

SHAKER HOUSE: 1

they know what
to leave out

like back packers
who know you

must get rid
of what you

don't need or
it can kill you

SHAKER HOUSE: 2

They wanted to
transform earth
into heaven

wasted no effort.
Craft people
rarely signed

their name. They
invented clothes
pins, a new

shape of broom.
Clocks, oval
boxes, chairs.

Their work, an
expression of
themselves,

the simplicity
and care, how
they lived

SHAKER HOUSE: 3

Men on one side
of the dwelling,

women on the other.
Separate doors,

separate stairs.
They dressed the

right side first,
used the right

foot on the stair
first. To please

God and prepare
for him, lay

straight in bed
at night

SHAKER HOUSE: 4

Work was worship

all labor was
consecrated

a man can show his
religion as much
by measuring onions

as singing Hallelujah.

They spun wool and
cotton flannel grew
seeds for asthma

made circular saws to
help make life

joyous. No ornaments
nothing that was
not needed,

order, the only beauty

SHAKER HOUSE: 5

They studied plants
to see what
the tree liked

when they found
neighbors were
stealing corn,

they planted more.
Some for the