

A Memorial of the Monthly Meeting
of Baltimore in the western district
concerning Elizabeth Gillingham

Our deceased friend, Elizabeth
Gillingham, was born at Elkridge,
a few miles from the City of Balti-
more, on the 19th of the 8th month 1761.
She was the daughter of William
Hayward, a valuable minister of
the society of Friends, to whose tender
and religious care, much of that
circumspection which marked her
conduct through life, may, no doubt,
be attributed.

The following testimony deli-
vered during her last illness, e-
vinces her early concern to lay
hold on eternal life. - "I can
recollect, when very young, how I
desired to render up unto the Lord,
the first fruits of my life, and not

to make him an offering of the refuse
only." - and in one of her addresses
to her heavenly Father, she said,
"I have delighted in thy law, ever
since I was a child. - I have
feared thee ever since I knew
there was such a Being."

In the year 1786 she was married
to James Gillingham. - In the ma-
nagement of her household affairs,
and in her furniture and dress, she
was plain and exemplary; often
lamenting the wide departure from
humility and self-denial observable
in many who profess to be the fol-
lowers of Christ. - Some years after
marriage she was, with the unity
of her friends, appointed an Elder, in
which station she continued until
her death.

Her mind was deeply interested
on the important subject of educa-
tion; she thought it great presump-