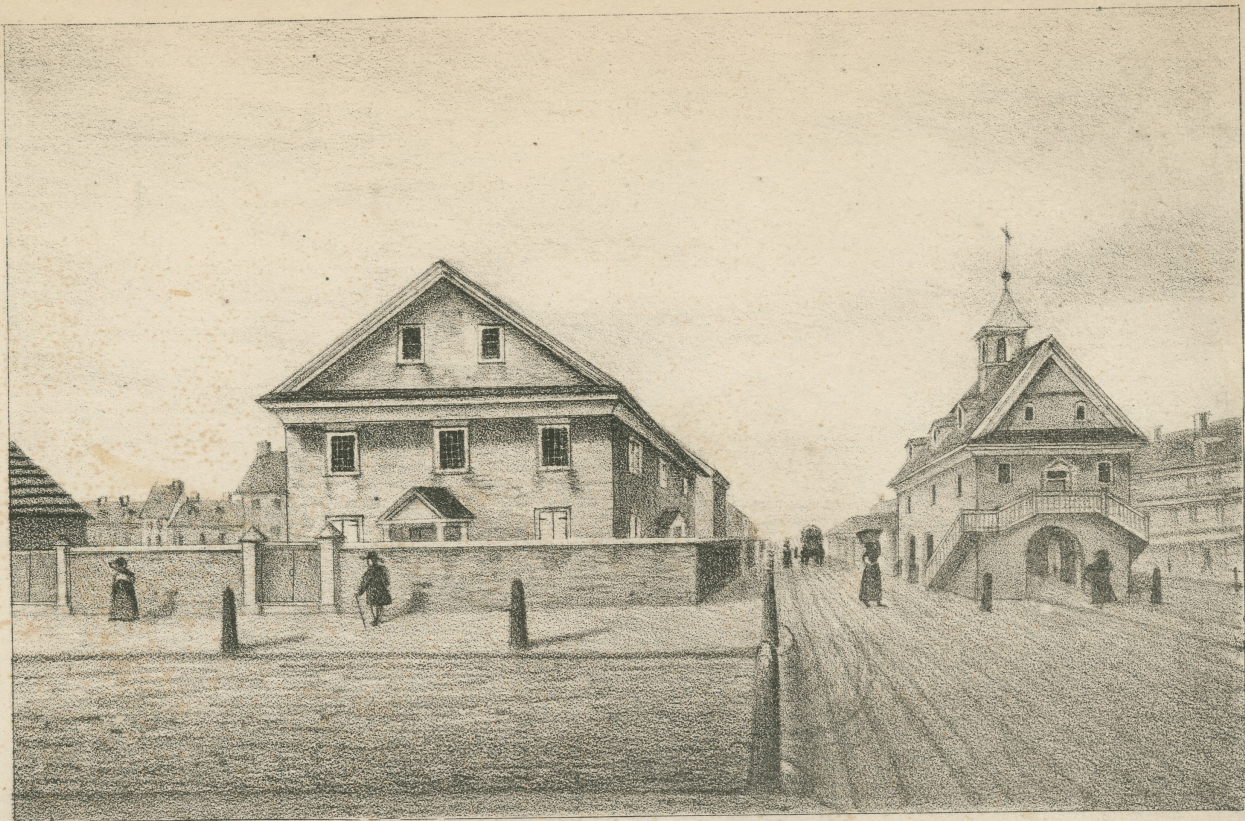




The old Court House & Friends Meeting

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Built in the Year 1707. (Court House.) High street, since called Market street, was never intended for a market place by Penn. Both it and the Court house, and all public buildings were intended to have been placed at the corner of the square. When the Court house was actually placed at Second and High street, it was complained of as an infraction of the city scheme, and as marring its beauty. Proud, calls it and the market buildings "a shameful and inconvenient obstruction".

The celebrated preacher Whitfield, preached from the balcony on the eastern front of this building.

The Friends Meeting house, S. W. corner of Second and Market street, was built in 1694. In 1755 it was taken down and a larger building erected. In the year 1808 this last building was removed and the lots sold, and a new meeting house built on their burial ground S. E. cor. of Fourth and Arch streets. George Fox gave Friends the lot upon which "Market street meeting stood, also the lot at Hill for the purpose of a meeting house &c."