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The Mount

Friends' Burial Ground 3300

This is one of the oldest cemeteries belonging to the Society of Friends. George Fox records in his diary that the labours of himself and his associates were so well received at Haverfordwest in 1657, that a Friends' meeting was established there. The burial ground stands in the centre of a large field and is approached by an avenue of trees about 80 yards in length; a carriage drive passes round the yard, which is enclosed by a high wall. The last interment was that of Mr. George Phillips, who was the last survivor of the Society in Haverfordwest. Quakerism was much weakened in Pembrokeshire by emigration to Pennsylvania in 1681. It was slightly recruited by the return of a few Royalist Friends from the United States at the conclusion of the war of Independence. These latter immigrants mostly settled in the neighbourhood of Milford.