

and James Hamner. The Minutes contain two references to the continuances of them, viz., 8/25/1726 and 2/29/1729.

The extracts from the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting, show that sufficient difference of opinion existed among the "Perquimoman" Friends, regarding the most suitable site for a Meeting House, and that the Monthly Meeting delayed the granting of the "Liberty to Build," until the said Perquimoman Friends, should be united on a location.

The matter is referred to in the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting, 28 times in the 15 years, before it was decided. This decision must have been reached during the interval between 4/24/1729 and 3/26/1730. The Minutes of the Men's Monthly Meeting for that period are missing from the records, and as there is no further reference in the later minutes to the proposed Meeting House for the "Perquimoman ffd's," and further, as the first Overseers for the New Providence Preparative Meeting were appointed by the Monthly Meeting on 6/23/1733, it seems we can safely assume, that in the interval of time, during which there exists now no records of the deliberations of the Men's Meeting of Gwynedd Monthly Meeting, the desired unity had been reached among the "Perquimoman ffd's"; that the controlling body had then given consent to the building of a Meeting House on the site selected (on these grounds, then the property of James Hamner); and had also recognized the establishing of a Preparative Meeting, which was named New Providence.

Existing minutes of Providence Preparative Meeting in the possession of Gwynedd Monthly Meeting begin with a meeting held in the 8th month, 1812. The following extracts, mainly referring to the matter of building a new Meeting House, have been selected as the most comprehensive way to present this part of the narrative:

9/25/1812. The Meeting House is uncomfortable—repairs should be made before winter.

3/26/1813. A Committee reported it inadvisable to repair the Meeting House, but recommend that a new house be built. The Preparative Meeting

scribed for building a Meeting House.

10/23/1818. A Committee—Benj. Cox, Moses Robinson, Moses Hobson and John Barnett appointed to consider a suitable plan of a new Meeting House also to form an estimate of the probable expense and report to next meeting.

11/27/1818. Committee not ready to report. Amos Evans added to Com.

1/3/1819. The Com. reported and recommend that the ground plot of the Building to be an oblong square—equal in size to the old building with two doors and four windows in front, four windows in the back wall and two in each gable. A sliding partition dividing the building in two equal parts leaving a door on either side thereof in front. Height of ceiling from the floor eleven feet, the site removed a few feet south and part of the present one. The expense estimated at about \$1000. A majority of the Com. also suggested the advisability of purchasing additional ground from Daniel Tyson—south, west and east of the Meeting. The Meeting united with the report of the Com. Also with the expediency of purchasing additional ground and appointed aforesaid Com. to carry it into effect.

[There appears to be no further reference to the proposed new Meeting house until 7/29/1827, evidently the old building had been repaired.]

1/26/1827. Jonathan Cox released and John Barnett appointed Clerk.

7/29/1827. The Meeting proceeded to consider the propriety of building a new Meeting House and united in its propriety and appointed a meeting in relation thereto to be held on next seventh day afternoon at 4 o'clock. A meeting was held accordingly, the subject discussed and continued.

8/24/1827. Again discussed and continued.

9/20/1827. Again discussed and continued.

10/26/1827. Few present, adjourned to 10/28/1827. Subject discussed, it was concluded to call a meeting of our members on seventh day, 11/10/1827.