. Simpson is a well-known restoration architect. Besides restoring a number of historic homes in Ontario, he has been responsible for restoration of Gibson House, in Willowdale, Ontario, and Montgomery's Inn on Yonge St., Toronto. He is a member of the Toronto Historical Board, an agency of the City of Toronto. B. Napier Simpson is also known for his historic tours of Ontario.

DEATH RECORDS PRIOR TO 1848 TAKEN FROM THE REGISTER

of PELHAM MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Ken Totten

<u>FAMILY NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
BECKETT, Mercy		22-8mo 1802		
Samuel		30-11mo 1812		
Hannah Sr.	Pelham	7-3mo 1831		
William	Pelham	7-3mo 1845	74y 4m 24d	Son of Samuel and Hannah
BIRDSALL, Martha	Thorold	25-5mo 1812	3	Dau of Benjamin and Sarah
Sarah	Thorold	23-4mo 1813	23	Dau of Daniel & Ann Willson
Margaret	Pelham	10-9mo 1830	18	Dau of Benjamin & Sarah

CANBY, Letitia	Thorold	2-1mo 1840		Dau of Amos & Elizabeth
CHAPMAN, Margaret	Pelham	7-4mo 1817		
Joseph	Pelham	15-8mo 1826		Son of Wm. & Unice
Simcoe	Pelham	18-8mo 1826		Son of Wm. & Unice
Margaret	Pelham	18-10mo 1838		Dau of Wm. & Unice
COHOE, Gulielma Marie	Thorold	25-1mo 1832		Dau of John & Mary
Massey	Thorold	2-10mo 1840	19y7ml2d	Son of John & Mary
CRAWFORD, Rachel	Thorold	26-9mo 1812	12	Dau of James & Amy
CUTLER, John Jr.	Bertie	13-3mo 1827		
John Sr.		18-11mo 1829		
DARLING, Ruth	Pelham	12-5mo 1823	23	Dau Samuel & Ann Taylor
DENNIS, Ezekiel	Pelham	29-9mo 1810		Bur. at Pelham
Anne	Clinton	4-9mo 1813	66	
Obadiah	Thorold	10-7mo 1818		
Debrah	Bertie	14-9mo 1821		
GAINER, John	Thorold	17-10mo 1814	1	Son of Jacob & Christen
GILLAM, Joseph	Pelham	7-7mo 1813	7y2m	Son of Joshua & Ann
HARRET, Mary	Bertie	27-8mo 1823		
HERROT, John	Bertie	24-3mo 1821	63	
HILL, Andrew	Thorold	24-9mo 1812	6	Son of Benj. & Ann
Deborah	Thorold	24-9mo 1812	3	Dau of Benj. & Ann
David	Thorold	17-9mo 1815		Son of Benj. & Ann
John G.	Thorold	30-6mo 1835		
Jane	Bertie	6-6mo 1847	30y4ml0d	Dau of Charles & Hope
JOHNSTON, Sarah	Bertie	8-3mo 1841		Wf of James
LAING, Isaac	Bertie	28-7mo 1823	54	
Abraham	Humberstone	10-12mo 1827		
LOCKER, Elizabeth	Pelham	17-4mo 1835	34	Jesse & Anna Willson
LOSEY, Mariah	Pelham	1-8mo 1826	7	Dau of Cornelium & Deborah
MARSH, Joseph	Bertie	13-3mo? 1832		
Joseph	Bertie	13-7mo 1830		
McLANCY, Hannah Lucas	Pelham	7-4mo 1813	2	Dau of John & Elizabeth
Rebecca	Pelham	22-5mo 1824	7	Dau of John & Elizabeth
MOORE, Jeremiah	Pelham	15-2mo 1813	68	
Jacob	Pelham	18-2mo 1813	46	Jeremiah & Mary
Anne	Yarmouth	23-5mo 1818	22y3m	Dau of Joshua & Anne
Sarah	Canburgh	11-3mo 1835	59	Gillam

MORRIS, Anna	Pelham	18-1mo 1840	75y10m	
PAGE, Elijah	Thorold	20-8mo 1826	6m	Son of Thos. & Hannah
POUND, William	Bertie	17-2mo 1827		Daniel & Prudence
Daniel L.	Bertie	8-3mo 1833	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Son of Benjamin & Rebecca
Daniel	Bertie	31-3mo 1834	83	
Prudence	Bertie	11-4mo 1836	75	
PRIESTMAN, Josiah	Wainfleet	19-10mo 1825	21	Son of Thos. & Mary
Bethiah	Wainfleet	4-1mo 1834	2m	Son of Jos. & Betsy
Thomas	Wainfleet	30-8mo 1847	77y2m16d	
RICE, Thomas	Thorold	19-9mo 1828		Son of Thos. & Mary
ROBINSON, Sarah	Wainfleet	30-4mo 1845	26y3m9d	Dau of George & Elizabeth Bradshaw
SCHOOLEY, Hannah	Bertie	3-1mo 1818	44	
Azaliah	Bertie	18-3mo 1832		
Levi	Bertie	17-2mo 1838		
Eliza	Bertie	21-1mo 1846		Dau of Azaliah & Hannah
Margaret	Bertie	28-4mo 1846		Dau of Azaliah & Hannah
SHOTWELL, William	Thorold	22-5mo 1811	15	Son of Wm. & Elizabeth
Elizabeth	Thorold	15-2mo 1817	2y 10m	Dau of Smith & Mary
Anna	Thorold	16-10mo 1819	1	Dau of Smith & Mary
Grace	Thorold	12-9mo 1826		Dau of Joseph & Ann Marsh
Elizabeth	Thorold	13-12mo 1834	80	Wf of William
Mary	Thorold	29-9mo 1835	45	Dau of James & Amy Crawford
Amy	Thorold	28-4mo 1836	20	Dau of Smith & Mary
William	Thorold	27-10mo 1841	93y2m	
TAYLOR, Hannah	Pelham	7-4mo 1807	66	Wf of John
John	Pelham	14-4mo 1807	4	Son of Samuel & Ann
Elizabeth	Pelham	22-3mo 1812	17	Dau of Samuel & Ann
John	Pelham	22-12mo 1812	74	Son of Samuel & Ann
Elizabeth	Pelham	23-2mo 1816	37y10m23d	Dau of Jeremiah & Mary Moore
Benjamin	Pelham	21-2mo 1822	22	Son of John & Elizabeth
Elijah Shotwell	Thorold	15-2mo 1822		Son of John & Elizabeth
Hannah	Pelham	16-11mo 1830	20	Dau of John & Elizabeth
John W. Jr.	Thorold	28-7mo 1831	27	Son of John & Elizabeth
Jeremiah E.	Pelham	25-8mo 1831	30	Son of John & Elizabeth
WARD, Josiah	Pelham	29-2mo 1844	81y10m3d	
WILLSON, Daniel	Pelham	29-4mo 1807	49	
William	Thorold	13-8mo 1812	2y 5m	Son of Isaac & Phebe
Gilbert S.	Pelham	24-8mo 1812	3y10m	Son of Lewis & Leah
Ann	Pelham	27-8mo 1812	53	
Guilford	Pelham	31-3mo 1813	2m	Son of Lewis & Leaj
Leah	Pelham	4-4mo 1813		Dau of Joel & Anna Morris
Isaac L.	Pelham	18-7mo 1826		Son of Joseph & Sarah

Levi	Pelham	12-5mo 1831	17	Son of Jesse & Anna
Phebe	Thorold	9-4mo 1836	32	Dau of Jesse & Anna
Emily	Pelham	13-3mo 1840	23y1m10d	Dau of Joseph & Sarah
Sarah	Pelham	28-7mo 1841	48y9m8d	Wf of Joseph
Jennet	Pelham	20-12mo 1842	12y9m8d	Joseph & Sarah
Jesse	New Jersey	2-6mo 1845	78y8m6d	Gabriel & Elizabeth
ZAVITZ, Jacob	Bertie	12-12mo 1820	39	Son of Jacob L. & Elizabeth
Tryp(h)ena	Bertie	5-2mo 1832		Henry & Catharine
Eliza E.	Bertie	14-11mo 1844		Jacob & Lucy

NEWS AND NOTES

The Need to Preserve Quaker Records

The Canadian Friends Historical Association has been exploring the possibility of microfilming the Quaker archives at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario.

There are approximately 400 volumes to be microfilmed, including some ancient volumes still in the possession of Monthly Meetings. Edward Phelps, Special Collections Librarian, and the curator of the Quaker collection, estimates that it will cost \$1,800 to complete the microfilming.

Microfilming the archives material will help to preserve the record books. It will also provide an opportunity for Friends to have a centrally-located set of microfilms for researchers in the Toronto area.

A number of contacts have been made concerning funding of the project. It is hoped that by the end of summer it will be possible to submit a proposal to the Records Committee of the Canadian Yearly Meeting of Friends, the committee responsible for the collection, preservation and use of the archives materials.

Membership Report

Grace Pincoe, membership secretary, reports that of Sixth Mo. 11, 1973 there are 48 paid members, about one-third of whom are non-Friends. There are three life members, three honorary life members, and five Meeting memberships.