

persuaded possibly by her husband's friends, or wishing to lay the child beside him, buries him in the Friends' Burial Ground, to the grief of Mr. Thompson, who baptised him.<sup>2</sup>

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### Brewers Yard Burial Ground.<sup>1</sup>

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1682. Aug. 25, Kirkham. There is a place in this parish, wee call Brewers-yard, four or five miles distant, where the Quakers (the most incorrigible sinners I know) doe use to bury. . . . I desire you, therefore, you may procure this may bee spoken of at Sheriff's table, that there places may be laid wast, or if not soe, some other remedy may be thought of for the preventing of their diabolical infatuation and infection.—RICHARD CLEGG to ROGER KENYON.

From the MSS. of Lord Kenyon, quoted in *Pryings among Private Papers*, 1905.

<sup>2</sup> "Michael Raven, tho' baptized by me, Francis Thompson, Vicar, on y<sup>e</sup> eighteenth day of last March, was interred among y<sup>e</sup> Quakers in their Burying place in this parish, near his Father (who died an obstinate Quaker), January y<sup>e</sup> 1."

In the entry of baptism, Michael is described as "son of Matthew Raven, a Quaker, and Mary, his widow, a Christian woman."

<sup>1</sup> There is little doubt the above title refers to the ancient Friends' Burial Ground at Little Eccleston, an isolated village five miles from Kirkham, twelve miles N.W. from Preston, situated on the high road from Garstang (six miles) to Poulton. The small plot of ground, with an old building, part of which was the original Meeting House, has been recently sold by Preston Monthly Meeting; restrictions as to building on the Burial Ground, etc, were inserted in the conveying deed. A stone, dated 1774, formerly part of the horseblock at Little Eccleston Meeting House, is now on the Preston Meeting House premises.

1669. By Indenture dated May, 1669, William Brewer, of Little Eccleston, yeoman, conveyed "a little garden or croft out of a close of land," containing "four falls of land or thereabout, to John White and Thomas Moone, of Wood Plumpton."

1690. An Indorsement of the same deed, "under the hand of John White, the survivor to the above parcel of land," states that "it was bought with a publick charge of Friends belonging to Fild Meeting for a burying place; and he did give grant and pass over the Premises . . . unto Richard Coward, Timothy Townson, Thos. Tomlinson, and Henry Tomlinson, all belonging to the said Meeting."

The last interment was in 1825.—DILWORTH ABBATT, Preston.