

CAMP CREEK MONTHLY MEETING

Established: 1747

Discontinued: 1753 and members joined to Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting

Counties within bounds of this Monthly Meeting: Caroline, Louisa and Orange

Particular meetings: Camp Creek, Louisa Co.; Fork Creek, Louisa Co.; Green Spring, Louisa Co.; Orange (Douglas'), Orange Co.; Sugar Loaf Mountain, Louisa or Orange Co.

Considering that this monthly meeting is among the older of the Virginia Meetings, that it existed officially only six short years, and that we have only one slim volume of its records, it is indeed remarkable that we can know so much of its history and its members.

It would be best, however, before going into the details of its history, to first define its bound and name its particular meetings. It covered the area now found in the limits of Louisa, Orange and Albemarle Counties - perhaps more. Its particular meetings were: Camp Creek (1744-1798); Fork Creek (1730-1769); Green Spring (1741-1749); Orange which was also frequently called Douglas' (1748-1794); and finally Sugar Loaf Mountain (1744-1754). It is only wise, also, to call attention to the fact that these dates of establishment and disorganization are in most cases approximate.

Camp Creek Particular Meeting, from which the monthly meeting took its name, is first mentioned in the Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting books when it is recorded in September, 1744, that "There being a meeting lately settled in the Upper part of Louisa County, several Friends of the said meeting request this meeting to come under the care of Friends", the Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting accepted the newly formed meeting and appointed Charles Moorman and his son, Thomas, as overseers. That it is Camp Creek that is here referred to is shown by the fact that at the following monthly meeting, Camp Creek Particular Meeting reports for the first time.

From this group and another, only 16 miles from it, at Fork Creek Meeting (sometimes called "Fort Creek"), came the request to the Upper Quarterly Meeting for a monthly meeting, which was granted the year of 1747, the first session being held in December. Both of these particular meetings had their own meeting houses at this time, indicating that Friends were well established in Louisa County.

Many of the charter members of Camp Creek and Fork Creek seem to have been hereditary Friends, but the records would also tend to show that the majority of the membership of this new monthly meeting were Friends by recent conversion. A letter written by Gershom Perdue in 1878 seems to uphold this interpretation. I quote in part:

"These two families (John & Wm. Johnson) with many others of the higher class in the vicinity, by the preaching of old Joseph Newby of lower part of North Carolina, became Friends and built up Camp Creek Monthly Meeting and the meetings composing it; Carolina meeting, Douglas Meeting and Park (Fork) Meeting. Among other worthies were Christopher Clark, the Lynches, Anthony, Douglass, Moormans, Terrills and Ballard and many others . . ." Gershom Perdue.

This letter is remarkably accurate, though Caroline Meeting never belonged to Camp Creek Monthly Meeting, and the Moormans and Terrells are known to have been Quakers before coming to America. To the "Many others" he names, as founders of this monthly meeting, I would add the family names of Bunch, Moore, Haley, Hart and Hoggitt. Practically these same families also founded South River Monthly Meeting in Bedford County, Virginia.

In 1748, one year after its establishment, the new monthly meeting had a fresh incentive toward growth in the formation of one or more new particular meetings. In October of that year, "Christopher Clark, in behalf of the Friends at the mountains, requests a meeting house be built at the Mountains". This request was immediately granted and Christopher and Boling Clark were appointed overseers of "the meeting near Sugar Loaf Mountain". One of these meetings (if there was more than one) may have been what was later known as "Douglas Meeting".

In 1753, Camp Creek Monthly Meeting, with all its five particular meetings in an apparently flourishing state, was absorbed by Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting and became a part of what was then known as the "Circulating Monthly Meeting" because it circulated between Cedar Creek, Camp Creek and Caroline Meeting for its monthly sessions. After a few years the Friends of Cedar Creek complained that the attendance was poor and the distance far when meeting at Camp Creek, so it was decided that the monthly meeting should alternate between Caroline and Cedar

RECORDS

ADDAMS

1752, 1, 21. Ann rq mbrp; comm to inquire of Mourning if she is agreeable to her dt's rq

1752, 4, 20. Anne rec a mbr

1752, 8, 25. Anne [Adams] rmt Charles Douglass

BALLARD

----, --, ---. William & Mary

Ch: Thomas b 1735, 11, 12

Frances " 1737, 12, 12

Byram " 1740, 2, 27

Delphin " 1742, 5, 1

Moorman " 1747, 3, 16

David " 1750, 4, 9

1771, 9, 1. Mary, dt William, d

1748, 5, 16. William & fam rec in mbrp

1748, 5, 16. Sarah rec in mbrp

BARDIN

1747/48, 1, 19. Arthur recr q

BUNCH

1748, 5, 16. Samuel & fam rec in mbrp

1752, 10, 21. Samuel & Mary served on various comm this yr

CHEADLE

1744/45, 11, 13. Mary, dt John, Caroline Co.; m David GARLAND, Hanover Co.

1744/45, 11, 12. Mary ltm David Garland

CHILES

1744/45, 11, 12. Agnes rmt Peter Hubbard

CLARK

----, --, ---. Micajah & Judith

Ch: Robert b 1738, 6, 15

Christopher " 1739, 2, 20

Mourning " 1740, 6, 6

Micajah " 1741, 12, 27

John " 1743, 10, 26

----, --, ---. "Bailing" (Bolling?) & ----

Ch: Christo-

pher b 1743, 2, 29

Elizabeth " 1744, 11, 12

----, --, ---. John & Ann

Ch: Thomas b 1746, 7, 30

Francis " 1748, 8, 5

John " 1750, 11, 3

----, --, ---. Francis & Christina

Ch: Molly b 1747, 9, 17

Betty " 1748, 11, 22

Nicholas " 1750, 2, 6

Francis " 1753, 2, 7

1751, 8, 20. Tabitha, Louisa Co.; m John MOORMAN, Louisa Co.

1747/48, 11, 16. Thomas appointed to collect money & have oversight of the poor

1748, 5, 16. Charles & fam rec in mbrp

1748, 5, 16. Edward & Christopher Jr. rec in mbrp

1748, 5, 16. Francis & fam rec in mbrp

1748, 5, 16. Francis Jr. & w & ch rec in mbrp

1748, 8, 15. Christopher co Camp Creek Mtg in place of Micajah Clark

1748, 8, 15. Thomas & fam rec in mbrp

1748, 9, 19. Boling appointed overseer of the mtg near Sugar Loaf Mountain

1748, 9, 19. Christopher co of the mtg near Sugar Loaf Mountain; at this same session he rq that a MH be built there which rq was granted

1749, 6, 19. It was thought fit to hold a mtg at Christopher's house

1750, 7, 15. Francis gc

1751, 3, 18. Winford served on comm to help reconcile troubles at Fork Creek Mtg

1751, 9, 16. Tabitha rmt John Johnson

1751/52, 11, 18. Christopher gc to m

1751/52, 11, 18. Benjamin [Clarke] gc to N. C., to m

1752, 7, 21. Francis, Fork Creek PM, ordered dis for quarreling with another mbr

1752, 8, 25. Francis gct Cane Creek MM, N.C.

1753, 7, 21. Francis dis disunity with Frs

1753, 8, 18. Christopher gc to Caroline

DAVIS

1750, 7, 15. Robert taken uc of Frs

1751, 2, 20. John recr q

1751, 8, 19. John co Camp Creek Mtg

1751, 9, 16. Richard taken uc of Frs

DOUGLASS

----, --, ---. John & Judith

Ch: Charles b 1732, 4, 29

Elizabeth " 1733, 12, 18

Thomas " 1740, 9, 2

Polly " 1744, 6, 12

Judith " 1746, 7, 18

John " 1748, 8, 8

Anne " 1750, 2, 10

Achilles " 1752, 2, 22

Dorcas " 1755, 1, 9

1748, 5, 16. John & fam rec in mbrp

1752, 8, 25. Charles rmt Anne Adams

GARLAND

1744/45, 11, 13. David, s Edward, Hanover Co.; m Mary CHEADLE, dt John, Caroline Co.

1744/45, 11, 12. David ltm Mary Cheadle

HALEY

1748, 5, 16. William & fam rec in mbrp

1750, 4, 16. William rq to be released as overseer of the Fork Creek Mtg

1752, 8, 25. William gct Cain Creek MM, N.C.

HARRIS

1744/45,11,12. Joseph under treatment of this MM

HART

----, --, ---. Henry Phillips & Mary
Ch: James

Phillips b 1741, 6, 20
William " 1743, 2, 13
John " 1745, 3, 18
Joseph " 1748, 12, 3
Elizabeth " 1751, 2, 3

1748, 8, 15. Henry rec in mbrp

HENDERSON

1748, 2, 16. Richard recr
1752, 7, 21. Richard gc

HOGGITT

1747/48,12,19. William & Jane recr
1750, 7, 15. Philip a representative to QM from this MM
1750, 7, 15. William gc
1751, 7, 21. Jane con misconduct; appeared to be a mbr of Fork Creek PM
1751/52,11,18. William get N. C. to m
1753, 1, 20. Anthony & William gc

HUBBARD

1744/45,11,12. Peter rmt Agnes Chiles

JOHNSON

----, --, ---. Benjamin & Agnes
Ch: Sarah b 1729, 1, 30
Christo-

pher " 1731, 11, 22
William " 1734, 4, 25
Benjamin " 1736, 8, 24
Penelope " 1739, 2, 27
Collings " 1741, 6, 28
Edward " 1744, 2, 23
Agnes " 1746, 12, 11

1748/49,1,19. Sarah, Louisa Co.; m David TERRILL, Caroline Co.

1748, 8, 19. Benjamin, Hanover Co.; m in a public mtg of Frs, Mary MOORMAN, Louisa Co.

----, --, ---. Robert & w, Sarah
Ch: Margaret b 1752, 8, 5

----, --, ---. Zachariah, s William, d

1747/48,12,19. Benjamin appointed representative to Upper QM by this MM; first time name appeared in record

1748, 5, 16. Benjamin & fam rec in mbrp

1748, 5, 16. James & fam rec in mbrp

1748, 9, 19. Benjamin rmt Mary Moorman

1749, 2, 15. Benjamin & w taken uc of this mtg

1749, 2, 15. Sarah rmt David Terrill

1749, 6, 19. Benjamin Sr. co Camp Creek Mtg in room of Christopher Clark

1752, 10, 21. Christopher ltm Betty Moorman

1753, 1, 20. Ashley & fam taken uc of this mtg

LILLEY

1748, 2, 16. Edmond rq mbrp

1750, 5, 21. Edmond [Lilly] dis mou

LYNCH

1748/49,1,19. Sarah signed m cert of David Terrill in this MM; first time her name appeared

1750, 4, 16. Sarah taken uc of Frs having con misconduct

1751, 3, 18. Sarah served on comm to help reconcile the trouble in Fork Creek PM

MOORE

1748, 5, 16. John & fam rec in mbrp

1748, 8, 15. Anne served on comm

1749, 6, 19. John Jr. rq mbrp

1749/50,12,17. John Jr. gc to m

1750, 4, 16. William prcf the MM in the county of Perquimmon in the Province of N. C., dtd 1750,3,3; read & approved

1750, 7, 15. John gc

1751, 3, 18. John rqct Great Britton

1753, 7, 21. John dis disunity with Frs

MOORMAN

----, --, ---. Thomas & Rachel

Ch: Mary b 1730, 12, 19
Zacariah " 1732, 2, 2
Micajah " 1735, 6, 28
Elizabeth " 1738, 2, 2 d 1740,---,
Thomas " 1740, 6, 6
Mildred " 1742, 11, 25
Pleasant " 1745, 3, 19

----, --, ---. Charles & Mary

Ch: Elizabeth b 1737/38,2,9
Lucy " 1741, 2, 20
Agge " 1743, 2, 26
Charles " 1746, 6, 28
Jude " 1748, 6, 26
Molley " 1751, 9, 25
Robert " 1753, 11, 16
Thomas " 1756, 11, 25

1748, 8, 19. Mary, Louisa Co.; m Benjamin JOHNSON

1751, 8, 20. John, Louisa Co.; m in a public mtg, Tabitha CLARK, Louisa Co.

1747/48,11,16. Charles appointed to collect money & have oversight of the poor

1748, 5, 16. Achillias & fam rec in mbrp

1748, 5, 16. Charles Sr. & w rec in mbrp

1748, 5, 16. Charles & fam rec uc of this MM

1748, 9, 19. Mary rmt Benjamin Johnson

1750, 7, 15. Thomas rq to be released as overseer of Camp Creek Mtg; granted

1750, 10, 19. Thomas rq liberty to sue for a just debt; allowed

1751, 7, 21. John recr

1751, 8, 19. Benjamin ra to come uc of Frs

MOORMAN, continued

1751, 9, 16. John rmt Tabitha Clark
1752, 2, 17. John notified he would be gc on
condition he gave satisfaction in some
particulars
1752, 10, 21. Betty ltm Christopher Johnson

MUCDANELO

1747/48, 12, 19. John rq to come uc of this MM

SCOTT

1750, 4, 16. Stephen prcf Pasquotank MM, dtd
1750, 3, 3; read & approved

STANLEY

1771, 9, 6. Hannah, w Maddox, d

TATE

1749, 8, 21. James & fam taken uc of Frs

TAYLOR

1748, 5, 16. George rq mbrp; first time name
appeared
1751, 10, 20. George recr

TERRILL

1748/49, 1, 19. David, Caroline Co.; m in a pub-
lic mtg of Frs, Sarah JOHNSON, Louisa Co.

1749, 2, 15. David rmt Sarah Johnson

WARD

1792, 1, 20. Sarah d

WINSTON

1749, 6, 19. Nathan gc to m
1748/49, 1, 19. Nathaniel was a representative
to QM from this MM; first time name ap-
peared