

## “The Western Rebellion”

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HENRY FERRIS has presented to D a reprint issued in 1912 of the only known copy<sup>1</sup> of *The Western Rebellion; containing an Account of all the Persons arraigned and Tried by Lord Chief Justice Jefferies, . . . 1685, for aiding and assisting James, Duke of Monmouth*, by Richard Locke, 1782.

On page 7, in a list of twelve men from Frome, appear the names of George Hussey and Thomas Paul,<sup>2</sup> with this note:—“These two men were wool-combers, one of whom lived in or near Taunton, and the other in or near Ilminster. They were both advanced in years, Hussey being about seventy, and Paul upwards of sixty. They often declared that they had not been in the least concerned on either side; but that having been taken up on suspicion, they had imprudently pleaded Guilty, in hopes of being pardoned. It is said of the latter, who was one of the people called Quakers, that just before he was executed, in a kind of prophetic spirit, he foretold the revolution exactly as it happened.”

<sup>1</sup> Preserved in the Library of the Somerset Archæological and Natural History Society, Taunton Castle.

<sup>2</sup> No entry of the death of Thomas Paul occurs in the Somerset Burial Registers; but in connection with London or Somerset the name occurs six times in Besse's *Sufferings of the Quakers*, between the years 1661 and 1672. Thomas Paul was one of the 491 prisoners released under the Patent of Charles II. in 1672.

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J. Ernest Grubb, of Carrick-on-Suir, Ireland, has in his possession the marriage certificate of Daniel Massey, of Bandon, Co. Cork, and Mary Whitlock, then of the same town, but recently removed from Norwich. The certificate is dated 30th of 7th month, 1677.

In addition to those of the contracting parties, there are twenty-five signatures including that of Thomas Wight, the compiler of *A History of the Rise and Progress of the People called Quakers in Ireland, from the year 1653-1700*. The record is written on the two sides of a folio sheet and has evidently been abstracted from a book.