

shaped and dominated the industry but, over time, Friends have left the industry.

The British iron industry. Dominated by Friends until the military became the dominant buyer of iron products.

First modern railroad was built by a Friendly Ironmonger to ship his iron products to market.

European Prison reform. Elizabeth Fry was instrumental in improving prison conditions from essentially one large room with little heat, light, food or medical care where all criminals were thrown in together to our present system of relatively clean, warm cells with food and medical care provided and inmates separated by criminal charges. She also introduced the concept of rehabilitating inmates, which has been steadily resisted in favor of retribution.

Insane Asylums. In England, they were once prisons where the inmates were treated like zoo animals for amusement of visitors. Friends were pioneers in building better institutions for the mentally ill. When Quaker W. W. II COs were sent to work in mental institutions, many came out on fire to change the system and did.

Consumer Education. A Friend named Flitcraft developed the first comparative handbook of the insurance industry to

assist in choosing the right insurance. Friend Mark Hulbert created a financial digest that tracks the performance of investment newsletters for investors. Both brought Quaker integrity into their marketplaces.

Political lobbying. FCNL is the oldest (and best placed!) church lobby in Washington DC. They are widely respected by friends and adversaries alike for integrity, knowledge, persistence and always speaking the truth.

Living in Peace. Pennsylvania, as a Quaker Colony, lived in peace with their Indian neighbors for 70 years without an army for protection. No other American Colony was able to do this. When outside forces brought war to Western Pennsylvania and the settlers (non-Quaker) demanded protection, Friends gave up control of the government rather than vote for and operate an army and institute war taxes.

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Some Issues that Friends (Quakers) led on or heavily contributed leadership to.

Pricing. That almost everything you buy has one price and it is the same price for everyone. The concept was considered ludicrous when it was introduced by Friends as part of their witness to speak the truth and treat all people equally. It was assumed their businesses would fail when they refused to haggle over prices. The reverse happened.

Equality. That there is that of God in every person and every religion, as a fundamental tenet of faith.

Freedom of Religion. That other faiths may coexist where there is a State sponsored religion (this was in England and the Colonies), which led to the separation of church and state in American law 100 years later.

The right to peaceably assemble, even if the government does not like your group.

The right to affirm that you speak the truth all the time rather than swear that in this particular case you will speak truthfully.

Juries decide. Juries can decide in a case contrary to the wishes of the judge or the government (If you thought this was always so, it was not.)

The first English train ticket system and its machinery (vastly admired).

The Underground Railroad was strongly supported and often run by Friends (particularly North Carolina Friends).

Women speakers for the abolition of slavery, almost all of the female public speakers in America were Quakers.

Women's movement. Four out of five of the women who planned the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, NY were Friends.

Women's right to vote. Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott are recognized as the first leaders of the movement. Susan and Lucretia were raised in Meeting. Lucretia became a Quaker preacher. Susan switched to the Universalists (Unitarians); Elizabeth Cady Stanton was raised Presbyterian, left that church and apparently never found a replacement .

The legal status of conscientious objector to war and the program that conscientious objectors serve in during the 20th Century wars.

Feeding the German, Polish and Eastern European children after W .W .1.

Feeding the Palestinian refugees when that problem first appeared - they were the only group that everybody trusted.

Major logistical support for the black civil rights movement during and after segregation. Rosa Parks attended a Friends school as a child. Bayard Rustin {central advisor to M. L. King Jr.) was raised in Friends Meeting .

Vietnam anti-war movement leadership and office space.

Quaker House. Since 1969 has been a presence for peace in Fayetteville/Fort Bragg, assisting GIs who want out of the military .QH has done work in racial reconciliation as well in Fayetteville.

Law of the Sea Treaty. Sam and Miriam Levering were central in shepherding it through the negotiating process (global law).

Iraq Aid Delivering medical and water purification supplies (this is illegal under U.S. law).

Vietnam War Aid Delivering medical supplies to all sides (also illegal).

Cuba Aid. Delivering all kinds of materials (including vehicles) and bringing materials back from Cuba (also illegal under U.S. law).

The Sanctuary Movement to help Central American war refugees. Jim Corbett founded and organized this underground railroad which operated through the 1980s in response to the wars in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and other parts of the region.

The Modern British Banking System. The first large banks were started by Friends who traded on the reputation for integrity of their faith to offer a safe place for people to keep their savings and valuables. Friends are hardly represented in the industry now.

The Insurance industry. Started by Friends as an extension of their banking services and originally focused on the shipping industry to help ease the ups and downs inherent in that industry. Again, an industry that Friends have abandoned for the most part.

British Chocolate Industry. Cadbury, Rowntree, and Fry were the industry leaders and all were Friends. They