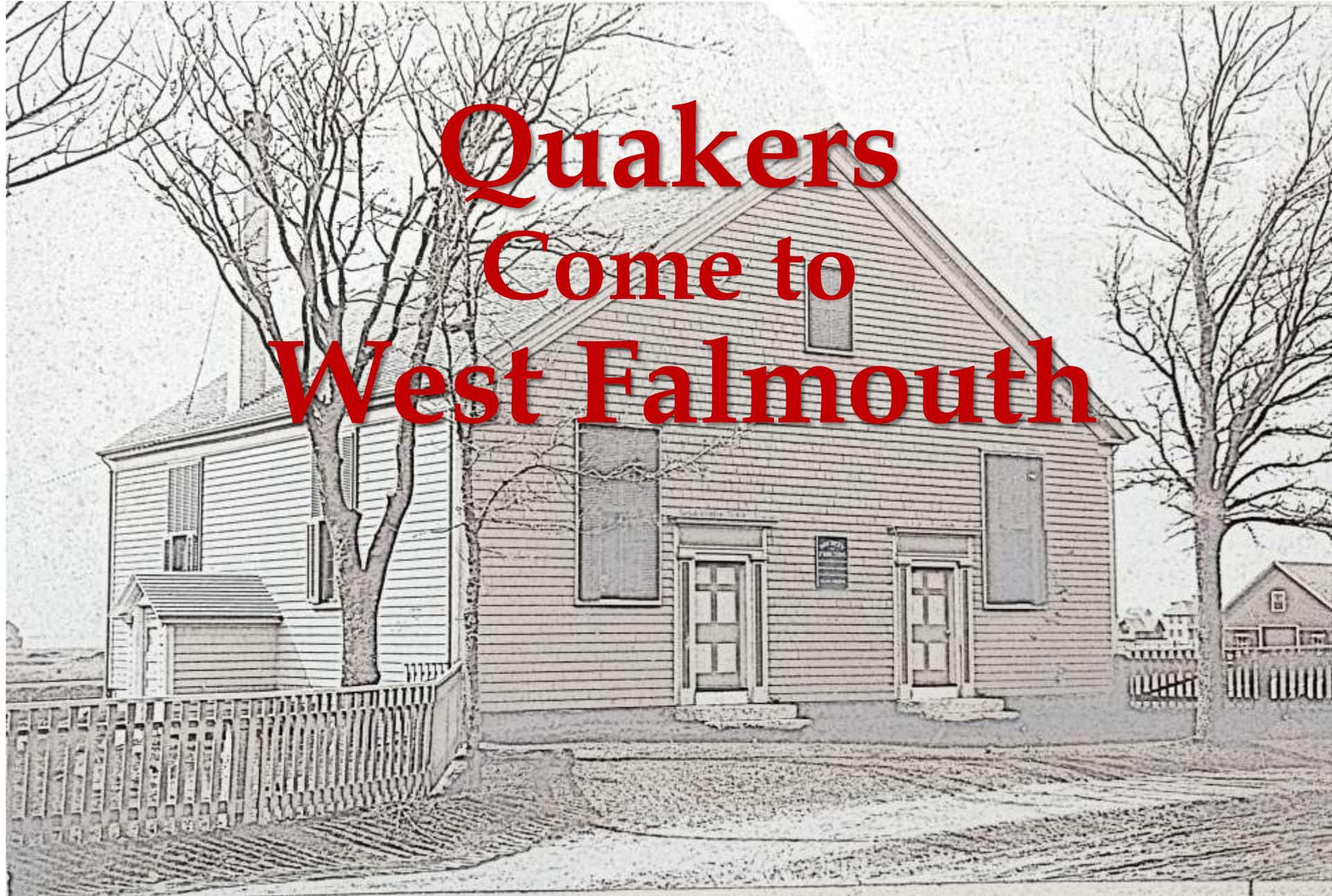


# Quakers Come to West Falmouth





# George Fox

- Founded the Religious Society of Friends
- First public preaching in 1647
- Called “Quakers” because Fox bade them to tremble in the presence of the Lord
- There is “that of God” in every person, men and women alike
- God can speak directly without benefit of clergy



*ASSEMBLÉE des QUAQUERS à Londres  
A Quakeresse qui prêche*

## Quaker Beliefs

- Since God was everywhere, anyone could preach
- Worship in silent waiting with people speaking as the Spirit moved them
- Equality was fundamental
- Peace Testimony
- “Honest and fair dealing”

# A DECLARATION

Of the SAD and GREAT  
Persecution and Martyrdom

Of the People of God, called  
QUAKERS, in *NEW-ENGLAND*,  
for the Worshipping of God.

22 have been Banished upon pain of Death,  
03 have been MARTYRED.  
03 have had their Right-Ears cut.  
01 hath been burned in the Hand with the letter H.  
31 Persons have received 650 Stripes.  
01 was beat while his Body was like a jelly.  
Whereof } Several were beat with Pitched Ropes.  
} Five Appeals made to *England*, were denied  
} by the Rulers of *Boston*.  
} One thousand forty four pounds worth of Goods hath  
} been taken from them (being poor men) for meeting  
} together in the fear of the Lord, and for keeping the  
} Commands of Christ.  
} One now lyeth in Iron-fetters, condemned to dye.

A L S O

Some CONSIDERATIONS, presented to the KING, which is  
in Answer to a Petition and Address, which was presented  
unto Him by the General Court at *Boston*; Subscribed by  
*J. Endicot*, the chief Persecutor there; thinking thereby to  
cover themselves from the Blood of the Innocent.

Gal. 4. 29. *But as then, he that was born after the flesh, persecuted  
him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.*  
God hath no respect to *Cain's Sacrifice*, that killed his Brother about Religion.

London, Printed for Robert Wilson, in *Martins Le Grand*.

## Quakers come to the New World

- First Quaker missionaries set sail for New England in 1656, only 9 years after Fox's first public sermon
- Quakers were treated differently in different parts of New England, from severe persecution in Boston to tolerance in Rhode Island and Pennsylvania



Quaker Mary Dyer going to the gallows in Boston

- Mary Fisher and Ann Austin were first Quakers to come to the New World in 1656
- They came to Boston where they were whipped and imprisoned with the intention of starving them
- Nicholas Upsall, a respected Puritan, bribed a guard to give them food and became sympathetic to their cause
- The two women were sent back to Barbados
- Nicholas Upsall was fined and banished



Rhode Island provided  
a refuge for Quakers



The Embarkation of the Pilgrims



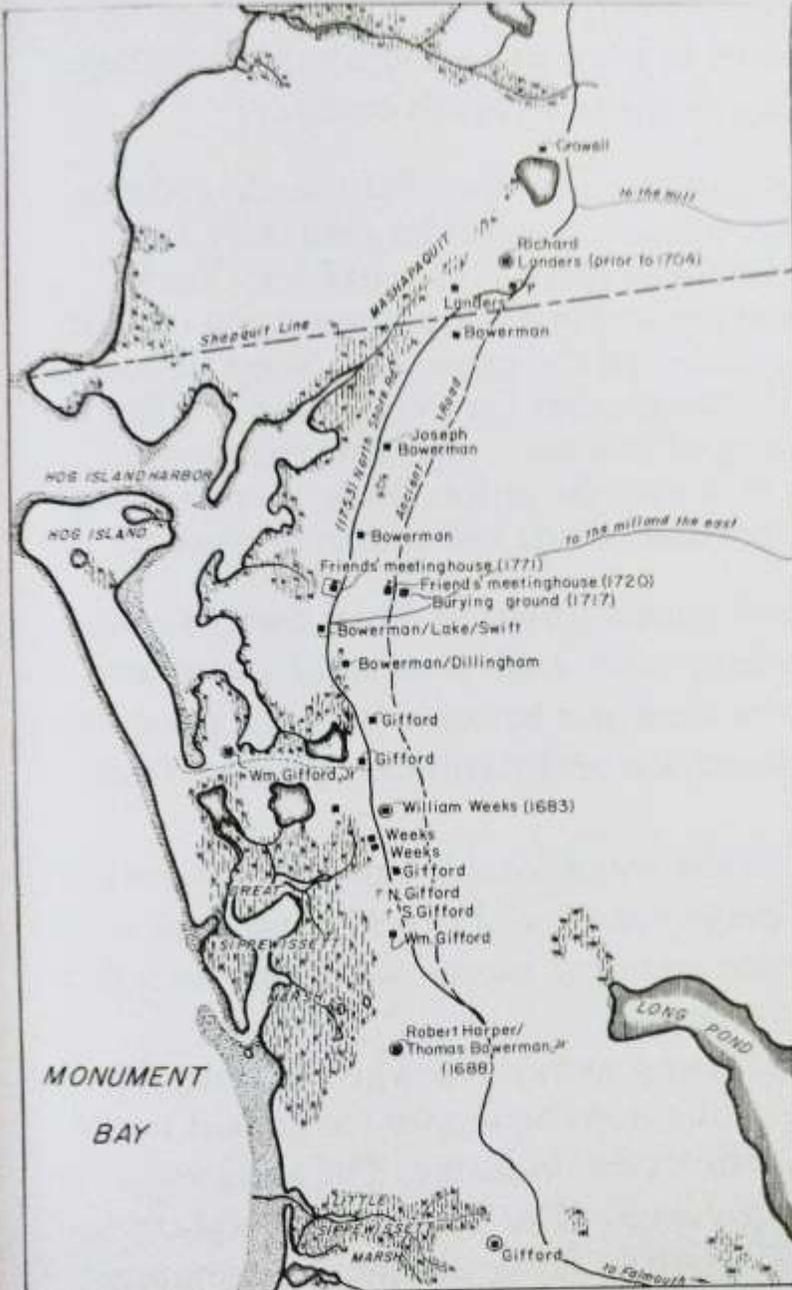
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The Bowerman House

Colonial Period



# Colonial West Falmouth

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Marker for original West Falmouth Friends Meeting House  
F.M.H. 1720



Old Quaker Burial Ground, West Falmouth





Newport Friends Meeting House, 1699

Alton Friends Meeting House,  
Alton, UK 1672







Blacksmith Shop



