Recent Scholarship
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Includes extensive references to Quakers, including the Friends Ambulance Unit's "China Convoy," 1945-1951.


Discusses the role of the Marines under General Washington and Captain Samuel Nicholas, the latter a birthright Quaker.


Includes discussion of Rufus Jones’ influence on Thurman’s mysticism, as well as Thurman’s turn away from Jones’ racial blindness.


This chapter examines the tour of Quakers James Backhouse and George Washington Walker (1832–1841) across Australia, Mauritius, and South Africa.


J. Rendel Harris was a Quaker and Haverford College faculty member, 1886-1891.


In French.
Focuses on the “humanitarian parcel”. Includes discussion of the American Friends Service Committee.


This article on the Upper Canada Rebellion emphasizes the role of Quakers in both the reform movement and the Rebellion.


Includes examination of the commentaries and church histories, in correspondence and published treatises, of [Quaker] Benjamin Furly and others.


Results of an online survey about the British Quaker use of ‘afterwords’ – a period of semi-programmed sharing or discussion after unprogrammed worship.


This chapter focuses on the disagreement over sex education in the public schools between Quaker Mary Calderone of the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States and the religious right, largely represented by the Christian Crusade.


The article discusses the 1799 Virginia Court of Appeals case of Pleasants v. Pleasants. Topics include slavery in Virginia in the colonial and antebellum period, Quakers, the state’s laws regarding slavery, antislavery movements, and religion and slavery.


Includes the non-state ‘governance’ by the American Friends Service Committee and other organizations in the 1948-1967 period.


Hitchcock, David. "'He is the Vagabond that Hath No Habitation in the Lord': The Representation of Quakerism as Vagrancy in Interregnum England, c. 1650-1660". *Cultural & Social History* 15, no. 1 (February 2018): 21-37.

This article examines the printed representation and prosecutorial characterization of the movements, actions and motivations of early Quakers as vagrant.


On former communist Whittaker Chambers, his testimony against Alger Hiss, and the testimony he voluntarily gave to the Republican-controlled House Committee on Un-American Activities.


Emphasis on the crisis of Puritanism in the British Isles and the emergence of Quakers and Baptists.
On Dean and Freeda Johnson and the Friends Disaster Service.


Includes Quaker interest in Russian dissenters.


A diachronic study of 30 pamphlets written by British Quakers and addressed to the general public to investigate the consistency of metaphor use in that genre across three and a half centuries.
   Questions the long-held assumption that Guana’s colonial history was limited to the island’s occupation by Quakers.


   This special issue considers Catholic and Protestant women in Europe and the Americas in the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries.

   Attributed to William Penn, this document is a protest against customs duties collected by New York authorities from the early English Quaker settlers of West Jersey.


   Includes the Bloomfield Retreat, which was set up by the Society of Friends in 1812 to provide relief for members.


   Day was a volunteer with the Religious Society of Friends War Victims’ Relief Committee from mid-1915 to early 1917.

This chapter includes the Universal Peace Union’s pleas to the government not to execute the Modocs; Lucretia Mott confronted President Grant in person.

Meggitt, Justin J. "A Turke Turn’d Quaker: Conversion from Islam to Radical Dissent in Early Modern England". The Seventeenth Century. Published online 08 January 2018.
https://doi.org/10.1080/0268117X.2017.1410495


This article reports on the digitization of the archive of The Retreat hospital in York.

Published to accompany to accompany the exhibition Black Out: Silhouettes Then and Now at the National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. (May 11, 2018–March 10, 2019)


O'Flaherty, Ellen J. "George Barlow, the Marshal of Sandwich, Massachusetts, and His Descendants for Three Generations". New England Historical & Genealogical Register 171, no. 684 (Fall 2017): 307-314.

Discusses the Friends Girls School (FGS) in Ramallah as a site of interaction between Americans and Palestinians during the British Mandate between 1920 and 1947.


Peterson, William S. "Pickering and the Quakers". *Papers of The Bibliographical Society of America* 112, no. 2 (June 2018): 231-246.
   Pickering was a publisher and antiquarian bookseller.


   In German.
   The article engages with recent work about the biblical legitimation of violence in pre-modern Europe and with research on the Quakers.


   Examine the way that the Quaker movement, with its doctrine of equality between men and women, spawned so many successful businesses and helped propel women to the forefront.
   Includes references to Quakers Anna and Elizabeth Fry and more generally to Quaker reformers.

   The article discusses history of the 19th century photo album owned by U.S. Quaker abolitionist Emily Howland.

Ritchie, Daniel. "'The stone in the sling': Frederick Douglass and Belfast Abolitionism". American Nineteenth Century History 18, no. 3 (2017): 245-272.


This paper analyses the history of the Newcastle Auxiliary including the involvement of the local Richardson family of Quakers.


Includes discussion of Quaker abolitionists and the anti-saccharite movement.


Focuses on Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Oxfordshire.


In Italian.

Focuses on the importance and circulation of Quaker myth in 18th-century European culture.


This chapter includes the Adult School movement and the role of Quakers in it.


In Russian.


Includes references to Jabez Maud Fisher (1750-1779), an American Quaker merchant from Philadelphia.

Wells, S. Spencer. ‘‘For Conscience Sake’: Quaker Campaigns against Legislative Chaplaincies, 1789-1797”. *Quaker History* 107, no. 2 (Fall 2018): 1-18.


Discusses Mrs. John Smith’s quilt, which includes prominent Quaker landmarks and echoes Benjamin West’s Peaceable Kingdom.

Elmes is credited with saving the lives of at least 200 Jewish children during the Holocaust.


