

EARLY QUAKER TESTIMONIES

EQUALITY

	Religious Background	Regional Background	Troth Claim	Assault on Pride	Loyalty Badge
No Titles	All equal before God	Use of first names more common in north of England	Status doesn't make a person deserve honor	Strong element	First and last name; no "Mr." or "Ms."
No Hat Houor	All equal before God	Because of cold, hats probably kept on more in north of England	Status doesn't make a person deserve honor	Legal problem only when hat kept on in court; anger of parents, etc.	
Leadership, Ministry by All	More democratic than Episcopalians, Puritans; Acts 2: Spirit poured out on women and servants	In Massachussets., especially high proportion of Quaker ministers were women	Women, servants, youth showed gifts of ministry, leadership	Nobody formally and permanently designated as minister; Fox had no formal status	

HONESTY

	Religious Background	Regional Background	Troth Claim	Assault on Pride	Loyalty Badge
Oaths Refused	Mt. 5 - "Let your yea be yea ... " Anabaptists, Puritans	In north of England greater stock in loyalty oaths	Implication that one only tells truth under oath rejected	Quakers could be jailed for refusal to take oath	"Affirmation," not oaths
Single Price = Just Price	Church - idea there was <i>one</i> right price				Made some Friends rich
Names of weekday, months	Didn't want them named after Norse, Roman gods; bothered Puritans first			Necessary in order to be Friend	
"Thee," Thou" to individuals		In north and west of England, "thee" was custom; in London, "you" used	Distinction between singular, plural should be maintained despite politesse	Shock – usually "thee" only to servants and children	

SIMPLICITY

	Religious Background	Regional Background	Truth Claim	Assault on Pride	Loyalty Badge
Costume	From Puritans	Quakers' farm background; working class	Shouldn't waste money on selves	Friends looked different	Still often simpler than average
Luxury, Games	Puritan self-denial		Shouldn't waste money on selves	Had to exclude selves from some activities	
Art, Music, Drama	Extension of Protestant Reformation	Little local art in north and west of England; Friends objected to bawdy comedy			