

Friends Society 1

It appears from their ancient Records, that in the early settlement of Maryland, that a number of families emigrated from England ~~and settled in the country~~ & formed settlements on the shores of the Chesapeake - & in several places, meetings for worship & the transacting of the concerns of the Society were established -

In the year 1713 - one acre of land called Friendship was conveyed to them for said purposes, about two miles north of the Patapsco river, on which a small meeting house was put up, called Patapsco, & occupied by them until the year 1781. most of the families who constituted the meeting at that time (tho' few in number) lived in Baltimore Town & from motives of convenience & a desire to promote the interest & growth of the Society, they purchased a situation in the ^{said} town on the east side of Monument Falls, between Oct & York streets, ^{previous to that time} on this ground the present meeting house was built, ~~which~~ ^{which} accommodated the Society for a number of years, but from the increase