

## ROBERTS, HUGH (1644? - 1702), Quaker

**Name:** Hugh Roberts  
**Date of birth:** 1644?  
**Date of death:** 1702  
**Parent:** Robert ap Hugh  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Quaker  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Robert (Bob) Owen

Born at Ciltalgarth near Bala, Meironnydd, c. 1644, son of Robert ap Hugh, of Llwyndedwydd, Llangwm, who had taken Ciltalgarth on lease. He joined the Society of Friends in 1666 and suffered much in consequence; he and his wife were fined ten pounds each for worshipping with Friends in Llwyn-y-brain, Cwmtirmynach, 1675. He was a member of the deputation which went to London in 1681 to see William Penn in order to discuss the formation of a Welsh settlement in Pennsylvania and he joined with sixteen others from the neighbourhood of Bala in the purchase of parcels of land in what came to be called 'Merion' (in the 'Welsh Tract') in Pennsylvania; it was he who led the second group of settlers from Merioneth - he and his family receiving, 2 May 1683, a ticket of membership and ownership which entitled them to proceed to Pennsylvania. After he had settled there he became well-known amongst Quakers and travelled much to preach in Maryland, Long Island, Rhode Island, and New England. He visited Wales in 1688 and again ten years later (1697-8); he states in his journal that he called to see William Penn in London during his visit. He continued to preach and to purchase lands until he died at Long Island, New York, during the sixth month of 1702; he was buried at Merion.

### Author

Robert (Bob) Owen, (1885 - 1962)

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