

## Early Minutes of Malton Monthly Meeting, Yorkshire.

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Malton Monthly Meeting was settled by 1669. The earliest Minute-Book I have seen begins in 10th Mo., 1694, but there are some entries in it (undated as to the *year*), which were evidently copied from an earlier book. These entries are as follows :—

“ the fifth day of the fifth month.

“ wee being met together waiting to see wherin wee might serve the Lord and one another, George Smith of wrellton declared amongst us his purpose of taking to wife Jane Vasey of the marishes widow & was desired to bring in a certificate to the next monthly meeting of the consent of relations, a due provision for the fatherlesse children which being promised after due consideration of other consernes wee parted.”

“ the second day of the sixth month.

“ wee being met together waiting to see wherin wee might serve the Lord and one another in the truth Georg Smith the second time declared amongst us his purpose of taking his wife but refusing to give satisfaction to friends concerning the settlement of childrens portions wee could give no certificate of unity with them nor consent to them : but after consideration of other concernes wee departed.”

“ the 6 day of the 7th month.

“ friends being met together to wait to see wherin they might serve the Lord and one another, it was found that Mary the wife of William Ruston in consideration of her husbands weaknesse had received five shillings.”

“ the 4 day of the 8 month.

“ friends being met together to wait to see wherin they might serve the Lord and one another, finding no businesse of outward conserne worth the recording departed.”

“ the fifth day of the 9 month.

“ friends met together but not finding bussinesse of outward conserne departed.”

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