

**A LOOK AT THE Dartmouth Historical and Arts Society (DHAS) 'QUAKER PROJECT'
February 17, 2021**

Overview of the scope of the project: We have been authorized by the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends to take possession of their 17 volumes of historical records, to preserve them in electronic form (by scanning them), to make them publicly available (on our website), to return the originals to the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting (DMM from here on), and to proceed in a carefully designed process, to transcribe the manuscripts and type very faithful copies, carefully edited and checked, and also post these on our DHAS website, DartmouthHAS.org. Likewise, our mission has been to make these historic and valuable Dartmouth records and their transcriptions available as widely as possible by linking access to them with various outside groups of genealogists and historians. In this vein we have reached agreement with the Colonial Society of Massachusetts (CSM) to publish a two volume hardcover set of our transcriptions of the Men's Minutes 1699-1785 and the Women's Minutes 1699-1782.

Status: It is with great satisfaction that I report to all Members and Meetings of the New England Yearly Meeting that the status of our Quaker Record Transcription Project, both the current working status and for the long haul, is 'strong and steady' and moving forward positively. Let me get more specific.

We announce the transition to the capable hands of Andrea Marcovici as Project Manager replacing the late, respected Dan Socha. Likewise Max Isaksen has become the new Webmaster for DHAS and has competently picked up those reins.

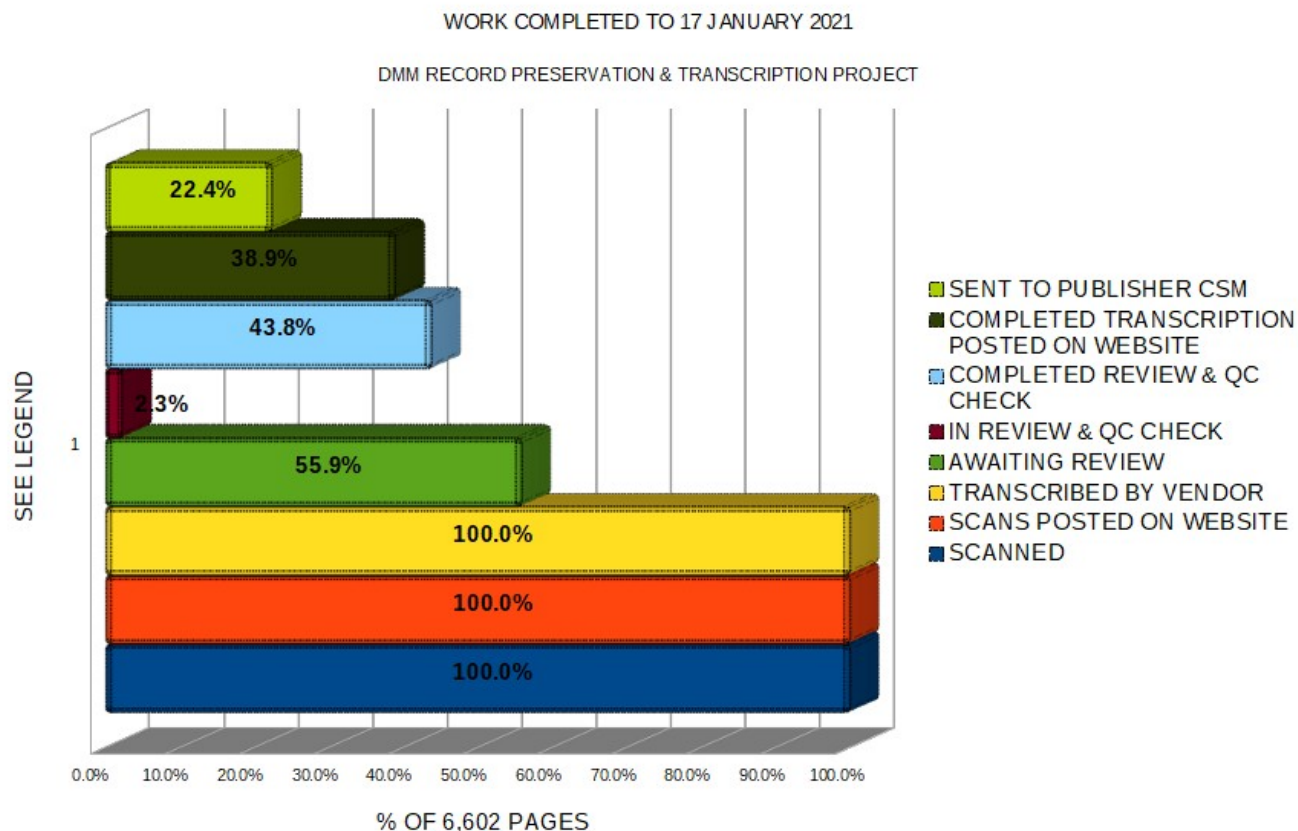
Details of the materials: The 17 volumes consist the following-

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AS AT 17 JANUARY 2021

DARTMOUTH MONTHLY MEETING RECORD BOOK INVENTORY						
BOOK OR VOLUME #	DESCRIPTION	SHORT DESCRIPTION	# OF IMAGES	APPROX. # PAGES	COUNT OF DATA BLOCKS	DATA BLOCK LABELS
1	Births & Deaths 1841-1856	V1 B&D's 1841-1856	66	132	1	1
2	Births, Marriages & Deaths 1699-1880	V2 BMD's 1699-1880	423	846	4	2,3,4,5
3	DMM Book of Discipline, (the Dartmouth MM guide to Quaker faith and practice)	V3, BOOK OF DISCIPLINE	153	306	2	6,7
4	Combined Men's & Women's Minutes 1891-1955	V4, COMBINED 1891-1955	314	628	6	8,9,10,11,12,13
5	Combined Men's & Women's Minutes 1952-1968	V5, COMBINED 1952-1968	80	160	2	14,15
6	Men's Minutes 1699-1727	V6, MEN 1699-1727	139	278	1	16
7	Men's Minutes 1727-1762	V7, MEN 1727-1762	190	380	1	17
8	Men's Minutes 1762-1785	V8, MEN 1762-1785	270	540	1	18
9	Men's Minutes 1785-1803	V9, MEN 1785-1803	223	446	4	19,20,21,22
10	Men's Minutes 1803-1822	V10, MEN 1803-1822	186	372	4	23,24,25,26
11	Men's Minutes 1822-1844	V11, MEN 1822-1844	235	470	5	27,28,29,30,31
12	Men's Minutes 1844-1891	V12, MEN 1844-1891	336	672	5	32,33,34,35,36
13	Removals 1792-1821	V13, REMOVALS 1792-1821	93	186	1	37
14	Removals 1822-1847	V14, REMOVALS 1822-1847	45	90	1	38
15	Women's Minutes 1699-1782	V15, WOMEN 1699-1782	140	280	1	39
16	Women's Minutes 1782-1813	V16, WOMEN 1782-1813	179	358	1	40
17	Women's Minutes 1812-1854	V17, WOMEN 1812-1854	229	458	1	41
TOTALS			3301	6602	41	

Status/Work Completed as of 17 January 2021 (% of Total Pages):



Record Book Manuscripts Scanned, Posted on our Website and transcribed by vendors:
All seventeen volumes have been photographed, posted for viewing and been transcribed (first pass) by the vendors. This is a total of 3,301 images, about 6,602 manuscript pages.

Record Books Completed and Transcriptions Posted on Website: DartmouthHAS.org
Total of eight: books 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 that is -

- Men's Minutes 1699-1727
- Men's Minutes 1727-1762
- Men's Minutes 1762-1785
- Removals 1792-1821
- Removals 1822-1847
- Women's Minutes 1699-1782
- Women's Minutes 1782-1813
- Women's Minutes 1812-1854

This is a total of 1,295 images and about 2,590 pages of the subject record books.

Record Book Transcriptions Sent to Publisher, Colonial Society of Massachusetts:

Total of four record books 6, 7, 8, and 15 that is -

Men's Minutes 1699-1727

Men's Minutes 1727-1762

Men's Minutes 1762-1785

Women's minutes 1699-1782

This is a total of 749 images and about 1,498 pages of transcriptions.

Increasing the Visibility and 'Reach' of the DHAS Quaker Record Transcription Project:

With the advice and support of John Tyler, Editor of Publications at the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, we are in discussions with NEHGS (New England Historic Genealogical Society), publishers of the website americanancestors.org in regard their linking to our transcriptions on that popular website. Likewise, we are advised to discuss the possibilities of placing an article in their magazine, *American Ancestors*.

Another exploration being considered is seeking funding and publisher(s) for hard copy printing of more of our DMM record transcriptions. In addition to those records from the Men's and Women's colonial era minutes being printed in two volumes by CSM, there will be material for several more volumes if we find it feasible to print more. One consideration we have been advised to think about is 'on-demand' printing arrangements with a printer/publisher. We will explore this possibility.

Respectfully submitted,

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