

Diary of Ann Whitall

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DIARY OF ANN WHITALL

Ann (Cooper) Whitall, daughter of John and Ann (Clark) Cooper was born April 23, 1716 and died September 22, 1797.

She married James Whitall at Haddonfield Meeting September 23, 1739.

She had nine children, seven of whom were alive at the time this diary was written, as follows:

James	born December 22, 1741
Job	born January 27, 1743
Benjamin	born October 3, 1747
Joseph P.	born January 9, 1750
Hannah	born August 16, 1752
Sarah	born December 6, 1754
John S.	born May 31, 1757

James and Ann Whitall lived in a house still standing at Red Bank, N.J. on the banks of the Delaware River nearly opposite the mouth of the Schuylkill River. The Battle of Red Bank took place on their premises (October 22, 1777) while they occupied the house.

John S., their youngest son, married Sarah Mickle May 16, 1778 and was the father of John Mickle Whitall, born November 4, 1800.

This copy of the diary follows the original in all respects, except that spaces have been introduced between the sentences.

1924 JWN

J.W.N. was John Whitall Nicholson of Moorestown, N.J. the grandson of John Mickle Whitall, above, and my uncle

Anne Lea Nicholson

St. Davids, Pa.

19 March 1973

Note: Ann Clark should be Ann Clarke, as her grandfather, Benjamin Clarke, Jr. Spelled his surname in his will, as did his father, Benjamin, Sr., of Amboy (now Perth Amboy) of Middlesex County, East, NJ 16 Oct. 1689.

The flowing 'e' could be mistaken for just a flowing end to k in many transcriptions.

A. L. N.

2-1760

The 1 day of 2 month I begins this book & was at meeting and we begon to gather mony for sweeping of the Meeting Hous 19 shillings 16 more to come

I was veri unwell & ofen thinks I cant live longe:

At meeting a firs day and thinks it tis my duty to go to all the meetings I can and ofen thinks of our Saveor what he said to the women. Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. If that was our cas there would not be so much staring about

3 day. If we cud come to this. To Watch & pray always.

6 day at meeting and much reacht about myself & children that I mout set as it where in the dast, crying and praying unto him that gives us all: for strength & help in meetings and out of meetings firs day at hom. With a sore throt & a pain in my ear, so bad I can hardly set up any. But I said pray oh all you ends of the earth: it is ofen in my mind to pray sence these wors begun, not wanting to hear anything about them & if we quakers wod mind what we shud anuf I belive there wod be les talking of them & more praying to our God. Oh pray as Daniel did three times a day & ofner saith my Soul som years ago when we com into bondage as thay wor oh how do we no how son that will be we hear of strang things acoming apon (edge of page worn out)

The 11 of 2 month 1760 I can hardly set any. But I think oh how happy are thay that dus set and wate all day at their makers feet as Mary did & so do som memorial as she did: waching of him

6 My Mother is here I seem better now

Firs day I was agoing to meeting but so cold I was afeard I am so cold if I stur from the fier. None so cold as I that has life

5 day I am so overwhelmd in trouble & in greef I don't know what to rit

6 went to meeting & hard to cap th enemy out. O as Adam Mot said in our Meeting, he is always rady to take us of our whack.

John Star & his wif did com hom with us.

Firs day to meeting & O that all wod but wait upon the Lord & strive to think upon his myti name

5 day to youths meeting & much concarnd about going becous I am so porly I thought maybe it mout be the last time. Go as long as I cud & there was grate incoragement for them that is in the best way I think by Marcy Redmon & Hannah Foster Jeunir Thomas Evins he spoak well I think Marcy told us we must be fed with the brad of afflicktion & water of afflicktion & it was tim for som to no the rod of affliction a many has none it semes.

6 to John Lads to ce my cosen Hannah (3) (note: page number in the original diary ALN)

7 first day of 3 month 1760 Oh, I left my work to go & right down som of my meditation. Oh cry very all you eands of the earth it is ofen in my mind to cry unto the Lord, but are we fit to

cry for a blessing as Jacob did which of us can say we deserve haf the Marcys & favours that we receive every day we live

We here of our nabors and relations every day amost: I think of going into th earth out of the earth we cam, into it we must go again & if we thought anuf about it wod be no sirpris to us I du believe, but ant som so agar ster the world they hant time to think thay shal di: if thay did how cud they be so wicked

First day to Meeting I am so pore nothing to right

3-1760

4 day my Mother is here but wont stay is a going to se Marget Snowden with the smolpox.

6 day Sarah Hopkins was at our Meeting and har daughter Sarah she met with a gud meeting unexpected among us

Firs day Joshua Lord spoak a long while. Hant sence his dauter was married as I no of amost tu months. He did rattal us agoing if it want for som: for a remnant we shud have ben destroyed like Sodom: wos it a tim to be & to sel and to git gain was it a tim to set & sleep 4 day of 4 month we had mor from him som wants he plases the old hor of bablon was brats among you he said: who can it be so bad

10 of 3 month 1760 Mary Carby was at meeting a smol meeting as ever I sow but a gud meeting I hop to all at haddenfield 2 day (4)

5 day to Meeting a good Meeting also oh that mout always be worthy of a gud meeting

First day at hom & rit cold and such a snow hant been since the hard winter 19 years ago tu fut high & 6 inches som les. What a snow for the por dom creeters O I ofen thinks if the people suffered instead of the poor cattal.

16 day of 3 month it is won fut thick now the 20 day O the dismal nuse of the Endians cilling of the white pople

I must right down som of th drams I had dreemd when I was a garl above 20 years ago about the Endians cilling of me more than wonce now if it ant me yet I don't know how soon it may be my turn & my pour children Oh I often think how can people be so ful of laf & prait & lay nothing to hart it sams a nuf to make us to greve & mourn all ways we go to bed what greves us we git up & go about our bisnis. How many tims a day du we prays his myty name tht gives pees & plenty to us do we prais his myti name three times a day as often as we eat. Or set down & not think of him tht gave it O what a poor cru we are. I say praisis be to him that gives us every thing we ett & drink O praisis praisis be to his myti name all the day long

6 day it is Quorturly meeting at haddenfeild & Mary is there it grevs me much because I cant go, but Job is so bad I don't know but he will di

7 day Mother & brother James & David & sister Sarah Brown all here from Hennery Woods Beren John Storah was at Haddenfeild with Mary Carbe & they spoak much of the affliction

that is com & acoming upon us of deth parting of so many husband from (5) wife & wife from Husband & children from parents our Job is so bad yet we don't know how it will go with him. 6 day it is the 9 day he has ben sick it is a trying tim to us when we think we must part and never see a child no more O that we may remember this time among us now we have 7 children but so many people eddying both old & young we cant expect to live long to gather. Joshua Wood died with this same ale Job has & Hennery Wood last 7 day was buryed he lay but 6 days: Now it is 28 of th 3 month Ant Lord with us all night Hannah Ladd with us the night before

2 day Job is in a pore dad condition he lie stil Now he is better 4 day: 2 day of the month 1760 a 5 day it is 2 weeks sence he was tuck sick 6 day I want by John Lads to here how he dus with the smol pox away at Amboy

Firs day to meeting a por dad condition som of the time oh this enemy of our sols & this ant all the trubel I have for if the children & I am at hom thare father wont stay at hom not three firs days in a hol year if he can help it: I ofen thinks if I run gading about so as he dus what sort of a hous: shud we ceep O what sort of a patarn is this O when wayting apou the Lord and setting to meditate in his presence: I thik it is more to be desired than any compyni in the world

10 of the 4 month 1760 our dear friend Mary Carbi wos here at Woodbury & Elizabeth Smith from Burlitun & she spoak first & spoak as if some was liet for to mis thar way by not giving heed to the inword gid O what a sad cas is this: then Mary & told us of sleeping in meeting she felt it among us som wod dres like others & go like them to meeting but that wod not du for they wod be like the foolish Virgins, had no oyl in thare lamps She told us of them over and over again with a grat deal of sorrow. What did we do for ourselves she said when we wer asleep. O this part that never dies

I rejoyst to here her tal us of sleeping in meeting. Being in grate hope it mout du som gud. Desireing I mout be favored with a sance of my own condition & so my own failings & she told us of the warnings we have had many tims from sometime we wor in a little oh, or dred when won did di out of the hous. We cud think then that we must go hance. But that wod be all forgot.

We live in plenty she said we did not wont brad O what a hard thing wod that be we did not no how soon that wod be

O that we mout be thankful resevers of all these wonderful favors & blessings we have of the Mighty won. She said thare was amany cold hom & she did belve there wood be a many more cold hom O prepar prepare for this change we no it must com & we no not how son & how can we be so dad (7)

She got up again & spoak so to the afflicted wons be so afflicted every way they nu not what to do nor which way to turn but it was ofen har lot to be so over whelmd in sorch & in gref

Well she said the world loved its own but not the sorofal & mourners. Well in this sorrowful condition she said was the time to say Glory Glory to his mighty nam that brings sorrow:

O com dath com life com what will com we will sarve the above all O Glory Glory to his mity name She said o these mourners that has no comfort in nothing that thay think is not a sarveing of thire Mity Maker

Firs day I think thare is no comfort aniwhare nothing but sorrow at hom & abroad
3 day I did not no but we shud have the house blode down over our hads for such a storm I never sough O is it not anuf to make every won to trimble when we don't know but avery minet will be the last but as soun as it is over then to laf & Meschef again O, O what will make the world to leve wickedness O my hart as act this day & I am ful of sorrow & indeed I always am in fishing time for I think thare is so much drinking & play & prating that thare cant be much gud in there heds. I hant sol them any sider yet I have most pees to sell them non at all

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It com in my mind of John Sleapus preaching to us at our meeting about the mill boy going to mill with a pes of bred & chees in his pocet, or a pees of bred more then a year ago.

O to think of all that has dide with in this year I that we may prapear prepare every day that we live for this last day O this final change

24 day of the 4 month Hab Word & Mos Word com here to the dam that has been so much quoriling about & brought tu axis tu mattocks and tu speeds to cut the dam down & to work thay went & Sparks brought the Sharif & there was miserable work but thay tide tham and tuck um to Joseph Harisons an from there to Jal O what a soroful thing this is that won nabor must quoril with a nother but I think thare is nothing by trouble every way. Davids tu boys runaway. He got won.

6 day Job & I went to meeting & Hannah Their Father minds a letil mony got by fishing more than the meeting It is a sorrow to me

Firs day hare was young man from darbe & spoak twice to us

2 day now ant bette has hart ruble about har place & old rious & the law

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7 day of 5 month 1760 O how have I ban grieved this day because of this playing at ball. O this fishing & our children with them I dug rive & shall grive for my children & du belive that thay that now what it is to be a Quaker in ded & in truth thay will a low of no such work week atter week Wha bisnis have we with the world or the wickedness there of so much as we are advised to the plain langague I cant see what ode there is in friends or in others plain langague & a plain dras but go & play ball all day long & any thing that thay du, think thay cant see & laf when thay can have as many Quakers as thay plase at any davarshon that thay go a bout. There was John Rambo to day he ses come tak a gam at ball & there was James Snowden Josiah hatting Con Lord

When Nese Lord was here she did belive it never was harder to bring up children to be good. In any age of the world then it is now & if she wos here in fishing time I shud have won to help me I believe

12 day of the 5 month we wor at Haddenfield Hannah Foster spoak & said she had ben in company her spirit with some that had biters to drink I thought there was som comfort to be had at meeting if there was none at home that she shud no & fel my trouble & spoak so much to comfort won that dus go in sorrow & in mourning all the day long and drink bitters, & I expect no other in this world of wickedness

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I often think if I cud so govern myself as never to laf nor to say won word but what wod be of sarvis but to grive & mourn always for my self & my children & this wicked world O our dear Saviour was nare seen to laf but often seen to weep. I herd I red a gud mans saying. H sees it is a grate shame to a Christian to pass his Days in this World more at ease than Jesus Christ have passed his: Ah! He ses had we but a little faith, what Repose could we take out of the Cross:

23 day of 5 month 1760 from Salem meeting here was Sarah Moris Same Emly out of Philadelphia She spoak a dal to us about this in word gide how gud it is to wait for it always & day by day feal atter it in our meetings & not set down ina dad condishon not be tu much ater the world a sessioning time to som I Du belive it was me.

Same said but lettel about proud Amon what a lose he met with becuus of por Mordica did not onher him for all he was in shuch dignity with the King. I can't but greve because they did not com here to have som of thare company for shuch friends I love to be with

If I cry every day & complain of times it is no more than David did in the 60 chapter 5 (11) verse of Psalms thou feedest them with the bread of tears: and givest them tears to drink in great measure I don't cri alon now for I du belive Mary Carbi don't go to won meeting but the tears runs down her face Plentifully. O if thare wos a many cud say as David I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God then to dwell in the tents of widedness, for a day in thy courts is better than a thousand els ware.

29 of 5 month 1760 O I cant but cri to the Myti won to chane down this roring lion that siems as if he wood destroy all of us in his flud of widedness O the emtyness of riligon that sems to spred it self more & more: A foolish prat if we cud turn our minds inward upon our Maker & redeemer we shud want none but him and his for our compyni. The all is his in the world. But ant it often said he is angri every day with the wicked.

This day is youths meeting but I rit that before I went. Mary Coperthit & Sarah Hopkins & Thomas Redmon they all spoak he spok more than ever I herd him at wons very notable lamenting the fallen state of the meeting to what it was when he first nu it & of the mortality that has ben among us up and down. H said it seme a little over, but he thought if thare wont a more general tounring to the Lord that he wood be pleased to send something els among us. He said we live in pees and planty to what some dus but a little way back he said: O he said prise this time for we don't know what we shall ever have such a nother all of us. So small the meeting was of elders only Thomas Redmon & Si Albeson under the galry & I but won woman at tother side wel I think it dus luck so dismal to see the Galleries no body in them & but wun man of ech side under so it was haulf a year ago. Tome & Ephraim Tomlonson. It lucks as it tis none fit to set in the galleries very dismal I all ways

think. O how shall we be helpt except the Almyty will be Plesed to luck down upon us wons more & to spirit his people if I right down more of Davids words it is my case som times I can say without bosting I have cried day and night before thee Oh Lord (65 hap 15 verse) I am afflicted & ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors. I am distracted Thy fierce Wrath goeth over me, they terrors have cut me off. They came round about me daily like water: they compassed me about to gether. Out of Psalms

Firs day to meeting whith Hannah & sare (13)

But thare father away in his bot down the river ater brouns rails. But I shud a valued the meeting more than to gon ater his bisnis

I red of the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus Vespasian: he ses Thus have I briefly set forth the dignities, situation & curiosity of the buildings of Jerusalem; together with the richnesse of the Temple, & sumptuousnesse of the houses; now it rests to describe unto you, the manner and means how this famous citie was destroyed: surely a thing worth wonder (according to that in Jeremy) who soever shall heare of it his cares shall tingle, & that it might be the more famous & the Christians within it might take notice of the near approaching desolation there were divers strange accidents hapned & visions seen. As fist, about som four yeares before, the river Jordan was turned out of her course, & was brought into the Citie Pella: a while after that, for a yeare together thare hung a comet like a flaming sword over the city: And in the night there was seen a light in the Temple: And in the day when they were at sacrifice a calf brought forth a lambe. Then about the middle of the night, the Eastern gates of the Temple opened of their own accord: In the skies were seene armies of men fighting, and Horses & Chariots running too & again. And at last there was heard a terrible voice in the temple, uttering these words, Let us goe hence. And that there might be a generall Proclamation of this sad & cruell desolation, through the whole citie, one Annanias, a man poore & impotent, upon the feast of the Tabernacles, ran through all the streets of the Citie, & crying, O, a voice from the East, & a voice from the West, a voice from the foure winds, a voice over Jerusalem & the Temple, a voice over the Bridegroom and the Bride, & a voice over the whole multitude of this Citie. And although he was whipt & imprisioned, and cruely handled, yet so long as he lived, he would not cease to utter these words, which by some where judged to foretell the horrible desolation which after hapned.

Won plase more I must wright out of this book the Mistery of Deborah

The word Deborah signified a Bee, & is a memorable type of the church. For as a Bee in all her actions soundeth pleasantly so the members of Gods Church in all their actions sing & sound forth the praises of God, or by continuall prayers implore his ayde & assistants: (12)with the Bee sucking from the floures of the holy Scriptures the sweet & acceptable doctrine of faith, by which the hope of everlasting life is strengthened in us, with the sting of Gods word repulsing all vains delusions & idle imaginations (the temptations of the Divel) an those waspish affections of cruell and wicked man; according to that of Ecclesiasticus, the Bee is small, yet bringeth forth most pleasant fruit, and presenteth unto man many memorable instructions. And as Plato saith, The King of Bees, although without a sting, yet ruleth and governeth his Commonwealth with great severitie and justice. So Christ the head of the church though he be a delectavle Sauior of soules, and with out any sting of bitternesse, yet doth hee rule and govern it with singular justice and sinceritie

10 OF 6 MONTH 1769 Hannah Lad & James (16) Kinses wife was here six day of the week
John Lad & John Cooper James Kinsey was here to Salom & James first day 15 of 6 month

15 of 6 month we went to meeting Job & ben away after meeting. Away I no not were but I
think it is better for children for to be at hom than a gading abroad O I think if yong Peope wud
ceap out of mischief, the more thay have the more thay wont

I can say with a grat deal of sorrow I have no peas nor rest because of them

O what are thay about. O bad company: it is like pison

I must write down an exelent saying of a grat man. He had great care of the Education
of youth, often saying, we must teach children what they shall do when they are men,

But I am alone, Like a Phenex, none of my mind. But morn & greve by my self I find
none to comfort me. Cud it be wors in any age of the world then it is now. So lettel thought of
him that made us. If I must right som more of that wise mans conduct. The Old governed the
Young; and those of them who obeyed not the Aged, were punisht – it was a shame not to hear
Reproof among the Youth, & among the Aged matter of Punishment not to give it; they made
ordinary cheer on purpose to keep out Luxury; holding, that mean fare kept the spirit (217) free
and the body fit for Action; they permitted not their youth to travel lest they shud corrupt their
Manners: tay eat moderately, & in common; the Youth mixed with the Aged, to awe them, &
give them good Example; when they were Fifteen years of Age instead of leaving them their
own conduct, as in other places, they had most care of their conversation; that they might
preserve them from the mischiefs that Age is incident to. They kept Vertue in Credit, & Vice
in Contempt. They used all things necessary for life

17 of the month 1760

Willim Foster & Edmond Holenshed & John Lipincut was here friends I valu much all
of them

6 day we did both of us git to Meeting

First day to meeting & Thomus Redmond was at our meeting. We must go to James Coopers
about this bisnes of these people that is nither in meeting nor out of meeting I went with an il
will for I think thare is other days anuf to due bisnis We had better mind Judg Hail what he ses
about the Lords day. & I think Danel Standen told us to take ceare how we spent that day: but
now some contrife how to do there weeks bisnis on that day; O we are so red eater the world
they don't love heaven (?) (18)

26 of the 6 month 1760

I have a mani times thought with a grat deal of sorrow that if People wor as gud as thay
shud be that it wud bring a blessing down upon our children. O shuch a blessing as Jacob had
who wud not cri unto the Lord day & night & praise him all the day long praise

I can't but say with the Psalmis. David Praise ye the Lord: Chap CXII vers first
Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord that delighteth greatly in his commandments. Vers 2
His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. 3 Wealth
and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever; 7 He shall not be
afraid of evil tidings: his hart is fixed trusting in the Lord.

James Job & thare father & John Wood all a mowing & thair father was tuck bad with a
chills fit bad all day & next day fever & pain in his bons: now he is better & gon to work again

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The first day of 7 month 1760

I rought som of the grief: Isaac & Rebekah met with in that day & people is was now in this age or how cud they be so bold. & so wicked it is said to be a Bitterness of spirit to them. & so indeed ought all such mongrel marriages to be to all godly Parents

I have often thought of Rebekah har saying to har husband about Jacob to send him to har brother but now where is are a Jacob that will mind his Mother & Father.

O ante they all Esaus now or the most part of the World. It tis so sorrowful I think none can express it to the full So many Mixt Mariges. & running away.

Rebekah said to Isaac. I am weary of my life, because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me

I think of all that has run away & got married_____ (erased) is the boldest & most inpident that ever I sow any. She comes and sets har self up in meeting & semes proude of what she has dun & will set & sleep so brazen

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The 3 of 7 month 1760

I thought fit to right 62 psalm for the Sabbath day. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord & to sing praises unto they name, O Most High: ve 2 to show forth they loving kindness in the morning & they faithfulness every night:

I have thought amany don't mind how they spend that day: the psalm before this. It sets forth the state of the Godly. Their safety their habitation. O happy are they that git theare, into that sweet repose Hannah & I went to meeting to day alone & har father wod not go with us. But it is my lot to go alone or none must go. O it is my mind that any may contrive thare bisnis: so as to go to meeting consistently if they will. But o this going when he has amind or wons a month. When 6 day comes more earnest then at work then are a day in the hol week. It makes me sick sometimes to se such duings year after year now bin married alone 20 years and so cold about religion & children men gron

Now I wil rit som of this one righting out of Matthew Hale. I am to prefer the honour, and glory of God. Before my own honour reputation, Estate, contentment or Life it self. Now what is the honour and glory of him that made us

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Ant it going to meetings as much as any

Samual Spauall told us at meeting he dare not stay away from the meeting no no no more than to lose his life or something to that pourpose.

I no it has cost me dear for staying at hom when meeting day com

Bengi Andres was at meeting to day & spoak what a honour it wos to be employed in this grait bisnis of keeping our houses clean this inward hous of ours: he said we nod as to the outword if we wor so indilent & so lasey as to let our houses. Be nasty what a grate work it wos to clen them he desired to take the same advise to him self: I cant but rejoys & be glad that I wos thare to day tho I was told I luct so poorly they thought I cud not set meeting. But I often thinks there is a most all the comfort that I have & I don't expect to ce another somar: O the corn fields is ripe unto harvest but it semes to me it will be the last for I am hardly able to go about the house

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My chefe concern is about my children

O if they may be preserved out of wickedness but I think do I deserve such a favour no no them that is far before me upon every account their children is not preserved out of wickedness: but here is so much wickedness in the place on every side

The 5 d of 7 month 1760 is reping day & I often think of Boaz what he said to his reppers Boaz came from Bethlehem now went that from meeting he came but now if reping day is of a meeting day the men is so eager after the world they cant go no no they must have a grate gang a great compeni: I do believe his family did rep more days than won or two or three not ran gading about from won hours to another. But they are so wicked now there cant be mischief a nouf dun if they don't get into great compenis & the more mischief the better with some

Boaz came from Bethlehem and said unto the reapers, the Lord be with you: & they answered him The Lord bless these good men has good management: & loose a little company & to reap their children out of wickedness & to go to all the Meetings that comes & there (23) to which & pray & say with David ye that love the Lord hate evil: Rejoice in the Lord ye righteous: & give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness

O sing unto the Lord a new song; Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Sing unto the Lord bless his name: show forth his salvation from day to day.

David said The Lord reigneth, let the people tremble; but who is it now that sarveth him day by day & tremble at his holy word

When I remember thee upon my bed and meditate on thee in the night

First day we went to meeting & Willim Brown & his wife came here as soon as we were gone & first to stay till we come home again: My husband gone alday

A psalm of David; Unto thee will I cry. O Lord my rock, be not silent to me: silent to me: Lest if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee: when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity

It is a world that cumbereth most, but (24) solidly contenteth none.

Who soever will be the Friend of this world, maketh himself the Enemy of God.

One Hour's sweet Refreshment in the world which is to come, is far to be preferred before an whole Life in this

The Glory of God is most men's language, but few men's care

The worldly man's heart takes not its Rest in the Night,

When at any time your tender hearts shall be desirous to refresh & ease themselves from the sorrows of this life; evermore go to God and the Comforts of Religion, O Religion at heart

Wo unto you that are rich wo unto you that are full: for ye shall hunger. Wo unto you that laugh now; for ye shall mourn and weep.

Wo unto you, when all men shall speak well of you; for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

The 6 of 7 month 1760

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Joshua Lord is come home I think it is 3 months since I heard him: he did rattle us agoing at such a rate I don't know what to think of him & his preaching. He was positive he had his anointing right & so if he is right we are wrong some of us Now he has been sick maybe he

has seen his mis doings he has spoak well now twice today is the 8 day of 8 month he told us a deal about his misdoings & if he dus mind his one advise it will be well for him & with him and all his days that he has to live here

And he wonts to go. Has requested agin to go to England but weather he will get a long now or no I cant tal: if he wod mind this Paul the apostle rights

But we had the sentence of death in our selves that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead

10 of the 10 month he speak to us again & semd to see his mis steps & in his prayer he did cri so he cud not speak for som time

He has bin sick some weeks he wont at quarturli meeting nor at yearly meeting the meeting is to be capt no longer at Burlington tun (26)

I cant but think of Rachel Wilkins & George but he dus sem a shamed of what he has dun

I think she has as much ned to be turned out of meeting as old Abraham Chatting had when he did his wicked nes: O such abominable wicked ness She & Gorge & she is so bold & not won bit ashamed

I don't know what apas we quakers shal git to so many young wons got in that hous & now the only dauter. I think (erased) had better turn them away. I don't know ho she can git in har hous that will be wors for my part I expect Min will go the same way they are ny of cin (?)

I think I may rit what David did with a grate deal of sorrow & being overwhelmed in greef C11 A prayer of the afflicted when he is overwhelmed and poureth out his complaint before the Lord.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, & let my cry come unto thee

I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert

I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

Mine enemies reproach me all the day: and they that ar mad against me (27)

My days are like a shadow that declineth & I am withered like grass

He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our iniquities for as the heaven is high above th earth: so great is his mercy toward them that fear him

Like as a father pitieth his children: so the Lord pitieth them that fear him

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him: and his righteousness unto childrens children:

David said Evening & morning & at noon will I pray, & cry aloud; & he shall hear my voice. I acknowledge my transgressions Psalm 50 chapt & 5 vers: Behold I was shapen in iniquity: & in sin did my mother coneive me: if it is a sin to git children how comes so much of it dun. It tis a grate mistry to me

11 day of 7 month 1760

(28)

Hannah & I to meeting alon. O what a sorrow ful thing it is to me so much laknes about going to meeting & today tu strangers at m Thomas Redmond & Isac Andres & more friends & such a meeting it was. O who wod not go to meetings ay all that coms what is all the week of turmile to the consolation & comfort of such a meeting & the excellent advise Thomas gave us about bringing our children to meeting with us (but I am of his mind in that & has ben a many years it tis won of the gratis trubles I meet with I go with a have hart if my

chil dren don't go to meeting & thare father tu. But I must drink bitters O the bitters that I have to drink

O the wormwood & the gol & overwhelmed in sorrow every day that I live the advise was he was sore to se so fue children at meeting. He said it had dun us as a people a grat del of harm a leaving of our children at home in bad compyni

O he said what did cegnifi any of this world when we come to die

Some hant time to let there children go no nor them selves nither.

He said time slips along very fast we that are now fathers & mothers it wont be long before we must be cold away & then must be the people & if wont take them to meetings what can we expect (29)

O it makes me shead tears to think of what he said to us & that all may mind it & go to meetings & du the best they can for themselves & for thare children

I was glad to ce Cusen Sary Mickel & her daughter at meeting

19 of 7 month 1760 John Bringes tu sons was here

Firs day at meeting but no ceas to tack the children there

Some more of what David rought

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Thy that can due that & be favoured always they are gud a nuf: Blessed are the undefiled in that way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are thay that keep his testimonies, & that seek him with the whole heart

More sorrowful nuse the 22 of 7 month 1760 Abe Chatting & ruth wood married together & his wife dad 8 months & har husband 9 months O what a shame O how abominable it is in the site of him that made us all O don't the very earth mourn O monstrous what sort of a woman is she, brother & sister to mary to gather, it makes me greve that we have so much work at our meeting O what will com next. Shal we all be devoured by this serpent that Samual Abet told us of before the crik was stopt, at our meeting

O this serpent hent he as much power as ever

O that we may put up our prayers to the almighty won: day & night to preserve us & our children now & forever.

O shall we go on to sin & wicked ness as the children of Israel did in that time it often fils me with sorrow when I think of them & what they come to and it lucks as if the quakers wod come to nothing (30)

27 of 7 month at meeting. I thought it Myti Master & redeemer. If ever we cover com this enemy it tis his wonder ful favour & Marcy.

O if we wor worthy of any of them which of us dare to say we desuve any of them who is the children of wisdom in this world wearing the Mark of its Maker, whose stamp is every where visible (har sleping so makes me right down som of an excellent mans sayings) what just cause of sorrow may it be to all sober hearts to consider what hard and unkind usage, that sacred thing Religion is most ages meets withal, from the hands of a forward carnal world; well take this item with you all your days; whatever you do in the Matters of Religion, do it hartily, reverently, gospelly & humbly as in the sight of the all seeing the jealous God, There God sees he cannot be believed or feared, outward shows are of little value in his account. These are but

worthless leaves; we must demand and for real Fruits. If God accepts any thing it must be the best we have. Give me thine Heart my Son.

Be then as Josiah, gracious in your Youth; But be ye also, even to gray hairs as aged Israel, waiting for the Salvation of God, when you come to die oh how will the Years trickle down to see the Lord so gracious (31) & loving to others & yet so justly severe, & full of Indignation to ward you. To see those that prayed while you slept; (O this sleeping in meeting what a sorrow it tis to me so much of it if they woud love of sleeping & go to praying to the almighty won to assist us & he pleased to luek down upon us day by day & help us)

Now to what he said again

That so willingly kept the Lords Sabbaths while you as constantly profaned them to see those what wisely redeemed that time which you so lavishly wasted; to see those very persons, so well known to you, it may be your near acquaintance in the Kingdom of God, & your selves shut out. Then tho never till then, will the heart that hath held as long as ever it could begin to falter and fail: Then shall the Lips break forth with that righteous acknowledgment I am undone forever, and my destruction is of myself.

Oh my dear Friends: My Bowels even yearn for you. Hast thou but one Blessing oh my dear Father! Bless our young people, even them also, that they may turn to thee & live:

The ancient care & carriage of the Primitive Christians is highly honorable in This respect, & he is willing to take it for (32 his Golden rule. He eats what may allay his hunger; he drinks what may quench his thirst Such a proportion in both, as may becom the modest and chaste to allow themselves. His whol Department shews, while his Religion is the Theory, his Conversation is the Practice. He so eats and drinks, as one that receives instruction as well as Food: Who is ever Mindful of the righteous Laws of Christian Discipline, and doth all that he doth to the Glory of God.

We do sometimes with sorrow observe the unwearied labours of a Parent's love, bestowed without the desired effect; 'tis mournful to see children pierce with bitterness the breast that has been their support in their infantile years; to fill that eye with sorrow, that has dropt over them the tear of maternal fondness! 'tis a cruel thing for a child to mingle Gall & Wormwood, in the cup of a parent descending to the Grave; let us be assured that their own portion of gall & wormwood will be doubly increased.

I think they are happy that live (33) Retiredly they can be Private, & have leisure for Family Comforts, which are the greatest wordly contents. Men can enjoy but how many men is to be found that loves to be alone. But a few now in this age I do believe that loves Privacy:

Affect not to be seen, & Men will less see they weakness. If men woud think of this

If thou wilt be a good servant, thou must be true; and thou canst not be true if thou Defrauded thy Master A Master may be defrauded many ways by a servant: As in time Care, Pains, Money, Trust.

But a True Servant is the contrary he is diligent, Careful, Trusty, he tells no Tales, Reveals no Secrets, Refuses no Pains: Not to be tempted by Gain, nor awed by Fear, to unfaithfulness. Such a servant serves God is serving his Master; & has double wages for his work, to wit, Here & here after.

We are too careless of Posterity; not considering we should mend our selves; and teach our children what they should be: for we are accountable for them as well as for our selves

William Pen sees we are in this also, true turners of the world upside down: for money is first and Virtue last, and least is our care.

It is not How we leave our children but what we leave them. But I can say of a truth I think if I know my one mind that I desire virtuemore than money. & that we & they may serve our Maker – more & more every day that we live here on earth.

O this living Retired & alone & as Privit as we can from the world & the bisnis of it O prise it saith my soul

31 day of 7 month 1760

4 boys * thare father & luis luis wor all fishing how have you spent your time today this rainy day. Rain all day. Have you spent it well. O your precious time if you had a ben reeding of your books some gud book or a righting or a sifering: O concider let us consider how we du spend our precious time how much of it in reeding & in praying & meditateing in the field as Isaac did. Abraham Isaac & Jacob such men as thay wor minded well how they spent there time (35)

The first day of 8 month

Our dear frind James Danuals wos here at woodbury crick meeting

I think we may col him dear for I du belive there is fue such as he to be found: now living he said a grat deal to us & about Job & his frinds & how thay set in silence & he thought they wor a grat help to him while that cap so. But when they spok the Lord did not move them to spake it was not right: but Alihu for all he was a young man the Lord wos with him & then wos the time James said to speak to the matter. The tu that spoak before wos old men he said it mout be the cais with us at our meeting the old mout be out of the right way some times. & speak what they out not to have dun & the young wons set by fal of the rit mater as Alihu did. O so wonderful as he did speak this day to us O that it may due us all gud I have heard things so opened & so clerly spoke to the fore about Job & about Pol he said his affliction was like Jobs. & about Peter he spok Jobs life was saved. Tho Satan had so mouch power allowed him to afflict pore Job: he said if we wor afflicted it wod be for our advantabe & profit if we wor constant as Job wos (but how is like him.

What shall we receive good at the hand of God. & shall we not receive evil; in all this did not Job sin with his lips (36) (I hear som talk against James but I say in my hart O Lord is he thine or no if he is thine stop their mouths let them not speak against thy aninted: but there is so much talk against won & a nother

O there is none can ascape long.)

He told us of the bulding won cud not du with out another There must be some lettel wons in the bulding O there wos some big stars and som little stars & ho dare to say it was not a star. The little won if it was ever so little; he said the hils must be brought lo & the valies be exelcted some wod be cast down tu lo in there minds sometimes: them is the valies

Elihu said I am young and ye are very old Great men are not always wise; neither do the aged understand judgement for I am full of matter; the spirit within me constraineth me: behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent, it is ready to burst like new bottles: I will speak that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips. Let us not, I pray you, accept any mans parson, neither let us give flattering titles unto man: for I know not to give flattering titles: in so doing my maker would soon take me away.

O where is these Elihus now

I wonder if gud men in that day did talk against won another as thay du now
I am so poor and so miserable when I (37) go to meetings I am glad of Jameses preaching for I thought it was a grat comfort to me to be there that day & I du belive some wos of my mind but some against him no wonder it was so long before he stud up among us I belive he is as gud a man as Thomas Chockly wos or James Tasker but I often thinks of James Lords talke & Joshua Lord how thay wod go on a bout the preachers O it make me often greve as if the leittle wons had not as much right to preech as the big wons; or the grat corner stons in the building: then what need we say won word about any of them. But if thay ant quite right let us tel them of it to there feices: or pray for them as Job did for his frinds. I askt James Lord wons what he wod du if it wos his lot to be a preacher & to be won of these little wons what wod he du then he talkt so much against the pore little sort

I can say of a truth that anything that coms from the almighty won it may stick close to me be it who it will

But these that are so ful & so hol of themselves thay wont nothing

James told us of Jobs praying for his three friends Job wos better then thay wor. For all he believed thay wor gud men

I can not git over this talking (38) against the preachers; we du pretend we are all guided by the right spirit well then let us du all the gud we can.)

How shall I know if I am right

But about Pol he met with a thorn in the flesh much like unto Job he said that he mout not git tu hi

Think tu much of him self

O this self

James Danels wife was glad the last time she wos here at our meeting a manitimes she said she wos glad to be among us she felt so much gud

But she speaks so much faster she did plese them better. I du sopose if that thay both said com from thir Myti Master & Maker we ought to love won as well as the tother and all that belongs to the meetings every where & say nothing against won of them to any body.

If we hant a gud meeting, what we must lay it upon the Preachers no no let us tacke it home to ourselves and see if the fold ant our on & say as Joseph Tomlonson said of himself. If he had not a gud meeting he was ready to lay it upon him self

But now he is gon & with a grat deal of sorrow I can say. Where is such a won to be found now in the monthly meeting or any other O the happy stat of him when he com to di he was redy he had nothing to du but to di he said

I wrote this because it is Pauls saying (39) For out of much affliction & anguish of heart, I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I hav more abundantly unto you

10 of the 8 month 1760

Here wos a young man from Darbe at our meeting & told us a grat deal a bout our later ends & that we mout prepare be for dath coms and dath may com & take as many away as it did last year we don't know how short our lives is here

6 day to meting James, & his father Hannah & I a fu thare: a silent meeting & a humbling time it wos to m: O I thought: that there mout be a meeting of friends to sarve the Lord: of the next generation & for ever: O I thought: a many of us must go are it be long a& leve many

children behind us & if we cud but live in his favour that made us; so as to bless us & our children.

O if the Mightie won wod be plesed to spirit his pople wons more as old Ruth Dannes youst ofen to pray the Lord to be pleased to spirit his people; I thought much of the Marcis & Favours we receive every day O all below is vanity & mere Nothing the Love (40) of God & a religious Life is the only thing which can stand any in stead. This will stick by when all the rest will for sake, this is neither destroyed by Death, or afraid of Punishment, but Triumphs over both; fills the man with confidence & joyful expectation at the dreadful Day of Judgment; & sets him above all the Terrors & dismal Apprehensions of Hell & its Tortures. But then this is the peculiar privilege of the Servants of God; for how is it possible for the Man who practice & delight in Wickedness, to

19 of the 10 m 1760

Our dear friend Mary Carbe was at haddanfield I heard so & now she is gon & James Danels both in won vessel, tu year sense she came in here

I think I herd har say she was 16 weeks acoming here

I herd now James is not gone but I hard his wife is dad. Well she was a worthy woman I think. O how she did preach in our meeting. O that we may remember it. Who will be raised up in har rom O that our concern may be day & night that the Mighte won may be plesed to rais many such as Elizabeth Danels was.

22 day of 8 month: five of our children (41) & I was at meeting. Mary Sharp spok & I don't know when she did before & my Mother is sick.

28 of the 8 month Hannah & I wos at youths meting the boys nor thare father wont non of them there

O this slack nes about going to meeting

Marci Redmon & Thomos Evins and Benagy Anddris: a priti ful meeting

29 day James Cooper & Solomon Lip in gut was here to inquier of our freedom & unity about Joshua Lords going to England a preaching

30 day we wor at meeting

3 day of 9 month 4 of our family sick with a fevour

7 day of the 9 month benne & Jose & John is all of them sick with a chill and then a fevour I can't go to meeting thay are so bad but Hannah & Sarah & thare father went Hannah rid alon on my mare & sare behind har Hannah is 8 years old I don't know how gud she wil be when she is old if she lives so long but she ofen cries now if she cant go to meeting & Sare tu

5 day My Mother is here to ce the boys & their father is sick & three of them

6 to meeting the tu garls & I. bene is sick & his father fisrs day 4 of the children & I at meeting

5 day to Meeting the tu garls & I ben & thare father sick, but Job or James mout a gon to meeting I can't but greve when so fue gos to meeting What is all we have. I nare think we

can be any (42) richer or have any more of this world for muddeling in the Earth so much. As not to spare so little of our time to go to meeting wons a week

O our time our prescious time & we must leave it all; can won of us say we shall live to se a nothr day, or go to meeting again. What are we so eger ater the world for

O I thought this day that we mout be so reacht in Meeting that none mout sleep a small meting it was

If we cud com to this what this man wrote we shud not mind the world nor the company of it much; but our Maker above all

Open not thine Heart to every man, but make choice of prudent and religious Persons to disclose they Afffairs to. (not such as xx xx) Frequent not the company of young men and Strangers; Flatter not the Rich neither effect to be seen in the Presence of great men; but associate thyself with the Devout, the Virtuous, the Humble; & contrive that they Discourse be profitable. Desire not the intimate Acquaintance of women; but, instead of thy conversation, let them have thy Prayers; & recommend the Preservation and the Reward of their Virtue to God.

Converse as much as may be with God. With his holy Angels, with they own Conscience: not think it an Unhappiness to have but few Acquaintance, when thou hast so good Company as this always at hand. Decline you may. Crowds & Company. For frequent Discourse, even of News or indifferent things which happens upon such Occasions, is sometimes an obstruction to Virtue, when least intended or suspected so to be.

The world and its Vanities easily take hold of us, and our minds are ensnared & captivated, before we are aware. How often have I found Reason to wish, that I had not been in company, or that I had said nothing, therefore it is our Duty to watch & pray, & to fill up the empty Spaces of Life with these holy and retired Exercises.

Men might live quiet & easy enough, if they would be careful not to give themselves Trouble, & forbear meddling with what other people do & say, in which they are no way concerned. Whence is it, think we, that some holy persons can so perfectly abstract themselves from the Concerns of this world & find such Satisfaction in their divine Retirements & solitary Contemplations? From hence, no doubty; that they have made it their Business to mortify all earthly and sensual Affections, & to have devoted themselves entirely to God & are at Liberty to attend upon Him without Distraction. But we find the case much otherwise with us, because our passions interrupt our Piety & the transitory things of this (44) world continue to affect us.

We seldom gain an entire Conquest over any one ill Habit: nor are we zealous to make every day we live a step to higher Degrees of Virtue. This is the reason why we are so cold & insensible, or at best lukewarm & indifferent, in the Exercises of Piety & private meditation.

Where we but, as we ought to be, ded to the world & our own Lusts, disentangled from those Chains that hamper & keep our souls down to matter & sense; then should we also relish Acts of Devotion, & be ravished with Marvellous joy, when our thoughts are fixed on God & Heaven, the only, or the greatest bar to these Spiritual Delights, proceeds from passions unsubdued; & from our own Sloth, which Wold we but quit ourselves like men & resolutely stand our ground, we should not fail of succours from above.

God is always ready to help if we desuer But alas! The main of our Business lies within: The Axe must be laid to the root of the Tree, & our sensual Appetites quite cut down, before we can attain to true pleasure in Holiness, & a peaceful serenity of mind. Would we but impose upon ourselves this task of mortifying afresh Lust, & conquering a vicious Habit; even in a little time we might attain to some Perfection. But alas! We ofen take the contrary Course;

consider the happy Effects of an early & serious Piety: What Peace, what Triumphs to yourselves;

21 day of the 9 month firs day

Three of the boys and thare father & I was at Meeting a small meeting & Benagy Andres spoak twise to us: rain today a grait deal of rain it makes fine paster

As ranni a summer as are was none hare I du belive a grat deal of hay a rotting & grass to cut

Benagy lives with Cate now Tome is dad Some dide in the fall & Tome in the spring both with the smolpocks. Thay hant lived long ater thare dear Father Paster Andres

25 day of the 9 month 1760

Our frinds from London Susana Haddon & (46) Jan Crosway was at quarterly meeting at Haddonfield & spoak a grat deal to us Jan or Susy said we loved to have preaching but did we love to mind it. Susana spoak to won that was to be a preacher

The horn was ful of oil redi to be anointed. They wod be like silver trumpets if they wod obay the word of the Lord; shure she said the wont stout it out any longer. None shut a dore in the Lords house for not. No no she said

He was a gud master, she listed to him veri young & had rather be a slave in Turke then to sin & saton

She said come out of Egepts land; Spiritual Peril is the same that Ever it was. O such authority as she spoak with who is like har

Dear friends she said for I may well call you so. You wer ofen in my mind some years ago, when I wod lay me down to sleep it was little sleep I got for thinking of you & I watard my pillow with tears though you thought nothing of me but some may remember her was a child some years ago

The Meeting is no more to be capt at Burlington

Firs day we wer at meeting (49) a 6 day again & Job went to set up with his unkel James Cooper he was tuck sick at burlingtun Meeting & thare has been a mani sick a very cickly time. Sum thinks it is because of so much wet; the weattest summer that ever I nod, a 3 day James went to set up thare

The 7 day of the 10 month 1760 his father was acuting of ceder to put a spil to drow sider & the Knife glans out of the ceder in to his brest he thought jest belo his hart. He said had it gon a letel furdar in it wod a cild him as far as he nod. The blud did run at such a rate. & it hurt him veri bad the Knife run in thru tu thick jackets.

A most lamenttebel & sorrow full cais lindeed if he had a cilled him self. O what a grat favour he is still living,among his children O wonderful indeed: it is won of the grattest blessings that his Children & I can have a this side the grive to have him a long with us.

Tho we don't agree so wel as we shud du about som matters I of thinks be it as it will now it wod be a hundred fold wos if I wus alone with such a pasal of children

O I ofen thinks what wod be come of me if he was tuck away

Another wonder ful Maracal not a bove a year & a haf or not so much ago he was at work at the dam at the slues dore & he com hom & was veri dry. Tuck some drink tu hastily & stopt the breath in him & down he fell dad but he was tuck up amediately & his brath com again.

But he is never wel in his brest where the wind stopt it hurt him so: ofen has the stommuck ack

& cant eat milk & that youst to be his best dish: Now it fils him full of wind. His cut is got wal.

17 day of 10 month 1760 we war at meeting firs day at meeting

13 of the 10 month we wor at haddonfild Jonathan Maris from Pancalvani speak thare. A man from Philadelphya & his garl com to pas & both of them brought satifficits becaus har Mother the widdo Craye lives at haddenfield: a veri od affare I think.

Mole Holloway wants a fu lines fur to recommend her to Philadelphia she wants to be married

Now the Meeting is parted (49) Evesham & the thither meeting is to be a Monthly Meeting by them sevels:

Joseph Harasons wife is buried today

Chatfield Brown & Hannah Andres Constantine Lord & Sarah Albuson did pas meeting to day

14 of the 10 month our frind Susana haddan: was here at wood bary meeting & spoak a grait deal to us a bout a giting tu hi above reprof & being a stomlin block in the way of the youth & the striplins she said. But she wood have the youth to mind thare one standings & not Man O Mortal Man she said whose breath is in his Nostrels som was so backward wod reson with them selves & say I cant stand such a won dus so & so I cant stand my ground such a poure nothing as I am so meen & poore & sorrowful cas indeed to here of the elders going down hil if they cud not bare a reproof

She wod have the striplins to fier nothing as David did fier nothing but Sauls armer but did his will that sent him

Well it tis some comfort to hare that thare is some in the right way still among us & sum for David & sum for Saul as won may say a divided pack

Suse as they call har said she feard (50) Man when she wos young. O you striplings if you are sent such a aren't as David was, be stil be quiet & wait for she told som of making of bargains for them selves: that was to putof this grait work of maiking peace with our Maker & redeemer. They wod put it of to such as time or such a time. Make bargains for your sels

We wor a going dow hil

John Storah told us thare wod be Daborahs among us. I hope thay are on thare way. Tho in a grat del of fier & sel the youth may feir & dred such work among the elders.

O I have ofen though thay wor so cros & so crusty no speaking to them if they du this. I thinks & ofen thinks with a grait del of sorrow O that self me be capt out of me, if it gits up in me that my frinds may tel me of it in time be fore I git so high that I must fall & go down hil but as Joseph Tomlonsun said who is nursing fathers & mothers a mong us now, but they are a maiking of pertis all Joshua noas Mary Sharp must know it all

All she heres he must know it all to guther. He and she makes a fine hand of it. They that wont sid with them be it rit or rong is gud for nothing. But the worst among us, if they will side with them is rit (51)

6 day I went to meeting alone & so ful of trubel no not what to do with my self O this neglecting of going to meetings

David said Consider mine afflictions and deliver me: for I do not forget they law.

Plead my cause & deliver me: quicken me according to they word.

Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not they statutes.

I may say with David Many are my persecutors & mine enemies I beheld the transgressors, & was grieved: because they kept not they word.

David said Seven times a day do I praise thee: because of thy righteous judgements.
Great peace hav they that love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

Firs day we went to Meeting all but John & he is sick every day with the agu & fevor & letel bille cooper is sick & Gideon Gibson sick & a many
John ses O what shall I due I am so sick, he is bad every day, tu weeks

24 day of 10 Month 1760 we wor at meeting John is so bad his father stid with him Joshua & Mary both spoak won to help tother

Firs day at Meeting, I stade with John he cries & ses I is sick every day he morns & greves lick a old man

He is three years & 4 months old now (52)

I can not ce what better Joshua & Mary is then Jonathan Maris was & Martha Lipengut was they want tocking to but hare is none at our meeting dare to speak to them O I ofen thinks if hare was John Tomson or som others that wod tel him his one & make him let her alone or els turn him out of meeting. I thought it my duty to tel him of his mis doings but he tuck it very ill (& I cud hardly forbare telling him of Mary) I thought he yousd me so ill & spread it so much about what I said to him that he mought du what he wod for time to com I wod never tal him of his out of the way, out of the right way I shud huve said doings again. Now we have all had a brush from him D & I was the last. I cud not have put up with it but I thought David was sarved as bad & what must we do I wod freely give Antony 5 pounds to go and take his wife from our Meeting. She with her talking & making of meschif & he was gone it wod be better times among us mabe he spoak to day & then she and then he to prayer it is common for both of them to be one atar the other & against the rest they are so grat, & against the rest, won helps the tother.

I ofen thinks of Samson how he did (53) wonderful things & was a Nazarite to God from the Womb, & to be so, to the day of his Death: & yet he was soufered to go to that Delilah & such harlots it seems strange to me, & we don't reed as I remember that he did rong, for it what trubel must it be to his gud Mother & father to huve a child come to such aa end did not hi cil him self besides being with the harlots

I ses his Mother for she was a help to his father, for he said, we shall surely die: Because we have seen God. But the woman Wisely answered him, if the Lord were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt-offering and a Meat offering at our hand: neither would he have shewn us all these things, nor have told us such things as these at this time.

John Scarbro told us the woman was a help to the man. Manoah was a gud man but she exceded.

We don't reed of har name only the woman, in holy rit

Thomas Ellwood ses a cloudy time when Eli Rulled in Isreal, a long cloudy time, but when the Lord raised up Samual, all Isreal knew, from one end of the Land to the other. That he was a faithful Prophet of the Lord

I don't know what Eli we have had (54) among us, or how mani Elis, but we have had a long cloudy time. O that it may Pleas the Lord to let Samual arise among us O these striplings that Susana Haddon told us of O these striplings: I hope will com up in gud Earnest for all the oposison

Let old Eli du as he will & old Sol I hope Saul want ruel always

I I thinks atter all my righting I am nothing wos then nothing I think I am the menest of all the family there is seven of us three brothers and three sisters I have: I think sometimes of what Jacob said to Pharaoh: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been.

21 day of 10 month 1760 we wor at meeting

firs day at meeting

John Star & his wif was at thare preparative meeting held til night about old Joshua when wil he git to old England

Isaac Andras was at meeting & spake a deal

First day thare is to be a meting at James Coopers about old Joshua, again in the artarnon I think there is dais a nuf to do such bisnes not of a firs day

Firs day six of our children & thare father was at meeting

I staid with John he is not wal yet but he is almost wel I cud a gone to meeting but Cat is gone to day Nan is so cros I was a ferd to leve him with har, I cold at John Leds

Six day Job & I went to meeting a smol won, five or six men & as many women Thomous Evins & his sun was thare a going to Salom quarterly meeting

16 of the 11 month 1760

Firs day we wor at meeting a smol won indeed so mani People sick, our James & Job is sick, John is sick every other day now

Fif day we went to meeting

Hannah Andres is buried to day, she has pasd tu meetings to be married to Chatfield she was tuck il athurd day after pasing lived won week with the pain in the side

Old Joshua is dad he lay but a fuew days if he had a capt his plase as he shud a dun what a grate lose we shud a met with but all I desire is that we may du better & see our failings

Six day James is so bad gon to the dockter for him

22 day 11 month 1760 old Joshua Lord is laid in his grave

A old England friend wos here at our Meeting I hard his name was Gorge Mason

Chatfield is dad, not a week ater har

James browns wife is dad

(56)

He or she that dares to be truly wise and Virtuous, is commonly the object of scorn; Israel by divine Direction, was to dwell alone and not be reckoned among the Nations: but when they deviated from this Counsel and dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites and took their

Daughters to be their Wives and gave their Daughters to their sons, they served other Gods, forgot the Lord their God, and served Baalim and the groves.

All things are known to God, & tho' his Throne of State be far on high, yet doth his eye look down to us in this low World & sees all the ways of the Sons of man If we go out, he marks our Steps; & when we go in no door can shut him from us While we are by ourselves, he knows all our vain thoughts & the ends we aim at: and when we talk to Friend or foe, he hears our words, & views the good or harm we do to them, or to our selves, when we pray he notes our Zeal. All the Day long he minds how we spend our Time, & no dark Night can hide our Works from him. If we play the Cheat, he marks the Fraud, & hears the least word of a false Tongue.

Sum ar so dad thay think every word is not heard. But thay wil find Peter went out & wept bitterly.

Gorge Masun said much among us, I think I ant worthy to wright what he did say, but he told us of the same Danual Stantan did about bringing of our children to meeting with us, he had seen sens he cam upon this Con tin nant, if we did not double our diligence & gro better & ceep nier this in ward gide & grow better the Quakers wod be speud out and set a side, he said begin at home du thy first work & then the wil be fit for to govern thy children & to rule in the church.

He ses how du you spend your time if you don't let the Lord have 12 hours out of 24 you don't let him have haf your time, he told som of going a horing under the gren trees, over & over again (28)

Our dear frind Samual Abot is ded, so much pain & misery as he has bore with a cansur in his mouth.

^ a bove tu year sens I sow him

I longed much to se him; but my Master wod not let me go to se him, so I bare that with the rest of my trubbel. O that his tu dere children may be like him so gud (58)

3 day of the 12 month 1760

Ben & his father was at Meeting

Als Brown is laid in har grave to day.

James & Job is got out of the room to day. Thay have both bin so ill we did not no but thay wod both die.

Firs day at Meeting; a silent meeting.

13 of the 12 month our frind Jan C. Crosway from old England wqs at Hadden fild Sams Amle she did speak well with a grat del of sorrow, what hart cud be so hard as not to mourn and cri with har this day so ful of trouble she wos for us & spok much to the Mourners & they that has sorrow & trobbel every way, it made me glad to se har, to help us a long if it was but wan step she said all; som desired for thar children was a porshon from the Lord & that Isrul mout com forward & down to the bottom of Jorden & she wos wiling to go into Jorden with the Mourners & to bring up Memorels with them O these bitter cups we have to drink at

She told us of the bitters they had to drink to com here to se us in this land but they wor made wiling to come & to say Lord they will be dun

I don't no when I herd any so boud & homble as she was, wont prowd nor grait but semd ful of sorrow. O if it was posabal for us to be like har & Susana Hadden who can exceed them tu women

Be children of the light & children (59) of the day. She thought som of us that was thare wod not livelong O prepare prepare for this last day

Som wor ful of truobel as the Prophet wos of old, but the Lord did comfort him & so he will you; she said

O I thinks had I nothink to du but to go a long with har

O the feteg & turmile of this world & nothing but trubbel every way O who sarves the Lord day & night but such as she

6 day to meeting & three or fore of my Children, thar father has bin foure times to Meeting, a 6 days, in foure months, it is no smol trobel to me among all the rest, that he cud be Maryed by Meeting & have no more regard for his Maker nor his Children

Firs day at meeting & Thomas Redmund was at Meeting & spoak a grat deal & well I think, the time hastened a long very fast when we must give all our accounts up he said I hope wil he be that is ready to go he or she he thought som wod go soun

6 day Isac Andres was here At meeting & told us of cearlesnes & wondering thouths in meeting & sleepenes O how dismul sush a cas is

21 day of 12 Month 1760 (60)

Samuel Notingham was hare at our Meeting, Sary Hopkins he begun much as Isaac did a six day I think. Sure we are bad indeed to frinds won ater the tother to speak so much of our wondering thoughts

He speak a grat whil & so fue wos thare & such a rani day I thought we war bad O he sade cud he but pursued us to turn & be better, he wos more concerned about spiritual bread then this earthly bread every day he did live, & he did ofen think when the day was at an end, then he had won day les to live, O these Elect that crid day and night to the Lord he said, over & over again

Samual Futhargil

Samual Spanal

Samual Notingham

Three such Frinds emitateing him of old:

Samual Abit wos a fine man

When the Lord raised up Samual, all Israel knew from one end of the Land to the other, that he wos a faithful Prophet of the Lord (61)

A Cix day to Meeting Ben & Sari & I thare Father is bad with a tuth being puld out it did bleed so

First day to meeting, I went some of the way

I wos so cold & it rained come back again

6 day to meeting, 2 day of the first Month 1761
Firs day to meeting & so cold I was amost fros a grat snow
6 day to meeting: but I dare not go so cold
First day to meeting, we did ride in the wagin so cold as if it wod be a vialant winter
indeed

I herd to day of Mol Mahon has had 17 children, tu she has now at wonst & a fue years ago had 3 at wonst, 7 by har first husband & 10 by this

6 day to meeting: more moderate weather
First day to meeting ride in the wagin, fine slaying so much snow
6 day I can't go to meeting becos I mant ride in the wagin cold & lict for snow

Firs day we rid in the wagin, as cold as snow
I was much concernd that we mout all be concernd about this mighty work, seek first the Kingtom of God & his righteousness, & all these things shall be added unto you, O I thought if my children mought have som thought of thare maker & thare last day. I never ask riches nor onnour for my children, but to cri to our Maker & redeemer for his presence to be with us day & night (62)

I must right som of my gref down concerning of our Meeting how we are stript & have bin for many years

O to luck back & to think sens my rememrens Uncal James Lord he did dy a yong man but of grat sarvis in the church than my father was tuck away Joseph Gibsun he went from our Meeting down to salum

Joseph Tomlinsun he went to Hadden field Meeting
John Wood went to his grave
Young James Lord to his grave & so we send stript of all that wos to du us the most gud I many times thought what wod be com of us

O if we had won such a man a mong us as Willem Ricket or Samual Notingham or Susana Hadden or Jan Crosway to help us along but we ant worthy of such, or it wod Pleas the Almyty won to send such a won to live among us, but Susana told us of the striplins who these are I don't know

John Storch said thare wod be Debrows a mong us, shall we be brought out of bondage by a Debrow as the Children of Israel was O who is Debrow or where is Barack to leed the poure moarneful gang along or them that Samual Notingham said crid day & night to the Lord I ofen wonders who they be, we sem so bad, these Elect that crid day & night to the Mighte won, on the account of thir dear Children & this wicked world O this wicked world, go all day to sceeting ater meeting, how is the Lords day spent at such work, such company all the rotscom of the earth, meet to gather the more the beter. Did Judg hail spend his time so, his prasious time no no, a lon by him self praying to the Lord & righting down some gut matter

O how can we spend our time, clos a nuf inward a nuf, ny anuf to this light in our harts. O this smol light that we may see more & more of it every day if we live humble anuf & nigh to him that made us, as some Andres youst to tell us (64)

The first day of 2 month 1761

We wer at meeting & rid in the wagin snow again; they may slay tilt thay are tierd of it, snow upon snow

Six day at Meeting it is quite worm, snow is amost gone O it tis a grait comfort to have a little moderate wether

2 day to meeting, worm anuf no frost

I must right som of last yers a Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London. It is so right, to my way of thinking, it make me glad in hopes it may du som gud to the aged & to the youth O my hart ofen akes for them

As the right education of children & the Nurture of youth, is of very great consequence to them. & to the succeeding Generation we pressingly exhort all Parents & Heads of Families, to procure such useful Learning for their children, as their Abilities will admit, and encourage them as well by Example as Precept, to the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures, and that they begin, as early as possible to instill into their tenderminds the Principles of Truth & Virtue; instruct them in the Nature & Necessity of being born from above; without which , our Lord declares, No man hall see the Kingdom of God: And in order hereunto that thay labour to (65) bring them acquainted with the holy Seed, which is sowed, by the Divine Hand in every Heart, for that gracious End; that thay may, through the Lords Blessing upon such pious & paternal Endeavours, be induced to place their Affections upon it, & cleaving thereto in faithful Obedience, come to experience it to be unto them, Christ within the hope of their Glory

The importance of an early instruction in the Law of God, is set forth with peculiar strength, clearness and solemnity in Deut.vi 4 & c Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord. And thou shalt love the Lord they God with all they Heart, and with all the6 Soul, and with all they Might And these words which I command the this Day, shall be in thine Heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy Children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine House, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up (66)

It is requisite also that Restraints be added to the Instruction; it being much easier as well as more prudent, to be exercised upon the first Appearances of an Inclination to dangerous or hurtful Liberties, then afterwards, for where children through the prevelanence of fon Affection have been accustomed to improper indulgences, when they are gow to such a dangerous degree of Ripeness, that the Exertion of Authority hath become absolutely necessary.

I can say with a hart ful of sawrow it is the case here for our children are so pron to that ant rit & thare father thinks nothing of thes, hurtful Liberties, running about & being in il compyni

2 per. Chap 33: vearce. In the last days shall come scoffers, walking after their own ungodly lusts selflovers, covetous. Blasphemers, proud, disobedient to parents (that I no a larg shere of from them, as any pore afflicted Mother) unthankful, truth breakers, falseaccusers, despisers of those that are good, traytors, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

6 day to meeting the 20 day of 2 month 1761 all of us went buyt John, to here Thomas Evins & Sarah Hopkins & very nottabal they wer, wel worth while to go to here them; it must be long we shall have the old man among us he semes much brock. I was glad to here him again. He spok much of love he semd ful of love to us & (the last time) he spoak tuise a mong us) he was glad to se so many there; he wished it mought hold when the bise time of the year com. O he said give up your time & not ceep your children at hom this field wonts plowing & the other

wonts planting O remember you must go & leve it all before long. If you wod go more constantly to meetings & your children & wait upon the Grait: I am he cold him I think over & over again the women they must have there peis spun to go to the wevers & so wont let the garls go to meeting

So as Niclas Davis said the old will have the sins of the young people to ansur for
They wor at meeting a firs day & from thare went to Isaac Balangers Next day at (68) night to our hous had a meeting with us & very notable all of them. Hannah Foster with them

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I wish we may never forgit it, O such a sesoning time. O are we worthy of it

First day of 3 Month at Meeting a grat many at Meeting. I wish as Thomas said it may hold, but now thay can think of what our Frinds said to them, a little I wos much reacht with the thoughts of it & how forgit ful the people is of thare maker & that we mought be all so reacht with a silent meeting, as such as if Dannel was among us or that we mought, no the mighte won to be a mong and in every won & that thare mought be some a mong us like Daneal Stanten clouds filled with rain upon the tender grass

David said 163 Seven times a day do I praise thee; Lord because of they righteous judgements

Can we tel how mani times a day we pray to him & in nothing nes of our selves

6 day at meeting a first day at meeting

6 day at Hadden field James Dannels was thare he is not gon being hendard by his wifes dath hant we as much ned to du as, Peter went out and wept bitterly. How ofen du we mis our ways

20 day of the 3 month 1761

6 day of the week James went to Haddenfield his father wos sick & Job lame none cud go only John wood & he his father is scick now first day is com

6 day to meeting Isaac Andres at our “ & spoak as notabal as ever I herd him Now his son & dauter lives here

F day 6 day firs day again is 5 day of 4 month. David Cooper gon to the Esembly the first time

3 day of 5 month I must right sum of my trubbel. Mare cict up with me down I went & hurt sum but got apon a nother mare & went to meeting & there wos Samual Miflins Mother & spoak a grate del to us O that we may all mind it happi shall we be then if we du

I com hom by my self, tu mourn & tu cry to the Lord O that ever any mortel living wos ever born to no the troble that I no, no creeter can I have to ride that is fit but I cri out my dais & moure & more trubbel every day I live nothing but wormwood & goll to drink at

3 day of 5 Month

Firs day this is & the Children & thare father all a gading a brod.

O what is more rong in my mind all ways a gading abrod when firs day coms thare father is not at hom won first day in a hol year if he can halp it O I think if I had a bin cild to day with the fol of the mares bak then I had been gon from all tears & troubbel

There is a mani dise as sudding & I may som time ma be but my time is not comd yet I must drink more wormwood & goll O my coup is not ful of bitters yet. O the showers of tears that has fall from my fass this day & now while I am a wrighting O to think of what we often here in our Meetings, how du we mind it if gadding abrod wil plees our maker when are whe to be a lone I think as the frind told us this day about what David said of being in the presence of the Lord If we wor like David we cud no more be content without the presence of the Lord then he wos.

O our time our precious time how du we spend it. If I don't reed & right, of a firs day I don't think I du right & ceep my mind as much to the Lord as I can & often cris that every one may see them selves & no a daly praying for our selves won by won What can we think when we here so much of Isrel of old how thay went on we herd it to day, she mornd for us but du we morn for our selves, O if we did there wod be no gading abrod no gitting into compinis but be retiered & be alon criing to him that made us for a blessing as Jacob did & meditateing apon som gud matter, if we wod but turn in our minds the more gud we have the more we shud wont, I am glad when I can git to meeting out of the turmile of this world O this wicked world O that we may think of our maker more than any thing more & more cri day day & night cri o cri all you ends of the earth (72)

6 day to meeting

Firs day to meeting, all gone I am left alon boys & thare father will thay be at hom won firs day this summer a mong all my trubbel; I right what whon said in his day, & he rit it down

It is a grate shame to a Christian, to pass his Days in this world more at ease than Jesus Christ here passed his: Ah! Had we but a little Faith, what Repose could we take out of the Cross

A friend here at our meeting, his name is Yarnul or Arnul Mordica arnols cosen, he spoak well, com from salem

11 day of 5 month here was a friend his name Robbart Wilet from nu England he spoak a grat deal tu us, semd ful of trubbel, O if we wor so ful of trubbel for our selves it wod be esier work for frinds that coms to ce us he said sum of you never shed a tere for your sins O this out sid show a fu was in the right way & but fu he was so concernd about that fu

I don't know when I herd the like Oh (73) over & over he spoak to encourage them fu & comfort them as wel as he cud in thare trubbel

He said he was sent to the lost sheep of Isrel, O how did he lamment the folen, steat of the Chorches up & down & who dus lay it to hart or greve much a bout it soum fu greves & cris day & night

He said the ox nod his masters crib but we did not no the plase of feeding our pore souls or how induss-trias shud we be when we cam to Meeting to have our minds in ward & O inward & be so cearful of staring about or going to sleep or seeing of others failings & if we du pray for them, that they may have thare ies opened to see better.

Samual Futhergil. Let the Priests, the Ministers of the Lord weep between the Porch & the alter this should not be confined to those only whose mouths may be opened publickly among you, for it belongs to all those who Preach to others by the regularity of a Godly life & conversation; Let us weep between the Porch & the Altar, saying spare thy people O Lord! & give not thy Heritage to reproach. (74)

21 day of the 6 Month 1761

We wor at meeting of a firs day benagy Andres wos here & spoak to us & Mary Sharp spoak
I don't know when she has be fore

5 day of 7 month Isaac Andres wos at our meeting & spoak a deal to us I never heard him
exceed it has bin a mournful time with me

the 9 of the 8 month we wor at our meeting of a firs day a silent meeting we had but a gud
meeting it was to me. O how thank ful we ought to be for such

2 day to hadden field, a 3 day to darbe day

17 of 8 month 1761 our dear friend Jan Crosway was here at our meeting she begun with
them that is in the rit way & so went on in a wonder ful manner, soum had bin as it where
seven times diped in Jorden & must go there again & she wos wiling to go with them this day
she spoak wonder ful to the young wons O that thay may mind har sum dus som consarn but
to mind is all

she spoak to som that wos anointed to preach the gospel & had a commishon sind with seven
seels as it where from the great King of Kings & what are you a fierd of then she said, O fiere
not man she semd fild with gud to old & young, she had it over again sind & ceeld as it where
with seven seels from the great King of Kings & our worthy frind E Est waos here at Davids
ater meeting & at James Coopers alnite next day at Solomons meeting with Jane & E E is in
har 82 year a grat age.

Jane said she wos ofen a fierd she shud be a cast a way while she preached to others O
that this fiere may remain

I am fild with much sorrow this day to here of James taskar O this lamentable nuse of
hereing that he is a cast away that has preached to others so long as he did. Oh, oh who can but
greve

27 day of 8 m 1761 our fore boys wos at youths meeting (76) I many times thinks if
they are favoured with the fere & drad of thare Maker it will be the grattest favour thay can
have in this world

the first day of 9 month we went to John Hulnts to king ses or at King Ses

6 day of the 9 Month our frind Jonathan Maris wos at our meeting & did prech wonder fully
indeed sixty years old he is: O How he spoak of the folen state of the churches to what thay
wor at the first next day he wos at the loer Meeting O that we cud go to shuch a meeting every
day & du nothing els but praise our Maker day & night

I never was at that meeting house before, thare wos grate incoragement to go to sarve
the Lord

Jonathan speaks loud

firs day to meeting next day to Hadden (77) field now there fine Meeting hows is finished &
panted & our friend Peter fiern wos there & spok

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25 day of 9 month 1761 we wor at Quarterli (79)
 Meeting at Haddonfield & such arainaday I don't know when I rid in (asked for the wagin
 but all in vain but be fore the Meeting was haf dun I was glad to be thare if I had gon a fut but
 as I went a long I thought as the woter run down my skin O whot a little did I under go to
 what our dear frinds Jan Crosly & Suseanna Hadden dus in won week a travaling about & the
 tears running down thair fais for our sins O if the tears did but run down ourn every day for
 our selves; William brown & a friend from Carilina spok wonderful wel & to be stil & mind
 our on bisnes & the fashings of the times & mixing with other nations & thir fashings what the
 preachers thought I don't know but I thought as he did he did not wont to meddel with such
 rubbish he said but he must du what he found to be his bisnes, but I thought when he was
 speaking to us it wos a Naahmiah com among us to mourn & greve, he was ordered to speak to
 them that did morn & greve & to incorage them & be stil & to mind thir own bisnes to
 incorage them that gos in dep mourning in saccloth & ashis apon thair hads for the
 abomonations of the times for his part he seemd ful of trubel he went over to the Yearly
 Meeting his name wos Wilam Hunt I think John Woolmun is his uncal I sow them both at
 meeting a 2 day but nar a won spok

I herd Gras Fisher & Sarah Hopkins went to eg har ber avisating of the Meetings the
 first day of the 10 Month 1761 thay set of Josiah Albyson with them

A first day we went to meeting six day to meeting a firs day thare likewise six day
 again it wos much in my mind about Samuel Bownas & his convins ment O the concern I
 wos in to think of so many that can set & sleep meeting ater meeting year ater year O if the
 almyti won wod be plesed to convins amany thousens as he did him to let us to see ourselves
 more & more every day

A traditional Quaker, thou goes from the meeting as thou comes to it; & thou comes to
 it, as thou went from it, having no Profit by doing so; but what wilt thou do in the end thereof
 ater this wonderful change it wos but three weeks before he must Prech to others to turn them
 from thare sins, I remember this dear friend Samuel wos at my Fathers

firs day at meeting & much concerned that we mout rasel for a blessing as Jacob did & that we
 may not fol aaway as Isrel did

O will thare ever be a Naamiah raised (81) at our meeting, O the fashions & running
 into them the young men wereing of thare hats got up behind next its lik must be a ribbon to
 tie thare hare behind, the garls in penselvani has got thare necks set with a black ribbon: a
 sorrowful site indeed but whot did that dear frind Nichles Davis tel them, the old people had
 not dun there duty & that was the reason that the young wos no better; six of them garls from
 darbe wos here from John hunts I thought thay did not belong to frinds til I was in formd thay
 did but I a mani times think whot signifies my being concerned a bout fashings where is won
 frinds child or children but som doddry fashion or a nother is on thare backs or heds; here is
 this day Josiah Albasons soun all the soun he has; his hat in clos up be hind,

If I talk of smol matters or litel things I am mobd on every side

but Wilam Hunt told us of the lettel foxes; letel things & smol matters in our close in
 our houses in furniture (82)

27 day of the 10 month 1761

I herd fritful nuse that leg iland was bought, but it so struck me that I got but won ours sleep al that night to think so mani plases has bin sol & non wod du but that, the rest is in gud order thare wos bis bins plase at the little brig but if this iland don't cost a thousand pound before it is gud for much I am mistaken & then the high tide come & tak it all away * so al is got of this plase to be sunk in the water, if that is right I don't know what is rong, Hennery Woods plase at foure & twenty hundard pound is cheeper than that

Hannah Reves no better Meeting among us

16 of 5 1783

here was Thomus Rosa going to Salem Meeting was amost dun befor he stud up he had a most soroful Meting. by whom shud Jacob arise so dad & so miserable he said if preaching wod do for us, he thought thur was so many for a week day, shud had a gud Meeting nothing wos to on law ful things among the quakers. thay are so taken up with them. he mout never se us agin so he must leve it among us (83)

away from Meeting a firs day because of this iland ater that again a six day not at Meeting this day we heard Solomoun Lipongut speak in Meeting. I cant help but pray for them that begins to preach, that thay may stand, if the Mighte won sets them to it O that nothing of this world may hender this mighty and glorious work, I ofen thinks of what Moses said, he wold to God all the Lords people whare prophets, or ni the matter

My brother James Cooper & Solomon both begun in the spring soun ater the frinds was avisiting of families that meeting & ourn

At Meeting a firs day & it is the firs day of 11 mon I was much concarned a bout the folen state we are now in the, church is in a general manar, O with lamentation we may think of Gorg Fox & a many more but whot are we now to them & it is but whon hundred year sence he wos apon the hearth O this day I thought of Thomous Cholkly what a worthy man he wos & how little regard he had for this world or ani think in it, more than to rong no man but wenter his life to git something to pay his dets

Joseph White that worthy frind is com back again from old England & fife more with him three woman & tu men (84)

6 day of 11 month 1761

Sare & I wos at meeting no more must go O such work ani trifeling work ma ceep people at hom

firs day at meeting a six day thare a first day Job & I went to Salom Quarterly Meeting which wos the 15 of this 11 month Zechariah faris Joshua brown David Ea Isaac Andras Thomas Redmond & his whife Hannah Foster she send ful of trubel but we had need all to be ful as wel as she or what wil becom of us & our children O that we may all dubel our diligence & be enabled to put up our prayers day by day & many times a day in a humble mannar waiting & praying for wisdom

O I ofen ses may I see my own failings mor & mor I think it is a humbling time for to think of our Meetings what thay are com to & wil without the almighty won is plesd to lay his hand apon the youth & turn them to him O that the youth may count thare steps

firs day we wor at meeting & a humbling time it wos to me, O that I mout remem
at meeting a fif day the first youths Meeting we have had at woodbary; a humbling
melting time we had together I du belive a many of us wos glad we wor thare
a grat del spoak to put us in mind of our lattar end O that wemout all of us remember it
a mani times a day & woch & pray contianially for a blessing as Jacob did, & pray as Danal
did

the 11 of 12 Month 1761 (85)

we wor at meeting I thought of Joseph Harason he is gon to his long hom a young man as
won may say amost & Joseph Thackary he is gon to the dust, it is a grat favour when we may
think of them that is gon a little be fore us & midetat apon it & prepare to meet our maker & se
if we are rady we don't know we shal are go to a Meeting again I thought I cud not be esy to
go to bed & not rit some tho it is ni 11 aclock so much of this world to du I have mist a del &
not rit, I ofen longs for time to right down all the gud I can; O the meditashon
it is violent cold & James is tuck sick with a chil & the ago thre times,

at Meeting a first day next day at hadden field veri bad riding the tres is so ful of
snow; but it is throe trubel & afflicshon I go every day I live I may rest when I am lade in the
dust I du admier the wonderful gudnes of the Lord mani times to my por distressed soul & I
think ant worthy of his notis, in a morning it is ofen in my mind O prais the Lord prais him
thare is nothing els worth a thinking of O thare is nothing unposabal with him O that he mney
draw many thousands more & more every day to long for his presence & never to be at rest
without him day nor night: O mighte won be pleased to still this serpent O this roring lion that
will drow us all in to his snares, except thy ppresence be with us. O ceep us all day & night

(86)

6 day to Meeting James Job & his father I ant wel it is so cold

first day we went to meeting & rid in the slay that was Joseph Harrasons O I thought of him &
his wife that thay are lade in thare graves much of the way desireing we mout prepare for our
last moments I prepare & when there I thought of Peter Andres & whot he said at our Meeting
& of old ruth how she youst to pray the Lord to speret the people, wos ever more and then
now did wickedness, every more abound than now O that we mout all no a gathering to the
Lord this day this holy day O that we mought think of it as Judg Hall did in such a reverent
mannar

a 6 day I cant go to meeting I am so unwell we hear of the dath of Hannah Smith a worthy
woman O she is gon to har long hom

a first day I am a little better but it is so violent cold dare not go out, we here of Tom Wilkins is
dad O which of us must go next; there is no end to my trobel for now thay go to sceting such
work of a firs day I think it is a nuf to droy the judgments of the Lord down apon us, thay will
have it no harm but is it any gud, O this takeing of thare parts in every thing that's rong thay
must sceet always when thay ples thay must rasel & play at bol & what mischief they will; but
remember Jobs children whot revelin thare wos with them & whot becom of them; son cut of
(87)

6 day we went to meeting it is the first day of the first month 1762

they say if nu years day be fare & clear it wil be tide a happy year, it is so to day but cold a nuf; I have thought a many times whot will be a happy year to us, if in general we wod gro better & better & think of our Maker & redeemer if we wer worthy of his presence but haf our time O what a grate alteration wod soon be among the people thare wod be a grat many Jobs a praying for thare children continually O this gud man Job said, it may be that my sons have sinned if this wos the cas with us I du believe thare wod be amany Isaacs a meditateing in the fields a long thay wod love to be a lon as well as John Richason did thhay wod not want to git into compynis without it wos gud compyny

6 day I did not go to meeting worm al this weak & rain every day now

a 7 day the ise is gon along shore, now the sceeting is over

a firs day I wos so bad cud not go to meeting nor a 2 day a 3 day I went to our meeting & Thomus a frind from goshon & john Thomus his cusen & both spoak wal John spoake of being men of oner & women of oner thay seemd very ni to me

(88)

17 of the first 1762

a worm day Sary Hopkins wos at meeting I wont wel anuf to go

I must rit sum of whot John Richardson rit; I find it an excellent Thing to be, as much as we can, always ready, and by being frequently thinking upon Death, it is not so surprising when it does come; This is a great Point of true wisdom, to number our Days so, as to remember our latter End.

The want of thus contemplating and truly thinking on what Preparation we are in to look Death in the Face, & to appear before the great Judge of both quick & Dead, was the cause of the complaint, Oh! that my People were wise, that they under stood this, that they would consider their latter End. page 140

6 day I wos at meeting; a firs day I wos afierd to go & afierd to stay at hom for fere of Ofending our mity maker, for I have paid dear for staying at home tho some makes a lite matter of it, I don't know what thay think

Oh how many of this World do spend their time so, as if they had time too much & work to little, It is plainly said, that thou art going to thy grave: thou art upon they way to the Dust: Whether thou art sleeping or waking, thou art going to thy Grave: whether working or playing, thou art going to thy Grave: whether drinking or sporting, thou art going to thy Grave: In this journey thou never standest still: The child is going to its grave, as soon as it is born, God has set us in this life that we may make ready for another. we are in this world upon trial, and according as we behave ourselves, and mind our work, or let it alone, so it must be with us for ever. This world is the Place, this Life the Time, when work for Heaven must be done, or never be done. Whatsoever they Hand findeth to do, doi it with they Might: for there is no Work, nor Device, nor Knowledge, nor Wisdom in the Grave, whither thou goest, the wise Choice that David made of God to be his Portion. Verse 57. Thou art my Portion, O Lord. Some chuse the world for their Portion Some chuse their Pleasures for their Portion but alas these are but beggarly Portions, well says David, let others make choice of what they will. I'll chuse the blessed God for my Portion: I know that God will be a suitable Portion, a durable Portion, a sufficient & satisfying Portion unto me (90) And here he makes his appeal unto God and says, O Lord thou art my Portion.

Dauids Supplication, his earnest Prayer to God, that he might be enabled to perform his Resolution, V.58.

I entreated thy favour with my whole heart; be merciful unto me according to thy word therefore now, upon my Knees I beg thy Grace, that I may perform thy word. He had resolved that he would keep the word of God, & there fore he prays, that God would help him to keep his word.

Dauids serious Reflections upon his ways, and upon his Walkings, Ver.49 I thought on my Ways. How few scarce do so much as seriously think on their ways, what they are doing, and whither they are going: You think of this World, & think of your Sins, so as to gratify your Lust: But when do we seriously think of our ways. in order to turning to God. Dauids Resolution after he had thought upon his Ways: I will keep thy word. I did wander, but I will not go on in my Sin any longer: I thought on they Ways, and turned my feet unto thy Testimony. Dauids putting in practice what he before did resolve; as in the Text, I made haste, and delayed not, to keep thy Commandments.

Some Men do not so much as resolve; some resolve, but do not pray; some do pray, but they do not consider before and after Prayer, whether they have walked in the ways of God or no; some do consider, but they do not turn; so do purpose to turn, but they do delay: But here is a copy for all to write after! I delayed not to keep, &c & so we are come to the Text. O that all cud say as David did, I have made haste, and have not delayed, to keep they Commandments there is no room for delaying and trifling in the Matter of our God & in the concerns of our Souls

Out of Mary Mollineaux these vearsis though voice and speech alone to man was given, to worship him, whose Throne is Heaven; yet in awful reverend silence, he admits of a Discovery; for to his Ears, words uttered with out noise Are louder Languag'd then a vocal voice.

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Won night when I cud not sleep my tuth did acke so, I thought of our frinds when thay wor put into ials & dungeons & O whot thay soufered to whot we du now our beds of es, go to bed & whot du we think of when we git thare, du we cry to the Lord for our selves & our Children to be plesed to preserve us a living people as thay wor at the beginning or such as John Richardson was, O how few is like him now, Oh how did Susana Haddan & Jan Crosway cry among us, O I think is thare crying cest no surely without the people is grown better; it very much everts me when I thinks of them tho Jan is gon hom & I may never se har more but often thinks of har, Suse is here yet

31 day of the first Month 1762 a first day we wor at meeting. Ebenezer Miler was thare & spoak to us of giting riches & being tu much set up with them in a fols security

5 day of 2 month Mark Reaves & wife was here at our meeting & she spoake to us prade that the harts of the children mout be turned to thure parrants & the parants to thare children & that we mout joyn to gather to repare the breches that is made a mong us (93) O wonderful that she may ceep har ground in gudnes & in vartu she seems likely to be such a won as our dear frinds is that coms so far to se us; Susana & Jan
firs day to meeting James & Johne he has bin foure times thare Job & his father is gon to Langcastar

Alice Hayes Wrights: she was a church woman grieved I was at my very heart in that Day, to behold the Behold the Barrenness of both Priest and People; I looked for some fruits of sobriety, especially in the time of worship, but to my great sorrow, I should see som light & airy, with Actions of Pride; others rude and wonton, and some a sleeping; and so little Solidity that I was ready to say to my self, Is there no People that serves the Lord better then these, for I observed with Sorrow, that they would be a talking of their Farms and Trades, till they came to the very Door of the Steeple House, & at it again as soon as they came out; which Thing I thought not well of now I can with a grat del of sorrow say so now of us quakers

I have thought so amani times that we (94) are amost got in to that state O that folen state O what are we now

Samuel Notingham told us of sum that crid day & night but I don't know who thay be

More of Alice Hayes Oh! Lord, make me one of thy Fold, a sheep of thy pasture These cries, and but little else, passed through my Heart, for many Months, to God; for that was the first good Desire that he begot in me, after he led me through judgement for Sin; then the Light, or Good Spirit of Christ which is all one, let me see plainly that I was not in Society with his Flock: Therefore the cry remained still, Lord, make me one of thy Fold, a Sheep of thy Pasture; for as yet I did not see who they were, nor where they were folded, But as I continued thus exercised, the Lord was pleased to discover to me his People, after many mournful Knights and Days; but indeed it was a great Cross to me, & great suffering I went through, before I would submit to be counted a Fool amongst the People of God. with whom now I have True Unity, and bless God for the Priviledge. But if if any (96) should question, & say How camest thou to have these People discovered to thee by the Lord, as thou sayest! Truly Friend I give the this Answer; & in much Simplicity and integrity of my Heart; go to the Quakers; and so intelligible it was to my Understanding, as if I had heard an outward Voice

A many trials she met with from har Husband, she ses Sometimes when I have been going to dress my self to go to Meeting, my Husband would take away my Clothes from me; but that I valued not & would go with such as I had, so that he soon left off that

I du belive here is as much to be met with now from the men as she met with & where wil the truth get to or who dare to say thay have it or the substanshal part of it; as Pol had day (96)

8 of 2 month 1762

James went to haddon field I wont well tu month sens I was thare bette Hopkins & john Mickel past meeting to mary E, Estto is so porely thay think she cant live long Peter Fairn was thare & Hannah Foster at meeting

Job & his father is gon to Langsister & to Goshon thay went a six day & come hom the next six day at nit

firs day we went to meeting & rid in the wag John brown & Joshua Lord was here

It is with me to right out of Lamentations It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth

He sitteth alone and Keepeth silence because he hath born it upon him

Thurd chapter of Jeremiahs Lamentations

O if the young Peopel wod mind it & we that is old has as much need how du we no but we shal be in the same dismal condishon as thay wor ant we as wicked as thay; wor; did not Suse & Jane cri & greve; at our Meetings cud Jeremiah exceed them

12 verse

(97)

He hath bent his bow and set me as a Mark for the arrow

13 He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins
14 I was a derision to all my people, and their song all the day
15 He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood and thou
hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forget prosperity and I said, my strength and
my hope is perished from the Lord

Remembring mine affliction and my Misery, the wormwood and the gall. My soul hath
them still in remembrance and is humbled in me.

This I recall to my mind, there fore have I hope.

It is of the Lords mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

the Lord is my portion, saith my soul, therefore will I hope in him

the Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him (98)

it is som comfort to me when I read that any pore creter in the world was ever to morn
& greve as I have if I dare to rit so

Remembring mine affliction and my misery, the wormword and the gall, that I have
had to drink a many times & a many ways & ofen thinks it will never be any better with
me; O how shal I cep ni and nuf to the Lord O I ofen thinks if I was worthy to be notist bi
him it wod be better with me

it is with me to rit, of my gran father a worthy man he was (the only sun of his father
and Mother his name was Benjamin Clark my mothers father his wife was Ann: Benjamin
& Ann Clark was his father & Mother)

he wrote much aboute the negroes & was much concernd about ceping of them slaves,
& ofen spoak of it to his frinds but fue he found then of his mind

I ofen thinks of him now there is so many books put out against ceeping of them both
frinds & others, has wrote a del, how glad wod he a bin to red them: & have had the company
of these frinds that is appointed to go to those that ceps slaves among frinds it is thirty year
sens he was so much concernd about them: if not more (99)

My fathers name was John Cooper & Mothers name was Ann, his father was Willim
Cooper & Mary his wife, all English peepel

som more of the Negroes, out of a book from Europ extracted from several Authors
the discerning Negroes account it their greatest Unhappiness that they were ever visited
by the Europeans: That we Christians introduced the Traffick of Slaves, and that before our
coming they lived in Peace, but, say they, it is observable that wherever Christianity comes,
there comes with it a Sword, a Gun, Powder and Ball. now what a molencoly situation are we
in that go bi the name of Christians a many times I think no people in the world wos
how can Any be wors, git into compinis prating & talking, all the day long & night whot time
do thay think of him that mad them O have thay any time to think thay shal ever di & com
to the grave, O this time this preshos time, there is nothing in this world worth any think, to that
of dying. (100)

21 day of the 2 Month 1762

we war at meeting rit could

O that I cud cri always I am so ful of truble & greef all the comfort I have is when my
mind is to the Lord

5 day to youths meeting at haddenfield James & Job & thare father went to it A vialant cold day & so it remains 6 & 7 day & first day is as cold we wor at Meeting & nothing but trubel James & Job & ben non of thim com hom away to sceeting it is as bad as playing at bol I du belive the ill compyny that gits together

O what can be wos & provock won another to mischief
brother James Cooper is gon to Stonibrook

3 1762

Chap

Isa 5.7 He looked for Judgment, & behold oppression for Righteousness, and behond a Cry: wo unto them that joyn House to House and Land to Land; that lay Field to Field till there be no Place that they may be placed alone in the midst of the Earth: that is, they cannot abide any to be so great as themselves. they must be Lords Paramount, to over top all; there fore saith the Lord of Hosts; of a truth many Houses shall be desolate, even great and fair with out Inhabitants:

5 day of the 3 Month 1762 we wor at six day Meeting firs day thare & my brother James com hom with us to tell us nuse from stony bruck, sorrowful nuse of thare meeting, only 4 of them at it O that meeting will drop & com to nothing it luks so

6 day to meeting a snowing day & cold

first day at meeting & it is 19 of march & so vialent cold if it holds so cold what will becom of the poure dum creters: O it sounds in my ears every day, what will thay du for wont of hay, there is such a wont of it

Now James & Job has tuck up the trad of running about of a firs day, for to get bad company

2 day cold & 3 cold

16 of the 3 month 1762 Richard Matlock wife is laid in har grave his second wife a fine woman, O that we may think more & more of our last moments O that the world may be staind in our ies & be of no request, but that we may think of our maker day & night (102)

O which of us praises him twelve ours in 24

Wel I think all I can due is nothing nor of no affect or what is the reason that I have so much sorrow & affliction: O I ofen ses has any poure mortal in the hol world so much trubel as I: every day wormwood & gol: some of it I right down for them to see when I am lade in my grave for I du belive it will com hom to them when they mant think of it: Jame and Job wil du what thay pleas: for if I say won word thay wil begin to houf me & whre is thare mannars to huf thare Mother, & such a burden apon me thare father he wil go to bed & always wod & sarvents & all may due what thay will & the house be turnd out of dores

the foolish discors with bill garot to day I was quit cick of it: about fiting & about the wors the man being cild We have as much ned to watch as they had in that day Watch ye therefore & pray always, that he may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass & to stand before the son of man

(103)

16 day of 3 month 1762

rain all day John Mickel is married

John Lad & wife was thare

firs day at meeting rain & more moderate we may say now as this gud man said: John Flavel is there not a dreadful Sound of Troubles now in our Ears: Do not the Clouds gather Blackness? Surely all Things round about us seem to be disparing & disposing themselves for Affliction. the Days may be nigh in which you shall say Blessed is the Womb that never gave suck.

It is said of the wicked, Psal 77.19 that they are full of Children, yea, and of Children tht do survive them too: for thay leave their substance to their Babes, full of sin, yet full of children: and these Children live to inherit their Parents sins & Estates together.

Ant this the cas with us quakers ant there more wicked people than gud, O lementabel is our cas I think, I am so fild with sorrow amani times a bout the wicked. O I thinks cud my ies run down with tears all ways. & the abomination of the times so much exces of to bachca & tee is as bad so much of it & thay wil pretend thay cant due with out it, yest like the to back a trade & thare is the calico O the calico we pretend to go in a plain dres & plain (104) speech but whare is our plainness, ant we like all the rest be hwo they will What fashon hant the quakers got As William Hunt said O that we had a many such as he, or anuf such thare wod be no calico among the quakers. no no nor so many fashon mongers (think to backco & tee & calico may all be set down with the negors all won as bad as another

O the poor dum creters it sounds in my ears how they du sufer

the 24 day of 3 Month 1762 it is got so worm we can plant pees the frost is out of the ground, but hay is so scarce fue has a nuf

Now has bin 4 or 5 days of the last, fine and worm the gras dus begin to gro & the frogs begin to cri: 11 day it is worm a great outcry for hay 16 now we have gras for som of the creters three lods of hay gon this week the 16 of the month we have dun foddering

1788 is a wet summer as are we nod

26 day of 3 month 1762

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Quarterly Meeting at haddenfield a very ful Mee- & a many publick John Wolma Joseph White & bette Mores; a wonderful meeting it was it semes as if peepel was grom som better than thay wor last fall; William Hunt had such hard work there, from Carillina: John Wolmans cusen, now he semd to think there wod be a people to sarve the Lord wel it tis some comfort to be at such a Meeting

A firs day we went up to se our dear frind Eliza Est (Eastlack? Estaugh?) lies so ill as if she wod go son

the firs day of the 4 month she is to be put into the earth, from the earth we come & to it we must go again I don't expect to be long before I must go so porely

6 day to meeting firs day thare

I think to say with Sophiah Hume as ful of sorrow as she was, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you; for you have lived in Pleasure on the Earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your Hearts as in a day of Slaughter, &, our Lord pronounces a woe against them that laugh now, for they shall weep & mourn; but blessed are ye that weep now, for ye shall rejoice hereafter. Weep for yourselves and for your (106) children was the advice of Christ to the Daughters of Jerusalem; and very necessary for us at this

Day, that our Mirth should be turned into Mourning, & the evil Rejoicing of many into Heaviness.

the Wicked, says holy Job, spend their Days in Mirth, & in a moment, go down to the grave Solomon said of Laughter, it is madness, and of Mirth, what doth it for even in Laughter the Heart is sorrowful, and the End of that Mirth is Heaviness, I often thinks if I cud be so fixt as never to Laugh nor to smil I shud be won step better it fills me with sorrow when I se people so ful of Laf & prat and we have this wise manes Opinion, That it is better to go to the House of Mourning, than to the House of Feasting; and that sorrow is better than Laughter; for by the sadness of the countenance, the Heart is made better;

The Heart of the Wise, is in the house of Mourning but the Heart of Fools, in (107) the house of Mirth: But further, to evince that the common Diversions and Amusements of the Age, are incongruous and unfit for Christians to recreate themselves with

A 6 day to meeting Mary Sharp spoak a firs day thare & a silant meeting O the trubel that is to be met with every first day James & Job at home because they hae such compyni as thay like but thare father is gon

Ebenezer Meiler & his wife is come up here to live

12 of the 4 Month at Haddenfield & tu old England woman wor thare & spoake wonderful wel to comfort some & to encourage them in the rit way

O the fue that is left that wonts the God of a Elijah to help them & be with them O be plesed to be with me, if I hant asked that I ant worthy of! O the folen endlent steat som was in O she said thay wod not be aroud thay wod not be a waked out of sleep

O she said a grat del to the young men & to the young women, & what a loss Jacobs (108) daughter met with by going out to see the daughters of the land O I have ofen thought of it with a grat del of sorrow O the harm we du our chidren by letting of them go into ill compyni won of them said we shud have it to answer for O ceep them in while they are young & master them O I think if it wont for the comfort that I git somtims at Meeting to here som of such worthes of the same mind with my self I cud not a stud til now I must a sunk in soroww, but O the Lord God of Elijah is abel to help (if we are worthy she said those that sets at helm to fil up the sets of those worthies which is gon to thare graves need be very cearful that thay stere right, & cry to the Lord God of Elijah day by day for help; sum sees the rong things that is crep into the Churches up & down, but what can thay du thay may say as Willim Hunt said that the Gallerys stinkt with fashihs & cry and pray. except the Lord aris in his mity power & show the Peopel what is right & what (109) is rong then O then we must bow & bend

6 day to meeting fis day thare & before 18 of 4 mont meeting brok up nuse com that David Coopers hous was on fier & before the peopel cud git to it was all burnt down to the ground & the barn all so

O whot a shocking thing it is O dismal nus indeed, won dismal thing ater a nother

2 day at night our John fell into boiling water & scolded him self so bad I thought he wod gon in to fits, if we had a put engon meel & cold water on it mout not abin so bad, or molas is & solt to got the fier out or irish potatus, or sperit of turpintin, or swet oil & the white of an egg bet to gather, or oil that they pant with linsid oil, or rat tel snake rute boild in hugs fat now we have got shumake root the enside bark boild in hog's fat, to bath it in

three or fore times a day & dus a del of gud & chestnut levs & bark is gud as any thing for it to lay the iching of it, hogs fat is gud for a burn by it self such a scod I nare ce, O that I never may again I du believe any thing that is gud for poison is gud for a scold or burn

he had bad luck when young & sence lost his living at stace. & sence he com hom lost a deal 15 hundard pound he ses in won vessel all gon to the bottom & now he stays in wodbary, but how long I don't know

3 mo 1788 tge kast dat if tge 4 Nibtg

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Our Mother Hains did dy at night wod not let any body be feched to take cear of har, now John is better of his burn or cold he can woalk a bout again

A firs day to meeting a day of sorrow with mee as well as a many more & it may be my turn next to be laid in a coffin O prepare prepare saith my soul this day all that sow this coffin that it may be a worning to them to think of thare last moments & to love to be alone & to meditate upon the Lord & to remember thay must di, day by day O this world or any thing in it, O I thought this day cud I be so fixt, so fixt as never to be of my woch any more, O Mighty won be plesed to cep us & be with us more & more and stain this world in the young peoples eies & caus them to follow the more & more day & night a bove all & then we shud have Nahamiahs among us & Men of onnor, as John Tomus told us at our meeting Men of onnor & women of onnor fearing of God above all

6 day to Willim Woods barin, O what a worowful thing it is for to se a master of a house carried to his grave, O what is to be sen but sorrow, he did not li il won week, nor Mother Hains won week

firs day to meeting & then alon all the ater non boys & thare father gon nothing brings them hom but night

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6 day to meeting firs day thare & Ebenezer Miler spoak wonderful indeed the first time sence he com up & Mary Sharp spoak

James & Job & thare father is gon to Salom Meeting com hom a 43 day

John Hopkins is married 4 day 19 of the 5 month 1762; bete Sloan is married a 5 day James brown is married a 6 day to caty andras, now James & Job is got hom (a fine shower of rain) bin away down at cohansy at Meeting & at old Ebenezer Milers

a firs day at meeting a six day thare the first day of the sixt month 6 day at meeting a firs day there & over welmd in gref & trubel here is much mad mad work

a 6 day at meeting & much concernd that the aged mout be a gud pattern to the youth O what is thare but trubbel My trubel exceeds but thare comes a little comfort at meeting to day so many frinds Thomus Evins J Andres Sary Hopkins go ing to Salom quarterly meeting, boys nor thare father won of them at thare, O whot a thing it tis that people wil go when thay pleas & sta when (112) thay ples at hom as thomus Evins told us and such a dry time as if we shud have a grat scasaty in this land, but if we have it may be better for us to no a wont & be made wiling to go to meetings & O we live in pees & plenty every way but the time may come we shal kno a wont wos ever such a dry time in harvest time O whot will becom of the pore dum creters.

the 6 of 7 month 1762 David Cooper & his six children & our Sister Hanna is got a hous
to live in again

9 of 7 month we wor at meeting

firs day at meeting 2 day at hadden field

6 day at meeting firs day thare & our frind John Sleper was there to se us & spoak wonder
ful wel indeed wod have us to seek to the Lord while he may be found; begin in the
morning about our work rise betimes if we had a mind to due a gud days work & be
industries every day of our lifes, to be rady when we lieve this world; he said if a man
heard of a peas of land that was likely to make him rich in the things of this world how
thoughtful he wod be about it but forgit his last bisnis. How pore man he is gon from
among friends disond. (113)

At meeting a 6 day cold to se John Hopkins thare a firs day a silent meeting & now every
boy & thare father is gon

The 6 of the 8 month 1762 our friend Steven comfort & his brother wor here at our
meeting & with us all night

a hard laborious meeting, hard work for the living among the dad he said thare was a fu
that had none a laborious time with him, O is the glori departed from Israel he said

15 of the same our dear friend Danual Stantan was here at our meeting O what a
melting time it wos, may any of us be worthy of such a time, som comfort to the
comfortless, like clouds of rain to the thirsty ground first to the old & then to the youth
wod have them to love & obay thare tender parents dear Mother that suffered so much for
them he said

the 18 of 8 month frinds from old England Hannah Hakvis & Elizebath Wilcasun O
wonderful how thay did speak; what can we think of our selves if we don't mind such
worthies sent so far are we thank ful anuf to our Mighty Maker for such wonder ful advice
& counsel & so mani times as dere dear Hannah desired us to mind whot she said, I cant
but hope & pray as won of the meenest & most unworthiest of all that herd har that we
may mind what (114) was spoak O that it may be as clos as flesh & bon

We wor at youths Meeting at Haddanfield & Jan Hoskins from Jas ter wos thare &
down here to se John Hopkins

Benamin troter wos here at wodbery meeting & at hadden field month ly meeting
Benamin mity wel Sary word pasd the last time David Davis the first time

16 of the 9 month 1762 a friend Eal's a friend Eals Hall from old England thay wor much
pand for us both of them a very hard Meeting; painful work Eals said hard work so much
rubbish like the rocks she said did not we fiel our harts to be hard like the stone ground
she said the gugements of the Lord is a coming upon this land for we wor a rebellious
nation like the children of Israel & told us to go & reed Ezekiel there wemout find,
impudent children a rebellious house thay shall know that thare hath been a prophet among
them 11 chap And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them neither be afraid of their words,
though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions; be not afraid
of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. & thou
shalt speak my word unto (115) them but thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee be

not thou rebellious but the house of Israel will not harken unto thee; for they will not harken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard hearted 3 chap & 7

O the chaf & the stubel she said over & over again & cud not leave it O the chafe nature so lite & ary O whare is the soled wheet Wo be that spirit which preses the true seed down & ceps it under like a cart with sheafs

I here that dear Als is dad 1762 lay 2 weeks
17 of the 9 month Sarah word has chandg har name to tatum

firs day at meeting a six day at haddenfield quarterly meeting
Hannah harris Eliza & Susana Hadden wos there & praid wonderful we later a man frind spoak he thought all had bin dun that cud be dun & whot fruts did we bring forth, wild graps like the vine yeard of old, we had a grat del to day about gitting high & grait of love to be above others.

at meeting a firs day James Cooper spoak & then Hennery Watherbis wife spoak. Sarah wa

in reeding of Ezekiel for Eals told us to go & reed it for our selves I simpthithise much with har in it. & I cant help but right som more of whot is thare, of the Lords displasur. & think & fear we are like them in (116) that day. O lamentable it is indeed thay had polluted my Sabbaths, chap 20 24 vesc

O we bin told of the Sabbaths: Danal Stanten told us to mind how we spent the Sabbath day but which minds it, O they had polluted my Sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers idols: wherefore I gave them also statutes that where not good, and judgements whereby they should not live (O is this to be our case); Son of Man, prophecy and say, Thus saith the Lord, Say A sword, a sword is sharpened to make a sore slaughter it is furbished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth. I cant but pray & beg that our friend Eales may have sum affect among us

O thou Mighty won nothing is imposable with the: caus us to think of these things & see our sins & for git ful ness of the. Son of man, say unto har, thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained apou in the day of indignation. we may reed these things now it is such a dri time. O that we may read & have it printed in our minds we & our children, or we shal com to the same that thay did

I can say I am glad when firs day coms that I may reed & right but o this dred & fear that I am in sum times, wos ever any poure mortal beset with the enymy as I am on every side

here is a wonder ful rain atter such a dry time, du we all in general prais the allmyty won for such grait favour

O such a dry schorching time: whot can people think wod becom of us in general, thare wod be a famin in this land if the almighty, wos pleased to ceep the rain of the land, I many times think are we worthy of any rain, we deserve a famin if it comes.

the firs day of 10 Month was a 6 day we wor at Meeting Hannah & I but it is a shame to right it for the boys & there father is so taken up bcause the corn is to husk & the wod gone to town wel if the dry wether had a cild all the corn mabe thay wod a had time to go to meeting then

O this world & the things of it O that we may be stopt in the lain as Balum wos by his ass: he rid apou or as Pharoh wos in the reed see, tu no we must go back; we shal no when we must go & leve it all behind us & we don't know how soon then fare wel corn fare wel wod

fair wel il compyni that has tuck (118) all my time when I shud a bin a reading or a righting sum gud matter, like juge Hal; or a walking a lone a midatating sum gud lik Isaac of old

fis day at meeting a long won a sick ly time in philadelphia 20 of a day wel is it any dread to us that is living yet to hare of such a mortal time 20 or 15 or 16 to be put in the ground every day O then, redey, or not redy we must go when death comes

aa 6 day at meeting & Isaac Andres is com hom again & spoake wonderful wel, causd amany tears to be droped from sum ies; but with a gret del of sorrow I may say; non but John Hanna & I wos thare but my sorrow is so lasting I du belive it will never have an end hare in this vail of tears, but there is som comfort for all when I here of the tribulation & sorrow that som others has gon throue if all my tears is for nothing.

the boys nor thare father has no religion in them but to go to meeting when thay plesse & to tel me, I am no better than them selves nor so gud with all my going to meetings: & huf me every day I live. O it is bitter as wormwood & gol I think sum times thay are so cros to me all of them & so ogly & unmanarly that thare never wos a mother so unhappy as I am.

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the 9 of 10 ,Month 1762 the engen corn ant all gatherd yet nor the wod ant all gon to town yet & for such trifeling things stay at home from going to meetings; bisnis a nuf moute be dun between meetings, it has cost me dear for not going to these our Meetings, thay may think as bad as thay will of me, as A. G. Hases husband did of har, for I du belive ther is as much sorrow to be had from these hautlin quakers now as ever thare wos in any age of the world, except putting in gails or to dath for now if thay can git compyni a nuf & the worst sort, tu & be with them all ways amost & if won wonts them to refrain such compyni & right or read thare books then won is wos then any body, thay nor thare father cant bare the thots of staying at home & he brings them up so & what can I say; only stay at hom & cri & greve, it is contrary to what I think is right how many times do we hear that we shud teach Children when they are young what they shud be; when older O what did Danal say; don't grve your dear mother that has suffered so much for you

A 2 day at Months meeting & thare I sow James Danals he is com hom from his gorney to old England

Eals Holl from thare is dad, & whot she told us at our meeting is all com apon us, the gugments of the Lord, in 1777 & before som of them

(this last sentence appears to have been inserted at a later date – J.W.N.)

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I hant rit any this long time nor I wont at months meeting it wos so cold nor at our meeting to day now frinds is agoing down to salum

a firs day at meeting, a silent won so mani gon down but o that the harts of the people may be so reacht that thay may not forgit it. O I thinks my hart is so loded as if it wod brake. & thinks if I am sarved by my children as Jacob wos in his time I must bare it as he did, he told his children they made him stink in the land; thare wos such scandelus work with them

Our Youths Meeting the 25 of 11 month 1762 & a rani day it wos. Thomas Redmond & his wife & Sari Hopkins spoak, it wont be forget by sum such wayti sesons, that the work moute go on when som fu is laide in thare graives that now has it on thare sholders: & that the chian of the enemy mout be shortned: James & bene & I thare, thair father com hom a six day with_____

a firs day at meeting, a six day I am at hom a firs day at meeting

12 of 12 Month at Months Meeting a fine worm day & so much to say a bout children tu months ago they brought thare papers & the sun wos turnd out quite O whot a trubel thay are to the meeting, it ant tu year sens _____ & har nasty stinking work wos brot to meeting _____

at meeting now we have adel of preaching we have six preachers belongs to ous & Solomon Lipingut is 7 but I nare heard him but wonst

Isaac Andres & David cooper is gon to salum & round by the caps

Iassaac Andrus Ebenezer Miler James Cooper Ann Cooper Mary Sharp Sarah Wetherbe all did preach

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I find sum freedom to right whot a tarabel thing this eating of tu much is. & has been to me a many times: I think I can say of a truth it is the wurst sin that ever I did. I du believe it is as bad as drinking tu much. eating tu much is the root of all evil in me. I du belive, O had I aminded it when I wos young, but O this enemy of our poure souls always adriveing of us into sin, O that his chain mout be shortned won link

the last day of this year we have bin to meeting a six day a mournful won. O the drad & the fear that I am in for fear I nare shal git out of bondage, O who is out of this sin & transgression. that day by day besets us:

O I ofen ses whot wil becom of me. I am so beset on every side; & I had a little comfort at youths meeting, for Marcy radmon did say that she wos ofen afraid that she shud com short or fol short at the last day & not be cearyl anuf, O this wicked world who can stand, but Saton hunts them up & down there is no plase of safty, if our mity maker & redeemer is plesd to drow his hand from taking care of us.

Marcy is as nere to me as ever. now she is a wido & har three children is all married, or

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This I wrote for my dear Children to reed when I am laid in the grave it cant be long I shall be here with them

I ofen prais for them as for my on self that thay may se & feel thare redeemer, to be with them every day thay live & to cep them out of bad company O I ofen ses what is this world or ani think in it, except we are first apou the almyty won

4 day of the 7 Month 1761 we had our weet reaped with 18 hands, O that the drad & fere of the Mighte won may be apou every won & concider what they are a duing of, than thay wod be glad to go to bad when night coms & think of him that made us & all the blessings & favours we recive every day we live & prais him every time we ett & drink & trimble at his word his holy word the words Boz said to his reepers wod be in thare mouths.

*(but thare father ant so gud he wod make his game of me & of the Meeting tu & I du think him the ruining of us all for he will never have ill compyni anuf a bout him & take thur parts against me so now he may se whot thay are com to)

*this has been crossed out J.W.N.

(See article by Logan Pearsall Smith
in Atlantic Monthly July 1901
See also life of John M. Whitall,
by Hannah Whitall Smith)

John Fothergill in 1699
John Richardson in 1731
John Wolman in 1762
John Griffith in 1772
John Churchman in 1775
Joseph White in 1778

O such men as thay wor

a Cure for the Gravel
1 gill of Horse mint juice
Do of red onion
to be taken in the morning fasting

another
Comfrey and water Melon Seed made a tea of

(See a 1783 note on page 56)

har husbands children. for she has non of har own. she is a del down kast & hard ere dauter
Mary is ded, we here to day the 5 of 1 mo 1770, O whot a grate los. to lose such a woman.
she has had tu children. is ded now with having this tu weks & 5 days old. Hannah & Mary is
the tu the oldest 15 months. when Mary com. O :) whot she has undergon. & har mother had
three & did dy with the las. Thomus radmunds wife & dauters (122)

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James Whital was married 19 of 4 mo 1764

John tatum was married 17.9.1762 to Sarah Word

John Tatum is married agin to Elizabeth Cooper, 23 of 6 mo 1780, a cler plasant day a dry time, the gras is drid up in a many plases O we wont rain,, but who is worthy of won drop we deserve a famin

for the Flux (Handwriting doubtful J.W.N.) Take upland shomack berries and boil them in water, and to a quart add 1 gill of brandy or spirit and sweeten it well with Loaf shugar – Take at once a Tea Cup full -