



TIMBER FRAMERS GUILD

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Traditional Timberframe Research and Advisory Group Recent Conferences

April 2015: Open Conference, Lahaska, Pa.

(excerpted from Scantlings 194)

Speakers

Jeff Marshall, Bucks County barns, history, culture

Lisa Mindardi, Material culture: Quaker and Germanic settlers

Alex Greenwood: Pennsylvania barn history; differences between Quaker and German barns

Michael Cuba and Ken Rower, facilitators, Discussion: the timber framing lexicon

Patrick Donmoyer, Cultural narrative of barn history

Saturday barn tour

Buckingham Friends Meeting House (1720)

Five barns, a mill, and a wooden aqueduct.

Black Bass Hotel

Tohickon Aqueduct, designed by Dave Fischetti

Slide show

Grigg Mullen: recently completed Project Horizon project.

Greg Huber: tour of 1150 German barns.

Michael Cuba: Stowe, Vt., cabin.

Terry Necciai: farm in Washington County, Penn., and Brownsville, Penn.

Dan Boyle: barn damage from winter storm.

Arron Sturgis: Denmark, Maine, leadership training center.

Carl Stearns: moving a small Erie Canal building to his property 27 miles away.

Daniel Seeling: barn restorations.

Eliot Lothrop: blimp hangers in San Francisco.

Jane Radocchia: geometry.

Jan Lewandoski: obscure projects including a rhinoceros veterinarian's barn.

November 2014: TTRAG members meeting, Canterbury, N.H.

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TTRAG members gathered over Halloween weekend at Canterbury Shaker Village, in Canterbury, N. H., for 2014's annual member meeting. Arron Sturgis arranged the meeting at the Shaker Village, where he has recently taken on the responsibilities of maintaining their numerous historic buildings. The village includes 25 original Shaker structures along with four reconstructed Shaker buildings set on almost 700 acres. Canterbury Shaker Village was founded in 1792 by followers of Mother Ann Lee. During the 1850s, as many as 300 people lived in the village. At its height there were over 100 buildings on 3,000 acres.

Arron arranged a behind-the-scenes tour of several historically and architecturally significant buildings, including the dwelling house. The original section of the house was constructed in 1793. Additions were made to the house until its current form was completed in 1837. Members moved on to explore the sisters' shop, built in 1816, the north shop (1841), and the cart shed (1841), an open timber and stone building. A horse barn dating to 1819 was the last stop before concluding the tour at the meeting house. Moses Johnson built the meeting house in 1792. Johnson is credited with the construction of at least 10 meeting houses at Shaker communities in New England. The gambrel-roofed timber frame includes large, closely spaced bents, as was common with Dutch building styles but certainly unexpected in northern New England. The egalitarian feel of the meeting house is a stark contrast to the mostly Puritan-inspired meeting houses found throughout New England. The absence of a pulpit, fastened pews, and high ceilings seemed a dramatic departure from the conventional New England meeting house form.

These members presented:

Dan Boyle, Sabbathday Lake Shaker Community, N.H.

Michael Burrey, Hewing for the Queen, Hatch Mill, Marshfield, Mass.

Michael Cuba, Federal-era barns of Hartland, Vt.

Jim Derby, Transitional New England barns.

Elric Endersby, Double Dutch: two bay Dutch barns and wagon houses.

Alex Greenwood, Quaker barns in Pennsylvania: four barns and a wagon house,

Dave Lanoue, Whately barn, Whately, Mass.

Rick Lazarus, Traditional barns of Languedoc, France.

Andy LeBlanc, Wozniak barn: frame design and details.

Jan Lewandoski, Truss repair, 1835 church, Montgomery, Vt.

John McNamara, Heritage House (c. 1840), Dimock, Penn.

Randy Nash, Albion's seed: four British folkways in America.

Paul Oatman, Building a replica of Sutter's sawmill, Colma, Calif.

Doug Reed, Log frame cornering techniques.

Ken Rower, The old church roof frame, ca. 1795, Bradford, Vt.

Peter Smith, Bardeen-Culver barn (1693, 1715).

Jack Sobon, English barns in the hill towns of western Mass.

Arron Sturgis, Canterbury Shaker Village, N.H.

Sample member meeting slideshow presentation. More to follow soon...

Michael Cuba, Federal-era barns of Hartland, Vt.