

Friends' Meeting Records :

Cope tells us "that Goshen Meeting of Friends was first held in 1702, in a house belonging to Griffith Owen, but a meeting-house is mentioned the next year, which was doubtless made of logs."

Also that "Chester Monthly Meeting at that time was constituted of the particular meetings of Chester, Providence, Springfield, Middletown and Goshen, with the addition of Newtown in 1706, and Uwchlan in 1712. Each of these appointed representatives to the monthly meetings, and George Ashbridge frequently appeared in behalf of Goshen meeting. Although his Edgmont home was nearer to Middletown Meeting he was a representative from Goshen 10-29-1707, and 11-26-1707."

Goshen and the neighboring townships appear to have been largely settled by Welsh, and, later, in 1722 these (Goshen, Newtown and Uwchlan) were united in Goshen Monthly Meeting.

The extracts from the meeting minutes (mostly from that of Goshen), as given below and elsewhere, are as sent by Mr. Gilbert Cope, of West Chester, Pa., unless otherwise noted, and are mostly of local interest, although in some instances they shew the attitude of Friends towards public questions of the day.

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At a Monthly held at Springfield 2-24-1710.

- (21A) Goshen Preparative meeting presents James Thomas and George Ashbridge to be overseers of their meeting which the meeting approves of untill further order.

At Middletown 7-24-1711.

- (21B) In order that all friends may be carefull how they behave themselves both at the Election and faire this meeting appoints Randal Vernon, Bartholomew Coppock, Randal Malin, Joseph Baker, George Ashbridge and William Lewis, to give a friendly caution the next first day in their respective meetings.

These fairs were held in some towns or villages twice a year, and the Quakers were not satisfied with their moral tone.

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- (22) 7-29-1712. Peter Taylor was appointed overseer of Goshen Meeting in room of George Ashbridge.

- (23) 29-1717. . . . George Ashbridge was appointed overseer in the room of Thomas Garrett.