



Meeting House Certificates 1696-1832

The following certificates were issued to people who wanted to use their houses Non-Conformist meetings, as an alternative to the Parish Church. These houses or buildings were required to be licensed.

Date Application Signed		Date Application Granted or Registered		Type of Building	Owner, Occupier or Trustees			Non-Conformist Denomination	Signatories			Notes
Year	Date	Year	Date		Surname	Given Names	Occupation		Surname	Given Names	Title or Status	
1696	22-Apr			My House	Panting	Robert						
1709	04-Oct			Dwelling house	Herring	John					Unsigned	
1734-1735				Dwelling house	Jordan	Richard		Baptist	Harvey	Richard		Undated
								Jordan	John			
								Jordan	Richard			
								Panting	Jacob			

1735	06-Oct			Dwelling house	Lea	John		Baptist				
					Lea	Thomas			Hancock	Thomas		
									Hawkes	Samuel		
									Merriman	Thomas		
1741	17-Dec			Orchard, barn, barton, garden and [missing], the dwelling	Lea	John		Baptist	Jordan	Thomas		All Building Types are contiguous
					Lea	Thomas			Lawrence	William		
									Lea	Thomas		
1744	04-Apr			House, barn and stable	Parsons	John		Baptist	Day	William		Not having any worship of this kind lyeth att so great a distance that the inhabitation of the place above mentioned are not able to preform [sic] their duty
									Jordan	Richard		
1785	26-Nov			Dwelling house	Fowler	Susanna	Housekeeper	Independent	Day	Mary		
									Day	William		
									Fowler	Susanna		
									Hall	William		
									Jordan	John		
									Woolford	Richard		

1814	07-Nov	1815	28-Jan	Dwelling House & Premises	Hall	Daniel		Independent	Adams	William		Other Sources record that John Adams was granted the certificate.
									Day	Mary		
									Day	Thomas		
									Day	William		
									Garrett	John		
									Garrett	Thomas		
									Hall	Daniel		
Hyde	Joshua											
1822	20-Nov	1822	27-Nov	House	Kerby	Richard		Independent	Ellison	John		Made his mark.
									Jones	John		
									Kerby	Richard		
1825	04-Nov	1825	26-Dec	Building in occupation	Habgood	John		Primitive Methodist	Hapgood	John		
									Williams	Thomas		
1827	21-Jun	1827	6-Aug	Room in the House	Gilman	Robert		Baptist	Adams	William		Dated from Highworth; Other sources state that William Adams was granted the certificate. Geo. Geo. Written in pencil at the foot of the certificate.
									Gilman	Robert		
									Woolford	Richard		
1830	22-Jan	1832	23-Feb	House & premises	Adams	John		Baptist	Adams	John		Penciled in at foot of certificate Geo Geo not paid. February 22nd 1830
					Adams	William			Adams	William		
									Day	Ralph		
									Fisher	Richard		
									Garratt	Thomas		
									Kirby	William		
									Woolford	Richard		

													paid 2d. for Potterage; Other sources record that John & William Adams were granted the certificate
1830	29-Jun	1830	05-Jul	Chapel and premises in the holding of the Primitive Methodists				Primitive Methodists	Habgood	John			Paid Mr. Strongman at foot of certificate
1830	12-Aug	1830	16-Aug	Coach house and premises	Barrett	Susanna		Baptist	Barrett	Stephen			Endorsed Geo Geo to Enter
									Day	Ralph			
									Fisher	Richard			
									Kirby	William			
									Shorter	James			
1832	06-Sep	1832	10-Sep	Barn and premises	Large	William			Fisher	Richard			
									Kirby	William			
									Large	William			

The originals of the certificates above are held by the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, Chippenham