

To Prevent Disorder at Weddings

This meeting being acquainted that by Reason of the great Numbers of Young People that are not ffri^{ds} which often are at Marriages, and their Unrulyness sometimes causeth disorders, for prevention of which This meeting Adviseth y^t the Parties concerned doe not Invite too great a Number of such, and y^t psuant to ffri^{ds} former Advice, some Weighty ffriends of that Meet: where the marriage is sollemnized doe attend in order to prevent it for the future. Jt's Advised also when the Parties concerned have signed the Certifficate to withdraw. And that the writter then take the Certifficate and intreat the people to be Civil and if they are not, then to withdraw (if need be) with it into some Roome near and there to have it signed to prevent disorder.

Minute of Two Weeks Meeting , London, 21st of 10 mo. 1696.

No Quaker though in Quaker Dress

This May Sertify all whome Jt may Concearne that My Doughter Mary Marcey using to ware plaine Clothes Js by Sum persons Eastemed a Quaker and through my being Caled by that name J thearefore heare by Signify and declare to my Sertaine knowledg, that my Sade Daughter Js not on[e] of the Said people Caled Quakers Nither Jn princepul nor Jn practis

as witnes my hand this 28 day of the 6^{mo} Called august 1704.

MARY MASSEY.

Witness:

Geo Oldner :

Rich^d Needham.

[Endorsement] Mary Mercy's Testimony ag^t her Daughter Mary Mercy Junr.

From MSS. belonging to Southwark Monthly Meeting, preserved at Peckham Meeting House, South London.

Hospitality at Quarterly Meeting

These houses were one, and occasionally two room structures, which were in one living room, kitchen, dining room and sleeping room. Here the family lived and entertained; this last frequently taxing their room capacity to its limit, but not to the limit of their hospitality. Ashley Craven once told how he entertained forty who were attending Quarterly Meeting one summer in his log cabin which was not over 14 × 16 feet. The older women occupied the beds. The younger women and the children pallets on the floor, but were packed so that one had difficulty in walking over the floor without stepping on some one. The men found lodging out of doors, in wagons, under wagons, around the hay stack or anywhere they might choose outside the house.

Bear Creek Settlement, Dallas County, Iowa, c. 1860—DARIUS B. COOK, *History of Quaker Divide*, 1914, p. 16.