

the meeting he belonged to be defrayed " ; 20s. per annum were to be used for buying books for Friends and others, etc.

He died in the year 1714, aged seventy-two years. He appears to have remained pretty healthy until near the close, as he attended the Quarterly Meetings with great regularity up to and including the last one before his death. His death was greatly felt by Friends, as he was one of the pioneers, and one in whom all felt they had a wise and sympathetic friend and counsellor.

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To be continued.

Death of John Ellis, of Poole, 1707.¹

And bee it farther noted y^t a few dayes after o^r last Quarterly Meeting Dyed o^r honest seruisable ffriend, John Ellis, of Poole, by Trade a Cooper . . . who after pretty many years Conuincement y^e Lord was pleased to call him forth into y^e work of y^e ministry, in wch hee faithfully Laboured for y^e space of about 10 or 12 years, often vissitting y^e meetings of ffriends both in this County & y^e Countyes adjacent, whose labour of loue was genjrally well accepted by o^r ffriends amongst whome hee Trauilled, And being out off a Jurnye, as hee was Returneing home abt 10 or 12 miles from his habitation, hee was taken sick, of wch sickness hee Dyed ; & a little before his departure hee gaue a good account how it was with him, saying to his wife y^t it was hid from him where y^t would bee y^e tyme of his Death or not, withall ading, " But if this is my Tyme J am Readye, there being nothing layd to my Charge," hee haueing a sure foundation wch was a liueing & good Testimony from a Dyeing man. And oh y^t those of vs that are left behind may haue good Cause to leave y^e like Testimony behind vs, when wee come upon o^r Dyeing Beds & Rowleing Pellows is what Js sencearly desired. His Boddy was decently Jntered amongst his ffriends in there Buriall ground at Poole, y^e 4th 2^d m^o, 1707.

¹ Extracted from the minutes of Dorset Q.M., 25th of Fourth Month, 1707. For John Ellis, see *Piety Promoted*.

Shall I speak within our own knowledge, and that without Offence, there has been Ruin'd, since the late King's Restoration, above Fifteen Thousand families, and more then Five Thousand Persons Dead under Bonds for matter of meer Conscience to God.

WM. PENN : *Good Advice to the Church of England*, etc., 1687, p. 57.