



The Meeting House interior showing the loft and original, Quaker, furniture.

The earliest, extant, record of a Quaker meeting held at Adderbury Meeting House is recorded in a minute book (held in the Oxfordshire History Centre) for one of the women's meetings. Their first meeting was held on the 4th (day) of 1st Month 1678. Quakers declined to call the days and months by their conventional names as they had pagan origins and were considered unworthy of use by a deeply Christian organization. This Quaker date, in the conventional manner, reads Friday 4th January 1678. The main topics minuted were concerns about families who were in dire need of help.

Bray was often called upon to act for Banbury Quakers in financial matters and to attend assizes to look after presentments and indictments of Friends. Beside Bray Doyly the following Adderbury Quaker names frequently appeared in Court records for various offences relating to Quaker activities: Aris, Barret, Baylis, Garner, Gilkes, Halkes, King, Maules, Pottinger, Poultney, Robinson, Soden, Stow, Trafford, Treppas, Turford, Williams. Quaker records show that the hard-core of offenders were the Maules of Milton, Soden, Barrett and Williams – all collectors of Quaker clocks will know of the name Williams!