

History of Quakers in Edenderry, Co. Offaly, since 1673 What can a small religious community reveal about a town's history and the lives of its people over three and a half centuries?

In this fascinating book, Therese Abbott explores the enduring contribution of the Quakers to Edenderry and its surrounding community. Beginning with William Barcroft's arrival in 1673, Therese traces their journey through persecution, war, prosperity and hardship.

Drawing on historical documents, family records, maps, letters and photographs, she reveals how Quaker families shaped local industry, trade and education while upholding values of equality, integrity and peace. From the Williamite Wars to the Great Famine, their experiences illuminate both the challenges they faced and their efforts to help others.

More than a religious history, this carefully researched book offers a vivid portrait of Edenderry through the centuries, preserving the story of a community whose contribution deserves to be recognised and remembered.

The book will be launched after Leinster Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, 29 November, in Edenderry.