

William Tompson's Legacy of £5 to John Wilsford⁶ was a well-timed gift. As the eloquent Minister and leading controversialist of the Quarterly Meeting, he had endured not only much imprisonment, but the utter stripping and forfeiture of his all. His wife and little ones had fled for bread to her friends in Hunts, whence he went with them to found a safer home in America—a loss to *this* Meeting, as he was an eminent gain there.

To be continued.

Meeting Records.

AT FRITCHLEY MEETING HOUSE, DERBYSHIRE.

Breach M.M., 1700-1762. At the latter date Breach M.M. was united with Chesterfield.

Women's Q.M. (Nottinghamshire Q.M. to 1761 and then Derbyshire and Notts Q.M.),¹ 1749-1793.

Original Book of Sufferings of Friends in Derbyshire.²

These books have been saved from dispersal by purchase at one or more sales of private property.

⁶ The home of John Wilsford (Willsford, Wilford) was Nether Broughton, in the Vale of Belvoir. His writings included a reply to Clement Needham's two letters written to vindicate the right of tithes, 1673; an epistle to Friends from Leicester County Jail in 1676; a recital of his sufferings, addressed to the inhabitants of Nether Broughton about the same date; and in 1680 he addressed "Bishops, Priests and Magistrates" on persecution. His emigration to West Jersey took place about 1684. In 1691, he published "A Brief Exhortation to all who profess the Truth." The date of his death does not appear.

See *The Friend* (Phila.), vols. 28, 29; *John Gratton*, pp. 55, 408.

¹ Many of the minutes and reports were drawn up and signed by Anna Coulson, who kept a school in Nottingham, and by Martha Winter, who was her assistant and successor. The latter, as Martha Routh, was a well-known Minister (1743-1817).

² The first page is headed 1661, but other entries appear 1660 and 1659. Many interesting details are given, especially down to 1680, which do not appear in Besse's *Sufferings*. Extracts from this book have appeared in *THE JOURNAL*, see v. 97n.