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A Treasury of Shaker Ephemera Rediscovered at the Western Reserve Historical Society

By Christian Goodwillie

For the past three years Randy Ericson, David Newell, Cassandra Nawrocki and I have been conducting intensive research toward the compilation of a new bibliography of printed works by and about the Shakers. Using Mary Richmond’s outstanding *Shaker Literature* as our starting point, our aim is to correct the content published in Richmond, as well as supplement it with thousands of items discovered or made accessible since her pioneering work in the 1970s. Our bibliographic team has visited sixteen institutions, accessed many on-line databases, and mined bookseller’s catalogs to find items not listed in Richmond.

In preparation for our fifth visit to the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio (home to the largest collection of Shaker imprints and manuscripts in the world) I prepared a list for them of over 120 broadsides and handbills cataloged by Richmond at WRHS but not represented in their catalog. Efforts to locate these items at the time of our first four visits had not been successful. This was particularly troubling for the bibliography project, as many of these items were unique, or one of only two extant copies, and Richmond had cataloged the WRHS copy. Using the list I prepared based on Richmond, WRHS reference supervisor Ann K. Sindelar and library/archives collections manager Paul Heyde redoubled their efforts to locate this material. After a couple of weeks searching they e-mailed me to report their success. Astonishingly, they were excited to report that not only had they found the uncataloged items Richmond had seen, but they had also found an additional three boxes of Shaker broadsides and ephemera. Randy and I were thrilled, and very eager to visit WRHS in late April 2012.

As we dug into the boxes of materials, each new folder yielded items that we had never seen, or had only read about in Richmond. The broadside/handbill-type items cataloged by Richmond had for the most part been left out of the microfiche of the WRHS Shaker imprints collection. So, for these unique items, seeing them “in the flesh” is the only way anyone can see them! The excitement intensified as we found literally hundreds...
of examples of Shaker ephemera that we had never suspected existed. Our bibliographic project does not encompass ephemera, and we have struggled to define the boundaries between ephemera and imprints worthy of cataloging for the project. Despite our efforts to arrive at a consistent policy, it is quite likely that the end result will show inconsistencies, but, it is hoped, happy ones, as we have erred on the side of inclusion for items of interest to researchers and Shaker bibliophiles.

We were kindly given permission to publish the following collection of photographs of rare (and in some cases probably unknown) Shaker ephemera from the uncataloged collection of the WRHS. This is only a sampling of some of the best items we found. The images were made quickly—just point and shoot with a digital camera, no special lighting, no copystand, no measurements recorded for those we classed as clearly ephemera. Some are keystoned; the colors, while largely accurate, may not be completely true given the available light in a very dim room; and the relative sizes of the items are not necessarily reflected in these photographs. Nonetheless, we wanted to present these to the Shaker research community, and we hope you will find them as exciting as Randy and I did. Most of all, we wish to thank Ann K. Sindelar and Paul Heyde for their outstanding work in locating these items and making them available once again for those of us who love them.

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Canterbury, New Hampshire
Enfield, Connecticut

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PUMPKIN - Large Yellow

Plant middle of Spring in hills 8 to 10 feet apart each way, 1 foot deep, leave but 3 or 4 plants in a hill. The soil should be light and good, and hills well manured.

From J. WHITE, Sudbury, Enfield, Conn.

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Large Yellow Pumpkin:

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Prepared in the United Society of Shakers,  
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It is wholly composed of native vegetables, and such as are approved by the regular profession generally. A trial and candid judgment alone is asked for it.

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Three feet in a rich loamy soil. Plant early.

Two inches deep. Cloches simplify, or use

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Grown by the Shakers.

Grows well upon either corn or poles. Is

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feet square, are made by digging the earth to

nine inches. Five to six seeds are planted in each hill, about two inches deep.

South Union, Ky.
CABBAGE.
LARGE DRUMHEAD.
For winter use sow late in the Spring.
In drills or seed-bed. Transplant into rows 1 ft apart, leaving 2 feet space between the plants. Soil prepared with well rotted manure deeply worked in, is necessary to produce good Cabbages. Stir the ground frequently in the course of the season.

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Directions for Cooking.

Put the Corn to soak two hours previous to Cooking, in warm water, place it to cook one hour before eating, in the same water, where it will heat gradually until it comes to a scalding heat, taking care not to have it boiled much. All the cooking that is done after the corn is swelled and tender, only hardens it. Then add a little butter, and season to the taste; a little cream and sugar might improve it with some.

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16 & 18 N. 8th St., Phila.

Directions for Cooking.

To make Succotash.
Take 1/2 of the quantity of good beans, parboil them in plenty of water until quite tender; pour off the water, add them to the Corn, and then give it a gentle boil a few minutes, season with butter, salt and pepper.

Sweet Corn Fritters.
One pint of Soaked Corn, 1 tea-cup Milk, 1 tea-cup Flour, Butter the size of Butternut, 1 tea-spoon of Black Pepper, 1 tea-spoon Salt, 1 Egg, beat, mix together, and cook as griddle cakes. An excellent style of using it.