

# **Jingo and Quaker: Odd Allies in an Oxfordshire 'Colony'**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This essay looks at the lives of two seemingly irreconcilable characters from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. One a high Tory, militarist 'Jingo', the other a pacifist Quaker insurance broker, nevertheless found common cause in support of one of the many inland 'colonies' founded by Victorian philanthropic societies to provide agricultural training for unemployed youths before shipping them off to Britain's imperial dominions. The story of Reginald Brabazon, Earl of Meath, and Edward Pease Sturge, the Midlands Quaker, is taken from published and unpublished sources and illustrates not only how such odd alliances may be formed, but how careful historians should be before pigeon-holing characters from the past.