

COCK, Elizabeth (1793?-1859) after 1817 Mann

[Elizabeth Cock, daughter of William and Mary Cock of Truro, was married in 1817 to Thomas Mann (1785?-1854 qv).]

See MANN, Elizabeth (1793?-1859) born Cock]

COCK, Luke (1657?-1740)

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Luke Cock was born about the year 1657, and in his youth was a great singer of 'irreligious vain songs'. After his conversion he met with many trials and tribulations, but found and kept a living testimony to the Truth. He became a Minister about the year 1704, / and travelled in several parts of England and Ireland.

'He was cautious not to minister, until he evidently felt Truth to open his Way. He was a good example to Friends, in duly and diligently attending Meetings. A just Man, a good Neighbour, free in Conversation, but solid and instructive.'

Luke Cock died 29.x.[December] 1740.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

in TCMD vol.1, pp.174, 175

Testimony of John Richardson, Hutton-in-the-Hole, also Guisborough MM./
printed in A collection of testimonies, 1760, p.143

WBE:

Additional information:

COCK, LUKE, 1657-1740.

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Bore the character of the greatest singer in his part of the country. Had been a butcher in the fishing village of Staithes on the North Riding coast, Yorkshire, Eng.

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He was led little by little (1) to speak the truth, (2) to say "thou" and "thee," (3) to stop paying tithes, and (4) to speak in meeting. All this is quaintly told in his sermon at York, Eng., 1721, recorded in Second period of Qu., p. 552. He likens the leadings he experienced, one following another, to the approaches to The Weeping Cross, Shrewsbury, Eng., where four ways meet.

bur. Danby Dale, aged ca. 83, a minister nearly 37 years.

Braithwaite, Second period of Qu., p. 552.

The Wayfarer, 12:93.

The Friend (Phila.), 15:278.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:438.

John Smith's ms., 1:426.

Baker, Unhistoric acts, p. 22.

COCK, Mary (1750-1785) after 1780 Elliott

[Mary Cock, daughter of William Cock (-) and his
wife Mary (born) of St Germans in
Cornwall, was married in 1780 to John Elliott (1741?-1796 qv).]

See ELIOTT, Mary (1750-1785) born Cock]

COCK, Sarah (1670/1 or 1671/2-pre 1711) after 1693 Stirredge

[Sarah Cock, daughter of Jonathan Cock (-)
and his wife Sarah (born
of Ruislip in Middlesex, was married in 1693 to James
Stirredge (1667/8-1712/3 qv).]

See STIRREDGE, Sarah (1670/1 or 1671/2-pre 1711) born Cock]

WBE:

COCKBURN, James, 1776-1837.

Janet (2)

b. Sept. 1776, Kennoway, Scot., s. William and Jenat (Heard) Cockburn, who had six children.

Common schooling in the three "R's."

Taught in the Shorter Catechism.

ca. 1783-1784, tended cattle in the fields. ca. 1791, apprenticed to Alexander Law in linen manufacturing.

1796, attended a Friends meeting in Glasgow.

m., 1800, Isabella Primrose (d. 1817).

1801, came to Am. J. C. and wife joined Radnor Mtg., Pa. 1807, certificate to Uwchlan Mo. Mtg., Pa. 1810,

| acknowledged as a minister. Travelled as a minister.

1811, membership transferred to Gwynedd Mo. Mtg.

1818, certificate to Nottingham Mo. Mtg. 1821, visited Baltimore, Md., and western Pa. 1822, removed to Phila., Pa.

m. (2d), 1825, Rebecca (Budd) Jobson.

Superintended building of Connewingo bridge over the Susquehanna.

Published, A review of the general and particular causes which have produced the late disorders and divisions in the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Philadelphia, &c., 1829. 3000 copies, cost him near \$800. Cockburn's Review contains many general charges of oppression and intolerance on the part of the Elders of Phila., not clearly substantiated by actual instances. Query; Was his book ever answered?

WBE:

COCKBURN, James, 1776-1837. Page 2. 3

Author: A letter to Thomas Wistar, relating to recent transactions in the Mo. Mtg. of Phila. for the Western District, Phil., 1827.

Consumption.

d. 25 Mar. 1837, Phila., Pa., in his 61st year.

Comly, Friends Misc., 1b:217.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:438.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., Gen'l Card Cat.

COCKFIELD, Zachariah (1708?-1786)

Zachariah Cockfield was born at Whitby, Yorkshire, about 1708 (1). He married in 1738/9 Sarah Sheppard (2): there were six or seven children (3). He died at Upton, Essex, on 22 August 1786, aged 78 years, and was buried at Brook Street, Ratcliff (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 78 at death. Birth not traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 The marriage was at Ratcliff on 27.xii.1738 [i.e. Feb 1738/9]: he is described as of Whitby, Co. of Yorks, Mariner, son of William Cockfield, late of Whitby; she is described as daughter of Joseph Sheppard, parish of St Pauls, Shadwell, Co. of Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Joseph	born 28.xii.1741 [i.e. Feb 1741/2]	died 1.i.[March] 1742/3 aged 1 month
Benjamin		
Zachariah	born 5.iv.[June] 1745	died 14.v.[July] 1745 aged 5 weeks
Benjamin	born 5.i.1746 [i.e. March 1746/7]	died of smallpox 24.iv. [June] 1749 aged 2 years and a quarter
Zachariah	born 7.iii.[May] 1748	died of smallpox 25.iv. [June] 1749 aged 13 months
Zachariah	born 28.iii.[May] 1749 *	
Linskill	born 28.iii.[May] 1749	aged 7.v.[July] 1749 aged 6 weeks
- * This entry for Zachariah must be presumed an error, since there was still living another son of that name. It may be a mistranscription of Linskill, or of some other name of a twin brother
- 4 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he died of cancer

COCKIN, Deborah (1754-1795) born Funston

Deborah Funston, the daughter of John and Mary Funston of Four Mill Street, Bromley, was born there on 16 November 1754(1). She became in 1781 the first wife of Richard Cockin (1753-1845 qv), but the marriage was childless(2).

On her marriage she moved to Doncaster, where she died on 16 November 1795, her forty first birthday(3). After her death her husband took as his second wife Esther Abraham (1758-1841 qv).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a citizen and dyer of London
- 2 For marriage see COCKIN, Richard (1753-1845)
- 3 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Richard, a breeches maker

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 21, p 37:
Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p i

COCKIN, Ellen (1758-1841) born Abraham

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Ellen Cockin was the daughter of Thomas and Ellen Abraham and was born at Whitehaven on 15 January 1758. In her 22nd year she was engaged as a teacher at Ackworth School and it was during her time there that she first appeared in the ministry. In 1784 she removed to York where she was a teacher in the Friends' school, and she was recorded a minister by York M.M. in 1786.

In 1799 she was married to Richard Cockin of Doncaster. Her religious visits, between 1810 and 1822, included the north of England, Scotland and Ireland, as well as service in her own M.M.

In 1826 she had a paralytic seizure which in great measure deprived her of speech. Her understanding remained unclouded but for some years she was unable to attend meetings. She died on 10 January 1841 aged 83 years. Her body was interred in Friends burial ground Doncaster.

WBE:

see also Conklin, Ellen (or Eleanor) (Abraham)

Additional information:

COCKIN, Ellen (Abraham), 1758-1841.

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b. Whitehaven, Cumberland, Eng.

For husband see Cockin, Richard, 1753-1845. After
marriage, resided in Doncaster.

1810, accompanied a Friend to meetings in north of
Eng. and Scot. 1818-1821, family visits in home and adjacent
counties. 1822, visited Ire.

d. Doncaster, a minister ca. 58 years.

No additional references.

COCKIN, Hannah (1800-1879) after 1837 Thorp

(Hannah Cockin, daughter of Richard Cockin (1753-1845 qv)
and his second wife Ellen (born Abraham, 1758-1841 qv)
of Doncaster, was married in 1837 to Joseph Thorp
(1803-1873 qv).

See THORP, Hannah (1800-1879) born Cockin)

WBE:

COCKIN, Richard, 1753-1845.

Draper, glover, and tailor.

b. 26 Mar. 1753, Armthorp, near Doncaster, Eng., s.

Joseph and Ann Cockin, members of Episcopal Church.

Apprenticed in Doncaster, Yorkshire. Visited Edinburgh. 1773, finished his apprenticeship at Doncaster. 1776, removed to London, till 1779.

1777, convinced. Companion of Thomas Shillitoe and James Sanderson, who seem to have joined Friends near the same time.

m., 1781, Deborah Funston (or Tunston or Frinstone), of London (d. 1795).

m. (2d), 1799, Ellen Abraham of Whitehaven, a minister (d. 1841) see Cockin, Ellen (Abraham), 1758-1841.

1792, elder, of Balby Mtg. 1816, accompanied Isaac Stevenson to Wales and the west of Eng. 1821, went with his wife to Scot., and later to Ire. 1824, recorded as a minister. 1829, for a short time was Supt. of Ackworth School.

Was given to hospitality, and generous to the poor.

1833, attacked with paralysis on left side. He continued to use his pen.

Author: Some observations designed to promote religious considerations and improvement in morals of the labouring classes of the inhabitants of Doncaster, 1814. Reprinted.

WBE:

COCKIN, Richard, 1753-1845. Page 2.

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d. 16 Aug. 1845, Doncaster, aged 92.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 4(1846):16.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:439.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 21:37.

Penney, Pen pictures of London Y. Mtg., p. vi, portrait p. i.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7615.

COCKIN, Sarah (1811-1909) after 1836 Broadhead

[Sarah Cockin, daughter of John () and
Mary (born Allcard,) Cockin of Stockport,
Cheshire, and of London, was married in 1836 to
Joseph Broadhead (1805-1886 qv).]

see BROADHEAD, Sarah (1811-1909) born Cockin]

COCKING, Mary (1746-1827) after 1769 Brunton

[Mary Cocking, daughter of Edward Cocking (-)
and his wife Ruth (born
was married in 1769 to James Brunton (1745?-1807 qv).]

See BRUNTON, Mary (1746-1827) born Cocking]

CODDINGTON, William (1601-1678)

William Coddington was born at Boston, Lincolnshire, and he emigrated to Boston, Mass., in 1630. He early sympathised with the Baptists and defended Anne Hutchinson against her Puritan adversaries. In 1638, he led a dissenting party to Aquidneck (island portion of Rhode Island), where he was 'Judge' or 'Governor' from 1640 to 1647. He was a founder of Newport. He had become a Quaker before 1665. Coddington was Deputy Governor, May 1673 to May 1674, and Governor, October 1674 to May 1676, when he was succeeded by Walter Clarke. On the death of Benedict Arnold, the successor of Walter Clarke, Coddington was again (1678) elected Governor, but his death cut short his term of office. He was succeeded by Major John Cranston, Deputy Governor.

In 1650, Coddington married, as his third wife, Anne Brinley (1628-1708) and had by her eight children (all the children of the first two marriages died young).

Fox was at Coddington's house at a marriage in 1672 (p.222). About a month later, Coddington wrote to John Winthrop as follows:- 'George Fox being at my house (who saw thee in England [p.5.]) spake to me to write thee, viz. that Samuel Winthrop, thy brother, was with him at Barbadoes, came hither to visit him, and G.F. could wish that thou was like him, and that thou couldst stave off persecution...' (quoted by Gummere in Quaker in the Forum, 1910, p.92).

Croese, Hist. 1696, pt.ii. p.154

Suff. ii.259

Backus, Hist. of Baptists in New England, i.97

Rhode Island Colonial Records, i.327, iii.17, 24

DNB

Bulletin of F.H.S. of Phila. i.88, ii.12

Jones, Quakers in the American Colonies, chap. viii

Biog. Memoirs, ii.561

information from Coddington's direct descendant, Amelia Mott Gummere, of Haverford, Pa., 1911

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol. ²II p.377

WBE:

Additional information:

CODDINGTON, William, 1601-1678.

m. Mary Moseley (d. 1630).

m. (2d), Mary (d. 1647).

He had in all, 13 children.

Having been sent out as a magistrate, he arrived at Salem, Mass., 1630. Is said to have built the first brick house in Boston, where he was a principal merchant. 1637, supported cause of Anne Hutchinson. Chagrined by the result of the trial, relinquished his profitable business and, 1638, went with a party to Rhode Island, Pocasset (Portsmouth). 1639, founded Newport. 1640, when Portsmouth and Newport were united, he was appointed the first governor, until 1646 (London says 1647). 1644, his house and 20 cattle burned.

Friends meetings were held at his house. A political opponent of Roger Williams. 1648-'49, president of the Colony. 1651, went to Eng. with his daughter. 1672, present at debate between Roger Williams and the "Quakers" at Newport, R. I. 1674, wrote letter to Bellingham on toleration. 1675, in the Indian war, the Quakers of Rhode Island, under the leadership of Gov. Coddington, gave shelter to women and children from the mainland.

Published: A demonstration of true love unto you the rulers of the Colony of Massachusetts, &c., 1672.

d. 1 Nov. 1678.

WBE:

Additional information:

CODDINGTON, William, 1601-1678. Page 2

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The Friend (Phila.), 3:268.

Dic. Nat. Biog., p. 203.

Ecncyclopaedia Britannica, p. 951 Not in 11th, 12th or 13th
ed. F. T.J

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:439.

Best, Rebel Saints, pp. 223-230.

Bulletin of the Newport Hist. Soc., 100:1.

Hull, The early history of the Friends in Newport, pp. 21-50
in: Newport historical society, Early religious leaders
of Newport. F. T.J

WBE:

CODOGNAN, Paul

Congénies, southern France.

1769, visited Holland, heard of English Friends and proceeded to London. His English was scanty. He was welcomed as a sympathizer, attended Yearly Meeting, and returned to Congénies, carrying two works in French, No Cross, No Crown, and The Rise and Progress of the People called Quakers.

Hirst, Qu. in Peace and War, p. 468.

WBE:
(prepared by RB)

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CODY, Hannah Jane, 1833-1902

b. 9 Sept. 1833, dau. of Thomas and Sarah (Reazin),
members of Pickering (Can.), Mo. Mtg.

ed. public school; West Lake Boarding School.

Taught at West Lake Boarding School for 2 yrs.

m. 1 Mar. 1866, Benjamin Cody of Yonge St. Mo. Mtg.
(Toronto)

1867 until death, active in Canada Yearly Mtg.

1878 Clerk, Can. Y. Mtg.

Visited New England Y. Mtg.

Worked with W.C.T.U.

d. 14 Dec. 1902, aged 70 years.

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 390.

Minutes of Can. Y. Mtg., (1903), 53-54.

COE, John (1687-1767)

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John Coe (1) was favoured with a fresh visitation of the love of God when he was nearly 70 years old and he felt a concern to "appear in public testimony". He spoke briefly but "much in truth and simplicity", faithful to the measure of grace received". He was "a man of peace and love".

He died 31 December 1767 after a short and painful illness at the age of 80, a minister for 10 years, and was buried in the Friends Burial Ground at Ipswich.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Ipswich MM in TQMD vol.2 p.324

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Birth not traced in Suffolk QM Births digest. No marriage traced in Suffolk QM Marriages digest

SEE ALSO

Newspaper cutting in vol. SS/71

WBE:

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COFFIN, Addison C., 1822-1897.

b. 22 Jan. 1822, Guilford Co., N. C., s. Vestal and Alethea (Fluke) Coffin, relative of Levi Coffin. (In some publications his middle initial, C., is omitted.)

1841, New Garden Boarding School.

1843, started on foot to go west with Geo. Bowman.

Active in Underground Railroad. Regretted the anti-slavery separation in Indiana. 1844, went to New Orleans on a flat-boat.

m., 1845, Emily Hadley (d. 1851).

Had farm and taught school.

1866, helped about 5000 people, many of whom were Friends, to move from southern Va. and N. C. to the northwest.

Travelled very widely; to the Pacific and to Europe, and to southern Mexico.

Emotional, observant, filial, with retentive memory, he seemed to fill a station between revivalists and conservatives. Was a skillful trainer of colts. Much interested in Guilford College.

d. 16 Apr. 1897, Amo, Indiana, aged ca. 75.

The Am. Friend, 4(1897):415.

Coffin, Addison, Life and travels, 1897. (portrait).

Russell, Hist. of Qu., p. 418.

WBE:a

COFFIN, Alethea, nee Fluke, 1798-1891.

b. 16 April 1798, Big Spring, Guilford Co., N.C. /dau. of Mary Fluke.

ed. by Amos Kersey, prominent N.C. educator.

1817, m. Vestal Coffin. (d. 1826) (See his biography.) (4 children)

Joined Friends soon after her marriage.

They moved to a farm near New Garden. With her husband was a bold Underground R.R. worker.

When her husband died she did much of the farmwork until her sons were old enough to assume the responsibility.

1833, left her children temporarily and accompanied Elihu Coffin, his wife and Rhoda Gurley to Indiana. Succeeded in saving and borrowing enough money (\$100) to buy 80 acres of land in Hendricks Co., Indiana. Did not move out to Indiana for a number of years however.

Clerk of New Garden Monthly and Quarterly Meeting. Several years assistant, and 2 years clerk of N.Carolina Yearly Meeting.

Late 1833, became a member of the committee which set up New Garden Boarding School and resolved to stay in the state so her children could be educated in that institution. 1849, she was matron.

1852, her family moved to Indiana.

For almost 9 years was assistant matron of Earlham College.

WBE:a

COFFIN, Alethea, nee Fluke, 1798-1891, page 2.

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d. 3 Nov. 1891, Hendricks Co., Ind., bur. at New Garden,
N.C.

Coffin, Addison, Life and Travels of Addison Coffin, pp.12,22-30.
Christian Worker, 21(1891):181-182,

WBE:a
(prepared by RB)
additions by BLC

COFFIN, Barnabas, 1751-1816.

b. 25 Oct. 1751, son of William and Priscilla Coffin.
(Paddock)

m. Phebe Marshall in Nov. 1772 in Guilford County N.C.
4 sons, 5 daughters

1773 Received by New Garden Mo. Mtg. on certificate
from Nantucket Mo. Mtg., Mass.

1803, 1813, Clerk, North Carolina Y. Mtg.

d. Feb. 1816

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 396

Hinshaw, Ency. of Am. Qu. Genealogy, I:494, 532

Coffin, Lewis, ed. The Coffin book, p. 274

WBE:

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COFFIN, Charles Fisher, 1823-1916.

b. 3 Apr. 1823, Guilford Co., N. C., s. Elijah and Naomi (Hiatt) Coffin. 1824, family removed to near Milford, Ind., and lived in a log cabin. 1833, removed to Cincinnati.

1835, began his career in the Richmond Bank.

m., 1847, Rhoda M. Johnson.*

1843, Elijah Coffin was clerk of Ind. Y. Mtg. (having been clerk since 1827) when the anti-slavery division occurred, and Charles F. Coffin urged separated Friends to return which they mostly did. 1857, marked the disbanding of the anti-slavery group.

1844, visited Pa., N. J., and N. Y. ca. 1857 to ca. 1885, clerk of Ind. Y. Mtg. 1860, cooperated in calling an appointed meeting. The result was a remarkable meeting at the meeting house. Present 1000, of whom 150 testified or prayed at an evening meeting for youth, lasting from 7:00 to 12:00 midnight. 1863, with others interviewed President Lincoln concerning conscientious objectors. 1866, minister.

1884, business panic, in which he lost his small fortune. Moved to Chicago.

Visited Eng., and was intimate with J. Bevan Braithwaite, Robert Pearsall Smith and their wives.

Became rather deaf.

d. 9 Sept. 1916, Chicago, Ill., aged ca. 93.

*See Coffin, Rhoda M. (Johnson), 1826-1909. 7

WBE:

COFFIN, Charles Fisher, 1823-1916. Page 2.

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Bull. Friends Hist. Soc., 7:66.

Russell, Hist. of Qu., p. 424.

Dic. Am. Biog., 4:266.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 20:132.

The Am. Friend, 4:725 (portrait).

Johnson and Coffin, Chas. F. Coffin, a Quaker Pioneer, 1923
(portrait).

Papers of Charles F. and Rhoda M. Coffin are in the Quaker
collection, Earlham College, Richmond, Ind. F. T. 7

WBE:

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COFFIN, Elijah, 1798-1862.

b. 1798, Guilford Co., N. C., s. Bethuel and Hannah (Dicks) Coffin.

Limited education.

1819, taught school.

m., 1820, Naomi Hiatt.

1822, clerk of N. C. Y. Mtg.

1824, came to Ind., purchased 40 acres, and built a log dwelling. 1828 or 1829: at this date relinquished teaching. 1829, started a business at Milton. Successful beyond his expectations. Desiring not to go beyond bounds in business, he became cashier of a Branch of the State Bank at Richmond.

1827⁻¹⁸⁵⁷, clerk of Ind. Y. Mtg. Advocated a boarding school; 1847, project realized. 1846, appointed an elder. Interested in First-day schools. ca. 1860 or 1861, visited Iowa, Kansas, and attended Y. Mtgs. in N. C., N. Y., and New Eng. Sided with "Gurney" Friends.

Author: The Mother's catechism, 1859, Richmond, Ind.

Brief remarks on the marriage state.

Scripture exercises on Genesis.

Scripture exercises on Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, &c.

Tract on amusements.

Life of Elijah Coffin, with a reminiscence by his son, Charles F. Coffin; ed. by his daughter, Mary C. Johnson, 1863 (portrait).

WBE:

COFFIN, Elijah, 1798-1862. Page 2.

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Bull. Friends Hist. Soc., 2:op. 1 (portrait).

Am. An. Mon., 6:26.

Friends review, 15(1862):357.

Jos. Smith's Cat., suppl.:87.

ELLIOTT, Q.U. ON THE AMERICAN FRONTIER, 392.

WBE:

COFFIN, Levi, 1798-1877.

b. 28 Oct. 1789, New Garden, Guilford Co., N. C.,

s. Levi and Prudence (Williams) Coffin. An only son.

Taught school, and went to school for a year and taught again.

m., 1824, Catharine White.

1826, moved to Ind. and opened a store. His house was a station on the "underground railroad." He was called the "President of the Underground Railroad."

After the Emancipation Proclamation, L. C. was a leader in work for the freedmen. He went to Eng. in the interest of this work. Visited also Scot., France, and some other parts of Europe, and raised \$100,000 in money and supplies for freedmen.

Moved to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Author: Reminiscences of Levi Coffin (portraits),
1876, Cincinnati, Ohio, also London.

d. 16 Sept. 1877, Avondale, near Cincinnati, Ohio, aged ca. 79.

Hinshaw's Encyclopedia, 1:494.

Weeks, So. Qu. and slavery, p. 353.

Dic. Am. Biog., 4:268.

Cartland, Southern heroes, p. 95.

WBE:

COFFIN, Lucretia, afterwards, Mott, 1793-1880

see

MOTT, Lucretia, nee Coffin, 1793-1880

WBE:

COFFIN, Mark, fl. 1809.

Published: An index to the Bible; intended to encourage
the audible reading of these inestimable writings, New York,
1809. Republished by Friends Book Assn., 1500 Race St.,
Phila., 1898. Notations of chapters and verses containing
selections especially adapted for family and school reading
of the Bible.

Jos. Smith's Cat. # 1:439.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7616.

WBE:a

COFFIN, Martha, 1806-1875 afterwards Pelham, then Wright

see WRIGHT, Martha (Coffin) Pelham, 1806-1875

WBE:

COFFIN, Mary, afterwards Starbuck, 1645-1718

see

Starbuck, Mary, nee Coffin, 1645-1717

WBE: DQB

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COFFIN, Merrill M., 1885-1970

b. 1885, son of

m. Anna 3 children (one of whom is
ed. T. Eugene Coffin)

Became a pastor among Friends.

1930-38 with his family served as missionaries from Ohio Yearly Meeting in Central India. Instrumental in establishing Bible Training School for Indian Pastors.

1938 accepted call to be pastor of Friends Church in Berkeley, Calif. Other pastorate in California Yearly Meeting included, Bell (1938-40), Bethel (1940-42) and Ramona (1942-47)

1938-42 Served also as Superintendent for Missions. In this capacity he twice visited the Central American mission field of Friends, in 1941 and 1943.

1947-52 Travelled in evangelistic work visiting Friends churches in Ohio, Indiana and Iowa.

1953 settled in Oregon and was in the pastoral ministry there for several years.

1961 retired to live at Friendsview Manor, Newberg, O.

d. July 22, 1970 in Newberg, Oregon.

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COFFIN, Narcissa (Battey), 1817-1892.

b. 28 Sept. 1817, Starksboro, Vt., dau. Ezra and
Hannah Battey.

ca. 1835, accompanied her mother to eastern part of
N. Y. Taught school at New Bedford, Mass. At the request
of her grandfather, Joseph Hoag, she committed to writing
the "vision," which he dictated.

m., 1849, Alexander G. Coffin, of Nantucket, to which
she removed.

/ 1858, recorded a minister. 1860, visited the meetings
of New Eng. Y. Mtg. (probably the "smaller body"). 1890, again
visited some meetings in New Eng. and some in New York,
also the General Mtg. (Primitive) in Pa. 1891, visited
Gt. Brit., Ire. and Norway.

She possessed a natural gift of language, and by grace
a love for all mankind.

d. 4 Dec. 1892, Nantucket, Mass., aged 75.

Nantucket Mo. Mtg., Memorial of Narcissa B. Coffin, 1897.
The Friend (Phila.), 71:10.

WBE:

COFFIN, Phoebe Ann, afterwards Hanaford, 1829-1921

see HANAFORD, Phoebe Ann, née Coffin

WBE:

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COFFIN, Rhoda M., 1826-1909.

b. 1 Feb. 1826, Paintersville, Green Co., Ohio, dau. John and Judith (Faulkner) Johnson.

Attended district school taught by Evan Harris, for two years.

1834, family moved to near Waynesville, Ohio.

m., 1847, Charles F. Coffin, and lived at Richmond, Ind., for near 40 years. See Coffin, Charles Fisher, 1823-1916.

| ca. 1869, minister. Travelled. Interested in prisons and prisoners. 1871-72, visited Eng., the continent of Europe, and Palestine.

1884, removed to Chicago, Ill.

Author of addresses on prisons, insane asylums, foreign missions, and Indians. Wrote an account of Sarah J. Smith.

d. 28 Sept. 1909, Chicago, Ill., in her 84th year.

Coffin, Rhoda M., Her reminiscences, addresses, papers and ancestry, ed. by Johnson, 1910.

WBE:

COFFIN, Samuel Dwiggins, -1903.

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Doctor.

b. New Garden, N. C., s. Elihu Coffin.

Attended lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Phila.

Graduated from Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Moved to Bloomingdale, Ind., then to Fairmount and Lawrence, Kansas, and, ca. 1890, to Whittier, Calif.

Assistant Clerk, Western Y. Mtg. Clerk, Kansas Y. Mtg.

d. 25 Dec. 1903, Whittier, Calif., aged 78.

The Am. Friend, 11(1904):145 (portrait).

WBE:

COFFIN, Sarah, nee Mitchell, later Upton, 1788-1839

see

Upton, Sarah, nee Mitchell, afterwards Coffin, finally
Upton, 1788-1839

WBE:a

COFFIN, Vestal, 1792-1826.

b. 10 Oct. 1792, near New Garden, Guilford Co., N.C.,
s. of William and Elizabeth Coffin. (Cousin to Levi Coffin.)
His mother was soon widowed.

m. Alethea Fluke, 1817. (4 children)

1819, started at Guilford, North Carolina what was
later called the Underground Railroad. He soon got his
cousin Levi to help him.

1821, suggested the organization of a Sabbath School
for Negroes. This soon ended as it made the slaves more
discontent, and their owners no longer permitted them to
attend the Coffins' Bible School.

He helped free a number of freedmen who had been kid-
napped and sold back into slavery by bringing the cases to
court and defending the Negroes himself.

d. 10 Oct. 1826, where he was born, aged 34.

Life and Travels of Addison Coffin, by himself, pp. 17,11,12.

Coffin, Levi, Reminiscences, pp.22,69.

Elliott, E.T., Quakers on the American Frontier, pp. 85,86.

WBE:a

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COFFIN, William Gaston, 1811-1904.

b. 22 Feb. 1811, Guilford Co., N.C., s. of Elihu Coffin.

Converted as a boy.

Toiled on a farm, then as a blacksmith and machinist.

Moved to Indiana while a young man and built a farm there.

President Fillmore appointed him to investigate Government mining interests in Lake Superior area.

Indiana Legislator several years and active in political affairs, 1836-1888. A Whig, later a Republican. A defender of freedom and a prohibitionist.

Lincoln appointed him to Southern Indian Agency during the Civil War.

Collected thousands of dollars for the building of Kansas Yearly Meeting in Lawrence.

Always believed devoutly in the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

d. 1 Feb. 1904, Fort Scott, Kansas, aged nearly 92.

Am. Friend, 11(1904):265.

WBE:

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COFFIN, William Hiatt, 1825-1925.

b. 26 Sept. 1825, Wayne Co., Ind., s. Elijah and Naomi (Hiatt) Coffin.

m., 1845, Sarah Wilson. Five sons.

In the years 1855 and 1856 Friends joined with other opponents of slavery in the migrations to Kansas, aiming at securing that great territory as a free state. These settlers were harassed and terrorized by raiders from the bordering slave states. William H. Coffin has left this account of his weakness in the prospect of a murderous attack: "My education was such (that) I could not with conscience kill a man; but when I got to reasoning with myself about my duty in the protection of my family, my faith gave way. I had an excellent double-barrelled gun, and I took it outdoors and loaded it heavily with buckshot. I barred the door and set my gun handy. . . . but I could get no sleep. . . . Finally, towards midnight I got up, wife and children peacefully sleeping, drew the loads from my gun and put it away; and then, on my knees, I told the Lord all about it, and asked his protection, . . . went to bed, was soon asleep, and slept to sun-up next morning." The raiders, meanwhile, met with resistance elsewhere, which diverted their route, and the house was not attacked.

Called to Ind. by illness of his father. Arrested at St. Joseph. Refused to take oath, but was granted a pass through Mo.

WBE:

COFFIN, William Hiatt, 1825-1925. Page 2.

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Treasurer of Earlham College endowment funds.

m. (2d), 1903, Linda Mulford.

d. 25 Sept. 1925, Pasadena, Calif., aged almost 100.

Coffin, William H., "Settlement of the Friends in Kansas,"
in Transactions of the Kansas State Historical Soc., 7:323.
Hirst, Qu. in Peace and War, p. 422.
The Am. Friend (N. S.), 13:713 (portrait).

WBE:a

COFFIN, Dr. William V., ca. 1858-1949.

b. ca. 1858, Indiana.

ed. at Bloomingdale Academy, Indiana and Earlham College.

m. Sarah Nicholson, ca. 1897. (children)

A member of first city council in Whittier, Calif.

President of the Board of Trade.

Principal of Whittier Academy; leader in establishing the site and developing the college. Financial agent, and more responsible than any other person for the existence of Whittier College. 1891, organized the third attempt to establish a college in Whittier, Calif.

Attended Whittier Monthly Meeting.

1901-1921, Trustee of Whittier College.

d. 25 Dec. 1949, Whittier, Calif., in his 92nd year.

Minutes of Calif. Yearly Mtg., 1950, p. 96.

Harris, Herbert E., The Quaker and the West, p. 29.

Elliott, E.T., Quakers on the American Frontier, pp. 231,213.

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COGGESHALL, Elizabeth (1770-1851) born Hosier

Elizabeth Coggeshall was a daughter of Giles and Elizabeth Hosier of Newport, R.I. In 1793 she married Caleb Coggeshall and lived in New York city. She was in Europe in 1798-1801 and 1813-1815. Her first thought was to cross the Atlantic with Hannah Barnard but her Friends wished her to have an independent certificate.

Memoir. 1908

J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 5, 19, 20, 22, 23

R.M. Jones: Later periods of quakerism. 1921

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.67

WBE:

Additional information:

COGGESHALL, Elizabeth (Hosier), 1770-1851.

b. 14 Mar. 1770. Her parents were very hospitable.

Husband Caleb Coggeshall was a sea captain.

| 1795, spoke as a minister; 1796, acknowledged a minister.
1798 to 1801, visited British Isles, landing at Falmouth.
Her companion in part of this visit was Hannah Barnard,
who adopted views not approved by Friends, and the two
women separated, a trial to the affectionate part.

1802, removed to New York City.

Visited all the meetings of Friends in America! 1814-1815,
again visited British Isles and some parts of the continent,
where Benjamin Seebom translated. On the protracted
return voyage to Am., all were rationed in bread and water,
for four weeks. 1816 to 1840, travelled widely in Am.

Suffered from a fall.

d. 20 June 1851, New York, aged 81.

Jones, Later periods of Qu., p. 300.

Coggeshall, Love, faith, and service, Elizabeth Coggeshall, 1908.

Braithwaite, Second period of Qu., p. 573.

N. Y. Mo. Mtg., Memorial . . . concerning Elizabeth
Coggeshall, 1852.

Am. An. Mon., 2:178.

The Friend (Phila.), 81:347.

Jos. Smith's Cat., suppl.:87.

WBE:

COGGESHALL, Martha (Sankee) Medlicott Kite, ca. 1660-1734.

b. ca. 1660, Eng.

1683, came to Phila., Pa.

m., 1684, Daniel Medlicott, of Haverford, Pa.

m. (2d), 1698, James Kite, of Blockley, minister.

m. (3d), 1715, Jonathan Coggeshall, a useful Friend,
removed to Phila.

d. 4 Feb. 1734, Phila., Pa.

The Friend (Phila.), 29:365.

John Smith's ms., 1:440.

WBE:a

COGGEHALL, Nathan, 1813-1902.

b. 14 Feb. 1813, Guilford Co., N.C., s. of Tristram and Elizabeth Coggeshall.

1817, they moved to Wayne Co., Ind. and settled near New Garden Mtg.

ed. very limited. Later when he had children, he read their books at night.

Early in life asked God for financial aid and prayers were answered.

m. Julie Shugart at New Garden, 1831, (children)

1834, moved to Grant Co. until 1839.

1839, moved to 80 acres near Deer Creek Mtg. There he was not only a successful farmer and stock dealer, but a conductor on the Underground RR, and a pike contractor.

1840-56, a Free Soiler.

1856-1880, a Republican. 1880, onward, a Prohibitionist.

1869, retired from farming to Marion, where he was active in political and religious affairs. Established RR's. President of City Council.

For 40 years an elder and trustee of Indiana Y.M.

21 years, president of Board of White's Institute.

Liberal donor for the building of meeting houses as well as churches of other denominations.

Fought slavery and liquor traffic.

d. 8 April 1902.

Am. Frd., 9(1902):532, 5(1898):445, (portrait.)

COLE, Anthony

Probably Anthony Cole who received George Fox 'att Chadwitch'
(F.P.T.) twelve miles from Worcester (Swarth. MSS.iii.9).

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol;1 p.433

COLE,

Cecil

JACKSON -

(1902 - 1979)

Cecil Jackson-Cole was not a member of the Society of Friends, but initiated much work which involves many Quakers and is linked with Quaker work itself.

In 1942 he joined with three other people from Oxford (one of them a Friend) to found the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, which has developed into the international agency known as "Oxfam".

In 1953 he launched 'Voluntary and Christian Service' from which in 1962 grew "Help the Aged"; then a large housing association for the elderly; and later "Action in Distress" with its work for deprived children in the Third World. He also helped many other groups, including Christian Action, Toc.H., the Churches Council of Healing, the Guild of Health and at least one Quaker Committee.

He was a committed believer in spiritual healing and this helped him to remain actively involved in several new developments until his death in 1979 at the age of 77.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 137 (1979) p. 1050

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COLE, Celia (1802-1845) born Sturge

Celia Sturge, the daughter of Jacob Sturge (1754-1811 qv) and his wife Mary (born Young,) of Westbury-on-Trym in Gloucestershire, was born there on 22 January 1802(1).

She was married in 1832 to George Cole (1798-1865 qv), a farmer of Almondsbury in Gloucestershire and there were five children(2).

Celia Cole of Tockington near Bristol died on 25 May 1845, at the age of forty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see COLE, George (1798-1865)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of George

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1846, p 27: 2 line entry for death

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-53

COLE, Eliza (1818-1849) after 1840 Willmott

[Eliza Cole, daughter of George Cole (1789-1853 qv) and his wife Mary (born Sams, 1786-1864 qv) of Chipping Sodbury in Gloucestershire, was married in 1840 to Robert Willmott (1810-1882 qv).]

See WILLMOTT, Eliza (1818-1849) born Cole]

COLE, Elizabeth (1753-1834) born Godwin

Elizabeth Godwin, the daughter of John Godwin (-) and his wife Elizabeth (born) of Below Nugate, Bristol, was born there on 23 May 1753(1).

She was married in 1779 to George Cole (1758-1825 qv), a tailor and staymaker of Bristol and there were nine children(2).

Elizabeth Cole of Bedminster, Bristol, died on 21 August 1834, at the age of eighty one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see COLE, George (1758-1825)
- 3 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she is described as a widow

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1835, p 18: 1 line entry for death, the widow of George

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-53

COLE, Esther Maria (1820-1903) after 1841 Sparkes

[Esther Maria Cole, daughter of George Cole (1789-1853 qv) and his wife Mary (born Sams, 1786-1864 qv) of Chipping Sodbury in Gloucestershire, was married in 1841 to Thomas Sparkes (1813-pre 1893 qv).]

See SPARKES, Esther Maria (1820-1903) born Cole]

COLE, George (1758-1825)

George Cole, the son of William Cole (1737?-1825 qv) and his wife Sarah (born 1730? or 1733?-1790 qv), was born on 9 July 1758(1).

He became a tailor and staymaker at Bristol(2) and was married in 1779 to Elizabeth Godwin (1753-1834 qv) of Bristol(3); there were nine children(4).

George Cole of Queen's Square, Bristol, died on 28 January 1825, at the age of sixty seven(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: his place of birth, his parentage and his father's occupation are not given

2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3

3 The wedding was at Bristol on 28 September 1779: he is described as a tailor and staymaker of the city of Bristol, the son of William and Sarah Cole of Thornbury, Gloucester; she is described as the daughter of John and Elizabeth Godwin of the city of Bristol (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)

4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

*John Godwin	b 15 July 1780	
William	b 27 Nov 1781	d 10 Aug 1789, aged 8
Elizabeth	b 4 Sept 1784	d 27 Sept 1821, aged 37
George	b 11 May 1787	d 11 Oct 1787
Sarah	b 11 May 1787	d 22 Oct 1787
George qv	b 10 Aug 1789	m 1813 Mary Sams (1786-1864 qv)
*William	b 29 May 1791	
Joseph Francis	b 21 Nov 1793	d 17 June 1794, aged 7 months
Hannah qv	b 17 Aug 1795	m (1) 1817 Samuel Naish (1789-1819 qv) (2) 1822 John Moxham (1788-1868 qv)

*No marriages traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest

5 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: he is described as a tailor and draper

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1826, p 13: 1 line entry for death

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-53

COLE, George (1789-1853)

George Cole, the son of George Cole (-) and his wife Elizabeth (born) of Bridge Street, Bristol, was born there on 10 August 1789(1).

He became a cordwainer at Bristol(2) and was married in 1813 to Mary Sams (1786-1864 qv) of Bristol(3); there were five children(4). Some time between 1813 and 1815 he moved to Martock in Somerset(5) and by 1818 he was established as a shopkeeper at Chipping Sodbury in Gloucestershire(6).

George Cole of Chipping Sodbury died on 1 March 1853, at the age of sixty three(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as a tailor
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Somerton on 20 October 1813: he is described as a cordwainer of Bristol, the son of George and Elizabeth Cole of Bristol; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Esther Sams, formerly of Bristol (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Hannah Baker qv	b 18 Nov 1815	m 1838 John Benwell Willmott (1807-1879 qv)
and in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-		
Eliza qv	b 11 Feb 1818	m 1840 Robert Willmott (1810-1882 qv)
Esther Maria qv	b 20 June 1820	m 1841 Thomas Sparkes (1813-pre 1893 qv)
*John Dutton	b 24 April 1824	
John Sams	b 27 July 1826	d 24 March 1827, aged 8 months
- *No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1880: he probably died before the birth of John Sams in 1826, but his death is not traced in the Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digest
- 5 His eldest daughter Hannah Baker was born at Martock in 1815: no occupation is given for him
- 6 He is described as a shopkeeper of Chipping Sodbury in the birth entry for his daughter Eliza in 1818 and for his three remaining children
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a shopkeeper

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1854, p 29: 1 line entry for death

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-53

COLE, George (1798-1865)

George Cole, the son of Thomas Cole (1763-1829 qv) and his wife Martha (born Young, 1762?-1826 qv) of Henbury in Gloucestershire, was born there on 17 December 1798(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from September 1808 to September 1812(2).

He became a farmer at Almondsbury in Gloucestershire(3) and was married firstly in 1832 to Celia Sturge (1802-1845 qv) of Westbury-on-Trym in Gloucestershire(4); there were five children(5). He married secondly Annie Mary Jalland(6), but the marriage was apparently childless(7).

George Cole died at Sodbury on 1 March 1865(8).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
In his marriage entry, Thomas Cole is described as a tailor
- 2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1912, p 47
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Bath on 21 November 1832: he is described as a farmer of Swithin's Farm, Almondsbury in Gloucestershire, the son of Thomas and Martha Cole, late of Thornbury; she is described as the daughter of Jacob and Mary Sturge of Westbury-on-Trym in Gloucestershire (Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Deaths and given in Sidcot School Register, loc cit, as follows:-

George Henry	b 30 July 1833	d 7 April 1857, aged 24
Albert	b 20 May 1835	d 16 Dec 1912, aged 77
Mary Sturge	b 20 March 1837	d 7 Jan 1884, aged 48
Fanny	b 1840	d 1859
Anna Maria	b 1843	d 15 Feb 1866, aged 23
- 6 Sidcot School Register, loc cit: the marriage was not according to usage and is not traced in the Digest of Marriages. There is at present (1981) no evidence that she was a member of the Society at any time
- 7 No children are traced in the Digest of Births or given in the Sidcot School Register, loc cit
- 8 Sidcot School Register, loc cit: his death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths or in The Friend

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-53

COLE, Hannah (1795-1861) after 1817 Naish, after 1822 Moxham

[Hannah Cole, daughter of George Cole (-)
and his wife Elizabeth (born
of Bristol, was married firstly in 1817 to Samuel
Naish (1789-1819 qv) of Bristol. She married
secondly in 1822 John Moxham (1788-1868 qv) of
Bristol.

See MOXHAM, Hannah (1795-1861) formerly Naish, born Cole]

COLE, Hannah Baker (1815-1891) after 1838 Willmott

[Hannah Baker Cole, daughter of George Cole (1789-1853 qv) and his wife Mary (born Sams, 1786-1864 qv) of Martock in Somerset, was married in 1838 to John Benwell Willmott (1807-1879 qv).]

See WILLMOTT, Hannah Baker (1815-1891) born Cole]

COLE, Joseph, ca. 1636-1670.

see COALE, Joseph, ca. 1636-1670.

COLE, Josiah (1633-1669)

see COALE, Josiah (1633-1669)

COLE, Josiah, ca. 1632 or 1633-1668.

see COALE, Josiah, ca. 1632 or 1633-1668.

COLE, Martha (1762?-1826) born Young

Martha Young, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Young of Thornbury in Gloucestershire, was born about the year 1762(1).

She was married in 1790 to Thomas Cole (1763-1829 qv), a tailor of Thornbury and there were four children(2).

Martha Cole of Thornbury died on 15 January 1826, at the age of sixty four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 64 at death. Her birth is not traced in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see COLE, Thomas (1763-1829)
- 3 Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Thomas

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-53

COLE, Mary (1786-1864) born Sams

Mary Sams, the daughter of Joseph Sams (fl 1779-1786 qv) and his wife Esther (born) of Wellington in Somerset, was born there on 27 January 1786(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1794 to 1799(2).

She was married in 1813 to George Cole (1789-1853 qv), a cordwainer of Bristol and there were five children(3). Her husband subsequently became a shopkeeper at Chipping Sodbury in Gloucestershire(4).

Mary Cole died at Northernhay Place, Exeter on 26 November 1864, at the age of seventy nine(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 35, entry 1556
- 3 For marriage and children see COLE, George (1789-1853)
- 4 See entry for COLE, George (1789-1853)
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of George

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1866, p 37: 2 line entry for death, where she is described as of Chipping Sodbury

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-53

COLE, Sarah (1730? or 1733?-1790) born

Sarah Cole, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1983) traced, was born about the year 1730 or 1733(1).

She was married prior to 1758 to William Cole (1737?-1825 qv) and there were seven children(2).

Sarah Cole of Thornbury, Gloucester, died on 1 January 1790, at the age of fifty seven or sixty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 60 or 57 at death
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children see COLE, William (1737?-1825)
- 3 Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of William, aged 57 or 60 (two entries)

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-53

COLE, Thomas (1763-1829)

Thomas Cole, the son of William Cole (-) and his wife Sarah (born) of Frenchay Monthly Meeting, was born on 27 January 1763(1). In his marriage entry his parents are described as of Thornbury in Gloucestershire.

He became a tailor at Thornbury(2) and was married in 1790 to Martha Young (1762?-1826 qv) of Thornbury(3); there were four children(4).

Thomas Cole of Thornbury died on 26 January 1829, at the age of sixty six(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Thornbury on 22 September 1790: he is described as a tailor of Thornbury in Gloucestershire, the son of William and Sarah Cole of Thornbury; she is described as of Thornbury, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Young of Thornbury (Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

*Elizabeth	b 1 July 1791	
John	b 4 May 1794	d 2 Aug 1794
John	b 6 June 1795	d 13 June 1801, aged 6
George qv	b 17 Dec 1798	m {1} 1832 Celia Sturge (1802-1845 qv) {2} Annie Mary Jalland
- 5 Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-53

COLE, William, -1678.

see COALE, William, -1678.

COLE, William (1737?-1825)

William Cole, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1983) traced, was born about the year 1737(1).

He was married prior to 1758 to Sarah (born (2) and there were seven children(3).

1730? or 1733?-1790 qv)

William Cole of Thornbury, Gloucester, died on 11 June 1825, at the age of eighty eight(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 88 at death. His birth is not traced in Gloucester & Wilts QM, Dorset QM or Devon QM Births Digests
- 2 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 3 Listed in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

George qv	b 9 July 1758	m 1779 Elizabeth Godwin (1753-1834 qv) (Bristol & Somerset QM)
*William	b 26 Sept 1759	
Francis	b 24 Nov 1761	buried 4 March 1765
Thomas qv	b 27 Jan 1763	m 1790 Martha Young (1762?-1826 qv)
Sarah	b 2 Oct 1766	m 1790 George Sturge
*Francis	b 21 March 1770	
*Mary	b 21 March 1770	
- *No marriages traced in Gloucester & Wilts QM or Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digests
- 4 Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-53

COLEBY, Ann (1777-1823) after 1798 Holmes

[Ann Coleby, daughter of John Coleby (1739?-1819 qv) and
his wife Sarah (born) of
Tivetshall in Norfolk, was married in 1798 to Benjamin
Holmes (1777-1858 qv).]

See HOLMES, Ann (1777-1823) born Coleby]

COLEBY, Ann (1796-1875) after 1818 Reckitt

(Ann Coleby, daughter of Charles Coleby (1769-1802 qv) and his wife Elizabeth, born Kinsey, was married in 1818 to Isaac Reckitt (1792-1862 qv).

See RECKITT, Ann (1796-1875) born Coleby)

COLEBY, Benjamin Hart (1783-1852)

Benjamin Hart Coleby, the son of John and Sarah Coleby of the parish of Poringland in Norfolk, was born there on 2 May 1783(1).

In his business he had several young people in his charge and extended a watchful care over them, doing all he could to promote their comfort and well being. He was a humble, sincere and retiring Christian, an elder and a consistent member of the Society. He retired from business when he was about forty eight, having acquired as much money as he needed for his simple habits and believing it to be right to make way for others.

About 1842 his health, which had always been delicate, became increasingly poor and towards the end of his life he was unable to walk and endured much suffering. He died apparently unmarried(2) at Holybourne, Alton in Hampshire on 9 December 1852(3), at the age of sixty nine.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1854 pp 29-37

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 There is no record of a marriage in Dorset & Hants QM, Devonshire QM, Bristol & Somerset QM or Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digests and no children are recorded in Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of Holybourne

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

He may perhaps be identified with the Benjamin Coleby for whom a removal certificate Tivetshall MM to London 1798 is recorded in the typescript Norfolk Removals Index (Friends House Library) but the receipt of the certificate is not traced in the following London MM minutes:- Devonshire House MM vol 13 (1796-1802), Westminster MM vol 12 (1796-1807), Peel MM vol 17, 18 (1794-1798, 1798-1803), Southwark MM vol 15 (1795-1800), Ratcliff MM vol I (1795-1804). Minutes of Gracechurch Street MM for the relevant period are not extant but he is not in the 1837 MS Register of Members for that MM [EHN Dec 1976]

No births of children of a Benjamin Hart Coleby are recorded in Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest or in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest 1798-1837

COLEBY, Charles (1769-1802)

Charles Coleby, the son of John and Sarah Coleby of Pounland in Norfolk, was born there on 30 October 1769(1). He was a farmer at Hempstead in Norfolk(2) and was married in 1791 to Elizabeth Kinsey of London(3); there were seven children(4).

At some time after his marriage Charles Coleby gave up farming and became a corn factor at Cley or Holt in Norfolk, but he was not successful in business and when he died on 29 May 1802(5) he left his widow badly off, with a young family to bring up. Some friends came to her rescue and set her up in a little school in a large old house at Kelvedon in Essex. Here she brought up her family and five of her six handsome daughters made good marriages.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, pp 52-53

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 6 April 1791: he is described as a farmer of Hempstead in Norfolk, the son of John and Sarah Coleby of Pounland in Norfolk; she is described as the daughter of John and Mary Kinsey, late of New Road, Whitechapel (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Norfolk & Norwich QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 18 Oct 1795	who d unmarried
Ann qv	b 16 Dec 1796	who m 1818 Isaac Reckitt (1792-1862 qv)
Hannah qv	b 30 Oct 1798	who m 1832 John Morland (1794-1867 qv)
Kinsey	b 31 May 1800	who m a non-member and was disowned
Jane	b 1 April 1802	who m John Wile (1798?-1840 qv) and d 13 July 1829

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 N.B. Desmond Chapman-Huston, op cit p 53 gives the following two daughters whose birth is not traced in the Digest, but who were born between 1792 and 1794
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| Mary qv | who m 1814 Edward Gripper (1785?-1866 qv) |
| Sarah qv | who m 1828 Robert Runcome (1795-1864 qv) |
- 5 Norfolk & Norwich QM Burials Digest: he died at the age of thirty two

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

COLEBY, Elizabeth (1770-1858) born Kinsey, after 1807 Broadbank

(Elizabeth Kinsey, daughter of John and Mary Kinsey of Whitechapel in London, was married in 1791 to Charles Coleby (1769-1802 qv). After his death she was married in 1807 to Thomas Broadbank (1752-1808 qv)

See BROADBANK, Elizabeth (1770-1858) formerly Coleby, born Kinsey)

COLEBY, Hannah (1798-1888) after 1832 Morland

(Hannah Coleby, the daughter of Charles Coleby (1769-1802 qv)
and his wife Elizabeth, born Kinsey, of Hempstead in Norfolk,
was married in 1832 to John Morland (1794-1867 qv).

See MORLAND, Hannah (1798-1888) born Coleby)

COLEBY, Isabelle (1869?-1952) after 1894 Grace

[Isabelle Coleby, I Coleby who was in 1894 of Ealing,
details of whose birth and parentage
are not at present (1983) traced, was married in
1894 to Hamilton Grace (1865-1911 qv) of Bristol.

See GRACE, Isabelle (1869?-1952) born Coleby]

COLEBY, Jane (1802-1829) after 1827 Wise

[Jane Coleby, daughter of Charles Coleby (1769-1802 qv)
and his wife Elizabeth (born Kinsey, 1770-1858, after } 1807 Broadbank qv)
of Clay in Norfolk, was married in 1827 to John
Pilkington Wise (1798-1840 qv) of Ampthill in
Bedfordshire.

See WISE, Jane (1802-1829) born Coleby]

COLEBY, John (1739?-1819)

John Coleby, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1976) traced, was born about the year 1739(1). He lived at Pounland in Norfolk and was married to Sarah(2); there were nine children(3).

He died at Diss in Norfolk on 15 November 1819(4), at the age of eighty.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 80 at death. There is no entry in Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest
- 2 The marriage is not traced in Norfolk & Norwich QM, London & Middlesex QM, Suffolk QM, Essex QM, Cambs & Hunts QM, Berks & Oxon QM or Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digests
- 3 Listed in Norfolk & Norwich QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

John qv	b 17 Dec 1768	who m 1791 Mary Kinsey (London & Middlesex QM Marriages)
Charles qv	b 30 Oct 1769	who m 1791 Elisabeth Kinsey (1770-1858 qv) (London & Middlesex QM Marriages)
George	b 2 Dec 1770	who d 17 Jan 1794
Samuel	b 3 June 1773	no marriage traced to 1837
Sarah	b 25 Nov 1774	who m 1801 William Holmes
Joshua qv	b 6 July 1776	who m 1800 Mary Hart
Ann	b 13 Dec 1777	who m 1798 Benjamin Holmes
Elizabeth	b 10 May 1779	who m 1803 Sheppard Bell
Hannah	b 15 Oct 1780	who d 17 June 1804
4 Norfolk & Norwich QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given		

A.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

COLEBY, John (1768-1838)

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John Coleby, the son of John Coleby (1739?-1819 qv) and his wife Sarah of Pounland in Norfolk, was born there on 17 December 1768(1). He was married in 1791 to Mary Kinsey of London(2) and there were twelve children(3). It was a double wedding, John's brother Charles (1769-1802 qv) being married at the same time to Mary's sister Elizabeth (1770-1858 qv), who later became Elizabeth Breadbank.

Mary Coleby died in 1815(4) and after the death of his daughter Sarah in 1818 he withdrew from his business as a linen draper(5) to retire to country life at Alton in Hampshire. While in London he was appointed by Devonshire House Monthly Meeting to be a member of the Six Weeks Meeting(6). At Alton he appeared occasionally in the ministry and although his contributions were usually brief, they were very acceptable to his friends.

His years at Alton were times of much spiritual conflict, but in his last illness he was at peace and died on 2 February 1838 at the age of sixty nine(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1839, pp 141-143

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 6 April 1791: he is described as a linen draper of Bishopsgate street, London, the son of John and Sarah Coleby of Pounland in Norfolk; she is described as the daughter of John and Mary Kinsey, late of New Road, Whitechapel (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

John	b 27 Sept 1793	who d 6 Oct 1793
Mary	b 7 Dec 1795	who m 1820 William Rutter
John	b 28 Dec 1796	who d 2 March 1797
John qv	b 26 May 1799	who m 1826 Elizabeth Rutter
Sarah	b 30 July 1800	who d 21 Sept 1818
Elizabeth	b 29 Sept 1801	who d 30 May 1802
Elizabeth	b 26 Oct 1802	who d 23 Feb 1808
Rachel qv	b 20 May 1804	who m 1826 Thomas Fardon Junr
Hannah	b 24 April 1806	who d 14 Feb 1808
Thomas	b 26 Oct 1807	who d 18 Jan 1810
Maria	b 23 March 1809	who d 27 Dec 1809
George	b 16 May 1811	no marriage traced to 1903

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she died on 29 Jan 1815, aged 43, the wife of John
- 5 He is described as a linen draper in his marriage entry, note 2
- 6 Minutes of Six Weeks Meeting, vol 18, p 377; 7 March 1814
- 7 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given. The Annual Monitor erroneously gives his age at death as 59

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

COLEBY, John (1799-1842)

John Coleby, the son of John Coleby (1768-1838 qv) and his wife Mary, born Kinsey, of London, was born there on 26 May 1799(1). He was married in 1826 to Elizabeth Rutter of ~~Hillingham~~ in Middlesex(2) and there were seven children(3).

He died on 7 July 1842(4), at the age of forty three.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given

2 The wedding was at Uxbridge on 21 June 1826: he is described as of Wandsworth, Surrey, the son of John and Mary Coleby of Tottenham in Middlesex; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Rutter of ~~Hillingham~~ in Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

John Joseph	b 23 April 1827	no marriage traced to 1903
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Mary	b 10 Dec 1828	who m 1853 Samuel Rutter
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Walter	b 6 Aug 1830	no marriage traced to 1903
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Alfred	b 7 May 1832	no marriage traced to 1903
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and in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Sarah	b 5 March 1837	who m 1860 Abraham Riddon Grace
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Henry	b 28 May 1839	no marriage traced to 1903
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Edward	b 9 March 1842	no marriage traced to 1903
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4 Digest of Deaths: his address is given as 2 Montagu Place, River Terrace, Islington; no description of him is given

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

COLEBY, Joshua (1776-1850)

Joshua Coleby, the son of John Coleby (1739?-1819 qv) and his wife Sarah of Pounding in Norfolk, was born there on 6 July 1776(1). He became a farmer at Hempstead in Norfolk(2) and in 1800 was married to Mary Hart of Hardingham in Norfolk(3); there were three children(4).

His two youngest children were born in London and he may have given up farming to join his brother John (1768-1838 qv), who had a linen drapery business in London. Like his brother, he died at Alton in Hampshire, on 25 March 1850(5) and it is probable that he moved there with his brother.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Wymondham on 29 October 1800: he is described as a farmer of Hempstead in Norfolk, the son of John and Sarah Coleby of Pounding in Norfolk; she is described as the daughter of William and Mary Hart of Hardingham in Norfolk (Norfolk & Norwich QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest as follows:-

George	b 31 Aug 1801	no marriage traced to 1862
and in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-		
Charles*	b 8 Nov 1802	who d 1 May 1819 (Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest)
Elizabeth Hart*	b 11 April 1804	who d 4 March 1819
- *Both these children have entries in the Annual Monitor 1820, pp 11-12 and 13-17, describing their illness and death
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of Alton, aged 73

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

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COLEBY, Lucy (1789-1856)

Lucy Coleby was the daughter of John and Sarah Coleby of Poringland, Norfolk where she was born 18 March 1789.

She became a member of Alton M.M. in 1811 and was recorded a minister by this M.M. in 1827. In 1829 she went on a religious visit to Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk, but owing to a declining state of health her usefulness in the Church was confined to her own Quarterly Meeting of which she was a diligent attendant.

Lucy Coleby died on 7 August 1856, aged 67 years, a minister 29 years. Her remains were interred in Friends Burial Ground at Alton.

Minute of Alton M.M. in Testimonies, 1857 p.27

COLEBY, Mary (1792?-1862) after 1814 Gripper

(Mary Coleby, the eldest daughter of Charles Coleby (1769-1802 qv)
and his wife Elisabeth, born Kinsey, of Cley or Holt in Norfolk,
was married in 1814 to Edward Gripper (1785?-1866 qv)

See GRIPPER, Mary (1792?-1862) born Coleby)

COLEBY, Rachel (1804-1829) after 1826 Fardon

(Rachel Coleby, daughter of John Coleby (1768-1838 qv)
and his wife Mary, born Kincey, of Tottenham, was
married in 1826 to Thomas Fardon.

See FARDON, Rachel (1804-1829) born Coleby)

COLEBY, Sarah (1774-1855) after 1801 Holmes

[Sarah Coleby, daughter of John Coleby (1739?-1819 qv) and
his wife Sarah (born } of
Perringland in Norfolk, was married in 1801 to William
Holmes (1779-1816 qv).]

See HOLMES, Sarah (1774-1855) born Coleby]

COLEBY, FAMILY of (Yorkshire)

SOURCE OF INFORMATION :

Search made on behalf of Miss C.I.S.King of Bury St Edmunds in 1965

ACTION TAKEN BY LIBRARY :

No record of the name Coleby, in the mid-seventeenth century, appears in the register digests of the following QMs :-

Durham
Westmorland
Yorkshire

In the Durham QM digests there are a few entries for the second half of the eighteenth century

WBE:

COLEMAN, ANN, fl. 1662.

1662, with Mary Tomkins and Alice Ambrose, all from Eng., accompanied by Edward Wharton of Mass., went to Maine. Later in the same year went again to Maine. On their return they came to Dover, where the women were beaten 10 stripes each at a cart's tail, at each town through which they passed, and endured abuse and banishment. Whipped in Salem, Boston and Dedham. Grieviously abused in Dover.

Bowden's Hist., 1:251.

Jones, The Qu. in the Am. colonies, p. 104.

Evans, Friends in the 17th cent., p. 253.

Besse, 2:227, 228, 233.

WBE:

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COLEMAN, Elihu, 1699-1789.

House carpenter of Nantucket.

Minister.

m., ca. 1720, Jemima Barnard. Large family.

His house, still standing in 1944, is one of the oldest
on the Island.

Published: A testimony against the antichristian prac-
tice of making slaves of men, &c., 1733.

A father's advice to his children and grandchildren.

d. Jan. 1789, Nantucket, in his 89th year.

Drake, Qu. and slavery in Am., pp. 34, 49, 63.

Pendle Hill, Byways in Quaker history, p. 111.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:440.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7615.

WBE:

COLEMAN, Elizabeth, fl. 1669-1675.

Somersetshire? Eng.

Imprisoned. 1675, discharged from imprisonment at sessions held in Bath.

Published, with Anne Travers: The Harlot's Vail Rent and her Impudency rebuked, &c., 1669.

Besse, 1:611.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:439.

Frederick Coleman was born 12 July 1865, the son of Arthur Coleman and Lucy (born May), both descended from English Friends. Frederick was born at Saddleworth, South Australia, and was brought to England to be educated at Ackworth and later at Bootham. He then attended the Adelaide University for two years and won the Sir Thomas Elder prize for Physiology.

Frederick Coleman began experiments in wheat growing, and became known all over Australia for his 'Tuela' Onas wheat, which holds a world record for yield. He also developed the famous 'Tuela' herd of Jersey cattle. He served as a member of the Advisory Board of Agriculture for thirty seven years. He was a member of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of South Australia, and the Governing Board of the Roseworthy Agricultural College, and shortly before his death he was honoured by the title of Hon. Coucillor of the Royal Agricultural Society of South Australia. He was a Justice of the Peace for forty five years.

In 1900 he married Helen G. Robson of Adelaide Meeting, and their home became a centre of friendship and hospitality, a Meeting for Worship being held there each Sunday.

Frederick Coleman held every office in the Adelaide Meeting: Clerk for five years and Assistant Clerk for fifteen years. He was Assistant Clerk of Australia General Meeting from its inception in 1902 for eighteen years, then Clerk until 1925, and Treasurer from that time until his death. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the Friends' School, Hobart, and represented Friends on the South Australian Council of Churches, where he was described as 'an incorrigible pacifist'.

'With unswerving devotion to the Meeting for Worship he sought and found his Divine Guide and received wisdom, understanding and strength to carry out his life's work.'

He died 31 May 1951

COLEMAN, Jane (1737-1825) after 1763 Fry

[Jane Coleman, daughter of Davey Coleman (-),
and his wife Ann (born
was married in 1763 to Robert Fry (1740-1785 qv).]

See FRY, Jane (1737-1825) born Coleman]

WBE:

COLEMAN, Lucy, ca. 1832-1926.

b. ca. 1832, dau. May?

ca. 1839, came to South Australia.

m., ca. 1858, Arthur Coleman (d. ca. 1865). Three sons
and two daughters.

Took her children to Eng. to be educated. 1880, returned
to south Australia, and settled at Fairfield, Mt. Barker.

Elder. Helped to conciliate and heal differences.

d. 23 Feb. 1926, Wittunga, Blackwood, South Australia,
in her 94th year.

The Friend (London), 66(1926):308, 356 (portrait).

COLEMAN, Nathaniel

Nathaniel Coleman lived at Sutton Benger in Wiltshire. He was one of the leaders of the Separatists in this county and occasionally travelled about 'making disturbance'. Arthur Ismeade, another Wiltshireman, and he were in Westmorland in 1678, where Coleman was 'verry large in his words and... Ayrie talke', Friends being 'under exercise because of the wrongness of his spirit & Antipithye of his mind' (Letter from Robert Barrow to Richard Snead, copy in Friends House). In 1675, Coleman wrote An Epistle to be read in the Assemblies of Gods People. 'The publication whereof was then stopt by some', he says in a Postscript written in 1682. (Official records of Quakerism in Wiltshire, deposited in Friends House). John Field replied to this in A Few Words to Nath. Coleman's Late Epistle, and in this tract he gives a 'true copy proved by the original of his own handwriting' of Coleman's 'paper of Condemnation' (262 c.). But his opinions soon changed again. Thereis a striking account of Coleman's opposition in John Banks, 1712, pp.83-87.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.446

WBE:

COLEMAN, Priscilla (Starbuck), ca. 1677-1762.

Of Nantucket, dau. Nathaniel Sr. and Mary Starbuck.

m., ca. 1695, Coleman (d. 1762). Children.

Married 67 years.

1701, convinced by John Richardson at a notable meeting.

She kept open house to receive strangers.

It is said that her husband bought two slaves in New-
port, and brought them to Nantucket. P. C. insisted that
the slaves be carried back to Newport.

Mostly confined to bed for two years.

d. 14 Mar. 1762, Sherburne, Nantucket, in her 86th year..

Comly, Friends Misc., 11:45.

COLES, Hannah (1718-1762) born Pettifer

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C/ Hannah Pettifer, daughter of Robert Pettifer (1), was born at Hook Norton in Oxfordshire and brought up carefully by religious parents. She married Samuel Coles, a miller of Buckingham, on 5.ix.~~Nov~~ 1742 (2). At the age of 30 she began to bear public testimony with 'life and power'.

During her last illness her 'weighty expressions' of faith impressed those who visited her. She was a loving wife and affectionate mother to her children as well as a good neighbour, but she felt very ready to die. She died 28 October 1762 aged 44 years, a minister for about 5 years, and was buried in the Friends Burial Ground at Whittlebury, Northants.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

C/ Testimony of C/ackmore M/ in TCMD vol.2 p.193-6

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Marriages digest
- 2 Berks & Oxon QM Marriages digest

SEE ALSO

- Journal Friends Hist. Soc., vol.21, p.65
Piety Promoted, vol.3, p.181
The Friend, 1860, p.206
Samuel Fothergill, Life and letters

COLES, Mary (1700?-1767) after 1738 Osborn

[Mary Coles of Cranfield in Bedfordshire, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced, was married in 1738 to Philip Osborn (fl 1738-post 1767 qv).]

See OSBORN, Mary (1700?-1767) born Coles]

COLES, Richard (1757-1810)

Richard Coles, son of Samuel and Hannah (born Pettifer, 1718-1762, qv) Coles, was born on 20 June 1757 (1). He became a clock and watch maker in Buckingham (2). He married in 1786 Sarah Pinkney (3): there were at least two children (4).

Richard Coles died at Buckingham on 9 September 1810, aged 53 years (5). His widow died on 28 November 1815, aged 67 years (6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Buckinghamshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given, nor the place of birth, which is probably Buckingham
- 2 Described as clock & watch maker in entry concerning his marriage (1786) and as clock maker in entry concerning his eldest son (1787). The burial entry (1810) describes him as clock and watch maker
- 3 The marriage was at Northampton on 23 January 1786: he is described as of Buckingham, Clock & Watch maker, son of Samuel and Hannah Coles of Buckingham; she is described as daughter of Richard and Hannah Pinkney of Northampton (Northamptonshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 The only entry in Buckinghamshire QM Births Digest is:
 Benjamin Pinkney born 16 February 1787
There was, however, at least one other child, Richard. Richard Coles, watchmaker, of Buckingham, who in 1818 married Sarah Snowden (Buckinghamshire QM Marriages Digest) is described as son of the late Richard and Sarah Coles
- 5 Buckinghamsh re QM Burials Digest
- 6 ibid

COLES, Richard (1792?-1853)

Richard Coles, son of Richard (1757-1810, qv) and Sarah (born Pinkney, d.1815) Coles of Buckingham, was born about 1792 (1). He was a watchmaker (2). He married in 1818 Sarah Snowden (3): there were three children (4).

Richard Coles died at Buckingham on 30 November 1853, aged 61 years (5). His wife had died there on 19 January 1848, aged 61 years (6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Not traced in Buckinghamshire ~~QH~~ Births Digest. His age at death was 61
- 2 So described in entries concerning his marriage (1818) and the births of his children (1819-1823)
- 3 The marriage was at Buckingham on 9 September 1818: he is described as of Buckingham, Watch Maker, son of Richard and Sarah Coles, late of Buckingham; she is described as daughter of William and Sarah Snowden, of Ackworth, in York (Buckinghamshire ~~QH~~ Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Buckinghamshire ~~QH~~ Births Digest as follows:-

Samuel	born 22 June 1819
Ann	born 28 Sept 1821
Richard	born 4 Feb 1823
- 5 Annual monitor 1855 p.23, from which the entry in Digest of Burial Notes has been copied
- 6 Annual monitor 1849 p.32, from which the entry in Digest of Burial Notes has been copied

COLES, Samuel (1713?-1792)

Samuel Coles, son of Richard Coles, was born about 1713 (1). He became a miller in Buckingham (2). In 1742 he married Hannah Pettifer (1718-1762, qv) (3): there were eight children (4).

Samuel Coles died at Buckingham on 17 April 1792, aged 79 years (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Birth not traced in Berks & Oxon QM or Buckinghamshire QM Births Digests. He was aged 79 at death
- 2 So described in entries relating to his marriage (1742) and death (1792): no description is given in the entries relating to the births of his children
- 3 The marriage was at Hook Norton on 5.ix.[Nov] 1742: he is described as of Town of Buckingham, miller, son of Richard Coles of Town of Buckingham; she is described as daughter of Robert Pettifer of Hook-norton, Oxon (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Buckinghamshire QM Births Digest as follows:

William	born 14.viii.[Oct] 1743, qv
Samuel	born 17.v.[July] 1745
Samuel	born 20.ii.[April] 1748
Mary	born 25.ii.[April] 1750
Hannah	born 31 Oct 1752
Joseph	born 20 Sept 1755
Richard	born 20 June 1757, qv
Ann	born 21 June 1759
- 5 Buckinghamshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as miller

COLES, William (1743-1815)

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William Coles, the son of Samuel and Hannah Coles of Buckingham, was born in 1743. When he was 22 he moved for a short time to Oxfordshire, but returned shortly to Buckingham where he lived for the rest of his life. A 'man of few talents' he was distinguished for his simplicity, meekness, humility, self-denial and universal charity.

He died in 1815 aged 72, having been a minister for 26 years.

Testimony of Bucks Q.M. in MS Test. vol.5 p.49

COLESWORTHY, Mary (1741-1805) aftw. Were

Mary Colesworthay, the daughter of George
Colesworthy and his wife Sarah (nee)
was married in 1771 to Nicholas Were.

see WERE, Mary (1741-1805) born Colesworthy]

COLLARD, Mary (1688/9-1744) after 1714 Hoskins, born Stamper

Stamper
[Mary ~~Solomon~~, daughter of Francis (1656?-1698, qv)
and Mary (1653?-1723) Stamper, was married in 1710
to William Collard (1684-1713) and in 1714 to James
Hoskins (1688-1742).]

see HOSKINS, Mary (1688/9-1744) formerly Collard,
born Stamper]

WBE:

COLLENS, John, -1682.

Somersetshire, Eng.

Published: A lamentation taken up for the churches of
the anabaptists, &c., ca. 1658.

A word in season to all in authority, &c.,
1660.

Also other messages.

A touch-stone . . . , 1660.

d. 5 XII, 1682, Long Sutton.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:440.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7614.

COLLEY, Jane (1742?-1819) born

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Jane Colley was the wife of Thomas Colley, and joined Friends in 1768. She did not exercise her gifts in the ministry much beyond her own Quarterly Meeting.

She was an invalid for about twenty four years before her death, principally confined to her room.

She died on 23 November 1819 aged about 77

Testimony of Balby Monthly Meeting 10 March 1820, in
M.S.Testimonies, Vol.5 p.120

COLLEY, Mary (1810-1870) after 1842 Neild

[Mary Colley, daughter of Benjamin (1770-1838 qv) and Mary (born Oates, 1770-1844) Colley of Sheffield, was married in 1842 to Ralph Neils (1813-1883 qv) of Grappenhall, Cheshire and, later, Charlbury, Oxon.

see NEILD, Mary (1810-1870) born Colley]

COLLEY, Thomas (1742-1812)

Thomas Colley was brought up in the Anglican church, but joined Friends in 1768. X His wife Jane also became a Friend. He was a cutler of Sheffield. He visited the West Indies with Philip Madin in 1779. James Jenkins says that Colley was a provokingly slow speaker.

Testimony

J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 3, 10, 13, 15, 16, 21, 23

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.8

x cf Testimony

see also next page

COLLEY, Thomas (1742-1812)

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Thomas Colley, born in 1742 at Smeaton near Pontefract, Yorks, was brought up in the Church of England. As an apprentice at Sheffield he was 'inclined to military pursuits'.

He married in 1764, in 1766 he became a member of the Society, and in 1768 he was acknowledged a minister. He subsequently made many visits to other meetings in all parts of Great Britain. He 'frequently appeared both in testimony and supplication with enlargement, clearness, power and love.'

He died at Sheffield in June 1812, at the age of 70.

Testimony of Balby M.M. in MS Test. vol.5 p.10

see the previous page

WBE:

Additional information:

COLLEY, Thomas, 1742-1812.

Drummer boy in Eng. militia.

1753, apprenticed at Sheffield.

Joined Methodists.

Wife Jane became a minister (d. 1819).

Attended meetings of Friends; circumstances at that time low, as to this world. 1766 or 1768, admitted to membership. 1768, first spoke as a minister. 1779, with Philip Madin, visited Barbadoes. 1785 or 1786, was again visiting in Am., where he travelled extensively. Held meeting in hall of Va. legislature. It was attended by members of the legislature, and the occasion proved to be a refreshing one. Labours in Eng. included London.

Author: A tender salutation in Gospel love . . .,
London, 1793. 3 editions.

An apology for silent waiting upon God, &c.,
1804. 12 editions. An excellent work.

"I do not see one religious duty or service undone."

d. 12 June 1812, Sheffield? Eng., in his 70th year.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 15:14.

Jos. Smith's Cat., pp. 441-42.

An. Mon., 2:15.

Piety Promoted, 11th part, p. 40, or Am. ed., p. 29.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7616.

The Friend (Phila.), 26:209, 44:105.

Friends Biography v.3 BX7720793v.3

COLLIER, Anna (-1759) born Debell

Anna Debell, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced(1), lived at Looe in Cornwall(2).

Some time prior to 1759 she was married to John Collier (1729-1793 qv) and there was one child, who died in infancy(3).

Anna Collier died on 9 April 1759(4), a week after the birth of her son.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her birth is not traced in Cornwall QM Births Digest; her age at death is not given
- 2 Joseph Foster, The Descendants of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall,
- 3 For marriage and issue see COLLIER, John (1729-1793)
- 4 Devonshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of John

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-53

COLLIER, Charlotte (1805-1890) after 1836 James

[Charlotte Collier, daughter of William Collier (1771-1856 qv)
and his wife Mary (born Hingston, 1769-1851 qv) of Plymouth,
was married in 1836 to Edward James (1801-1870 qv).]

See JAMES, Charlotte (1805-1890) born Collier]

COLLIER, Doris Margaret (1901 - 1977) after 1928 Woods.

Doris Margaret Collier married Percy William
Edward Woods in 1928.

SEE

WOODS, Doris Margaret (1901 - 1977) b. Collier

SGJ Sept. 1978

COLLIER, Dorothy (1696/7-1759) born Fox

Dorothy Fox, the daughter of Francis Fox (-) and his wife Tabitha (born) of Germans in Cornwall, was born there on 23.i.[March]1696/7(1).

She was married to Joseph Collier (1692-1764 qv) and there were fifteen children(2).

Dorothy Collier died on 25 March 1759(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see COLLIER, Joseph (1692-1764)
- 3 Devonshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Joseph

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

COLLIER, Howard Ebenezer (1890-1953)

Howard E. Collier was born 21 December 1890.

In 1919 he began general medical practice in Redditch, and from 1922 to 1934, as a Medical Officer of Health, he was untiring in his efforts to prevent disease, do away with slums, help the unemployed, and he set up a social centre, a bowling green and an allotment scheme.

He joined the Society of Friends in 1932 at Barnt Green Meeting, and in 1935 started the Meeting in Redditch.

In 1934 he became a Reader in the Department of Industrial Hygiene and Medicine at Birmingham University, and also a Factory Medical Officer. After the outbreak of war he bought a practice in Worcester where he rendered much valuable service to the Meeting. When impaired health necessitated his giving up general practice, he turned to reading, meditation, writing articles and a wide correspondence. He made many anonymous contributions to the Magazine of the Guild of Health, and through the Seekers Association and other groups he sought to stimulate and guide an active intellectual research into the basis of religion taking a stand on trust in the Inner Light.

'His power lay more in what he was than in the advice he gave. Because of his strong sense of spiritual unity with all men he was often able to transfer to others a vivid sense of his own love of God, thereby bringing to them wholeness of body, mind and spirit.'

He died after a long and painful illness 23 January 1953.

Testimony of Worcester & Shropshire MM in YM Proc. 1953, p.220

WBE:

Additional information:

COLLIER, Howard E., 1890-1953.

b. Reading, Eng.

Univ. College, Reading. Edinburgh Univ., M. B. and Ch. B.

General practitioner at Redditch, Worcester.

m. Margaret. Three children.

Served in army as doctor, in First World War.

Author: Swarthmore lecture 1936: Towards a new manner of living . . .

Health and the Quaker way of life, London, 1945.

Experiment with life, London, 1953.

d. Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, aged 62.

The Friend (London), 94(1936):457 (portrait), 458; 111(1953): 90, 99, 156, 1136-37.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., Gen'l. Card Cat., S0-SZ.

WBE:

COLLIER, John, -1728.

Minister, Salem, N. J., meeting. His gift small, but well received.

d. , bur. 3 May 1728, Salem, N. J.

John Smith's ms., 1:474.

COLLIER, John (1729-1793)

John Collier, the son of Joseph Collier (1692-1764 qv) and his wife Dorothy (born Fox, 1696/7-1759 qv) of the West Division of Devonshire Monthly Meeting, was born on 30.iii.[May] 1729(1).

a | He was married firstly to Anna Debelle (1735-1759 qv) of Looe in Cornwall(2) and there was one child, who died in infancy(3). He married secondly in 1760 Martha Pedley (1732/3 or 1733/4-1780 qv) of Swansea(4) and there were eight children(5)*

John Collier died on 6 February 1793, at the age of sixty three(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Devonshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 Joseph Foster, Pedigree of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall, London 1872, p 16. The marriage is not traced in Cornwall QM or Devonshire QM Marriages Digests
- 3 Listed in Devonshire QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-
Robert Deeble b 2 April 1759 d 31 Dec 1763
- 4 The wedding was at Plymouth on 13 November 1760: he is described as the son of Joseph and Dorothy of Plymouth; she is described as the daughter of William and Mary of Swansea in Glamorgan (Devonshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Devonshire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and in Joseph Foster, op cit p 18 as follows:-

Joseph	b 14 Dec 1762	d 23 July 1765
Silvanus	b 1 Dec 1764	d 21 Sept 1765
Mary	b 14 Aug 1766	died sp
John	b 18 April 1769	m 1816 Emma Porrett
William qv	b 7 March 1771	m 1798 Mary Hingston (1769-1851qv)
Susannah	b 20 June 1773	died sp
Jenny	b 26 July 1775	died sp
Joseph	b 10 Sept 1777	d 19 Dec 1778, aged 1½
- *Joseph Foster, op cit p 18 erroneously gives Robert as the eldest child of John Collier's second marriage, but he was clearly born to Anna Collier shortly before her death
- 6 Devonshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as the son of Joseph and Dorothy

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45
He is described in the burial entry for his second wife
Martha as a cooper

COLLIER, Joseph (1692-1764)

Joseph Collier, the second son of Thomas Collier (-) and his wife Amy (born) of Gryndle in Colyton Rawleigh in Devonshire(1) was born there on 9.v.[July] 1692(2).

Some time prior to 1718 he was married to Dorothy Fox (1696/7-1759 qv)(3) and there were fifteen children(4).

Joseph Collier died on 2 September 1764(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Joseph Foster, Pedigree of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall, London 1872, p 16
 - 2 Devonshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
 - 3 The marriage is not traced in Cornwall QM, Devonshire QM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests
 - 4 Listed in Devonshire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and in Joseph Foster, op cit p 16 as follows:-
- | | | |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---|
| Hannah* | b 17 x [Dec] 1718 | m William Freeman |
| Elizabeth | b 1 xi 1720 [i.e.
Jan 1720/1] | d 3.i.1721/2 |
| Sarah | b 1 iv [June] 1722 | m Benjamin Cookworthy |
| Mary | b 3 vii [Sept] 1724 | d 14 xii 1724 [i.e. Feb 1724/5] |
| Joseph | b 4 ix [Nov] 1725 | m Mary Elworthy |
| Jenny | b 5 ix [Nov] 1726 | died sp 1804, aged 78 |
| Benjamin | b 22 iii [May] 1728 | m Katharine Reynolds |
| John qv | b 30 iii [May] 1729 | m (1) Anna Debell
(2) 1760 Martha P ^o dley
(1732/3 or 1733/4-1780 qv) /a |
| Amy | b 15 vi [Aug] 1730 | m 1763 Joseph Pike |
| Thomas | b 27 ii [April] 1732 | d 12 Nov 1762, aged about 30
drowned at sea |
| Jonathan | b 25 xii 1733 [i.e.
Feb 1733/4] | d 29 i [March] 1734 |
| Elizabeth | b 1 ix [Nov] 1735 | died sp |
| Ann | b 22 x [Dec] 1736 | d 3 xii 1736 [i.e. Feb 1736/7] |
| Rachel qv | b 27 x [Dec] 1737 | m 1763 John Hingston
(1735/6 or 1736/7-1816 qv) |
| Frederick | b 4 i 1740 [i.e.
March 1740/1] | d 12 Nov 1762, aged about 21
drowned at sea |

*Joseph Foster, op cit p 16, gives her as Harriet

5 Devonshire QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

COLLIER, Martha (1732/3 or 1733/4-1780) born Padley

Martha Padley, the daughter of William Padley (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Shack Thames in the parish of St John in London, was born there on 3.1.1733 [i.e. possibly March 1732/3 but probably March 1733/4] (1).

She became in 1760 the second wife of John Collier (1729-1793 qv) and there were eight children(2)*

Martha Collier of Plymouth died on 21 February 1780, at the age of forty five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see COLLIER, John (1729-1793)
Joseph Foster, Pedigree of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall, London 1872, p 18 gives her nine children, but the eldest son Robert, who was born in 1759, was the son of John Collier by his first marriage to Anna Debelle (1735-1759 qv)
- 3 Devonshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of John, a cooper

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

COLLIER, Mary (1746/7 or 1747/8-1824) after 1779 Awmack

[Mary Collier, daughter of Josiah Collier (-)
and his wife Alice (born
of Guiseley in Yorkshire, was married in 1779 to Joseph
Awmack (1741-1816 qv) of York.

See AWMACK, Mary (1746/7 or 1747/8-1824) born Collier]

COLLIER, Mary (1769-1851) born Hingston

Mary Hingston, the daughter of James Hingston (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Falmouth in Cornwall, was born there on 4 September 1769(1).

She was married in 1798 to William Collier (1771-1856 qv), a merchant of Plymouth and there were four children(2).

Mary Collier of Plymouth died on 28 December 1851, at the age of eighty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see COLLIER, William (1771-1856)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of William

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1853, p 69: 2 line entry for death

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

COLLIER, Rachel (1737-1824) after 1763 Hingston

[Rachel Collier, daughter of Joseph Collier (1692-1764 qv)
and his wife Dorothy (born Fox, 1696/7-1759 qv) of Devonshire,
was married in 1763 to John Hingston (1735/6 or 1736/7-1816 qv).]

See HINGSTON, Rachel (1737-1824) born Collier]

WBE:

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COLLIER, Rebecca, fl. 1696.

) Minister. 1696, was present with Rachel Bracken as companion and spoke at Friends Meeting in London, when John Locke, accompanied by king William III (incognito), attended. John Locke was at this time convinced of the rightness of women's preaching. See his letter to R. C. in the Annual Monitor.

The Friend (Phila.), 4:397.

An. Mon. 16:132.

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COLLIER, Robert (1650-1736)

Robert Collier was born at Brigg in Lincolnshire on 10.vi.(August)1650. He became convinced of the Truth in the eighth year of his age and soon appeared in the ministry, where he was "approved of amongst Friends for his Innocent and Exemplary deportment . . . He travelled in the Ministry to visit the Churches, twice into Ireland and once into Scotland to his own comfort and friends Satisfaction, and frequently visited many Meetings in the adjacent Counties, being a person, in effect, totally weaned from the inordinate cares of this World, that he might more Effectually serve his great Master."

He lived at Brigg for most of his life, following the trade of linen draper. He married(1) and had two daughters, Hannah and Sarah,(2) who both came forth in public testimony to the Truth. His wife and his daughter Sarah predeceased him and he went in his last years to live with his daughter Hannah, who had married Thomas Crook of Pontefract.

He died aged eighty five on 12.vii.(September)1736(3) in Pontefract and was buried in Friends' burying ground there.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Pontefract MM 14.ii.(April)1737 in TCMO vol.1 pp.103-9

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 There is no record of his marriage in Lincolnshire ~~MM~~ Marriages Digest
- 2 There is no record of the birth of his daughters in Lincolnshire ~~MM~~ Births Digest, but there is the record of the birth of a son to Robert and Elizabeth of Glumford Briggs as follows:-
Jonathan b 16.xii.1675 (i.e. February 1675/6)
- 3 Yorkshire ~~MM~~ Burials Digest: he died on 12.vii.(September)1736; no description of him is given. His age at death is given in the Testimony as eighty five, but he was in fact eighty six.

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COLLIER, Sarah (1786-1857) after 1824 Robinson

[Sarah Collier, daughter of Jeremiah Collier (-)
and his wife Sarah (born)
of London, was married in 1824 to Isaac Robinson (1791-1875 qv).]

See ROBINSON, Sarah (1786-1857) born Collier]

WBE:

COLLIER, Sarah.

Desired a meeting with the Mennonites, but was refused. However Talken Corsten, living at Mackow (or Mackomm) in Friezland, gave her liberty to have a meeting in his own home. After meeting Sarah prayed for T. C.'s wife, who had been ill of a disease for ca. 12 years. His wife recovered presently and kept well.

Moore, Travelling with Thomas Story, p. 159.

Walton, Incidents illus. the doct. and hist. of the Soc.
of Friends, p. 275.

COLLIER, William (1771-1856)

William Collier, the son of John and Martha Collier of Plymouth in Devonshire, was born there on 7 March 1771(1). He was married in 1798 to Mary Hingston(2) and there were four children(3).

He was a man of a retiring disposition, yet gifted with more than the usual measure of natural and spiritual endowments, with a powerful intellect and a sweetness of temper scarcely to be surpassed. He had an unwavering faith in the great truths of Christianity, which he found to be his support through life's trials and its solace at the end. He played an active part in the "Beacon" controversy, which came to a head in the latter half of the 1830s and helped Joseph Trefry write Strictures on a late Publication entitled 'A Remonstrance to the Society of Friends,' a forty page pamphlet written in 1836 and issued anonymously(4).

He possessed a great capacity for enjoying life and his mental faculties remained unimpaired, although he became feeble in body as age advanced. He died at Plymouth on 16 July 1856(5), at the age of eighty five.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1857 pp 33-34

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Devonshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Falmouth on 21 March 1798: he is described as a merchant of Plymouth, Devonshire, the son of John and Martha Collier; she is described as the daughter of James and Mary Hingston (Cornwall QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Devonshire QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Mary Hingston	b 21 Oct 1801	no marriage recorded to 1875
Martha	b 16 Aug 1803	no marriage recorded to 1875
Charlotte	b 22 June 1805	who m 1836 Edward James
Susanna Bevan	b 13 March 1811	no marriage recorded to 1875
- 4 J Friends Hist Soc vol 19 (1922) p 40
- 5 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 3, p 85

British Friend vol 14 (1856) p 218 with abridged obituary from a Plymouth paper

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Jos Smith's Catalogue, vol 1 p 443

WBE:

COLLIER, William, 1770-1856.

f. iii (May)

b. 1770, Plymouth, Eng.

A man of retired habits, but highly gifted intellectually and spiritually.

Published: Quakerism, 1837 (during the Beaconite controversy).

Somewhat feeble in body.

d. 16 July 1856, Woodside, Plymouth, Eng., aged 86.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 15(1857):33.

The British Friend, 8th Mo., 1856.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:443.

COLLINGS, John (1837-1906)

John Collings was born in London in 1837 and brought up in the tenets of the Anglican Church, of which both his parents were members. From the age of seventeen, when he began teaching in Sunday School, he devoted himself to working for that church.

Both at Bardfield in Essex, where he lived as a young man, and at Halstead, where he settled after his marriage in 1860, he came into contact with the Society of Friends. With Friends' help he set up the Halstead Ragged School.

In 1872 he returned to London and ultimately became a member of Devonshire House MM. He devoted himself to Mission and Bible Class work and the cause of temperance in Clerkenwell.

In business he was a merchant tailor and he took every opportunity of speaking to customers personally about their higher interests, his unmistakable sincerity making his message acceptable. He became a special friend and adviser to young men in London, but older people also sought him out. He seemed to know his world 'all round and all over' and to be a part of all that he had met.

In 1892, after wintering at Stewkley, he settled in Leighton Buzzard, took a full share in the vocal and other work of the meeting, where he was much valued. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to other religious bodies.

His ministry was characterized by much freshness and power and bore the mark of deep spirituality. But the general effect after an interval was often more telling than the impression of the moment and so he was recorded a minister by his London MM some little time after his removal to the country.

Owing to ill-health, he spent the winter of 1905/6 at Torquay where he died most peacefully on 25 April 1906.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Luton & Leighton MM in YM Proc. 1907 p.197