

Hough=Barnes Marriage Certificate, 1676.¹

This is To Certifie All persons whom it May Concerne That there Beinge Jntended A Marriage Betwixt us, Thomas Hough, of Sutton, Jn the Countie of Chester, And Elin : Barnes, Daughter of William Barnes, of Great Sankey, Jn the Countie of Lancaster, with the Consent of Relations And ffor The Accomplishment of the same Accordinge To the good order of the people of God Did Acquaint ffreinds at A Monthly Meetinge at William Barnes Hous Jn Great Sankey The 20th Day of the 4th Month And Laying Before them the Jntentions of our Mindes That wee Did Jntend To goe toghether in Marriage if they had Nothings against it ; There Beinge Nothings ffound against it, But ffor further, satisfaction and Accordinge to the good Order of Truth They Desired A Certificate ffrom ffreinds at Their Monthly Meetinge Jn Chesshire Conceringe Thomas Houghs Clearness, which was Granted with A Generall Consent ffrom their Meetinge Beinge at Thomas Briggs Hous Jn Newton the 4th Day of the 5th Month, They Jn Chessire ffindeinge Nothings To the Contrary : which Certificate was Brought and Their Marriage Laid Before ffreinds at A Monthly Meetinge Beinge the 16th Day of the 5th Month at the Hous of Robert Barton of Bold in Lancashire Examination Beinge Made And Both parties Beinge found Clear Had the Generall Consent of the whole Meetinge : And The same was published Jn Their own ptticular Meetinge And they Had The unanimovs Consent of ffreinds.

And Now in the ffear of the Lord and Before An Assembly of His people we Doe Take the one and other ffor Husband And wife soe Longe as we Doe Live

THOMAS HOUGH
THE E MARKE OF
ELIN E HOUGH

¹ From original in D.

In witness whereunto we Haue put our Hands The
Third Day of the sixth Month Jn the year 1676 In the
prescens of

WILLIAM BARNES	THOMAS HADDOCK
JOHN CHORLEY	SAVAGE MASON
THOMAS BARNES	ELLIN CHORLEY
WILLIAM CROUDSON	ELIZABETH BARNS
JAMES WRIGHT	ELIZABETH HOUGH
JOHN SOUTHWORTH	MARY SOUTHWORTH
RICHARD HOULCROFT	MARY BARNES
JOHN EARLE	DEBORAH BARROW
SAMUELL DONBABIN	MARGARET MARSH
JAMES PENKETH ²	ELLENOR MINSHALL
JOHN MINSHULL	REBEKAH BARNES ²
WILLIAM SIXMITH	SARAH BARNES
WILLIAM BARNES JUNR	ALIS THOMESON
ROBERT TOMPSON	ALIS BARNES
RICHARD HANKISON	ALIS DUNBABIN

Endorsement : A Certificate ffrom ffriends Jn Lan-
cashire at A Meetinge Jn Sankey where Thomas Hough
And Ellin Hough were Married the 3^d Day of the 6th
Month, 1676.

Paul Bevan's "One Little Book."

In an article on the Bevan-Naish Library (ii. 91),
there is a reference to "one little book," which Paul
Bevan appreciated more than all his other books. This
book was *The Blood of Jesus*, by Rev. William Reid, M.A.,
published by Nisbet and Co., London. More than a
million copies of it have been circulated.

² James Penketh, of Penketh, weaver, married Rebecca Barnes, of
Great Sankey, at William Barnes's house in 1681/2.