

## Recent Publications

*The Papers of William Penn. Volume 1: 1644-1679.* Editors: Mary Maples Dunn, Richard S. Dunn. University of Pennsylvania Press, 1981. \$22.50.

The volume under review is the first in a major undertaking which is planned to fill four volumes with correspondence, journals, religious and political papers, and business records which survive to throw light on the life and career of the Founder of Pennsylvania. This volume brings Penn from birth (the baptismal entry is printed) up to the eve of the founding of Pennsylvania. The next volume is planned to cover the years 1680-84—the founding of the colony—and we look forward to that with eager anticipation.

Apart from the four volumes of papers, a companion volume containing an annotated bibliography is promised, as well as an edition of the chief religious tracts.

The Introduction traces the history of the Penn archive. This is now dispersed, alas, through the ravages of time, destruction, and by sale. Portions of the papers are preserved in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania (a sponsor of this edition), in the Public Record Office, and at Friends House Library, London, and smaller numbers in various institutions elsewhere.

Editorial aim and method is carefully explained. The editors have set out to publish Penn's most interesting and representative letters and papers (about one-quarter of those now extant) selected in the main from documents in the microfilm master file of Penn's papers issued in 1975 by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Clear light is shed on the problems posed by the manuscripts in an undertaking of such magnitude, and it is no reflection on the work presented to say that not all difficulties have been overcome.

Distance from these shores is doubtless a main cause why the editors have not been able to identify all characters who make a transitory appearance in these pages. That reason also may account for the presence of non-standard forms of personal and place names in editorial matter (and in the Index). Other points perhaps could not so easily have been spotted by the editors, who (p. 292, note 1) have not recognised the ancient claims of Worcestershire to Shipston (in a portion detached from the rest of the shire). Bristol (p. 373, 374, 531 notes) at this time was a Two-weeks, not a Monthly, Meeting. The editors have not drawn attention to a difficulty posed by the Irish Journal (p. 103) which states that on 21 September 1669 Penn and his companions stayed the night at "Mals-berry". They follow Isabel Grubb's edition in identifying this place as Malmesbury, but do not say (and Penn does not either) why he should thus go miles out of his way. The direct road to Bristol (the A 4) was Reading, Newbury to Marlborough, and this seems a more likely route. West

of Marlborough it seems clear that Penn and Ford followed that road through Calne to Chippenham, and there took the Marshfield road (A 420) down Tog Hill to Bristol. John Penington may have taken the Devizes road at Beckhampton and reached Bath that way, since Penn's note seems to imply that he did not go through Chippenham.

Friends interested in early Quaker history will welcome this handsomely produced volume. We can more clearly descry some of the developments in William Penn's thought through the alterations in drafts in some of the papers which are now for the first time brought to general notice.

Benjamin Franklin, "Printer" of Philadelphia and a father of American Independence, has more than a score of volumes of his *Papers* now published, and it is fitting that Philadelphia's founding father should receive similar attention, although librarians with restricted budgets will be glad for the moment that the number of volumes will not rise to more than a handful.

R.S.M.

*Friends in the Delaware Valley: Philadelphia Yearly Meeting 1681-1981.* Edited by John M. Moore. (Friends Historical Association, Haverford, Pennsylvania, 1981.) \$8.95 (paperback \$4.95).

This volume of essays, published to mark the 300th anniversary of the establishment of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, brings together a galaxy of talent on which the Friends Historical Association is congratulated on being able to call.

Four papers in the first half of the book are broadly chronological in scope:

- The founding years, 1681-1789—Arthur J. Mekeel;
- Years of crisis and separation: Philadelphia Yearly Meeting 1790-1860—J. William Frost.
- A time of change, 1861-1914—Edwin B. Bronner.
- Diminishing separation: Philadelphia Yearly Meetings reunite, 1915-1955—Herbert M. Hadley.

The second half consists of four further essays dealing with the place of women Friends in the Yearly Meeting, and the work undertaken with American Indians, work by Friends in Japan, and work through the American Friends Service Committee. The introduction by the editor draws together the various strands and indicates major topics which have not found appropriate treatment in any of the particular essays.

True, the definitive history has not yet been written, but this substantial volume covers a wide range of the activities of Friends in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting over three centuries.

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*Quaker History* (Friends Historical Association) includes the following in recent issues:

(Spring 1981) "American Quakers and their London lobby", by Kenneth L. Carroll.

(Fall 1981) Papers on John Camm (by Craig Horle), William Penn and oaths (T. Noel Stern), the Slave trade, and the Hicksite controversy. Craig Horle's "John Camm, profile of a Quaker minister" may need a date correcting on p. 80, where his first "next day" implies 11 September 1654 (a Monday) for the meeting at Bishport—a meeting which William Charles Braithwaite (*Beginnings*, p. 167) correctly dates on the Tuesday.

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Attention is drawn to the following:

*Quakers of Fritchley, 1863–1980*, by Walter Lowndes (the author, 30 Horsley Road, Kilburn, Derby DE5 2RE) 1981. £5.50.

"The Quakers, the Brethren and the Religious Census in Cumbria", by John Burgess (*Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society*, vol. 80, 1980, pp. 103–111).

"British humanitarians and American cotton, 1840–1860", by Louis Billington. (*Journal of American studies*, vol. 11, pp. 313–34, 1977)

"Frederick William III, the Quakers and the problem of conscientious objection in Prussia", by Lawrence J. Baack. (*Journal of church and state*, vol. 20, pp. 305–13, 1978)

"A journey to Yenan, 1946" [Friends Ambulance Unit], by W. A. Reynolds (*Journal of the Hong Kong Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society*, vol. 17, pp. 43–54, 1977)

"Llanwyddyn Quakers", by E. R. Morris (*Montgomeryshire collections*, vol. 66); "The Quaker tradition in Neath: a study in religious, social and commercial attitudes", by George Eaton (*Neath Antiquarian Society transactions*, 1978) [noted in *Archaeologia Cambrensis*, vol. 128, 1979]

"Quaker opposition to tithes, 1652–1660", by Barry Reay. (*Past & Present*, no. 86, pp. 98–118, 1980)

"Saints and sisters: Congregational and Quaker women in the early colonial period", by Mary Marples Dunn (Bryn Mawr College). (*American quarterly*, vol. 30, no. 5, pp. 582–601, 1978)

"William Penn: model of Protestant liberalism", by H. Barbour. (*Church history*, vol. 48, pp. 156–73, 1979)