

Quaker Sites en Route to Canadian Yearly Meeting

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If you plan to drive to Canadian Yearly Meeting, or other Friends' gatherings, it could be used as an opportunity to visit Friends across Canada. Of course, it is important to contact Friends beforehand, and you may find that there will be a chance to share meeting for worship with Friends along the way, or even to offer someone a ride to CYM, if you have space. Visiting and sharing in Friendship binds us closer together as Canadian Friends; this is travelling in the ministry today... even as you discover more of our roots in Canada. Plants get transplanted, as surely they did in many of the sites this quick glance across the continent gives you.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Castlegar: Doukhabor Museum — Doukhabor came to Canada in 1899, with assistance of Friends.
- Argenta, on Lake Kootenay, site of the Argenta Friends Press, which prints CYM publications.

SASKATCHEWAN

- Swarthmore Friends Settlement, established in 1902, was important in the development of the area.
- Borden, where "Fritchley" Friends came from England, about 1912.
- Veregin, west of Saskatoon, is home to the Doukhabor Museum.

MANITOBA

- Hartney, a Quaker settlement with five meetings, became Hartney Monthly Meeting, in 1899.
- Steinbach Mennonite Museum. Quakers and Mennonites shared much and intermarried often.

MICHIGAN, U.S.A.

- Peace Park at Battlecreek was recently given to the city by Pelham Half Yearly Meeting. After leasing the park to the town on a 99 year lease; the Friends' meetinghouse site will be preserved as a peace park.

ONTARIO

- Coldstream west of London, next to the Sydenham Conservation Area.
- 10) Sparta (Yarmouth) Meetinghouse is on north edge of the village, on Quaker Road.
- Norwich, which had all three groups of Friends in its vicinity. The Norwich Museum is the former meetinghouse; and the Norwich Archives is next door.
- Uxbridge, where the Uxbridge-Scott Museum, with Quaker-related exhibits is open all summer.
- Newmarket, settled by Timothy Rogers in 1801, with Yonge Street's Meetinghouse and Burial Ground.
- Pickering College, two miles east of Yonge Street, where the CYM Archives are located.
- Sharon Temple was built after the 1812 Schism within Yonge Street. MM when David Wilson and his Followers, mainly from Queen Street Preparative Meeting established the Children of Peace.
- Pickering — the red brick meetinghouse was once the Yearly meetinghouse for Canada YM (Orthodox). The burial ground has pioneer graves, including that of Timothy Rogers', founder of Pickering.
- Prince Edward County — the

Wellington museum was a meeting house; the red brick house was the Friends Seminary in 1841. 18) Bloomfield had two cemeteries, for Hicksite and Orthodox.

- Adolphus — a meeting was established under NYYM in 1798, and later became West Lake MM—Wooler, Huntington, and Moscow had meetings, with meetinghouse and burial grounds.
- Kingston where, in 2002, a commemorative monument marked Friends' arrival 200 years ago.

QUEBEC

- Farnham — the Farnham Meeting site and cemetery, where Quaker settlers came in 1793.

NEW BRUNSWICK

- Pennsfield and Beaver Harbour on Passamaquoddy Bay, which had a settlement of Friends after the Revolutionary War, in 1783.

NOVA SCOTIA

- Dartmouth — Friends came to Barrington in 1762, because of the "Seven Years War" and left in 1776, attacked from both sides of the American Revolution. Dartmouth Meeting began in 1785 when Friends again came as whalers. Christ Church Cemetery incorporates Friends' original burying ground.

- Pictou had a small meeting with a burying ground.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

- Robert Clark of England, created a Friends' settlement that did not survive its founder, who died about 1798. Recently, Daphne Davey dis-

covered the Coffin family at Savage Harbour, and other early outposts of Quakerism.

For such travels, it is helpful to bring the CYM Directory, as it gives times of meetings, names and addresses of Friends, etc. A copy of Arthur Dorland's, *The Quakers in Canada*, (available from the Quaker Book Service) is also a worthwhile companion reference. Take pictures, keep a journal, write an article for *The Canadian Friend* (October's

theme is CYM), and get in touch with the CYM Archives when you make 'a find' which could be added to this list. Happy travelling in the days to come! □

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[Editor's note: Jane has prepared a fascinating and detailed commentary about these sites, which she will send, by e-mail or regular

mail, to any who want it. Due to space limitations, the above list of Quaker and Quaker-related spots that bring our history to light has been shortened to little more than site names and locations. Jane has personally visited most of these sites, most of which have places to camp near-by and, in many cases, can refer you to people you can talk with who know something of the Quaker ties.]

Algonquin Rock By Elly Segel

*I sprawled
Upon the granite rock
Trying to meld my shape
To the rounded surface
Worn smooth by rain,
By ice, by waves
After the glaciers had receded,
The waters risen
And fallen.*

*My presence there
A pinprick of time
As a gull lands, looks about, takes flight.
As the sun beats down
Then is eclipsed
Briefly
By a cloud.*

*Upon this rock
I think of dying.
Would my thoughts and dreams
My deeds and memories
Slip away unnoticed?
Forgotten?
Into the river*

*When next it rains?
Or, perhaps,*

*Will I rise
Strengthened by the solidity of these rocks,
Take heart
From the soft beating
Of the river's current
And, no longer weary,
Reach down,
Untie the rope of my canoe
From the tangled bush
And paddle off?*

*I sense something unknown,
Unknowable,
Will mark this spot where I have rested
And ever afterwards
An aura remain
As a chorus of loons
Might call in wild excitement
Then fade away
Into silence.*

Our Friend, Elly Segel, a member of Thousand Islands Monthly Meeting, died on 20 February 2003.