

THE ESTABLISHMENT AND HISTORY OF BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING.

From ancient records it appears that the first General Meeting in Maryland was held on West River, in the year 1672. And for many years the Meeting was held alternately at West River on the Western Shore and Trend Haven, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

In an old minute book in the possession of our Park Avenue Friends Baltimore there is a list of Meetings belonging to Baltimore Yearly Meeting in 1679 (I do not think that many of these Meetings are in existence now, or if they are that none of them belong to our branch. I give the spelling as I copied them from the minutes.

Clifts (West River)	Meeting.	Pacaty Norton	Meeting
Chester River	"	Monuy	"
Bay Side	"	Nossawadox	"
Betties Cove	"	South River	"
King Creek	"	Mulberry	"
Anamessay	"	Elk Ridge	"
Choptank	"	Gunpowder	"
Tuckabo	"	Queens Ann	"
Sasifrax	"	Mashel Creek	"
Herring Creek	"	Transquaking	"
Patapsco	"		

It is interesting that at a very early date we find the Meeting appointed "Youths Meetings" to be held in the second and fifth months at the Meeting houses at West River, Herring Creek, Clifts, and Patuxen. In the year 1700 the Friends of the Yearly Meeting felt the need of what used to be called a "Select Meeting"; and one was appointed in the