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Brownlow Manor House in Lurgan, 19th Century Version

The ancient Brownlow landlords built a fortified manor house on this site during the plantation of Ulster.

The Brownlow plantation in Armagh included the town of Lurgan and some outlying parts of the Barony of Oneilland. During the Quaker period before and after 1700, William Brownlow, son of John, lived at Flush Hill in Ballywilly Townland, Parish of Kilmore on the Ballyhagan side of Lurgan. He was an active member of the Ballyhagan Mens Meeting of Quakers. Flush Hill is on the south side of the Red Lion highway intersection, north of Kilmore.

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Foreward

This transcription is part of a collection of Northern Ireland records which I accumulated through many years of research. I was motivated to seek out the records after discovering that one of my fifth great-grandmothers was a Lurgan Quaker.

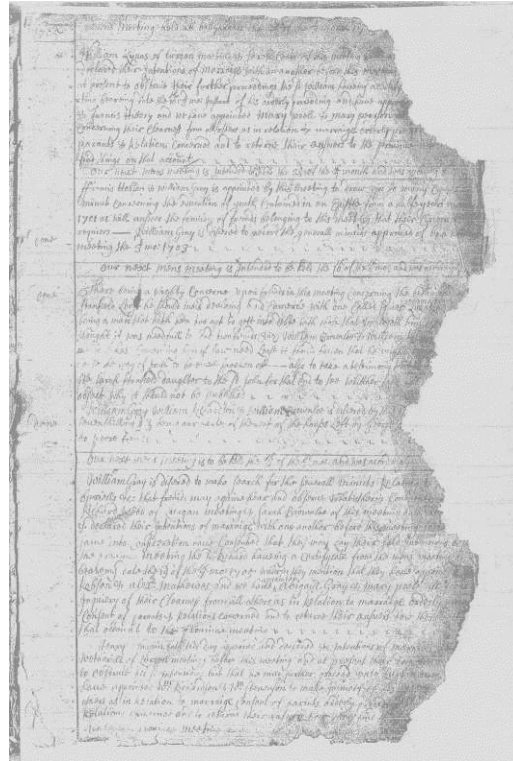
Finding the extracted vital records was not too hard, but I soon learned that the detailed meeting records were apparently available only at the Irish repositories. Finding entries of interest in these records can be a lengthy and tedious ordeal, due to the crabbed hand-written source and a limited index at the repositories. I hope that this transcription and comprehensive index will help others to more easily find ancestors in the minute books, at least for the years included here.

The transcription is intended to serve as a research aid only, and should not be considered a perfect reflection of the source records. The original records should be consulted to verify any entries of importance.

Irish records can be found at the Friends Historical Library in Dublin, the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) in Belfast, and the National Archives in Dublin.

Anyone who is interested in the Ulster Quakers should read the "History of the Religious Society of Friends in Lurgan," written by Arthur G. Chapman, published in 1997 by Lurgan Friends Meeting (Universities Press, Belfast). This excellent history provided inspiration and guidance for my own studies.

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Ballyhagan Mens Meeting Minutes, First Surviving Page, Entries for 3rd Through 9th Month (May-November) 1705

The pages are center-bound and written on both sides. The damaged first four leaves are missing parts of the right or left side. Even so, I found an ancestor on this very first page (John Stanfield).

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Notes:

The manuscript page numbers were apparently added when handwritten copies were made. These manuscripts seem to be copies made in the 19th century to replace the ancient originals.

Old style dates: 1 Mo = March. New year is March 25.
11Mo = January; 12 Mo = February.

Abbreviations and punctuations:

The clerks and/or later copyists often used the letter y to represent the sound th in abbreviating common short words. They added superscripts to the y to represent different words. Similarly, other abbreviations used the first letter of a word, with the omitted part represented in the superscript by one or more letters, or just a mark.

Periods were generally not used in the manuscripts. Sometimes the colon or simicolon appears instead, but more often sentences are strung together. Capitalization is not structured but seems to depend on the ability of the clerk to form letters. Certain letters, such as C and R at the beginning of any word, appear often as capitals. Ballyhagan is often not capitalized. Double letters are used profusely where they would not be doubled today. I attempted to preserve the manuscript spelling and styles where possible, and corrected only a few obvious errors by the clerks and copyists. (J.L. Fisher 2012)

Manuscript	Typewritten Here	Word Abbreviated
y(e)	ye	the
y(m)	thm	them
y(n)	thn	then
y(r)	thr	their
y(s)	ths	this
y(t)	tht	that
w(ch)	wch	which
S ^d	Sd	said
&	and; etc.	and; et cetera

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Uncertain reading ()

Ballyhagan Marriage Certificates

The following certificates for Ballyhagan marriages predate the surviving minutes of the Ballyhagan meeting. The certificates are given here to provide earlier information about many of the people mentioned in the meeting minutes. The certificates are transcribed from film MIC 16/Reel 39 BM 5/3 at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI).

Page 2B John Porter of Lurgan, Shankill Parish & Mary Boys of Drumilly in Loughgall Parish, 8 December 1692. At Ballyhagan.

Wheras John Porter of Lurgan in the P'ish of Shankill and Mary Boys of Drummilly in the p'ish of loughgall, having declared their intentions of marriage with each other in severall publick meetings of the people Called Quakers in the County of Ardmagh whose proceedings therein after a deliberate Consideration thereof and Consent of p'tyes and relations conserved they being cleare from all others were approved of by the said meetings.

Now these are to certify all whom itt may conserne that for the full accomplishment of their said Intentions this 8th day of the tenth month called desember in the yeare 1692 the said John Porter and Mary Boys appeared in a publick and solemne Meeting of the said people mett together to worship god in their publick meeting house att Ballyhagan where the said John Porter according to the accounts of the holy men of God recorded in the Scriptures of truth taking the said Mary Boys by the hand did solemnly declare as followeth viz: In the presence of God and this Congregation I take Mary Boys to be my wife.

And then and there in the said assembly the said Mary did declare as followeth viz: In the presence of God and this assembly I give my selfe to John Porter to be his wife and take him to be my husband.

And as a further confirmation thereof the said John Porter then and there to these presents subscribe their names as husband and wife And we whose names are under written being present with many more att the solemnizing of their said marryage and subscribe as aforesaid as wittnesses thereunto have sett our hands the day and year above written.

John Porter
Mary Porter

John Nicholson
Charles ffisher
Luke Peele
Will: Brownloe Senr
Will: Nicholson
George Wickliffe
James Tugh
Thomas Calvert
John Williamson
William Jenkinson

Walter Coxe
Jane Coxe
Thomas Jenkinson
John Anderson
Robert Hodgson
Thomas Horner
William Richardson
Mary Hobson
John Walker
Will: Brownloe
John Blackburne
John Neill
Samuell Anderson

William Porter
ffrancis Hobson
Laurance Hobson
Thomas Hobson
William Hobson
Jane Porter
Sarah Porter
Elizabeth Hodgson
Jane Matthews
Sarah Hobson
Pheby Anderson
Hestr Porter
Barnard Bulloch
Christofer Hobson?
James Hobson

Page 3 William Horner of Ballyhagan in Killmore Parish, Armagh & Anne Clark of Drumheriffe in Loughgall Parish, Armagh, 10 August 1694. At Ballyhagan.

These are to testify all whom itt may concern thatt William Horner of Ballyhagan in the p'rs'h of Killmore and County of Armagh and Anne Clark of drumheriffe in the pr'sh of loughgall and County aforeSd have declared intentions of Marryage with one another according to Gods ordinance (having declared) their Said intentions before the particular Men and Woemens Meetings at Ballyhagan the 7th day of the 4th month 1694 where nothing appeared against them to hinder their said intentions they afterwards laid their intentions aforesaid before the province Men and Woemens Meeting at () Boys his house neer Ballendery in the County of Antrum the () day of the 4th month in the Said year And the said meetings takeing their said intentions into consideration did apoynt severall friends to make enquiry in the places where from their (friends) are and of late years have been whether the said William Horner be free from all other woemen and the said Anne free from all other men and whether their parents and relations are satisfied with their said intentions And they presenting themselves Againe before the province Men and Woemens Meetings att Ballyhagan above said the 4th day of the 6th month in the yeare aforesaid and those that were desired to make enquiry Concerning them having brought in their answer to the said Meetings that they found Nothing upon enquierly to hinder their said intentions the said meetings did think it needfull and did order the said William Horner to publish their said intentions of Marryage to severall Meeting days in the publick meeting att the said Ballyhagan and if nothing appears against them they Might afterwards att a Convenient Season go to(gether?) in Marryage, Which publication being made and nothing apeating against them A meeting was apoynted att the Said Ballyhagan ... of the Said 6th month in the Said yeare where the Said William (Horner) and the said Anne Clarke being Contracted the said William Horner declared publicly and solemnly in these words following (In the presence) of God and this assembly I take Anne Clarke to be my wife, And (the Said) Anne Clarke declared in like manner in these words, In the presence of God and this assembly I give my selfe to William Horner to be his wife (I take) him to be my husband and the said William and the said Anne have hereunto subscribed their names as husband and wife unto which Marryage and subscription we whose names under written are wittnesses the day & yeare last above written.

Elinor Morton
Martha Williamson
Rebecca Calvert
Margrett ffisher
John Nicholson
John Blackburne
Chritopher Hobson
John Abernathy
William Blackburne
Gain Stevenson

Matthew Horner
Sarah Hobson
ffrancis Hooper
Elizabeth Brownloe
Abygail Gray
William Williamson
William Nicholson
William Richardson
George Wickliffe
Luke Peele
William Gray
John Blackburne
William Hobson/Robson

William Horner
his mark
Anne Horner
her mark
Mary Kirke
her mark
Elizabeth Kirk
her mark
Jane Woods
her mark
Jane Horner
her mark

Page 4 James Ker of Queens Island (Tullyroan) in Clonfeacle Parish, Tyrone & Sarah Hall of Ballyhagan in Killmore Parish, Armagh, 5 October 1694. At Ballyhagan.

These are to testify all whom itt may concerne that James ker of Queens Island in the pr'sh of Killmore and County of Armagh having intentions of marryage did lay their said intentions before the particular men and woemens meetings att the said Ballyhagan the 19th day of the 5th month 1694 where nothing appeared against them to hinder their further proceeding according to their said intentions they afterwards laid their intentions aforesaid before the province men and woemens meetings att the said Ballyhagan the 4th day of the 6th month in the said yeare And the said meeting taking their said intentions into consideration did appoynt severall friends to make enquiry in the places where their residences are and of late yeares have been whether the said James be free from all other woemen And the said Sarah free from all other men and whether their relations & others concerned have any thing to assist that may be a sufficient reason to hinder their further proceeding according to their said intentions. And they presenting themselves againe before the province men and woemens meetings Att Anne Webbs neer Lurgan in the pr'ish of Segoe and County aforesaid the 15th day of the 7th month in the said year above those that were desired to make enquiry concerning them did give in their Answer that they found nothing upon enquiry to hinder their said intentions the said meeting did think it needfull and did order the said James Ker to publish their said intentions of Marriage to severall meeting days att the publick meeting house att the said Ballyhagan And if nothing apeared against them they might afterwards att a convenient season get together in marryage which publication being made and nothing arose against them, a meeting was apoynted att the said Ballyhagan the 5th day of the 8th month in the said yeare above the said James Ker and the said Sarah Hall being contracted the said James Ker declared publickly and solemnly in the words following In the presence of the Lord and this assembly I take Sarah Hall to be my wife, And the said Sarah in like manner declared in the following words In the feare of the Lord and before you his people I give my selfe to James Ker to be his wife & take him to be my Husband. In Wittnesse whereof they have hereunto suscribed their names as Husband and Wife, unto which Marryage and Subscription we whose names under written are Wittnesses the day and yeare last above written.

William Nicholson
William Richardson
John Williamson
William Brownlow Junr
James Stevenson
Samuell Morton
Elizabeth Brownlow
Luke Peele
John Anderson
William Gray
Abygaall Gray
Charles ffisher
Hester Tugh

John Towle
Anne Winter
John (Kerk)
Barbarah Ker
Hester Ker
ffrancis Hobson
Christopher Hobson
William Brownlow
William Williamson
Elizabeth Calvert
John Blackburne
Jane Thomson

James Ker
Sarah Ker
Her S Marke

Joseph Ker
Thomas Ker
Andrew Ker
Mary Ker
Hanna Ker
Joell Ker
Mabell Hobson
Pheby Anderson
Margrett fisher
Mary Atkinson
Jane Atkinson

Page 5 William Gray of Derryaghy Parish, Antrim & Abigail Williamson of Killmore Parish in Armagh, 11 March 1691. At Ballyhagan.

These are to certyfye all whom itt may Conserne thatt William Gray son of William Gray in the Pr'ish of Derryaghy and County of Armagh and Abygaall Williamson daughter of William Williamson of Ballyhagan in the Pr'ish of Killmore and County of Ardmagh having (declared) Intentions of Marryage with one another according to Gods ordynance (having declared) their said Intentions before the p'ticular Men and Woemens Meetings att Ballyhagan aforesaid the 25th day of the 10th month 1690 where nothing apearng against them they Afterwards Laid their said intentions before the province Mens Meeting att Anne Webbs neer Lurgan in the said County of Ardmagh the 10th day of the 11th month in the said year and the Said meeting did apoynt severall friends to make enquiry in the severall places where their residences are and of late yeares have been whether the said William be free from all other woemenand the said Abygaall free from all other men and whether their parents (and relations) be satisfied with their said Intentions And they presenting them selves (again) the second time before the province Mens Meeting att John Robsons neer Lurgan in the county of Ardmagh aforeSd the 21 day the ? month in the said yeare and the friends that were desired to make enquiry concerning them did bring in their answer to the said meeting thatt they found nothing to hinder the further proceeding (...) to their said Marryage the said meeting did therefore order that the said William Gray should publish or cause to be published their said Intention of Marryage to severall meeting days att Lisburne & two severall days in the meeting att Ballyhagan aforesaid which was performed and nothing apearng against them A meeting was (...) att the said Ballyhagan the 11th day of the first month in the Sd yeare where said William Gray and the Said Abygaall Williamson being contracted the said William declared publickly and solemnly in these words following. In the presence of almighty God (and this) assembly of you his people I take Abygaall Williamson to be my wife and the said Abygaall declared in like manner in these words in the presence of God and you his people I take William Gray to be my husband and gives my selfe to be his wife In wittnese whereof they have hereunto subscribed their names as husband and wife unto which Marryage and subscription we whose names under written are witnesses the day and yeare last above written.

Robert Robinson	Thomas Lightfoot	William Gray
William Richardson	Jonas Shaw	Abygaall Gray
Sarah Hall	Charles fisher	
Elizabeth Steer	John Anderson	ffrances Hobson
Anne Winter	Will: Brownlow Senr	James Morton
Eliza: Brownlow	Will: Brownlow Junr	William Williamson
Katherine Magee	George Wickliffe	Isabell Gray
Mary Stevenson	William Nicholson	John Williamson
Isaack Steer	Jacobb Handrath	Mary Williamson
Thomas Calvert	Joshua Marsh	John Black(burne)
	William Stevenson	

Page 6 William Richardson of Egralougher in in Loughgall Parish, Armagh & Mary Calvert of Turcarra in Loughgall Parish, 4 June 1690. At Ballyhagan.

These are to certyfy all whom itt doth or may concerne thatt William Richardson of Egralougher in the Pr'ish of loughgall and county of Ardmagh and Mary Calvert daughter of Thomas Calvert of Turcarra in the said p'ish and county having Intentions of Marryage with one another according to Gods ordinance and lay their said Intentions before the perticuler mens and woemens meetings att Ballyhagan in the pr'ish of Killmore and county aforesaid the 9th day of the first month 1690 where nothing appeared against them they afterwards laid their said Intentions before the province mens meeting att Anne Webbs neer Lurgan the 4th day of the 2nd month 1691 The said meeting did apoynt severall friends to make enquiry in the places where their residences are whether the said William be free from all other woemen and the said Mary free from all other men and whether her parents (And his relations if any were concerned) were satisfied with their said Intentions And they presenting themselves againe before the province mens meeting att Lurgan aforesaid the 10th day of the 3rd month 1691 And those thatt were concerned to make enquiry concerning them having brought in their answer to the said meeting thatt they finde nothing on enquiry to hinder their said Intentions the said meeting did order the said William to publish their intentions of marryage two severall meeting days in the publick meeting att the said Ballyhagan and if nothing apeared against them they might afterwards att a convenient season goe together in Marryage which publication being made and nothing apearing against them A meeting was apoynted att the said Ballyhagan the 4th day of the 4th month in the said yeare where they being contracte the said William declared publickly and solemnly the following words In the feare of the lord and in the presence of this congregation I take Mary Calvert to be my wife and the said Mary declared in like manner in the words following In the feare of the lord and in the presence of this congregation I take William Richardson to be my husband and gives my selfe to be his wife unto which contract and Marryage we whose names are under written are wittnesses the day & yeare last above written.

Sarah Robson	Tymothy Kirk	Tho: Calvert	William Richardson
Will: Nicholson	Georg Wickliff	John Calvert	Mary Richardson
Ro: Robinson	James Hamilton	Eliz: Calvert	
Robert Hoop	William Hobson	Isabell Calvert	John Nicholson
Luke Peele	William Cooke	Rebecca Calvert	John Ho(ope?)
James Morton	Charles fisher	Edward Verner	
Mary Williamson	John Wright	Philadelphia Richardson	
Jane Combes	Anne Winter	Sarah Richardson	
Eliz: Blackburne	Robert Richardson	Will: Brownlow Senr	
Sarah Robson	Isaac Steer	Jacobb Handrack	
Mary Boys	Abraham Pearson	William Brownlow Jr.	
(Torn off)	John N(eill?)	William (Torn off)	

Page 7 Jacob Handreth of the town and parish of Lisburne in Antrim & Isabell Calvert of Turcarra in Loughgall Parish in Armagh, 22 October 1691. At Ballyhagan.

These are to certyfy all to whom itt doth or may concerne thatt Jacobb Handreth of the towne and Pr'sh of Lisburne in the County of Antrim and Isabell Calvert daughter of Thomas Calvert of Turcarra in the Pr'ish of loughgall & county of Ardmagh having Intentions of Marryage with one another according to Gods ordinance did lay there said Intentions before the p'ticular mens & Woemens meetings att Ballyhagan in the Pr'ish of Killmore and County of Ardmagh aforesaid the 23d day of the 5th month 1691 where nothing apeared against them they afterwards laid their said Intentions before the province mens meeting att Anne Webbs the 8th day of the 6th month in the said yeare, The said meeting did apoynt severall friends to make enquiry in the places where their residences are whether the said Jacobb be free from all other woemen and the said Isabell free from all other men and whether their parents and relatives were satisfied with their said intentions And they presenting them selves againe before the province mens meeting att Lurgan aforesaid and the friends that were desired to make enquiry concerning them having brought in their answer to the said meeting that they did nott finde any thing upon enquiry to hinder their said Intentions the said meeting did order the said Jacobb to put their said Intentions of Marryage two severall days in the publick meeting att the said Ballyhagan and if nothing apeared against them they might afterwards att a convenient season goe tother in Marryage where publication being made and nothing apearing against them a meeting was apoynted att the said Ballyhagan the 22nd day of the 8th month 1691 where they being contracted the said Jacobb Handrath declared publickly and solemnley the following words. In the feare of the lord and in the presence of this congregation I take Isabell Calvert to be my wife, and the said Isabell Calvert declared in like manner in these words following, In the feare of god and in the presence of this congregation I take Jacobb Handrath to be my husband and gives my selfe to him to be his wife unto which contract and Marryage those whose names under written are wittnesses the day and yeare last above written.

Abraham Pearson
Robert Robinson
Will: Nicholson
Luke Peele
Samuell Morton
John Robson
James Morton
Richard Mercer?
John Nicholson

ffrancis Hobson
William Gray
George Wickliffe
Elizabeth Steer
Deborah Handrath
Jane Nicholson
Mary Todd
Dynah Hall
Elinr Thompson
Mary Peele

Jacobb Handrath
Isabell Handrath

Thomas Calvert
John Calvert
William Richardson
Elizabeth Calvert
Rebecca Calvert

Page 12 John Williamson of Ballyhagan in Killmore Parish, Armagh & Sarah Winter of Bagnalls Grange in Armagh, 20 October 1698. At Ballyhagan.

These are to Certify all whom itt doth or may concerne thatt John Williamson of Ballyhagan in the Pr'ish of Killmore and County of Ardmagh and Sarah Winter of Bagnalls Grange in the said county having Intentions of Marryage with one another according to gods ordinance did declare their said intentions before the p'ticuler men and woemens Meetings att the said Ballyhagan the first day of the 7th month 1698 where nothing appearing against them their further proceeding according to their said Intentions, The said meetings did therefore apoynt severall friends to make enquiry where they thought needfull whether the said John Williamson be free from all other woement and the said Sarah free from all other men And whether their parents and relations concerned be satisfyed with their said Intentions and the Sd John and the said Sarah presenting them selves before the province men and woemens meetings att the said Ballyhagan the 24th day of the said 7th month and the friends thatt were desired to make enquiry concerning them did give their answer to the said meetings thatt they found nothing upon enquiry to hinder them in their said Intentions, The said meetings did therefore order the said John to publish or cause to be published their said Intentions of Marryage two severall meeting days in the publick meeting att the said Ballyhagan And if nothing apeared against them they might afterwards att a convenient season take each other in Marryage which publications being made and nothing apearing to obstruct them in their said Intentions of Marryage A meeting was apoynted att the said Ballyhagan the 20th day of the 8th month 1698 where they being contracted the said John Williamson taking the said Sarah Winter by the hand did publickly and solemnly declare as followeth In the presence of god and before this asembly I take Sarah Winter to be my wife resolving through the asistance of god to be to her a loving and tender husband untill death separate us And the said Sarah Winter in like manner declared in the following words In the feare of god and presence of this assembly I take John Williamson to be my husband And gives my selfe to him to be his wife promising through the lords asistance to be a dutyfull and loving wife untill death separate us. And as a further confirmation of their said marryage the said John and the said Sarah have hereunto subscribed their names as husband and wife, And we whose names are under written being present with many more att the solemnization of the said Marryage and subscription in manner above said as witnesses there unto have subscribed our names the day and year last above written.

John Williamson
Sarah Williamson

Will: Richardson
James Stevenson
Will: Brownlow
Nicho: Handren
John Roay
John Lock Senr
John Lock Junr
Ro: Delapp
Joseph Robinson
William Heverell
Robert Barnes
Robert Hoop

Will: Nicholson
James Morton
Isabell Carr
Will: Morton
Joseph Pearson
Anne Winter
Sarah Hobson
Mary Pearson
Eliz: Blackburne
Sarah Winter
Sarah Williamson
Blackburne

Martha Wetherill
Sarah Robson
Mary Webb
Rebecca Webb
Eliza Calvert
Anne Rountree
Mary Richardson
Pru: Nicholson
Sara: Brownlow
Dynah Lock
Sarah Morton
William (Morton)

Lau: H (torn)
Sa:
Gabriell Winter
Sa: Kirk
(ffras)?
Alice King
Will: Boys

Page 13 John Scott of Ballyhagan , Armagh & Mary Atkinson, widow of 1??, 15 June 1699. At Ballyhagan.

These are to certyfy all whom itt doth or may conserne thatt John Scott of Ballyhagan And Mary Atkinson daughter of Mary Attkinson widdow of (?lis..) having Intentions of Marryage with each other according to gods ordinance did present themselves and declared their said Intentions before the men and woemens meetings of the people called Quakers att the said Ballyhagan in the Pr'ish of Killmore and County of Ardmagh the sixth day of the second month one thousand six hundred ninety and nine And the said meeting did apoynt severall friends to make enquiry in the severall places an persons where they thought needfull whether the said John be free from all other woemen and the said Mary free from all other men And whether their parents and relations be content & satisfyed with their said Intentions, And they presenting them selves before province meetings both men and woemen of the said people att Ballyhagan aforesaid the third day of the fourth month commonly called June in the said yeare and the friends that were desired to enquire& bring in their answer to the said meetings they found nothing upon enquiry to hinder their further proceedings in relation to their Intentions of Marryage the said meetings did therefore order the Sd John Scott to publish their said Intentions of Marryage two severall meeting days in the publick meeting att the said Ballyhagan And if nothing apeared against them they myght att a convenient time take each other in Marryage which publication being made and nothing apeared to hinder them in their said Intentions of Marryage, a meeting of the said people being apoynted att the said Ballyhagan to worship the lord the fifteenth day of the fourth month aforesaid where the said John Scott taking the said Mary Atkinson by the hand and publickly and solemnley in the said meeting did declare as followeth viz: In the presence of god and this assembly I take Mary Atkinson to be my wife professing to be a loving and tender husband till death separate us, And the said Mary Atkinson in like manner declared in the following words vizt In the presence of god and this asembly I give my selfe to John Scott to be his wife and take him to be my husband Intending by the asistance of god to be a loving and submitting wife till death separate us, And as a further confirmation of their said Marryage the said John and the said Mary have to these presents subscribed their names as husband and wife An we whose names are hereunder written being present att the solemnizing of the said Marryage with Many more as witnesses thereunto have sett our names the day and yeare last above written.

John Scott
Mary Scott

James Stevenson	Abygaall Atkinson	Jane Thomson	
James Stevens	Hanna Atkinson	Mary Galphin	
Ffrancis Hobson	Sarah Carr	Mary Stevenson	William Brownlow
William Gray	Margery Read	Mary Hobson	Luke Peele
Charles fisher	Abygaall Gray	John Atkinson	John Williamson
Mary Atkinson	Elizabeth Cooke	Thomas Anderson	John Cooke
Margrett Anderson	William Morton	Matthew Wilson	Robert arnes
William Hobson		Joell Carr	Patrick Hogg

Ballyhagan Monthly Meeting, Mens Minutes

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Mens Meeting held at Ballyhagan the ? of the 3d mo 1705.

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William Lynas of Lurgan meeting & Sarah Coats of this meeting... declared their Intentions of Marriage with one another before this meeting... at present to obstruct their further proceedings the sd William haveing a certificated ... meeting bearing date the 16th 3d mo: Instant of his orderly proceeding and have appointed ... & Francis Hillery and we have appointed Mary Peele, & Mary Pearson ... concerning their clearness from all others as in relation to marriage orderly proceedings ... parents & relations concerned and to returne their answers to the province meeting ... find things on that account.

Our next mens meeting is Intended to be held the 28th of the 4th month and was according held...

Ffrancis Hobson & William Gray is appointed by this meeting to draw up so many copys of a minute concerning the Education of youth Contained in an Epistle from a halfe years meeting ... 1701 as will answer the families of friends belonging to this meeting that their (circumstances?) requires - William Gray is desired to record the generall minute approved of by a ... meeting the 3d mo: 1703. (Note in margin: done.)

Our next mens meeting is Intended to be held the 10th of the 6th mo:, and was accordingly.

There being a weighty concern upon friends in this meeting concerning the behaviour of [John] Stanfield least he should in his dealing and commerce with one called Squier Lukas ... being a man that hath been bad apt to gett into debte with those that employeth him, ... thought it was needfull to send two friends (viz) William Brownloe & William ... the said Lukas concerning him saw need least it should happen that he might ... Cause the way of truth to be evill spoken of - Also to take a testimony from ... Sarah Stanfield daughter of the sd John to that end to see whether ... object why it should not be published. (Note in margin: done.)

William Gray William Richardson & William Brownloe is desired by this ... seven Shilling 4d being our parte of the rent of the house left by George ... to poore friends. (Note in margin: done.)

Our next mens meeting is to be held the 21st of the 9th mo: And was accordingly.

William Gray is desired to make search for the severall minutes relateing to ... buriells etc. that friends may againe hear and observe what is therein contained ... Richard Webb of Lurgan meeting & Sarah Brownloe of this meeting hath ... & declared their Intentions of marriage with one another before this meeting ... same into consideration have Consented that they may lay their said intentions before the province meeting the said Richard haveing a certificate from the mens meeting at ... bearing date the 19th of the 7th mo: 1705 wherein they mention that they have appointed ... Robson & Alexr Mathewes and we have appointed Abigail Gray & Mary Peele ... Inquiry of their Clearness from all others as in relation to marriage orderly ... Consent of parents & Relations concerned and to returne their answeres how they ... that account to the province meeting.

Henry Toppin hath this day appeared and declared his Intentions of Marriage ... (Hannah) Wetherill of Lurgan meeting, before this meeting and at present their ... to obstruct his intentions but that he may further proceed ... have appointed w^m Richardson & W^m Stevenson to make Inquirey of his ... others as in relation to marriage Consent of parents orderly proceedings ... Relations concerned and to returne their answers whether they find ... & returne to the province meeting.

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[Our next] meeting is to be held the 2th of the 9th mo: 1705.

[John] Standfield haveing not performed according as Expected to James [Lukas] ... in Letting him have some winter beans in payment for money being due unto the S^d James Therefore its the desire of this meeting that the friends formerly Concerned (viz) W^m Richardson & Robert Barns doe continue care and returne their account thereof to the next mens meeting.

Our next mens meeting is to be held the 14th of the 10th month 1705.

(No entries)

Our next mens meeting Intended to be held the 14th of the 10th month was then held.

... before mentioned to speake to John Stanfield and his son Ocran doth not what things promised by them from time to time is duley observed but rather on the contrary not takeing thatt care as they ought also what friends might reasonably expected of them, therefore this meeting is under a jealousy that friends and truth is in danger of suffering reproach by their actions, so that its the Judgment of this meeting that friends draw up a testemony against their proceedings.

Therefore this meeting has appointed W^m Brownloe W^m Richardson Francis Hobson and W^m Gray to draw the sd testimony and shew it unto them for that end that they may make their objections.

John Smith & Mary Atkinson at our preparative meeting acquainted friends of their Inclinations of marriage with one another & now this day hath appeared & declared their Intentions of marriage before our womens meeting also before this friends haveing appointed at the sd preparative meeting severall to enquier concerning their Clearnes orderly proceeding etc (viz) John Williamson Francis Hobson Mary Richardson & Mary Peel which ... they have been concerned therin and finds not any thing to obstruct their further proceedings therein . Therefore this meeting doth permitt them to proceed to Lay it before the province meeting and the friends nominated to make Inquiry is desired to continue their care in that respect and to returne their answers to the province meeting And its considered by this meeting that inasmuch as the sd John Smith (& Mary Atkinson) hath each of them Children some of whome hath been ... unto their parents and the Consent of their friends

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Therefore it's the advice of this ... accomplishment of their Intended marriage (that they) shall n ... disobedient children in their family untill they Learn more subja ... parrents without the concurrence of this meeting unto which they ... hath consented ("unto" struck out).

Our next meeting held the 25th of the 11th mo ...

Since our last meeting John blackburn jun'er hath paid five pounds ... it being parte of the eleven pounds five shillings & five pence which the ... was due unto Gauin Stevenson and friends have lodged it with William Richardson untill further this money paid to William Stevensen William Brownloe John Williamsen & ffrances Hobsen is desired to draw upon account of the (streat) of this meeting to be sent to the 6th days quarterly meeting next & on – William Gray is desired to draw on account also to be sent to the province mens meeting on the 7th day. (dates in margin 10 mo: 20, 11 mo: 27, & on, & on)

Sarah Morton hath made complaint unto this meeting of James Tough ... erving some money that the said James borrowed some time past from the Sd ... also hath desired from time to time to have the Sd money paid in by the Sd James ... hath not yett Received itt Therefore shee desieres that friends may deal with the ... concerning the same.

Our Next Mens Meeting is Intended to be held the 8th day of the first month 1705 (1705/6).

James Tough hath been spoaken with about some money he oweth ... Morton & he is to give account to the next meeting what is done. ... William Gray hath given account of the (Collections) Received by ... accounts also of disbursments by friends order and finds upon balance ... in (Stec'k?) the same of three Shillings & one peney three farthings ...

Itt being the care of friends; and that from time to time to deall ... winter by way of advice and admonition for his good to refraine ... that are hurteful unto him and that he would reforme his Life and ... and walk more agreeable unto his profession as to religion yett all ... hath been much slighted by him; notwithstanding friends as yett is no ... to quitt him but if possible would have him reclaimed; Therefore have appo ... William Richardson ffrancis Hobson & Robert Delapp to speake to the Sd William concerning severall disorderlly things he hath c'ited and to returne to the next mens meeting how they find him affected.

Our Next Mens Meeting is to be held 2 mo 19 1706.

I do acknowledge to have Received from William ...

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James Tough has given account unto this meeting that he cannot as yett pay the money due by him to Sarah Morton but sayeth he is using endeavours to have it paid as soone as he can.

William Winter hath been admonished by those friends before appointed but to their greife they find he doth continue in a willfull obstinate mind against friends advice ... with standing the Sd

friends is desired to further continue their care over him for that end he ... if possible be relaxed but withall if he will not hear so as to amend his ways to Lett ... understand that friends will be necessitated to give forth a testimony against him.

(The) visitors gives account that they have been concerned & in their services of late ... severall families where they thought most needful which was well taken with all tho not with all which they Intend to deall further with.

John blackburne Juner being minded to remove himselfe and family near Maenelin being in the compass of Lisburne Country meeting he having acquainted some friends therewith (heretofore) and now desires our certificate friends have desired Francis Hobson to draw ... a shew it to friends accordingly done and given to him.

Att a Mens Meeting held the 3d mo. 30 1706.

James Tough having not paid the money due by him to Sarah Morton as was expected therefore this meeting desires him to pay it with all expedition possible he can.

Friends before appointed to speak to William Winter have neglected their duty therein as desired Last meeting & Therefore are desired to perform it with all diligence possible against (?).

Att a Mens Meeting 5 mo: 12 1706.

James Tough being now present and this meeting desires to know of him whether he hath paid the above said money unto Sarah Morton his answer was it was not paid as yett but he hopes it would be performed before the next mens meeting.

William Winter being spok to by the above friends as also heretofore severall times ... th good advice and counsell have been given him yett seemingly Little ex ... with him for he still continues in his Loose behaviour and in (great?)

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disobedience and stubbornness unto his m ... Therefore this meeting after a seirous consideration ... in preparing a testimony against him and his Loose and (Imp ...?) William Brownloe William Richardson Wm Gray & Francis Hobson is desired ... mens meeting or before. (Note in margin: Memorandum The 10 mo: is the time of Interest due.)

Or friend John Whitsett who did belong to the meeting beyond Charle ... deceased about the 4th month 1705 and Left by will to poore friends ... of Ten pounds Strl to be put forth to Intrest and the Intrest thereof, to be ... to time as it is gott to the poore of this meeting and the Stock to continue. (Note in margin: Wm Gray recd 2, Wm brownloe recd 8, being all the 10.)

Att a Mens Meeting held the 6 mo 23d 1706.

James Tough not appearing at this meeting to give account what he hath done to the payment of the Said due by him unto Sarah Morton and this meet ... by his wife that it is not paid as it ought to a been before this time. Therefore a ... concerned that the Sd James should use so many put off concerning the sam ... Another, now after a full debate and consideration thereupon gives it as our ... James should pay the Sd money at or before our next mens meeting.

The friends before appointed for drawing up a testimony concerning Wil ... done it and brought it into the meeting and after perusal thinks it may a ... desirs that it be showed unto him for that end to see whether he hath any things ... (Note in margin: done.)

This meeting hath recd the last quarterly meeting Epistles after the yearly meet ... the 3d mo: 1706 with which we had good unity.

Att a Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan ... 1706.

James Tough not being at this meeting to give an account conc ... of the afore mentioned money; Therefore this meeting hath appoin ... & William Richardson to speake to the Sd James concerning the same also ... whether he comply with the judgmt: of Last meeting, and Likewise what ... he doth absent himselfe these our meeting & :

This Testimony drawn up against the behaviour of William Winter, ... unto him as was desired Last mens meeting and finds he hath not any ... things to object neither willing to under writte the same nor give a ... to his breathe for his unrully behaviour to them and his aged m ... been a reproach unto his profesion Therefore this meeting orders the same to ... publickly and at a convenient time. (Note in margin: done.)

Att a Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 9 mo: 15 1706.

James Tough being att this meeting but doth not seem to be any way disatisfyed with Judgmt of friends and said ... is a being his outmost endeavours to have the Sd money paid but it is not p ... so satisfactory as we could desiere, However we being Tender how that many disappointments happens therefore passes it at present to see what ... may bring forth one that accounts.

There being a reporte brought to this meeting that Danaill Winter is ... with a preist to a woman of another persuasion unknown unto his mother ... more obtain knowledge thereof this meeting has appointed John ... and Robert Delapp for to enquier into the matter and if found true ...

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... willing to doe for the Cleansing of truth. ... Wm Richardson & William Brownloe to Speak to Ann.

Att a Preparative Meeting held att ballyhagan 10 mo 5 1706.

... friends that were appointed to speak to Danaill Winter also made Inquiery ... the truth of the report that was brought Last meeting concerning him and ... pretty cloasly with him as in relation to the same but finds him too? Too? ... uch in an indifferent frame of mind not so smeichley? sincerely? Tutchted? with a godly sorrow as they ... ould desiere; This meeting taking friends answer concerning the Sd daniell into consideration thought it was needfull a testimony should be drawn up against his actions against our next mens meeting. The friends appointed to doe the same is Wm Richardson Wm Brownloe John Anderson & Robert Delapp.

Thomas Whinery and Robin Smith appeared and declared their Intentions (of) marriage with one another before this meeting also before our woemens meeting and ... present appearing to Obstruct their further proceedings this meeting hath appointed ... Barns? John Anderson & the woemens meeting Mary Peel & Abigail Gray ... ake Inquiery concerning their Clearness from all

others in relation to marriage ... parents & relations concerned and to returne their answer to our next (mens) meeting.

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 10 mo 27

... Tough not appearing att this meeting to give account concerning ... money due by him: However his wife being hear we made Inquierey ... how matters was in Relation to the Same. Shee gives account its not paid ... this account not being satisfactory unto this meeting Therefore have ... ed Wm Richardson & Wm Brownloe to speake to the Sd James for that ... know of him: What is the Reason he hath not performed according as desired ... to tell him plainly and fully that it's the mind of this meeting that he pay or ... to be paid as soone as posible he can and use no further delays about it.

... a Testimony against the behaviour conversation deppartment and actions of Danaill ... is brought to this meeting by friends concerned particularly in that Case and ... meeting have had the same read thinks after some amendments may doe Therefore desires the Sd friends to offer it unto the Province meeting for further approbation.

Thomas Whinnery and Kathren Smith having appeared before this meeting & signifying the Continuation of there former Intentions as in relation to marriage: And the friends before appointed to make Inquierey concerning their clearness Returnes their answers that they have made Inquierey in all places; and persons where they thought or saw needfull: And doth not find any thing to obstruct their further Proceeding: Therefore this meeting permits them to Lay their Sd Intentions before the next Province meeting and the friends before concerned to continue their care as in relation to orderly behaviour and to returne their answers unto the next province meeting ffrancis Hobson is desired to give them a certificate to the same.

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Att a ... 12 mo 1706/7

James Tough hath been spoaken t ... meeting account that the Sd money ... those friends that he is fully purposed to ... meeting the Sd friends is desired to take ...

The Testimony before mentioned Co ... ements shewed unto the province meeting for approbation and ... readiness to be published: but Inasmuch as the Sd Danaill ... by way of confirmation of the Sd Testimony: yett not so satisfactory ... could desiere Therefore the Publishing of the Sd Testimony is at presen ... That end to see if the Sd Danaill will add some things further to the ... Inasmuch as this meeting according to the desiredes of a province ... (Note in margin: done.)

A book to record Testimonys against Transgressors in ffrancis ... together Sd Testimonys and record them therein.

Att a Mens Meeting ... (1706/7).

Inasmuch as James Tough hath been offten spoaken unto ... due by him to Sarah Morton and he not answer ... to Signify to this meeting whats the reason he hath n ... to friends: Therefore this meeting desiredes the friends bef ... to appear at our next mens meeting that friends m ... neglects performing the payment of the above Sd ... Danaill Winter hath brought something in ... of the

Sd Testimony against him which from ... both red at a convenient Season publickly on a 1st ...
(Note in margin: done.)

ffrancis Hobson hath not yet recorded the above Sd ... care and record them as before disposed.

Att a preparat ... (1706/7).

Where Little appeared needfull to be entered in this.

Att a Mens Meeting ...

Inasmuch as the friends before appointed hath not so fully ... message as was expected its
desiered that they should con ... the Sd James he pressingly desiered to appear at our next mens
m ... Reasons why he hath not complied with friends judgment.

Ffrancis Hobson account that he has entred upon the Recording ... given against Transgressors.

Inasmuch as it was desiered from a halfe years meeting held in dublin 1702 that we (?) be duly
observed Therefore William Nicholson Wm Gray Wm Brownloe Wm Richardson John
Williamson and ffrancis Hobson being formerly appointed to take Care thereof from (?) to find as
occasion requieres and now by this meeting desiered to continue.

Att a preparative meeting held at Ballyhagan ... (1707).

This meeting hath received our proportion of some books and Primers also the books called Piety
our part being as follow which friends have dist. As need Required the (Rest) ready for any
friend as offers.

Piety Promoted 14

Primers 49

Horne Books 14

Others

(Note in margin: 1707.)

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Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 1st of 3d mo. 1709.

... fore appointed to speake to James Tough concerning the money he ... (M)orton which he hath
not yett paid according as desiered nither hath ... this meeting as was desiered yett in Tenderness
to him friends is further ... to have him againe spoake to and to Lett him understand that without
the friendly ... wer the Judgement of a former meeting about the payment of the Sd money That
he is ... or hath forfeited his place in meetings of business untill he acknowledge his forgoing
omisions to be contrary to good order placed amongst us.

Ffrancis Hobson gives account that the Testimonys against Transgressors is not fully done but
Intends to do them soone.

Att a Preparative thought to be held at ballyhagan 3 mo: 23d 1709.

James Tough hath been spoaken to by friends before appointed concerning his negligence and not performing according to the Judgement of friends also plainly to understand that he hath by the same made himselfe unfitt for to sitt in this our meetings of business untill he pay the Sd money and give satisfaction to friends.

The Testimony against transgressors is recorded as desiered.

It being desiered Lurgan Preparative meeting 3d mo: 21 Instant that we deal with Robert ...s to see how cleare he stands in Relation to his sons goeing away with James (last line of page seems to be cut off).

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Memorandum Some Considerations of proposalls by us before mentioned to fully determine the foregoing difference Which hath depended some time ... ixt the Sd James and his son which we give as our judgement and (depending) of the matter having too thinke very fully heard both partyes What (they) say for themselves and one against another about severall bargains and (promises) heretofore made by the Sd James to his son which would be too teidious to hereto insert and now the younge man with the consent of his parents and friends hath maryed and in consideration of former proposalls as before (limbed) also for a selfe (tenent) for him to Dwell on which is as follows. (Note in margin: Concerning James Stevenson & son.)

That is the Sd James Stevenson Senr shall Sett unto his son James Stevenson by a Lease of the same Lines that's in his own lease. That Parcell of land from the (forte) ditch to the (Tall) bogg now in the posession of the Sd son for the yearly Rent of three shillings four pence per acre English mesure and a (hour) of oats together with two days worke of a man and horse yearly unto the son James Stevensons landlord as he is bound in the grand Lease to performe. And four days of a horse to Lead (burse) yearly unto his father and every yeare during his or mother's Naturall Life or two shillings in Lew yearly thereof and that the said James Stevenson Senr shall suffer or cause to be done that is to sett out halfe an acre of moss for his Sd son with the help and assistance of Wm Nicholson & William Gray and that the Sd son shall (tender?) to Rent (?) the 3d mo: 1709 only paying before Sd (frome) halfe a quarters Rent of what his Sd Land will amount to also 3 days plowing yearly to his father his father finding one horse in the plow and a driver or in Lew thereof five Shillings all which the Sd son according to our judgement ought to take for full satisfaction for all former proposalls of bargains heretofore preposed or made In any way betwixt the Sd James and his son of what kind or nature so ever also we very Tenderly caution and advise them both to Lay aside bitterness hardeness of heart or will or sharp speaches and unsavoury expressions one to another That Love may more and more abound (if so) its our beliffe it will be a good means to bring a blessing upon this Labour which we Earnestly desiere may be Laid to heart by them both and that in true (sinceritty).

The visittors is desiered Inspect into the (?) of such families as may be thought needfull of suply that Relief may be adminst'd as need require. (Note in margin: Care of the poore.)

Att a preparative meeting held at ballyhagan 4 mo: 16 1709.

The visittors is desiered to visitt such families as they may see needfull (of) administration and in particular George Wickliffe that they may be capable to make a Returne of their (services) unto the (?) of quarterly meeting.

Whereas in a former minute their was a Liberty granted that (?) the persons therein mentioned was dissatisfied with an (?) of their and lately made that they might have new (division?) (?) Limited time as in said minute expressed and now John (Pearson) ... and acquainting this meeting that he is not satisfied with the Sd former (division). Therefore this meeting has appointed William Gray John Williamson William Brownloe William Richardson ffrancis Hobson & Robert Delapp to settell a new division according the former minute directs. (Note in margin: abt: the Division of the Pearsons Land.)

Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 5 mo: 8 1709.

The division not being made amongst the pearsons as was desiered last meeting those before appointed is desiered to continue there care therein and when perfected Returne there account thereoff to following mans meeting. (Note in margin: John Pearsons division etc.)

The visitors gives account that they have been concerned in their service as they saw occasion. They are Disiered to Draw up an account unto the quarterly meeting Also an answer in writing unto the province and halfe years meeting Epistoll. (Note in margin: Visitors care.)

John Morton and ye other friends concerned about William Morton's children accordingly mett and settled matters in the best method they could at present.

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 5 mo 8 1709.

In Regard friends is not fully satisfied abt the Residence William Mortons children this meeting hath appointed James Tough Luke Peel John Williamson & William Brownloe to speake further unto John Morton for that End they

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May bee provided more to the satisfaction of this meeting than as they now are. (Note in margin: abt: Wm Mortons Children.)

Att a mens meeting held att ballyhagan 6 mo: 19d 1709.

The friends before appointed to speake to John Morton etc: have not so fully done therein as thought needfull Therefore William Richardson and William Gray is desiered to take care in the forgoing matter as in Relation unto the Sd children. (Note in margin: abt Wm Mortons Children.)

In Regard there is a former minute that friends thought be advised to better their outward substance in time This meeting have it under their consideration that its needfull to Renew the Same have appointed Wm Richardson and William Gray to consider where their may be most occasion on that account; and Individually visitt such as they see meet & advise such to (fulfill) in time the best way they can by Will etc. (Note in margin: done.)

Att a Preparative held at ballyhagan 7 m: 8 1709.

This meeting desieres the visittors to be carefull to Inspecte into the familys of friends betwixt and our next mens meeting That the Sd mens meeting may be capable to make a full Returne unto the quarterly meeting.

Att a Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 7 mo: 30 1709.

... Visittors gives account they have been Concerned as desiered last meeting ... degree and feells they purpose to perfecte their visitt more fully betwixt and province meeting. (Note in margin: Visiters Care.)

Ffriends names that have subscribed for George foxs journall in two books

William Richardson the whole Benjamin Macky the whole Wm Stevenson the whole
John Brownloe the whole David Kell & Luke Peel the whole Wm Nicholson & his son Jacobb
the whole

Francis & Wm Hobson the whole John Williamson the whole Robert Delap the whole

All nine whole books for this meeting. (Note in margin: George Fox Journals.)

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Att a mens meeting at ballyhagan ... (date unreadable)

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Likewise the visittors give account that they have been (consistent?) in their services in visiting severall fameleys and gave such admonition (?) at Times as they thought well needfull and are desiered to Returne account thereof unto the 6th days meeting.

The sufferings for this year being generally brought in (methr nigel? And? L.O.?d ffriends have answered to their clearness in suffering.

William Gray is desiered to draw up a paper in answer to (½ p?) the monthly meetings admnstrng? The needfull amount from the meeting.

The sufferings for this year being generally brought in (methr nigel? And? L.O.?d ffriends have answered to their clearness in suffering.

William Gray is desiered to draw up a paper in answer to (½ p?) the monthly meetings admnstrng? The needfull amount from the meeting. (Note in margin: done.)

Memorandum How that the division of the Pearson Land was settled by those ffriends before appointed is as followeth (Note in margin: Settell division of the Pearson land.

Johns share he (?) his own 20 acres amounts to 30 acres and () Rood

Josephs 4 acres amounts to 27 shares & two Roods.

() share amounts to 24 acres one rood seventeen perches.

Thus Johns at	30A – 1r – 0p	[102L – 0k – 17p	Due by Dudly Hampton]
Josephs share at	27A – 2r – 17p	[Junr 7% to Sd Land yearly]

Now under consideration of the conveniency of Abrahams notwithstanding that he wants about or neer three acres of his Sd share as to quantity we allot him to hould the same for his parte with the addition of six Shillings yearly from the above Dudly Hampton to continue unto Abraham and one Shilling yearly to Joseph of the above to seaven shillings. So that the Inequality appeareth to be

betwixt Josephs Land & Johns The difference as to (monthly) is 2A : 3k : 0p Johns is bigger than Josephs the one halfe of Sd difference which is 1 : 1 : 20 is Johns upon the L vallue or equall proportions so that we think it Reasonable that their bee three Roods more taken off Josephs and Laid to Johns which will be two acres & twenty pearches off Josephs share which will make Johns to (equal) to four acres & one Rood bigger than Josephs which is twice 2A = 0r = 20p that is the 2A = 0r = 2p that is the 2A = 0r = 2p from Joseph (...) owne against it upon equall as to quantity so that both shares amounts to

57A 3r 00p

31A 0r 00p

26A 3r 00p

57A 3r 00p

The halfe

28A 3r 20p

30A 160p

26A 40p difference 1A 1k 00d.

Att a Preparative Meeting held at ballyhagan 11 mo 1709/10.

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From time to time to (...) in this

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This being abt the time that Interest of John Whitsetts Legacy it being fifteen Shillings Wm Brownloe Wm Gray John Wmson & ffrancis Hobson is desiered to divide it to the poore where most needfull. (Note in margin: Interest Jno Whitsett Legacy pd. Divided & entered in a book to whom.)

Wm Brownloe Wm Gray & Jacob Nicholson is desiered to buy some rafters for the meeting house.

Gabriel Winter this day appeared and declared his Intentions of marriage with Sarah Wilkinson daughter of Thomas Wilkinson belonging to Antrim meeting and at present nothing appearing to obstruct his further proceeding therein but that he may Lay his Sd Intentions before the preparative men and woemens meetings held at Sd Antrim and we have appointed Wm Brownloe & Robert Delapp to make Inquery concerning his clearness from all others in Relation to maraige concsnt of parrents and Relations concerned and Returne their answers to the next province meeting how they finds things on his account in that case and in the meanetime if any thing appear to Lawfully obstruct his further proceedings therein they are desiered to give the mens meeting held at Grange timely notice thereof otherwise to answer aforSd.

Att a mens meeting held at Ballhagan 12 mo: 3 1709/10.

This meeting being dissatisfied that the Graveyard Lays so comon to Cattell John Wmson & Wm Gray is desiered to take the needfull care theirot. (Note in margin: Care abt grave yard.)

Their being paid by Wm Brownloe eight pounds Sterlng: which he had of John Whittsetts Legacy and now by order of the meeting Lente the following persons (viz) at the Interest of 1-6 pr pound pr anum.

Sameuell Murphy two pounds and formerly he had two pounds

all 4L - 00s - 00d
William Richardson all 4L - 00s - 00d
Luke Peel 2L - 00s - 00p
All 10L =00s= 00p

(Note in margin: John Whittsetts Legacy Lent.)

Att a Preparative meeting held at ballyhagan 2 mo: 23 1709/10

John Pearson hath agreed with this meeting to perfect a new Lease of the Graveyard Together with all that ground Laying down at the same bredth to the Highway this meeting paying for the same yearly the sume of five shillings. (Note in margin: agreed with Jno: Pearson for the graveyard)

This day discounted with Wm Gray abt the collection and upon balance the Remains of stock one pound sixteen shillings eight pence halfe peny L:16:8 ½ (Note in margin: abt the collection.)

Their being occasion for a Select meeting of the following friends viz William Nicholson Jacob Nicholson William Richardson William Gray Robert Delapp John Williamson ffrancis Hobson William Stevenson Abraham Pearson & William Hobson. When thus selected Jonas Shaw and James Tough having had some diffrances depending for some considerable time and now Laid before this meeting for to take into their consideration and according as they find the circumstances of Sd diffrance to finally end and determine the same and the Sd parties have promised to stand doe and performe the same accordingly: this meeting is a journed untill the 2th of 1st mo: next. (Note in margin: abt a difference James Tough & Jonas Shaw.)

Whereas James McDonnell of Coot hill meeting and Eliz: Barry of this meeting hath this day appeared and declared their Intentions of Maraige

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with one another, also acquainted some friends of the same some time before this meeting: and at present nothing appearing to obstruct ther further proceeding therein: but they may Lay their Sd Intentions or the continuation thereof before our next mens meeting & the Sd James having a certificate from a preparative mens meeting held at John Starrs the 26th 12th mo: Last signifying his clearness from all others as in Relation to Marriage orderly proceeding etc and for further knowledge of their clearness etc: the Sd preparative meeting hath appointed Charles ffisher & George Richardson and our woemens meeting appointed Eliz: Brownloe & Mary Hobson all to make Inquirey concerning their clearness orderly proceeding concsent of parrents and Relations concerned and to Return their answers that is the woemen to our next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt James McDonnell marriage.)

John Towl & Ann Gray who are both comers to this meeting yett not so circumspect as they ought; Moreover the Sd John hath not behaved himselfe in his conversation so orderly as he ought nither according to what he hath Long made profession of: Hath appeared and declared their Intentions of marriage with one another and after consideration thereof we have suffered them to proceed and hath appointed James Stevenson & David Kell and Abigaill Gray and Mary Peel to make Inquirey concerning their clearness orderly proceeding consent of parrents etc: and Returne their answers to our next mens meeting how they find things on their account. (Note in margin: abt John Towl marriage.)

Att Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 1 mo: 14 1709

Inasmuch John Pearson and this meeting hath agreed abt a Lease of the Graveyard and peace of "Ground below it; This meeting hath appointed William Gray & John Williamson to gett the Sd Lease perfected in their own name in behalfe of this meeting as soon as opportunity Rightly offers. (Note in margin: John Wmson & Wm Gray abt the Lease of graveyard.)

The diffrence depending betwixt Jonas Shaw and James Tough those friends before mentioned to hear and determine the same have mett abt it and have made some progress theirin but as yett not Ended.

John Towl & Ann Gray having appeared before this meeting and declared the continuation of their former Intentions as in Relation to marriage and those before appointed to make Inquerey concerning their clearness orderly proceeding and Returned their answers that they have been concerned to make Inquierey where they thought needfull and doth not find any thing to obstruct their further proceedings therein Therefore this meeting permitts them to Lay their Sd Intentions before the next province meeting and those appointed to make Inquierey continue their care therein and Returne their answers to the next Province meeting Wm Gray is desiered to give them a certifycate to the province meeting. (Note in margin: abt John Towls marriage.)

James Mcdonnell and Eliz: Barry having appeared before this meeting and declared the continuation of their former Intentions as in Relation to marriage and those before appointed at this meeting to make Inquierey concerning their clearness orderly proceedings etc: Returne their answers that they have been concerned to make Inquierey Where they thought needfull and doth not find any thing to obstruct their further proceedings therein.

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Therefore this meeting permitts them to Lay their Sd Intentions of marriage before next meeting and in the meane time those concerned to make Inquierey as aforse are desiered to continue their care and give account further how they find things: on their accounts and give answer thereunto at Sd province meeting. Also ordered that they have a certificate from hence unto the Sd meeting. (Note in margin: abt James Mcdonnells marriage.)

Our Visittors gives account to this meeting that they have been concerned in that of visitting familys but not so fully as hereafter they purpose to performe before the Province meeting next that a true and full account may be given to the 6th dayes meeting of the steat of this meeting.

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Att Preparative Meeting held at ballyhagan the 2 mo: 6 1710

Their being the Remainder of the publick c(h)arges about Lisburne unpaid unto those that Laid it down the Summe of five pounds thirteen shillings which following pricipitions are Raise viz

L-S-d		L-S-d		L-S-d	
Wm Brownloe	1-0-0	Robert Delapp	0-5-0	John Stevenson	0-1-6
Wm Richardson	0-14-0	John Brownloe	0-5-0	ffrancis Hobson	0-2-0
William Gray	0-8-0	Jacob Nicholson	0-5-0	William Nicholson	0-10-0
William Hobson	0-5-0	Luke Peel	0-2-0	Abraham Pearson	0-2-0

Wm Stevenson	0-1-6	James Stevenson	0-1-0	David Kell	0-1-0
Tho: Toppin	0-5-0	James Tough	0-2-0	Samll Murphy	0-2-6
John Wmson	0-5-0	Henry Clark	0-2-0	John Winter	0-2-0
	2=18=6		1=2=0		1=1=0

The remainder paid out of the growing monthly collections.
(Note in margin: Publick Charge.)

Att a Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 2 mo: 21st 1710

The diffrence depending betwixt Jonas Shaw and James Tough not yett ended but those concerned gives account that they have Informed themselves further in Sd diffrence and thinks to go abt backend of this meeting. (Note in margin: diffrence.)

William Brownloe & William Richardson being formerly appointed to advise friends to settell their worldly affaires & as a Nationall meeting directs and againe Recommended by our Last quarterly meeting Therefore this meeting doth desiere the Sd friends to be further concerned as occasion may Requiere. (Note in margin: abt wills etc.)

Those before nominated abt the difference depending betwixt James Shaw & James Tough give account that after a full conference about the Sd difference have come to the following conclusion (viz) to give the Sd partyes an full understanding how fore they could proceed at thatt time. (Note in margin: difference.)

William Gray & ffrancis Hobson is desiered to draw up a pertanant and suitable Testimony against the action of Hanah Sweeting. (Note in margin: done.)

Att a preparative mens meeting held at ballyhagan 3 mo: 17 1710

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(Those friends appointed) to end the diffrence betwixt Jonas Shaw and James Tough gives account that they have also considered the matters relating thereunto: according to the best of their understandings and in particular advised them How they thinke they ought to pay off a bond due unto Raph Joans which said bond was cause of (the) difference and untill wee see how they will performe as advised all other matters depending in Sd diffrence as at a stand untill the Sd vissiters make out things more cleare in severall matters than they have yett done which they have been desiered to performe.

There being a Testimony drawn up against the action and behaviour of Hanah Sweeting which this meeting approves of And is ... that it be shewed her to see if shee hath any thing to object against any things therein contained; and afterwards to be publickly read at some convenient season. (Note in margin: Hanah Sweeting.)

This meeting is under a sense of greife and trubell about the carraige and behaviour of Robert King in that he doth not performe his promise made unto his Landlady before severall witnesses in Leaveing his now present dwelling house as he and shee agreed upon greatly to her disappointment: Nither will at present be advised by us of Sd meeting: And also as wee ar(e) informed he hath a mind to goe over to England and Leave his children behind him all Sd actions of his it not (earteable) unto what he hath made profession of as to Religion to do things willfully (a saint): the councill and advice of his friends and well wishers which hath been (..an it other) in good deeds unto him and famely in time of distress Therefore this meeting thinks it advisabell to

Lett his friends and Relations in England know how he hath behaved himselfe of late with us: and to know what encouragement they will give him in goeing over to England Therefore we appoint Wm Gray & Francis Hobson to Write to his friends etc and shew it to friends before it be sent away. (Note in margin: abt Robt King.)

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 4 mo 9th 1710.

Those visiters appointed to see how friends are circumstanced as to making timely Testamts as directed by a minute from a National Meeting gives account that they have been concerned in Sd matter and are sesiered to continue their care therein.

Our visiters gives account that they have been concerned in their services and visited families where it appeared needfull. (Note in margin: abt. Visits etc.)

Att a Preparative Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 4 mo: 30 1710.

In Regard that those before mentioned to examine into the state of the Sd diffrence betwixt Jonas Shaw and James Tough hath endeavoured ...nbly to have it accomplished in a peaceable way (&) have waited some time to see what they would do therein and it hath to (rammer) that the Sd Jonas Shaw and James Tough hath taken it into their consideration to use some means to (accomplish) difference by and betwixt themselves which method this meeting (has) hadd opportunity ... we are a ...(faded line) ... they

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mutually agreed in a peaceable maner which may more at Large appear in a certain paper given under both their hands the 19th of the 4th mo: Instant witnessed by the Sd William Gray and Robt delapp hear followeth a copy thereof.

Wheras their hath been a diffrence depending for some time betwixt James Tough and Jonas Shaw abt the managmt of the Effects debts & Creditts of Samll Loe deceased which Sd diffrence did araise unto that hight that their was complaint made by Sd Jonas Shaw of some disorderly proceedings acted by the Sd James Tough against the Sd Jonas Shaw unto friends of ballyhagan meeting which take the Sd complaint Into their consideration and upon the same did appoint severall friends to fully Examine Into the steate of the Sd diffrence and accordingly went upon it and made some progress towards accomodating the Sd diffrence and shewed what was done unto both parties for them to consider off whittther they would comply therewith and in the meane time the above Sd parteys this day hath made a mutuall agreement by themselves reather then they should be any Longer at diffrence with one another Reather to have instead theroff Love and unity to abound again amongst them (that is the Sd parties) their agreement was repeated in the presence of Robt Delapp & William Gray who are wittneses thereunto which was performed and made an end off in peaceable cordaill maner and such a nescery writing made and perfected as the steate of the case Requiered and further for the satisfaction of the Sd meeting who had the buisness in handling to add to this rehearsell of the Sd diffrence by way of shewing their mutuall satisfaction therein In Witness Whereoff they both have subscribed their names this 9th of the 4th mo: 1710. James Shaw James Tough.

(Note in margin: Copy of a paper under Ja: Tough & Jonas Shaws hands ending a difference.)

Memorandum

That this day James Tough hath given to Jonas Shaw a Generall Release upon the Sd Jonas signing a bond penelty of Tenn pounds and the discharge or Release is to be kept with this in the

meeting book untill the Sd bond be Punctually paid and then to be given unto the Sd James Shaw thus for their own paper – The money was paid punctually according to covenant and upon the same the Release given as ordered.

We Recd the quarterly meeting Epistle and it was read in this meeting the Tendency of which that was presingly recommended was to stir up friends to a Lively concerne when in meetings and not to suffer a dull and drowsie spiritt to prevaill over them Which this meeting earnestly desieres that all may seirously Lay to heart and be earnest with the Lord that he would help all against that uncomly practice.

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 5 mo: 21st 1710.

James Tough hath given in a paper signifying his disorderly proceedings with the Sd Jonas Shaw in the case of the aforeSd difference.

Att a Preparative Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 6 mo: 10 1710.

Our visittors desiered to be concerned in their service that an account thereof may be given unto the next quarterly meeting.

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Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan ... 1710.
(...) meeting is a (...) mo:

An account of our visitters a paper whereof was presented unto this meeting and desiered to be sent to next 6th day meeting also another unto the seventh day at province meeting.

At a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 7 mo: 28th 1710.

We recd an Epistle from Last quarterly meeting the content thereof hath been Recommended to friends to observe and put in practice.

Robert King hath given in a paper against himsele for that he behaved himself so disorderly the case before mentioned betwixt him and his Landlady & which hath given this meeting reasonable satisfaction.

Att a Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 8 mo: 14th 1710.

Robert Kink (sic King) hath a son fitt to go to a trade & Robt and his son is willing that this meeting have the disposall of setting him apprentice Therefore Wm Brownloe & John Williamson is desiered to be Concerned to gett a sueitable master for him.

Att a Preparative Meeting held at ballyhagan 9 mo: 2nd 1710.

Ther is not yett Master gott for Robt Kings son those before appointed is desiered to continue their care further concerning him.

This meeting understanding that the money is paid to James Tough upon the 23d of Last mo: according to settellmt by themselves made concerning the afore mentioned diffrance Yett hearing that the Sd James Tough hath given out some threatening words Tending to trubell

William Loe for his managmt heartfore about some (...) relating to Sd diffrence after all things seemingly settled Relating to the same which (he) did not approve off in the Sd James: Therfor have appointed Wm Richardson Wm Brownloe & John Williamson to speake unto the Sd James abt Sd matter to forbear and not Enter into any proceeding (...) against the Sd William Loe and Lett him know that if he doe (...) altogether against the mind of this meeting to begin afresh to stir up strife and contention again (when) so latlly mutually settled. (Note in margin: money paid by Jonas Shaw.)

Att a Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 9 mo 24th 1710.

(Those) friends before appointed about Robert Kings son (...) one that the (...) was most Likely to answer for his good education in the way of such ... gett a full answer whittther he may be exepted

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or not Therefore they are desiered to continue their care further.

Att a preparative mens meeting held at ballyhagan 10 mo: 13th 1710.

Those before appointed concerning Robert Kinks (sic King) son etc: give account that they have been concerned abt a suetable master for him and at present their doth nott any offer of that Tread(sic Trade) the Ladd is desirous to Learn that this meeting hath good Likeing of Therefore this meeting desieres William Brownloe & William Gray to writt unto Sd Roberts Relations in England and give them an account how fore this meeting hath been concerned for the Sd Ladd by way of answer to a Letter sent by them mentioning in Particular about the Sd son Samll kink (sic King) by name what they thought of doing for him etc.

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Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 11 mo: 5th 1710.

Discoursed with William Gray about the colections and disbursements and upon balance the meeting is behind with him the sume of one pound six Shill: & six pence. (Note in margin: balance of collections.)

At a Preparative mens meeting held at ballyhagan 12 mo: 1st 1710/11.

Our visitters is desiered to make a visitt mostly as they may see occasion and give an account theroff to our next mens meeting.

In regard our friend Isaac Sheer is fallen Low in his substance of his worldly goods and believeing him to be an honest man his condition being discoursed about at a province meeting wher it was recommended to the severall mens meeting to consider what they would raise for his Reliefe The subscriptions is as followeth.

William Nicholson	0.6.0	Henry Clarke	0.1.0	Thomas Toppin	-2.0
William Brownloe	0.5.0	John Reed	0.0.6	Henery Toppin	-1.1
John Abernathy	0.1.1	ffrancis Hobson	-1.0	John Winter	0.1.0
William Stevenson	0.1.6	Joseph Pearson	0.0.8	Benjamin Macky	-1.0
James Stevenson	0.1.0	Abraham Pearson	0.1.0	William Allen	0.1.0

Luke Peel	0.1.6	John Pearson	-1.0	John Scott	-1.1
Robert Delapp	0.2.0	John Huwitt		William Gray	-2.6
Jacob Nicholson	0.2.0	William Hobson	-1.1	William Richardson	-3.4
David Kell	0.1.0	James Tough	-1.0	John Williamson	-2.0
Samll Cheery (Cherry)	0.1.0	James Stevenson Junr	-.1	John Stevenson	-.1.-
John Brownloe	0.2.0	William Clarke	-.1	Petter Toppin	-.-.10
	1.4.1		-9.3		-16.10
	9.3				
	16.10	There being of the above sume paid for the			
	2.10.2	Relief of the Sd (Isaac Steer) the sume of L2-0S-0d			

Their being 14s 6d paid to the Relief of Aron McWherter was also 00.10.10 paid for the said use.

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Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 12 mo: 16th 1710/11.

Our visitters give account that they have latly been concerned in their service as in relation to visitting famelyes altho not so fully as they intend before the quarterly meeting Therefore its desiered that they perfect what is behinde in that respect and to Returne account therof to the six days meeting. (Note in margin: done.)

The use of the Legacy Left by John Whittsett being now due its desiered that those concerned doe pay the same being the sume of fifteen Shillings this meeting desieres that Wm Brownloe Wm Richardson Wm Gray & ffrancis Hobson may divid and distribut the same according to the Intent of the giver (viz) to poore frds. (Note in margin: abt John Whittsetts Legacy.)

Its thought Convenient that the minuts of this booke after they are Ingrossed be carefully red over from time to time as their appeareth occasion. (Note in margin: abt reading over the minutes.)

Inasmuch as Luke Peel did give a bond according unto a settlment concluded before his maraige with Mary Saffloe widdow bearing date the 17th of the 4th mo: 1700 for Twenty pounds it being the portions of her two sons by her former Husband (viz) Isau & ffarguss Sassloe he the Sd Luke hath at this this meeting made plainly appear & that its fully paid and discharged also his wife doth owne the same Therefore this meeting hath given up his Sd bond. (Note in margin: abt Luke peels bond for portions to the Saffloes.)

Their being a Testimony drawn up against the unsaviory deportment & behaviour of John Cole after viewing and signing therof its ordered to be red at some convenient time publickly in the meeting on a first day. (Note in margin: done.)

Att a Preparative Meeting held at ballyhagan 1 mo: 8th 1710/11.

We have received our proportion of Robert Barclys Cattichisms: and hath distributed them amongst friends.

John Cole hath given something by way of owneing and confirming of the above Sd Testimony published against him which was red and joyned unto the said Testimoney and so to be Recorded according to order. (Note in margin: abt John Cole.)

Att a Mens Meeting held at Ballyhagan 2 mo 24 1711.

Our vissiters is desiered to bee carfull to performe their service as in Relation to visitting etc amongst friends.

Our visitters as before at Last mens meeting is desiered to be in Readiness with their accounts of the present steate of ffriends famelyes etc: to be given in at our next mens meeting. (Note in margin: Read over this far.)

Att Mens Meeting held at Ballyhagan 3d mo: 2d

Our visitters gives account that they have been concerned in their service in visitting friends famelyes giving such advice and counsell according to Their understandings as the(y) found needfull.

Account theroff this meeting orders be sent to meeting to be held to Receive the same.

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Att a Preparative Meeting held at ballyhagan the 31st of the 3d month 1711

Our abovesaid meeting was held in peace and unity Where Little or no buisness came before it that appeared needful to Record.

Att a Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 4 mo: 22 1711

In Regard John Pearson son of Jacob Pearson deceased is now come to age which enabels him to Release and fully discharge his two uncles (viz) Joseph & Abraham pearson of their Executorship and trust That they were Enjoyned unto by their brother Jacob aforsaid and in order to have the same Efectually accomplished performed and done this meeting appoints William Brownloe William Richardson John Williamson and William Stevenson to have done accordingly. (Note in margin: abt John Pearson.)

Its concluded by this meeting that William Gray & ffrancis Hobson doe draw up a paper by way of Testimoney against the actions of Hanagh Mckittrick formarly Stevenson shee having taken in mariage a husband after a Clandeston maner without consent or knowledge of her parrants which is altogether Inconsistant with our holy profession for Children to dispose of themselves in maraige without parrants consent. (Note in margin: done.)

Att a Preparative Meeting held at ballyhagan 5 mo: 12th 1711.

Before this meeting the friends before appointed abt John Pearsons buisness mett which gives the following account That we have dillibrately gone through all matters depending betwixt the above Joseph and Abraham Pearson on the one partie and the Sd John Pearson on the other partie and doth find that all matters thereunto belonging are pretty fully performed as in Relation unto their Executorship Also in Regard the said John Layeth some claime unto the dwelling that his fatther did dwell in for some considerable time and at his decease not being mentioned in his will and Testament which matt3er we have also had fully debated and well Considered: and doth find that the Sd John hath some tittell to the Sd house which the Circumstances thereof would be teidous heard to Jacob but to make a finall end and determination of the same have ordered the Sd Abraham Pearson to pay or cause to be paid unto the Sd John Pearson the Sume of one pound

three Shillings att or befor the 2nd of the 12th mo: next following which Sd ssume the Sd John is to take for full satisfaction for the same Also that the Sd John ought fully to discharge the Sd Joseph and Abraham pearson off and from their Sd Executorship and of all Claims or demands of what kind soever. (Note in margin: abt John Pearson.)

A copy of the Sd discharge followeth.

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Know all men by these presents that: John Pearson of the Prsh of Kilmore and County of Armagh hereby Remits Release of the for ever quitt Claime unto my two uncles (viz) Joseph and Abraham Pearson in the Sd P'ish & hereby from and from all maner of account & accounts caused & causes of accounts that hath been betwixt me and them as in Relation as to my ffathers Last Will & Testiment They the Sd Joseph & Abraham Pearson being appointed Extrs of the Sd Will: Also doeth hereby own & acknowledge to have Received full satisfaction by good payment from the Sd Joseph & Abraham: abt all ssume and sumes of money goods and Chattels together with all and Singular the full vallew of the appraisement by Inventory of my fathers goods & Chattells both alive and dead within doors or without of what natur or kind soever: Also I am in posesion of my ffathers and according to the Will: Therefore I doe hearby for my selfe my heirs Exctrs admrs or assignes Clearly aquitt & Exhonorate and fully discharge them my Sd uncles Joseph and Abraham Pearson their and every of their Extrs: Admstrs heirs or assignes from & of all as above Sd from the beginning of the world & unto this day given under my hand & Seale this 28th day of the 4th mon: 1711.

Wittness Present:

William Gray ffrancis Hobson

John Pearson

William Richardson

William Brownloe

John Williamson

(Note in margin: John Pearsons discharge of his two uncles as abt his fathers will.)

Their being a paper or Testimoney drawn up against the behaviour of the Sd Hanah Mckitterick formerly Stevenson Which after some amendments made theirin this meeting desieres that Wm Richardson & Luke peel doe shew it to her for that end to know whitther shee hath any objection to make against the same. (Note in margin: abt Hanagh McKitterick formerly Stevenson.)

According to the advice of Last meeting John Pearson hath fully discharged his two uncles as may appear above. (Note in margin: abt John Pearson.)

Our visitters is desiered to make their visitts before next mens meeting.

Att a Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 6 mo: 7 1711

The aforeSd Testimoney was shewed unto the Sd Hanagh and shee did not object against any things contained theirin also hath given some thinge under her hand by way of Confirmation Theirotff. Therefore its thought fitt to Read it publicly and here also. (Note in margin: done.)

According as desiered Last Meeting the visitters give account that they have been Concerned in their Services this desieres said account theroff be Returned to the next six days Meeting.

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Att a preparative meeting held at Ballyhagan 6 mo: 23d 1711.

We Received a printed Epistle from the yearly meeting at London Also the proceedings of our quarterly meeting held at Lurgan Which we have good unity with and that the good advice therein Contained may have its full service we have ordered more publickly at a Convenient season.

Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 7 mo: 14 1711.

We received our proportion of John fields books and Distributed them as thought needfull.

Ffriends is desired to bring their sufferings against next preparative meeting. (Note in margin: abt sufferings.)

There being a diffrence formerly depending betwixt James Tough & John Standfield which they refered formerly to some friends Who gave this Judgement thereon the 29th of the 11 mo: 1701 which haveing referance thereunto may more fully appeare: And by reason of none performance of some parts of the said Judgemt their hath some new controversy arisen betwixt the sd James Tough & John Stanfield & Ocran his son and for to end the same they have mutualy made choise of William Richardson Wm Hobson John Williamson & William Gray to end the same and this meeting hath chosen William Brownloe Robt Delapp & Jacob Nicholson for their assistance to fully end and determine all differances depending betwixt Sd partyes. (Note in margin: diffrence betwixt James Tough & Stanfield.)

The persons before nominated have gone about it and have done what they well cann untill some things be made more clearly appear by the sd parties therefore have referred their Judgmt giving untill next preparative meeting.

Att a preparative Mens Meeting held att ballyhagan the 3d of 8 mo: 1711

Many have not brought in there sufferings as desired: Therefore are now disired to bring them all in against next Mens Meeting.

Our visitters is desired make their visitt against next meeting.

Att a Mens Meeting held att ballyhagan 8 mo: 26 1711

Our visitters gives account that they have latly been Concern'd in their service of visitting fameleys giving such advice and Councell as they saw needfull.

This meeting is ajurned untill next 4th day upon occasion that Requieres the same altho nothing further on Record as in Relation to the same.

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Att a preparitive meeting held at Ballyhagan 9th mo: 15 1711.

William Hobson being formerly appointed to disiere Ocran Stanfield to be at this meeting and he not appeareing at this time Therefore ffrancis & William Hobson is disiered to acquaint the sd Ocran to be at our next mens meeting and to bring Robt Douglas alonge with him.

Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 10 mo: 7d 1711.

In Regard severall friends being absent that were appointed to end that diffrance depending betwixt the sd James Tough and Ocran Stanfield therfor the matter is defered untill next preparitive meeting And all those before nominated for that buisines to endeavour to be at sd meeting. (Note in margin: abt Tough & Stanfield.)

Its desiered those concerned to pay the Interest of John Whittsets Legacy doe pay it at next preparative meeting. (Note in margin: abt John Whittsets Legacy.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at Ballyhagan 10 mo: 27 1711.

The above Sd Intrest now paid being fifteen Shillings.

This meeting disieres William Brownloe William Richardson ffrancis Hobson & William Gray to divid the same to the poore as directed. (Note in margin: Legacy Interest pd -.15S & distributed.)

Their being a Concern upon the minds of members of this meeting Concerning the evell behavior and actions Committed by Elijah Boyes it's the sense & Judgement of this meeting that forthwith a paper by way of Testimoney be drawn up concerning his behavior and afterwards shewed him for that end that he may if he have any objections to make thereunto or to Confirme the same.

The matter depending betwixt James Tough & Ocran Stanfield is defered untill this day two weeks.

Att a mens meeting held at balyhagan 11 mo: 18 1711/12.

Our sufferings being fully colected Transcribed and also dillibratly Red in the heareing of the sufferes and Individually Inquired of how and after what maner they have been used: and of their behaviour unto the titheing men in the time of taking the same: so that we thinke they may now be in order to be sent unto the province meeting for further perusall. (Note in margin: abt the sufferings.)

Our visitters gives account that they have been concerned in their service having visited severall fameleys and particulars have spake unto by way of advice and Councell with admonition as they saw needfull. (Note in margin: Visitters service.)

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Att a Mens Meeting held at Ballyhagan 11 mo 18 1711/12.

The friends before nominated about ending the difference (depending) betwixt Tough and Stanfield have met abt and given their advice thereon: In which John & Ocran Stanfield obliged to give and signe some bonds of several (Gules) of payments of that they were found due unto the sd James Tough but by Reason that the sd John Stanfield could not well come hither to day the matter is deferred untill the 29th day or 31st Instant. (Note in margin: Abt Tough & Stanfield diffrence.)

1711 Att a Preparative Meeting held at Ballyhagan 12 mo 5.

Tho the matter abt signing the above bonds was perfixed to either of the above days and for want of the sd Stanfields appearance is not yett perfected: therefore this meeting desires William Brownloe John Williamson & Robt Delapp to goe with the sd James Tough at some convenient time to John Stanfields house if so bee that he canot be gott hither and to endeavour to gett the Sd bonds signed. (Note in margin: Abt Tough & Stanfield diffrence - done.)

An Epistle from Last nationall halfe years Meeting be sent us with which we have good unity and their being a minut theirin pressingly recommended as in Relation to marriage for all professing truth to have due Regard unto: and this meeting being under advice of the needfullness of friends care therein to be duely answered: disieres William Gray & John Williamson to make diligent search for former Minutes Relating unto maraige and have them in Readyness against next mens meeting for further service as Sd meeting may be convenient. (Note in margin: abt marriage.)

Itts the Request of this meeting that those that have not brought in births and burialls may doe it against next mens meeting.

Att a mens Meeting held at Ballyhagan 12 mo 29 1711.

The bonds that John & Ocran Stanfield are to perfect unto James Tough are not yett signed therefore those before nominated are desired to continue their care therein. (Note in margin: The bonds was signed some time after.)

Note by J.L. Fisher, 2012: - this related entry at Lisburn:

Att our mens meeting held in LISBURN ye 28th of ye 11 mo 1719/20.

There being an Oakern Stanfield that sometimes frequents our religious meetings and by sum people are reconed one of us but is of an evill life and Conversation friends of this meeting under standing he came from Belihagan side desiers James Morton and Ro: Richardson to make enquiry concerning him whether he was denyed or not and if denyed to get a copy of his denyall.

The minuts abt maraige hath been dilibratly Red in this meeting and it is thought that it may be of service that they be Red againe at a Convenient Season to younge people and others in order that the same may be duely observed. (Note in margin: abt marriage.)

Ffifteen of Joseph Piks books abt (bellieves) and the propper Care sent for by severall particulars. (Note in margin: abt Joseph Pikes books.)

Att a preparitive Meeting held at ballyhagan 1 mo: 20 (1711/12)

Itts disiered that our visitters is disiered to make a (thorough) visitt before next mens meeting and give account thereoff unto Sd meeting.

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 2 mo: 11 1712.

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In Regard the opportunity hath not yett offered for Reading the minuts before mentioned abt maraige etc: Itts thought next half day may be a Convenient time for that purpose. (Note in margin: Minute abt marriage Read.)

Our visitters give account that they have made their visits to most fameleys and have spoken to some particulers and that they gave such advice and Councell as they saw needfull.

This meeting disiers that they give account theroff to the six daye meeting next.

Att a preparative meeting held at ballyhagan 3 mo: 2d.

Henry Clarke having appeared and declared his Intentions of mariage with Rebecca Murry daughter of John Murry belonging to Lisburne Countrey meeting having formerly acquainted severall friends with his Sd Intentions and nothing appearing to obstruct his further proceedings theirin but that he may Lay his Sd Intention before the Sd Country preparitive meetings for their further Consideration thereoff: and we have appointed Robert Delapp and William Allan to make Inquiere concerning his Cleareness orderly proceedings etc: and if they find any thing to obstruct his further proceedings to timely acquaint the mens meeting belonging to Lisburne Town and Country theroff and if not to Continue their Care and Returne their answer how the(y) find things to the province meeting they appear at William Gray or ffrancis Hobson is disiered to give him a Certifycate to a preparitive meeting. (Note in margin: abt Henry Clark's marriage.)

Att a mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 3 mo: 23d 1712.

Itt being considered by this meeting that there is severall Gates a wanting for our grave yard and meeting house its disiered that William brownloe John Williamson William Gray & John Winter be Concerned to buy what timber they may see needfull to make Sd gates of as soone as they cane Conveniently. (Note in margin: done.)

Att a Preparitive Meeting held at ballyhagan 4 mo: 12 1712.

This meeting disieres that our visitters be Concerned in their service as they may see occasion and Returne account theroff to the next mens meeting.

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 5 m: 4 1712.

Discoursed with William Gray about the Colections and upon balance their Remains the Summe of 0.-.14S.7 ¼ d. (Note in margin: balance of colections.)

Our visitters gives account that they have been Concerned in their service as they saw most occasion. (Note in margin: Visitors service.)

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Alexr Whittly having made applycation to this meeting for some helpe of money; he formarly being Inconsiderably bound for a Sume that did prove incapabell to pay: and the Credetter being very (harsh) upon the Sd Alexr: That unless he had the assistance from others it was Like to goe hard with him: he having a large famely of Children: and in Consideration thereof and for ought we know he is a pretty honest man altho: not of our society have Consented to Raise some money for him which was the Sume of two pound Tenn Shillings and the meeting Grange beyond Charlimount being acquainted of his distressed Condition also Raised the sume of two pounds five Shillings both all 4L=15S=0d. (Note in margin: money raised for Alexr Whittly.)

Att a preparative meeting held at ballyhagan 5 mo: 24 1712.

Wher Littell buisness that's needfull to Record held save it was held in peace and Love one with another.

Att a Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 6 mo: 15 1712.

This meeting Received 5 of John Banks books being accounts of his Travells and Sufferings and other (serches) upon truths account. (Note in margin: abt John Banks books.)

Inasmuch as Joan Suttell formerly dale Latly have Joyned her selfe in marriage with one of another persuasion as to Religion and was marryed unto him by a preist in a Clandisten maner which is all together Inconsistant with what shee seemingly have professed as to Religion : Therefore this meeting disiers William brownloe & ffrancis Hobson to Speake to the Sd Joan about the Same also to Inquier of Joseph Person and wife shee being the Sd Joans sister and hath Lived for some considerable time with the Sd Joseph Pearson as a (pertant?) how Cleare they have stood as in Relation unto the Sd marriage.

Theire being a Complaint made unto this meeting concerning James Tough Who was bound with William McClellen unto James Steratt and the Sd William being for some Considerable time deceased and the bond being for a Certaine Sume of money Still (? en) Cleared: this meeting Therefore have appointed William Richardson and William Gray to speake to the Sd James Tough about the (for?) which they have done but Could doe but Littell untill James Steratt was present which after some time the Sd James Steratt Came and had an oppertunetie with the Sd James Tough and then Concluded that they both would endeavor to meett together at the dwelling place of the Sd William McClelens Wife tho: Now againe marryd shee being in Sd buisness abt the Sd bond but have had no account theroff so at a stand with us at present. (Note in margin: abt James Tough & James Steratt.)

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Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 7 mo: 4 1712.

Those before nominated to Speake to Joan Suttell formarly dale and finds that things is as aforeSd Therefore this meeting disieres ffrancis hobson doe draw up a Testimoney against her and her Sd actions for the Cleareing of truth.

This meeting disieres our visitters be pretty fully Concerned in their services and give account thereof to next mens meeting.

Att a mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 7 mo: 26 1712.

As desired there is a Testimony drawn up Concerning Joan Settle formerly dale it being now Red and perused and now thought fitt to be Red publickly at some Convenient time.

In Regard there is diffrence depending betwixt James Tough & Esther Stevenson and it Raising to that hight that both Contrary principall and practice they are gone to law one with another while under a sense of their disorderly actions this meeting is Concerned: Therefore have appointed William Richardson John Williamson & Robert DeLapp to go to the Sd parties to see if they Can be brought from proceeding theirin any further & which if they will not answer friends desired herein then to Lett them plainly understand that we must of necessity Bare our Testimony against such Irregeller (pevishness?). (Note in margin: Abt James Tough & Esther Stevenson etc.

Our visiters gives account that they have been Concerned fully in their service of visitting fameleys account theroff they are desired to Return to the six days meeting.

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 8 mo: 16: 1712.

Severall Member of this meeting have mett about the Sd diffrence betwixt the Sd James Tough and Esther Stevenson they being prevailed with to proceed No further at law and as both parties together and hath dilibratly heard what they both had to say for themselves also one against another. We thinke pretty fully altho Their behavior on both sides in no way adorne their profession being so Insencier in their answers to each other with many Contradictions which made us almost at a stand how to find the truth of matters and hearing of some that Could if they pleased give some light in some partte of the Sd controversy therfore desired Jacob Nicholson to see what Could bee done further on that account and so at this time deferrs Coming to conclusion at present. (Note in margin: abt James Tough & Esther Stevenson etc.)

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Our visiters have been Concerned but now againe are desired to be pretty fully done before our next mens meeting.

Att a mens Meeting held at Ballyhagan 1 mo: 13 1712/13.

As desired Wm Gray hath drawn some thinge by way of Testimony against the behavior of the Sd Esther Stevenson and also it hath been Red unto her which shee did object against but the publishing their off at presente is Referred out of Tenderness unto her to see if shee will amend her ways if not its ordered to be Red publickly at a Convenient Season. (Note in margin: Concerning a Testimony against the behaviour of Esther Stevenson.)

Our visiters gives account that they have been Concerned in their service account wheroff is desired that they may Returne to the six days meeting.

Att a Preparative Meeting held at Ballyhagan 2 mo: 2 1713.

George Wickliff and Rebecca Kell did this day appeare and declare their Intentions of marriage with one another before this meeting and they taking the same under there Consideration upon Which they have appointed Wm Brownloe and abigaill Gray to make Inquery Concerning their Cleanness from all others their orderly proceeding Consent of parants and Relations Concerned and to Returne their answers how they find things on their account unto our next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt George Wickliff & Rebecca kells marriage.)

Att a Mens Meeting held at Ballyhagan 2 mo: 23d 1713.

Now this day the Sd George Wickliff and Rebecca Kell hath appeared and declared the Continuation of their former Intentions as in Relation to marriage and those before appointed to make Inquery Concerning their Cleanness orderly proceeding etc: have given their answer that they have made Enqueiry where they thought needfull and upon Inquery doth not find any thinge that's materiall to obstruct their further proceedings saye that the Sd George being a man well stricken in years also hath not taken such dillibrate time as we have earnestly disiered of him nevertheless under Consideration we are not Willing to forbidd marriage have suffered or permitted them to Lay their Sd Intentions before the next province meeting for their further Consideration and in the meane time those before nominated to make Enquierey to Continue their Care and Returne their answers how they find things at Sd province meeting and ffrancis Hobson is disiered give them a Certifyed Reason () this meeting along with them according to order. (Note in margin: abt George Wickliffs marriage etc.)

And being due our proportion of the Treatis of oaths we Received ... next amongst friends of this meeting... (Note in margin: abt the Treatis of oaths.)

Answers to the nessesary queries and also an ... may thought fitt to add to the progress of truth for ...

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Discounted with William Gray about the Colections and their Remains in bank the Summe of one pound one Shilling & two pence. (Note in margin: discounted abt the Colections remains in bank 1L-1S-2d.)

Att a Preparative meeting held at Ballyhagan 2 mo: 28 1713.

Our visitters is disiered to Continue their Care and visitte fameleys as they see occasion and give account theroff next mens meeting.

Att Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 4 mo: 5 1713.

Our visitters gives account that they have been concerned in their service and (Inquired) into severall things that was amiss and in particular some diffrences was by them brought to Reconciliation also something hath been done for the Relief of poore friends account whereoff its disiered to be sent unto the sixth days meeting. (Note in margin: Care of the visitters.)

Att a Preparative Meeting held at Ballyhagan 5 mo: 2 1713.

Where it happened there was not any things Transacted thought needfull to Record.

Att a Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 5 mo: 17 1713.

In Regard there is a Request from the province meeting to know how many of William Edmondsons Journalls this meeting will take which is as followeth: William Nicholson one William Richardson one William brownloe one William Gray one and the meeting one being five in all. (Note in margin: abt William Edmondsons Journalls being 5 books.)

Att a Preparative Meeting held at ballyhagan 6 mo: 5 1713.

Our visiters is desired to be Carefull of their service and Inspect into such things as most properly beloneth unto them and give account thereof unto next mens meeting. (Note in margin: Care of the visiters.)

Att a Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 5 mo: 28 1713.

In as much as this meeting is under a sense of Grieffe that so many members thereof should be absent therefore its thought fitt in order to Remedy the same for the fuller that the next first day that sense of the mens meeting be desired to stay for to see what Reason ... can give for their neglect so that this meeting is adjourned of ... and accordingly met where severall was strictly Examined ... ing their being absent their answers being diferant so ... Satisfaction but mostly unconcernedness or want of ... for the promotion of truth was the Cause of abse(nce). (Note in margin: The Care of the meeting abt absences.)

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Att a Preparative Meeting held at ballyhagan 7 mo: 17 1713.

Ffriends are generally desired to be exact in colecting their suffering and bring in account thereof att or befor next mens meeting. (Note in margin: Concerning the sufferings.)

In Regard there was not a Gennerall visitte Last time Therefore our visiters is desired to be fully concerned now at this time and Returne account thereof unto our next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt visiters.)

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 8 mo: 9 1713

Our visiters give account that they have been Concerned but not so fully as was desired Therfor this meeting being uneasie therwith againe Intreats that which is unperformed may be fully done in due time and make a suitable Returne to the six days meeting. (Note in margin: done.)

Att a preparative meeting held at ballyhagan 8 Mo: 29 1713.

Its desired by this meeting that our visiters be Concerned in their service and more Especialy where their hath been any omisions before. (Note in margin: abt visiters.)

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 9 mo: 20 1713.

Inasmuch as some disorderly behavior hath happened with John Sterrett and Thomas Hobson for which this meeting thinks they should be spok with about the same Therefore hath appointed William Richardson William Gray Abraham Pearson & ffrancis Hobson together with other friends to their assistance to Inquire into the matter. (Note in margin: Concerning John Hewet & Thomas Hobson.)

Att a Preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 10 mo: 10 1713.

The aforsaid John Huett & Thomas Hobson was spoaken with by which we find that their behavior at the Election at Armagh was not Comendable but much to the Contrary for it Judged that John Huett did take an oath upon that occasion which is now left to the next mens meeting for further Consideration. (Note in margin: abt John Huett etc.)

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 11 mo: 1 1713.

William Brownloe gives account to this meeting that the Sd John Huett Intends to give in some thinge by way of satisfaction for his offence Therfor its Left at present to see what he will offer as in Relation thereunto.

The Intrest of our friend John Whittsetts Legacy being due those Concerned as disiered to bring it in at or before our next preparitive meeting. (Note in margin: abt the Legacy.)

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John Anderson having Laid Before this meeting that he thinks he ought now to have the whole benefitt of that acre of Land which by order of the meeting hath a long time Continued to the only use and behoofe of the Sd Hanah Joans and since her decease unto her Children and second husband which proposall of the Sd John is Left untill our next preparitive meeting to Consider of and in the meane time William brownloe & Robert Delapp is disiered to get the Rent theroff. (Note in margin: John Andersons proposall abt the acre of Land.

Att a preparitive meeting held at Ballyhagan 11 mo: 21 1713/14.

Hugh Mathew of Lurgan meeting and Mary Ogle of this meeting having appeared and declared their Intentions of marriage with one another before this meeting and after Examination the Sd Hugh having a Certifycat from Lurgan dated the 20th Instant and have appointed Robert Hodgson and John Nicholson and our woemen friends appointed Eliz: Brownloe and Abigaill Gray all to make Inquiere concerning their Clearness orderly proceedings Consent of parants and Relations Concerned and if any thinge appeare to obstruct their Sd Intentions they are to acquaint our next mens meeting theroff. (Note in margin: abt Hugh Mathew and Mary Ogle marriage.)

In Regard there hath been the profitt of an acre of land out of John Andersons houlding applied unto the use of hannah Joans aliss Mcall and after her decease unto her Childdren since the yeare 1692 which is a Considerable time and now at this time there is some question given unto this meeting to consider how Long the profitt of the same ought to Continue unto the Sd Children upon which its mutually agreed upon as the Judgmt: of this meeting that the Sd John Anderson his Extrs admstrs or assignes shall pay or Cause to be paid unto this meeting yearly the Sume of five Shillings Sterlg at Two Terms in the yeare by Equall proportions for and duerung the Terme

of four years: from the second day of the 12th mo: next and no more to be Claimed from him the Sd John Anderson his Extrs admstrs or assignes hereafter out of the Sd acre of Land and altho: its ordered to be paid unto the meeting its for the use and behoofe of the Sd Children: And Edmond Oneall is now Tenant thereon and perhaps is not provided for a place to dwell on Therefore we give it as our advise that the Sd John Anderson shall not force him the Sd tennant out of possession for one year he the Sd Edmond paying the same rent or as much that he paid Last yeare being the Sume of 11S 6d to be paid unto the Sd John Anderson his Extrs admstrs or assignes provided the Said Edmond Oneall can in no wise provid him selfe otherwise and if he Continue Tennant for the Sd yeare he shall according to our approbation give the Sd John Anderson a bond of five pound Strlg that he will peacably surrender give up his posesion of
(Note in margin: The last settellmnt abt John Andersons acre of land in bally(true?).)

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Said acre of Land at the Expiration of the Sd year which will be the second day of the 12th mo: 1714/15 comonly Called Candlmasse day.

Also it's the unanimous conclusion of this meeting if it so happens that the Sd John Anderson doe make sale of his Interest of his Lease of his houlding of Land in ballyfrue before the Experation of the Sd 4 years (then and in that Case) the Sd John Anderson shall pay so much in hand as this meeting may thinke Reasonable according unto the time being for the only use of the Sd Children in Consideration of the aforSd five Shillings appear.

Att a Mens Meeting held at Ballyhagan 12 mo: 12 1713/14.

John Huiett have given in a paper owening his Transgression Concerning his behavior at Armagh at the late Election by Confirming his voatt by an oath also he being one that hath not behaved himselfe in his Conversation in other matters as we have offten disiered so it's the unanimous Consent of this meeting that being his paper doth not Tutch upon any other matter that he hath given occasion are willing to Lay it by and to see if he will be more orderly in his Conversation Which we Earnestly disier he may in time before it bee too late for we are very sencible that he hath gone into severall things heartofore that's alltogether InConsistant with our holy profession (for which (or some of them) he hath been admonished and advised to forbear and amend. (Note in margin: abt John Hueitts behaviour at the Election at Armagh.)

Hugh Mathew and Mary Ogle having appeared befor this meeting and declared the Continuation of their former Intentions in Relation to marriage and those before appointed to make Inquiery made Inquiery as they saw needfull and doth not find any thinge to obstruct their further proceedings Therefore this meeting permitts them to Lay their Sd Intentions before the next province meeting and those appointed to make Inquiery is disiered to Continue their Care and to Returne their answers to the province meeting ffrancis Hobson is disiered in behalfe of this meeting to give them a Certifycate to the same of their appearance as aforesaid. (Note in margin: abt Hugh mathew & Mary Ogles marraige.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 1 mo: 4 1713/14.

The Intrest of our friend John Whittsetts Legacy is now brought and fully paid being 15S this meeting doth appoint Wm brownloe Wm Gray William Richardson & ffrancis Hobson to divid the same and give it to the poore and enter the names to whome it is given. (Note in margin: Legacy pd and divided.)

Att a Mens Meeting held at ballyhagan 1 mo: 25 1714.

In Regard that there is a gennerall minut from Last halfe years meeting adviseing friends that they settell their outward concerns

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Either by Wills or deed of gift etc: Which Sd minut William Gray is disiered to place an abstract theroff in the forend of this book amongst other gennerall minuts that this meeting may have Ready Recourse therto from time to time Also an abstract of that Minut Concerning Inventories. (Note in margin: Concerning Wills & inventories.)

Att preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 2 mo: 15 1714.

Our visitters is disiered to make their visitte in due time and give account theirown unto our next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt visitting.)

Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 2 mo: 27 1714.

Our visitters gives account: that they have been Conserved in their service as they did see occasion and gave such advice and Counsell as they found needfull account Whereoff this meeting desieres may be sent to the six days meeting. (Note in margin: Care of visitters.)

This meeting Received a Letter from friends at Moat of (grange) about some (Trublesome buisness about some debts of one (butler) in England had due to him by one Jonathan Robinson as he aledged and Robt King having orders to Receive the Sd debts but Moat friends and Robt Coals not fitt to agree about it was the Cause of Sd letter the matter would be teidious to Lay down at Large and under Consideration at a Certaine time after Thomas Lightfoot and ben: perium being 2 of Moat friends, came forth and gott them and the Sd Robt King together and agreed the matter so that we think its over. (Note in margin: about Robt King and Moat friends.)

Att a preparative meeting held at Ballyhagan 3 mo: 27 1714.

Wher Littell apeared to be Recorded but was held as usually and was Concerned by Inquiry into the steate of things belonging to the meeting.

Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 4 mo: 18 1714.

This our meeting being held as usually but at this time being under some Greiffe and trubble that so many of the members theirown should be a wanting and absent from this meeting and in order to Remedy the same for the futter have tken the names of such in order that they may be admonished that for time to Come they might be more circomspect to give due attendence to such meetings. (Note in margin: abt absentees at mens meeting.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 5 mo: 8 1714.

This meeting desiers that our visittors be concerned in their service and give account thereoff to next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt visitting.)

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George Gregg of Toberhead Meeting and Alice Richardson of this meeting having appeared and declared their Intentions of marriage with one another also acquainted some friends of the same some time by post and at present: their doth not any thing appear to obstruct their further proceedings therein The Sd George having Certifycate from the mens meeting held at Grange the 5th of the 4th mo: Last signifying his Clearness from all others as in Relation to marriage orderly proceedings etc: and for further knowledge of their Clearness the Sd Grange meeting have appointed Aron McWherter and Neall Omoney and our woemens meeting have appointed Abigaill Gray and Mary Peel all to make diligent Inquirey Concerning their Clearness orderly proceedings Consent of parrants and Relations Concerned and our woemen to Returne account how they find things to our next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt George Gregg and Alice Richardson marriage.)

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 5 mo: 30 1714.

Our visiter gives account that they have been Concerned latly in their service in visiting famelyes but not so fully as disiered Therefor This meeting disiers that they may be further Concerned as they may see occation and Returne account theirott unto the six days meeting. (Note in margin: Care of our visitters.)

George Gregg and Alice Richardson having appeared before this meeting and declared the Continuation of their former Intentions in Relation to marriage and those before appointed by our woemen to make Inquirey concerning their Clearness etc: Returne their answers that they have made inquirey upon which doth not find any thinge to anywise obstruct their further proceedings therein. Therefore this meeting gives Consent that they may Lay their said Intentions before the next province meeting and those before Concerned to make Inquirey as aforSd are disiered to Continue their Care and give account theroff to the province meeting. Also orders ffrancis Hobson to give the Sd George a Certifycat Concerning his said proceeding unto the province meeting. (Note in margin: abt George Gregg and Alice Richardson marriage.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at Ballyhagan 6 mo: 19 1714.

Wher friends care was continued but their did not appeare any thing to put in this booke.

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 7 mo: 10 1714.

Their being a paper given by Hugh Mcdowell, owning his Transgression which this meeting is willing to Receive and disieres that he Read it on a first day publickly in the meeting or some other in his behalfe and he stand by the Reading theirott William Richardson is disiered to give him account theirott. (Note in margin: Hugh Mcdowells paper was read publickly.)

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Itts disiered that all friends belonging to this meeting doe bring in all Wills Inventorys births and burialls that they may be Readied at or before next preparitive meeting.

Inasmuch as it is desiered by our Last halfe years meeting that each Province meeting consider Whittther they are willing that upon occasion the 3rd month years meeting may not be altered so as

to answer to go to the yearly meeting at London. (Note in margin: abt the alteration of the halfe years meeting.)

Its disiered that all friends that hath had any sufferings for tithe & may have them Ready and brought to next preparitive meeting.

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 7 mo: 30 1714.

Our visiters is disiered to visitt famelys where they may see occation and give account of their service theirin to our next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt visitters.)

Samuel Johnson and Ruth Brownloe both of this meeting hath this day appeared and declared their Intentions of marriage with one another also acquainted some friends of the same some time before and at present: ther doth not any thing appeare to obstruct their (further) proceedings therein Therefore William Gray Robert Delapp Abigaill Gray & Mary Hobson are appointed to make Inquierey Concerning their Clearness from all others in Relation to maraige orderly proceedings Consent of parants and Relations Concerned and to Returne their answers as they find things unto our next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt Saml Johnson & Ruth brownloe maraige.)

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 8 mo: 22 1714.

Our visiters gives account that they have been concerned in their service and visitted severall famelyes and did give such admonition as they saw needfull and in particular have offten spoak to Samuell Cheery and signified their dissatisfaction of that he keeps a servant we have been doubtfull if not parted with may prove of ill consequence Therefore did advise him to parte with her as soon as he could Conveniently which is not yett done Therefore this meeting disieres that William Richardson & ffrances Hobson doe further speake unto the Sd Samuell to see why he doth not comply with friends advice and to Returne an answer unto the next preparitive meeting. (Note in margin: abt Saml Cherry Concerning a servant he hath.)

Samuell Johnson and Ruth Brownloe he having appeared before this meeting & declared the continuation of their former Intentions in relation to maraige & those before appointed to make Inquierey concerning their Clearness from all others Consent of parants etc: Returns their answer that they have made Inquierey where they thought needfull and doth not find anything to obstruct their further proceedings theirin Therefore this meeting permitts them to Lay their Sd Intentions Before the next province meeting and in the mean time those before concerned to make Inquierey etc: are disiered to continue their care and give account further how they find things on their account to the next pro: meeting also ordered that they have a certyficate from hence to the province meeting. (Note in margin: abt Saml Johnson & Ruth brownloes marriage.)

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John Anderson have this day paid Two Shillings & six pence it being for one halfe year Rent due by him out of the acre the 1st of the 6 mo: last and its given to William Brownloe and Robert Delapp who are disiered to Lay it out for the best and needfulest way they may see for the good of the Sd Hanah Joans Children. (Note in margin: John Anderson rent pd 2S-6d.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 9 mo: 18 1714.

Samuell Chery hath been spoaken unto concerning his Sd servant and he seems to be very condesending to friends advice and to part with his Sd servant when her time is out. (Note in margin: abt Saml Cherry.)

Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 10 mo: 3 1714.

Our sufferings have been Red in this meeting in the heareing of a many of the sufferers who wer Examined how and after what maner they behaved in their suffering and those that was not heare at other oppertunities was also Examined so that we thinke they are in pretty good order to go to the province meeting. (Note in margin: Suffering read.)

The Interest of John Whittsetts Legacy being due its disiered that those concerned may pay it at next preparitive meeting.

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 10 mo: 23 1714.

The Intrest of the Legacy a forsaied being now paid which is 15 Shillings which Wm Richardson Wm Gray John Wmson & ffrancis Hobson is disiered to divid the same unto the poore and enter their names to whome it is given. (Note in margin: John Whitsett Legacy pd & divided.)

Also we have Received the sume of sixteen Shillings & six pence being our proportion of 20S Left by John Combs to the poore of the three provinces and also one pound Tenn Shillings and four pence being our part of the profittable Rent out of the houses at Lisburne formerly George Gregsons both 2L 6S 10d which the Sd Wm Richardson and those appointed with him as above have divided all the Sd sumes unto the poore and entered the names of those that Received the same so that its all paid and done. (Note in margin: John Combs Legacy and the profittable Rent of the houses at Lisburn.)

Our visitters is disiered to continue their care as they may see occation and give account to next mens meeting.

Itt thought by this meeting that there is more than ordainery occation for some friends belonging unto the same to Settell their outward concerns with what Expeddation they well can. Therefore John Williamson and Robt: Delapp is disiered to give such assistance to have things of that kind by Wills perfected and fully done in due time. (Note in margin: abt Wills etc.)

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Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 11 mo: 14 1714/15.

Our visitters gives account that they have been concerned in their service of visitting famelyes as the(y) saw occation account wheroff: as from this meeting they are disiered to send to the six days meeting. (Note in margin: Visitters Care.)

John Williamson and Robert Delapp gives account that they have been concerned to Speake to those that the meeting thought had most Imediat need to make some settellment of their outward concerns and there is some progress made theirin but not so fully as disiered which is to bee

minded if can be done against our next preparitive meeting. (Note in margin: abt settelling of outward concerns.)

Inasmuch as its (moved) to this meeting that James Tough is under obligation to Indemnify James Sterratt from a bond given by him the Sd James Sterratt and William McClelen deceased to John Combs widdow is Like to make the Sd James pay what money is due theiron Therefore William Brownloe & Robert Delapp is disiered to speake to James Tough that he be concerned for his owne and to fully Informe himselfe how the steat of the Case stands in Realaty that their may be no severitty used beyond what ought to bee being both the principall Lender and borrower are both deceased.

We Received an Epistle of the proceedings of our Last halfe years meeting we having unity theirwith and their being some particular parts of habitt spoake against that is practiced with some under the same profession with us which is oftentime unto the bretheren Therefore we disiere that our visitters take dilligent care theroff by putting a stop (if posible) to all those practices that's offensive to the brotherhood. (Note in margin: Visitters Care.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at Ballyhagan 12 mo: 3 1714/15.

John Williamson & Robert Delapp gives account to this meeting tht they have made some further progress in the matter of friends settelling their outward concernes as they might see meet nessesity yett have not soe fully performed that service as seemes to be needfull. Therefore is disiered to continue their care on that Respect & give account theiroff to next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt settling of outward concerns.)

William Brownloe & Robt Delapp hath been concerned the bond to James Tough abt the bond he gave to Indemnify James Steratt & yett the matter is not accomplished: Therefore this meeting hath Earnast disiere tht Sd James Tough doe Justice theirin. (Note in margin: abt James Tough & James Sterratt.)

We have Received 14 of William Edmondsons Journalls at 3S 10d pr peace amounting to 2L 13S 8d and distributed as ffolloweth:

William Nicholson	one	Jacobb Nicholson	one	John Brownloe	one
William Gray	one	William Brownloe	one	George Delapp	one
William Richardson	one	Benjamen Macky	one	John Williamson	one
Thomas Toppin	one	Samuell Johnson	one	ffrancis & Wm Hobson	one
William Masone	one				

(Note in margin: abt Wm Edmondsons Journals.)

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Discoursed with William Gray about the Collections & on balance their Remains in bank or Stock the sume of 1L 11S 7 1/4d. (Note in margin: abt collections.)

Att a mens meeting held the 25th 12 mo: 1714/15.

James Tough not being at this meeting as disieered therefore Tho: Cristy is disiered to acquainte him to be here next first day.

Att a Preparitive Meeting the 18th of 1 mo: 1714/15.

James Tough appeareing as disiered at meeting and after some discourse with him upon which he disiered to make his appeall unto the pro: meeting which this meeting gave way to but in Regard James Sterratt was not their could not well see any thinge done abt Sd matter and now having some Indifrantt time this meeting disieres the Sd James Tough to go down unto the County of Derry to see what can be done in Sd matter to bring it if posible to a friendly accomadation which Jacob Nicholson is disiered to give account to next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt James Tough & Ja: Sterratt.)

Att a mens meeting held the 8th of 2 mo: 1715.

Our visitters gives account that they have been concerned in their service pretty fully and spake to severall things which came befor them giving such councill advice & admonition as they were capable off. (Note in margin: visitters Returne.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan the 28th of the Second month 1715.

Samuell Cherry notwithstanding his seemeing compliance to promises to parte with his servant: yett he as farr as we understand hath not yett parted with her Therefore William Richardson & Robert Delapp is disiered to speake unto the Sd Samuell to know the Reason why he doth not comply with the meetings advice in that Case. (Note in margin: abt Samuell Cherry.)

This meeting is acquainted that there is some diffrance hath happened betwixt Joseph & John pearson Therefore William Brownloe & John Williamson are disiered to acquainte the Sd pearsons that its this meetings disiere that they appeare at out next first days meeting that his natur theirown may be more fully known. (Note in margin: abt a diffrance betwixt Joseph & John Pearson.)

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Their being a Letter come out of England by appointment of a monthly meeting held at great Strikland the 30th of The first mo: 1715 in Sd Letter they greatly Complains Robt Kings deportment & behaviour in and about his managmt: in some Courteshipp he made with Jannett Sutton upon which we have had an opportunity with Sd Robert and did read the Sd Letter unto him: and the charges theirin contained seems to acquitt himselfe: only he ownes that he said some thinge in the meeting when shee ye Sd Jannett appeared with her presentation of marriage to Lessen her Credit or reputtation etc: (Note in margin: abt Robt King.)

Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 3 mo: 20 1715.

This meeting hath further dealt with the said Robt King about the Sd Letter but the determination of what Judgement ought to be placed upon the Sd Robert is Left untill William Gray have an opportunity to speake with John Hoope and they to give an account unto the next mens meeting What nature ye Judgemt ought to bee upon Sd Robt for his forwardness and foolish management etc. (Note in margin: abt Robt King. John Hoope & William Gray had some discourse about Sd matter & thought tht the woeman being maryed & Robt reproved & also understanding Robt had some occation given that the matter might fall .)

Their being a Loomb belonging unto this meeting which wants some Repaireing its Left to Wm Brownloe & Robt Delapp to view the said Loomb and gett it repaired and bring the Charge unto the next preparitive meeting.

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 4 mo: 9 1715.

The Loomb aforsaid Robert King prettended to have same unto he paying the Twenty Shillings which the meeting Laid out formarly upon which it was granted unto him and he payed the money to William Brownloe & Robt Delapp in behalfe of this meeting upon which the Sd Loomb was dillivered to him the Sd Robt King. (Note in margin: abt Robt King.)

William Brownloe and Robt Delapp is disiered to Lend the said twenty Shillings unto James ffox towards the buying him a Loomb and take his bond for it in behalfe of this meeting. (Note in margin: 20S sent James ffox.)

Persuant to order of the province meeting William Richardson & ffrancis Hobson is disiered to Joyn Charlimount friends in perfermeing a visitt unto those of our Society in & abt: Monaghan & fearnagiragh before the next mens meeting and Likewise our visitters is disiered to be concerne in their service as they may see occasion and Returne account to Sd meeting. (Note in margin: abt a visitt to Monaghan & fermanagh.)

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 4 mo: 24 1715.

William Brownloe & Robt Delapp hath Lent the 20S to James ffox but hath not gott his bond for the same. Therefor is againe disiered to have it done with convenient speed. (Note in margin: abt James foxs bond.)

This meetins adjourned untill next 1st day come a week.

Wm brownloe not being here according to adjournment therefore no answer.

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Our visitters gives account that they have been concerned in their service as they did see occasion giving such advise and Councell as they thought needfull. And according as before disiered William Richardson and ffrancis Hobson Joyned & with others performed Sd visitt in and about Monaghan. (Note in margin: the Returne of the visitters about Monaghan.)

Att a preparative meeting held at ballyhagan 5 mo: 28 1715.

William Brownloe & Robert Delapp hath brought a bond signed by the Sd James fox the bond not being in maner & forme agreeable unto the mind of this meeting nither could the Sd James be prevailed upon to give in any other way: Therefore this meeting doth disiere William brownloe to keep the Sd bond and Tell James fox that the meeting doth take notice of his non Compliance. (Note in margin: abt James foxs bond etc.)

Att mens meeting held at ballyhagan 6 mo: 12 1715.

We Recd Last quarterly meetings Epistle & had it Red amongst us with which we had good unity: and to that end that which mostly Relates to us might be answered: We think it highly needfull that those tht are in particular stations in the Church disci;lin doe meet together at a Convenient season to Inquier of one another how farr they are Cleare & Exemplary and fameleys in those things now Recommended from Sd quarterly meeting Least any by their Indulging any thinge in themselves or famelys that should anywise be a hinderance to others. (Note in margin: for those in Church disipline to bee examples.)

Inasmuch our next province meeting is Intended to be at Coothill and tht every mens meeting is disiered to send suitable friends to attend the same Therefore John Williamson Thos: Toppin Robt Delapp William Brownloe are disiered to attend Sd meeting. (Note in margin: all answered.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 7 mo: 1st day 1715.

Those that hath particular stations in Church disaplin as aforesaid have not yett mett as disiered Therefore such together with some others are againe disiered to meet before next mens meeting.

Its thought needfull that our visitters be Concerned in their service: most specialy where need Requiereth and give account theirot unto next mens meeting. (Note in margin: visitters care disiered.)

Their being account given unto this meeting that Robert Hueitt took an oath before a Judge of an asize Therefore its disiered that William Richardson & William Brownloe doe speake to the Sd Robert concerning the same.

William brownloe & William Gray is disiered to buy a coal cloth for John Cristy and bring the Charge unto next meeting. (Note in margin: done.)

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Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 7 mo: 23 1715.

In Regard that those that hath particular stations in Church disipline hath not as yett mett as was expected this meeting againe disieres that it may yett Effectually done believing it may bee of service. (Note in margin: not done.)

Our visitters gives account that they have been of Late concerned in their service of visitting famelys giving their assistance advice & Councill etc.

William Richardson & William brownloe hath spoaken to Robt Huett and finds the account given abt him to be true and used their outmost means to bring him to a true sence of the Evill thereof: and that Sd action he has much Lessened himselfe also brought Reproach upon truth and our holy proffesion their off which doth not allow of any such practice as swearing on any occasion whatsoever and also the Tendency of it is of a hurtfull consequence unto the publick by Reason others that's more faithfull may bee harder dealt with in other occasions but all that could be done he did not seem to see the guilt their off as was both Expected also disiered. (Note in margin: about Robt Huett and his disorderly action of swearing etc.)

Therfor its disiered that William Gray & ffrancis Hobson draw up a Testimoney against the Sd Robert Huiett and his actions seiting or placing Judgement upon them.

Att a preparitive meeting held at Ballyhagan 8 mo: 13 1715.

Our visitters is disiered to be concerned in their service as occasion may Requier and give account their off unto next mens meeting.

Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 8 mo: 25 1715.

Our visitters gives account that they have been concerned to Inspect into the steats of severall famelys and in particular to Sammuell Cherrys who yett keeps that servant which we have and still is disatisfyed with him for so doeing to that degree that untill comply with our advice theirin we thinks he ought not to sitt in our mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt Saml: Cherry etc.)

Robert Barns hath acquainted this meeting that his son Nicholas hath a mind to make his abode for some time in London upon which he disieres a Certifycat from this meeting of his behavior etc. which is consented unto and disiers that William Gray doe draw one for him and gett signed by some friends in behalfe of this meeting. (Note in margin: abt a certifycat for Nicholas Barns. Done.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan the 9th mo: 24 1715.

Ther being a Testemoney drawn concerning the behavior of Robt Huiett as disiered & brought to this meeting for approbation and it being Red its thought it may answer Therefore its thought fitt that it be shewd: unto him to see whitther he hath any Just objection against it that all may be Cleare before it go forth against him.

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Robert Dayly son to John Dayly of Armagh neer Athlone and Mary Gray daughter of William Gray of ballyhagan hath this day appeared & declared their Intentions of Mariage with one another also some friends was acquainted of the same some time before and at present not any thing appearing to obstruct their further proceedings therein the Sd Robert having a certifiycate from the meeting of (Tinnah?) bearing date the 17th of the 9th mo: 1715 which doth signify he hath Laid his Sd Intentions before their meeting and this meeting hath appointed ffrancis Hobson & William brownloe our woemens meeting Eliz: brownloe & Mary Richardson to make Enquierey concerning their Clearness in Relation to marriage and as they find things on their accounts to Returne their answers to the next mens meeting they appear att. (Note in margin: about Robert Dayly and Mary Grays marriage.)

Our visiters is disiered to continue their care as they may see occasion and give account thereof unto the next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt visitters.)

Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 10 mo: 22: 1715.

Our visiters gives account that they have been concerned in their service tho not in a generall way but spoake unto some particulers by giving such advice counsill & admonition as they did see needfull. (Note in margin: Care of the visitters.)

Its disiered all friends that have not brought in their sufferings by tith & other demands doe it as suddenly as they well canne.

Att a preparitive meeting held at Ballyhagan 11 mo: 12: 1715 (sic 1715/16).

Robert Hueit was shewed the Sd Testimony and he did not object any thin against it and seemed to be willing to give some thing under his hand by way of confirmation theirroff but hath not yett done it. Theirfor William Brownloe and Abraham pearson is disiered to speake unto the Sd Robert to see what he hath of mind to doe therin that the Testemoney may be read at a convenient season. (Note in margin: abt Robert Heuitt.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 11 m: 12 1715 (sic 1715/16).

We have Red and examined a pretty many of our sufferings and those that have suffered that and hear have given account how they have behaved themselves and the Remainder is disiered may be speedily perfected so that account may be given with them unto the province meeting. (Note in margin: abt the sufferings.)

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 11 mo: 26 1715 (sic 1715/16. Same date as preceding?)

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 11 mo: 26 1715 (sic 1715/1716).

Robert Hueitt hath been spoaken unto yett not so fully as thought needfull Therfor those before appointed is disiered to speake further unto him and have his full answer concerning the matter aforeSd. (Note in margin: abt Robt Hueit.)

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We have Received the quarterly meeting Epistle in which it is disiered tht those minuts be sought for : Relating unto those which are out for husbands & wives and marryed by preists and how parrants ought to behave in that Respect: William Gray & ffrancis Hobson is disiered to colect the same. (Note in margin: done.)

The Intrest of our Deceased friend John Whittsett being now due those that are concerned are disiered to pay the same unto William Gray who with the assistance of Wm Brownloe Wm Richardson John Williamson & ffrancis Hobson is to distribut the same unto the poore as they may most needfull. (Note in margin: abt John Whittsetts Legacy 15S.

The 3d month nationall meetings Epistle being Red in this meeting which we have good unity with & their being something recommended unto those that's visitters to (exhort?) them to mind their service which we believe theirs need for. (Note in margin: abt visitters from a halfe yeare meeting.)

Att a Preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 12 mo: 16:1715 (sic 1715/1716).

William Richardson & William Gray is disiered to visitt Mary peel to see how the steate of her affaires now stands In her husbands absence and whittther shee hath any disiere that this meeting should be concerned to know if possible for them to know how matters stand with him & the Reason why he keeps so Long absent from his wife & famely. (Note in margin: abt Luke peel etc.)

William Richardson & William Gray is disiered to Inquier how the matter betwixt James Sterratt & James Tough as in Relation to William McClelans bond etc. (Note in margin: abt James Tough & James Sterratt.)

Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 1 mo: 9 1715 (sic 1715/1716)

Those before appointed to visitt Mary peel give account the(y) have performed the same and that shee is very disierous that friends be concernd: to use some Endeavours to understand how things stands with her husband & how it happenes that he is so Long absent from his famely etc. (Note in margin: abt Luke Peel.)

Therefore this meeting disiers that William Richardson William Gray John Williamson & ffrancis Hobson doe writt unto some friends in London and Request the favor of them to Enquier how matters stands with the Sd Luke peel and give us some account Thereoff.

This meeting understanding by James Tough that he hath not yett satisfyed James Sterratt concerning his bond aforesaid: and Therefore we pressingly advise the Sd James Tough that he concern himselfe hartly to gett the Sd bond cleared as soon as he conveniently he can that Justice may be done unto the Sd James Sterratt. (Note in margin: abt James Tough & James Stearatt.)

Accounts given by our visitters that they have been concerned in their service in visitting of famelys and of their advice & Councill given. Account theirown is disiered may be Returned unto the six days meeting. (Note in margin: Care of visitters.)

Att a preparitive meetintg held at ballyhagan 1 mo: 29 1716.

In Regard our deare ffriend William Nicholson is deceased

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This meeting appoints William Brownloe William Richardson Wm Gray John Williamson & Robt Delapp to meett at widdow Nicholson and take an Inventory of the goods and Chattells of the deceased. (Note in margin: abt Wm Nicholson Inventory.)

Benjamin mackey and Sarah Williamson both of this meeting hath this day appeared & declared their Intentions of marriage with one another also acquainted some friends of the same some time before and at present: Their doth not any thinge appeare to obstruct their further proceedings therin: Therefore this meeting appoints Robt: Delapp ffrancis Hobson & the woemens meeting Mary peel & Margery Reed to make Inquier Concerning their Clearness from all others in Relation to marriage orderly proceeding etc: and to Returne account how they find things unto next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt Ben. Mackys marriage.)

Those minuts Recommended from las halfe years meeting are not as yett so fully drawn forth as was disiered Therefore ffrancis Hobson is disiered to draw up or produce as many of them as he can conveniently & bring them to the next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt minuts drawn.)

Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 2 mo: 20 1716.

This meeting having had no answer from James Tough concerning the aforSd: bond etc: Therefore its disiered that Wm Richardson and William Gray be further concerned with James Tough abt ye same. (Note in margin: abt Jas Tough & Jno Stearatt.)

Those that was appointed to make an inventory of the goods etc.: of our deceased friend Wm Nicholson give account that they have been concerned in Sd matter and have gone as fully threw with it att present: as they well could and intends to have the Remains perfected. (Note in margin: abt Inventory of Wm Nicholson.)

Benjamen Macky & Sarah Williamson hath this day appeared and declared the continuation of their former intentions in Relations to marriage & those before appointed etc: to make inquiry where they thought needfull Returned their answers that they have make inquiry where they thought needfull: and doth not find any things to obstruct their further proceedings therein Therefore this meeting gives free liberty that they Lay their Sd Intentions Before the next province meeting and in the mean time those before concerned to make Inquiry & are disiered to continue their care and give account further how they find things on their accounts and give answer to the Sd province meeting. Also ordered that they have a certifycate from hence. (Note in margin: abt ben Mackys marriage.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 3d mo: 10 1716.

There being a complaint made to this meeting by James morton against James Tough concerning a bond of 40 pounds which this meeting & the members thereof some time againe did deale with the Sd James above and made a settlement therein which the Sd James Tough did not performe accordingly. (Note in margin: abt James Tough & James Morton.)

Therfor this meeting desieres that the Sd James Tough be at the meeting next 5th day that he may be spoake with about this and the other with James Steratt etc.

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Itts Reported that John Stevenson hath taken a wife which is not of our Society Therfor this meeting appoints John Williamson and Robt: Delapp to speake unto the Sd John for to review the certainty thereof. (Note in margin: abt John Stevenson.)

Att mens meeting held at ballyhagan 4 mo: 5 1716.

James Tough was at meeting as before disiered and was spoaken to about bothe the Sd bonds and as to that of James mortons he & Robert Barns had some concern together & therefore he says he Intends to go to the Sd Robt and to have some care taken about the same and also in Relation to the other he proposes care off it also. (Note in margin: abt James Tough & James Morton & Interest.)

Those that was appointed to speake to John Stevenson signifye that they have been with him but finds him in a stiff mind altho he ownes to Reporte to be true that he is maryed: Therefore this

meeting thinks its needfull that his ffather be advised not to Employ him in his service for that End to see if that will bring him to better consideration of his disobediance & obstinance against his fathers will & mind abt Sd marriage and Inasmuch as the Sd John Stevenson since his Sd marriage hath wholly declined coming to our meetings Therfore we thinke at present to deffere giving out Testimoney against him. (Note in margin: abt John Stevenson.)

William Brownloe John Williamson & Robert Delapp & ffrancis Hobson is disiered to give William Stevenson a visitt and Lett him know the advice of this meeting about his son John etc.

Inasmuch as William Richardson & William Gray being appointed by our deceased friend William Nicholson as overseers of his last will and Testement and now under consideration that William Richardson is also deceased William Gray Requests the favore of this meeting that they will nominat some sensable persons to assist him in Sd affaire to which the meeting Readely Grants and doth appoint William brownloe John Williamson & Robt Delapp. (Note in margin: Some assistance to Wm Gray abt Wm Nicholsons Will etc.)

Robt Dayly and Mary Gray having appeared before this meeting and declared the continuation of their former Intentions in relation to marrage and those before appointed to make Inquierey concerning their Clearness from all others as itn Relation to marriage Consent of parrants etc: Returne their answers that they have made Inquierey where they thought needful and doth not find any thinge to obstruct their further proceeding therein Therfore this meeting Leaves them freely to their Liberty to Lay their Sd Intentions before the next province meeting and in the mean time those before concerned to make Inquierey etc are disiered to continue their care and give account further how they find things on their account to the Sd province meeting and ffrancis Hobson is disiered to give them a certifiyate to Sd meeting of ye orderly proceedings etc. (Note in margin: abt Robert Dayly & Mary Gray marriage.)

In Regard William Richardson is deceased this meeting appoints Wm brownloe Wm Gray Jno Williamson Robt: Delap & ffrancis Hobson to take an Inventory of his goods. (Note in margin: abt Wm Richardsons goods.)

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Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 1716.

James Tough not being at this meeting to give account what he hath done about the aforSd bonds: Therfor this meeting disieres that George Delapp to acquaint the Sd James to bee at the meeting next 5th day for there is an expectation of Robt barns & James Morton if not James Sterratt: also disiere him to be at our next mens meeting to give account whats done theirin. (Note in margin: abt James Tough of the bonds due etc.)

Those that were appointed to visitt William Stevenson hath performed the same and finds him under some doubts & fears concerning what was proposed to him being the advice of the meeting abt his son so that things could not be sett to beare as friends did disiere. Therfore this meeting appoints Wm Brownloe Wm Gray John Wmson Robt Delapp & ffrancis Hobson to give the Sd william a second visitt but in the mean time discourse William Mason abt the Sd William Stevensons concerns etc. (Note in margin: A Second visitt to Wm Stevenson.)

Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 5 mo: 10 1716.

Those before mentioned to take an Inventory of the goods & Chattells of our Deare deceased friend William Richardson hath mett and done in that case as much as well they could yett not so fully as thought needfull: Therefore this meeting disiers that which is a wanting or unperformed may be done without unnesesary delay and like wise that in Relation into our deceased friend William Nicholsons concerns etc: (Note in margin: abt Wm Richardson & Wm Nicholsons concerns.)

And also to have their wills & Inventorys Recorded.

James Tough not being at this meeting to give account what he hath done abt the aforesaid Two bonds so fully as we do desier altho James Tough was as before desiered at the Last Sd 5th days meeting and we understand that there is some time granted him abt Sd bonds so that we thinke to Lett fall the matter at present. (Note in margin: abt Ja. Tough the 2 bonds.)

William Stevenson hath been spoken unto by some of those appointed and was Tould friends advice and had matters cloasly said unto him and at the bad consequence may attend him in his outward concernes if he continue his son in his business & heartofore upon which he hath taken some time to consider it more fully Therefore those that did not speake unto him is disiered to go to him and take his answer etc: (Note in margin: abt. Wm Stevenson.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at Ballyhagan 6 mo: 2 1716.

William Stevenson hath been spoake unto and his answer Requested in the aforSd matter & he desieres longer time to consider theroff so that those before appointed is disiered to have his answer against next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt Wm Stevenson.)

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Inasmuch as Mary Tough daughter of James Tough (as is Reported) is maryd in some hidden way or other unto one that is not of our persuasion or Society Tho shee was often advised to the Contrary therefore this meeting thinks needfull that a Testemoney be drawn to disowne her and actions and that it may be shewed unto her to see if shee hath any thinge to object against it before it go forth against her.

Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 6 mo: 23 1716.

Those appointed to take an Inventory of the good(s) etc. of our friend William Richardson gives account that it is done to pretty good satisfaction. (Note in margin: abt the Inventory of William Richardson.)

And for the Remainder of William Nicholsons not yett done Therefore those concerned are desiered to continue their care thereon.

Ffriends have been with William Stevenson for his answer abt: his son and they find he is inclinable to continue him in his house and service contrary to the above advice and further Inclines to Lett him have a Tennement Joyning his house & halfe of his Land and son to oversee and mannage his other parte which maner of proceeding is contrary to the advice of this meeting doubting it may be of a bad consequence but under consideration we have had both care &

Tender concern upon our minds to have the Sd William order his buisness more softly as we thinke for his ease and more agreeable to the mind of this meeting but being all our pains hath as yett proved ineffectuall Therefore we shall at present Lett the matter fall or he (attend) in Tenderness towards the old man and the more by Reason he is but in a weakly condition as to his bodely health and wait with patience for some time which may perhaps give him more clear demonstration of what may attend his Sd proposalls concerning his son. (Note in margin: abt Wm Stevenson.)

There being a Testemoney drawn as disiered against the behaviour of mary wright formerly Tough and also it hath been shewed unto her and shee doth not object against it but that its just and unto the matter so its ordered to be read at a fitt time and this meeting being disatisfied with James Tough her father for entertaining her in his house before shee came to a true sense of her Transgression by sincere repentance for the same being altogether contrary to the order of disciplin used amongst us. (Note in margin: abt a Testimony Red against Mary Tough.)

This meeting is adjurned untill next 5th day.

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 7 mo: 20: 1716.

This meeting disiers that William Stevenson have copeny of the above minut Read unto him by William Brownloe & Robt Delap.

This meeting under consideration of the Sd John Stevenson disown and how he stands and may be called by our name he not goeing so farr as we apprehend to any other Society of people to worshipp. Therefore disiers William Gray to draw up a testemoney against him. (Note in margin: abt a Testimony against Wm Stevenson.)

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Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 8 mo: 5 1716.

Those that was appointed to take an Inventory of the goods of our deceased friend William Nicholson gives account that they have done it to pretty good satisfaction Therfor is disiered to be put in a fitt method to be Recorded.

Inasmuch as James Tough hath given dissatisfaction to this meeting by entertaining his Sd daughter as before hinted Therefore disiers that Robt Delapp John Brownloe & ffrancis Hobson do speake unto the Sd James Tough & his wife and know of them what satisfaction they are willing to give unto friends for the same.

In Regard that some were disiered to speake unto John Stevenson to see how he now stands effected to as word and there doth not seem any thinge that's Likely to be acknowledged by him by way of satisfaction therfore its disiered that the Testimoney be not omitted much Longer. This meeting adjourned untill next 1st day. (Note in margin: abt John Stevenson.)

William Brownloe John Williamson & Robt Delapp is disiered to vissitt mary smith and see what they can do with her son John atkinson to see if they can prevaill with him to do his mother Justice in those things that's his due to performe.

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 8 mo: 25 1715.

Those that were appointed to speake unto John atkinson about doeing his mother Justice finds that he is not Likely to comply to do so farr for his mother as in Justice he ought to do yett this meeting desiers that they with those whome they may call to their assistance be further concerned to give him & mother a second visitt. (Note in margin: abt John Atkinson & mother.)

John Stevenson hath been Tenderly spoaken with again and after a great deal of pains & Labour in Love and Respect to him he seemed to be inclinable to writt some thinge by way of acknowledgment for his Transgression yett he hath not done it as yett so in Tenderness unto him we defer writting or at Least publishing any thinge against him for that end to see if he can be gotten to do any thinge himselfe.

Att a men meeting held at ballyhagan 9 mo: 16 1716.

Those befor appointed to speak unto James Tough give account that we have been with him & he seemed to be willing to give some thinge by way of satisfaction for his breatch of disaplin as before hinted which he was disiered to do against this meeting which he hath so that he hath forfeited his previllage of sitting in our mens meetings untill we have a knowledge of his truthes for the same and be found more orderly in his conversation than heretofor he hath been.

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The Inventory of the goods of our deceased friend William Nicholson is put in a fitt method for Recording Therfor ffrancis Hobson is disiered to Record the same together with the deed. (Note in margin: done.)

Inasmuch as John Stevenson notwithstanding his seemeing compliance doth refuse to give any acknowledgmnt: for his offence Therfor the Testimoney drawn up concerning the Sd John Stevenson which this meeting approves off and disiers William Gray William Brownloe John Wmson Robt Delapp James Stevenson & ffrancis Hobson do give William Stevenson a visitt & Read the Sd paper unto him and also to John if they can conveniently to see what they can object. (Note in margin: abt a Testimony against Jno Stevenson.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagn 10 mo: 6: 1716.

Ffriends have not made their visitt to William Stevenson as disiered but Intends to do it this evening. (Note in margin: done.)

William Gray hath given of bllance about the Colections and there Remains in stocke the sume of six pounds nine Shillings and four pence. (Note in margin: account of Collection at 6L 9S 4d.)

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 10 mo: 28 1716.

The Testimoney that's drawn up against the actions of John Stevenson those appointed took an opportunity to visitt his ffather and Red it unto him but John they could not see; tho there was means to meet with him used but to no purpose his father did not object any thinge against it but signed the same.

James Stevenson & Robert Delapp hath a mind to Endeavour to Read the Sd Testimoney to the Sd John Stevenson so that the Reading publickly their off is deffered untill then. (Note in margin: abt the Testemony against Jno Stevenson.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at Ballyhagan 11 mo: 17 1716/17

Those that went to John Stevenson gives account that they had an opportunity to Read the Sd Testimoney unto him which he did nott object any thinge against notwithstanding would not give any thinge by way of acknowledgemt: against himselfe Therfor we thinke we have been very Tender over him from one time unto another and being it has all proved ineffectuall to him yett we are the more clear of him so that we disiere the Sd Testimoney may be publickly Red on a first day. (Note in margin: ordered the Reading of the Testimoney against Jno Stevenson.)

Itts disiered the visitters be concerned in their service and give account their off to next mens meeting.

The Interest of our friend John Whittsets Legacy is paid in Wm Brownloe Wm Gray John Williamson Robt Delapp & ffrancis Hobson is disiered to divide it & give it unto the poore as they may see most needfull. (Note in margin: Interest of Jno Whittset at 15S.)

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Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 12 mo: 8 1716/17.

Our visitters gives account that they have been concerned to visitt severall famelys some of them undr: affliction of bodey and in nessecity for some Reliefe and also gave their advice in Love & good will. (Note in margin: Care of the visitters.)

Inasmuch as Ocran Stanfield hath signifyed unto this meeting tht he Intends to Remove himselfe into old England upon which he disiers our certifycate and after consideration their off have Left it to William Gray & ffrancis Hobson to Inspect into his circumstances and according as they may find draw a (saff) certifycate concerning him and Lett friends see it for approbation.

Att a preparitive meeting held at ballyhagan 1 mo: 7 1716/17.

Inasmuch as this meeting is very small which is a great greife to severall that's heare and in order to Remedy the same for the future its disiered that John Williamson or some other upon the sixth day next disiere those that belong unto the mens meeting to stay in order that those that are or hath been neglegent may bee admonished to more dilligence for the future.

There is a paper drawn up by way of certifycate concerning ocran Standfield this meeting orders it to be Laid by untill further consideration.

Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 1 mo: 22 1716/17.

William Brownloe & Robert Delapp is disiered to speak unto Jon: Anderson & desiers him to pay what he oweth unto this meeting for the acre of Land formerly held by Edmond oneale that it may be Laid out as formerly ordered for the only use of Hannah Joans Alias Neales children. (Note in margin: abt Jno Anderson & the acre of land.)

Att a preparative meeting held at ballyhagan the 11th of 2nd mo: 1717.

William Brownloe & Robert Delapp gives account that they spoake unto John Anderson abt the above payment but find that John Anderson is not willing at present: to pay as disiered. Therefore Abraham Pearson John Williamson & Wm Hobson is disiered to speake unto the Sd John Anderson onc(e) againe & perswade him if posibell to do Justice in the above matter and Returne account to the next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt John Anderson etc.)

In Regard there is the sume of 19L=16S=4d of publick charge to be raised by this meeting the following subscriptions is for to help to pay the same.

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	L S d		L S d
William Brownloe	1. 0.0	Jacob Nicholson	0.15.0
Thomas Toppin	0.15.0	William Mason	0.10.0
Jonathan Richardson	1. 0.0	Joseph Pearson	0. 5.0
John Brownloe	0.15.0	John Pearson	0. 3.4
John Williamson	0.10.0	John Hueit	0. 6.6
Robt Delapp	0.10.0	William Clark	0. 5.0
William Gray	0.15.0	Petter Toppin	0.10.0
William Hobson	0.10.0	John Winter	0. 5.5
John Abernathey	0.10.0	John Scott	0. 3.0
Benjamen Mack	0. 8.0	Hugh McDowell	0. 3.3
William Allen	0. 5.0	John Reed	0. 4.0
Abraham pearson	0. 6.0	ffrancis Hobson	0. 5.0
James Stevenson Senr:	0. 5.0	Saml: Cherry	0. 4.0
James Tough	0. 5.5	John Morison	0. 3.0
Richard Wetherill	0. 3.0	George Wickliff	0. 2.2
	8. 7.5	8.7.5	4. 7.11
		4.7.11	
		L12=S15=d4	

The Rest out of Stock in the Collection.
(Note in margin: abt Publick Charge.)

John Blackburne & Rachall Morton both of this meeting hath this day appeared & declared their Intentions of marriage with one another also acquainted some friends of the same some time before and at present their doth not appeare anything to obstruct their further proceedings theirin Therefore Thomas Toppin William Allen Mary peel & Mary Hobson are appointed by this & the woemens meeting to make Enquiere concerning their Clearness from all others in Relation to marriage ordery proceedings Consent of parrants & Relations concerned & to Returne their answers how they find things on their accounts to our next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt Jno blackburns marriage.)

Their being a Legacy of Twenty pounds Left by our dear Deceased friend William Nicholson unto the meeting of ballyhagan according unto his Will is due the 25th of the Last month. (Note in margin: abt Wm Nicholson Legacy of 20 pounds.)

Att a mens meeting held at ballyhagan 2 mo: 20 1717.

John Anderson hath been spoaken unto by the befor mentioned friends and hath by much persuasions condescended to pay for the before mentioned acre of Land. (Note in margin: abt Jno Anderson.)

As ffolloweth (viz) to pay five Shillings at next 9th month and at 9th month 1718 to pay 7S 6d which with 7S 6 paid formerly by him compleats the sume of one pound Which he was to pay at 8 payments as the minute de(s)creibs this being now wt he seems to be willing unto which is not at all satisfactory to this meeting for their being due last 12th mo the sume of 7S 6d which is a great difference in paymts: of such small as it was ordered & the more tht it was for the Relife of poore Children we think is very inconsideratley done of him.

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John Blackburne & Rachell Morton hath appeared before this meeting and declared the continuation of their former intentions in Relation to marriage & those before appointed to make Enquary concerning their Clearness orderly proceedings consent of parrants & Returne their answers that they have made enquary and doth not find any thinge to obstruct their further proceedings therin Therefore this meeting gives them Liberty to Lay their said Intentions before this meeting gives them Liberty to Lay their said Intentions before ye next province meeting & in the mean time those before concerned to make enquary to continue their care & give account further how they find things on their account to the next province meeting unto which ffrancis Hobson is ordered to give them a Certifycate. (Note in margin: abt John Blackburns marriage.)

Our visitters gives account that they have been concerned in their service and have visited severall famelyes their concern was mostly to advise younge people to be dilligent & disierous to come to meetings for worshipping the Lord and particularly on the week days and in the pursuit of vaine pastimes & also to speake plaine Language & parrants to be exemplary theirin. (Note in margin: Care of the visitters.)

Yett in order that the severall good minute concerneing needfull matters to be put in practice may be answered, we disiere that next first day both parrants and children may be be disiered to stay after meeting for worship is over in order that suitable advice counsel & admonitions may be given for our mutuall Edifycation & prosperity in the truth.

Att a preparative meeting held at ballyhagan 3d mo: 23 1717.

John Anderson being spoake unto as was disiered Last mens meeting sheweing him the unreasonableness of his proposalls in and abt the payments of the money mentioned in the forgoeing minut & those friends that hath been with him gives account that he hath now consented to pay the –S-d that was due Last 12th month at or before next mens meeting. (Note in margin: abt John Anderson.)

Our friend William Stevenson being Deceased this meeting therefore thinks very needfull according to order that some friends be appointed to go & take true & full Inventory of his goods etc. and the money that the Sd William hath Invested this meeting in power by his last Will to acte in and about his Concernes according to their discretion Still minding his Sd Will by way of help & assistance of his Executor William Mason so upon this occasion of Imeadiatly takeing the

Sd Inventory doth appoint James Stevenson John Williamson Robt Delapp Abraham pearson and William Gray. (Note in margin: abt William Stevensons Inventory.)

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Att a mens meeting held at Ballyhagan 4 mo: 18 1717

John Anderson hath paid by the hands of John Williamson the sume of five Shillings & Tenn pence and due by William Brownloe one Shilling & Eight pence both -7S-6d Which he was to pay Last 12th month. William Brownloe & Robt Delapp is disiered to Lay it out for the Child or Children before mentioned as they Shall see most convenient. (Note in margin: Jno Anderson pd 7S 6d.)

Those before appointed to take an Inventory of the goods etc. of William Stevenson give account that they mett about and hath gone as farr as the(y) could well do at this time but there is some part that cannot well be done now but may be better ordered hereafter. (Note in margin: abt William Stevenson buisness.)

This meeting is Given to understand that since the decease of our friend William Stevenson some things hath fallen out that seemes to be disorderly betwixt John Stevenson & William Mason also some other things to be Inspected into Therefore we disiere William brownloe James Stevenson John Abernathy & ffrancis Hobson to go and see how matters stands and if out of order to have them Regulated if they can and in particular advise William Mason about his father in law Wm Stevenson (apprintice). (Note in margin: abt Wm Mason & Jno Stevenson. The apprentice run away.)

We Received the quarterly meetings Epistle and it was Red amongst us the contents their off was pressingly Recommended for friends Duely to observe (viz) Those that make profession with us to Refraine as much as posible in that of Crowding into Courte Sessions or at asizes without Reale occasion by which we may Justly offend the magestrate by our forward behaviors in such cases and also to Refraine goinge into worshyp houses in time of buisness wherby their may be offence and also where meeting of folley as shooting matches or any other needless gathering as horse Raceing Gazing at mountebanks all which practices doth not at all become us nor anywise advantagious to our growth in the blessed truth and our holy proffesion thereof. (Note in margin: advice against goinge into court etc. also to other places needlessly.)

Att a preparitive meeting held at Ballyhagan 5 mo: 4 1717.

William Brownloe & Robert Delapp gives account that the money that was ordered to be Laid out for the Children aforeSd is not yett done by Reason that the(y) could not as they thought to such advantage as may be hereafter Therefore they are disiered to continue their care as aforesaid. (Note in margin: abt the Childrens money.)

Those that were appointed to Speake to William Mason & John Stevenson hath not yett performed the same Therefore are disiered to be as speedy in Sd matter as they well can. (Note in margin: abt Wm Mason & Jno Stevenson.)

Its disiered tht our visitters be concerned in their service as they may see occation and those tht are concerned in any publick office in the Church is disiered to have a privatt conferrance one with another to see whitther they & their famelys be cleare of those things that's a Trouble & also

offensive unto the brethren etc.: (Note in margin: all those that hath publicke stations in the Church.)

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