

WBE:

SMITH, Orley, c.1885-1928

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b. c.1885

ed.

m. Lena Cleaver (2 sons)

1908 became a pastor among Friends and served
several churches. Engaged in evangelistic work.

d. Sept. 19, 1928 after an auto accident at
Carmel, Ind.

Am. Friend 16(N.S.)(1928):712 (portrait)

SMITH, Priscilla (1823-1902) after 1846 Impey

[Priscilla Smith, daughter of Thomas Smith (1796-1863 qv)
and his wife Priscilla (born Hartage,
of Wickham Bishop in Essex, was married in 1846 to
Bedford Impey (1827-1902 qv) of Peeney in Essex.

SMITH, Peggy (1896 ? - 1976)

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~~SEE~~ IMPEY, Priscilla (1823-1902) born Smith]

SMITH, Margaret Beryl (1896 ? - 1976) known as Peggy Smith.

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SMITH, Priscilla [Alexander] (1848-1926) born Alexander

Priscilla Alexander was born on 17 August 1848, at Limerick. She was the fourth child of Samuel and Isabella (1821-1901, born Fisher, qv) Alexander.

In 1881 she married James Albright Smith (1), and removed to Croydon. There were three children (2).

Her life was full of numberless acts of kindness, her sympathies were warm and far-ranging. Her keen Irish wit and spontaneous humour made her a delightful companion.

Her vocal ministry was to the point.

She died on 31 August 1926.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Kingston monthly Meeting in YM Proc. 1927 p. 203

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 The wedding was at Peckham on 20 April 1881: he is described as bachelor, watchmaker, of Church Street, Groydon, son of Henry Smith, deceased; she is described as spinster, of Blenheim Grove, Peckham, daughter of Sameul Alexander, accountant (Digest of Marriage Registers)

2 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows:-

Lucy Isabel born 9 Feb 1883

Mary Priscilla born 14 May 1884

Joseph Albright born 1 Feb 1887

SMITH, Quartus

(1898 - 1971)

SEE

SMITH, Joseph [Quartus] (1898 - 1971)

SGJ 1977

SMITH, Rachel Jane

[Arthur] (1889 - 1981) b. Gibbins

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Rachel Gibbins was born in Birmingham on July 22, 1899 the daughter of Richard Cadbury (1846 - 1928 qv.) and Caroline (b.Lloyd 1854 - 1920 qv.) Gibbins of Edgbaston.(1) She was educated at The Mount, and at Edgbaston High School and then travelled widely before taking a course in the care of pre-school children. From then onward most of her interests were in education and in children. She and her mother helped to found nursery schools in Deritend and in Selly Oak and she remained connected with them for a long time. She also served on Friends Education Council (2) and on the Ackworth School Committee. During the 1914-18 war she took a course in mid-wifery at the Birmingham Maternity Hospital which she put to practical use in district nursing in both wars. She was later to be a member of the governing body and then chairman of that hospital and of the Women's Hospital.

In 1920 she married a Unitarian, Leslie Arthur Smith (1878 - 1956) (3) and she happily worshipped with him at the Unitarian church and at Bull Street Meeting House. Their family was the centre of their life, their elder son Godfrey was killed in action in 1944 and her husband died in 1956 but she continued her work supported by her children Mary and Timothy. She suffered a stroke in 1971 which left her blind but although she had to curtail her activities she continued to take a full interest in life around her. She was a regular attender at meeting almost to last, she was much loved and valued both for herself and for her wise ministry.

She died at Bryony House, Birmingham on June 20, 1981 aged 92.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 139 (1981) p. 870

Death notice for date of death p. 820.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Birth Digest. Her father is described as an engineer.

2. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.

Agenda Committee 1948 - 1955
Committee on Clerks 1950 - 1955, 1957 - 59, 1960 - 61.
Education Council 1938 - 1970

3. Marriage Digest.

The marriage took place at the F.M.H. Bull St. Birmingham on April 27, 1920. He is described as N/M, solicitor.

Children as listed in R S Benson, The descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson, 1949 ed, pp 318, 1123:-

Geoffrey Arthur	b 8 Feb 1922	killed in action 2 Nov 1944
Mary Caroline	b 10 Oct 1923	m 1948 Edward Paul Cadbury (1921-)
John Timothy Arthur	b 29 Aug 1926	SGJ.NOV.'81

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SMITH, Rebecca (1714?-1768)

Rebecca Smith, daughter of George and Elizabeth Smith of Nailsworth (1), was called to the ministry at about the age of 29 and "readily submitted to that proving engagement" with cheerful willingness. She was a diligent attender of Meetings, and "there was something secretly instructive in that weighty, retired manner in which she usually sat in them". She was always careful to obey the guidance of the spirit in exercising her gift so that her testimony was preserved "pure and edifying", and her life was in accordance with her ministry in humility and kindness and perseverance.

She died on 28 November 1768, aged about 54 years, a minister for about 25 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Gloucester MM in TCMD, vol.2, p.333.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. There is no record of her birth in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest, although her parents are named in the Burials Digest, and her sister's birth is registered for 1712.

SEE ALSO

Newscutting 1760: An account of Rebecca Smith, (S/580)

(Friends House vol.

WBE:

SMITH, Reginald A.

WBE gives information about this living
British Friend which we are not including.

WBE:

SMITH, Richard

Bramham, Yorks., England, son of

m., 1653 Ann Yeates. children.

A practitioner of surgery and physic.

Convinced and joined with Friends. In 1662
he was a prisoner for Truth and again was impris-
oned in 1665.

Josn Smith's Ms. 3:302

Besse, 2: 97, 100, 103, 134, 149, 155, 159, 174.

WEE:

SMITH, Richard, f1.1654-56

Lived on Long Island, N.Y. Paid a visit to England.

1654 while in England was convinced by William Dewsbury and returned to America. He was the first American Friend.

1656 went with visiting Friends to Boston. They were banished and left by sea. Later on in the same year he was banished from Southampton, L.I., N.Y. and also fine £ 5.

Jones et al, Qu. in the Am. Colonies, 36,39,219

Information given WEE by Sidney Lucas

WBE:

SMITH, Richard, 1674-1750

b. 25 XI 1674 at Branham. Yorks, Eng., son of
Richard and Anne (Yeates) Smith.

Brought up by his father in the practice of
physic.

• Removed to America and settled at Burlington, N.J.
Was much employed in public business.

An Elder.

M.

Cool and even in his temper.

d. 21 XI 1750 at Burlington, N.J. in his
77th year.

The Friend (Phila.), 31(1858):124

John Smith's Ms., 3:305

WBE:

SMITH, Richard, Jr., 1699-1751

b. July 5, 1699, at Burlington, N.J., son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Lovett) Smith, both active members of Friends.

m. 1720 Abigail Raper and lived in Burlington. They had 4 sons and 5 daughters.

Richard Smith was a merchant trader to the West Indies and very successful. He had his own shipyard in Burlington. He built a town house for his family and also had a country seat called "Green Hill", outside Burlington.

He was very active in state business and was a member of the Governor's Council for over 20 years.

He was an Elder of Friends Meeting, also.

d. Nov. 9, 1751 and was buried at Burlington, N.J., aged about 52 years.

The Friend (Phila), 33(1860):357

Jordan, Col. Fam. of Phila., 35,36

WBE:

SMITH, Richard, 1735-1803

b. March 22, 1735, at Burlington, N.J., son
of Abigail (Raper) and Richard Smith (Jr.)

ed. studied law in Philadelphia under Joseph
Galloway and practiced in Phila. and New Jersey.
He was a man of literary interests also.

m. c.1760, Elizabeth Rodman. 5 sons.
They lived at "Branham Hall" near Burlington and
also had extensive holdings in New York State
near Otsego.

R.S. served as Recorder of Burlington County,
Assemblyman in the provincial assembly and also
as Treasurer. He was elected to represent New Jersey
at the Continental Congress.

d. in 1803 at Natchez, Mississippi while on a
southern tour.

In 1906 Francis R. Halsey edited and saw to the
publishing of Smith's A tour of four great rivers: the
Hudson, the Mohawk, the Susquehanna and the Delaware in
1769...

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7615

Jordan, Col. Fam. of Phila., 36

Smith, The Burlington Smiths: A Family History, 119, 243

SMITH, Richard (1784-1824)
also WBE

Richard Smith joined Friends during a business visit to America in 1819.

He offered himself for service in Africa and was accepted in 1823, and shortly afterwards died in that Country at Birkow on the Gambia River.

Extracts from the Journal of Richard Smith were prepared by John Dymond Crosfield and printed in the Jnl. Friends Hist:Soc:13, 14.

Life of Hannah Kilham, 1837, pp.171,258,504

Annual Monitor 1825

Yorkshireman 1833, vol.1

Mary Howitt 1889, vol.1, p.88

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930, p.172

SMITH, Richard (1784-1856)

Richard Smith, son of Joseph and Mary Smith of Cononley Woodside, parish of Kildwick, Yorkshire, was born there on 18 December 1784 (1).

He came to London, where he became a solicitor (2).

He married in 1827 Grizzell Maria Edmunds (1799-1890, qv) (3): there were 8 children (4).

The family remained at Harpur Street until at least 1845, but later removed to Highbury Place (5).

Richard Smith died at Highbury Place on 17 November 1856, aged 71 years (6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as farmer
- 2 Described as solicitor in entries relating to his marriage and the births of his children (1827-45) and of his death
- 3 The wedding was at Chipping Wycombe FMH on 20 June 1827: he is described as of Harpur Street, Middlesex, solicitor, son of Joseph and Mary Smith, late of Close House, parish of Skipton, in York; she is described as daughter of Samuel and Grizzell Edmunds of Chipping Wycombe, Bucks (Buckinghamshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest and in Digest of Births as follows:-

Samuel Edmunds	b 25 Dec 1829
Joseph	b 6 Dec 1831
George	b 21 Dec 1833
Anna Maria	b 13 Oct 1835
William Binns	b 2 June 1837
Elizabeth, qv	b 20 Dec 1840
James Haseltine	b 28 Dec 1841
Sarah Jane, qv	b 23 Jan 1845
- 5 All the entries for births of children give the residence as Harpur Street
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as solicitor

SMITH, Richard Henry (1870-1953)

Richard H^r Smith was born 16 July 1870 in Sussex, and joined the Society of Friends in Brighton at the age of eighteen. Soon after he came to London and attended Bunhill Fields meeting, and later Holloway Meeting.

In 1893 he married Mildred Vigar. He undertook much mission work in the slums of East London, dressing as a tramp and mingling in its crowded life. In 1898 he gave up his work as an engraver to live at Staines, where the old Meeting House was reopened. Here^h/ established a Men's Adult School, Children's Meeting, Temperance Meeting, Women's Meeting and an attendance at the Meeting House which often exceeded the three hundred it could accommodate.

In 1903 Richard Smith became Secretary to the newly formed Extension Committee at Devonshire House, and attended there for three days each week, and returned to live in London, again attending Holloway Meeting. Later he accepted the Field-Secretaryship of the FFMA.

During the 1914-18 war Richard Smith was Chairman of the Belgian Relief Committee, and was also active in the work of the Peace Committee. He attended the historic trial at the Guildhall when it became the scene of a 'Quaker Meeting'.

In 1920 Richard Smith moved to Evesham where in addition to his work for Friends he became a Probation Officer, and also Assistant Secretary to the Hospital Committee. (In this connection he organised a Carnival Week which raised £5,000.)

In 1931 he moved to Hereford, and became President of the Free Church Council and a Vice-President of the local League of Nations Union. He later became Clerk of Western Quarterly Meeting, in addition to his work for the Home Service Committee.

'He was a man whose varied talents and unflagging energy were dedicated to the service of God both within and without the Society of Friends. He was indeed a 'Willing Quaker' and we thank God for his stalwart spirit and for the positive Christian witness of a life which constantly gave effect to his deepest aspiration: 'Here am I, Lord; send me.'

He died 10 February 1953

SMITH, Richard (1784-1824)

Richard Smith, the son of Matthew Smith, was born at Farley in the parish of Alton in Staffordshire on 6 November 1784.(1) His parents were members of the Church of England and his father occupied an important position as agent for the estates of many landowners in the district, as his family had done for several generations. As a boy Richard was of a mild and agreeable disposition, dutiful towards his parents and kind and affectionate to his associates. Little is known at present (1975) of his early life and education, but it is clear that he was of a studious turn of mind; in the Journal which he kept over a number of years he mentions reading the Bible in Hebrew and the study of Chaldee and in 1819, while he was in America, he acted as a schoolmaster on two occasions.

About the year 1816 he first began to attend Friends' meetings, where his serious demeanour and orderly conduct gained him approval; he was at this time a cotton manufacturer in Manchester and in 1817 was obliged to make a journey to America to retrieve a considerable portion of his effects from a man to whom he had entrusted them. His Journal makes it clear that the embezzlement was not his only reason for going to America and that he was already feeling a concern for the welfare of the Indian tribes. While in America, where he kept a store at Smithfield, Ohio, he was steadily drawing closer to Quakerism; on 17 March 1819 he applied to be received into membership of the Society and his request was granted on 19 July 1819.

The principal object of his life was the relief of distress of any kind and to this end he devoted himself without regard for personal fatigue or inconvenience. In 1820, having closed his store, he made a journey down the Ohio river with clothing and supplies for the relief of a colony of newly freed slaves and he carried out this task with a personal interest in every family in the colony. On the completion of this journey he also found an opportunity to visit Indian settlements about two hundred miles away, although his return was complicated by a serious illness.

On his return to England in December 1820 he settled at Endon, where he became a land agent and valuer, but he did not allow his business commitments to interfere with his philanthropic work and often worked far into the night to make up for time spent during the day in visiting the poor and sick and in attending religious meetings. He disliked levity and unbecoming conversation and bore the ridicule and disdain which his plainness in dress sometimes excited with patient meekness. Cruelty to animals in any form pained him and he forebore travelling by stage coach, or on horseback, if he could avoid it; in 1822 and 1823 he walked to London to attend Yearly Meeting. He was an active member of the Society, serving on various appointments and as representative at monthly and quarterly meetings and both in England and in America he helped Societies formed for the diffusion of knowledge of the Bible, or helped to establish such Societies where none existed.

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In 1823 he felt that his work in England was completed; his offer of service in Africa was accepted and he set out with John and Ann Thompson (1792-1871 qv) and Hannah Kilham (1774-1852 qv) to carry the message of Quakerism to the African continent. The venture was sponsored by a Committee of Friends which included Luke Howard (1772-1864 qv), William Allen (1770-1843 qv) and Peter Bedford (1780-1864 qv). The Friends landed opposite the town of Bathurst on the river Gambia on 7 December 1823 and after consultation concluded to settle at Bickow, a few miles from Bathurst. They established friendly relations with the governor of the district and also with the king of Combo, who lived about twenty three miles from Bickow and who, when Richard Smith explained his reasons for coming to Africa, observed that "it was very kind of Friends." The Friends established a thriving community at Bickow and the garden produce exceeded what some of the residents of Bathurst thought the country capable of producing, but on the departure of his companions on a visit to Sierra Leone the whole management of the establishment fell upon Richard Smith. In the intense tropical heat his insistence in helping with manual work proved too much for his strength and he died after a brief illness on 30 July 1824.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Stafford MM reprinted in Annual Monitor 1852 pp.103-112

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 J.Frds.Hist.Soc. XIII (1916) p.52

SEE ALSO:-

Life of Hannah Kilham 1837 pp.171, 258 & 504

Annual Monitor 1825

Yorkshireman 1833, vol.1

Mary Howitt 1839, vol.1 p.88

Journal 1817-1824 ~~case 31~~ (MS, Friends House Library)

J.Frds.Hist.Soc. XIII 49-58, 89-97, 129-141, XIV 15-25, 59-71, 108-121, 161-167. Mentioned in Supp.17 pp.171 & 172

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SMITH, Richard Morris, 1788-1826

b. June 12, 1788 at "Green Hill", Burlington County, N.J., son of John, Jr. and Gulielma Maria (Morris) Smith.

ed. Westtown School, 1799, 1803.

After returning to Burlington, N.J. he became serious and thoughtful and assumed the strictest plain garb. He was a very handsome man.

m., 1810, Sept. 20, at Burlington Meeting House, Susannah Collins. ~~2 sons; 2 daughters~~ died young

Both Richard M. and Susannah C. Smith were recorded ministers. It is said of R.M.S. that his ministry was persuasive, rather than doctrinal.

d. Feb. 11, 1826 at his home "West Hill", Burlington County, N.J., in his 48th year.

Hinshaw, Encyc., 2:184

Smith, The Burlington Smiths, 226

WBE:

SMITH, Richard Morris, 1827-1896

b. Aug. 22, 1827 at Phila., Pa., son of
Morris and Caroline (Smith) Smith.

ed. Haverford College, entered 1840, left
in 1844.

An architect and artist from 1847-67. Also
was interested in religion and in anti-slavery
matters.

m., Anna Kaighn. She was not a Friend and
he was disowned the next year by Phila. Monthly
Meeting (orthodox) for "marrying out".

1877, published privately a genealogical
work called The Burlington Smiths. Also, was author
of Future Religion of the World.

Was an associate member of the London Society
for Physical Research.

d. March 6, 1896 at "Stanley", his home near
Philadelphia, in his 69th year.

Hav. Coll., Mat. Cat., 35

Hinshaw, Encyc., 2: 767

SMITH, Robert

Robert Smith of Worcester became a Friend about 1655, and soon began to befriend travelling preachers. When Thomas Goodaire was refused permission by the mayor to go to an inn Robert Smith 'came & tooke him to his House, & gave him Entertainment & bid the people who were gathered aboute the door goe tell the mayor of it'! (FPT) In 1662 a sentence of premunire was passed on Smith, and he lay in prison for ten years (Brown, Evesham Friends, 1885, p.120, see also pp.74,83,87).

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.377

WBE:
Additional reference

SMITH, Robert.

Gough, History, 1:524

WBE:

SMITH, Robert Pearsall, 1827-1898

b. Feb. 1, 1827 at Phila., Pa., son of John Jay
and Rachel Collins (Pearsall) Smith.

ed. Haverford College, 1844-45.
a cartographer from 1845-1865
A glass manufacturer with Whitall Tatum Co., in
Millville, N.J.

m., Hannah Whitall, June 25, 1851. (See her biog.)
3 daughters, 2 sons.

Left the glass business to engage in active,
fundamentalist type revival meetings among Friends and
non-Friends, in association with his wife. Later,
he reacted against this kind of religious zeal.

Removed to England to live during the 1880's
and continued to work at writing religious tracts.
Holiness through Faith was one of these.

d. April 17, 1898 in London, England, in his
72d year.

Hav. Col., Mat. Cat., 35

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup.:311

Ristow, W.W. The map publishing career of Robert Pearsall
Smith. (An Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress,
V.26, no. 3 (July 1969) p. 170-196

SMITH, Samuel (1701?-1786)

Samuel Smith, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the son of Richard and Joan Smith of Sulhampstead in Berkshire and was born about the year 1701(1).

He became a wealman at Reading in Berkshire(2) and was married firstly in 1728 to Elizabeth Planner (-1750 qr) of Wokingham(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4). **SMITH, Rossiter** (1887? - 1969) in 1755/6 or 1756/7 (1686?-1766 qr) of Hurst in Berkshire(5), but this marriage was also apparently childless(6).

SEE Samuel Smith of Sulhampstead died on 20 November 1786, at the age of eighty two(7).

SMITH, H AND Rossiter (1887? - 1969)

- 1 Aged 85 at death: his birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon Q/H Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his first marriage entry, note 5
- 3 The wedding was at Reading on 26.iv.[June] 1728: he is described as a wealman of Reading in Berkshire, the son of Richard and Joan Smith of Sulhampstead in Berkshire; she is described as the daughter of Richard and Mary Planner of Wokingham in Wiltshire (Berks & Oxon Q/H Marriages Digest)
- 4 No children are traced in Berks & Oxon Q/H Births Digest
- 5 The wedding was at Reading on 14.i.1756 [i.e. probably March 1755/6 but possibly March 1756/7]: he is described as a wealman of Hurst in Berkshire, the son of Richard and Joan Smith of Sulhampstead in Berkshire; she is described as a spinster of Hurst, the daughter of Walter and Susannah Knight of Hurst in Berkshire (Berks & Oxon Q/H Marriages Digest)
- 6 No children are traced in Berks & Oxon Q/H Births Digest
- 7 Berks & Oxon Q/H Burials Digest: no description of him is given

S.E. There is no reference to him in J Friends Fist Bdg vols 1-53.

SCJ Sept.1978

Born December 13, 1720. Eldest son of Hon. Richard Smith of Burlington, N.J. The family were of a well known stock of Bramham, Yorkshire. Richard Smith served for twenty years in the West Jersey Assembly, and was a prosperous merchant and ship builder. Samuel Smith, his son, was with his father as a West India merchant, and for a time lived in Philadelphia, settling finally in Burlington, where his town house was on the High Street, and his fine old estate of 'Hickory Grove' has but recently passed out of the family. He married November 13, 1741, Jane, daughter of Joseph Kirkbride, of Bucks Co., Pa. They had four children.

Samuel Smith, an intimate friend of John Woolman, was benevolent and upright, exact in the discharge of his public duties and a man of excellent mind and education, and wide and accurate reading. His 'History of New Jersey', printed in 1765, remains today the standard authority for the earlier period. Not only a leader in meeting affairs, as a sincere Quaker, he filled some of the most important public offices, in the province of New Jersey. For many years he was a member and Secretary of the King's Council, and Treasurer of the Province &c. His brother Richard was a member of the first Continental Congress, and his brother John was also in the New Jersey Assembly. Samuel Smith died July 13, 1776.

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922, p.526

see also next sheet

SMITH, Samuel (1720-1776) ✓

Samuel Smith was the elder son of the Honourable Richard Smith of Burlington, New Jersey, for twenty years a member of the Assembly at West Jersey and a prosperous merchant and ship-builder. Samuel entered into partnership in Philadelphia with his father as a West India merchant. He wrote a History of New Jersey (1765). Samuel Smith was long a member and Secretary of the King's Council and provincial Treasurer in New Jersey.

Note in 'The Political & Economic Relations' by A.T. Gary, 1935, p. 463

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see also previous sheet

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Additional information

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SMITH, Samuel (II), 1720-1776

b. Dec. 13, 1720 at "Green Hill" near Burlington,
N.J., son of Richard and Abigail (Raper) Smith.

m., Nov. 1741, Jane Kirkbride. 2 sons,
2 daughters. Transferred their membership to Phila.
M.M. 1749-51, then brought it back again to Burlington
M.M. They had a home in Burlington called "Hick-
ory Grove", located on High St.,

S. S. was a noted historian and is best remem-
bered for his History of the colony of Nova Caesaria
and a posthumous publication on which he worked most
of his adult life called History of the religious
progress... Quakers in Penna. Another title was
History of the province of Pennsylvania...

S.S. was a friend of John Woolman and was
prominent in civic and religious duties. He was Sec-
retary of the Provincial Council and also at one time
Treasurer of the province.

d. July 13, 1776 at Burlington (?), N.J. in his
56th year.

The Friend (Phila.) 18, 19 and 20 contain excerpts which
later became the book on Qu. in Penna (see above)

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup., 312

Smith Recollections of John Jay Smith, 40
Gummere, ed., Hour of John Woolman, 526

SMITH, Samuel (1737-1817)

Samuel Smith of Philadelphia was in Europe in 1789-1791
and 1800-1801. His travels, printed in Comly's
Friends Miscellany vol. 9 (1837) are attractive reading.

J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 2,15,16,19

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930- p.24

WBE:

Additional information

SMITH, Samuel, 1737-1817

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b. June 2, 1737 in Bucks County, Pa., son of Robert and Phebe Smith. His father died when he was 8 years old.

m., Fall of 1763 at Middletown M. M., Mary Woolston.

His health being poor they lived in Phila. and were members of Phila. M.M. for the Northern District. He gave up the sale of ardent spirits in his business.

1770 first appeared in the ministry. In 1774 he travelled in New England. In 1789-91 he got a minute approving a visit in the ministry to Great Britain and Ireland where he spent two years. In 1795 and 1797 he again travelled in New England. A second visit to Great Britain took place 1800-1801 with Jervais Johnson and Richard Jordan.

d,, Sept. 1, 1817 at Phila.,Pa. in his 81st year.

Phila. Y.M., Memorials (1788-1819):152-57

Comly, Frds. Misc., 1X:97

Samuel (1790-1840)

Samuel Smith, the son of Thomas Smith (-) and his wife Hannah
of Witney in Oxfordshire, was
born there on 29 November 1790(1).

He became a cheesemonger at Witney(2) and was married in 1827 to Hannah
Tyler (1803-1867 qv) of North Newington in Oxfordshire(3); there were
seven children(4). Later on he became a bacon curer(5).
Samuel Smith of Witney died on 7 February 1840, at the age of forty nine(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father is described as a hat maker
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Chipping Norton on 12 October 1827: he is described
as a cheesemonger of Witney in Oxfordshire, the son of Thomas and Hannah
Smith of Reading in Berkshire; she is described as the daughter of
Joseph and Ann Tyler of North Newington, Oxfordshire
(Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest and the Digests of Births and
Marriages as follows:-

Lydia Ann	b 8 Jan 1829
Thomas Henry	b 22 May 1830
Henry	b 1 Nov 1831
Sarah	b 6 May 1833
Thackwell	b 16 Nov 1834
Ann Tyler	b 24 Nov 1836
Mary Elizabeth	b 4 Oct 1838

m 1861 Henry Crake Bunting NM

m 1860 Marianna Gillett

- With the exception of Lydia Ann and Thackwell, no marriages are traced
for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 5 He is so described in his burial entry, note 6
 - 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a bacon curer; his age at death
is given as 50

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

Smith, Samuel (1790-1840)

Samuel Smith, the son of Thomas and Hannah (1765-1817, born Thackwell, qv) Smith of Witney, was born there on 24 November 1790 (1).

He married in 1827 Hannah Tyler (2): there were seven children (3).

He died at Witney on 7 February 1840, aged 50 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father is described as hatmaker

2 The wedding was at Chipping Norton on 12 October 1827: he is described as of Witney, cheesemonger, son of Thomas and Hannah Smith of Reading; she is described as daughter of Joseph and Ann Tyler of North Newington (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest as follows:

Lydia Ann b 8 Jan 1829

Thomas Henry b 22 May 1830

Henry b 1 Nov 1831

Sarah b 6 May 1833

Thackwell, qv b 16 Nov 1834

Ann Tyler b 24 Nov 1836

Mary Elizabeth b 4 Oct 1838

4 Digest of Burial Notes: he is described as bacon-curer held from 1915-19 occupied in educational work and lecturing.

1918-1933, Headmaster, Friends Academy, Locust Valley, N.Y., New York. Was a delegate to American Friends Conference in Oskaloosa, Ia.

1933-34, Advancement Secretary, New York Meeting.

1934-38, Principal, Brooklyn Friends School.

1938-43, Principal, Friends Seminary, New York.

d./ Sept. 19, 1954 at his home in Wilton, N.H.,

in his 84th year.

Am. Friend, 21(1933):307 (portrait); 20(1932):461-4,480-822

Who's who in Am. Educ., II(1929-30):615

SMITH, Sarah (1759-1833) after 1783 Fox

[Sarah Smith, daughter of Thomas Smith (1725 - 1792 qv)
and his wife Elizabeth (born Underwood, 1735-1778 qv)
of London, was married in 1783 to Thomas Fox (1747/8-1821 qv).]

See FOX, Sarah (1759-1833) born Smith]

SMITH, Sarah (1767-1845) born Robinson

Sarah Robinson, the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Robinson of Birmingham, was born there on 13 January 1767(1). She had from a child a great interest in learning and spent much of her leisure reading, so that she acquired a wide knowledge of literature. She had also a capacity for lively and original thought, which made her conversation in her maturity of a very interesting and instructive kind. From her youth she firmly believed in the principles of the Society and faithfully adhered to them, although she was frequently brought into contact with members of other religious denominations.

In 1799 she married Samuel Smith of Sheffield(2), but the marriage was childless(3). In her new sphere she was deeply concerned for the right use of the talents and means of usefulness she possessed and was particularly active on behalf of the poor. In co-operation with her friend Hannah Kilham (1774-1832 qv) and other Friends she was instrumental in establishing and carrying on several associations for the moral and religious improvement of the poorer classes and considered the education of their children of great importance. Several of the public schools in Sheffield were indebted to her in a considerable measure for their origin and support. She was an elder and regularly attended the meeting of which she was a member, where her services, particularly in connection with the discipline, were much valued by her friends. Her house and heart were ever open to those labouring in the work of the ministry and she spared no effort to comfort and assist them.

Her husband died in 1821. They were a devoted couple and she felt his loss keenly, but she did not allow her private grief to interfere with what she felt to be her public duty. During the last twenty years of her life her health was often poor, but she carried on the unostentatious usefulness which had marked her life and never lost her lively interest in anything relating to the Society.

She died at Garwood, near Sheffield, on 21 March 1845(4), aged seventy eight.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1846 pp 66-74

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 10 (1913) pp 51-53: Letter to Rebecca Shorthouse
pp 54-55: Letter from J. Montgomery
pp 55-56: Letter from Edward Pease
pp 56-58: Letters from J.J. Gurney and
Elisabeth Fry

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 16 (1919) p 121

continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Birmingham on 3 April 1799: he is described as an iron master of Sheffield, the son of Stephen and Dorothy Smith; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Robinson of Birmingham (Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 No children are recorded in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Samuel

SMITH, Sarah (1776-1859) after 1797 Betts

(Sarah Smith, daughter of William and Ann Smith of Aldgate in Middlesex, was married in 1797 to Benjamin Betts.

See BETTS, Sarah (1776-1859) born Smith)

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SMITH, Sarah (1797-1890) after 1835 Hicks

(Sarah Smith, daughter of Joseph Smith (1765-1851 qv)
and his wife Sarah (born Burgess, 1771-1848 qv) of
Stebbing and Great Bardfield in Essex, was married in
1835 to Charles Hicks (1797-1886 qv).

See HICKS, Sarah (1797-1890) born Smith)

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WBE:

SMITH, Sarah, afterwards Hicks, 1797-1890

see HICKS, Sarah, nee Smith

SMITH, Sarah (1809-1876) after 1852 Ingle, after 1863 Jackson

(Sarah Smith, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Smith of Sheffield,
was married in 1852 to Joshua Ingle (1782-1862 qv). After
his death she was married in 1863 to William Jackson (1788- qv)

See JACKSON, Sarah (1809-1876) formerly Ingle, born Smith)

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• SMITH, Sarah (1838-1904)

Sarah Smith was born at Pattiswick Hall, Essex, on 3 June 1838, the daughter of Joseph (1813-1904) and Mary Smith (1). She was a recorded minister of Thaxted Monthly Meeting. She survived her father only seventeen days.

'Her influence was always for good and entire unselfishness was a marked feature in her character, and to help others was her great delight'.

Sarah Smith died at Great Saling on 27 December 1904, aged 66 years (2).

Testimony of Thaxted MM in YM Proc. 1905, p.230

References and notes

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes
- 2 Digest of Burial Notes.

SMITH, Sarah (1771-1846) born Burgess

Sarah Smith was the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Burgess of Grooby Lodge, Leicestershire, and was born May 12 1771. In 1791 she married Joseph Smith. She first appeared as a minister in July 1812, and was acknowledged a minister in 1818. In 1840 she had a severe illness, which subsequently, prevented her from attending many meetings. She died in ? August 1846 aged about 75, a minister 34 years. She was buried at Bardfield.

Minute of Thaxted M.M. in Testimonies 1847, p.23

WBE:
Additional reference

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SMITH, Sarah, nee Burgess, 1771-1846

An. Mon. (N.S.), 5(1847):88

SMITH, Sarah Ann (1827-1901) after 1851 Leicester

[Sarah Ann Smith, daughter of Francis Smith (1798-1828 qv)
and his wife Ann (born Binns, 1801-1834 qv) of Rawden in
Yorkshire, was married in 1851 to James Leicester
(1816-1894 qv).]

See LEICESTER, Sarah Ann (1827-1901) born Smith]

WBE:

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SMITH, Sarah J., nee Willan, 1814-1885

b. Oct. 31, 1814 at Dewsbury, England, daughter
of James and Elizabeth Willan, of non-Friend
parents.

ed. Friends School.

Convinced and joined Friends.

m., 1836 James Smith of Sheffield, Eng. Made ~~the~~ their
home in Sheffield until 1846. children.

1845 emigrated to United States and settled in
Wayne County, Ohio, on a farm. Later moved to Indiana.

A minister, she was very interested in prisoners
and is called the American Elizabeth Fry. She estab-
lished a home for "friendless women" and was head of
a Reformatory for women and girls for 11 years.

During the Civil War she worked as a nurse. She
was a person of remarkable courage and power.

d. Dec. 17, 1885 at Dublin, Ind., aged 71 years.

Coffin, Rhoda M., Her reminiscences, addresses..., 255

Am. Friend, 6(1900):31 (portrait on front page)

SMITH, Sarah Warner (1851-1920) after 1877 Marriage

[Sarah Warner Smith, daughter of Henry Smith (-)

Henry Smith's wife was born 1851 and married in 1877 to
Sarah Jane Smith (1845-1925) of Bromfield in Essex.

SMITH, Sarah Jane (1845-1925) [born 1845]

Sarah Jane Smith, the daughter of Richard and Grisell Maria Smith of London was born on 23 January 1845. She was a life long member of Holloway Meeting and served both as Elder and Overseer. She is remembered for her hospitality to missionaries returning from the mission field for rest and refreshment. Her interest in young people found expression in many ways, such as Society for befriending Young Servants and helping the the provision of Hostels and Homes. She was a visitor at the Great Northern Hospital and served on the Women Friends' Box Committee.

She died on 25 November 1925.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Westminster & Longford MM in YM Proc. 1926 p.214

SMITH, Selfe (1781-1871) born Pease

daughter of Edward Pease and his wife Selfe, born
197 (qv), of Darlington, was born there on 16 September
14 she married Henry Frederick Smith (pre-1785-1862 qv)
ight children(2). Henry Frederick Smith took over the
Ends School in 1817, but in 1827 he is believed to have
leaving his wife in charge of the school until it closed

wood, Shirley, Southampton on 2 April 1871(4), aged

OTBS

ths Digest: her father is described as a woolcomber
of marriage and children see SMITH, Henry Frederick
(pre-1785-1862 qv)

t Soc vol 26 (1929) pp 29-31

ths: she is described as the widow of Henry Frederick

Smith, Selfe
More info under Smith, Henry Frederick
He died in Oswestry in 1862

dental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 24 (1927)
3,28

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SMITH, Sidney Douglas

(1905 ? - 1981)

Douglas Smith was born in about the year 1905.(1) We have no knowledge of his early life, he was warden of a children's home near Liverpool during the years of the second world war and many of the children became so attached to him that they kept in touch with him for the rest of his life. He moved from Wakefield to Wigglesworth,(Lanc.) in the mid-fifties involving himself in the life of the locality with young and old and becoming a member of Settle R.D.C. until its dissolution in 1974. He was a frequent writer to northern newspapers and was deeply concerned with conservation, food reform, animal welfare and the peace testimony. He set up a roadside plant stall from which he raised some £250 a year for the Save the Children Fund. In 1979 he received a considerable legacy and this led him to realise all his assets and to give the proceeds (about £35,000) to relief projects in Tanzania and to other charities. His action was motivated by a desire to repay some of the debt which he felt the British people owed to the exploited people of their former empire. He left a press statement explaining his action to be opened after his death.(2) Following this he went to serve as warden of Settle Meeting House living on his state pension. He had attended the meeting for some twenty years and joined the Society of Friends not long before his death.

He died on October 12, 1981 aged 76.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 139 (1981) pp 1428, 1442.
Death notice for age and second name p. 1364.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 76 at death.
2. This statement is contained in The Friend cited above p. 1442

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SMITH, Stephen (1623-1678)

Stephen Smith was of Pirbright and Worplesdon. In early life he was in the employ of the Chartered Levant Co. at Alexandretta; in 1650 he was their 'Marine Factor' with an office in London. He was convinced in 1665 at the house of his brother, John Smith (Whitehead, Christian Progress, 1725, pp.291, 319, 320). He suffered for his religious principles. He married Susanna Purse (1623?-1693). In 1675, Smith wrote 'some account of the Turks behaviours unto the Christians and Jews,' based on personal Knowledge, in Wholesome Advice and Information, 1676; in which tract he records that it was 'a Cause of Laughter unto them [the Turks] to see the Christians... Scraping with the Leg, and Daughing the Hat and Foolish Gestures' (p.6). Another tract is entitled A Trumpet Sounded in the Ears of Persecutors; with Lowing of Oxen and Cows; Bleating of Sheep; Neighing of Horses; Ratling of Pots, Kettles, Skillets, Dishes and Pans. Taken from an Innocent People for confessing Christ Jesus etc., 1670.

Works, 1679

Piety Promoted

Whiting, Memoirs, 1715

DNB

Southall, Prichards of Almeley, 1901

art. by Josiah Newman, F.R. Hist. S. in Friends Quarterly Examiner, 1907

Biog. Memoirs, v. 147, and other MSS in Friends House

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

WBE:
Additional references

SMITH, Stephen, 1623-1678

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:599

John Smith's Ms., 3:290

Besse, I: 431

Jour. of Geo. Fox, (Bi-cent. ed.), 2:318

Rowntree, Early Qu. in Guildford, 2,3

WBE:

SMITH, Susan Josephine

WBE gives information about this American
Friend which we are not including because she is
still living.

SMITH, Susanna (-1701/2) after 1694 Pim, born Cope

[Susanna Cope, daughter of Robert and Mary Cope, was married firstly to James Smith. She married secondly in 1694 Tobias Pim (1666/7-1747/8 qv).

See PIM, Susanna (-1701/2) formerly Smith, born Cope]

SMITH, Susanna (1686?-1766) born Knight

Susanna Knight, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the daughter of Walter and Susannah Knight of Hurst in Berkshire and was born about the year 1686(1).

She became in 1735/6 or 1736/7 the second wife of Samuel Smith (1701?-1786 qv), a mealman of Hurst, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

Susanna Smith of Hurst died on 24 April 1766, at the age of eighty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 80 at death: her birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage see SMITH, Samuel (1701?-1786)
- 3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Samuel

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

SMITH, Susanna (1801-1854) after 1830 Marriage

[Susanna Smith, daughter of Joseph Smith (1765-1851 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Burgess, 1771-1846 qv) of Great Bardfield in Essex, was married in 1830 to Henry Marriage (1807-1872 qv) of Broomfield in Essex.

See MARRIAGE, Susanna (1801-1854) born Smith]

SMITH, Susannah Deane (1771?-1855) after 1829 Thurlow

[Susannah Deane Smith, daughter of Richard and Mary Smith
of Cirencester in Gloucestershire, was married in 1829
to John Thurlow (1768-1839 qv)]

See THURLOW, Susannah Deane (1771?-1855) born Smith]

SMITH, Tertius (1868-1969)

see SMITH, Joseph [Tertius] (1868-1969)

SMITH, Thackwell (1834-1905)

Thackwell Smith, son of Samuel and Hannah Smith, was born at Withey in 1834. His father died leaving five children and after schooling at the Friends School, Croydon, he returned to help his mother in her shop. Later he went to a shop in Charlbury, where in 1858 he succeeded to the business. In 1861 he married Marianna Gillett of Brailes and they had eleven children, nine of whom survived (1).

He was a member of the School Board, a governor of the Grammar School, and Poor Law Guardian. He died at Oxford on 24 January 1905. 'His was not an eventful life, but every day was fruitful in kind deeds'.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1906 p.133

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows:-

Thackwell Gillett	born 29 September 1862
Hannah Eliza	born 18 November 1863
Annie Caroline	born 9 February 1865
Marian	born 10 April 1866
Theodore	born 1 January 1868
George Scuse	born 14 August 1869
Kate	born 25 December 1870
Herbert	born 8 August 1872
Frank Scuse	born 8 June 1874
Sophia	born 30 May 1875
Arthur John	born 1 May 1877

SMITH, Thomas (1670-1749)

Thomas Smith was born at Groundhill-house, Oldborough, on 27.vi.[August] 1670, of believing Parents, and received the gift of the Ministry about the year 1727.

'He was compassionately Tender, and frequently concerned to call to the backward and backsliding Ones to repent, shewing them the Necessity of Regeneration, and the absolute Need of Holiness, without which, none shall see God to their Comfort'. 'To those in Distress very humane; one of the best of Neighbours; and in all Things seem'd to do as he would have others do to him'.

He died at Owstwick 2.ii.[April] 1749 aged seventy eight years, and as buried in Friends Burying Ground at Owstwick.

Principal source

Testimony of Owstwick MM in TCMD vol.1 p.296, printed in A Collection of Testimonies 1760, p.216

WBE:
Additional reference

SMITH, Thomas, 1670-1749)

John Smith's Ms. 3:294

SMITH, Thomas (1725-1792)

Thomas Smith, the son of Thomas Smith (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Southwark, was born there on 13.vii.[September] 1725(1).

He was at first a citizen and wheelwright of London(2) and was married

SMITH, Thomas (1721-1799) citizen of a citizen of 1725

Thomas Smith, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Smith of Thaxted in Essex, was born there on 27.iv.(June)1721.(1) His early history is not at present (1975) traced, but in 1741 he settled as a farmer at Great Bardfield Hall in Essex, where he remained until his death. In 1762 he married Susannah Start(2) and there were eight children;(3) in his marriage entry his father's name is given as Joseph.

He died at Great Bardfield on 23 November 1799(4), aged seventy eight.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Halsted on 9 September 1762: he is described as of Bardfield, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Smith of Waltham in Essex; she is described as the daughter of John and Elizabeth Start of Halsted in Essex (Essex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Essex QM Births Digest as follows:-

Thomas	b 21 August 1763	d 2 June 1769
Joseph <i>qv</i>	b 24 February 1765	
Susanna	b 21 July 1766	
Elizabeth	b 2 September 1767	
John	b 29 April 1769	d 27 Dec 1769
Abigail	b 21 April 1774	
Ann	b 17 October 1775	
Mary	b 21 July 1776	
- 4 Essex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a farmer; his age at death is given as 74, but if the birth entry is correct he was 78

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

- 1 The wedding was at Halsted on 9 March 1762: he is described as a husband of Elizabeth Start, the son of Joseph and Mary Smith, late of Southwark. She is described as of Waltham in Middlesex, the daughter of John and Ann Start, late of London (London & Middlesex Marriages Digest)
- 2 No children are listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest, but the same might be the case at Halsted
- 3 No children are listed in Essex QM Births Digest, no information of date is given

SMITH, Thomas (1725?-1799)

Thomas Smith, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Smith of Waltham in Essex, was born about the year 1725(1).

His early history is not at present (1979) traced, but in 1741 he settled as a farmer at Great Bardfield Hall in Essex, where he remained until his death. He was married in 1762 to Susannah Start of Halsted in Essex(2) and there were eight children(3).

Thomas Smith of Great Bardfield died on 23 November 1799, at the age of seventy four(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 74 at death. His birth is not traced in Essex QM Births Digest
- 2 The wedding was at Halsted on 9 September 1762: he is described as of Bardfield, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Smith of Waltham in Essex; she is described as the daughter of John and Elizabeth Start of Halsted in Essex (Essex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Essex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Thomas	b 21 Aug 1763	d 2 June 1769
Joseph qv	b 24 Feb 1765	m 1792 Sarah Burgess (1771-1846 qv)
*Susanna	b 21 July 1766	
Elizabeth qv	b 2 Sept 1767	m 1801 John Burgess (1761- 1814 qv)
John	b 29 April 1769	d 27 Dec 1769
*Abigail	b 21 April 1774	
*Ann	b 17 Oct 1775	
*Mary	b 21 July 1776	
- 4 *No marriages are traced in Essex QM Marriages Digest to 1837
- Essex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a farmer

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45
He should not be confused with Thomas Smith, born 27.iv.(June)
1721, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Smith of Thaxted

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WBE:

SMITH, Thomas, c.1792-1856

b. b. c.1792 probably in Phila., Pa.,
possibly the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Clifford)
Smith. He was one of 11 children.

A member of Northern District M.M.

In business as a lumber merchant and prospered.

Never married, but had many nieces and nephews,
sisters and brothers.

Within 30 days of his death he made a will
bequeathing property in the value of \$60,000 to
Westtown School. His relatives contested the will
because of the date and the Supreme Court nullified
it.

d. April 30, 1856 in Phila., Pa. aged about
64 years.

The Friend (Phila.), 29(1856):296

Hinshaw, Encyc., 2:654

Thomas Smith's Will (Hav. Col. BX 7758 S687 Z8)

SMITH, Thomas Woodruffe (1747?-1811) born Woodruffe

Thomas Woodruffe, the son of Robert and Ann Woodruffe of Leadenhall Street, London, was born about the year 1747(1).

SMITH, Thomas (1796-1863)

Thomas Smith, the son of Joseph and Sarah Smith of Stebbing in Essex, was born there on 2 July 1796(1).

He became a farmer at Wickham Bishops in Essex(2) and was married in 1821 to Priscilla Marriage of Springfield in Essex(3); there were five children(4).

Priscilla Smith of Wickham Bishops died in 1863 at the age of sixty seven(5) and Thomas Smith of Wickham Bishops died on 18 November 1863, at the age of sixty seven(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given

2 He is so described in his burial entry, note 6

3 The wedding was at Chelmsford on 5 September 1821: he is described as of Wickham Bishops in the county of Essex, the son of Joseph and Sarah Smith of Great Bardfield in Essex; she is described as the daughter of John and Mary Marriage of Springfield in Essex (Essex QM Marriages Digest)

4 Listed in Essex QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Joseph John	b 16 July 1822	m 1849 Hannah Barritt
Mary	b 19 Sept 1826	m 1847 Frederick John Bell
*Thomas	b 9 April 1830	
Elizabeth	b 8 Dec 1833	m 1861 William Rickman Jeffrey

*Sarah Jane b 8 May 1837

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

5 Digest of Deaths: she died 4 March 1863

6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a farmer

SEE ALSO:-

1 Annual Monitor 1865, p 155: 2 line entry for death

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

SMITH, William (-1672)

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William Smith of Besthorpe, Co. Nottingham, was convinced in 1658. 'The son of a yeoman he was a man of good estate and education, had served in the office of cheif constable, and was a pastor among the Independents. His was the most important conversion that had occurred in the county' (Cropper, Sufferings of Quakers in Notts. 1649-1689, 1892, p.xiii). He was a prolific writer. A collection of his works, named Balm from Gilead, at the end of which are several lively Testimonies by the widow, Elizabeth Smith, and others, appeared in 1675. In the burial register he is described as 'of Nottingham, formerly of Besthorpe, A Minister'. He was buried in his garden at Besthorpe.

John Gratton, 1720, pp.51,52
DNB

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.406

WBE:
Additional references

SMITH, William

b. Sileby (?) in Leicestershire.

Joseph Smith's Cat., 2:612

WBE:
Additional information

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Smith, William, -1672/3

b. at Besthorpe, Notts, Eng.

ed. a good one.

Chief constable of his community and pastpr among
independents.

c.1658 convinced and joined Friends. Became a
husbandman.

1660 first imprisoned in Worcester jail.

1663 spent 21 weeks in Nottingham jail and
suffered loss of goods worth £ 42 taken for a fine
of £ 7 demanded.

A prolific writer of tracts and essays (see
9 pages in Jos. Smith's Cat.) Among these was an
epistle in opposition to Rice Jones' company called
the "Proud Quakers".

d. 9 XI 1672/3 and was buried at Besthorpe.

John Smith's Ms., 3:292

Braathwaite, Begin. of Qu., 46,393

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:601

Piety pro., 2d part, 218

Besse, 1:332

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth, BX 7614

WBE:

SMITH, William, c.1622-1701

b. c.1622, Elsham, Lincolnshire, son of

Convinced and joined Friends. Was an Elder
in the Truth and a preacher of righteousness.

d. 17 XII 1701 at Elsham, aged 79 years.

Piety Pro. (1706):25

Besse, 1:354 (possibly this is the same W.S.)

SMITH, William (1756-1832)

William Smith, the second son of Francis and Ruth Smith of Baxter-gate, Doncaster, was born there on 4 August 1756(1). He was educated at Joseph Tatham's school at Leeds and the account of £8.0.0 for the first half of 1768 included a new hat and a penny a week for pocket money. Shortly after his sixteenth birthday he was indentured to his father in the trade of mercer and grocer, the apprenticeship to start from his fifteenth birthday. He was married in 1789 to Martha Ecroyd (1763-1832 qv), the daughter of Henry Ecroyd (1726-1784 qv) of Edgend(2) and there were four children(3).

He and his wife, who was a minister, lived at Doncaster and their house was a great resort for Friends of all classes. It was not until he was nearly sixty that he felt himself called to appear in the ministry, but during his life he was "a liberal and active supporter of all public institutions calculated to promote the interests of mankind . . . As a proof of the esteem in which he was held, by those not of our Society, we may repeat what was declared of him in a report of a local institution, printed a short time after his decease, viz. 'To lessen human suffering in whatever form it might be presented, was the object of his unwearied solicitude.'" (Testimony)

He died at Doncaster on 1 August 1832, shortly before his seventy sixth birthday(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Henry Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley, 1878, p 72
Testimony of Balby MM in TCMD vol 6, p 36

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Marsden on 20 August 1789: he is described as a grocer of Doncaster in Yorkshire, the son of Francis (deceased) and Ruth Smith; she is described as the daughter of Henry, a worsted manufacturer, and Mary Ecroyd, both deceased (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests:-

Francis	b 29 May 1790	who d 4 Jan 1795
Mary	b 2 Dec 1791	who m 1821 Timothy Harrison
Henry qv	b 17 Sept 1793	who m 1819 Maria Robson (1800-1862 qv)
- 4 Edward b 21 June 1796 who d 8 Sept 1817
- 5 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:- Reference in J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 22

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SMITH, William (1836-1907)

William Smith was born in Northamptonshire in 1836, eldest of a family of eight. Samuel Smith, his father, was an Anglican who emigrated to South Australia with his family in 1849, and died soon afterwards, so that William's early years were devoted to the care of his mother and brothers and sisters.

In 1868 William began to attend Friends Meeting in Adelaide, and was accepted into membership in 1869. He became an overseer and a minister, and was unfailing in attendance at meetings.

He died on 12 February 1907.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1908 p.151

SMITH, William Henry (1853-1921)

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William Henry Smith was born 21 July 1853.

In about 1873 he moved to Reading where he remained for the rest of his life. He took an active interest in the Society at Particular, Monthly and Quarterly Meeting level, holding for long periods the offices of MM Clerk, QM Clerk and elder; his sound judgement and experience were greatly valued. His leadership in the meetings for worship was outstanding, his personal concern for the spiritual welfare of the Society was deep and real and his kindly encouragement was a frequent source of help to those taking part in the vocal ministry. His ministry was extremely weighty and his prayers had a powerful, uniting influence.

In 1874 William Henry Smith was one of the initiators of the Adult School at Church Street and remained its president until the time of his death. As president of the district council of adult schools he was always ready to help the new schools in Reading and in the villages around.

His business life mirrored his religion and his uprightness and judgement made him a frequent arbitrator in trade disputes. He was a Justice of the Peace.

He died 27 February 1921.

Testimony of Reading MM in YM Proc. 1921, p.283

WBE:

SMITH, William James, -1931

b. Liverpool (?), England, son of

ed. Penkeith; later Ackworth, graduated about
1895.

Joined his father in business as a tailor.

Served as Clerk of Lancashire and Cheshire
Quarterly Meeting. Recorded a minister about 1910.

m. l son

m. (2d)

Was a member of Meeting for Sufferings. He
visited Friends in South Africa in 1912 and again
in 1918 during the war.

Removed to live at Yealand Conyers until about
1929 when he made his home with his son near Birken-
head. He "lived dangerously" never sparing himself.

d. April 16, 1931 at Birkenhead, aged about 55
years.

The Friend (London), 71(1931):455 (portrait)

Ackworth School, Ackworth Old Scolars Assn, Report (1896), 39

SMITH, William James (1855-1931)

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add: born 26 viii 1855 son of Paul & Martha Smith

ref: Digest of Births in Frds Hse Lib., Lond.

WBE:
(prepared by BLC)

SMITH, William M., 1872-1964

b. Feb. 28, 1872 near McKean, Erie County, Pa.,
son of Henry Clay and Marietie(Stantclif) Smith. His
mother died two years later and his father moved to
Ohio where he soon remarried.

1876, W.M.S. had a conversion experience on
his new home farmstead in Ohio.

c.1890 attended Cleveland Bible Institute and
was asked to stay on and teach there.

m. (1st) Ida Ardelia Miller (d.1920) 3 sons,
3 daughters. W.M.S joined Friends Church in 1896
and served as pastor to several Friends Churches in
Ohio and Indiana.

1911 founded the Union Bible Seminary in West-
field, Indiana and was its Superintendent till his death.

1913 established monthly paper called The
Friends Minister, whose name was changed to The Gospel
Minister in 1921 to signify its broader outreach.

W.B.S. continued as Editor of this paper also until
his death.

m. (2d), June 13, 1922, Annie Worth of Greens-
boro, N.C.

Author of Bible Doctrines; The Quaker Doctrine
Tree as trimmed in essential Truths. Other items, also.

d. April 2, 1964 at Westfield, Ind., aged 92 years.

SMITHSON, Agnes (1793-1891) born Robinson

Agnes Robinson, the daughter of George Robinson (-) and his wife Elizabeth (born) of Plumbgarth in the parish of Kirkby Kendal in Westmorland, was born there on 17 November 1793(1).

SMITH, family

[Derbyshire]

For a list of entries under the name Smith in the register digests of Derbyshire QM - births to 1691, marriages to 1686, burials to 1704/5 - and of Warwickshire QM - births to 1682, marriages to 1681, burials to 1700 -

see TYPED REGISTER EXTRACTS

see also LIBRARY CORRESPONDENCE FILES: Dana L. Farnsworth

Birmingham to [unclear] of Massachusetts, 1970
only afterword
Meeting of Friends, Worcester, Mass., quarterly at [unclear]
made an extensive visit to Ireland. After the death of her
husband she moved to Rochester, and in 1970 she married
William Martin.

'Her ministry was sound and edifying, exercised under a
sense of solemn responsibility, manifesting a deep and spiritual
agreement with half a century later concerning the
resting forth the great truths of our fallen condition
the Redemption that is in Christ Jesus, and of the principles
of the holy spirit.'

Caroline R. Smith died at Rochester 6 August 1870.

Dictionary of National Biography, 1885, p. 220

SMITHSON, Agnes (1829-1914)

Agnes Smithson, the daughter of James Smithson (1786-1848 qv) and his wife Agnes (born Robinson, 1793-1891 qv) of Cams Gill in the parish of Burton in Kendal in Westmorland, was born there on 3 September 1829(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1841 to 1843(2).

In 1848, after the death of her father, she moved with her family to Halifax in Yorkshire. In 1867 her brother Joseph (1833-1908 qv) was left a widower with four children, the youngest being only a few days old, and from this time onward Agnes, with her sister Elizabeth, undertook the care of the family with devotion and affection. Later she devoted twenty five years of her life to the care of her sister and her aging mother and shortly after they died her brother Joseph became an invalid, needing the same constant care.

In her earlier life she had taken a great interest in temperance work, but her home duties prevented her from pursuing this and from taking an active part in the affairs of the Society of Friends, to which she was deeply attached. Her life was devoted to service for others, with inexhaustible patience and constant cheerfulness.

Agnes Smithson of Savile Green, Halifax, died on 28 June 1914, at the age of eighty four(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 33 (1914) p 114
Annual Monitor 1915, p 170

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 142, entry 6414: from Lancaster
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the daughter of the late James and Agnes. For newscuttings on her will see LSP vol QQ/176, vol VV/53

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

SMITHSON, Agnes (1829-1914)

Agnes Smithson was born at Camsgill, near Kendal, on 3 September 1829, the daughter of James and Agnes Smithson. In 1848, after the death of her father, the family moved to Halifax. In 1867 her brother was left a widower with a family of four young children and, helped by her sister, she became a mother to the orphaned family. Later she devoted many years to nursing her mother and sister, and finally her brother. In her early life she was a keen worker for temperance causes, but her home duties prevented her from playing any part in public life or in the work of the Society to which she was deeply attached.

She died on 28 June 1914 in her 85th year (1)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1915 p.170

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 For newscuttings on her will see Friends House vol. QQ/176, vol VV/53

SMITHSON, Charles Holmes (1866-1944)

Charles Holmes Smithson, the son of Joseph Smithson (1833-1908 qv) and his wife Mary Ann (born Holmes, 1832-1867 qv) of Halifax, was born there on 21 March 1866(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1879 to 1881(2) and went on to Oliver's Mount School, Scarborough. After leaving school he entered his father's business of worsted manufacturing, of which he later became chairman.

He was married in 1894 to Edith Hutchinson (1867-1933 qv) of Gunby in Yorkshire(3), whom he had first met while at school at Ackworth and there was one child(4).

Throughout his life he had a strong sense of civic duty. As a young man he tried with others to help the youth of his native town; he was one of the founders of the Recreation Evening Schools and helped to promote the boys' camp at Filey and the gymnasium. He also supported the Workers' Educational Association and the Surgical Aid Society.

In early life he became a supporter of the Liberal party and strongly advocated the taxation of land values. He was for a time president of the Yorkshire and Northern Counties Land Values League and was a member of several organisations which helped to further this cause. In later years other aspects of politics interested him and he became active in the Commonwealth Party; he was chairman of the Halifax branch.

From 1910 to 1914 he was a member of the Halifax Town Council and was a keen supporter of the Oxford University Extension movement, of which he was at first secretary and later president of the local committee.

Charles Holmes Smithson of Calder House, Sear Bottom, Halifax, died suddenly on 7 June 1944, at the age of seventy eight(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 63 (1944) p 50

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a worsted manufacturer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 1, entry 9461: from Halifax
- 3 The wedding was at Bubwith on 26 April 1894: he is described as a bachelor, a worsted manufacturer of Lightcliff, Halifax, the son of Joseph Smithson, a worsted manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of Gunby Howden, the daughter of William Hutchinson, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-
Michael Satterthwaite b 20 Jan 1898 d 23 April 1944, aged 46
No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1941
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a worsted manufacturer

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

SMITHSON, Edith (1867-1933) born Hutchinson

Edith Hutchinson, the daughter of William Hutchinson (1828-1911 qv) and his wife Lucy (born Burtt, 1833-1896 qv) of Gunby near Howden in Yorkshire, was born there on 5 December 1867(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1880 to 1883(2).

She was married in 1894 to Charles Holmes Smithson (1866-1944 qv), a worsted manufacturer of Halifax whom she had met while at school at Ackworth and there was one child(3).

Although she was brought up in the country she very soon adapted herself to town life and became associated with various philanthropic causes. She was interested in temperance work and the adult school movement and became a pioneer in the movement for child welfare. Her chief interest, however, lay in assisting her husband in his political career; she often addressed meetings and was an active member of the Women's Liberal Association.

For a few years after the first world war she and her husband lived on the outskirts of London, where she became deeply interested in the development of Women's Institutes and in the League of Nations Union. Her chief recreation all her life was in gardening.

Returning to Halifax, her later years were marked by declining health and strength, but she was spared the ordeal of a long illness, which she had always dreaded. A fortnight before her death she attended the Ackworth Easter gathering.

Edith Smithson of Halifax died after a brief illness on 25 April 1933, at the age of sixty five(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 52 (1933) p 89

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 4, entry 9596: from Gunby
- 3 For marriage and issue see SMITHSON, Charles Holmes (1866-1944)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Charles Holmes

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

SMITHSON, Elizabeth (1746/7-1791) born Goad

Elizabeth Goad, the daughter of Joseph Goad (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Firth hall in Lancashire, was born on 10.i.1746 [i.e. March 1746/7](1).

She was married in 1780 to Joshua Smithson (1752-1829 qv), a husbandman and later a maltster of Preston Patrick in Westmorland and there were four children(2).

Elizabeth Smithson of Hallbeck, Killington in Westmorland, died on 24 September 1791, at the age of forty four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her place of birth and her father's occupation are not given
- 2 For marriage and children see SMITHSON, Joshua (1752-1829)
- 3 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Joshua

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

Elizabeth Nash, the daughter of Ishmael Nash (-) and his wife Elizabeth (born) of Manchester, was born there on 5 May 1820(1).

She was married in 1855 to Joshua Smithson (1818-1906 qv), a tea dealer of Halifax in Yorkshire, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

Elizabeth Smithson of Lightcliffe near Halifax died on 10 December 1888, at the age of sixty eight(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a warehouseman
- 2 For marriage see SMITHSON, Joshua (1818-1906)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Joshua

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1890, p 172: 3 line entry for death, the wife of Joshua Smithson

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

SMITHSON, Emma (1829?-1905) born Spencer

Emma Spencer of Sturton cum Bransby in Lincolnshire, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the daughter of Thomas Spencer, a yeoman, and was born about the year 1829(1).

She was married in 1855 to Thomas Smithson (1827-1901 qv), a cotton spinner and manufacturer of Facit near Rochdale in Lancashire and there were seven or eight children(2).

Emma Smithson of Facit died on 20 September 1905, at the age of seventy six(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 76 at death: her birth is not traced in Lincolnshire QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see SMITHSON, Thomas (1827-1901)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Thomas Smithson

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

SMITHSON, Isabel (1726-1809) born Walker

Isabel Walker, the daughter of Miles Walker (-) and his wife Anne (born) of Middleton in Westmorland, was born there in the year 1726(1).

She was married in 1751 to John Smithson (1720?-1794 qv) and there were three children(2).

Isabel Smithson of Kakermill in Westmorland died on 21 February 1809, at the age of eighty three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: the precise date of her birth and her father's occupation are not given; her name is given as Isabell
- 2 For marriage and children see SMITHSON, John (1720?-1794)
- 3 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of John

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

SMITHSON, James (1786-1848)

James Smithson, the son of Joshua Smithson (1752-1829 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Goad, 1747-1791 qv) of Hallbeck in the parish of Kirkby Lonsdale in Westmorland, was born there on 23 June 1786(1).

He became a farmer at Kaker Mill in the parish of Kendal in Westmorland(2) and was married in 1817 to Agnes Robinson (1793-1891 qv) of Murley Moss(3); there were seven children(4).

James Smithson of Lancaster died on 15 June 1848, at the age of sixty three(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father is described as a husbandman
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Preston Patrick on 14 May 1817: he is described as a farmer of Kaker Mill in the parish of Burton in Kendal, Westmorland; she is described as the daughter of George and Elizabeth Robinson of Murley Moss (Westmorland QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Westmorland QM Births Digest and in the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Joshua qv	b 7 Feb 1818	m 1855 Elizabeth Nash (1820-1888 qv)
*Elizabeth	b 22 Dec 1819	m 1860 Mary Ann Snowden
George	b 8 April 1822	m 1859 Sarah Ann Morris
John	b 10 July 1824	m 1855 Emma Spencer (1829?-1905 qv)
Thomas qv	b 4 Jan 1827	d unmarried 28 June 1914, aged 84
Agnes qv	b 3 Sept 1829	m 1860 Mary Ann Holmes (1832-1867 qv)
Joseph qv	b 7 May 1833	

*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1890

- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a farmer

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1849, p 79: 1 line entry for death

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

SMITHSON, James (1856-1929)

James Smithson, the son of Thomas Smithson (1827-1901 qv) and his wife Emma (born Spencer, 1829?-1905 qv) of Facit near Rochdale in Lancashire, was born there on 21 December 1856(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1867 to 1871(2), at Stramongate in Westmorland and at Grove House Tottenham from 1872(3). He was a keen student and quickly made his mark at each of the schools to which he was sent. After leaving school he went to Germany, studying at Heidelberg University and later at Hamburg.

On his return to England he joined his father in business as a cotton manufacturer at Facit and Manchester and for a long time had little opportunity for the intellectual life which was more congenial to him. But he found time to work hard in the cause of temperance and was a staunch Liberal and free trader and a strong advocate for peace.

From 1906 onwards he lived at Handford in Cheshire and took a keen interest in the affairs of Cheshire Monthly Meeting. He had a deep sense of loyalty to principles in which he believed, whether religious, political or social and this was combined with a strong sense of humour, which endeared him to the Lancashire people among whom he lived.

James Smithson of The Elms, Handford, died on 14 December 1929, at the age of seventy two(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 49 (1930) p 83

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 189, entry 8489: from Rochdale
- 3 List of Scholars of Grove House School, Friends House Library
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired grey cloth merchant

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

SMITHSON, John (1720?-1794)

John Smithson, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1984) traced, was born about the year 1720(1).

He was married in 1751 to Isabel Walker (1726-1809 qv)(2) and there were three children(3).

John Smithson of Kekare Mill in the parish of Burton in Westmorland died on 12 July 1794, at the age of seventy four(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 74 at death: his birth is not traced in Westmorland QM Births Digest
- 2 The wedding was at Brigflats on 3.iii.[May] 1751: he is described as of Bending; no description of her is given (Westmorland QM Marriages Digest)
Her name is given as Isabel and Isabell
- 3 Listed in Westmorland QM Births Digest as follows:-

Joshua qv	b 20 March 1752	m 1780 Elizabeth Goad (1747-1791 qv)
*John	b 21 March 1758	
*Miles	b 10 Jah 1761	
- 4 *No marriages traced in Westmorland QM Marriages Digest
- 4 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: he is described as a husbandman

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

SMITHSON, Joseph (1833-1908)

Joseph Smithson, the son of James and Agnes Smithson of Lancaster, was born there on 7 May 1833(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1845 to 1847(2).

After leaving school he was apprenticed to Charles John Holmes, a tailor of Warrington in Lancashire, where he met his employer's daughter Mary Ann Holmes (1832-1867 qv), whom he married in 1860(3); there were four children(4).

He moved to Halifax in 1855-6 and entered into partnership with Joshua Blakey, a textile manufacturer. At a later period Joseph Smithson joined with Joseph Edmondson (1831-1908 qv) and they continued in partnership until 1879, when they ran into commercial difficulties caused by the recession of the 1870s. After reconstruction Joseph Smithson carried on the business under his own name and resolved to satisfy all his creditors. After seventeen years of close application, with little relaxation and the laying aside of all public work, he was able by 1896 to achieve his purpose.

But the anxiety and overwork took a heavy toll of his health and in 1900 a nervous paralysis gradually developed, which forced him to retire from active life. For the last five or six years of his life he was confined to bed in a helpless condition.

Joseph Smithson of Halifax died on 20 March 1908, at the age of seventy four(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 27 (1908) pp 108-109

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 His birth is not traced in Lancashire QM Births Digest
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 149, entry 6741: from Lancaster
- 3 The wedding was at Calder Bridge on 29 August 1860: he is described as a bachelor, a worsted manufacturer of Milton Place, Halifax, the son of James Smithson (deceased), a farmer; she is described as a spinster of Calder house near Garstang, the daughter of Charles Holmes (deceased), a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digest of Births and Marriages as follows:-

*Joshua	b 31 May 1861	
*Mary	b 5 April 1863	
Charles Holmes qv	b 21 March 1866	m 1894 Edith Hutchinson (1867-1933 qv)
Joseph qv	b 16 May 1867	m 1896 Mary Hutchinson (1866-1944 qv)

- *No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920
5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a manufacturer

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

SMITHSON, Joseph (1867-1941)

Joseph Smithson, the youngest son of Joseph Smithson (1833-1908 qv) and his wife Mary Ann (born Holmes, 1832-1867 qv) of Halifax, was born there on 16 May 1867(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1879 to 1881(2) and went on to Oliver's Mount School at Scarborough. On leaving school he became a day student at Bradford Technical College, preparatory to entering his father's business of textile printing and manufacture, which he did in 1886. He was connected with the business until his death and became a director in 1908.

He was married in 1896 to Mary Hutchinson (1866-1933 qv) of Bubwith in Yorkshire(3) and there were two children(4).

He took a keen interest in many branches of social work in Halifax, including the Guild of Help, the Council of Social Welfare and profit-sharing and co-partnership. He was a member of the Halifax Pacifist Council and gave valuable assistance on the advisory committee for conscientious objectors. He was also a trustee of the British Schools' Foundation and of various charities. He became a justice of the peace for Halifax in 1922 and was a conscientious magistrate. He served as chairman of the Juvenile Advisory Committee and brought wise judgment and devoted enthusiasm to the adult school movement.

He was a prominent Yorkshire Friend, an elder for fifteen years and a regular attender at monthly and quarterly meetings, where he frequently spoke in the ministry. He shared the hopes of John Wilhelm Rowntree (1868-1905 qv) for wider service for the Society of Friends and was one of the first members of the Yorkshire 1905 Committee, taking part in tramps over the Dales. As a disciple of John Woolman (1720-1772 qv) he strove to be loyal to the pure wisdom which guides to fuller understanding of the Divine purpose.

His chief hobbies were carpentry, golf and amateur theatricals and for many years he took a leading part as a member of the Halifax Thespian Society.

Joseph Smithson of 4 Savile Row, Halifax, died on 22 April 1941, at the age of seventy three(5), following a heart attack.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 60 (1941) p 74

Testimony of Brighouse MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1941, p 296

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a worsted manufacturer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 1, entry 9462: from Halifax
- 3 The wedding was at Bubwith on 22 October 1896: he is described as a bachelor, a woollen manufacturer of Lightcliffe, Halifax; she is described as a spinster of Bubwith Howden, the daughter of William Hutchinson, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-
Agnes b 8 Sept 1899 m 1928 George Bowman NM
*Joseph Hutchinson b 21 Dec 1903
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a textile manufacturer

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

SMITHSON, Joshua (1752-1829)

Joshua Smithson, the son of John Smithson (1720?-1794 qv) and his wife Isabel (born Walker, 1726-1809 qv) of Bendrigg in Westmorland, was born there on 20 March 1752(1).

SMITHSON, Joshua (1752-1829)

SMITHSON, Joseph (1867-1941)

Joseph Smithson, born on 16 May 1867, was educated at Ackworth and Clivess Mount. He entered his father's woollen manufacturing business and became a director in 1908.

Until the post-war depression hindered his experiments he endeavoured to put into effect his vision of new and better relationships in industry.

In his own town of Halifax he founded the Guild of Help, later known as the Council of Social Welfare, of which he was President for seven years. He was Chairman of the Juvenile Advisory Committee and a Justice of the Peace. He was interested in adult education and drama and brought wise judgment and devoted enthusiasm to the Adult School movement.

He shared John ~~Wilhelm~~ Rowntree's hopes for wider service for the Society of Friends and was one of the first members of the Yorkshire 1905 Committee, taking part in 'tramps' over the Dales.

It is hard for those to whom Joseph Smithson in later years was a trusted guide and counsellor to think that in his youth he was thought by a group of Friends of rigidly orthodox views to be dangerously liberal in his outlook. He never faltered in his faith and vision.

As a disciple of John Woolman he strove to be loyal to the 'pure wisdom' which guides to fuller understanding of the Divine purpose.

He died on 22 April 1941

N.B. There is no reference to him in Friends List Book vol. 1-45

SMITHSON, Joshua (1818-1906)

Joshua Smithson, the son of James Smithson (1786-1848 qv) and his wife Agnes (born Robinson, 1793-1891 qv) of Warth Sudden in Preston Patrick in the parish of Burton in Westmorland, was born there on 9 February 1818(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1829 to 1831(2).

After leaving school he was apprenticed to the tea trade with Thomas Collinson of Halifax in Yorkshire. He remained with Thomas Collinson until 1846, when he and his brother went into partnership in the same trade, which they carried on successfully until 1860. He was also a partner with his brothers in the Lancashire cotton trade, but he took no active part in the business.

He was married in 1855 to Elizabeth Nash (1820-1888 qv) of Chorlton-on-Medlock in Lancashire(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

He retired from business at a comparatively early age and devoted much of his time to service on the Hipperholme local board, of which he was for a time chairman. He was also deeply interested in the welfare of the Society of Friends, which he served as an elder, and was a regular attender at all meetings. For a time he was a member of the committee of Rawdon School. He was appointed a director of the Friends' Provident Institution at Bradford in 1868, from which he retired in 1903.

His health was robust until a few months before his death. At the end of June 1906 he had a fall, which injured his hip and confined him to his bed. Joshua Smithson of Lightcliffe near Halifax died on 14 December 1906, at the age of eighty eight(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 26 (1907) p 103

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 118, entry 5324: from Camskill, Yorks
- 3 The wedding was at Manchester on 16 August 1855: he is described as a bachelor, a tea dealer of Clarence Street, Halifax, the son of James Smithson, a farmer; she is described as a spinster of 22 Dover Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, the daughter of Ishmael Nash, an agent (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired cotton manufacturer

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

SMITHSON, Mary (1866-1944) born Hutchinson

Mary Hutchinson, the daughter of William Hutchinson (1828-1911 qv) and his wife Lucy (born Burtt, 1833-1896 qv) of Gunby near Howden in Yorkshire, was born there on 18 May 1866(1).

She was married in 1896 to Joseph Smithson (1867-1941 qv), a textile printer and manufacturer of Halifax and there were two children(2).

Mary Smithson of The Cottage, Westover, Halifax, died on 29 April 1944, at the age of seventy seven(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see SMITHSON, Joseph (1867-1941)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Joseph

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

SMITHSON, Mary Ann (1832-1867) born Holmes

Mary Ann Holmes, the daughter of Charles Holmes (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Orrel in the parish of Wigan in Lancashire, was born there on 2 July 1832(1).

She was married in 1860 to Joseph Smithson (1833-1908 qv) and there were four children(2). Her husband had been an employee of her father, but he later went into partnership in a worsted manufacturing business in Halifax(3).

Mary Smithson of Halifax died on 25 May 1867, at the age of thirty five(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a land and coal agent
But see entry for SMITHSON, Joseph (1833-1908), where Charles Holmes is given as Charles John Holmes and described as a tailor of Warrington
- 2 For marriage and children see SMITHSON, Joseph (1833-1908)
- 3 See entry for SMITHSON, Joseph (1833-1908)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Joseph

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1868, p 216: 2 line entry for death, the wife of Joseph Smithson

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

SMITHSON, Thomas (1827-1901)

Thomas Smithson, the son of James Smithson (1786-1848 qv) and his wife Agnes (born Robinson, 1793-1891 qv) of Camsgill in the parish of Burton in Westmorland, was born there on 4 January 1827(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1836 to 1841(2). At school he won the esteem and respect of both his fellow scholars and his teachers and on the day he left the school was given a half holiday in his honour.

After leaving school he was apprenticed to W.E.Milne, a draper of Warrington in Lancashire, with whom he stayed for seven years. Subsequently he spent four years with J.J. & W.Wilson of Kendal in Westmorland.

In the beginning of 1853 he went to the Whitworth Valley and with two of his brothers established the cotton spinning and manufacturing business under the name of Smithson Brothers. The business was at Facit, near Rochdale in Lancashire and a Manchester cloth agency was formed. He was married in 1855 to Emma Spencer (1829?-1905 qv) of Bransby near Lincoln(3) and there were seven or eight children(4).

In his commercial life he was an outstanding example of probity and integrity. He was deservedly popular and in his own quiet and unostentatious way was a true friend to the workers and the poor. This was especially the case during the terrible hardships of the cotton famine, when he and his partners worked with indefatigable zeal in the organisation of relief, in making roads over the moors and in any other scheme which would provide work. His regularity in business was shown in his attendance at the Tuesday market of the Manchester Royal Exchange, from which he was not absent more than half a dozen times during a period of over thirty years.

He took a deep interest in the welfare of the Whitworth Valley, as a member of the local board from its formation in 1874 and subsequently when it became an urban district council. He was the first county councillor for the Whitworth Division and a justice of the peace for the county from 1882. In politics he was a staunch Liberal and was a tower of strength to the Liberal party in his district.

As a Quaker he was a stalwart friend of peace. He was a regular attender at the Friends' meeting in Rochdale and enjoyed the intimate friendship of John Bright (1811-1889 qv), who was also a member of Rochdale Meeting.

Thomas Smithson of Facit died on 22 May 1901, at the age of seventy four(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 20 (1901) pp 93-94

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 132, entry 5936: from Quernmore Park

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 3 The wedding was at Gainsborough on 24 January 1855: he is described as a bachelor, a cotton spinner of Facit in the township of Spotland, Lancaster, the son of James Smithson, a farmer (deceased); she is described as a spinster of Sturton cum Bransby in Lincolnshire, the daughter of Thomas Spencer, a yeoman (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-
- | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Mary Agnes | b 23 Nov 1855 | m 1887 John Henry Jefferys |
| *James qv | b 21 Dec 1856 | |
| Sarah Alice | b 28 Jan 1859 | m 1889 Theodore Burgess Ellis
(1860-1942 qv) |
| *Thomas Spencer | b 28 Oct 1861 | |
| *Franklin | b 17 Sept 1864 | |
| Emma Elizabeth | b 17 Sept 1864 | d 13 April 1865, aged 7 months
(Name given as Esther Elizabeth) |
| Edith Annie | b 24 April 1869 | m 1895 William Edmundson
Shackleton |
- *No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920
The Digest of Marriages also gives Alfred, son of Thomas, a cotton spinner,
who m in 1896 Caroline Tyler
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a cotton spinner

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

SMYTH, John (fl 1705-)

John Smyth, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced(1), was the son of John Smyth of Saxthead in Suffolk.

He was married in 1705 to Mary King (born Bobbitt, fl 1702-1705 qv), the widow of Joseph King (-1704/5 qv) of Brandiston in Suffolk(2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3).

The date of his death is not at present (1984) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 His birth is not traced in Suffolk QM Births Digest
- 2 The wedding was at Brandiston in Suffolk on 7.x.[December] 1705: he is described as a single man of Saxthead in Suffolk, the son of John Smyth of Saxthead; she is described as a widow of Brandiston in Suffolk (Suffolk QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 No children are traced in Suffolk QM Births Digest
- 4 His death is not traced in Suffolk QM Burials Digest

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

SMYTH, Mary (fl 1702-1705) formerly King, born Bobbitt

Mary Bobbitt, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced(1), was the daughter of John Bobbitt.

She became in 1702 the second wife of Joseph King (-1704/5 qv) of Brandiston in Suffolk, but the marriage was childless(2).

She married secondly in 1705 John Smyth (fl 1705- qv) of Saxthead in Suffolk, but the marriage was childless(3).

The date of her death is not at present (1984) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her birth is not traced in Suffolk QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage see KING, Joseph (-1704/5)
- 3 For marriage see SMYTH, John (fl 1705-)
- 4 Her death is not traced in Suffolk QM Burials Digest

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

SMYTHIES, Hepzibah (1715-64)

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Hephzibah Smythies was born at Bristol to Peter and Grace Smythies, and she afterwards lived in Norfolk, later moving to Essex. She was a valuable member of her MM, serviceable both in business meetings and as a minister, 'adorning her doctrine with a becoming life and conversation.'

She died at Stebbing on 14 September 1764 after a short but painful illness, patiently borne, aged 49 years, and a minister for 13 years

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Felstead MM in TCMD vol.2 p.246

SNAITH, Margaret Blenk (1812-1877) born

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Margaret Blenk Snaith was born in 1812. For several years she was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion, though she attended a Friends Meeting as a small girl with her grandmother. About 1840 she attended meeting for worship at Blanchland, and was drawn again towards Friends. In 1842 she married Francis Snaith, and they both joined the Society a few years later. Margaret Blenk Snaith was recorded a minister by Newcastle Monthly Meeting in 1873.

'Our dear friend had received but few educational advantages, but she loved to read and meditate upon the Scriptures of truth, which practice, through the illuminating power of the Holy Spirit, was much blessed to her. Living in near communion with the source of love, she felt her mind drawn forth in earnest exhortation in our meetings for worship, being enabled to overcome her great diffidence.'

Margaret Blenk Snaith died 27 November 1877

Testimony of Newcastle MM in YM Proc. 1878, p.xvi

SNASHALL, John (1656-1732)

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John Snashall was born at Keymer, near Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, on 9 April 1656. His father was an Anglican, his mother a Baptist and he was brought up by his elder brother a Presbyterian. After attending a Friends Meeting at Brighthelmstone (Brighton) he was converted by the preaching of Thomas Turner.

About the year 1700 he received the gift of the ministry and though he did not see his way clear to travel far, he was diligent in attending Weekly, Monthly and Quarterly Meetings.

He was zealous against tithes, and 'an open and courageous Opposer of the hireling Priests; as well as of George Keith in particular'.

'He was sound in Word and Doctrine, and oftentimes consoling to the Churches of Christ; so that we have good reason to believe he was instrumental in convincing some, who continued faithful'.

He died 11.vii.[September] 1732, aged seventy five years.

Principal source

Testimony of Brighthelmstone [i.e. Sussex] QM In TCMD vol.1 p.58
printed in A Collection of Testimonies 1760, p.59

WBE:
Additional references

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SNASH~~ELL~~, John, 1656-1732

b. April 2, 1656 near Hurstperpoint, Eng.

J.S. was very loving and courteous to all;
in charity universal, hardly withholding from any
desiring to borrow.

John Smith's Ms., 3:309

Besse, 1: 709,710,712,714,729,733 (Snashold)

SNASHALL, Sarah (1727-1813) after 1749 Waring

[Sarah Snashall, daughter of John Snashall (-)
and his wife Hannah (born
of Hurstpierpoint in Sussex, was married in 1749 to
Elijah Waring (1727-1796 qv) of Alton in Hampshire and
Godalming in Surrey.

See WARING, Sarah (1727-1813) born Snashall]

SNEAD, Richard (-1711)

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Richard Snead was a 'Mercer at ye Blackmares head on ye bridg in Bristol' in 1662 (Cal. S.P. Dom. 1661-2, p.414). In 1680 he caused to be copied the Bristol Men's Meeting minutes beginning 1667, from a fear that the original might be appropriated by Rogers and his confrères. Both are still in the care of Bristol Friends. (In Wiltshire, a hot-bed of opposition, the QM book was 'Katched up & carried away & would not send it again nor return themselves' 1678 (Jnl FHS iv.120). Snead is frequently mentioned in the Bristol MSS (ibid. ix.). When in jail in Newgate, Bristol, in 1683, 'over the Anchor', he signed a certificate of liberation for a marriage, which was signed also in Bridewell, on behalf of women Friends there (ibid. ii.15). In 1681 he wrote A Letter in Recommendation of some Medicines prepared by Charles Marshall, which was signed by Charles Jones, William Penn, John Staploe, Francis Stamper, Richard Whitpain, John Bellers, and Thomas Cox, and in the same year, with Richard Vickris, Charles Jones and another, he wrote An Exalted Diotrephe Reprehended ... William Rogers.

Vol.ii pp.378, 384

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Jnl FHS vii,viii

Annals of the Harford family, 1909

MSS in Friends House

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.374

SNOOKE, Henry (1637?-1705)

Henry Snooke was of the parish of St Olaves, Southwark. In 1669 he married Rebekah Field, of Southwark, at Horslydown. He belonged to the Horslydown Meeting and frequently acted on its behalf. Ellis Hookes left him a sum of money by his will and to Snooke was handed a balance of money due to Hookes at his death in 1681 (Jnl FHS i.21,22).

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.329

SNOWDEN, John (1791?-1855)

John Snowden, the son of Jonathan and Mary Snowden of Rodley near Leeds, was born about the year 1791(1). His parents were farmers and belonged to the Episcopal Church. John was sent, while still quite young, to a boarding school at Gildersome kept by two Friends, John and Mary Ellis, one an elder and the other a minister much esteemed by all who knew her. The school was a mixed one, but a large number of the pupils were from Quaker families. While John was at school he often received experiences of a religious nature and developed a love of retirement for serious reading of the Bible and other religious literature. While the other boys were at play he sought opportunities to read in private from the journals of Friends and he was much encouraged and inspired by a visit to the school by the American minister David Sands (1745-1818 qv).

On leaving school he continued to attend Friends' meetings and he was so consistent a Quaker that he was received into membership of the Society before he was eighteen. He was notable for his Christian circumspection, uprightness and integrity and he was much valued as a useful member of civil and religious society, both amongst Friends and others. For many years he served as an overseer and towards the end of his life he became an elder. Occasionally he spoke in meetings for worship, both in testimony and prayer, but he was too sensible of his deficiencies to come forward fully and freely as a minister.

He was married in 1823 to Ann Bentley(2) and there were three children(3). In August 1855 his health began to decline and for a time his life was shadowed by the feeling that the love of God had been withdrawn from him, but he died at peace at Bradford in Yorkshire on 11 November 1855(4), at the age of sixty four.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1857 pp 115-120

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 64 at death
- 2 The wedding was near Rawdon on 10 December 1823: he is described as a wool stapler of Bradford, Yorkshire, the son of Jonathan, a farmer, and Mary of Rodley near Leeds; she is described as the daughter of Samuel, a merchant, and Ann Bentley (Yorkshire QH Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Mary Ann	b 3 Feb 1827	who m 1860 George Smithson
Elizabeth	b 6 March 1829	no marriage recorded to 1890
Samuel	b 1 Aug 1830	no marriage recorded to 1890

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of Hooton

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

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SNOWDEN, Leonard (Jr.), 1751-1832

b. 1751, probably in Penna., son of
Leonard and Jane Snowden.

m., Dec. 17, 1789, Jane Yarnall, Minister
among Friends. children.

1822, 1823 L. S. was one of the signers of letters to Elias Hicks, cautioning him about his ministry. At the ~~Seapar~~tion time he was involved in the issue of removal from eldership at Green St. Monthly Meeting because of his opposition to Hicks. L.S. appealed to Phila. Quarterly Meeting. The case came to Yearly Meeting in 1827 where it would not be settled and was returned to the Quarterly Meeting. He was reinstated as an elder by Northern Dist. Mo. Mtg.

d. June 20, 1832, at Phila. Pa., aged 81 years.

The Friend (Phila.), 5(1832):292

Hinshaw, Encyc, 2:656

Kite (Walton), Incidents, 641

An. Mon. (O.S.) 21(1833):42

Evans, Jonathan Evans and his time, 115

SNOWDEN, Mary (1688-1745) born Snowdon

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Mary Snowdon, daughter of Leonard Snowdon, was born on 30.vii [September] 1688 at Kirbymoorside.¹ She married Matthew Snowden on 28.xii [February] 1716/7 (2) and was a member of Guisborough Monthly Meeting, receiving the gift of Ministry about the year 1725.

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"She was industrious to keep up good Order in the Church, amongst her own Sex, often shewing her Dislike of Self-righteousness in religious Performances. In the Ministry she was not large, yet sound and edifying; not being forward to appear in a publick way, but waiting till she found herself under a Necessity."

She died 10.vi.[August] 1745, aged about fifty six years, and was interred in Friends Burying Ground at Kirkby-moor-side, a Minister about twenty years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :-

Testimony of Guisborough MM, in TCMD vol.1 p.240, printed in A Collection of Testimonies 1760, p.189

REFERENCES AND NOTES :-

1. Yorkshire QM Births Digest
2. Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest

WBE:

SNOWDEN, Richard

Woodbury, N.J.

Author of A History of the Revolutionary War
and in 1809 The History of North and South America.

Smith, Jos., Cat., Sup.:312

Frds. Hist Lib., Swarth., BX 7616 also H. C. QC. (1971)

WBE:

SNOWDON, Joseph, c.1791-1873

b. c.1790, probably in Phila., Pa. *

ed.

m., Hannah Ecroyd. children. The family
were members of Phila. Monthly Meeting for the Northern
District. In 1834 J.S. was made a member of the Yearly
Meeting's Comm. for Westtown School. He became Treas-
~~urer~~ in 1841.

1848-58 Jos. Snowdon and his wife were matron
and superintendent at Westtown School, Pa. Afterwards
Jos. Snowdon continued on the committee until his death

Removed to live at Haddonfield, N.J. and brought
his membership to Haddonfield Monthly Mtg.

d. Aug. 15, 1873 at Haddonfield, N.J., in his
83rd year.

* It seems likely that he was the son of Leonard (Jr.)
and Jane (Yarnall) Snowden (see biog. of L.S.)

Piety pro., 12th part, 408

Phila. Y.M., Memorials (1875): 189

Westtown School, Catalogue, 344, 350, 371

The Friend (Phila.), 47(1873):40

o/ SNOWDEN, Mary (1688-1745) aftw. Snowden

see SNOWDEN, Mary (1688-1745) born Snowdon

WBE: Additional reference

SNOWDON, Mary, c.1688-1745

John Smith's Ms., 3:310

SODEN, Hannah (fl 1767-1786) born Gilkes

Hannah Gilkes, details of whose birth are not at present (1983) traced,(1)
was the daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Gilkes of Sibford in Oxfordshire(2).

She was married in 1767 to Joseph Soden (1732-1795 qv), a farmer of Sibford
Gower and there were ten children(3).

The date of death of Hannah Soden is not at present (1983) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
- 2 Her parentage is given in her marriage entry: see SODEN, Joseph (1732-1795), note 3
- 3 For marriage and children see SODEN, Joseph (1732-1795)
- 4 Her death is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest

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

SODEN, Joseph (1732-1795)

Joseph Soden, the son of John Soden (-) and his wife Mary (born), was born on 12.ix.[November] 1732(1).

He was a farmer of Sibford Gower in Oxfordshire(2) and was married in 1767 to Hannah Gilkes (fl 1767-1786 qv) of Sibford(3); there were ten children(4).

Joseph Soden of Sibford Gower died on 12 June 1795, at the age of sixty three(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his place of birth and his father's occupation are not given
- 2 He is described as of Sibford Gower in the birth entries for his children and as a farmer of Sibford Gower in his burial entry, note 5
- 3 The wedding took place in the year 1767: he is described as the son of John and Mary Soden of Sibford, Oxfordshire; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Gilkes of Sibford, Oxfordshire (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Joseph	b 29 Nov 1767	d 5 May 1808, aged 40
Benjamin	b 3 Jan 1769	d 24 Jan 1783, aged 14
John	b 9 June 1770	died
Thomas	b 9 June 1771	buried 23 June 1771
*John	b 5 Aug 1772	
*William	b 13 Aug 1776	
Thomas qv	b 23 Oct 1778	m 1800 Rebecca Gilkes (fl 1800- qv)
Rebekah	b 3 March 1780	d 4 Feb 1798, aged 18
*Mary	b 31 Oct 1782	
*Benjamin	b 3 Sept 1786	
- *No marriages traced in Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest
- 5 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: he is described as a farmer

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

SODEN, Rebecca (fl 1800-) born Gilkes

Rebecca Gilkes, details of whose birth are not at present (1983) traced(1) was the daughter of William and Mary Gilkes of Mine Hill in the parish of Brailes in Warwickshire(2).

She was married in 1800 to Thomas Soden (1778- qv), a baker of Sibford Gower in Oxfordshire, but the marriage was apparently childless(3).

The date of death of Rebecca Soden is not at present (1983) traced(4), but she may have married her first cousin and been disowned for marriage contrary to the usages of the Society.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her birth is not traced in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM or Berks & Oxon QM Births Digests
- 2 Her parentage is given in her marriage entry: see SODEN, Thomas (1778-)
- 3 For marriage see SODEN, Thomas (1778-)
- 4 Her death is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest nor in the Digest of Deaths to 1878

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

SODEN, Thomas (1778~)

Thomas Soden, the son of Joseph Soden (1732-1795 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Gilkes, fl 1767-1786 qv) of Sibford Gower in Oxfordshire, was born there on 23 October 1778(1).

He became a baker of Sibford Gower(2) and was married in 1800 to Rebecca Gilkes (fl 1800- qv) of Mine Hill in Warwickshire(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

The date of his death is not at present (1983) traced(5), but his wife was probably his first cousin and he may have been disowned for marriage contrary to the usages of the Society.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon 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 South Newington on 2 July 1800: he is described as a baker of Sibford Gower in the parish of Swalcliffe in Oxfordshire, the son of Joseph and Hannah Soden of Sibford Gower in Oxfordshire; she is described as the daughter of William and Mary Gilkes of Mine Hill in the parish of Brailes in Warwickshire (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 No children are traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
- 5 His death is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest nor in the Digest of Deaths to 1878

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

SOLLMANN, William Frederick, 1881-1951

b. 1881 in Germany

ed. local schools, but not university doctoral level education.

Made journalism his profession, and was noted as an acute and critical observer of the political scene. He rose to editor for a chain of 10 papers in the Rhineland area and opposed the policies which led to World War I. His papers often suppressed.

1918 was a member of the German delegation at Versailles. and an architect of the Weimar Republic. Secretary of the Interior under Stresemann. Also served as head of the National Federation of Adult Schools.

March 1933, hated and feared by the Nazis, he was assaulted while leaving the Reichstag and severely injured. He escaped to Luxembourg where he recovered.

1935-36, traveled around Europe doing journalistic work. Went to England and spent time at Woodbrook where he first came in contact with Friends.

1937 emigrated to United States and taught at Bard, Reed and Haverford Colleges and Harvard Univ. He settled at Pendle Hill and was on the staff for 13 years. He never formally joined the Society of Friends.

At the close of World War II he was consulted by the State Department in regard to the development of U.S. policy for the re-education of Germany. He was the author of several books and pamphlets. Among them

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SOLLMANN, William Frederick, 1881-1951

page 2.

were: 1942, How to deal with Germany; 1941, Religion and politics; 1942, No more empiresp 1942, Educational reconstruction in Germany.

d. Jan. 6, 1951 in New Haven, Conn., aged about 70 years.

Friends Intel., 108(1951):39

The Friend (PMila.), 124(1951):228

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., see Card Cat.

SOLLOWAY, Alec (1900 ? - 1972)

See SOLLOWAY, Charles Alec (1900 ? - 1972)

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SOLLOWAY, Charles Alec (1900 ? - 1972)

Alec Solloway was born in about the year 1900.(1)

In 1928 he was a member of Woolwich Meeting of which his future wife, Dorothy Elaine Sturrock was also a member (2) and they were married on July 6, 1929.(3)

They seem to have lived quietly, not becoming prominent Friends, but loyal to their Woolwich Meeting, two sons were born,(4) and it was not until 1954 that the family left London for East Anglia.(5) The family settled in Sheringham and became members of the local meeting.(6) From 1968 to 1970 and again from 1972 until his death he represented Norwich & Lynn MM on Friends Home Service Committee.(7)

He was keenly interested in the Arts - painting being his main subject. In addition, at Sheringham, he was a keen supporter of the Adult School movement, being secretary of the local branch. He also represented his meeting on the local council of churches.

He died on December 18, 1972, aged 72.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol 131 (1973) p 70.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. He died aged 72. There is no reference in the Digest of Births.
2. London & Middlesex QM printed list of members shows him as a member in 1928. Dorothy appears in 1921 becoming a member in 1925.
3. Digest of Marriages. The marriage took place at Friends House. He is described as bachelor, clerk, of 99, Charlton Rd, Blackheath, son of Arthur Frank Solloway, pastor. She as spinster, of Shooters Hill Rd, Blackheath, daughter of James Melville Sturrock, civil servant.
4. Digest of Births. David, born 24.3.1930. Father is described as a Building society clerk. Timothy born 13. 7. 1933. Father now described as cashier.
5. Croydon / London & Middlesex QM printed list of members for 1954 shows them as members of Kingston & Southwark MM under Woolwich meeting. They are not shown in 1956.
6. Norfolk, Cambridge & Huntingdon QM printed list of members 1956 shows them as members of Norwich & Lynn MM attached to Sheringham meeting.
7. Typescript Committee Index. Friends House Library.

Soltau, Roger Henry, 1887-1953

b. 31 July 1887, Paris, France, son of William and Louise Monod Soltau.

ed. Lycee Carnot, Paris; Highgate School; Pembroke College, Oxford Univ., Sorbonne.

m. Irene Constance Whelpton, 1914 [See Soltau, Irene Whelpton, 1890-1972], one daughter.

1911-15, lecturer, Univ. of Bristol, England.

1915-19, joined Friends Ambulance Unit.

1917-19, joined Society of Friends. Served Friends War Victims Relief Committee and was in charge of "War Vic's" Hotel, Britannique, Paris, with his wife.

1919-26, Lecturer, Univ. of Leeds, Leeds, England.

1923-24, directed Paris Friends Centre with his wife.

1927-30, assistant lecturer, London School of Economics, London, England.

Sept., 1931, See Irene Whelpton Soltau

1930-1948, professor, American University, Beirut, Lebanon.

Sept., 1931, took charge with his wife of Friends' Geneva Hostel.

1938, spoke at London Yearly Meeting on the Palestinian cause of which he was a strong supporter.

1939, renounced pacifism before outbreak of World War II.

1941-43, assisted with censorship and British Security Mission, Beirut.

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Soltau, Roger Henry, 1887-1953 (Page 2)

1944-45, visiting professor, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, and Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA.

1945-46, special lecturer, London School of Economics.

1948-50, special lecturer, Univ. of Wales, Aberystweth, England.

1949, visiting professor, Stanford Univ., Palo Alto, CA.

1950-52, professor, American University, Beirut.

Member, London Yearly Meeting, London and Middlesex General Meeting.

d. 29 January 1953, Oxford, England.

Published works: The Duke of Choiseul, 1908; French Parties and Politics, 1922; Historical Introduction to Victor Hugo's Chatiments, 1925; Pascal, The Man and The Message, 1927; The Economic Functions of the State, 1931; French Political Thought in the Nineteenth Century, 1931; An Outline of European Economic Development, 1935. An Introduction to Politics, 1950; various papers.

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Who's Who. 105th ed. (1953).

Soltau, Irene Whelpton, 1890-1972

b. 1890

ed. Honors, Theology, Oxford Univ., 1912

m. Roger Soltau, 1914 [See Soltau, Roger Henry, 1887-1953], one daughter.

1917-1919, served the Friends War Victims Relief Committee and was in charge of "War Vic's" Hotel Britannique in Paris, France with her husband.

1923-24, directed Paris Friends Center with her husband.

1929, published The Free-Woman, which made inferences from the thought of Jesus Christ in relation to problems of personality and womanhood.

Sept., 1931, took charge of Friends Geneva Hostel with her husband.

1930-48, lived in Beirut, Lebanon. Was active in Friends and Brummana Friends School, Brummana, Lebanon. Effectively worked for protective female and child labor legislation.

1952, returned to England.

1952-60, served on Friends Service Council's Lebanon Committee.

Member, London Yearly Meeting.

d. 23 February 1972.

The Friend (London), 130(1972):576.

The Friend (London), 111(1953):163.

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SOMERS, John, before 1643-1723

b. before 1643 in Worcester, Eng.

m. Hannah (d. 1738)

Emigrated to America and settled in Penna.

Later removed to Great Egg Harbor, N.J.

Very serviceable to his neighbors. Was a
minister with a few words.

d. 1723, Great Egg Harbor N.J., aged
over 80 years.

John Smith's Ms., 3:150

WBE:

SOMERS, Millicent, afterwards Townsend, 1685-1752

see

Townsend, Millicent, nee Somers,

SOMERS, Walter

Walter Somers was of Tockington, Almondsbury, Glos.; the house still stands (cf. Letter 453, G.F. Nuttall, Early quaker letters, 1952, and record of his wife Mary's death on 9 July 1684 in QM Bur. Reg. for Glos. & Wilts., with Almondsbury as residence). In 1656 'past abroade to preach ye gospell' (C.J. ii.335). cf. Besse.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.73

WBE:

SOMMERLAND, Richard, -1730

b.

m.

Daughter.

Zealous in hearing the priests, in the vicinity
of Wishaw in Warwickshire.

1660, Quakers preached in his neighborhood. R.S.
was in great trouble of spirit. His wife was convinced.
R.S. hid the books his wife was reading and intended
to burn them. He was inwardly smitten, embraced his
wife and returned the books. His brother became an
informer against him and abused his person.

c.1663 he was persecuted by Jacob Kimberly, a
priest. Hay was taken from his fields, he was fined
and robbed. Spent 9 or ten years in Prison.

1678, author A general testimony to and for the
everlasting Truth of God.

d. 22 XII 1730

Jos, Smith's Cat., 2:614

SONEMANS, ^{Aaron} ~~Arent~~ (-1683)

Arent (Aaron) Sonemans was a merchant of Rotterdam where he was living when the English party breakfasted at his house (Penn: Travels 1835, p.3, see also pp.148, 152). The question of the marriage to Aaron Sonemans of Frances, widow of John Swinton, is discussed by William F. Miller in Jnl FHS ii.29. Sonemans resided later in Edinburgh. The Cambridge and Hunts Burial Registers record the sad end of this Friend: 'Buried 16.vi.1683 - A Dutchman was shot by a Highwayman near Standgate, Huntingdon MM'. Jaffray relates the incident under date 8 August, at Stonegatehold, Robert Barclay being with Sonemans at the time (Diary, p.342).

Miller: Dict. of Scotch Friends, 1656-1790, Ms in Friends House

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.363

WBE:

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SONGHURST, John, -1688

b. Coneyhurst, Sussex, Eng.

Convinced and joined Friends and was recognized a minister.

1663 imprisoned for tithes. In 1670 while preaching in London he was pulled down. In 1673 he was fined £ 20.

1680 wrote An Epistle of love and tender good will...

1682 came to Phila., Pa., but removed to West Jersey four years later, after serving a term in the Penna. Assembly. He was chosen again to this body in 1684 and 1686.

d. 25 XI 1688 in West Jersey and was buried in Phila., Pa.

Whiting, Persecution exposed, 184

Jos Smith's Cat., 2:615

Besse, 1:408, 715, 719

John Smith's Ms., 3:313

The Friend (Phila.), 188

WBE:O
~~(prepared by SP)~~

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SOPHER, William P., 1852-1914

b. 24 Mar. 1852 near Oskaloosa, Iowa, son of William K. and Agnes Sopher.

m.,

3 children.

1869, attended Iowa Y. Mtg; converted to Quakerism.

40 yrs. a Friends minister.

Exponent of the gospel of Christ and especially the doctrine of Holiness and the 2nd Coming of Christ.

d. 16 Sept., 1914, Zephyr Hills, Florida

The Am. Fd., 2(1914) 671

SORENSEN, Michael

(1919 - 1978)

Michael Sorensen was born on April 30, 1919, in a pacifist community at Stanford-le-Hope, the son of Reginald (1891-) and Muriel Sorensen. Reginald Sorensen was then a Unitarian minister.

He left school at the age of 16 with a gift for languages and went first to work with the Workers' Travel Association, but later began work as a journalist on the Braintree & Witham Times. In 1939 at the outbreak of war he was called up, registered as a C.O. and joined the Friends Ambulance Unit in which he served in Britain as sinus trouble prevented service abroad. In 1945, however, he was accepted for service with UNRRA and was sent to work in Buchenwald and Belsen, he became involved in ' Child Search ' an organisation to recover and restore children who had been separated from their families by the nazis. Then he spent some time working with War Resisters' International. At the request of Howard Brinton (1884 - 1973 qv) he went to Pendle Hill to put their peace papers in order and it was largely due to the influence of Howard and Anna Brinton that he joined the Society of Friends on his return to this country.(1)

He then took a 2 year social science course at Oxford, followed by a year working for F.S.C. with refugees in Vienna, he was then appointed national secretary of International Voluntary Service for Peace. It was during this time that he met at a work camp in Finland, Jennifer Adams, whom he later married in 1961.(2) There were two children of the marriage Richard and Rachel.

From 1958 to 1965 he was a prison welfare officer at Pentonville Prison where the foundations were laid for his later work in the Peter Bedford projects begun in 1969 with the help of the Bedford Institute Association., i.e., the housing association, the John Bellers Office Cleaning Scheme, and later still after his appointment in 1974 as Director of the Bedford Institute Association, the William Allen Enterprises. These were all self-help projects aimed at helping the prisoner or the mental health patient back into the community, as he was totally opposed to patronising forms of social work and believed that the real needs of the people he met had to do with being needed. He was a tireless worker in these causes and in finding people who would help. He was a humble and serious man, but many loved him and his life was of great significance in many ways. He also found time to serve for a period on Meeting for Sufferings.1967 - 1970.

He died suddenly on October 16, 1978 aged 59.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 136 (1978) pp 1300, 1401/2.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. His first appearance in the printed lists of members of London & Middlesex QM is at Wanstead in 1952.
2. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Stocksfield on Tyne FMH on April 14, 1961. She is described as Jennifer Spence Adams, spinster, housing assistant.

SGJ March '79.

SORENSEN, Reginald William

(1891 - 1971)

baron Sorensen

Reginald Sorensen was not a member of the Society of Friends, but was known to many with whom he worked in his service to pacifism and to other notable causes. As a young man he was greatly influenced by Dr. Campbell of the City Temple and by the Adult School at Bunhill.

Although he became a Unitarian, he retained a warm affection for Friends and believed firmly in the 'Inner Light'. He became chairman of the World Congress of Faiths and was a socialist member of Parliament, being raised to the peerage as Baron Sorensen.

He died in 1971 aged about 80.

SOURCE

The Friend Vol 129 (1971) pp 1228, 1339/40.

SGJ. 1977

SOUTHALL, Alfred (1838-1931)

Alfred Southall, the son of William Southall (1797-1866 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Baker, 1803-1871 qv) of Leominster in Herefordshire and Birmingham, was born at Wheeley's Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham on 31 July 1838(1). He was educated at the school conducted by William Lean (1805)-1876 qv) in Birmingham and from the age of seventeen he worked in the family druggist business in Bull Street. He became a member of the Pharmaceutical Society's Council and examiner for the Board.

He was married in 1864 to Anna Strangman Grubb (1814-1912 qv) of Carrick on Suir in Ireland, whom he had known as a schoolgirl at the school kept by Elizabeth Brady (1803-1874 qv) in Birmingham(2); there were nine children(3). They were both very hospitable and kept open house for guests.

Alfred Southall had a great interest in temperance work and in 1876 he opened the first coffee shop in Birmingham. As a young man he was persuaded to take a class of young men at the Severn Street Early Morning Schools and for seventy three years the welfare of the school and its scholars was an important part of his life. He was largely responsible for the centre at Gooch Street, with adult and children's schools, the Women's Meeting and Bible class and the morning and evening meeting on Sunday. His ministry and vocal prayer breathed the simplicity and beauty of the Christian faith.

He retired from business in 1901 in order to devote himself more fully to the life of the Society. While true to his Quaker faith and traditions he took part in the Moody and Sankey and other great evangelical campaigns of his day and was president and local treasurer of the Birmingham Free Church Council. His views broadened as the years passed and at the same time his religious experience deepened. While in his early years narrow in his opinion of such amusements as theatre going and playing cards, he came to realise that such questions could only be decided by the individual conscience. His life was marked by steady devotion to the many good causes for which he cared.

In 1869 he had begun to ride a bicycle and was an enthusiastic cyclist almost to the end of his life. He and his sons were a familiar sight, cycling through the streets of Birmingham. He was made a magistrate in 1906 and served for twenty years on the magistrate's bench with conscientiousness and impartiality, only retiring when he became slightly deaf and could not hear clearly all that was being said.

Alfred Southall of Carrick House, Richmond Road, Edgbaston, died after a short illness on 6 February 1931, at the age of ninety two(4), after a life marked by uprightness of character and long service rendered with cheerfulness and undaunted devotion.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend ns vol 71 (1931) pp 189-190

Testimony of Warwickshire North MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1931,
p 206

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a chemist
- 2 The Friend vol 4 (1864) p 244: on 22 September. At Friends Meeting House, Clonmel, Alfred, son of William Southall of Birmingham, to Anna Strangman, eldest daughter of John Crubb, of Carrick on Suir
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages and given in Bernard Thistlethwaite, The Bax Family, pp 272-274, as follows:-

Geraldine qv	b 29 June 1865	m 1891 Barrow Cadbury (1862-1958 qv)
*John Edmund	b 14 Sept 1866	
*Leonard	b 2 Oct 1867	
Gilbert	b 15 Nov 1868	m 1900 Eva Lucy Grubb
Alfred William	b 26 March 1871	m 1897 Ethel Marion Evans
Huldah		
Rebecca qv	b 12 Aug 1872	m 1900 Edwin Claude Taylor (1871-1924 qv)
Christopher	b 7 Sept 1875	m 1913 Elsie Readhead
Stephen	b 22 July 1877	m 1903 Nora I. Methven
*Anna Kathleen	b 24 Jan 1883	

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920
The birth dates of John Edmund and Leonard are wrongly given in Bernard Thistlethwaite, loc cit, as 14 April 1866 and 2 November 1867
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a chemist

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

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SOUTHALL, Alfred (1838-1931)

Alfred Southall, son of William and Elizabeth Southall, formerly of Leominster, was born in Birmingham on 31st July 1838. He was educated at William Lean's School and from the age of 17 worked in the family druggist business in Bull Street. He became a member of the Pharmaceutical Society's Council and an examiner for the Board.

In 1864 he married Anna Strangman Grubb of Carrick-on-Suir. She died before him but his nine children survived him. After retirement in 1901 he entered more fully into the life of the Society attending Monthly, Quarterly and Yearly Meetings regularly.

For 75 years he took a keen interest in the First Day School at Severn Street where he had one of the early Reading and Writing Classes. He was largely responsible for the centre when the Gooch Street premises were procured with all the activities of Adult and Childrens Schools, the Womens Meeting & Bible Class and the Morning & Evening Meeting on Sundays. His ministry and vocal prayer breathed the simplicity and beauty of the Christian faith.

While true to his Quaker faith and tradition he took part in the Moody and Sankey and other great evangelistic campaigns of his day. He was President of Birmingham Free Church Council and ardent in the Temperance cause. He was a City Magistrate from 1906.

He died on 6th February 1931 after a life marked by uprightness of character and long service rendered with cheerfulness and undaunted devotion.

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Additional reference

SOUTHALL, Alfred, 1838-1931

The Friend (London), 71(1931):176, 189 (portrait)

WBE:

SOUTHEY, (or Southerby), William, -1718

b.

ed. as a member of the Catholic Church in his home community on the Sassafras River in Maryland.

1671-72, probably at this time convinced and joined Friends. In 1675 he entertained William Edmundson in his home.

Removed to live in Pennsylvania and was elected to serve on the Provincial Council. Was a minister among Friends.

1688 expressed concern that ardent spirits ought not to be served at weddings and funerals, and was opposed to lawsuits among Friends.

1692 differed with George Keith over the sufficiency of the Light. Was also much opposed to slavery. He proposed some reforms in the manner of trading with the Indians.

1699, he was appointed to assist sick and weak passengers arriving from Liverpool with money, etc.

1700 because Phila. Friends did not wish to move as fast as W.S. on slavery issue, a temporary difference crept in and unity was broken. It is not certain whether or not he remained in the Society.

d. c.1718

SOUTHALL, Alfred William (1871-1957)

Alfred William Southall, the son of Alfred Southall (1838-1931 qv) and his wife Anna Strangman (born Grubb, 1841-1912 qv) of Edgbaston, Birmingham, was born there on 24 March 1871(1).

He became a manufacturing chemist at Birmingham(2) and was married in 1897 to Ethel Marion Evans (1873-1940 qv) of Weston-super-Mare(3); there were two children(4).

Alfred William Southall of Cliffords Mesne, Newent in Gloucestershire, died on 14 May 1957, at the age of eighty six(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a chemist
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Cheltenham on 28 April 1897: he is described as a bachelor, a manufacturing chemist of Carrick House, Richmond Hill, Edgbaston, the son of Alfred Southall, a manufacturing chemist; she is described as a spinster of Woodcliffe South Road, Weston-super-Mare, the daughter of John James Evans, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-
William Percival b 21 March 1898 d 25 May 1918 (on active service)
Celia Jeannette b 6 Nov 1901 m 1925 George Norman Cadbury
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as retired

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

SOUTHALL, Alice Miriam (1870?-1952) born Fox

Alice Miriam Fox, details of whose birth are not at present (1983) traced, was the daughter of Octavius Annesley Fox and was born about the year 1870(1). She was described at the time of her marriage as of Brighton in Sussex.

She became in 1913 the second wife of Bertram Norman Southall (1865-1946 qv), an architect of Brighton, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

Alice Miriam Southall of 51 Stanford Avenue, Brighton, died on 5 March 1952(3), at the age of eighty two.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 82 at death. Her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births

2 For marriage see SOUTHALL, Bertram Norman (1865-1946)

3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Bertram N. Her age at death is not given, but The Friend vol 110 (1952) p 195 gives 82

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

SOUTHALL, Ann (1804-1891) born Burlingham

Ann Burlingham, the daughter of Richard Burlingham (1779-1840 qv) and his first wife Mary, born Trusted, of Worcester, was born there on 27 May 1804(1). In 1839 she became the second wife of Samuel Southall (1793-1853 qv) of Leominster and there were two children of the marriage(2). Samuel Southall died in 1853(3).

Ann Southall was a devoted Friend and a patient invalid, carrying forward to an advanced age a warm and lively interest in everything connected with the advancement of the Gospel and the benefit of mankind. In spite of bodily frailty she always showed a strain of joyful thanksgiving.

She died at Leominster on 17 March 1891(4), aged eighty six and a widow for thirty eight years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1892, p 134

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: her father is described as a glover
- 2 For marriage and children see SOUTHALL, Samuel (1793-1853)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he died on 13 March 1853
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Samuel, of West Lodge, Leominster

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

SOUTHALL, Ann (1817-1899) born Paine

Ann Paine, the daughter of Robert and Sarah Paine of Milton, Adderbury in Oxfordshire, was born there on 2 June 1817(1).

She became in 1874 the second wife of Richard Hodgson Southall (1801-1878 qv), but the marriage was childless(2).

Ann Southall of Belmont Street, Southport in Lancashire died on 13 June 1899, at the age of eighty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage see SOUTHALL, Richard Hodgson (1801-1878)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Richard

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

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SOUTHALL, Anna Mary (1825-1884) after 1858 Ransom

[Anna Mary Southall, daughter of Thomas Southall (-)
and his wife Sarah (born
of Birmingham, was married in 1858 to William Ransom
(1826-1914 qv).]

See RANSOM, Anna Mary (1825-1884) born Southall]

SOUTHALL, Anna Strangman (1841-1912) born Grubb

Anna Strangman Grubb, the daughter of John Grubb and his wife Rebecca (born Strangman, 1821-1907 qv), was born at Clonmel, county Tipperary in Ireland, in the year 1841. When she was about two years old the family moved to Carrick in county Tipperary, a pretty little town on the banks of the river Suir, with a fine old castle. To her early home life with her father she probably owed her great love of gardening and her interest in flowers was stimulated by the collection of dried flowers made by her aunt Susanna Grubb.

Soon after she was nine years old she was sent to a boarding school at Clonmel and school life was made very happy for her by her great interest in reading and learning and by visits to her numerous uncles and aunts. At the age of thirteen she was sent to Elizabeth Brady's school at Birmingham and a schoolfellow has described her as at that time a bright schoolgirl with rosy cheeks and long black curls; she had also an amazing cleverness and vigour. The last year of her school life was spent at Prior Park, Clonmel.

Among her schoolfriends in Birmingham was Emily Southall and it was to Emily's brother Alfred Southall (1838-1931 qv) that she was married in 1864; there were nine children. They settled in a small house at Highfield Road, Birmingham and Anna soon began to throw herself into the life of the town. From early days she was interested in the work of Bull Street Meeting; she was at the centre of the best and most wholesome life of the meeting and in middle age every good cause had her sympathy and help. Her home life was a very happy one, enjoying her growing family and taking them on visits to her relations in Ireland. Her views on the upbringing of her children were in practical details far in advance of her time; she was concerned that they should be warm, comfortable and happy, whatever the fashion of the age decreed. At some time during their childhood the family moved to a larger house at Richmond Hill, Edgbaston, which they called Carrick House.

Many people came to her in time of trouble and found their difficulties lessened when they had discussed them with her. She was a sympathetic friend in time of illness or bereavement and her words always brought comfort. She was deeply interested in adult education, helping with the Severn Street Adult School, and she also concerned herself with the plight of some poor young Jewish girls, many of whom were the children of Polish Jews and were employed by cheap tailors in sweat shops. She was in fact the first woman to teach in a men's Adult School; her husband was not well and she took

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SOUTHALL, Anna Strangman (1841-1912) born Grubb

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his place, somewhat to the consternation of Friends, who later came to the conclusion that "she might be trusted."

Her interest in the Society deepened as she grew older; she was for many years an overseer and later an elder. She was a great support to the younger women of the meeting, who looked upon her as a real friend and loved her devotedly. But perhaps the work nearest to her heart was the Crowley Orphanage; her interest in the girls was kindly and human and she was aware of their individuality in a manner rare among members of committees. She was also for many years a member of the Home Committee of the Nurses' Training Institution. From early days she was a convinced teetotaller, the first of her family to sign the pledge, and was always anxious to explain to people the reasons which had led her to take this step.

She was always interested in her ancestry and helped her uncle James Pim Strangman to prepare a family tree, but she also had a warm and loving welcome for newcomers to the family and delighted in her grandchildren; it was a great joy to her to be left in charge of a grandchild and she wrote long letters full of the minutest details to the absent parents. She was remembered for her rich and many sided nature, her wonderful vitality and her capability. She was impetuous and sometimes hasty, but she never remembered anything against anyone and was a woman loved by many.

Her health gradually failed during the last three years of her life, but her last serious illness was very brief and she died peacefully at Carrick House on 6 May 1912, at the age of seventy(1).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Geraldine S. Cadbury, Anna Strangman Southall, 1912

REFERENCES AND NOTES

I Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Alfred

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

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SOUTHALL, Anne Elizabeth (1842?-1875) born Bourn

Anne Elizabeth Bourn of Edgbaston, Birmingham, the daughter of Joseph Bourn, was born about the year 1842(1).

She became in 1873 the third wife of William Southall (1825-1886 qv), a chemist of Birmingham and there was one child(2).

Anne Elizabeth Southall of Edgbaston died on 30 January 1875, at the age of thirty three(3), shortly after the birth of her daughter.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 33 at death. Her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births

2 For marriage and issue see SOUTHALL, William (1825-1886)

3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of William

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1876, p 153: 2 line entry for death, the wife of William Southall

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

SOUTHALL, Annette Jessie (1861?-1937) born Waterman
eldest daughter of Lewis Waterman

Annette Jessie Waterman, /details of whose birth ~~and parentage~~ are not at present (1981) traced, was born about the year 1861(1).

She was married in 1884 to Henry John Southall (1859-1936 qv), a solicitor of Leominster in Herefordshire and there were four children(2). Her husband had a distinguished career in local government(3). She may not have been a member of the Society at the time of her marriage, but she is shown in membership in 1887(4) and her eldest child, born in 1886, had a birthright membership.

Annette Jessie Southall of 19 Coppice Road, Moseley, Birmingham, died on 14 February 1937, at the age of seventy six(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 76 at death. Her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births *
- 2 For marriage and children see SOUTHALL, Henry John (1859-1936)
- 3 See entry for SOUTHALL, Henry John (1859-1936)
- 4 Western QM printed lists of members, Leominster Meeting
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of H.J.

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

* Her father is described as of Bristol at the time of her marriage, which was in a congregational church there (The Friend ns vol 24 (1884) p 128)

The Friend vol 95 (1937) p 215 contains a brief appreciation, confirming that she joined Friends at Leominster after her marriage, mentioning her after-meeting visits to the boys and girls of the Leominster Orphan Homes, and recording that "her ministry was downright, clear and understanding"

SOUTHALL, Arthur Trusted (1857-1949)

Arthur T. Southall, the son of John Tertius Southall (1822-1916 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Trusted, 1817-1891 qv) of Leominster in Herefordshire, was born there on 16 January 1857(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1870 to 1875(2).

After visiting Spain he acquired some business experience in Ireland and then for fifty years he was proprietor of the Leominster Printing Company. He never married.

He was a great lover of nature and knew intimately all the lanes, roads and lonely tracks within a fifty mile radius of Leominster. He studied wild life and weather conditions as well as local history and he loathed cruelty to birds and animals.

He took part in many local affairs, although he disliked duties which brought him into the limelight. He was a total abstainer and non-smoker, to which he attributed his long life.

Arthur T. Southall of St Oswalds, Craswell Green, Leominster, died at his home on 5 January 1949, at the age of ninety one(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 107 (1949) p 38

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a draper
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 378
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired printer

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

SOUTHALL, Bertram Norman (1865-1946)

Bertram N. Southall, the son of Norman Southall (-) and his wife Florence (born) of Holloway in London, was born there on 1 July 1865(1). He was educated at Brighton in Sussex and became an architect(2).

He spent the greater part of his life in Brighton and devoted his latter years to the service of Brighton Meeting and the Town Council. He was clerk to two meetings of the Society(3) and served on the Meeting for Sufferings from 1927 to 1940(4).

He was mayor of Brighton for a year shortly after the first world war and was in turn chairman of the Education, Fine Arts and Waterworks Committees; he was also chairman of the magistrates for many years. He was a man of few words, but what he said was much to the point and carried weight.

He was twice married. His first marriage is not at present (1983) traced(5) and he married secondly in 1913 Alice Miriam Fox (1870?-1952 qv) of Brighton(6); the marriage was apparently childless(7).

Bertram N. Southall of 51 Stanford Avenue, Brighton, died on 16 January 1946, at the age of eighty(8).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 92 (1946) p 92

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a merchant
- 2 He is so described in the entry for his second marriage, note 6
- 3 Index of Clerks, Friends House Library:-

Brighton PM	-	1910-1915, 1940
Lewes & Chichester MM	-	1916-1927
- 4 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
- 5 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 6 The wedding was at Brighton on 27 March 1913: he is described as a widower, an architect of 51 Stanford Avenue, Brighton, the son of Norman Southall, a retired wholesale woollen draper; she is described as a spinster of 32 De Montfort Road, Brighton, the daughter of Octavius Annesley Fox, a retired dental surgeon (Digest of Marriages)
- 7 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 8 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

[Caroline Southall, daughter of William Southall (1797-1866 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Baker, 1803-1871 qv) of Birmingham, was married in 1859 to Samuel Price (1832-1921 qv) of Birmingham.

See PRICE, Caroline (1832-1929) born Southall]

SOUTHALL, Constance Ann (1801-1890) born Merrick

Constance Ann Merrick, the daughter of John Merrick (1767?-1828 qv) and his wife Mary (born 1775?-1829 qv) of Dover Place in the parish of St Mary Newington in Surrey, was born there on 20 January 1801(1). She had a bright and happy disposition, which made her a great favourite with her many brothers and sisters.

From an early age she was sensitive to the love of God, but through a natural timidity and the reticence in religious matters which characterised her, she repressed both enquiry and instruction and was never able fully to grasp the implications of her faith.

She was married in 1830 to Rittson Southall (1795?-1883 qv), a warehouseman of London and there were seven children, four of whom died in infancy(2). Family cares were not allowed to take up all her attention and she found time to visit her poorer neighbours. She worked unceasingly to help mitigate the terrible sufferings of the peasants in the Irish famine of 1847. She was always kind and courteous in whatever she undertook and was very hospitable.

As she grew older her spiritual life deepened and even when there were signs of mental decay the Bible was still her best loved book. In early life she had made it her study and in the twilight of her years she was never at a loss to find the passage she wanted. When no longer able to attend meetings for worship she much enjoyed the visits of a friend who was a minister of the Society.

Constance Ann Southall of Summerleigh, Merstham in Surrey, died suddenly but very peacefully on 5 April 1890, at the age of eighty nine(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1891, pp 147-153

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a warehouseman
- 2 For marriage and children see SOUTHALL, Rittson (1795?-1883)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Rittson

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

SOUTHALL, Celia (1864-1959) born Price

Celia Price, the daughter of Samuel Price (1832-1921 qv) and his wife Caroline (born Southall, 1832-1929 qv) of Birmingham, was born there on 21 April 1864(1).

Early in life she began to serve others and taught regularly each Sunday morning at the Priory Women's Adult School. She was married in 1893 to Thomas Southall (1865-1909 qv), a draper of Ross-on-Wye in Herefordshire and there were three children(2). Her husband died very suddenly while her children were quite young and for their sake she moved to Birmingham, so that they might have the opportunity to train for professional careers.

At this time she became an official visitor to the women in Winson Green Prison where, perhaps because of her own suffering, she was able to help and comfort many. She was an elder of Bull Street Meeting and began to help acceptably in the ministry.

From 1922 to 1940 she lived at Hampstead with her elder son and was a valued elder of that meeting.

In 1932, after years of research, she completed and published for private circulation a volume of Records of the Southall Family. The research went back to the Southalls and Prichards of the seventeenth century.

In 1940, at the age of seventy six, she moved to Hall Green, Birmingham, to live near her daughter Dr Olive Newton and for the last nineteen years of her life she was a beloved member of Hall Green Meeting. She had many gifts. She had a receptive and critical mind and an excellent memory; all her life she read widely and remembered what she had read. She was a very gifted water colour artist and painted delightful outdoor scenes. Her sympathies were all directed outwards and she seldom, if ever, dwelt on her own troubles, even when the infirmities of extreme age made life hard to bear.

Celia Southall of 243 Robin Hood Lane, Birmingham, died on 30 September 1959, at the age of ninety five(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 117 (1959) p 1251

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a leather dresser
- 2 For marriage and children see SOUTHALL, Thomas (1865-1909)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Thomas

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 30, p 78: reference to Records of the Southall Family