

North Carolina

New Garden Monthly Meeting: Guilford County, North Carolina. New Garden Monthly Meeting was set up in 1754 by direction of Perquimans and Little River Quarterly Meeting. Friends requested the meeting because of the hardship of attending Cane Creek Monthly Meeting. **Thomas Thornbrugh** was appointed first clerk of New Garden. An early history of New Garden Meeting is abstracted from *Southern Quakers and Slavery*. Of the settlers who formed the New Garden meetings the first to arrive were doubtless the immigrants from Pennsylvania by way of Maryland. They brought the name with them from Pennsylvania. It has always been a characteristic of Quakers to reproduce the names of the sections with which they have been associated in former years. The Pennsylvania New Garden meeting was named in remembrance of New Garden Meeting in County Carlow, Ireland. In 1751 a meeting for worship was granted by Cane Creek Monthly Meeting. New Garden was destined to become the most important meeting in the state, mother of many others. In 1754 certificates came from Pennsylvania and from Hopewell and Fairfax meetings in Virginia. On 19 October 1757 **Henry Ballinger & Thomas Hunt** purchased 53 acres from **Richard Williams** for five pounds sterling, to be used by the Quakers for the New Garden Meeting House and for a cemetery. Witnesses were **John Beals & Bowater Beals**. The settlers were soon reinforced by old Quaker stock from Nantucket Island, Massachusetts, beginning about 1771. The location of Guilford County is a little misleading as Guilford County was not formed until 1770, so before that date families may be referenced as being of Rowan or Orange Counties.

Westfield Monthly Meeting: Surry County, North Carolina. Tom's Creek Meeting was the predecessor of Westfield and was located not far from the Virginia line. The meeting for worship was organized about 1771; the preparative meeting in 1784. The name was changed to Westfield when the monthly meeting was established, in 1786. In addition to Surry and adjoining counties in North Carolina, Westfield included adjacent territory in Virginia and settlements in future Greene & Jefferson Counties, Tennessee. It was here that we learn in 1793 that **Abraham Woodward** and family had moved to the waters of the Holston River.

Center Monthly Meeting: Guilford County, North Carolina. This meeting was located about ten miles south of Greensboro. New Garden settled a first-day meeting at Center in 1756 and a monthly meeting was established in 1773. At first there were only a few families and the meetings were held in a private house. Men's minutes prior to 1835 and women's minutes prior to 1825 have been lost. This meeting was the meeting of the **Abraham & Hannah Thornbrough Woodward** family. The births of their children are recorded here. For a photo of the meeting see Barbara Eberly's [Web Page](#).

Back Creek Monthly Meeting: Randolph County. Back Creek was established 29th of 12th month 1792 as authorized by Cane Creek. Previous to the establishment

Back Creek Preparative Meeting had been attached to Center Monthly Meeting in Guilford County. Thomas and Miriam Winslow Thornbrough were charter members of this meeting.

Cane Creek Monthly Meeting: Orange (now Alamance) County. Cane Creek was established 7th of 10th month 1751, being located on Cane Creek in the central part of a large area comprising Orange County. This included all the present counties of Caswell, Person, Alamance, Chatham, Orange, and parts of Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Lee, Wake and Durham. When Chatham County was formed in 1771, the division line between Orange and Chatham Counties ran a short distance to the south of the meeting house. This accounts for some families showing children born early in Orange County and later in Chatham. There were some thirty families resident at the opening of the meeting. Not all are known but among them was the **Robert Sumner** family. Many other family names are mentioned in the early minutes including **Ballinger, Beals, Beeson, Hiatt, Hodson, Hunt, Marshill, Mills, Thornbrough** For more information on Cane Creek Meeting including photos see Barbara Ebberly's [Web Site](#).

Holly Spring Monthly Meeting: Randolph County, North Carolina. This meeting was opened 18th of 4th month, 1818. While most of our Woodward relatives were long gone from Randolph County by that time there are many related names found there, including Dicks, Hoggett, Hinshaw, Newlin, Dixon, etc.

Spring Monthly Meeting: Orange (now Alamance) County, North Carolina. Spring Meeting is located in the southeastern corner of Alamance County a few miles east of Cane Creek Meeting. A meeting for worship was established in 1773 and a monthly meeting in 1793. Men's minutes prior to 1815 are lost. Female members at organization include Holaday, McCracken, Hadley, White, more.

Union Monthly Meeting: Stokes (now Forsyth) County, North Carolina. A meeting for worship had been established at Muddy Creek about 1771 and a preparative meeting in 1785. The location was two miles south of Kernersville. Union Monthly Meeting was organized 28th of 1st month, 1818, per request of Muddy Creek Preparative Meeting. Many family names are found here including **Beeson and Mendenhall** The meeting was discontinued in 1834.

Deep River Monthly Meeting: Guilford County, North Carolina. Western Quarterly Meeting authorized this meeting on 8/8/1778. The first meeting was held 9/7/1778. Many, many of our families are found here including **Mills & Thornbrough**. It is located in the western part of Guilford County, about 12 miles from Greensboro. As New Garden did, the meeting grew rapidly from the migration from the north and lost many, many members when the migration to the new Northwest territory began. The favorite destination in this migration was WhiteWater Meeting in Indiana.

Deep Creek Monthly Meeting: Surry (now Yadkin) County, North Carolina. The meeting was established 6th day 4th month 1793 and was authorized by Deep

River. **James Thornbrough and Bowater Beals** were included in the committee that authorized the setting up of Deep Creek.

Hopewell Monthly Meeting: Guilford County, North Carolina. Hopewell was established 4th month 1824 per New Garden Quarterly Meeting. Original members included **Unthank, Stanley, Macy, Swain, Mendenhall. Baldwin, Canaday, Edwards, Hunt, White** soon followed.

Spring Monthly Meeting: Orange (now Almanace) County, North Carolina. Located a few miles east of Cane Creek Meeting. Monthly meeting established in 1793. Men's member list is missing, women included Holadays. Children of Sarah Beard Holaday listed at this meeting.

Springfield Monthly Meeting: Guilford County, North Carolina. This meeting was set off by Deep River on 5th month 1790. Meetings for worship had been held since about 1773. Original members included **Mendenhalls, Kerseys, Haworths, Thornbroughs.**

Back Creek Monthly Meeting: Randolph County, North Carolina. Back Creek was set up on the 29th of 12th month 1792. **Thomas & Miriam Winslow Thornbrough** were part of the original membership.

Perquimans & Pasquotank Monthly Meetings: Perquimans & Pasquotank Counties, North Carolina. North Carolina Quakerism had its beginning, toward the end of the seventeenth century in this coastal area of North Carolina. Earliest records at Perquimans begin with 1680. Earliest at Pasquotank are 1698. These are the meetings that **Abraham Marshall** was called to visit in his ministerial travels in the early 1740's. In addition these meetings provided settlers to the interior of North Carolina and there were intermarriages with our Woodward families.