

## **Old Western Pennsylvania Documents of the Society of Friends.**

### **Westland Minutes.**

(Continued from January issue)

1. At Westland Monthly Meeting the 22nd of the 9th month 1792. The representatives are Nathan Heald, John Battin, Elias Brewer, Wm. Dixon, Wm. Farquhar, James McGrew who being called all answered.
2. Jacob Smith produced a Certificate from Kingwood Monthly Meeting dated the 14th day of the 6th month last for himself and nine of his Children viz. Sam'l, Thomas, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Ann, Israel, William, Ephriam and Deborah—Benjamin Tabbott one from Monallen Monthly Meeting dated the 11th of the 6th month last for himself Susanna his Wife and their Children viz. Mary, Beulah and John, Which were read and received.
3. The Committee in the case of Wm. and Jane Silverthorn is continued not having had an opportunity with them since last Meeting.
4. (Stricken out.)
5. The Committee in the case of Rebekah Jinkenson and children report they had a favourable opportunity with them and are of the mind that her request is sincere—after some time of deliberation there on it is thought proper to continue the same Friend to invite her to attend next meeting if no obstruction appears.
- 6 Betty, the Wife of Caleb Johnson, produced a Certificate from Wilmington monthly meeting dated the 11th of the 4th month last which was read and received.
7. The proposition of having another Monthly Meeting established coming weightily before this meeting, Wm. Wilson, Joseph Townsend, Henry Smith, Joshua Dixon, John Allman, Henry Mills, Jonas Cattell, John Cadwallader, Wm. Dixon, John Cope, James Megrew, John Shreve, James Purviance, Josiah Crawford are appointed to take the matter into consideration proceed therein as they may think Best and report their sense of the expedience of such a Movement to next Meeting.
8. The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.
9. Westland Preparative Meeting complains of Mary Shepherd for neglecting the attendance of Meetings and being guilty of immorality which she doth not deny. Frances Townsend and John Cozens are appointed to unite with Women Friends in visiting her on that account and unless they find sufficient cause to forbear prepare a Testimony against her inform her

- there of and produce it to next meeting.
10. A proposition of having the time of holding Quarterly Meeting altered to be nearer the yearly Meeting coming before this Meeting is left under consideration till next.
  11. Redstone Perparative Meeting complains of Joseph Foreman for accomplishing his Marriage by the Assistance of a hireling Teacher with a Woman not of our Society. Obed Garwood, Samuel Morton and Nathaniel Samms are appointed to visit him on that account and report their sense of his disposition to next meeting.
  12. Providence Preparative Meeting informs that Mary the Wife of Thos. Jones requests to be appointed in Membership with Friends. Abraham Smith, Septemus Cadwallader, and John Heald are appointed to unite with Women Friends in visiting her and report their sense of her sincerity to next meeting.
  13. A Certificate for Henry Atherton's Children and one for Sarah Cox and Children having been a considerable time here and they not attending this Meeting: Samuel Jackson and Eliezes Brown are appointed to inform them there of and report of their care.
  14. Complaint is brought from the Womens Meeting against Phebe Sturgeon formerly Webster for keeping company with and accomplishing her Marriage by the assistance of a hireling Teacher to a Man not of our Society much labour having been bestowed to dissuade her from it. Henry Smith and Elias Brewer are appointed to visit her in company of Women Friends and unless they find cause to forbear prepare a Testimony against her inform her thereof and produce it to next meeting.
  15. Joseph Benock and Hannah Dixon appeared here and signified that they continued their intention of Marriage with each other and the young man produced his Mother's consent in writing and on inquiry made no obstruction appearing they are at liberty to accomplish the same according to the good order established among us and the same Friends are continued to see if it be so accomplished, report to next meeting and return the Certificate.
  16. Application being made for a Certificate for Isaac Schoolly to Goose Creek Monthly Meeting Septemus Cadwallader and Obed Garwood are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if they find nothing to obstruct produce one to next meeting.
  17. Joseph Greg and Mary Smith appeared here and Signified that they continue their intention of Marriage with each other and on inquiry made no obstruction appearing they are at liberty to accomplish the same according to the good order established

among us. Samuel Morton and Septemus Cadwallader are appointed to see if it be so accomplished, report to next meeting and return the Certificate.

18. William Heald and Sarah Willson appeared here and signified their intention of taking each other in Marriage. Nathaniel Samms and Henry Mills are appointed to enquire into the clearness with respect to Marriage engagements with others and report to next meeting—parents Consent being had.
19. Wm. Allen and Sarah England appeared here and Signified their intentions of taking each other in Marriage her parents Consent being had he is desired to produce his parent's consent to next Meeting. John Allman and Joshua Dixon are appointed to enquire into his clearness with respect to marriage engagements with others and report to next meeting.
20. Our Friends Margaret Cook and Dinah Lamburn attended the service of this Meeting and produced Copies of Minutes from Newgarden Monthly Meeting expressive of unity and concurrence with their Visit—John Miller Jr. also as their companion produced a Minute from the same Meeting expressive of concurrence with him as such: all of which were read to Satisfaction as was their company and labour of love among us.

1. At Westland Monthly Meeting, the 27th of the 10th month, 1792, the representatives are Clement Rigg, John Reley, John Smith, Isaac Thorn, Nathan Brown and Nathaniel Purviance who being called all answered except Isaac Thorn. Wm. Dixon is appointed to inform him that the reason of his absence will be excepted at next meeting.

2. David Grave produced a Certificate for himself and Rachel his Wife from Kennet Monthly Meeting dated the 13th of the 9th month last.

Isaac Jackson one from the Uwehland Monthly Meeting dated the 6th of the 9th month last for himself Elizabeth his Wife and their Children, viz. Sarah, Sidney, Mercy, and Deborah:

Titus Shotwell one from Rhaway dated the 20th of the 9th month last for himself Deborah his Wife and five Children viz. Daniel, Hope, Edward, Titus and Miriam all of which were read and received.

3. Rebekah Jinkenson attended this Meeting and after deliberating there on her request is granted and She and her Children Viz. Ann, Elizabeth and Mary are received into Membership.

4. The Committee in the case of Wm. and Jane Silverthorn report that they had an opportunity with them but could not encourage them to offer anything to this Meeting, and that

they are desirous of more time; in which the Meeting concludes to indulge them and continue their case under the care of the same Committee to report to next Meeting.

5. The Committee respecting another Monthly Meeting reported in Writing as follows Viz:

Which being read is left under solid consideration till next Meeting.

6. Friends appointed in the case of Mary Andrews late Shepherd produced a Testimony against her which was approved and Signed the Same friends are continued to the further service according to discipline and report to next Meeting.
7. The Consideration of having the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting altered being revived Wm. Dixon, Joseph Townsend and Thos. Farquhar are appointed to form a request to the Quarterly Meeting and produce it to our next.
8. The Committee in the case of Joseph Foreman report that they had an opportunity with him and think him not in a Situation to make satisfaction to this meeting. The same Friends are continued to prepare a Testimony against him unless they find cause to forbear inform him thereof and produce it to next meeting.
9. The Committee in the case of Mary the Wife of Thos. Jones report that they had a satisfactory opportunity with her and think her request is sincere after deliberating thereon the Committee is continued to invite her to attend next Meeting if nothing appears to obstruct.
10. The Committee in the case of Phebe Sturgeon produced a Testimony against her which was approved and Signed the Same Friends are continued to the further service according to discipline and report to next meeting.
11. The Friends appointed to attend the Marriage of Joseph Benock and Hannah Dixon report it was in a good degree orderly accomplished and the Certificate is returned.
12. The Friends appointed produced a Certificate for Isaac Schoolly which was approved and Signed.
13. John Hunt and Samuel Roberts produced a Copy of a Minute from Eavesham Monthly Meeting expressive of Unity and Concurrence with their visit to these parts which was read to Satisfaction as was their Company and Labour of Love among us. They having visited nearly all the Meetings constituting this Monthly Meeting the Clerk is directed to signify the same by Indorsement.
14. The Friends appointed report the Marriage of Joseph Gregg and Mary Smith was in a good degree orderly accomplished and the Certificate is returned.

15. Wm. Heald and Sarah Willson appeared here and Signified that they continued their intention of Marriage with each other and, in inquiry, no obstruction appearing they are at liberty to accomplish the same according to the good order established among us, the same Friends are continued to see if it be so accomplished report to next meeting and return the Certificate.
16. Wm. Allen and Sarah England appeared here and signified that they continued their intention of Marriage with each other: Parents being consented and on inquiry, no obstruction appearing they are at liberty to accomplish the same according to the good order established among us the same Friends are continued to see if it be so accomplished report to next meeting and return the Certificate.
17. John Cope, Junior and Ruth Dixon appeared here and signified their intention of Marriage with each other. Their Parents being consenting thereto, Samuel Davis and James Purviance are appointed to make the needful inquiry into the young Man's clearness from Marriage Engagements with others and report to next Meeting.
18. Complaint is brought against Joseph Brown for accomplishing his Marriage by the assistance of a Majistrate to a Woman not of our Society; Jonas Cattel and John Cope are appointed to visit him on that account and report their care and sense of his case to next meeting.
19. Complaint is brought against Hannah Townsend, daughter of Frances, for being guilty of immorality which She owns to, John Rely and Henry Mills are appointed to visit her in company with Women Friends and unless they find sufficient cause to forbear prepare a Testimony against her, inform her thereof and produce it to next meeting.
20. Complaint is brought against Elizabeth Kimberly formerly England for keeping Company and accomplishing her Marriage with a Man not of our Society by the Assistance of a hireling Teacher. John Heald and James McGrew are appointed to visit her in company with Women Friends and report their care and her situation to next meeting.
21. Westland preparative informs that Abraham Smith requests to be released from serving as an Overseer. Henry Mills is proposed for that service with which this Meeting concurs and appoints him thereto.