

Blue River Quarterly meeting, held at Blue River, in Washington county, the 28<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> month 1827.

The representatives, from the Monthly meetings, are John Hobson, George Maris, Abram Osborne, Jonathan Frasure, Toms White, James Merideth Jehoshaphat Morris, William Lindley, Benjamin Parker, Solomon Stoutt, Jacob Hatt, Joshua Dix, Thomas Rubottom, Thomas Durham, Jacob Hoggatt, Joel Hodson, Eli Hadley, Joseph Hobson, Samuel Carter, Timothy H. Jefsop, Rubard Hayworth, Jonathan Hayworth; who being called, were all present, except three, for whose absence, reasons were given. The queries were all read, and the answers thereto, from each of the Monthly meetings: answers comprising the substance thereof, were also read, and approved, which are as follow, viz.

Answer 1<sup>st</sup> Meetings for worship and discipline, are attended by a considerable number of friends: in most of the meetings, there appears to be a neglect in the attendance of midweek meetings, on which account, care has been extended; unbecoming behavior guarded against, and mostly avoided. The hour of meeting, nearly observed. — Ansr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Love is maintained in a good degree, by most friends: though not so general, as is desired, wherein, care has been extended. Talebearing, and detraction, generally discouraged. When differences arise, endeavors are used to end them.

Answer 3<sup>rd</sup> Many friends endeavour, by precept, and example, to educate their children, and those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment, and apparel; and to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world; encouraging them, frequently, to read the holy scriptures; yet, deficiencies exist in some, in most parts of that query, particularly, drefs, and addrefs; wherein, care has been extended.

Answer 4<sup>th</sup> friends appear clear of importing, vending, distilling, and the unnecefsary use of spirituous liquors, (except in three instances of the unnecefsary use, which are under notice,) and of frequenting taverns, or places of diversion; moderation, and temperance, observed in a good degree, by most friends.

Answer 5<sup>th</sup> the necefsities of the poor, attended to, and care taken, to promote the school education of their children.

Answer 6<sup>th</sup> Friends maintain a faithful testimony against a hireling ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods, and lotteries: except one instance of taking an oath before a justice of the peace, and three instances of traning with militia, all of which, are under notice.

Answer 7<sup>th</sup> Friends appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in businefs, beyond their abilities to manag; and appear to be just, in their dealings, and punctual, in complying with their engagements.

Answer 8<sup>th</sup> Friends bear a testimony against slavery, and provide, in a suitable manner, for those people of colour, under their direction, as far as appears.

Answers to the annual queries.

Answer 1<sup>st</sup> A preparative meeting, at Beechgrove, within the limits of Lickcreek Monthly meeting. A meeting for worship, a preparative, and Monthly meeting, by the name of Vermillion, formerly, a branch of Honey creek Monthly meeting. A meeting for worship, and preparative, known by the name of Elevalis. A meeting for worship, and a preparative, known by the name of Fairland; all within the limits of Honey creek Monthly meeting. A Monthly meeting, known by the name of Fairfield, formerly a branch of White lick Monthly meeting. A meeting for worship, and preparative, known by the name of Sugar-grove; within the limits of White lick Monthly meeting.

Answer 2<sup>nd</sup> Friends appear careful to encourage the education of their children, under the tuition of teachers, in membership with us.

Answer 3<sup>rd</sup> They are, as directed.

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Robert Hollowell, William Hobbs, Henry Wilson, Joseph Johnson, Moses Hoggatt, William Lindley, (son of Jonathan) Jonathan Hayworth, Nathaniel Carter, and Noah Kellem, are appointed to attend the service of our ensuing Yearly meeting, with the foregoing answers; report, and produce to next Quarterly meeting, what may be given them in charge.

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Eleazar Bales rendered a reason for his absence, at last Quarterly meeting.

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The committee, appointed to visit White lick, and Fairfield Monthly meetings, produced the following report: We of the committee, appointed to visit White lick, and Fairfield Monthly meetings, on account of their request, for the privilege of holding a Quarterly meeting, alternately, between the said meetings, on the third seventh day in the first, fourth, seventh, and tenth months, and to be known by the name of White lick Quarterly meeting, have all attended thereto, except six, and after a free interchange of sentiments, are united in believing it would be right to grant their request. Signed on behalf of the committee

William Hobbs,  
Amy Lindley;

which, on solid deliberation, was united with, by this, and women's meeting, and the clerk is directed to forward the above request to the Yearly meeting.

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Our esteemed friend, Benjamin Puckett, laid before this meeting, his prospect of visiting the meetings of friends in Tennessee, and North Carolina, as contained in his certificate of concurrence, from Fairfield Monthly meeting, which on solid deliberation, was united with, and

he encouraged to pursue his prospect, as truth may open the way. The clerk is directed to endorse his certificate, with the substance of this minute.

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Our esteemed friend, Catharine Coffin, attended this meeting, and produced a minute of concurrence from Milford Monthly meeting, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> of last month; whose company, and gospel labours, have been acceptable, and satisfactory to us. The clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

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Honey creek Monthly meeting informs, that friends of Elevalis Preparative meeting, request the privilege of holding a Monthly meeting amongst themselves; which claiming the attention of this meeting, the following friends are appointed, to unite with a like committee from women's meeting, in visiting that meeting, on their request, judge of the propriety thereof, and report to next Quarterly meeting, to wit Richard Hayworth, Samuel Holladay, Nathaniel Carter, Eli Hadley, Thomas Maris, and James Rhodes.

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Fairfield Monthly meeting informs, that friends on Lander's branch, request the establishment of their meeting for worship, and a preparative meeting, to be held on fourth day preceeding Fairfield monthly meeting, and known by the name of Easton; which being united with, by this, and women's meeting, that meeting is established accordingly. Fairfield Monthly meeting is directed to attend to the opening thereof, at the time proposed, in the 9<sup>th</sup> month next.

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By the reports from the Monthly meetings, it appears that the subject of spiritous liquors, has been attended to, a greeably to the direction of our last Yearly meeting, and a hope is entertained, that our testimony against that distructive article, is still gaining ground, and the frequent, and unnecesary use thereof, gradually diminishing, amongst us.

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Handed from White Lick Monthly meeting, an account of sufferings, for not training with the militia, amounting to seventy one dollars, for thirty dollars, and eighty cents demanded; which was read, and approved. The clerk is directed to sign, and forward it to the meetings for sufferings.

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Isaac Parker, Zachariah Nixon, John S. Harned, Christopher Hill, Symon Ruebottom, Joseph Hiatt, Joseph Hobson, and Jonathan Hayworth, are appointed, to propose to next Quarterly meeting, a friend for clerk to this meeting, and also, an afsistant for the ensuing year.

This meeting concludes, until next in course