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

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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 of 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

Eat Slowly, AND WITH GOOD MANNERS.

Printed at Shaker Village, Mer. Co., N. H.
SHAKER GARDEN SEEDS.

PUMPKIN—Large Yellow

Plant middle of Spring in hills 8 to 10 feet apart each way, 12 inch deep, have but 3 or 4 plants in a hill. The soil should be light and good, and Hills well manured.

From J. WHITE, Southington, Enfield, Conn.

Large Yellow Pumpkin:

For

Enfield Jr. Shaker

From

JEFFERSON WHITE,
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JEFFERSON WHITE,
Cultivator and Wholesale Dealer in
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THOMPSONVILLE, CONN.

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Enfield, New Hampshire
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ALTERNATIVE PILL.
A Sure Remedy for
Chronic Diarrhea and all other
gillious disorders.
Dose—one at bed time every third night.
Prepared, and For Sale by
THE UNITED SOCIETY OF SHAKERS.
Address JOHN BRADFORD, ENFIELD, N. H.
[Price 50 Cents.]

Jaundice Bitters.
ENFIELD, N. H.
Dose for an adult, a tablespoonful
two or three times a day.
SHAKER FAMILY COUGH SYRUP,

Prepared in the United Society of Shakers,

ENFIELD, N. H.

This Syrup having been used with success in the United Society of Shakers for a considerable time, and having obtained a high local reputation, is now offered to the public for the cure of Coughs resulting from colds, Catarrh, Bronchitis, Croup. All forms of Consumption, especially when it is preceded or complicated with spitting of blood, Scrofula, disease of the Liver, Gouty and Rheumatic pains of the chest and joints, and the different forms of Neuralgia and Nervousness, with loss of flesh and debility, will be cured in a short time, if taken while the disease is in a curable state.

It is wholly composed of native vegetables, and such as are approved by the regular profession generally. A trial and candid judgement alone is asked for it.

DIRECTIONS.

An adult may take a table spoonfull three or four times a day; and a like proportion for children according to age and constitution. It may be taken in water or clear, as most agreeable.

The bowels must be kept open by diet or a mild laxative, such as the Alterative Syrup.

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A PURELY

Vegetable Compound.

Prepared and used by the
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This Compound has been
found to be a sure cure for
Canker in the Mouth. It
will also cure Sore Lips by
wetting them several times
in a day; may be swallowed
with perfect safety and
greatly benefit the Lungs
when inflamed.

As a Gargle for the Tongue
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very efficacious; even chronic
cases of Bronchitis have
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THE SHAKERS
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Prepared in the
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N. H.

Roselle Cummings
and
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Enfield, N. H., Aug. 28th, 1872
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This valuable medicine, taken in doses of a quarter to half a wine glass full four or five times a day, will cure Chronic Inflammation of the Liver, Syphilis, Salt Rheum, and other Cutaneous diseases, and will fulfill every indication that the boasted panaceas and catholicons can perform; is free from the mercurial poisons such nostrums contain; and is more safe and efficient for cleansing and purifying the blood.

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DIRECTIONS FOR USE.
Soak in warm water six to eight hours.
Bring to boiling point in the same water, cooking slowly ten minutes.
Season with salt, cream and butter to suit the taste. One teacupful of the Evaporated Corn will make three teacupfuls when ready for the table.

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Columbia County, - New York

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ALSO OTHER FARM PRODUCTS

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For Sale Here.
The Phthisis Eradicator,
Consisting of the Phthisis Eradicating Syrup,
And the Vegetable Pulmonary Pills.
A New Safe, and Valuable Remedy
For the Relief and Cure of Consumption,
Chronic Cough, Catarrh, Asthma,
And all the Various Pulmonary Affections.
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IF YOU WANT A SPLENDID GARDEN BUY THEM.

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FLAG
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Sweet Flag Candy
Prepared in Maple Sugar,
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ADDRESS,
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This new and Negotiable Pickle is Physiologically produced. It
MOST WHOLESALE VEGETABLES.
Mostly in respect of health and as a cure, and could be most
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Well done is the best possible degree in the dinner round.

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CURRANT WINE.
PUT UP BY THE
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CHAS. Vining, Agent.

DIRECTIONS.
A few pieces taken in the mouth, several times a day, and slowly
allowed to dissolve, will make the cough and taste easy, and the
expectoration free. For infants or young children, dissolve a few
pieces in a little warm water, and feed with a spoon.

SHAKER'S COMPOUND
FIR-BALSAM CANDY.

PREPARED AND SOLD BY THE
United Society of Shakers, West Gloucester, Me.
Your package sealed with the
engraved signature on the wrap-
per of.

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Extract Jamaica Ginger.
PREPARED BY THE SHAKERS,
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PREPARED BY THE SHAKERS,
SHIRLEY VILLAGE, MASS.

Rheumatic Liniment.
PREPARED BY THE SHAKERS,
SHIRLEY VILLAGE, MASS.

French Sugar Beet.
Sown from April to June.—This is a valuable root for the table when young, or for cattle when fully grown, and keeps well in the spring. Soak the seed 48 hours in warm water before planting.

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UNITED SOCIETY, (called Shakers)
SHIRLEY, MASS.

SHAKES.

SAGE.
PREPARED BY
UNITED SOCIETY
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Address,
JOHN WHITELEY,
Ayer, Mass.

MUSK MELON
Planted from the last of April till the first of June, separate from other vines, to prevent mixture.

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UNITED SOCIETY, (called Shakers)
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6 cts.
WHITE BLOOD TURNIP BEET. | EARLY BLOOD TURNIP BEET. | WHITE BLOOD TURNIP BEET.
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In autumn and spring it is a healthy and nutritious vegetable. It has a sweet and mild flavor, and is a good source of vitamins and minerals. The young shoots can be eaten raw or cooked.

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LARGE KED ONION. | EARTHY fs (spelled in earlier) | SUMMER CABBAGE.
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Sown in April and May, it has a strong and sweet flavor. It is a good source of vitamins and minerals, and is a popular vegetable in many cuisines.

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EARLY LTTEFLE | EARLY LETTUCE | EARLY LETTUCE.
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Sown as early as the season will allow, it has a crunchy and crisp texture. It is a popular salad vegetable in many cuisines.

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WHITE SOLID CELERY. | WHITE SOLID CELERY. | WHITE SOLID CELERY.
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Sown in March and April, it has a mild and pleasant flavor. It is a good source of vitamins and minerals, and is a popular vegetable in many cuisines.

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GREEN COTTON MUSK MELON. | GREEN COTTON MUSK MELON. | GREEN COTTON MUSK MELON.
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Sown in April and May, it has a sweet and juicy flavor. It is a good source of vitamins and minerals, and is a popular fruit vegetable in many cuisines.

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UNITED SOCIETY, (called Shakers),
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Preserved Fruits

For Sale at

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Peaches, Cherries, Strawberries, Plums, Damsons, Pears, Quinces, Plum Jellies, Gooseberry

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Onions

White Silver Skin. Make two to three feet long and 1 in. in depth. Plant them 2 or 3 ft. apart in rows. In the last harvest draw the earth from the bottom, which will give them space to grow.

South Union, Ky.

Pea, Extra Early

Thirteen feet in a line long, Plant early, 1 inch deep. Sows singly, on the row, and carefully head the earth so that the stems and close the earth in the same, and close the heads. Peas begin to ripen when the soil is dry. One foot or more in the row. For a maximum, use 10 seeds per foot.

South Union, Ky.

Pole Bean--White Prolific

Grown by the Shakers.

Grows well upon either corn or poles. It is an excellent snap short, and also good to shell for winter use.

Pole Beans are more tender and require rather more care than Bean Beans. They should be planted early in the season, and allowed to grow to a sturdy bunch, which should be liberally enriched with short manure in the hills, which are formed according to variety. Eggs are laid out in quantity of 12 to 15 on a leaf. When 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. It
necessary to produce good Cabbages
Stir the ground frequently in the course
of the season.

South Union, Ky.

CORN

SWEET, OR Maize.

Plant in hills three feet apart, or early in the
season, and hoeing well through. The hills should
be 15 inches apart, and 9 inches deep. Well and
abundantly watered and weeded. South Union,
Ky.

Fast Early.

Plant in hills at the same time as early in the
season. Hoeing, Cultivating, and Watering
thoroughly. South Union, Ky.

DR. SLINGERLANDS’
SHAKER GRANULES

CURES

Headache, Biliousness, Colic
Cramps, Indigestion, and all
forms of Dyspepsia.

Dose:—2 or 4 at night, for Stomach
and Liver Trouble. One at each meal
for Dyspepsia.
Watervliet, New York
Yellow Turnip Radish.

Sow from the 1st to the 15th of July on warm dry soil, in rows 12 inches apart, and cover the seed half an inch deep. Thin to 3 inches.

D. O.

Shakers’ Gardens near Albany, N. Y.

Cough Syrup.

Useful, also, in hoarseness, loss of voice and asthmatic complaints.

Dose.—Half a gill, three times in twenty-four hours. While taking the Syrup, if expectoration remains difficult, add to each dose from fifteen to twenty drops of saturated tincture of lobelia or bloodroot. In most cases the lobelia is best.

N. B. Keep the bowels open with alternative doses of the Vegetable Bilious Pills.

Prepared only by David Miller, Waterlilet; and Garret K. Lawrence, New Lebanon.

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Sarsaparilla, prepared in the United Society of Shakers, Waterlilet, near Albany, N. Y.
Powder of Whiteroot.
ASCLEPIAS TUBEROSEA.
Also called Plantain root, Wind root, and Chicle root, form an use in these disorders.
This root is highly recommended by the first physicians in our country, as a safe and valuable remedy in pleurisy; and distilled large amounts with cough and a degree of the malady membranes. Also in fevers, where a salutary is required; and in diseases of the digestive organs, diabetes, &c.; see Burton, Bignion, Thomas, Balssen's Medical Flora, and various materia medicas.

Directions & Dosage.
In pleurisy or fever, from twenty to thirty grains in a draught of hot or milk tea, every 6 hours.
For diabetes or biliousness, twenty to thirty grains three times a day in any convenient vehicle.
In jaundice, mix:
R. Unci. Asclepias Tuberosa, 2 parts.
Lobelia inflata, 1 part.
Boil—One or two spoonfuls in a gill of Whiteroot tea, alternating with Syrup of Liverwort every four hours.
Prepared by DAVID MILLER,
UNITED SOCIETY, WATERVILLE, N.Y.
Where are also prepared the various vegetable medi-
cines of our country.

CELEBRATED
CHOW CHOW.
PREPARED BY
THE SHAKERS.

G. B. PRICE, Agt.

Per Quart.
Directions

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.

Edwards & Doakor.
Paper Box Manufacturers.
16 & 18 N. 5th St., Phila.

Directions

Cooking.

To make Succotash.

Take \( \frac{1}{4} \) 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, \( \frac{1}{4} \) tea-cup Milk, \( \frac{1}{4} \) tea-cup Flour, Butter the size of Butternut, \( \frac{1}{4} \) tea-spoon of Black Pepper, \( \frac{1}{4} \) tea-spoon Salt, \( \frac{1}{2} \) Egg, beat, mix together, and cook as griddle cakes. An excellent style of using it.