

History of Hallatrow Meeting House and Burying Ground.

John DANDO's house used as the Meeting House

When Quaker Messengers came to Somerset, John DANDO, a yeoman of Hallatrow was one of the first to receive them in 1656 and he yielded up his house for Meetings. George Fox himself visited John DANDO in Hallatrow. For the rest of his life Hallatrow Meeting was held at DANDO's house.

John DANDO gives Burial Ground to Friends

It appears that John DANDO gave friends a lease for 1,000 years on a plot of land adjoining his house to use as a burial ground. John DANDO executed a Deed of Trust dated 9th March 1669.

Other licensed places of Quaker Worship

Certified Places of Worship:

The House of Mary HILL, Hallatrow (Michaelmas Session 1689)

The House of Thomas DANDOE, Hallatrow and some 60 others (Christmas Session 1689).

JOHN DANDO leases Meeting House to Friends for 1,000 years.

A monthly meeting was held at Hollotrow on 20th of the 8th month 1699 at John DANDO's house; John DANDO died two weeks later on 29 1699. It appears that he left his house for future use as a meeting house, together with a legacy of £10.

The meeting doe order William REEVES to make a deed of uses for Hallotrow Meeting hous for Thomas DANDO to signe to som frinds in trust. [Brislington (Giles ITHELL's) 24.9.1699].

According to the order of frinds at our Meeting at Brislington, Wm. JENKINS have made a ded of uses for Hallotrow meeting house and according to the order of our last meeting have appointed Robert VICKRIS, John COWLING junior, John JAMES of Paulton, Thomas ADAMS, Joseph PYNKER trustees, the sayd ded being brought to this meeting, frinds of this meeting doth agree that James DANDO & Peeter WALTER doe take care that Thomas DANDO doe sign and seall the same and that friends may have an account at our next meeting and when the deed be sealed to be brought to Richard THOMAS to keep in the box among frinds wrightings. [Cleve (Arthur THOMAS') 29.11.1699/1700].

The deed of youses of Hallotrow meeting hous is sealed & signed & delivered to Richard THOMAS to be kept among frinds wrightings. [Barrow 23.12 1699/1700].

Whereas at our Monthly Meeting at Barrow the 23 of 12 mo. 1699 it was agreed that Wm. REEVES and Richard THOMAS should look over the wrightings that are in the Box that concerne buring places & meeting houses and to see what lives are remaining or what titles and to give friends an account at the next meeting, which is accordingly done and finds them as followeth:

(8 documents altogether)

5. Hallotrow meeting hous 1000 years Trustees Robert VICKRIS, John COWLING jun., John JAMES, Thomas ADAMS, Joseph PYNKER.

6. (*presumably added after the above date*) Hallotrow Buriing place 1000 years remain Trustees Peeter WALTER, Thomas DANDO.

To this meeting was brought the wrightings of Hollotrow Buriing place, there being only Thomas DANDO sen'r remaining purchaser of the sayd ground and friends have thought it fitt to advise the sayd Thomas to assigne the same farther in trust, to the which he have agreead and the wrighting is put into Wm. JENKINS' hands to draw up an assignment in order for the sayd Thomas DANDO to signe against our next meeting. [Paulton (James DANDO's) 27.4.1701].

Whereas there is a wrighting mad which concerne HOLLOTROW Buriall Place and to be signed by Thomas DANDO, which, in consideration of his age and weakness, friends have agreed that John HIPSLEY doe carrie the same to Beluton meeting, where may be an opportunity for him to sign it. [Chew 31.8.1701].

The business of Hollotrow Buring place not yeat accomplished, it is desired to be don by the next meeting. [Backwell (Richard THOMAS') 25.0.1701].

Licensed place of worship

Meeting places for religious worship – includes the dwelling house of Joseph PINKAR in Hallowtroe [Ivelchester QS Easter 1706 (Q508 p.570)].

Thomas BEAN family move into Hallotrow Meeting House and become a nuisance

A complaint being made that friends are burdend with some disorder that is in Tho. BEAN's family in Hallotrow Meeting House, it is desired that Jno. HIPSLEY, Tho. MAISH and Tho. ADDAMS doe speak with Tho. BEAN and desire him to come to our next meeting. [Yeaton (Tho. DAVIS') 4.9.1706].

Tho. BEAN came to this Meeting with whome friends had much debate concerning his father's living in the Meeting house with him, who appears to be in enmity with friends; it is the judgment of this Meeting that hee do remove from the Meeting house, and the accomplishm't thereof is left to be perfected against our next meeting for Tho. BEAN to do the best way he can for the removeing of the said disorder. [Chew (Hugh CROAD's) 2.10.1706].

An account is given to this Meeting that the disorder that is in Hallotrow meeting house is like to be removed to the satisfaction of friends and Tho. BEAN did manifest his satisfaction to some freinds to the same effect. [Chew (John HEALL's) 6.11.1706].

A complaint was made to this meeting concerning the great burden that friends have with Tho. BEAN's removing from Hallotrow Meeting house, hee leaving his father and his sonn on the house, which is a great exercise to friends. Tho. GINGELL is apointed to speake with Tho. BEANE concerning the matter that if it may be removed and give an account at our next meeting. [Sidcott (Wm. JENKINS') 5.3.1707].

Account is given that Tho. BEAN's father is removed from Hallatrow Meeting house. [Bath (Tho. GINGELL's) 30.3.1707].

Thomas BEAN of Hallatrow having been vissited by friends severall times concerning some disorders that was in his family, which was an exercise to friends, hee living in friends meeting house, hee with his family is removed and hath left in prejudice against som friends to that degree that hee has left our meetings and goeth to the Baptiss meetings [Chlapham 30.4.1707].

Dispute over title to Burying Ground

Thomas MAISH gaive this account that John DANDO have abused freinds burying ground at Hallotrow, soe friends there did lock the doore and in soe doing hee was much disatisfyed and said that freinds had nothing to doo with the said ground; friends doe apoint John ALLEN and Rich'd MERCHANT to take the writings that frinds have for said ground and goe and discourse the said John DANDO on said account the 20th day of this instant by the 10th our in the morning and give an account thereof to our next meeting. [Walton (Samuell RUMLY's house) 6.6.1711].

Whereas the freinds nominated last meeting to speake with John DANDO about Hallotrow burying ground have done it and find no title that he can show to the said ground, but his chief argument was an aunt of his would take her oath that a peice of ground was in his mother's joynture, but acknowledged the said joynture was destroyed and not in being, so that his whole title dependeth on the memory of his said aunt, which may be weak and defective and, as we count not to be depended on, John DANDO desires two weeks time to make friends sensible of his title to this ground, but hath not done it but sent to Thomas MAISH to tell him he desires to speake with friends again, in particular Wm. JENKINS; whereupon friends of this meeting desired John DANDO if he please to apoint his time and plase to make out his title, if he can and Wm. JENKINS and some friends intend to meet him upon his timely notis of time and plase. [Sidcott (Wm. JENKINS') 3.7.1711].

Tho. MAISH brought to this meeting from John DANDO a copy of a joynture made by his grandfather to some in trust for his mother at his father's marriage with her; friends doo appoint John HIPSLEY and Abraham THOMAS to goe to Councill on said matter and give an account thereof to our next meeting. [Nailsey (Wm. HORWOOD's) 1.8.1711].

The business relateing to Hallotrow burying ground is referred until our next meeting in order for a further inquire in daais matter. John ALLEN, Arthur THOMAS, Thomas MAISH and Richard DANDO to inquire as aforesaid. [Axbridge (John JENKINS') 5.9.1711].

The minit relateing to Hallotrow burying ground is continued thus: John ALLEN and John HIPSLEY is desired to speake with the said John DANDO once more on the said account and deliver him the cobby of his mother's joynture again which hee delivered to Thomas MAISH for our purusall and give an account of the said matter to our next meeting. [Chew (John HIPSLEY's) 3.10.1711].

The minit relateing to Hallotrow burying ground is continued. Thomas GINGELL is apoint with John HIPSLEY in John ALLEN's plase and account hearof is desired to be given at our next meeting. [Salford (Edw. ATWOOD's) 7.11.1711].

New lease of Burying Ground

Thomas MAISH signified to this meeting that John DANDO & John DANDO jun'r do now agree that they will make friends an absolute title to the burying ground of friends at Hallatrow for the sum of forty shillings, soe it is agreed that Wm. JENKINS doe make a new lease for said ground to Thomas NAISH, Thomas ADDAMS, Richard DANDO, Joseph PINKER, Arthur THOMAS and John THOMAS in Trust for the use of friends as shall be expressed in said lease. [Porteshead (John THOMAS') 3.1.1711/2].

Wm. JENKINS is desired to make a deed of trust for Hallatrow burying ground and bring it to our next meeting. [Clapton (Robert CHURCHHOUSE's) 30.2.1712].

The minit relating to Hallatrow Burying ground is continued. [Yeaton (Tho. DAVIS' house) 2.4.1712].

The minit concerning Hallatrow Burying ground is continued and Abraham THOMAS is desired to acquaint Wm. JENKINS that the wrotings for said ground be made according to former advice and bring them to our next meeting. [Bath (Thos. GINGELL's) 30.4.1712].

Minute Hallotrow Burying Ground is continued. [Nailsey 4.6.1712].

Hallotrow burying place writinge still continued. [Langford (John LOVELL's) 8.7.1712].

The writeings for Hallotrow burying ground is continued and it is desired that it be mad and brought to our next meeting. [Sidcot (Wm. JENKINS') 6.8.1712].

Wm. JENKINS brought the writeings of Hallatrow burying ground to this meeting and it was read and aproved of and delivered to Thomas MAISH for him to gett it signed according to the purport of the said writeings and the £2. 2. 6 mentioned last meeting left in Abra'm THOMAS his hands is delivered to Thomas MAISH to be aplyed twowards a fine to John DANDO and making of writeings for the aforesaid ground by reason of that meeting's inabillity. [Yeaton (John ALLEN's) 3.9.1712].

Indenture of Lease bearing date on or about the Thirty first day of October, which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Twelve, made or mentioned to be made between the said John DANDO the Elder and John DANDO the Younger of the one part and the said Thomas MAISH, Thomas ADDAMS, Richard DANDO, Joseph PINKER, Arthur THOMAS and John THOMAS of the other part, for the Consideration therein mentioned,

Did and each of them **Did** demise, Lease, grant, Bargaine and Sell unto the said Thomas MAISH, Thomas ADDAMS, Richard DANDO, Joseph PINKER, Arthur THOMAS and John THOMAS, their Executors, Administrators and Assignes,

All that plott or parcell of ground, then and now called Hallotrow Burying Place, conteyning by estimac'on Fifty five foot bounds and all every way, were it more or less, together with the ways and the appurtenances to the same belonging, as the same was then divided, allotted out and bounded, out of a certain parcel of ground lying near and adjoyneing to the said John DANDO the Elder's Dwelling house, by a wall, situate in Hallotrow in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid and therein mentioned to be then used for a Burying place for the people called Quakers,

To be had and holden unto the said Thomas MAISH, Thomas ADDAMS, Richard DANDO, Joseph PINKER, Arthur THOMAS and John THOMAS, their Executors, Adm's and Assignes from thenceforth for and dureing and unto the full end and term of One Thousand years and fully to be compleat and ended, without Impeachment of wast, Strip or Spoyle, **At** and under the Yearly Rent of a peppercorn payable on the Twenty Ninth day of September dureing the said term, if lawfully demanded and under other Covenants and agreements in the said recited Indenture of Lease conteyned, whereto relation being had it doth and may more fully and at large appear.

Thomas MAISH gives an account to this meeting that the writeings for Hallatrow burying ground are signed & Tho. MAISH is to bring them next month. [Chew (Jno. HIPSLEY's) 1.10.1712].

Interest in further property in Hallatrow (came to nought)

Mention was made of an Estate to be sold at Hallatrow; freinds doe apoint John HIPSLEY, Thomas MAISH and Thomas GINGELL to go and veiw it and get a survey therof and treat of the price as they see fit and give an account hearof to our next meeting. [Chew (John HIPSLEY's) 1.9.1714].

John HIPSLEY in answer to the minut of the last meeting relateing to a purchase, gives an account that the Estate at Hallotrow was to large a purchase [Whitchurch (Robert BLANCH's) 6.10.1714].

Repaid John HIPSLEY for expenses in looking after a purchase at Hallatrow with other freinds 10s. [Nailsey (Wm. HORWOOD's) 4.5.1715].

Regular monthly meeting at Hallatrow

A proposal was made at the meeting of haveing a monthly meeting settled at Hallatro the second first day in every month, which is agreed unto. [Winthill (Abram. THOMAS') 6.6.1716].

Decline in numbers at Hallatrow

A consern came on this meeting relateing to the declention of Hallotrow meeting. John HIPSLEY, Richard HIPSLEY, Will. JENKINS and John TYLEY & Joseph PINKER is desired to goe and vissett the families of Ann JAMES, Mary MITCHELL and Richard DANDO, who in times past frequented the said meeting and give them such advice as they finds needfull and give an account of such their vissett to our next meeting. [Nailsey (Will'm HORWOOD's) 6.6.1721].

The friends appointed last meeting to vissett Ann JAMES, Marry MITCHELL and Richaed DANDO have been with them and had much discourse and gave them such advice as they found needfull; it is left at present hoping that their vissett may be of sum service. [Porteshead (John ASHFORD's) 4.7.1721].

The Writeings of Hallatrow Meeting house is desired to be brought to next meeting. [Winthill (Abra'm THOMAS') 7.3.1722].

The great declention of Hallotrow meeting came before this meeting; John HIPSLEY, Joseph PINKER, Arthur THOMAS, Rich'd HIPSLEY and Will. JENKINS is desired to goe and vissett those persons as is in being, who formerly did pretend to be members thereof, and advise and order about said house as they shall find proper and give an account hearof to our next meeting. [Nailsey (Abell AVERY's) 3.7.1722].

Closure of Hallatrow meeting and sale of meeting house

A proposal made relateing to Hallotrow Meeting house and it appears that the friends that formerly belonged thereto are mostly removed by death, soe that there is now noe meeting kept there; on a consideration thereof it's thought proper to sell it; it's left to next meeting to a further consideration. [Bath (Richard MARCHANT's) 1.12.1724].

The Deeds of Hallotrow Meeting house to be brough to next meeting. [Cainsham (Joseph PINKER's) 1.1.1724/5].

The minit relateing to Hallotrow Meeting house respited at present. [Nailsey (Abell AVERY's) 5.2.1725].

Whereas there is a house at Hallotrow that have for severall years past been a meeting house for friends, wee esires an account what use is made thereof. John HIPSLEY is apointed to make inquiry and give an account to next meeting. [Clapham (Robert CHURCHHOUSE's) 31.8.1726].

The minit relateing to Hallotrow Meeting house continued. [Bath (John TYLEY's) 5.10.1726].

The minit relateing to Hallotrow Meeting house continued. [Chew (John HIPSLEY's) 2.11.1726].

The minit relateing to Hallotrow Meeting house came under debate and it apearing that it have not been made use of for some years by friends to meet in, nor to any apearance likely to bee, John HIPSLEY, Joseph PINKER, Thomas ADAMS and John COWLING is appointed to offer it to sale and see what it may yield and give an account to our next meeting. [Portteshead (Robert SHARP;s) 6.12.1726].

John HIPSLEY reports that him with the other friend appointed have sold the house at Hallotro for £35, which account is satisfactory to this meeting. Writeings of said house is delivered to John HIPSLEY in order to make the purchaser a tyle; account hearof to be given next meeting. [Bath (Rich'd MARCHANT's) 6.1.1726/7].

Whereas John HIPSLEY & John PINKER was appointed to sell the house at Hallatrow, some time past made use of for a meeting house for friends, as former minits more at large appears, now said John HIPSLEY & John PINKER have sold said house for thirty five pounds & whereas some years past there was a meeting house arected & built at Belluton, to which Hallotrow, Chew, Cainsham & Belluton was contributors and a monthly meeting there settled by the agreement of said meetings the 2nd 4th day of every month, which was dilligently attoned & still said meeting is kept up, although but small, by reason many of our friends that frequented it are removed by death & an inability seem to be in som that are liveing and it's thought not credible for us that said meeting house should goe to decay, soe this meeting doe agree and order fifteen pounds of said 35 received by the salle of Hallotrow house shall be lodged in John HIPSLEY's hand & that intrest thereof to be aplyed towards the repaireing Belluton meeting house as occation is for the same ... [Chew (John HIPSLEY's) 4.10.1727].

As to the money in John HIPSLEY's hand mentioned last meeting, he is to sine a note of hand for fifteen pounds next meeting and the other twenty to be as ordered. [Bath (John TILY's) 5.12.1727].

Eliz. BULLOCK's legacy is received by the friends appointed & payd to the Quarter meeting & also twenty pounds more which was raised by the sale of Hallotrow meeting house & fifteen more lodged in John HIPSLEY's hand and continued for a note of hand to be given as agreed last meeting. [Porteshead (Robert SHARP's) 1.2.1728].

New Trust Deed for Burying Ground

John THOMAS is desired to examine the Chest after the writings belonging to Hollotrow burying ground & bring them to our next. [Walcot (John COWLING's) 5.8.1739].

The writing belonging to Hallotrow burying ground is brought here and Rich. MARCHANT hath taken it with him to Bath to procure a new deed of trust thereof to John CORBYYN, Benjamin COWLING, Richard MARCHANT jun'r, Joshua TYLEE, all of Bath, Robert BISHOP of Pensford, Baker, John THOMAS, John HIPSLEY & Richard HIPSLEY & bring it to this Meeting when done [Chew Meeting house 5.9.1739].

There being another writing wanting relating to Hallatrow burying ground, which is brought this meeting & deliver'd to Richard MARCHANT, whose care is desired agreeable to 5th of last. The draught of the new deed of trust for Hallotrow burying ground hath been brought & read in this Meeting, who orders Richard MARCHANT to gett it ingrossed & executed with what speed conveniently he can. [Chew meeting house 3.10.1739].

The third minute of the last relating to Hallotrow burying ground continues. [Chew meeting house 3.1.1739/40].

John CORBYN hath brought the two old writeings relating (to) Hallotrow Burying Ground in order to be returned with the Book, to be deposited in the Chest; also hath brought in the said deed of Conveyance, which is sent by Abel AVERY to see the same executed by Arthur THOMAS, & 'tis desired the same may be done before & bro't to our next Meeting. [Chew 31.1.1740].

The new deed of Trust for Hallotrow Burying ground is now left with Rich'd MARCHANT to gett it executed by the Trustees belonging to Bath Meeting. [Bath (Joshua TYLEE's) 28.2.1740].

20th Feb. 1739 [1739/40]

Richard DANDO, Thomas MAISH & Arthur THOMAS

To Richard MARCHANT, Thomas COLLETT, John CORBYN, Joshua TYLEE, Benjamin COWLING, Robert BISHOP, John HIPSLEY, John THOMAS & Richard HIPSLEY.

Assignem't of Hallotrow Burying ground.

This Indenture made the Twentyeth day of February in the Year of Our Lord God One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Nine And in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second, by the grace of God of Great Britaine, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith and so forth,

Between Richard DANDO of Palton in the County of Somerset, Victualler, Thomas MAISH of Weston near The City of Bath in the County aforesaid, Clothier, Arthur THOMAS of the Parish of Yeaton in the County aforesaid, Gent., of the one part,

Richard MARCHANT of the said City of Bath, Gent., Thomas COLLETT of the same place, Distiller, John CORBYN of the same place, Maulster, Joshua TYLEE of the same place, Baker, Benjamin COWLING of the same place, Clothier, Robert BISHOP of Pensford in the County aforesaid, Baker, John HIPSLEY of Chew magna in the County aforesaid, Yeoman, John THOMAS of Winthill in the Parish of Banwell in the County aforesaid, Yeoman and Richard HIPSLEY of Stock in the Parish of Churchill in the County aforesaid, Yeoman, of the other part.

Whereas John DANDO the Elder of Hallowtrow in the Parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid and John DANDO the Younger, son of the said John DANDO the Elder, by their Indenture of Lease bearing date on or about the Thirty first day of October, which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Twelve, made or mentioned to be made between the said John DANDO the Elder and John DANDO the Younger of the one part and the said Thomas MAISH, Thomas ADDAMS, Richard DANDO, Joseph PINKER, Arthur THOMAS and John THOMAS of the other part, for the Consideration therein mentioned,

Did and each of them **Did** demise, Lease, grant, Bargaine and Sell unto the said Thomas MAISH, Thomas ADDAMS, Richard DANDO, Joseph PINKER, Arthur THOMAS and John THOMAS, their Executors, Administrators and Assignes,

All that plott or parcell of ground, then and now called Hallotrow Burying Place, conteyning by estimac' on Fifty five foot bounds and all every way, were it more or less, together with the ways and the appurtenances to the same belonging, as the same was then divided, allotted out and bounded, out of a certain parcel of ground lying near and adjoyneing to the said John DANDO the Elder's Dwelling house, by a wall, situate in Hallotrow in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid and therein mentioned to be then used for a Burying place for the people called Quakers,

To be had and holden unto the said Thomas MAISH, Thomas ADDAMS, Richard DANDO, Joseph PINKER, Arthur THOMAS and John THOMAS, their Executors, Adm's and Assignes from thenceforth for and dureing and unto the full end and term of One Thousand years and fully to be compleat and ended, without Impachment of wast, Strip or Spoyle, **At** and under the Yearly Rent of a peppercorn payable on the Twenty Ninth day of September dureing the said term, if lawfully demanded and under other Covenants and agreements in the said recited Indenture of Lease conteyned, whereto relation being had it doth and may more fully and at large appear.

And Whereas the said Thomas ADDAMS, Joseph PINKER and John THOMAS being dead, their Interest and Estate of and in the said plott and parcell of ground and premisses for and dureing the Remainder of the said term of One Thousand years is legally come to and vested in the said Richard DANDO, Thomas MAISH and Arthur THOMAS by Survivorship.

Now This Indenture Witnesseth that the said Richard DANDO, Thomas MAISH and Arthur THOMAS, in pursuance of their Covenant in the said recited Indenture of Lease conteyned and of Five shillings a peice of lawfull money of Great Britain, to them in hand paid by the said Richard MARCHANT, Thomas COLLETT, John CORBYN, Joshua TYLEE, Benjamin COWLING, Robert BISHOP, John HIPSLEY, John THOMAS and Richard HIPSLEY at and before the sealing delivery hereof, The Receipt whereof they, the said Richard DANDO, Thomas MAISH and Arthur THOMAS, doe hereby severally acknowledge and thereof doe severally acquit, exonerate, release and discharge the said Richard MARCHANT, Thomas COLLETT, John CORBYN, Joshua TYLEE, Benjamin COWLING, Robert BISHOP, John HIPSLEY, John THOMAS and Richard HIPSLEY, their Executors, Administrators and Assignes and, for other good causes and considerations, them, the said Richard DANDO, Thomas MAISH and Arthur THOMAS, hereunto especially moveing, They, the said Richard DANDO, Thomas MAISH and Arthur THOMAS **Have** and each and every of them **Hath** Bargained, Sold, Assigned and Set over And by these presents **Doe** and each and every of them **Doth** Bargaine, Sell, Assigne and Set over unto the said Richard MARCHANT, Thomas COLLETT, John CORBYN, Joshua TYLEE, Benjamin COWLING, Robert BISHOP, John HIPSLEY, John THOMAS and Richard HIPSLEY **All** and singular the said plott or parcell of ground so mentioned as aforesaid to have been demised and granted in and by the said in part recited Indenture of Lease and every part and parcell thereof with the appurtenances And all ways, paths, passages, proffits, Commoditys and advantages whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise apperteyning or accepted, reputed, taken or known as part, parcell or member thereof And all the Estate, right, title, Interest, Trust, Property, Claime and demand whatsoever of them, the said Richard DANDO, Thomas MAISH and Arthur THOMAS and every of them of, into or out of the same premisses or out of, in or to any part or parcell thereof with the appurtenances, Together with the said recited Indenture of Lease,

To have and to hold the said plott or parcell of ground and premisses hereby Bargained, Sold and assigned or meant, mentioned or intended so to be, with the appurtenances unto the said Richard MARCHANT, Thomas COLLETT, John CORBYN, Joshua TYLEE, Benjamin COWLING, Robert BISHOP, John HIPSLEY, John THOMAS and Richard HIPSLEY, their Executors, Administrators and Assignes, from the day next before the

day of the date hereof, for and dureing all the rest, residue and Remainder of the said term of One Thousand years granted in and by the said recited Indenture of Lease, which are therein yet to come and unexpired, **In Trust** nevertheless and to the Intent and purpose that they, the said Richard MERCHANT, Thomas COLLETT, John CORBYN, Joshua TYLEE, Benjamin COWLING, Robert BISHOP, John HIPSLEY, John THOMAS and Richard HIPSLEY and the Survivors or Survivor of them, shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter, dureing the residue of the said term of One Thousand years, Employ and dispose off the said hereby assigned plott or parcell of ground and premisses hereby Bargained, sold and assigned or meant, mentioned or intended so to be, to such use and uses, intents and purposes as they the said Richard DANDO, Thomas MAISH, Arthur THOMAS, Richard MERCHANT, Thomas COLLETT, John CORBYN, Joshua TYLEE, Benjamin COWLING, Robert BISHOP, John HIPSLEY, John THOMAS and Richard HIPSLEY, or the major part of them or the Survivors of them, shall from time to time direct and appoint.

And the said Richard DANDO, Thomas MAISH and Arthur THOMAS doe hereby, for themselves Severally and apart and for their Several and respective Executors and Administrators and not one of them for the Act of any other of them, Covenant, promise and grant to and with the said Richard MERCHANT, Thomas COLLETT, John CORBYN, Joshua TYLEE, Benjamin COWLING, Robert BISHOP, John HIPSLEY, John THOMAS and Richard HIPSLEY, their Executors and Administrators, by these presents That they, the said Richard DANDO, Thomas MAISH and Arthur THOMAS have not, nor either of them hath made, done, Committed or wittingly or willingly suffered to be made, done or Committed any act, matter or thing whatsoever, whereby or by means whereof the said hereby Bargained and sold premisses or any part thereof is, are, shall or may be in any wise Impeached, charged or Incumbered in title, charge, Estate or otherwise howsoever.

And lastly it is hereby declared and agreed by and between the said parties to these presents and the true intent and meaneing of them and of these presents is That, when the said Richard MERCHANT, Thomas COLLETT, John CORBYN, Joshua TYLEE, Benjamin COWLING, Robert BISHOP, John HIPSLEY, John THOMAS and Richard HIPSLEY shall be all dead Except three of them, that then the Survivors shall and will, well and Sufficiently in the law, assigne the same premisses, hereby to them assigned or intended so to be, to and upon as many other honest persons as the survivors of them or the major part of the survivors of them shall think fit, upon **Trust** to be disposed of as such honest persons and the survivors and Survivor of them shall think fit and upon such Trust, mutatis mutandis, as are before mentioned and expressed and upon no other Trust and to no other use, intent or purpose whatsoever.

In Witness whereof the parties aforesaid to these present Indentures have Set their hands and seals the day and year first abovewritten.

R the Marke of Rich'd DANDO, [Signed] Tho's MAISH, Arth'r THOMAS, Rich'd MERCHANT, Thomas COLLETT, John CORBYN, Joshua TYLEE, B. COWLING, Robert BISHOP, John HIPSLEY, John THOMAS, Richard HIPSLEY.

[Reverse]

Signed, Sealed and delivered by the within named Richard DANDO and Thomas MAISH, being first duely stamp'd, in the presence of Toby WALKER, Eliz. MERCHANT, William HICKES.

Signed, Sealed and delivered by the within named Arthur THOMAS in the presence of us, Rich'd HOLDSHIP junior, Mary THOMAS, Betty THOMAS.

Signed, Sealed and delivered by the within named Richard MERCHANT, Thomas COLLETT, John CORBYN, Joshua TYLEE and Benjamin COWLING in the presence of Toby WALKER, Eliz. MERCHANT, Jabez MERCHANT.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered by the within named John HIPSLEY, John THOMAS & Richard HIPSLEY in the presence of Thomas HIPSLEY, Hugh GREENFIELD, Joseph BRYANT.

Signed, Seal'd & delivered by ye within named Robert BISHOP in the presence of Toby WALKER, Sam'l WILLMOTT, Joseph BRYANT.

The Deed of trust belonging to Hallotrow burying ground is still in Rich'd MERCHANT's hands, not being executed by Bath Friends, w'ch is desired to be done by our next. [Bath (Edw, MERCHANT's) 2.4.1740].

The Deed of trust for Hallotrow burying ground is brought here, being executed by all the Trustees except Robert BISHOP; the Deed is deliver'd to John HIPSLEY to have it completed & bring it to our next. [Chew meeting house 7.5.1740].

The new deed of trust for Hallotrow burying ground is now executed & deliver'd to John THOMAS to be lodged in the Chest. [Westbury (Robert SPENDER's) 11.6.1740].

The new deed of trust for Hollotrow burying ground is now lodged in the Chest [Yatton (Thomas HIPSLEY's) 1.7.1740].

Repairing Burying Ground Walls

Robert BISHOP is desired to inquire what it will cost to repair the Walls of Hallotrow burying ground & make report to our next. John HIPSLEY to acquaint him of it. [Chew 5.7.1948].

Robert BISHOP reports he hath enquired about the charge for repairing Hallotrow burying ground, w'ch he is informed will cost about fifty shillings; he is desired to get it repair'd & bring the charge to this meeting. [Chew meeting house 5.10.1748].

Robert BISHOP, by order of this meeting as may appear by a former minute, hath disburst on a burying ground at Holotrow the sum of five pounds five shillings & three pence. The Meeting House, whereunto the said plott of ground did belong, being sold & part of the produce thereof being deliver'd in to our Quarterly Meeting, we therefore judge that the Quarterly Meeting should reimburs't the said charge and for the present this Meeting orders Ed. GREGORY to repay Rob't BISHOP out of the ½ years meeting money now in hand. [Porteshead (John PLAYER's) 7.6.1749].

Sam'l WILLMOTT hath now repaid Ed'd GREGORY the £5. 5. 3 which he paid Rob't BISHOP out of the money that was sent from last half year's meeting [Axbridge (William FRAMPTON's) 4.7.1749].

It's the judgment of this Meeting that the affair of the Twenty pounds, which arose out of the sale of Hallotrow Meeting house being paid into the Quarterly Meeting many years past, may be debated there about a part of the Interest thereof to be called back to pay for the repair of Hallotrow Burial Ground. [Chew Meeting house 13.9.1749].

This Meeting orders John THOMAS to pay Sam'l WILMOTT the money he advanced for mending the Walls of Hallotrow Burial ground to be taken out of our General Stock. [Chew Mtg. House 5.12.1749].

Sam'l WILMOT is paid by John THOMAS £5. 5. 3 he laid out repairing Hallotrow Burial Ground. [Chew Mtg. House 5.1.1749/50].

The list of Meeting houses & burial grounds inserted in this book
Meeting houses & burying grounds in the north Division as follows with the names of the Trustees 1752: (includes) Hallotrow burying Ground – Rich'd MERCHANT, Tho's COLLETT, Jno. CORBYN, Joshua TYLEE, Rob't BISHOP, Jno. THOMAS, Rich'd HIPSLEY. [Nailsea (Abel AVERY's) 9.10.1752].

Jno. THOMAS is desired to bring the deed of trust for Hallatrow burying ground to our next. [Claverham 5.4.1756].

The Deed of Trust for Hallotrow burying ground was brought to our last and has since been examined and is now returned to John THOMAS to be lodged in the chest [Portishead 5.7.1756].

Revival of Hallatrow Meeting

The Dwelling house of Mary HART at Hollowtrowe is certified to this Court to be set apart for divine Worship by Protestant Dissenters called Quakers and the same is hereby recorded as the Law directs. [Brewton QS QSO13 p.81 19 Apr 1757.]

We appoint Joseph CLARK (& others) to attend our next Quarterly Meeting to be held at Glaston. To acquaint sd. Meeting of a Meeting revi'd at Hallatrow. [Cla'ram 7.3.1757].

Building of new Meeting House

Joseph CLARK makes a proposition here (by the approbation of the Friends of Hallatrow meeting) of raising an house to meet in the burying ground at Hallatrow and, having made some subscription amongst themselves, we having no objection to their said proposition do recommend it to Friends of each particular Meeting, requesting their voluntary contributions for that purpose & bring it to our next Meeting. [Cla'ram 5.2.1759].

Contributions for Hallatrow Meeting house desired to be brought to our next. [Cla'ram 2.4.1759].

Brought in towards building a meeting house at Hallotrow From Claverham £6.16. 0 deliver'd to Joseph CLARK, the other meetings are directed to compleat theirs to be brought to our next. [Beluton 30.4.1759].

The second of our last continued, relating to the collection for Building Hallatrow meeting house. [Claverham 28.5.1759].

Richard MARCHANT reports that he has deliver'd up to Joseph CLARK the money raised at Bath Meeting towards building a Meeting House at Hallatrow. Bath friends have not quite compleated their subscription, have not bro't in their account, so they with Sidcott & Chew are desired to compleat it by our next. [Cla'ram 2.7.1759].

The 2nd of our last continued, relateing the subscription for Hallatrow Meeting house. [Cla'ram 5.11.1759].

The 4th of our last relating to Hallatrow meeting house continued and Joseph CLARK being near £40 out on the affair, it's desired Friends would reconsider it and advance something more on the Account. [Cla'ram 3.12.1759].

Cla'ram Friends have made a second Collection towards building the Meeting house at Hallotrow amounting to £5. 4.10 is deliver'd to Jos. CLARK. The affair is continued. [Cla'ram 31.12.1759].

Sidcott Friends have brought in towards the building of Hallatrow Meeting house £1.16. 0, Chew £2. 7. 0, £4. 3. 0 (total). Bath not accounted. [Beluton 2.5.1760].

Brought in from Bath Friends & others and delivered to Joseph CLARK towards the building Hallatrow Meeting house £27.16. 6, which with what was collected from the other meetings in our division and £5 from Bridgwater Meeting by order of the Quar'y Meeting make £69.17. 6 and there being a deficiency of £15. 3.10½ w expect it will be made up by the Quar'y Meeting. [Beluton 7.7.1760].

Merging of Chew and Hallatrow Meetings

We the Committee appointed to pay a visit to the respective meetings constituting this monthly meeting, having compleated the same, make report: Hallatrow, where the Numbers of attenders are not very small, yet but very few of them are members of Society & those few, we think are apparently so weak as to be hardly sufficient to hold meetings for divine Worship with that Reputation which Truth requires. [Claverham 4.11.1782].

From observing the apparent low state of Hallatrow meeting, it has been here proposed, as an accommodation to friends of that meeting that they should be joined to friends of Chew, which proposition is left to the weighty consideration of friends at some future meeting. [Claverham 6.6.1785].

The consideration of joining Hallatrow and Chew Meetings having come again before this meeting, we appoint Jno. THOMAS, Jos. NAISH, Rich'd MANFIELD, Jno. HIPSLEY & Wm. TANNER to pay a visit to friends of these meetings & endeavour to assist them in settling the proposed junction. [Caverham 5.9.1785].

We have rec'd a letter from George JAMES, Attorney at Chew Magna, requesting friends to grant him "a sight and copy of a Deed of Trust for Hallatrow Burying Ground executed the 9th of March 1669 by John DANDO." On considering which we think it most prudent to have proper advice thereon previous to complying with his request and accordingly appoint Thomas GREGORY, Wm. TANNER, Will'm EDDINGTON & Wm. GREGORY to examine said Deed & take such steps therein as may appear to them necessary amd make Report at our next. [Claverham 7.11.1785].

Thomas GREGORY reports that himself & other Friends appointed have examined the Deed of Trust for Hallatrow Burying Ground & have likewise had advice respecting the Propriety of complying with the Request of George JAMES, as rec'd at our last & the Attorney whom they consulted is of the opinion that Friends may safely let him have a copy thereof, which this meeting agrees to, provided he is willing to pay for the drawing it. [Claaverham 5.12.1785].

The Committee appointed to confer with the friends of Chew and Hallatrow respecting their being joined in one meeting, make report that they met pursuant to appointment & in conjunction with most of the friends of these meetings considered the business referred to & it was agreed to propose to the monthly meeting that the said meetings of Chew & Hallatrow be united in one meeting for Worship & that they meet in following manner, vizt:

At Hallatrow – two first days following & the third first day at Chew, and then two first days at Hallatrow and the next at Beluton and so to continue in the same Rotation – and that the Week day meeting be held at Hallatrow & Beluton alternatively on the 5th day of the Week to begin at the 11th hour.

Which proposition this Meeting fully approves of and do accordingly hereby confirm the same and it is agreed that the said united Meeting do meet next first day and the 5th day following at Hallatrow & that afterwards they proceed therein as is above described. Rob't BISHOP jun. is appointed to read a copy of this minute at the close of the meeting for worship to be held next first day at Hallatrow. [Claverham 3.4.1786].

The friends of Chew & Hallatrow have brought in the following Proposition, vizt. From the preparative meeting of Chew & Hallatrow held at Hallatrow the 28th of 5th mo. 1786. This meeting, apprehending some advantage might arise from holding our meetings on first days at Hallatrow & Chew alternatively & the Week day meeting as before, one week at Hallatrow & the other at Beluton, it is agreed to propose the same to the monthly meeting tomorrow for approbation. Which proposition this meeting approves [Claverham 29.5.1786].

New Trustees for Burial Ground

It appearing necessary that new Trust Deeds for Hallatrow burying ground & Beluton meeting house should be drawn, we appoint Rob't BISHOP and Jno. THOMAS, two of the surviving Trustees, to consider of some suitable friends to nominate as fresh Trustees ... [Chew 4.8.1788].

Thos. TANNER, William TANNER, Roger MERREFIELD, Joseph NAISH, Isaac PARSONS, Robert BAKER and Edward HORTON proposed as (fresh) Trustees for Hallatrow Burying Ground, which being approved by this meeting, they are accordingly nominated thereto and Edward GREGORY and John BENWELL are appointed to get the new Deeds properly drawn and executed. [Claverham 1.9.1788].

Robert BISHOP, John THOMAS

To William TANNER, Thomas TANNER, Roger MERREFIELD, Joseph NAISH, Isaac PARSONS, Robert BAKER, Edward HORTON.

Assignment of Hallotrow Burying ground, 1788. [Later note - Part of the Lawn of Montvale House]

This Indenture made the Twelfth Day of the Month called December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and eighty eight and in the twenty ninth Year of the Reign of George the third, King of Great Britain and so forth,

Between Robert BISHOP of Whitley in the Parish of Publow and County of Somerset, Yeoman and John THOMAS of Winthill in the Parish of Banwell and County aforesaid, Yeoman, of the one part,

And William TANNER of Woodborough in the Parish of Winscombe and County aforesaid, Yeoman, Thomas TANNER of Shiplet in the parish of Bleadon and County aforesaid, Yeoman, Roger MERREFIELD of Portishead in the County aforesaid, Yeoman, Joseph NAISH of Flax bourton in the County aforesaid, Tanner, Isaac PARSONS of the same Place, Tanner, Robert BAKER of West-town in the Parish of Bakewell and County aforesaid, Husbandman and Edward HORTON of Chalwell in the parish of Camely and County aforesaid, Yeoman, of the other part.

Whereas John DANDO the Elder of Hallowtrow in the Parish of High Littleton in the County aforesaid and John DANDO the Younger, Son of the said John DANDO the Elder, by their Indenture of Lease bearing date on or about the thirty first Day of October, which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and twelve, made or mentioned to be made between the said John DANDO the Elder and John DANDO the Younger of the one part and Thomas MAISH, Thomas ADDAMS, Richard DANDO, Joseph PINKER, Arthur THOMAS and John THOMAS of the other part, for the Considerations therein mentioned,

Did and each of them **Did** demise, lease, grant, bargain and sell unto the said Thomas MAISH, Thomas ADDAMS, Richard DANDO, Joseph PINKER, Arthur THOMAS and John THOMAS, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns,

All that plot or parcel of Ground, then and now called Hallowtrow burying place, containing by Estimation fifty five feet bounds and all every way, were it more or less, together with the ways and Appurtenances to the same belonging, as the same was then divided, allotted out and bounded, out of a certain parcel of Ground lying near and adjoining to the said John DANDO the Elder's Dwelling house, by a wall, situate in Hallowtrow in the parish of High Littleton aforesaid and therein mentioned to be then used for a burying place for the people called Quakers,

To be had and holden unto the said Thomas MAISH, Thomas ADDAMS, Richard DANDO, Joseph PINKER, Arthur THOMAS and John THOMAS, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, from thenceforth for and during and unto the full End and Term of one Thousand Years and fully to be compleated and ended, without Impeachment of Waste, Suit or Spoil, **At** and under the yearly Rent of a Pepper-corn, payable on the twenty ninth Day of September during the said term, if lawfully demanded and under other Covenants and Agreements

in the said recited Indenture of Lease contained, whereto Relation being had, it doth and may more fully and at large appear.

And Whereas by an Indenture of Lease bearing date the twentieth Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and thirty nine, the aforesaid Richard DANDO, Thomas MAISH and Arthur THOMAS (the only surviving Trustees), for the Considerations therein expressed, did assign and convey unto the said Robert BISHOP and John THOMAS, parties hereto (with several other Persons since deceased), All that aforesaid Plott or Parcel of Ground, then and now called Hallowtrow Burying place, with all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest and term of Years to come, **In Trust** for the Uses and purposes therein expressed and also that the Survivors should well and sufficiently in the Law assign to new Trustees as will more fully and at large appear, Reference being had to the said recited Indenture.

Now This Indenture Witnesseth that the said Robert BISHOP and John THOMAS, in pursuance of their Covenant in the said recited Indenture of Lease contained and of five Shillings of lawful Money of Great Britain to them in hand paid by the said William TANNER, Thomas TANNER, Roger MERREFIELD, Joseph NAISH, Isaac PARSONS, Robert BAKER and Edward HORTON, at or before the Sealing and Delivery hereof, the receipt whereof is herby acknowledged and, for other good Causes and Considerations, them, the said Robert BISHOP and John THOMAS, hereunto especially moving, **have** and each of them **hath** bargained, sold, assigned and set over and by these presents, **Do** and each of them **Doth** bargain, sell, assign and set over unto the said William TANNER, Thomas TANNER, Roger MERREFIELD, Joseph NAISH, Isaac PARSONS, Robert BAKER and Edward HORTON **All** and singular the said plot or parcel of Ground so mentioned as aforesaid to have been demised and granted in and by the said in part recited Indenture of Lease and every part or parcel thereof with the Appurtenances And all ways, paths, Passages, Profits, Commodities and Advantages whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining or accepted, reputed, taken or known as part, parcel or Member thereof And all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Trust, Property, Claim and Demand whatsoever of them, the said Robert BISHOP and John THOMAS and either of them of, into or out of the same Premises or out of, in or to any part or parcel thereof with the Appurtenances, together with the said recited Indenture of Lease,

To have and to hold the said plot or parcel of Ground and Premises hereby bargained, sold or assigned or meant, mentioned or intended so to be, with the Appurtenances unto the said William TANNER, Thomas TANNER, Roger MERREFIELD, Joseph NAISH, Isaac PARSONS, Robert BAKER and Edward HORTON, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, from the Day next before the Day of the Date hereof, for and during all the rest, residue and remainder of the said Term of One Thousand Years granted in and by the said recited Indenture of Lease, which are therein yet to come and unexpired, **In Trust** nevertheless and to the Intent and purpose that they, the said William TANNER, Thomas TANNER, Roger MERREFIELD, Joseph NAISH, Isaac PARSONS, Robert BAKER and Edward HORTON and the Survivors or Survivor of them, shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter, during the Residue of the said term of One Thousand Years, employ or dispose of the said hereby assigned plot or parcel of Ground and Premises hereby bargained, sold and assigned or meant, mentioned or intended so to be, to such Use and Uses, Intents and purposes as they, the said William TANNER, Thomas TANNER, Roger MERREFIELD, Joseph NAISH, Isaac PARSONS, Robert BAKER and Edward HORTON or the major part of them or the Survivors of them, shall from time to time, with the Approbation and Consent of the Monthly Meeting of the people called Quakers in the North Division of aforesaid County, direct and appoint.

And the said Robert BISHOP and John THOMAS do hereby, for themselves severally and apart and for their several and respective Executors and Administrators and not one of them for the Act of any other of them, covenant, promise, grant to and with the said William TANNER, Thomas TANNER, Roger MERREFIELD, Joseph NAISH, Isaac PARSONS, Robert BAKER and Edward HORTON, their Executors and Administrators, by these presents that the said Robert BISHOP and John THOMAS have not, nor either of them hath made, done, committed or wittingly or willingly suffered to be made, done or committed any Act, Matter or Thing whatsoever, whereby or by Means whereof the said hereby bargained and sold Premises or any part thereof is, are, shall or may be in any wise impeached, charged or incumbered in Title, Charge, Estate or otherwise howsoever.

And lastly it is hereby declared and agreed by and between the said parties to these presents and the true Intent and Meaning of them and of these presents is That, when the said William TANNER, Thomas TANNER, Roger MERREFIELD, Joseph NAISH, Isaac PARSONS, Robert BAKER and Edward HORTON shall be all dead except three of them, that then the Survivors shall and will, well and sufficiently in the Law, assign the same Premises, hereby to them assigned or intended so to be and upon as many other honest persons as the Survivors of them or the major part of the Survivors of them shall think fit, upon **Trust** to be disposed of as such honest persons and the Survivors and Survivor of them shall think fit and upon such trust, mutatis mutandis as are before mentioned and expressed and upon no other Trust and to no other Use, Intent or Purpose whatsoever.

In Witness whereof the parties aforesaid to these present Indentures have set their Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above written.

[Signed] Rob't BISHOP, John THOMAS, Wm. TANNER, Thomas TANNER, Roger MERREFIELD, Joseph NAISH, Isaac PARSONS, Robert BAKER, Edward HORTON.

[Reverse]

Signed, Sealed and Delivered by the within named John THOMAS in the presence of us, Edw'd PEARSALL, Rob't WILLMOTT.

Signed, Sealed and delivered by the within named Robert BISHOP, William TANNER, Thomas TANNER, Roger MERREFIELD, Joseph NAISH, Isaac PARSONS & Robert BAKER in the presence of us, William EDDINGTON, Edward GREGORY.

Signed, Sealed and delivered by the within named Edward HORTON in the presence of us, Henry SOMMERS, Rob't BISHOP Jun'r.

Preparative meetings to be held at Hallatrow

An application from the Preparative meeting of Chew and Hallatrow having been made for holding their Weekday meeting constantly at Hallatrow, this meeting on considering the same approves thereof. [Chew 3.11.1788].

John HIPSLEY on behalf of the Committee appointed at a former meeting, hath proposed that the Preparative meeting be held in the following order, viz: Bath the 1st day week before the monthly meeting, Portishead 3rd day, Chew & Hallatrow 5th day, Sidcot 6th day & Claverham 1st day preceding the monthly meeting, which this meeting approves of. [Claverham 1.12.1788].

As frequent Deficiencies have been pointed out in the Answers to the first Query from Chew and Hallatrow, respecting the Attendance of Chew meeting, which has given Friends much concern, and this meeting being informed it was proposed at their last preparative meeting as an Accommodation to Friends near Hallatrow, for the Meeting to be always held there, except on the first Day preceding each Monthly meeting, then to be held at Chew, which not being then fallen in with, recommends the same to the further consideration of Friends of that Meeting, and directs a copy of this minute to be read at their next Preparative meeting. [Sidcot 25.6.1798].

Report is made that the 12th Minute of last meeting was read in the Preparative meeting of Chew and Hallatrow but some of the Friends near Hallatrow not then agreeing to accept of the Proposal, this Meeting appoint (4) Friends to confer with Friends of that Meeting either collectively or individually as they may think proper and make report thereof to next meeting. [Chew 30.7.1798].

Jno BENWELL reports that the Committee appointed to confer with friends of Chew and Hallatrow all met the Friends of that meeting, who accepted of the Proposition for the Meeting to be held always at Hallatrow, except on the first Day preceding each Monthly meeting, then to be held at Chew, which being satisfactory to this Meeting, the same is to take place accordingly. [Claverham 27.8.1798].

The Preparative meetings, which constitute the Monthly meeting, are held as under:

Bath the 1st day week, Portishead 3rd, Chew & Hallatrow 5th day at Hallatrow, Sidcot 6th day, Claverham 1st day preceding the Monthly meeting.

The Meetings for Worship are held:

Bath 1st day 10 o'clock in the morning, 3 o'clock in the Afternoon & 5th day morning at 11 o'clock, Chew & Hallatrow 1st & 5th days at Hallatrow at 11 o'clock in the morning, except the 1st day preceding the Mo. meet'g then at Chew, Portishead 1st & 3rd days, Sidcot 1st & 6th days, Claverham 1st & 4th days at 11 o'clock in the morning. [Claverham 25.8.1800].

List of Title Deeds, Books, Papers etc. placed in the Repository at Edward GREGORY's at Yatton 30th of 12th 1805.

List includes Marriage Registers from 1776 to date, Births & Burials 1648-1775, Births 1776 to date, Burials 1776 to date.

Deeds of Hallatrow Meeting House & Burial Ground.

[Claverham 30.12.1805].

Closure of Hallatrow Meeting and transfer to Whitley

The committee appointed to consider respecting the state of our meeting etc. have proposed that the meeting house at Hallatrow shall be discontinued to be used after the 17th of next month & that friends of that quarter shall hold their meeting for the present at the House of William ASHMAN at Whitley near Pensford, except on the first day preceding the monthly meeting, when the meeting is to be held at Chew Magna as heretofore & that the weekday meeting be held on 4th day at 11 o'clock except on the Quarterly meeting days, when no meeting is

to be held. The preparative meeting to be held Men & Women together on the 4th day preceding the monthly meeting. [Claverham 28.8.1815].

This meeting being informed that the meeting houses at Chew magna, Beluton & Hallatrow stand in need of some reparation, appoint Isaac SELFE, John GRACE, Arthur Thomas TANNER, Joseph NAISH and Bishop GREGORY to unite with the friends of that quarter in examining the state of the said Houses & report their opinion thereon to a future meeting [Claverham 27.1.1817].

The friends appointed to examine the state of the meeting houses at Chew Magna, Hallatrow and Beluton have brought in the following report: At a committee met pursuant to the appointment of the Monthly Meeting, it is agreed to recommend the disposal of the Meeting houses at Hallotrow & Chew Magna, that the House at Beluton be put in sufficient repair, which with some additional accomodation they apprehend will prove a suitable house for the use of friends in that quarter. The meeting on considering thereof empowers the said Committee to dispose of the meeting house at Hallatrow & to put that at Beluton in proper repair..... [Claverham 24.2.1817].

The disposing of the meeting house etc. at Hallatrow etc. is continued. [Bath 31.3.1817].

BOND against breaking up Hallatrow Burying Ground

John BENWELL reports that Hallatrow Meeting House & Burial ground were some time since sold to Rich'd LANGFORD of Hallatrow for Sixty pounds, which sum was receiv'd by Rob't WILLMOTT, and this meeting agrees that the said sum shall remain in his hands for the present; And a bond for £100 is bro't here from Rich'd LANGFORD, by which he binds himself, his heirs, Executors, administrators & assigns not to divide, dig or break up any part of the Ground heretofore used as a burial place, at a greater depth than two feet below the present surface, at any time hereafter for the space of 100 years from the date thereof, which Bond is now delivered to Jno. NAISH to place in the Depository. [Bath 30.3.1818].

Dated July 1817

Mr Richard LANGFORD to Thomas TANNER & others.

Bond not to break up Hallatrow Burying Ground.

Know all Men by these Presents that I Richard LANGFORD of Hallatrow within the Parish of High-Littleron in the County of Somerset, Gentleman, am held and firmly bound to Thomas TANNER of Winthill in the Parish of Banwell in the said County, Yeoman, Joseph NAISH of Congresbury in the said County, Shopkeeper, Roger MERRIFIELD of Pontypool in the County of Monmouth, Schoolmaster, Isaac PARSONS of Grenton in the said County of Somerset, Yeoman and Robert BAKER of the Parish of Yatton in the said County of Somerset, Husbandman, in the Sum of One Hundred Pounds of good and lawful Money of Great Britain, to be paid to the said Thomas TANNER, Joseph NAISH, Roger MERRIFIELD, Isaac PARSONS and Robert BAKER or their certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, for which payment to be well and faithfully made, I bind myself, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators and each and every of them firmly by these presents.

Sealed with my Seal, Dated the [blank] day of July in the Fifty Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen.

Whereas the said Thomas TANNER, Joseph NAISH, Roger MERRIFIELD, Isaac PARSONS and Robert BAKER being possessed of All That plot or parcel of Ground called Hallowtrow Burying Plac,e containing by estimation fifty five feet bounds and all every way (be it more or less), together with the ways appurtenances to the same belonging, as the same was formerly divided, allotted and bounded out of a certain Parcel of Ground lying near and adjoining to the Dwelling House, formerly of one John DANDO, situate at Hallatrow aforesaid, partly heretofore used as a Burying Place for the People called Quakers and on other part whereof a Meeting House and Stable lately stood, for the residue of a certain Term of one thousand years, granted thereof In Trust and to the Intent and Purpose that, they and the Survivors and Survivor of them, should from time to time and at all times during the residue of the said Term employ and dispose of the said Premises to such Use and Uses, Intents and Purposes as they, the said Trustees or the Major part of them or the Survivors of them, should from time to time with the approbation and consent of the Monthly Meeting of the People called Quakers in the North Division of the County of Somerset direct and appoint, have by and with the approbation and consent of the said Monthly Meeting (testified by a Minute entered on the Book of Record of the said Meeting) contracted and agreed to and with the above bounden Richard LANGFORD for the absolute Sale and Assurance to him of all and singular the said Plot or Parcel of Ground, Meeting House and Stable with the Appurtenances for the residue of the said Term of One Thousand Years And the same has been disposed of, directed and appointed accordingly.

And Whereas on the treaty for the said Sale it was mutually agreed by and between the said Thomas TANNER, Joseph NAISH, Roger MERRIFIELD, Isaac PARSONS and Robert BAKER and the said Richard LANGFORD that such part of the said Plot or Parcel of Ground, as after mentioned, should not at any time thereafter for the Term of One Hundred Years be disturbed, dug or broken up in any manner howsoever, at a greater depth than two feet below the present Surface thereof.

Now the Condition of the above written Bond or Obligation is such that, if the above bounden Richard LANGFORD, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns or any or either of them do not at any time or times hereafter, during the Term of One Hundred Years, disturb, dig or break up such part of the said Plot or Parcel of Ground so as aforesaid sold to him, the said Richard LANGFORD, as was actually and bona fide used by the said People called Quakers for their Burying Place and which contains in breadth, to be measured from the base of a certain pillar erected by the above bounden Richard LANGFORD on part of the said Burying Place, on the North and South sides thereof fourteen feet or thereabouts and in length, to be measured from the base of the said pillar on the East and West sides thereof, twenty three feet or thereabouts, for any purpose or in any manner howsoever, at a greater depth than two feet below the present Surface thereof, Then this Obligation to be null and void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

[Signed] Richard LANGFORD.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered, being first Duly Stamped and the several erasures and Interlineations within appearing having been first made, in the Presence of Robert WILLMOTT.

[The original document, now housed at Wiltshire County Record Office, Trowbridge under reference 1699/44, was charred in a fire at Weston super Mare and parts are missing. However, a transcript (copied 12th March 1852 - with one or two copying errors) is contained on pages 151 to 153 of a manuscript book entitled "Record of the Deeds & Writings of Meeting Houses & Burial Grounds, also of Legacies and Donations belonging to the Monthly Meeting of Friends of the North Division in the County of Somerset" under reference 1699/45. At the end of the transcript is written "The foregoing Bond has been compared with the original & corrected by us, Edw'd GREGORY, Joseph GREGORY." It is recorded that in the 8th month 1869 the Deeds and records were in the iron safe at the Meeting House, Yatton. In the above transcription the bits damaged by fire have been made good by reference to the transcript in the book.]

Monument erected by Richard LANGFORD

Having purchased the Meeting House and Burial Ground Richard LANGFORD demolished the house and closed the Burial Ground. To mark the latter site for posterity he erected in the centre of the plot a memorial consisting of a 5ft. high square casket made of Temple stone, with a flaming beacon on top. On the west side of the memorial was carved the words:

*The Extent of the Quaker's Burying Ground
from the base of this pillar was,
on the north and south side 14 feet,
and on the east and west sides 23 feet.*

On the east side was inscribed:

*Within this tranquil solemn gloom
Formed by the sombre pine trees' shade,
Waiting Jehova's final doom,
Remains of Many Friends are laid,
Many indeed whom well I knew
Religion's path most strictly trod
Whose only aim, whose constant view
Was to walk humbly with their God,
What though their faith might vary much
From that which you and I possess,
Shall we their pious ashes touch?
Shall we surviving Friends distress?
No! God forbid! They here shall rest
By me and mine preserved with care,
No earthly power shall e'er molest
Those mortal relics buried here.
Richard Langford 1817.*

It is perhaps ironic that Quakers strongly disapproved of monuments in Burial grounds.

Richard LANGFORD, whose family had built Montvale c.1621, rebuilt it in 1817. Montvale descended through marriage from the LANGFORD to SCOBELL family. The property was sold in 1920 to Henry PANES, whose

son Philip lived there almost all his life. Richard LANGFORD's Montvale was pulled down in 1959 and a new Montvale built on the site. The burial ground, which was completely overgrown with shrubs and trees and the surrounding land was sold for building two years later. Today the site of the burial ground lies partly in the garden of "Willowdene" and partly that of "Hampton". The present ground level is much higher than when it was a burial ground.

The memorial had been in a dilapidated state for a long time and the contractors destroyed much of what remained. However, the panel containing Richard LANGFORD's poem was saved by Peter YATES. When he left Hallatrow, he gave it to Philip PANES, who placed it on a bank in the garden of the new Montvale (later renamed Oak House), approximately 30 yards from its original position.

Whilst writing an article about the Quaker burial ground several years ago, Michael Browning enquired of Philip PANES as to the fate of the monument. Philip knew the old burial ground as a boy and related its more recent history. He took Michael to the spot where he had put the remaining panel but by then it had disappeared beneath the ground vegetation – and it was no longer his land to dig up. Des JACKSON, the then owner of Oak House was later told about the stone and where it should be and he unearthed it in 1994. The parish council subsequently decided to preserve it and in 1995 had it set into the bank at Hallatrow Triangle. Richard LANGFORD's poem was inscribed on a plate beside the stone – unfortunately with a spelling mistake!

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