

Yesterdays Journey

Ebenezer and Mary BOWMAN Form of Quaker marriage

Ebenezer Bowman of One Ash in the Parish of Bakewell in the County of Derby Farmer Son of Henry Bowman of One Ash aforesaid Yeoman deceased and Hannah his Wife surviving and Mary Whitlow Daughter of Robert Whitlow of Drakelow in the Parish of Davenham in the County of Chester Yeoman and Hannah his wife Having declared their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage before several Meetings of the People called Quakers in the Counties of Derby and Chester aforesaid the Proceedings of the said Ebenezer Bowman and Mary Whitlow after dues Enquiry and deliberate Consideration thereof were allowed by the said Meetings they appearing clear of all others and having consent of Parents and Persons concerned.

Now these are to Certify all whom it may Concern that for the Accomplishing of their said Marriage this eighth day of the Tenth Month called October in the year One Thousand seven Hundred and eighty nine they the said Ebenezer Bowman and Mary Whitlow appeared at a Publick Assembly of the aforesaid People and others in their Meeting House in Macclesfield in the said County of Chester and he the said Ebenezer Bowman taking the said Mary Whitlow by the Hand did openly and solemnly declare as followeth " Friends In the fear of the Lord and before this Assembly I take this my Friend Mary Whitlow to be my Wife promising through divine Assistance to be unto her a loving and faithful Husband until it shall please the Lord by Death to separate us " or words to that effect. And the said Mary Whitlow did their and then in the said Assembly declare as followeth " Friends In the fear of the Lord and before this Assembly I take this my Friend Ebenezer Bowman to be my Husband Promising through Divine Assistance to be unto him a loving and faithful Wife until it shall please the Lord by Death to separate us" or words to the same import.

And the said Ebenezer Bowman ad Mary Whitlow as further Confirmation thereof and in Testimony thereunto did then and there to the Presents set their Hands.

Ebenezer Bowman
Mary Whitlow

We who are present among others at the abovesaid Marriage hath also Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereunto the Day and Year above written.