

Presentations of Quakers in Episcopal Visitations, 1662-1679.

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III. IN SALOP.

In this county nearly all the presentations are in a zone extending from East to West through the centre of the county. The single exception is Whitchurch, in the extreme north.

WHITCHURCH. 1665. Margaretã Addams ux Timothei Addams, for a Quaker; Excom.

HODNET. 1662. Richū Madeley, de Hodnett, shoppkeep, a Quaker; for not comeing to y^e Church.

NEWPORT. 1662. Johēm Shawe et eius ux; for Quakers.

1665. Johēm Shawe et Elizabethã eius ux; for Quakers. Excom.

1668. ——— Shaw, vid^r; Quaker.

ASTON CRUCE (*i. q.* Church Aston). 1665. Johēm Hughern et eius ux; Quakers.

EDGMUND. 1665. Edrūm Sherratt² et eius ux; Quaker.

HADNALL. 1662. Willmūm Payne et eius ux. Willmūm Browne et eius ux, for Quakers; Excom.

MIDDLE. 1662. Richū Clerke de Newton sup. Montem; ³ for a Quaker.

BASCHURCH. 1662. Johēm Jefferies, Thomã Hole, Thomã Groome, Dorotheã Groome, Mariã Grevone, for Quakers, not comeing to Church, and not baptising their children or child; Excom.

¹ This shows the husband faithful unto death; and the widowed wife Elisabeth (we can supply the name for the 1668 presentation from that of 1665), faithful still after the loss of her husband.

² Is Edward Sherratt, of *Edgmond*, any relative of Thomas Sherratt, of *Middleton* [?], in *Staffs*? See p. 101.

³ Newton-on-the-Hill is one mile west by south of Middle.

RYTON (?Ruyton-of-the-Eleven-Towns). 1662. Josephū Cole ; for a Quaker or Sepātist.

FITTS (*i.q.*, Fitz). 1677. Andrew Green, Quaker ; 7/-.⁴

SALOP or SHREWSBURY.

(1) St. Alcmund's. 1662. Samuel Everall ; for a Quaker & for not comeing to Church.

Abraham Poyner ; for the same & for not baptising his child or children. Excom.

(2) St. Edda. 1662. Constantinum Outon, distiller, et eius ux, Johēm Millington, Hen. Baker et Mariã eius ux, Francū Winser, Chapman, et eius ux, Sarah Whitaker, Spinster, Thomã Morgan, Clothworker, Johēm Pritchard, Lastmaker, Johēm Hill, Glover ; for absenting themselves from Church for y^e space of 6 months, & for frequentinge meetings or conventicles⁵ in tyme of divine service & sermon, goeing under y^e names of Quakers.

(3) Holy Cross. 1665. Mariã Turneour, vid. ; Quaker.

IV. IN WARWICK.

In this county, the presentations are confined to the upper (northern) half of the county, specially towards the border of Staffs. We take them passing southwards from the north.

SHUTTINGTON. 1679. Willmūm Stores et Mariã eius ux, Robtū Stores et Sarã eius ux, Emmanuel Stanley et Mariã eius ux, Francū Silvester, Willm Stores, jun., Thomã Silvester, — Homes, Willm Mapfell, Dorotheã Taylor, Mariã Walker, Annã Ward, Quakers ; Excom.

POLESWORTH. 1668. Thomã Harris, Humfridū Asbury, Willmūm Harris, Thomã Kiss, Samuelem Briggs, Quakers.

⁴ This is the almost only case of a *fine* in the whole of these presentations. There are two others at *Aston-juxta-Birmingham*, presented in 1663 : Robert Rotheram fined 6d., and Katherine Piggott fined 2s. 6d. ; no others. In every other case they seem to be hopeless of a Quaker's Recusancy, and excommunicate him straight away.

⁵ This reference to " Meetings or Conventicles " is rather remarkable in 1662. The first penal statute against sectaries was the Quaker Act, which was not passed till May of this year. See *F.P.T.*

1679. Mariã Harris, vid., Daniel Harris, Tho : Kisse, de Durdon, Quakers ; Excom.

1679. Humfrid. Asbury, Thomã Harris, de Freasley, Quakers ; Excom.

Richū Lakin, de Doules, —— Lithall, vid., Willm Beedon, de Polesworth, Quakers ; Excom.

Willm Dawman, Johēm Coleman, Georgiū Ball, de Warton, Quakers ; Excom.

BUDDLESLEY (Baddesley). 1665. Anthoniū Bickley et ux, Edrū Swinfen et ux, Johēm Barfoot et ux, Willm Farnon et ux, Willm Jackson et ux, Thomã Jackson et ux, Richū Salisbury, Johēm Cowan, for Quakers ; Excom.

BAXTERLEY. 1663. Hugonem Reade, Johēm Reade, fil, Hugonis Reade, Elisabetham Reade, Hannã Reade, absent themselves whollie from y^e Church.⁶

1663. Robtm Meeke, Mariam Meeke, Temperance Meeke, being Quakers, never come to Church.

Robtm Meeke, will neither repaire his Church fence belonging to his house, nor paie his Church levies for y^e Reparacion of the Church or anie holie uses ; Excom.

1665. Hugonem Reade, Johēm Reade, eius filium, Willmūm Patchett et Willm eius filium, Robtm Meeke et duas sorores, Nicholam Weeke, for Quakers ; Excom.

SUTTON-COLDFIELD. 1665. Johēm Veasey, Richm Martin, Richū Summerland et eius ux, Abrahã Forden et ux, Francū Warde et ux, for Quakers ; Excom.

KYNESBURIE (Kingsbury). 1663. Johēm Ludford et eius ux, Quakers ; for not coming to Church.

Willmūm Savage et eius ux, Quakers ; & for keeping a child of theirs unbaptised.

Mariam Short, Quaker ; for not coming to Church.

CURDWORTH. 1679. Ed. Chandler et ux, Joh. Swift et ux, Thomas Hargreaves, Widdow Meakins, Widdow Nicholls, Widdow Hatchatt, Quakers ; Excom.

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To be Continued.

Religion is a denial of self; yea, of self-religion too.
Penn, *No Cross, No Crown*, i. xii. 10.

⁶ That they were Quakers appears from the presentation in 1665.