

QUAKERS at Selside

We have in the parish of Horton an ancient Quaker burial ground at Ingman Lodge - Lodge Hall - near Selside.

In the 17th century Quakers were extremely harshly treated, fines were heavy, prison sentences carried out with such ferocity that many died from their treatment and privation in gaols.

In spite of this a group of Quakers met at Borrins, Crummach, South House, Lodge Hall and Gauber, worshipping in each other's home.

In 1670 Matthew Wildman an ardent Quaker of Ingman Lodge, and his wife Mary, were fined 40s for attending meetings. He paid 20s towards the fines charged to others and household goods and hay worth £4.15.0 were confiscated. In March 1675 Matthew was imprisoned at York Castle and again in October 1682. He died at Ingman Lodge in 1713 an extremely poor man, the Quakers (giving him "monies,") paying his rent and his funeral expenses.

He and his wife are among at least 11 Quakers buried in the burial ground at Ingman Lodge between 1670 and 1723/4.