

## **From the Editor –**

In this issue we welcome back to our pages two authors who have appeared here before: Carol Medicott and Christian Goodwillie.

Medicott writes, “This paper reflects my research into the earliest Shaker maps, produced in response to the Shakers’ trans-Appalachian expansion after 1805. In it I hope to illuminate some of the early cartographic strategies of the Shakers by looking at ... early Shaker maps in the context of American cartographic practices.... This will shed light on the nature and extent of geographical knowledge in Shaker circles during the period of the Early Republic and how Shakers used cartography to maintain ‘gospel order’ across geographical distance.” Medicott teaches at Northern Kentucky University.

Goodwillie takes us on a tour of the earliest newspaper accounts of the Shakers, paying particular attention to how the Shakers were portrayed in the press over time, and to the inaccuracies, both deliberate and accidental, occurring in those accounts. This two-part article will be concluded in the next issue of ACSQ. Goodwillie is curator of special collections and archives at Hamilton College, and associate editor of ACSQ.

Finally I would like to call your attention to the “Home Notes” section of this issue, which contains several important announcements.