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A WEE BIT OF QUAKER / IRISH HISTORY

The Religious Society of Friends

by Kathy Thorne

Had **County Cork** exhibited charm and grace and held fast the heart strings of a young English man who visited in 1666, the American state of Pennsylvania might yet be fields of dancing grass and undeveloped coal mines. But,



William Penn

alas, **William Penn** was not to cling to the shores of Ireland, but let loose the sails westward across the Atlantic to found a colony on the American continent. Others of his ilk, however, remained in Ireland and founded an organization that eventually helped to save the Irish poor during the **ghastly famine**.

The first regular meeting of Friends in Ireland occurred in 1654 at the home of William Edmondson at **Lurgan** in Northern Ireland. What could be termed the

Friends Movement appeared in Ireland in 1655. The founder

of the Society of Friends, **George Fox**, visited Ireland in 1669, 18 years after he had established the movement in England. In the first half of the eighteenth century, the penal code proclaimed by England was also applied to the Quakers, causing many of them to choose emigration to America. One such person was Thomas Milhous of Timahoe (ancestor of former U. S. President Richard Milhous Nixon). Another rather unusual connection of the early Quakers to recent history is made through the genealogy lineage of **Bulmer Hobson**, one of the founders of the Irish Volunteers in 1914 (which later became known as the **Irish Republican Army [IRA]**).

The **Religious Society of Friends** was founded on the precepts that many religious church services interfered with—rather than added to—one's relationship with the Almighty. Instead of turning their souls over to the ritual of an established church, Friends held meetings in houses (thus meeting houses) with no regard for a clergy or group leader to guide them through a worship service. Their social con-



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science was their clarion. Hard work, honesty, anti-slavery sentiments, a call to alleviate social injustice—these were the guiding principles of their beliefs. A sober, industrious people, they played a key role in saving thousands and perhaps millions of Irish poor from the grave during the famine of 1845–1848. “Only the assistance provided by English and Irish Quakers prevented the annihilation of the entire population” (*A Mollie Maguire Story* by Patrick Campbell, p. 3).

In 1845, upon receiving reports of massive hunger and rampant disease, the **Central Relief Committee** was set up in Dublin. Twenty-one Quakers served on a committee that received subscriptions, distributed funds, and gathered data. The need was great. Care was given to not duplicate services already rendered by other government agencies, relief given out on a strictly non-sectarian basis. **Soup kitchens** were set up. Soon the clamor of needy people from all over the country nearly drowned the Friends Dublin committee. Local groups began to take on some of the burden, providing funds and direction from Dublin but allowing and encouraging local committees to do the relief work. Where did the monies come from? Mostly from Quakers themselves—in Ireland, in England, and some even from America.

William Bennett, an English Quaker, suggested he travel around Ireland distributing seeds to out-of-the-way areas. Turnip, carrot, flax, parsnip, and cabbage seeds

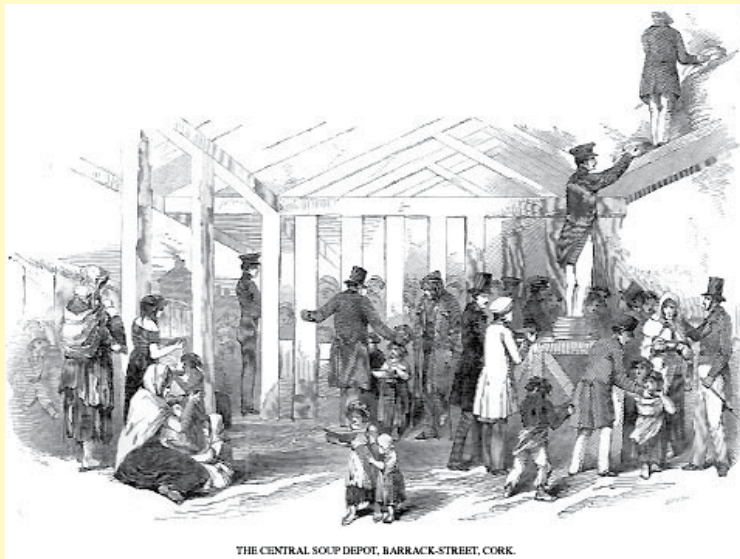
found their way into many grateful hands.

On 900 **statute acres**, nearly 1,000 men and women were hired to prepare the land for crops. One farming project resulted in the purchase of 325 acres of farmland, where a model farm was established along with an agriculture school. The Central Relief Committee put out a report that painted a dismal portrait of Lady Ireland. Examining the causes of such destitution, the reports not only blamed the potato failure, but also the land laws, a vast amount of acreage governed by a powerful and influential few.

English women were in the forefront of the distribution of clothing. The subcommittee purchased fabric with some of its funds. Leather was provided for the manufacture of shoes—a particularly helpful item for a man or woman employed in rock crushing, a government relief program.

The tiny Society of Friends (3,000 members in all of Ireland) had made an impact felt for many generations hence. All told, Quakers distributed 200,000 pounds of food and seed. “This small rather egocentric society of businessmen and shopkeepers, with their hard-working wives and

families, whose philosophy and culture were so different from that of their neighbours, should at the demand of their religious experience enter so wholeheartedly on such difficult task. They had no outward reward but to become part of a legend...” (*The Irish Quakers* by Maurice J. Wigham, p. 88).



Kathleen “Kathy” Thorne is an Irish historian who has spent the last 22 years writing about the Irish War of Independence and Civil War. She will travel to Ireland in October to launch the first two books of a three-volume series titled Echoes of Their Footsteps. Fifteen years ago she visited the Quaker Library in Dublin and researched the efforts of Society Friends to alleviate the horrendous suffering endured during the Great Famine. Kathy and her husband, Lew, have attended NFC for five years.



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Your **NFC** THIS WEEK

READ AHEAD FOR JULY 27

Matthew 5:13-20

linked to biblestudytools.com

SUNDAY

Summer Sunday school for children! Nursery care provided during 9am and 10:45am services. Pre-K (Rm 124) and K-5th grade (Rm 121) large-group Sunday school class provided at 9am only. Regular schedule for middle/high school and adult Sunday school. See an usher or greeter for specific class information.

9am | worship gathering

10-10:45am | Community Time | on the lawn or inside

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

10:45am | worship gathering

Monday, July 28

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, July 30

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friday, August 1

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, August 2

Men's prayer meeting | 8am | Friendsview Creekside, 2nd floor, TV room

Sunday, August 3

Read ahead: Matthew 5:21-25

Plan Ahead

August 4 | JOY breakfast | 8am | J's Restaurant | for seniors 55 and older

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NFC's Calendar on the Web!



"I Do!"

Les Comfort married Caitlin Fox on Saturday morning, July 19, 2014, at Methven Family Vineyards south of McMinnville. Steve Fawver officiated. The Comforts will live in Portland. Les works in film and media, and Caitlin is looking for work.

Look who has a birthday in — August!

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1 Brian Groves
Mark Thomas

2 Kay Goslin

3 Jo Helsabeck

Erin Macy

Kali Martin

Nancy Thurston

Maria Yin

4 Spencer Moore

Lewis Thurston

6 David Andres

Ron Auld

Nate Nauman

Judy Woolsey

7 Randy Nordyke

Matea St. Cyr

9 Bob Hampton

John Lyda

Corban Muthiah

Anne Wilson

11 Kennard Haworth

Colleen Sump

Martha Wood

Dave Woolsey

12 Kevin Fish

Emily Goldberg

Sam Mock

Emily Shelton

Jeremy Zander

15 Cheri (Dan) Hampton

Hubert Mardock

Fairlight Morelli

Everly Sturdevant

16 Liz Dillow

Mareesa Fawver

Dan Foster

Dennis Littlefield

17 Kaream Corbett-Furgal

Nova Doak

Bill Hopper

19 Heather Hodges

Melanie Mock

Richard Sartwell

20 Bill Cathers

Dennis Headrick

21 Erinn Hampton

Isaak Swan

22 Juan Velazquez

Emily Yoder

23 Lisa Everly

Jane Huwe

24 Rich Brown

Lily Copeland

Isaac Fawver

Caid Johnson

Carice Tussing

25 Margaret Morse

27 Inen Buerkle

Donald Huwe

Barb Mitchell

Emma Rathkey

Lew Thorne

Bethany Zander

28 Erica Brand

John Macy

Bailey Peterson

Cathie Jo Sturdevant

29 Noah Foster

Ray Greller

Taylor Swan

30 Nora Angus

Hank Helsabeck

31 Jackie Gomez



YOU'RE INVITED

Christmas in July?

Yes—we're making plans now for a Christmas pageant in December.

Do You Want to Participate?

We invite all to consider it: children, teens, and adults.

What's the Story?

It's called "Lamb of God." The story includes Three Kings searching, Herod ranting, angels singing, and shepherds keeping sheep. Well, the shepherds *try* to keep their sheep, but Mak steals a lamb. In broad comedy, he and his wife pretend the lamb is their baby. The finale is kings and shepherds worshipping the Babe in the stable.

Intrigued?

Most rehearsals in the fall will be held on Sunday evenings. Children will be mostly sheep or angels with fewer rehearsals. Families may want to be in the pageant together. Draft scripts will be online soon.

More Questions?

E-mail [Jo Lewis](mailto:Jo.Lewis@NewbergFriendsChurch.org) or call 503-538-6248.

Were you married at NFC?

If yes, please call 503-538-8381 or e-mail

Sherry Macy to find out why she wants to know!

NEED • SHEET

NEEDED:

- Would you prayerfully consider serving as a host family during this year's International Student Orientation? Students will arrive between August 13 and 14 and will be in orientation from August 15 to 21 during the day but would be with the host families for the evenings. Please contact Joanna Cox at 208-697-0119 / mccoxster@gmail.com or Alex Pia at 503-554-2643 / apia@georgefox.edu.
- Hot glue guns and irons still needed for Surfside (August 2-9). In addition, I need small-ish pliers. Please contact Anna Lee at alee09@georgefox.edu or 503-550-0732.
- Housekeeper needed in Dundee, twice per month, any weekday, but consistent. Basically cleaning floors, dusting, and bathrooms. E-mail Judy at oregonbeachview@aol.com.
- We will be returning to Newberg in late October for furlough and are in need of housing for seven months. There are just two of us, so we don't need anything big, just a place we can call home while in the Newberg area. Contact Jeff and Christine Stanfield at jeff.stanfield@wgm.org.

AVAILABLE:

- Free: 30 pint-sized canning jars and 20 jelly jars of various sizes. Call 503-554-9935.
- Piano instruction. I teach all ages, beginners to advanced levels. 30 years teaching experience—music history, theory, composition, and piano performance. Call Doreen Fertello at 503-560-8364.

FOR SALE:

- Yamaha mid-sized piano in excellent condition. \$200 or best offer. Call Verna Munn at 503-538-5292.
- Maytag Neptune clothes dryer, older model, \$75; large-breed dog kennel (molded plastic), \$50; twin mattress, \$35. Contact Shannon at 503-515-3731.
- Marcile Crandall's gorgeous one-level home in Oak Meadows (3835 Oak Meadow Loop), Newberg's premiere 55+ community. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1540 square feet, a/c, master suite, open kitchen and great room. \$299,950. Contact Linsey Macy, real estate broker with Premiere Property Group, linsey@linseymacy.com or 503-703-9064 – or [see it online](#).

To place a one-time free ad — • e-mail: sherry@newbergfriends.org • mail: NFC, P.O. Box 487, attn. Sherry
• bring a written ad to the NFC office at 600 E. 3rd Street
deadline: August 6 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads

The Need Sheet can now be found online at newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/



Just a reminder that we share our neighborhood (and parking lot) with the Newberg Community this weekend for Old Fashioned Festival, so you might choose to walk or ride your bike to church on Sunday.