

No. XXV. Job Roberts was born in 1757. "He was the first to bring and breed merico sheep in Pennsylvania. In 1804 he published *The Pennsylvanian Farmer*. His integrity won the respect of all who knew him" (Rees, *Quakers in Wales*, 1925, p. 251).

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## Held to Ridicule

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In the Mayor's Court in Norwich, held 6 ix. 1675 :

"Mrs. Mary Pease is permitted to show two Meere maids & a devouring great eating Quaker, at the sign of the Angel [in the Market Place] from this day till Thursday senight."

Friends could not let this pass without a protest ; we find a minute of the M.M. as follows :

"Whereas there was a man (with others) who was termed a presumptuous eating Quaker, that went about giving forth that he was a Quaker, going about to deceive people, endeavouring to render them and their principle odious, friends were ordered to go and give a testimony against them, whose names are under written.

"Samuel Duncon, Tho : Murford, Tho : Plumstead, Antho : Alexander, Will : Weymer."

*From a history of Quakerism in Norwich, by Arthur J. Eddington, 1924, in MS.*

We should be glad to know how the "testimony" was carried out and whether, in so doing, the Friends came into contact with the "Meere maids." Mrs. Pease may have seen a copy of the pamphlet, *The Monstrous Eating Quaker*, published about this time, which with the pamphlets, *The Quaker turned Jew* and *The Quaker and his Maid*, Ellis Hookes "confuted by plain evidence to undeceive the ignorant, clear the Truth, and stop debauchery." (Smith, *Cata.* i. 971, *Adv. Cata.* p. 18.)

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## The Ancestry of Quakerism (?)

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"The Quakers were leavened by Fox, and Fox by the Ranters, and they by the German Enthusiasts, and those by Ignatius Loyola and he by the Pope."

HENRY PICKWORTH, ex-Quaker, *True and Faithful Relation*, 1736, p. 66n. Several times repeated in his books is the statement that George Fox was originally taught the doctrines of Ranterism by one Hinks a Ranter, whilst they kept sheep together.