

## From the Editor –

I am pleased to report that the Richard W. Couper Press will be issuing its first monograph this summer. Glendyne Wergland has brought together an impressive collection of accounts by visitors to Shaker villages. The title of her book is *Visiting the Shakers: Watervliet, New Lebanon, Hancock, and Tyringham, 1778-1849*. More information will be available in the next issue of the *Quarterly*.

In this issue we feature two articles on unusual topics. In the first, M. Stephen Miller introduces us to two families, the Copleys and Lymans, who were central to the life of the Shakers at Enfield, Connecticut. Tracing the genealogies of these families, he shows the connections between them, their impact on the Enfield Shakers, and the scandals they caused. Miller is an independent scholar—and collector—of many things Shaker. His survey of their industries, *From Shaker Lands and Shaker Hands*, was published in the spring of 2007. He is a contributing scholar to the major exhibit “Out of This World: Shaker Design Past, Present, and Future,” opening at the Shelburne Museum in Vermont in June 2007 and traveling to the Bard Graduate Center in New York City in 2008. A book titled *Shaker Design: Out of This World* will be published by Yale University Press in the spring of 2008 and will contain his essay, “Designed for Sale: Shaker Commerce with the World.”

In the second article, Clare E. Adkin, Jr. describes life for members of the Israelite House of David who worked on High Island as part of the community’s logging operation. Adkin’s account is based on interviews with eight Israelites who had lived there. Adkin grew up on a fruit farm in Allegan County, Michigan. He taught history and economics at St. Joseph High School for twenty-nine years before moving to North Carolina where he completed his teaching career. He is an authority on the Israelite House of David, having published several articles on the subject and one book—*Brother Benjamin: A History of the Israelite House of David*, published by Andrews University Press in 1990. He has an article forthcoming in *Michigan History Newsletter* on an Israelite conscientious objector during World War II. He has received numerous teaching and coaching awards.

Walter Brumm returns with another installment of “News and Notes” as he reports on his experience at the Communal Studies Association annual meeting held last September in California. The final page of this issue presents news from the Communal Studies Association, which we hope will be a regular feature in upcoming issues.