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ABELL, Jane (1788<sup>?</sup>-1852)  
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*about* Jane Abell, details of whose birth and parentage are at present (1975) unknown, was born at Waterford in Ireland ~~in~~ (1788.<sup>(1)</sup>) Although her constitutional delicacy prevented her from taking an active part in the life of the Society and for long periods she was unable to attend meetings, the cheerful resignation with which she met the suffering she had to endure was a source of comfort and inspiration to her friends. She was deeply interested in all that concerned the Society and lamented departures from the discipline, but she delighted in the company of young people, who were attracted towards her by her kindness.

*at Waterford*  
She died on 17 February 1852 after a long period of intermittent illness.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1853 pp.1-6

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 64 at death

ABELL, Mary (1784?-1853) after 1809 Knott

(Mary Abell, daughter of Richard Abell of Cork, was married  
in 1809 to John Knott.

See KNOTT, Mary (1784?-1853) born Abell )

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ABELL, Richard

Perhaps, Richard Abell, of Co. Clare, referred to in the following extract from the 'Great Book of the Sufferings' (139. I):-

'1676. Richard Abell [of Co. Clare] had taken from him for tithe by Thomas Stibe one thousand one hundred and thirty five sheaves of severall sorts of corne who threw a childe of about seavon years of age upon the ground for taking hold of a sheafe and saying he could not see his fathers corne goe with tithe-mongers for nothing (all worth 4 pound).'

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.414

ABRAHAM, Agnes Mitford ( 1885? - 1968 ) after Shackleton

(1853- )  
Agnes Abraham, daughter of Alfred Clay and Lucy Ellison  
Abraham married an Irish Friend John Milner Shackleton.

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SHACKLETON, Agnes Mitford ( 1885 ? - 1968 ) b. Abraham

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ABRAHAM, Daniel (1662-1731)

Daniel Abraham was the only surviving child of John and Rachel (Owen) Abraham, of Manchester (Jnl. F.H.S. i.) He married, in 1682, Rachel, daughter of Thomas Fell and they resided with Margaret Fox at Swarthmoor Hall. He suffered much for the Truth's sake.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.490

ABRAHAM, Ellen (1758-1841) aftw. Cockin.

[ Ellen Abraham, daughter of Thomas Abraham  
and Ellen his wife (nee )  
was married in 1799 to Richard Cockin.

see COCKIN, Ellen (1758-1841) born Abraham ]

ABRAHAM, Emma Clarke (1850?-1934)

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Emma Clarke Abraham was born in 1850? She was descended from Margaret Fell, through her daughter Rachel, who married Daniel Abraham. Emma Abraham's grandfather was disowned for "marrying out," but in Emma Clarke Abraham was a faithful and devoted guardian of Swarthmore. 'A correspondent writes:—

"For twenty years or more Emma C. Abraham, the owner of the Swarthmoor Hall estate, devoted a large part of her life to the restoration of the interior of the one-time home of her ancestress Margaret Fell, and to the beautifying of the immediate surroundings. As one of the large number of Friends who enjoyed her hospitality and profited from her work, I desire to testify to the loving care which she lavished upon the building. Nothing was too arduous for her to undertake if the work attempted was likely to aid in recovering its appearance in Margaret Fell's time. Visitors always noticed with admiration the large amount of carving done by her own hands, including the twelve wyverns, but possibly they were not aware of the time and money which she spent in collecting furniture which was in keeping with the second half of the seventeenth century.

"Emma Abraham welcomed all visitors to the Hall although these might come at inconvenient times and although her resources in helpers were strictly limited. Once especially it was my privilege to go over the Hall in company with a Friend whose knowledge of Quaker history and power of representing the inner mind of the early Quaker are known all over the world. I treasure the remembrance of the delight it was to the owner of the Hall to show to this visitor her many treasures associated with both Margaret Fell and George Fox. I have also been with quite unknown but earnest visitors to the Hall when the courtesy of the owner was just as marked.

"Indeed, I believe it is true to say that Emma Abraham looked upon her possession as a trust. Although not herself a member of our Society, she sought to help Friends to realise the greatness of their heritage. We owe a lasting debt to her for this service."

"When Emma Abraham purchased the Swarthmoor Hall Estate in 1913 it had been out of the possession of the Fell family since 1759. In connection with her purchase of the property arrangements were made for ensuring that it would be possible in the future to acquire the estate for purposes of the Society of Friends. Steps had in fact already been taken with a view to purchasing it for those purposes, and Dr. Thomas

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ABRAHAM, Emma Clarke (1850?-1934) continued

Hodgkin had taken a leading part in this effort and in collecting the necessary funds. But when Dr. Hodgkin and Friends associated with him found that Miss Abraham was on the same quest and was extremely anxious to become the owner of the Hall, they entered into a friendly but rather complicated negotiation with her in order to effect an arrangement satisfactory to both sides.

'The result was that Miss Abraham purchased the property, received a loan from the collected fund on a mortgage of the estate, and by deed entered into an agreement with the Friends who were parties to the mortgage, by which she agreed that they should have an option to purchase the property on the death of the survivor of herself and her nephew, Edward Mitford Abraham, or on receiving the prescribed notice of the desire of Miss Abraham or her representatives or assigns to sell or dispose of it.

'Subsequently a Trust Deed was executed, placing under the direction of the Meeting for Sufferings and a sub-committee of that Meeting the administration of the fund collected for purchasing the property and the exercise of the rights of the trustees under the mortgage and option agreement. The meeting for Sufferings was also empowered to determine how and for what charitable purposes the Swarthmoor Hall Estate is to be held when acquired.'

Emma Clarke Abraham died 8 August 1934, aged 84.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.92 (1934) p.779



ABRAHAM, Isabel ( 1885 - 1964 ) after 1915 Ross.

Isabel Abraham, daughter of Thomas Fell (1847- )  
and Margaret Sarah (b. Brown ) Abraham  
was married at Birkenhead Friends Meeting House to  
William McGregor Ross (1876 - 1940) on December 22. 1915.

SEE

ROSS, Isabel ( 1885 - 1964 ) b. Abraham.

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~~FEEL~~, Rachel (1653-1732) born Fall

This was Rachel Fell the youngest of the Swarthmoor family, and the only child born after her mother became a Friend. During the time that Margaret Fell spent in visiting all the jails in England, where Friends were imprisoned, Rachel was at school at Shacklewell, near London (Swarth. MSS.i. 108). Throughout her life she was in constant attendance on her mother, and continued to live at Swarthmoor with her husband, Daniel Abraham, after their marriage in 1682 (353.4).

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.452

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ABRAHAM, Rachel (1653-1732) born Fell

Rachel Abraham seventh and youngest daughter of Thomas and Margaret Fell and wife of Daniel Abraham, whom she married in 1682. Daniel and Rachel Abraham had one surviving child, named John (1687-1771), 'from whom nineteen-twentieths of the living representatives of Thomas and Margaret Fell are descended' (Webb, Fells, 1865, p.411). Margaret Fox appointed her daughter, Rachel, the sole executrix of her will (Jnl. F.H.S. ii.105). It was in Rachel's arms that her mother breathed her last (Webb, Fells, 1865, p.405; Testimony to Margaret (Fell) Fox). Rachel Abraham was for many years clerk of Swarthmoor Meeting.

Swarth. MSS.

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