

Friends Through Time

The Spotlight Is On

William
Penn

(1644-1718)



William Penn, who lived most of his life in England, is remembered as the founder of Pennsylvania. He was well-known for his fair treatment of all people, particularly Native Americans and people with religious beliefs different from his own. He became a Quaker as a young man. He then left behind some of the practices he had learned from his father, an admiral in the British navy. While struggling to change his ways, he took the time to search for the Truth within himself and to follow the Spirit's leading.

Reflecting, Changing, and Growing

I plan to make this change by:

(signature)

If I could change something about myself, I would change

A person or people who would support me:

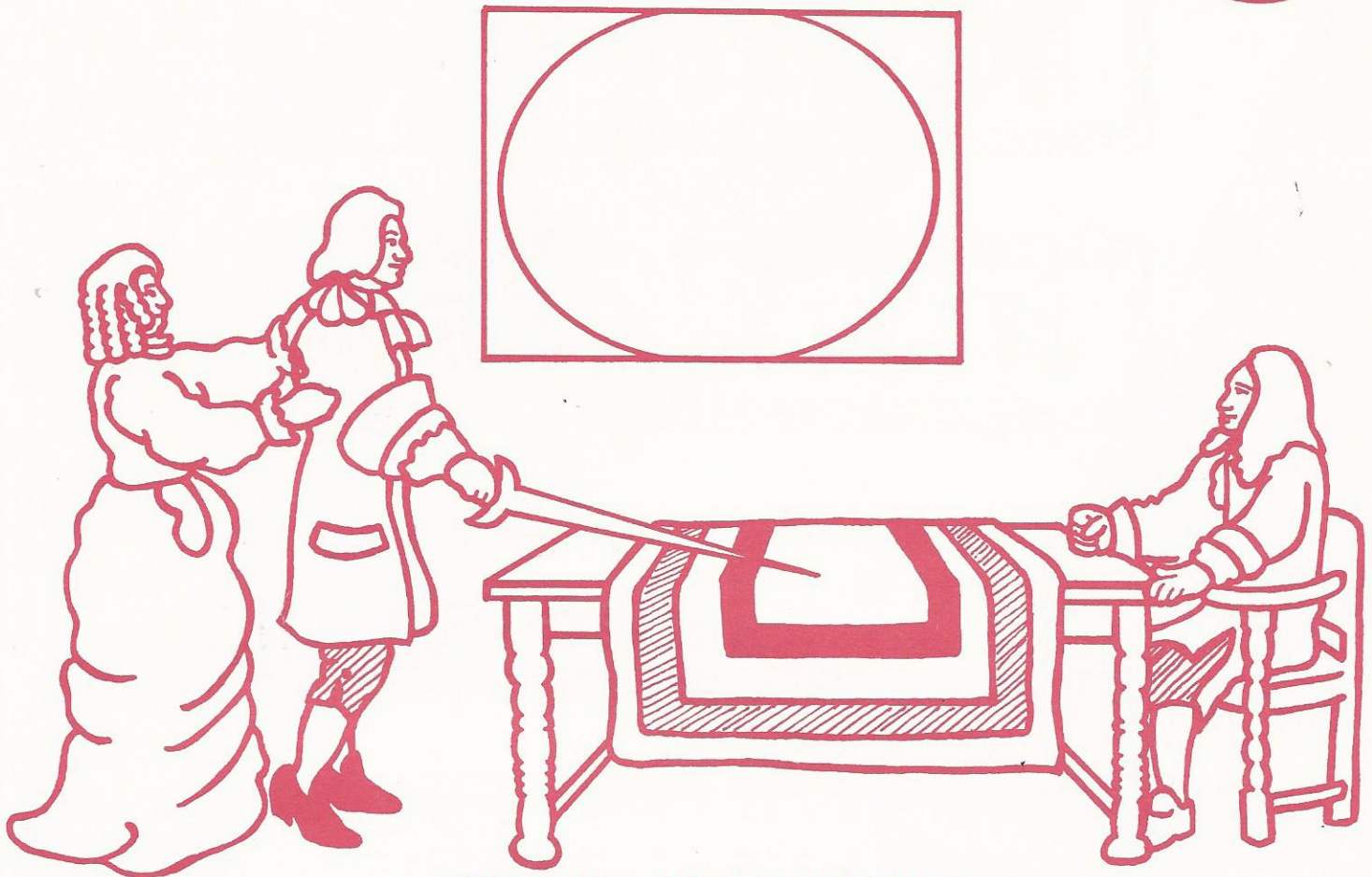
How?

Directions

1. Cut leaflet apart at the fold to separate this page and page 3.
2. Think about something you would like to change about yourself. It could be a physical change, a bad habit you wish to break, or even an attitude about someone or something you wish to change. Write a goal on the caterpillar and add your signature.
3. To the left of the caterpillar, write how you plan to make this change, including a strategy or "cure" you will try.

4. On the lines to the right of the caterpillar, write the name of a person or people who would support you and how they might help.
5. Carefully fold the page in half lengthwise; then open it.
6. Use a paintbrush to apply drops of paint to the shaded areas to the left of the caterpillar. Fold the page again, and press together. A butterfly will emerge when the page is opened.
7. Hang the pages to dry, using clothespins on a length of string.

A Timely Friend — William Penn



William Penn Gives Up His Sword

William Penn looked around after the meeting for worship had ended. Outside, Friends were greeting each other. He looked at everyone around him. Yes, he was the only one. No one else was wearing a sword. He sensed that some Friends were uncomfortable because he was wearing his sword. His sword was both fashionable and a source of protection. Quakers did not approve of following the fashions of the day or of the violence which could be done with a sword. William Penn wondered if maybe he should give up his sword. He decided to ask his friend, George Fox, for advice when he saw him the next time.

When he next met his friend, William Penn said, "I need thy advice. I know that Friends do not carry swords. I am a Friend though I still carry my sword. It once saved my life. I used it

to keep away a man who was trying to hurt me, but he turned away because of my sword. What should I do?"

George Fox's reply probably took him by surprise: "I advise thee to wear it as long as thou canst." The decision was William Penn's to make.

George Fox had not told him to give up his sword. He knew that William Penn would need to search within himself, to question the Spirit of God within him. It was not without much soul-searching that William Penn decided he did not need his sword or even want to wear it.

When next they met, George Fox asked William Penn, "Where is thy sword?"

"I have taken thy advice," answered William Penn, "I wore it as long as I could."

Homeward Bound

Wear It As Long As You Can

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1. Will Penn said to George Fox, "Oh, what should I do? Can
2. "And what a - bout words, can I speak with - out care?" "Well
3. "And what a - bout mon - ey, oh, what is my role? Can
4. "And what a - bout wor - ship, what form should we claim? Can
5. "And what a - bout love, must I give that up too?" "What's

I wear this sword while I serve my God too?" George Fox said to
words can be trick - y, so say what you dare. It's Spir - it that
I live in com - fort while oth - ers go cold?" "Just re - al - ize
preach - ers and si - lence fall un - der one name?" "God's Truth can't be
great a - bout love is it grows as you do. So spend love quite

Will Penn, "You'll know when you're through. Just wear it, use it, but
calls us more clear - ly than words. So hear them, use them, but
mon - ey is not yours to hold. Just make it, use it, but
lim - i - ted, love finds its way. So choose it, use it, but
free - ly and watch it re - turn. Just share it, use it, but

don't you a - buse it. Just wear it as long as you can."
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Books to Extend Your Knowledge

Dolson, Hildegard. **William Penn: Quaker Hero.** Random House, 1961.

William Penn was always surprising people; the most astonishing thing of all was his decision to become a Quaker.

Syme, Ronald. **William Penn: Founder of Pennsylvania.** Morrow, 1966.

A different version of William Penn's giving up his sword is presented in this book in which he grows from boyhood to become a wealthy Englishman, and then becomes a Quaker and founds Pennsylvania.

Hockett, Betty M. **Eight of a Kind.** Barclay Press, 1988.

Challenges in the lives of eight different Quakers, including William Penn, are told in this book.

Books to Stretch Your Imagination

*Tobias, Tobi. **The Quitting Deal.** Viking, 1975.

Jenny agrees to quit sucking her thumb if her mother will quit smoking.

Turkle, Brinton. **The Adventures of Obadiah.** Viking, 1972.

Obadiah Starbuck, a Quaker boy from Nantucket, learns to tell the truth when he has a real adventure that nobody believes.

Ness, Evaline. **Sam, Bangs, and Moonshine.** Holt, Rinehart, & Winston, 1966.

An imaginative girl called "Sam" puts the lives of her cat, Bangs, and a good friend in danger by selling "moonshine".