

John Whiting thus describes Alexander Parker :—

He was well educated, and had a gentleman like carriage and deportment for I knew him well. He married Prudence Wager of Stepney, widow, in 1669 and who died in 1688. . . he died in peace and his works do follow him, though his written ones were never collected, though they deserve to be.

Alexander Parker signed as a witness the marriage certificate of William Penn and Gulielma Maria Springett in 1672. Probably he was on intimate terms with Penn, and it is, perhaps, a fair surmise that it was through Parker's influence with William Penn that quite a number of Friends from Settle Monthly Meeting, and from the adjacent Chipping district, joined forces with the band of Sussex Quakers who migrated to Pennsylvania in 1682 along with the Founder himself.

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### *William Penn's Declaration of Intention of Marriage.*

At a Mens Monthly Meeting at Horsham, the 11<sup>th</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> Month, 1695:—

This Meeting, William Penn of Worminghurst In Sussex Did the first time Declare his Intentions of taking Hannah Callowhill of the City of Bristol, to be his wife, whereupon this Meeting Apoints Thomas Wright, William Garton, Samuel Telly, Tho. Snashall, Richard Gates, and John Prior to Enquire Concerning his Clearness on the Account of Marriage, and bring their Report to the next Meeting.

At a Mens Monthly Meeting at Horsham, the 8<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month, 1695:—

To this Meeting Did our Deare friend William Penn send a few lines under his hand, wherein he signified his Intention of taking Hannah Callowhill to be his wife, and the Seuerall friends Apoynted to Enquire Concerning his Clearness from all others on the Account of marriage Did Signifie that they find nothing but that he is very Cleare in that matter, soe this Meeting hath ordred a Certificate to be sent to the friends of the City of Bristol, to which the said Hannah Callowhill doth belong.

Taken from the Minute Books of Horsham M.M., deposited in **D**.