

Extracts from the Bishop of Chester's Visitation
for the Year 1665, relating to Friends.

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FRODSHAM DEANERY.

Visitation 22 Dec: 1665, in the Consistory Court
at Chester.

ASHTON CHAPEL.

Against Elizabeth Hall, Ellen Hall, John Higgenett,
& Ellen Asbrooke, Quakers.

ASHTON UPON MERSEY.

Against Robert Parker & Bridgett his wife, for Quakers
& keeping the Childe unbaptized.

GREAT BUDWORTH.

Against Samuel Naylor, Ralph Fisher, Robert Taylor,
William Gandy, gent., John Eaton, senior, John Eaton,
junior, Thomas Eaton, John Shawe, Peter Pickering,
Hugh Crosby, John Williamson, Thomas Burroughes,
Thomas Betton, John Anderton, & John Darling, for Quakers.

On which day, the said Gandy appeared by Alexander
Boniman, & he is to attend Church, & to certify at Chester
on the 27th March next. 2s. 6d.

Against John Eaton & his pretended wife, Robert
Taylor & his pretended wife, John Minshall & his pretended
wife, Samuel Naylor & his pretended wife, Thomas Bretton &
his pretended wife, Quakers, for being unlawfully married.

Against Thomas Eaton, a Quaker, whoe hath been
presented for teaching schoole.

BOWDON.

Against John Harding, & [blank] Shawe, widow, for
Quakers.

DARESBUURY.

Against Henry Burtonwood, of Aston Grange, &
Margaret Williams, et [sic for "of"] Newton, Quakers,
for keeping Conventicles in their houses.

Against Thomas Hatton, of Hatton, junior, Mary
Williams, widow, Mary Williams, spinster, of Newton,
Henry Moncks, of Preston [on the Hill] & Margaret his

wife, Elizabeth Crosby, of Moore, widow, Elizabeth Taylor, of Preston, widow, Henry Burtonwood, aforesaid, & his wife, Elizabeth Swann, widow, Thomas Clare, of Walton, & Mary his wife, John Stocken, & Thomas Taylor, for Quakers.

Against the aforesaid Henry Birkenhed [*sic* for Burtonwood], Elizabeth Taylor, of New Manner, Henry Moncks, of Preston, & Mary Williams, of Newton, for not paying their Chappel lays.⁴

GRAPPENHALL.

Against Anne Hatton for being a Quaker.

FRODSHAM.

Against Richard Ashbrooke & his wife, [*blank*] Ashton, widow, & Edward Skelson, for reputed Quakers.

Against William Sarratt & his wife, Richard Trafford & his wife, Alice Sarratt, Richard Milner & his wife, Richard Challener & his wife, Matthew Barker & Anne his wife, Richard Tutchet & Mary his wife, Thomas Choleley, Arthur Wilkockson, John Waite & Mary his wife, for Quakers.

Against Hugh Brownett & his wife, Thomas Crosse, Thomas Hatton, senior, George Mountfield & Mary his wife, John Milner & Priscilla his wife, & Thomas Fryer, for the same, & some of them for keeping their children unchristened.

PEOVER INFERIOR.

Against Thomas Humfreys, of Allostocke, Margaret Dean, Hugh Mee & Mary his wife, for Quakers.

Against Hugh Mee, of Hulme Lane, Thomas Buckley, of Plumley, & Alice his wife, & George & Thomas, their sons, for the same.

On which day, the said Mee appeared & denied the charge, nevertheless he was warned to attend Church, & to certify of the same at Chester on the 27th March next. 2s. 6d.

Against Thomas Buckley [see above] for not paying his Church lay, 4s. 5d. & xs.

Against the aforesaid Thomas Buckley for [not paying his Easter dues] 3d.

RUNCORNE.

Against Thomas Davenport, senior, & Alice his wife, Thomas Davenport, junior, & his wife, Peter Davenport

⁴ *Lays*=rates. The *lays* here required were the compulsory church-rates against which Friends have always protested.

& his wife, Margaret Royles, widow, Thomas Boulton, Thomas Leivsley & his wife, & Margaret Coppocke, for Quakers.

Against the aforesaid Thomas Davenport, Thomas Leivsley, & Peter Davenport, & their wives, for not being married according to the Canons & Laws ecclesiastical.

Against the said Thomas Davenport 8s, the said Thomas Lievsey 2s, & Thomas Boulton 4s, for not paying their Church lays aforesaid.

Against Margaret Royles 8s, & John Higginson 8s, for the same.

Against the aforesaid Thomas Davenport for burying his daughter in Whitley townfield.

WITTON CHAPEL.

Against Thomas Northcote, John Jackson, William Haughton, George Deakin, Mary Bradford, Richard Cawley, Mary Jackson, George Pownall, junior, Quakers.

On which day, the said Mary Jackson appeared by her husband, & she is to attend Church, & to certify the fact at Chester on the 27th March next. 2s. 6d.

Also Norcot appeared by Alexander Boniman, & is to do likewise, & to certify on the same day. 2s. 6d.

Against Thomas Bramall, Christopher Bramall, Peter Worrall, Peter Venables, gent., George Ellams, Hugh Crosby, & John Amery, for the same.

On which day, the said Venables appeared by Alexander Boniman, at whose petition he is to attend Church, & to certify thereof at Chester on the 27th March next. 2s. 6d.

Against John Jackson & Alice his wife, Quakers, for an unlawfull marriage.

WEAVERHAM.

Against Anne Newhall, John Done, Richard Done, Jonathan Hay & Margaret his wife, Peter Dutton, the wife of Richard Grice, Thomas Rawland, Elizabeth the wife of John Worrell, John Shawcrosse, Margaret Royle, Ellen Royle, & Rich : Shepherd, for reputed Quakers.

RAWSTHORNE.

Against William Burges & Margaret his wife, George Rowlinson, William Crewdson, John Crowdson, Hugh Cocker, Mary Cocker, Mary Rylance, Peter Crosse, John Stretch, Margaret Harrison, Ellen Shelmerdine, Randle Partington, Joseph Hobson, Quakers.

WM. FERGUSSON IRVINE.