RECKITT, Albert Leopold (1877-1947)

Albert Reckitt, the son of George Reckitt (1825-1900 qv) and his wife Elizabeth Sarah, born Jackson, of Hull and London, was born at Hull on 24 June 1877(1). Details of his early life and education are not at present (1976) traced, but he had qualified either at an engineering works or at university and in 1898 he joined his father in the London office of Reckitt & Sons, Ltd, manufacturers of starch, blue, black lead and a number of other products.

He was appointed a director of the firm in 1904 and was concerned in the purchase of a whole series of small businesses between 1900 and 1912. He also took part in the Garden Village scheme inaugurated by Sir James Reckitt (1833-1924 qv), contributing a Club House in memory of his father. He continued to serve the company in the following years and when the Chiswick Polish Company was taken over by Reckitts he became Chairman of the company under its new name of Chiswick Products Ltd. He was also instrumental in the decision to market a new disinfectant under the name of Dettol and after the amalgamation of Reckitts with J & J Colman he became one of the two vice-chairmen of the new company.

He died in 1947, but there is no trace of his marriage or death in the records of the Society and it is probable that he ceased to be a Friend.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Basil N.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons, Limited, London 1951, pp 49-90

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a manufacturer

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

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RECKITT, Ann (1796-1875) born Coleby

Ann Coleby, the daughter of Charles Coleby (1769-1802 qv) and his wife Elizabeth, born Kincey, of Hempstead in Norfolk, was born there on 16 December 1796(1). Her father, who had started life as a farmer, apparently gave up farming and became a corn merchant at Cley or Holt in Norfolk, but he was not successful in business and when he died in 1802 his widow was left badly off, with a young family to bring up. Some friends came to her rescue and set her up in a little school in a large old house at Kelvedon in Essex and here Ann passed her childhood.

She was married in 1818 to Isaac Reckitt (1792-1862 qv) of Boston, Nottingham and Hull and there were seven children(2). At first sight it seemed that she had not married so well as her sisters, who all married men of substance. She brought into the Reckitt family, besides the good connections made by her sisters' marriages, Coleby characteristics which persisted; a love of botany, rheumatism, a tendency to be immoderate in argument, radicalism and an aptitude for public works. She had also considerable literary gifts and found release and comfort in expressing her feelings in verse of considerable grace and not without distinction; her letters always made good reading.

Her husband was not successful in the businesses of wool merchant and corn factor which he tried at Boston and Nottingham and it was only with the help of his wife's family that he was able to set up the starch and blue business in Hull which eventually became the foundation of the family fortune. Ann was a loyal and staunch wife and supported her husband in everything he undertook, and the Colebys were an exceptionally united family, ever ready to help one another. All Isaac's brothers-in-law shared this characteristic and each was an experienced man of business. But it was with great joy that Ann was at last able to write to her son James (1833-1924 qv) that his father had discharged his last debt to her family.

Ann cared little for her own health, but was devoted to her family. On one occasion she drove her husband all the way to Bath in an open four wheeled cart, having heard that a visit there was the only hope of curing the acute rheumatism from which he suffered during the first part of his life. The cure was successful and Isaac himself drove them home again.

In 1861 James's health was causing concern and a winter on the Riviera was recommended. Ann had not been well herself, so in October 1861 she and Isaac and James set off for Mentone. Isaac left them in December and she and James occupied themselves with rambles in the mild sunshine and collecting wild flowers; Ann's letters home are full of descriptions of the flowers which always delighted her and of their expeditions in search of health and happiness.

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James took French lessons at a modest cost and indulged in an occasional game of billiards, but Ann began to miss her husband sorely and waited anxiously to hear when he would come out to fetch them home. But since he returned home Isaac's health had gradually deteriorated and he died in March 1862 without seeing his wife again. Ann's immediate reaction was to make plans to return home immediately but a letter from her eldest son Frederic (1823-1912 qv) convinced her that an early return in inclement weather might undo all the good James's holiday in the south of France had done for him. Their return was postponed for a few months and they lingered on exploring Italy, Ann feeling as she always did in her blameless life that she was doing her duty in remaining with her son.

Her family were a great comfort to her in her widowhood, but her especial joy was in the marriage of her son James to Kathleen Saunders (1845?-1923 qv). She rejoiced in all her grandchildren, but Kathleen and her children were especially dear to her and their loving friendship did much to comfort Ann's old age.

She died at Hull on 27 March 1875, at the age of seventy eight(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, pp 52-189

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 For marriage and children see RECKITT, Isaac (1792-1862)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Hull, the widow of Isaac

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

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RECKITT, Arnold (1875-)

Arnold Reckitt, the son of Francis Reckitt (1827-1917 qv) and his second wife Alice, born Harris, of Hull, was born there in the year 1875(1). His mother died either in childbirth or shortly after he was born and he was brought up by his stepmother, Eliza Louisa, born Whitlock. Details of his education are not at present (1976) traced, but he qualified in engineering and in 1898 was appointed engineer to the family business of Reckitt & Sons, Ltd., blue, starch and black lead manufacturers, which had been founded by his grandfather Isaac Reckitt (1792-1862 qv).

He was appointed a director of the company in 1904 and in the same year went out to America with his cousin Harold Reckitt (later Sir Harold James Reckitt, 1868-1930 qv) to investigate the possibility of entering the grate polish market there. After endless delays, the deal with the American company fell through, but a factory was bought in New Brunswick for the manufacture of Blue and a separate company, Reckitts (U.S.A.)Ltd., was founded in 1908.

He served during the first world war with the rank of captain, returning to the company after the war, but by 1932 he had ceased active management of its affairs.

Neither the date of his death or his possible marriage are traced in the records of the Society and it is probable that he ceased to be a Friend.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Basil N.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons Limited, London 1951, pp 49-50

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Basil N.Reckitt, op cit, p 46. There is no entry in the Digest of Births

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

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RECKITT, Catherine (1752-1818) born Massey

See RECKITT, Katharine (1752-1818) born Massey

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RECKITT, Deborah (1784-1859) after 1823 Dieppe

(Deborah Reckitt, daughter of Thomas Reckitt (1741-1819 qv) and his wife Katharine (born Massey, 1752-1818 qv) of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, was married in 1823 to Thomas Dieppe (1789?-1859 qv).

See DIEPPE, Deborah (1784-1859) born Reckitt)

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RECKITT, Deborah (1786-1852) born Burtt

Deborah Burtt, the daughter of Thomas Burtt (1743-1815 qv) and his first wife Ann, born Mabbot, of North End, Welbourn in Lincolnshire, was born there on 12 October 1786(1). She was married in 1809 to Thomas Reckitt (1785-1862 qv) and there were fourteen children(2).

The Reckitts began life as graziers at Wainfleet, moving in 1818 to Boston in Lincolnshire, where Thomas became a miller. The milling business was not a success and about 1835 they moved to Manchester, where Thomas opened a school(3)

Deborah Reckitt died at Manchester on 23 November 1852(4), at the age of sixty six.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 For marriage and children see RECKITT, Thomas (1785-1862)
3 See RECKITT, Thomas (1785-1862)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Thomas

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

See Also
Burtt, Mary Bowen, The Burtts, a Lincolnshire Quaker Family, Hull, Burtt Brothers, 1937, p.149.

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RECKITT, Eliza (1837-1889) born Pryor

Eliza Pryor, the daughter of Henry and Eliza Pryor of Holborn Hill, Middlesex, was born at Coles Terrace, Islington, on 10 December 1837(1). Details of her early life and education are not at present (1976) traced, but for some part of her life she worked as a governess. She was naturally of an ardent, impulsive temperament, clinging closely to those she loved and most loyal in her friendships. At one time she was much perplexed and unsettled in her religious views, but eventually she became a convinced and devoted Friend.

In 1868 she went to live in Hull and in 1882, at the age of forty five, she was married to Frederic Rickett (1823-1912 qv); there were no children of the marriage(2). She had in no common degree "a heart at leisure from itself to soothe and sympathise" and in her home life as well as her work outside it she shed a bright and cheerful influence. She took a warm interest in all that concerned the Society and was associated with many ventures for the benefit of others; perhaps the most conspicuous of her interests lay in the Women's School. She attended her weekly class regularly as long as her health allowed and visited the women in their homes. She was particularly well fitted for visiting the poor, understanding their problems and entering into their trials and afflictions; she made them feel that she understood them and was a kind friend and helper.

For some time before her death her health began to fail and she was urged to take life a little more easily, but she replied that she wanted to work as long as she could. She took her place in her class for the last time on 10 March 1889, but was taken ill on the following Tuesday. After several weeks of severe illness, she died on 22 April 1889(3), at the age of fifty one.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1890 pp 163-167

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father's occupation is not given
2 For marriage see RECKITT, Frederic Isaac (1823-1912)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Hull, the wife of Frederic Isaac

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

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RECKITT, Elizabeth (1821-1876) after 1848 Wallis

(Elizabeth Reckitt, elder daughter of Isaac Reckitt (1792-1862 qv) and his wife Ann (born Coleby, 1796-1875 qv) of Boston, Nottingham and Hull, was married in 1848 to Henry Wallis (1818-1899 qv).

See WALLIS, Elizabeth (1821-1876) born Reckitt)

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RECKITT, Ellen (1711-1765) born Maw

Ellen or Ellinor Maw, the daughter of Simon and Mary Maw of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, was born on 30.vi.(August)1711(1). She was married in 1731 to William Reckitt (1706-1769 qv) and there were nine children, although only eight are traced as registered with the Society(2). At the time of their marriage William was described as a weaver of Firsney in Lincolnshire(3), although elsewhere he has been described as a grazier and dealer in wool at Wainfleet(4).

William Reckitt was a minister and during his frequent absences the care of their large family fell upon Ellen. She has been described as a faithful and loving wife and a tender mother(5).

She died on 16 October 1765(6), at the age of fifty four.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given; her name is given as Ellinor
2 For marriage and children see RECKITT, William (1706-1769)
3 He is so described in his marriage entry
4 See RECKITT, William (1706-1769)
5 Friends Quarterly Examiner, vol 17, p 193
6 Lincolnshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of William

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

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RECKITT, Ellinor (1711-1765) born Maw

See RECKITT, Ellen (1711-1765) born Maw

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RECKITT, Francis (1827-1917)

Francis Reckitt, the son of Isaac Reckitt (1792-1862 qv) and his wife Ann (born Coleby, 1796-1875 qv) of Boston, Nottingham and Hull, was born at Boston in Lincolnshire, where his father was in business as a wool merchant, on 3 June 1827(1). The family moved to Nottingham when he was quite young and he received his early education at Packer's Academy there, but in 1837 he was sent to Ackworth School, where he remained until 1841. While he was at Ackworth his father had started a starch and blue business at Hull and when the works flooded Francis begged so hard to come home and work the pump that he was allowed to leave school.

When the immediate emergency was over it was considered that he should have a proper business training away from home and he was apprenticed to Henry Bragg, a Quaker grocer of South Shields. He did not remain long with Henry Bragg and went to work for another grocer named Neave of Leiston in Suffolk; but he found the life uncongenial and his stay there was a short one. Nor did he take another post, but was soon engaged with his father and brothers Frederic (1823-1912 qv) and George (1825-1900 qv) in the family business at Hull. He started his working life with the firm as a traveller in the north of England and having an inventive and ingenious mind was soon attracted by the idea of making biscuits in premises adjoining the starch works. But although Francis put a great deal of time and thought into this new venture, it did not last and the firms staple products remained for the time being starch, blue and black lead for grate polish. He was made a partner in 1852.

With his brother George he prepared the firm's exhibits for the International Exhibition in 1862 and on the death of his father in that year the business was left equally between him and his brothers George and James (1833-1924 qv), who had joined the firm when he left Ackworth School in 1848. George left the firm temporarily after Isaac's death, but he returned to take charge of the London office, leaving Francis and James to look after the business in Hull.

When in January 1879 the private joint stock company of Reckitt and Sons Ltd. came into being he was made a director and was the first chairman of the new company, thereafter alternating year by year with James. The company was made public in 1888, but by this time Francis had retired from active participation in its affairs and moved to London. In June 1885 he had been offered the position of Parliamentary candidate for East Hull, but he decided, like his brother James, that a career in politics was not for him. He appears

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to have retired to live at Butler's Court at Beaconsfield in Buckinghamshire, but he retained an interest in the firm.

The Reckitt brothers were notable for their liberality and for the generosity with which they treated their employees. In 1892, with his brother James, Francis had purchased an hotel at Withernsea, twenty miles from Hull, equipped it as a convalescent home and handed it over to the Hull Royal Infirmary. Numerous welfare schemes were introduced at the works and in the early 1900s a Garden Village was built in Hull for the benefit of Reckitts' workers. The originator of the scheme for the Garden Village was James, but all the brothers, except George who had died, took part in it and Francis's contribution was the Institute, containing provision for meals and recreation, including a gymnasium and a handsome concert hall which would seat over a thousand people. In 1910 Francis gave a donation of five thousand pounds towards the building of the science block and gymnasium at Ackworth, which now bears his name.

Francis was married three times. His first wife was Mary Ann Benington, the daughter of one of his customers in Newcastle, whom he married in 1857(2); there were seven children(3). Mary Ann Reckitt died in 1867(4) and in 1871 he took as his second wife Alice Harris(5), who apparently bore him two children(6). Alice Reckitt died in 1875, probably in childbirth(7), and in 1877 he was married for the third time, to Eliza Louisa Whitlock(8); this marriage was apparently childless(9).

Francis Reckitt died at his home at Beaconsfield on 25 January 1917(10) in his ninetieth year.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, pp 60-210
Basil N.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons Limited, London 1951 pp xiii-xiv and 3-69

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

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a merchant

2 The wedding was at Stockton on 27 August 1857: he is described as a bachelor, a merchant of South Parade, Hull, the son of Isaac Reckitt, a merchant; she is described as a spinster of High Street, Stockton, the daughter of William Benington, a grocer (Digest of Marriages)

3 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-

Annie Constance	b 15 June 1858
Francis William	b 17 Oct 1859
Mary Gertrude	b 1 Feb 1861
Arthur Bennington qv	b 16 July 1862
Charles Coleby	b 6 Jan 1864
Ernest	b 8 Oct 1866
Arthur Cecil	b 26 Dec 1867

N.B. No marriages are recorded for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages

4 Digest of Deaths: she died on 27 December 1867, the wife of Francis

5 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages

6 No children are traced in the Digest of Births, but Basil N.Reckitt, op cit p 46 gives the following:-

Frank Norman	b 1871
Arnold	b 1875

7 Her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

8 The wedding was at Scarborough on 22 November 1877: he is described as a widower, a manufacturer of Hessle near Hull, the son of Isaac Reckitt, deceased; she is described as not in membership, a spinster of Scarborough, the daughter of Thomas Whitlock, deceased (Digest of Marriages)

9 No children are traced in the Digest of Births

10 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of Butler's Court, Beaconsfield, Bucks.

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RECKITT, Frank Norman (1871-1940)

Frank N.Reckitt, the son of Francis Reckitt (1827-1917 qv) and his second wife Alice, born Harris, of Hull, was born there in the year 1871(1). He did not go into the family firm of Reckitt & Sons Ltd. starch manufacturers, but became an architect and was responsible for the design of the Institute presented by his father to the Garden Village built in Hull for the employees of Reckitts.

He died in 1940, but there is no trace of his marriage or death in the records of the Society and it is probable that he ceased to be a Friend.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Basil N.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons Limited, London 1951, p 61

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Basil N.Reckitt, op cit, p 46. There is no entry in the Digest of Births

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

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RECKITT, Frederic Isaac (1823-1912)

Frederic Reckitt, the second son of Isaac Reckitt (1792-1862 qv) and his wife Ann (born Coleby, 1796-1875 qv), of Boston, Nottingham and Hull, was born at Boston in Lincolnshire on 18 September 1823(1). The family moved to Nottingham when he was ten years old, just as he entered on his short school life at Ackworth, which he attended from 1833 to 1834. But his health was not sufficiently robust to stand up to the spartan regime of that period and he left to attend Packer's Academy, a day school in Nottingham.

He was married in 1882 to Eliza Pryor (1837-1889 qv)(2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3). After his wife's death in 1889(4) he was married again, in 1893, to Mary Jane Thompson (1846-1910 qv)(5), but this marriage was also childless(6).

In 1840 he moved with his parents to Hull and eventually entered the starch business founded by his father. He was a very able man, with leanings towards science and an inventive mind; he loved chemistry and engineering and cared little about the purely commercial side of the business, but his skill did much to lay the foundations of its prosperity. For nearly fifty years he was the firm's only chemist and during the greater part of that period made all the experiments and tests required for the improvement of the products sold, including a very successful soluble starch and the manufacture of black lead for grate polish.

He had been a delicate boy and never felt equal to taking a very prominent part in public life, but as the firm expanded so his wealth increased and he did much good work in a quiet and unostentatious way. He was interested in the Hull dispensary and the Nurses' Home, he shared with his wife a warm interest in the large adult class for women and one of his last works was the building of Rest Houses in the Garden Village in Hull, built by the Reckitts for the benefit of their workers. He was a life-long abstainer and non-smoker and his habits were strictly abstemious, but he was of a most kindly nature and loved to do good. He was inclined by nature to be autocratic, but the force of his earnest religious character prevented this from becoming apparent. He spoke often in meetings for worship, had a wide knowledge of the Scriptures and was an elder(7).

His long life of nearly ninety years closed quietly at Edinburgh on 7 December 1912(8).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, pp 60-241
Ackworth Old Scholars Reports, 1913-1914, p 101
Annual monitor 1914 p 155

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a merchant
2 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 20 October 1882: he is described as a bachelor, a starch manufacturer of Holderness Road, Hull, the son of Isaac Reckitt, a starch manufacturer, deceased; she is described as a spinster of Holderness Road, Hull, the daughter of Henry Pryor, an umbrella manufacturer, deceased (Digest of Marriages)
3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
4 Digest of Deaths: she died on 22 April 1889, the wife of Frederic Isaac
5 The wedding was at Doncaster on 4 May 1893: he is described as a widower, a gentleman of Hull, the son of Isaac Reckitt, starch manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of Hull, the daughter of Richard Thompson, tea merchant (Digest of Marriages)
6 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
7 Annual Monitor 1914, p 155
8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of Hull

SEE ALSO:-

Basil N.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons Limited, London 1951, pp xii-xiv and 4-12
Eastern Morning News, 9 Dec 1912: obituary and account of funeral (Friends House Library PP/169)
Account of Will (Friends House Library, VV/52)

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

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RECKITT, George (1825-1900)

George Reckitt, the son of Isaac Reckitt (1792-1862 qv) and his wife Ann (born Coleby, 1796-1875 qv) of Boston, Nottingham and Hull, was born at Boston in Lincolnshire on 3 June 1825(1). He was educated at Packer's Academy in Nottingham, where his father was at that time a miller and corn factor, and at Ackworth School from 1833 to 1839(2). After leaving school he was apprenticed near Bishop's Stortford, but the apprenticeship was not a success and reports of him were highly critical. However, it was felt that he was more sinned against than sinning and it was decided to bring him home to help in the starch and blue business which his father had started in Hull.

He was only eighteen, but he begged his father to let him become a traveller, to try to spread the firm's products over a wider field and for many years he was the firm's only and very efficient traveller, in due course adding black lead for grate polish to the products he promoted. He did not enjoy the work, finding it hard and exhausting and the Commercial Hotels of the period nurseries, to a Quaker, of drunkenness and vice; it is to his great credit that he persevered in it for so many years and to such good purpose.

In January 1848 he was made a partner in the business, continuing in his activities as a traveller and, after being joined by his brother James (1833-1924 qv), concentrating on the Midlands and the South. He was married in 1859 to Elizabeth Sarah Jackson of Bristol(3) and there were eleven children(4), many of whom died in infancy. Additional travellers had by then been engaged and trained by George and he felt himself free to settle in the Hull office with his brother Francis (1827-1917 qv), helping his father with the day to day running of their expanding business. He stood for Hull City Council and after a preliminary failure was elected in 1862; he was the first member of his family to take an active interest in civic affairs.

On his father's death in 1862 the business was left equally to George, Francis and James. George left it for a time and moved to London, where he became a director of the London & Southwark Insurance Corporation, but by 1870 he was back again with Reckitts as manager of the London office, in which he had always shown great interest and which he had been instrumental in setting up. When on 1 January 1879 the private joint stock company known as Reckitt and Sons, Ltd, came into existence he was made a director and continued to manage the London end of the business, in charge of the branch at 150 Queen Victoria Street.

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RECKITT, Frederic Isaac (1823-1912)

Frederic Isaac Reckitt was born 18 September 1823 at Boston, Lincs., the son of Isaac Reckitt, merchant, and Ann his wife (1). In 1833 the family removed to Nottingham, and in 1840 to Hull, where Isaac Reckitt founded the starch-manufacturing firm. Frederic assisted his father in this from the start, was the firm's first chemist, and invented a number of its lines. He did not, however, become a partner (2). He was of very delicate constitution.

He married firstly, 20 October 1882, at Devonshire House, Eliza Pryor, daughter of Henry Pryor, an umbrella-manufacturer (3).

He married secondly, 4 May 1893 at Doncaster, Mary Jane Thompson, daughter of Richard Thompson, tea merchant (4).

His public appearances were rare, on account of the state of his health, but his heart and mind were often exercised towards religious and philanthropic efforts. He spoke often in meetings for worship and had a wide knowledge of the Scriptures. He was an elder.

Together with his wife, he took great interest in the Women's Adult School, and one of his last works was the erection of a number of almshouses for the benefit of aged members oftthe School.

He died 7 December, 1912, aged 90, and was interred at Hull General Cemetery, 11 December (5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1914, p.155

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 Lincs QM Births digest

2 B.N. Reckitt, The history of Reckitt and Sons Limited (London 1951) pp.xii-xiv, 4, 11, 12

3 Digest of marriage certificates. He is described as starch manufacturer of Holderness Rd., Hull.
Eliza Pryor was born at Coles Terrace, Islington, 10 Dec. 1837, the daughter of Henry and Eliza Pryor of Holborn Hill, Middx.
She died 22 April 1889 - Digest of birth notes
Digest of burial notes
No children in digest of birth notes

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RECKITT, Frederic Isaac (1823-1912) contd.

4 Digest of marriage certificates
Mary Jane Thompson was born at Gainsborough 24 Dec. 1846, the daughter of Richard and Mary Maw Thompson of Gainsborough. She died 7 Dec. 1910
- Digest of birth notes
Digest of burial notes

5 Digest of burial notes. Gentleman, of Hull

SEE ALSO
Ackworth OSA Report 1913 p.101
Obituary and account of funeral, in Eastern Morning News 9 Dec. 1912 (Friends House Vol.PP/169)
Account of will (Friends House Vol.VV/52)

Two of his sons, George Frederick (1863-1931 qv) and Albert Leopold (1877-1947 qv), grew up to help him in London. He played a very great part in the early struggles of Reckitts for survival and it is probably true to say that if he had not persuaded his parents to let him become a traveller the business might have died in its infancy.

He died in London on 12 April 1900(5), in his seventy fifth year.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, pp 60-240
Basil M.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons Limited, London 1951, pp xii and 5-54

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a merchant
2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, London 1879, p 128
3 The wedding was at Bristol on 1 July 1859: he is described as a bachelor, a merchant, of Holderness Road, Southcoats, the son of Isaac Reckitt, a merchant; she is described as a spinster of Ashley Place, Bristol, the daughter of Samuel Pim Jackson, an iron merchant (Digest of Marriages)
4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-

Florence Elizabeth	b 24 May 1860	who d 11 Feb 1861
George Albert	b 10 April 1861	who d 23 Sept 1863
Charles Ernest	b 25 April 1862	who d 11 Sept 1862
George Frederick qv	b 13 Oct 1863	no marriage traced to 1935
Charlotte Emily	b 4 Jan 1865	who d 9 Dec 1865
Arthur Edward	b 9 Jan 1866	who d 19 Dec 1870
Wilfred Jackson	b 24 Aug 1867	who d 12 March 1882
Juliet Emily	b 2 April 1870	no marriage traced to 1935
Charlotte Kathleen	b 13 April 1872	who d 1 March 1876
Edward Coleby	b 22 May 1875	who d 25 Feb 1876
Albert Leopold qv	b 24 June 1877	no marriage traced to 1935

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of Mayfield, Dulwich Wood Park, S.E., a blue, starch and lead manufacturer

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

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RECKITT, George Frederick (1863-1931)

George Frederick Reckitt, the son of George Reckitt (1825-1900 qv) and his wife Elizabeth Sarah, born Jackson, of Hull and London, was born at Hull on 13 October 1863(1). His health was delicate, but he entered the London office of the starch, blue and black lead business of Reckitt & Sons, Ltd. to help his father, until in 1895 he had a breakdown and was forced to retire.

He died in 1931, but there is no trace of his marriage or death in the records of the Society and it is probable that he ceased to be a Friend.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Basil H.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons Limited, London 1951, p 48

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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

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

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RECKITT, sir Harold James (1868-1930)

Harold James Reckitt, the elder son of Sir James Reckitt (1833-1924 qv) and his wife Kathleen (born Saunders, 1845?-1923 qv) of Hull, was born there on 4 May 1868(1). He followed his father into the family business of Reckitt & Sons, Ltd, manufacturers of starch, blue, black lead and other products, and his first job when he joined the company was to prepare a non-contributory pension scheme in 1890. In 1893 he was made a director of the company.

He joined the business at a time of world wide expansion, helped by the infusion of new blood represented by himself, his brother Philip Bealby (1873-1944 qv) and his four cousins, who all came into thecompany at about the same time. In 1904 he went over to America with his cousin Arnold Reckitt (1875- qv) to investigate the possibility of Reckitts' entering the grate polish market there. After endless delays on the part of the American company concerned, the deal fell through, but a factory was bought at New Brunswick for the manufacture of blue and a separate company, Reckitts (U.S.A.) Ltd, was formed in 1908.

During the first world war he was responsible with Lady Helen Johnstone for founding a hospital at Ris Oranges, Seine-et-Oise. Efforts had been made, without success, to establish a hospital for the British at Malta or Alexandria and the hospital at Ris Oranges was intended for French soldiers. It was eventually made a full military hospital; its X-ray Department was one of the best equipped in France and during the three years of its existence over two thousand four hundred patients passed through it.

On his father's death in 1924 Harold succeeded to the baronetcy and became Sir Harold James Reckitt. There is no evidence that he ever married(2) and on his death the title passed to his brother Philip. He died in 1930, but his death was not recorded by the Society(3) and it is probable that he had ceased to be a Friend.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Basil N.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons Limited, London 1951, pp 48-90

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a starch manufacturer
2 There is no record of a marriage in the Digest of Marriages
3 The date of his death is given in Basil N.Reckitt, op cit p 46; there is no record in the Digest of Deaths

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

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RECKITT, Isaac (1792-1862)

Isaac Reckitt, the sixth child and third son of Thomas Reckitt(1741-1819 qv) and his wife Katherine (born Massey, 1752-1818 qv), of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, was born there on 27 December 1792(1). He was educated at Joseph Crosfield's school at Hartshill, near Tamworth, and was apprenticed at Bury St Edmunds to learn the corn trade. There he was very unhappy and overworked, and felt that he was called upon to do many things from which the large premium paid by his father should have exempted him.

In 1814, at the end of his term, he came back home to help his father and to deal on his own account in wool. At first his dealings showed a steady profit from a modest beginning, but his credit margins gradually declined. In 1818 he started a joint milling venture with his elder brother Thomas (1785-1862 qv) and they built the Maud Foster Mill at Boston in Lincolnshire; besides flour milling, the brothers dealt in grain and cereals of all kinds. In 1823 they installed mills for cement manufacture, with a steam engine to work them costing £300, and in 1828 a bone grinding mill was added and a bakehouse.

In 1818 Isaac was married to Ann Coleby of Poungland in Norfolk(2), a marriage which was most important to his future prospects. Not only did Isaac gain a wife whose charm and steadfastness was of the greatest help to him throughout his life, but his wife's sisters had married well and he had as his brothers-in-law Robert Ransome, of the firm of agricultural machinery manufacturers at Ipswich, Edward Gripper of Layer Breton Hall in Essex, a prosperous yeoman farmer, John Morland, an accountant, and John Wise of London. All these men in time contributed to the success of Isaac's later business venture and helped to lay the foundation of the family fortune. There were seven children of the marriage(3).

But in spite of a prudent and loving marriage and a happy family life, Isaac Reckitt did not at first prosper. In the years between 1827 and 1833 the milling business did badly and in 1833 Isaac gave up his share to Thomas and moved to Nottingham to start in business as a corn factor. He was dogged throughout the first half of his life by persistent ill health. He suffered severely from rheumatism and at one time his condition grew so bad that his wife left the family in Boston in the care of her eldest daughter and took Isaac to Bath, which she believed offered the only hope of a cure. She made the journey in a low four wheel cart, which she drove herself, and each night with her own hands lifted from the cart, undressed and washed her helpless and pain-racked husband and put him to bed. It is pleasant to record that the cure was a success and that Isaac himself drove them back home.

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RECKITT, Isaac (1792-1862)

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But once again the Nottingham venture was not a success and in 1840 the family moved to Hull, where Isaac's brother John and his sister Sarah Kitching (1781- qv) were already established. A third milling venture was also, however, a failure and Isaac was forced to compound with his creditors; he was not disowned, perhaps because his failures were not due to lack of hard work on his part, and he lived to repay every one of his creditors in full.

Undaunted by his three failures, Isaac began life afresh. About 1880, with the help of capital from his brothers-in-law and his mother-in-law, he acquired the lease of a small starch and blue business in Hull, a humble two storied building in a mean thoroughfare which afterwards became known as Starch Lane; the only merit of the place was that it had its own well and was thus independent of the town water supply. The undertaking was in its early years very much a family concern. Isaac had the help of his eldest surviving son, Frederick (1823-1912 qv) and when the mill flooded in 1841 Francis (1827-1917 qv), then a boy of fourteen at school at Ackworth, petitioned to be allowed to come home and work the pump, thus saving the wages of a labourer. On generous help from his wife's relations and this spirit of unity and self-sacrifice the good fortune of the family was at last firmly founded and the basis for later success was assured.

But in its early years the starch making business was not completely straightforward. The natural bent of Isaac's mind was towards variety and experiment and in 1845 he tried his hand at share broking. For ten years the firm experimented with brick making, for which they had neither the knowledge, aptitude or facilities; this was eventually abandoned, but Isaac also kept pigs, which were fed on the waste products of the starch making industry and this was a profitable concern, although it led him into difficulties with the authorities during the outbreak of cholera in Hull in 1849, when an effort was made to ban the keeping of pigs within the town boundary.

Finally, as all his sons grew up and could play their part, the family concentrated on making a success of the starch and blue business. All the Reckitt brothers were gifted in one way or another and brought considerable ability and industry into the business. About 1850 the firm began to use ultramarine in the manufacture of washing blue, based on the discovery of its artificial manufacture by a French chemist; their early efforts in this field had been of a tentative nature and it was not until 1860 that blue is first mentioned in the family correspondence, being made in balls and sold as Ball Blue. The Reckitt business was by this time showing definite evidence of growth and the opening of the

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Great Exhibition in 1851 marked a turning point in their fortunes. They attended the Exhibition with samples of their products and gained much in confidence from their ability to measure themselves against their rivals. They had emerged from the ranks of purely local manufacturers and had taken their first step into commerce on a world wide scale.

In addition to starch and blue, the firm also manufactured black lead and in September 1861 Isaac and some members of the family visited the Lake District to see the only black lead mines still working in England, but the main source of their lead was Germany. They also experimented with biscuits and James Reckitt (1833-1924 qv) who was a traveller for the firm included them among his samples. Their experience had taught them that if a product for which there is a general demand can be presented at a reasonable price, reward is certain and their ambition was that their starch, blue and black lead should become world-wide products.

In October 1861 Isaac, Ann and James made a journey to the south of France for the benefit of James' health and Isaac took a great interest in the wheat and flour trade which was the basis of his own industry. Isaac returned home in December. He had in a modest way taken part in public affairs in Nottingham, but in Hull he had neither the time nor the money to spare for public work; even so, what he had was freely given and he remained all his life a faithful Friend. His closing months were spent very peacefully at home with his son Frederick, going to the business in the afternoon and spending the evening writing to his wife or reading; he allowed himself to smoke a pipe from 9 o'clock until he went to bed at eleven. Even in old age he was distinguished; his bearing was good and he was a handsome man with a fine head of long, glossy white hair. But by January 1862 his health began to fail and after a very short illness he died on 6 March 1862(4), at the age of sixty nine.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, pp 51-146
Basil N.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons, Limited, London 1951, pp xi-xvi and 1-27

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

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grazier

2 The wedding was at Kelvedon in Essex on 4 June 1818: he is described as of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, the son of Thomas and Katharine Reckitt of Wainfleet; she is described as the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Coleby of Cley in Norfolk (Essex QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Lincolnshire QM Births Digest and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Charles	b 16 Aug 1819	who d 10 Dec 1842
Elizabeth qv	b 11 Jan 1821	who m 1848 Henry Wallis (1818-1899 qv)
Frederic Isaac qv	b 18 Sept 1823	who m (1)1882 Eliza Pryor (2)1893 Mary Thompson
George qv	b 3 June 1825	who m 1859 Elizabeth Sarah Jackson
Francis qv	b 3 June 1827	who m (1)1857 Mary Ann Benington (2) Alice Harris (3)1877 Eliza Louisa Whitlock

and in Derby & Notts QM Births Digest and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

James qv	b 14 Nov 1833	who m 1865 Kathleen Saunders
Constance	b 18 Nov 1835	who d 18 Dec 1847

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of Hull

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RECKITT, sir James (1833-1924)

James Reckitt, the son of Isaac Reckitt (1792-1862 qv) and his wife Ann (born Coleby, 1796-1875 qv), of Boston, Nottingham and Hull, was born in Nottingham, where at that time his father was a miller and corn factor, on 14 November 1833(1). He received his early education at Packer's Academy in Nottingham and at a dame school in Hull after his father's removal there, but in April 1845 at the age of eleven and a half he was sent to Ackworth School, remaining there until he was fifteen. Discipline at the school was very strict and conditions were harsh by modern standards, but the boys were encouraged in a love of gardening, to which Ann Reckitt had already introduced her son.

James returned home from Ackworth because of eye trouble and went into the office to help his father in the family starch and blue making business which Isaac had started at a mill in Hull. He was a bright and willing pupil, who mastered the work he was given quickly, and he was soon able to take a number of cares off his father's hands. In 1850 it was decided that he should join his brothers George (1825-1900 qv) and Francis (1827-1917 qv) on the road, taking part of Francis's territory in the north of England. It was a hard life, especially when expenses had to be kept to a minimum; Francis for example travelled by train in open third class carriages and it is likely that James had the same experience. For something like ten years, pursued by ill health, he lived the hard, cheerless life of a 'drummer'. It was a stern apprenticeship, for which in the long run he was grateful; it enlarged his knowledge of men, sharpened his judgment and developed his patience and restraint. Above all, it taught him to understand the grocer and his problems, without whose active goodwill and co-operation Reckitts could not sell their products.

About 1859 he was made a partner, but in 1861 he suffered a severe breakdown in health and was threatened with lung trouble. A winter on the Riviera was recommended for him and for his mother, who had also not been well, and in October, with his father and mother, he set off for Mentone. Isaac returned home in December, leaving his wife and son to continue their travels; he died in the following March and after providing for Ann and two of his children, left the business equally between George, Francis and James.

After Isaac's death, James first lived out at Brough, but in 1865 he was married to Kathleen Saunders (1845?-1923 qv), the daughter of Robert Saunders of Lilling Farm in Yorkshire(2); there were ~~four~~ five children(3). He built a house at Hessle which he called 'Mentone',

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next door to his brother Francis's house. The two brothers used to drive into Hull together each day, reading the business correspondence which had been sent out to them early in the morning.

In 1868 James began to take an active interest in politics and threw himself heart and soul into the election in the East Riding Division of Yorkshire which was being contested that year, but in spite of his efforts the candidate he supported was defeated. He became a power in the Liberal Party and in 1873 was invited to stand as Liberal candidate for Hull, but he decided that a Parliamentary career was not for him. In the long run his choice was a wise one for the Liberal Party; his health would not have been equal to the strain of Parliamentary life and he advanced the cause of the Party far better outside the House of Commons than he could have done from within.

His visit to the Riviera had given him a taste for foreign travel and he went abroad with his brother George, visiting Switzerland, Italy and Germany and writing long descriptive letters to Kathleen at home, and to his children. Later he spent a great deal of money on art and acquired many paintings, but his taste was that of his generation and none of them, unfortunately, were of outstanding merit. He was also very interested in botany and collected ferns, particularly during his earlier visit to the Riviera with his mother. In 1884 the modest house at Hessle became inadequate for his growing family and his increasing wealth and influence in the neighbourhood. He bought Swanland Manor, a three storied, thatched and gabled house built in 1695, and here he and his wife spent the remainder of their days.

George Reckitt had left the business temporarily soon after Isaac's death, but returned as manager of the London office. On 1 January 1879 the private joint stock company known as Reckitt & Sons Limited came into being; the share capital was all held by the family and the directors were George, Francis and James, the first Chairman being Francis who was thereafter to alternate year by year with James. George remained in charge of the London office.

But although the starch business was expanding rapidly and Reckitt's starch, blue and black lead were becoming world wide products, it did not absorb all of James's energies and nothing in his whole career was more characteristic of him than his battle for free libraries in Hull. The idea had been launched in 1855 by Mr W.H.Moss and James entered the fray in 1891. Three times he polled the citizens of Hull to obtain a vote in favour of the adoption of the Public Libraries Act and three times he was defeated. But his tenaciousness, where he believed himself to be right, was unconquerable; he built and equipped a Free Public Library in East Hull and ran it at his own expense, believing that access to a free library was of first importance to the spread of education among the working class, of which he was a lifelong supporter. The Library was a great success and eventually shamed the

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city into building and equipping its own free libraries. For his services to the Liberal Party and to the city of Hull James was offered a baronetcy in 1893, which he at first declined owing to his wife's strong opposition; but she came in time to see that it was a distinction justly offered to her husband and the city and withdrew her objections, so that in 1894 James became Sir James Reckitt.

James always used his wealth wisely and was a noted philanthropist. Contrasting his way of life with that of the majority of his workers, he decided with his brothers to build a garden village in Hull for their benefit. Apart from the cottages, each of the brothers contributed a personal gift and James's was the Village Hall, which he built as a thank offering for his recovery froma serious illness. In 1908 he was given the freedom of the city of Hull and its presentation was to him the most gratifying event in a long life filled with honours and rewards.

The outbreak of the first world war placed him in a dilemma. As a sincere Quaker he abhorred war and was opposed to its whole atmosphere, but he was obliged to turn a blind eye to certain manufactures for the Government which his fellow Directors had agreed to supply; for example, the Canister Works was able to turn out large quantities of petrol tins and other material for the armed forces. But nevertheless he continued to preside at Board meetings throughout the war and the Social Hall of the works was used as a V.A.D. hospital.

Towards the end of his life the hold of the Reckitts upon the business was strengthened by the advent of the sons of the three brothers as active members of the Board. Sir James died at Swanland Manor on 18 March 1924(4), having seen the business grow from the firm foundation established by his father to a concern of world wide influence and repute.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, A Memoir, London 1927
Basil N.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons, Limited, London 1951, pp xiii and 4-79

SEE ALSO:-

The Friend (London) vol 67 (1927), p 1107 (portrait)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Derby & Notts QM Births Digest: his father is described as a corn factor

2 The wedding was at Darlington on 12 October 1865: he is described as a bachelor, a starch manufacturer of Brough near Hull, the son of Isaac Reckitt, a starch manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of Darlington, the daughter of Robert Saunders, an agent (Digest of Marriages)

3 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-

Harold James qv	b 4 May 1868	no marriage traced to 1936
Mary Kathleen	b 25 July 1870	who m Edward Upton (Basil N.Reckitt, op cit, p 46)
Philip Bealby	b 1 Jan 1873	who m Hilda Grotian (Desmond Chapman-Huston, op cit p 196)
Elizabeth Lucy	b 20 Jan 1878	no marriage traced to 1936

N.B. Desmond Chapman-Huston, op cit p 192 also gives Frances Mabel, who lived only a few months

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a baronet

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

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RECKITT, Joseph (1739-1773)

Joseph Reckitt, the second son of William Reckitt (1706-1769 qv) and his wife Ellen (born Maw, 1711-1765 qv) of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, was born at Hundleby on 28.ii.(April)1739(1). Details of his early life and education are not at present (1976) traced, but he was probably an active Friend and was in America with his father and brother William (1735- qv) shortly after his mother's death in 1765.

He settled at Ipswich in Suffolk, where in 1769 he was married to Mary Freeman (born Hall, 1738-1816 qv), the widow of Andrew Freeman(2); there were two children(3).

He died at Ipswich on 23 November 1773(4) at the age of thirty four, when his younger daughter was less than a year old.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, p 42

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
2 The wedding was at Woodbridge on 18 July 1769: he is described as of Ipswich in the county of Suffolk, the son of William and Eliner Reckitt of Wainfleet in the county of Lincoln; she is described as a widow, the daughter of Robert and Mary Hall of Woodbridge in Suffolk (Suffolk QM Marriages Digest)
3 Listed in Suffolk QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Mary qv b 15 Aug 1770	no marriage traced in Suffolk QM Marriages Digest to 1837
Sarah qv b 29 Feb 1772	who m 1816 Philip Thompson

4 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

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WBE:

RECKITT, James, 1833-1924

b. Autumn, 1833 at Nottingham, Eng., son of Isaac and Ann(Coleby) Reckitt.

1840, after a business failure, the family removed to Hull and entered starch business.

1845-48 at Ackworth School, Pontefracts, Yorks.

Entered his father's business of starch making.

m., 1865, Kathleen Saunders. 2 sons, 2 daughters.

The starch business grew and prospered and eventually had 6000 employes, branches in many countries, etc.

1893 J.R. was knighted. He was a Liberal in politics, a keen educationalist and abhorred war. He risked unpopularity by his stand for peace. Was a very generous man with his large means.

d. March 18, 1924 at Swanland Manor, Hull, aged 90.

Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, a memoir. (portrait)
The Friend (London), 67(1927):1107 (portrait)

RECKITT, Katharine (1752-1818) born Massey

Katharine Massey, the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Massey of Spalding in Lincolnshire, was born there on 9 April 1752(1). Details of her early life are not at present (1976) traced, but two bills for her education had survived in 1927. She was married in 1772 to Thomas Reckitt (1741-1819 qv) and there were thirteen children, only seven of whom survived infancy(2).

Katharine Reckitt shared to the full her husband's firm convictions and was an elder of her meeting, but she was of a diffident and unassuming character. For many years it was her daily custom to set aside a part of each day for reading the Scriptures and for private meditation.

She died quite suddenly at Wainfleet on 16 December 1818(3), at the age of sixty six.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, pp 45-46
Annual Monitor 1821, pp 28-29

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
Annual Monitor 1821 gives her name as Catherine
2 For marriage and children see RECKITT, Thomas (1741-1819)
3 Lincolnshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as of Wainfleet, the wife of Thomas, a grazier

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

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RECKITT, Kathleen (1845?-1923) born Saunders

Kathleen Saunders, the daughter of Robert Saunders of Lilling Farm in Yorkshire, was born about the year 1845(1). She was not a Friend, but was an attender and was admitted to membership of the Society at Darlington before her marriage(2). She was married in 1865 to James Reckitt (1833-1924 qv), later Sir James Reckitt, and there were four children(3).

She took an active part in the social work with which her husband was associated and was undoubtedly responsible for inspiring much of the welfare work carried out by the Reckitt brothers. For many years she regularly visited the Madeley Street Club for working girls, where her sympathetic and practical interest was much appreciated. She loved to entertain working girls, members of the Salvation Army and Sunday School scholars in the delightful grounds of her home at Swanland Manor and was a kind and thoughtful hostess. She was a keen advocate of temperance, taking an active part in the movement and also in the Y.W.C.A.

For several years before her death she was confined to her room and finally to bed; one of her last public appearances was at the presentation made to her and her husband in the Swanland Institute in celebration of their golden wedding.

She died in her sleep at Swanland Manor on 16 January 1923, at the age of seventy eight(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 63 (1923) p 72

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 78 at death
2 Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, p 169
3 For marriage and children see RECKITT, sir James (1833-1924)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Swanland Manor, Brough East, Yorkshire, the wife of Sir James

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

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WBE:

RECKITT, Mary(Sr.), nee c.1739-1816

b. c.1739

m., Joseph Reckitt, of Woodbridge, Suffolk. 2 daughters. Jos. Reckitt died when they were young.

1765, before his death Joseph and his brother William are known to have travelled in America at the same time that their father William was there on a religious journey.

d. Dec. 16, 1816 after a suffering illness at Woodbridge, Suffolk, England, aged 77 years.

Frds. Biog., 2:9

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:475

An. Mon., 6:20

Chapman-Hustorn, Sir James Reckitt, a memoir, 42

Reckitt, Divine Mercy commemorated &c (1821)

RECKITT, Mary (1738-1816) formerly Freeman, born Hall

Mary Hall, the daughter of Robert and Mary Hall, was born in Suffolk on 12.x.(December)1738(1). She was married in 1762 to Andrew Freeman, a shopkeeper of Woodbridge in Suffolk(2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3). Andrew Freeman died in 1767(4) and in 1769 she married Joseph Reckitt (1739-1773 qv); there were two children(5). Her second marriage was no more fortunate than her first, for Joseph Reckitt died in 1773 after only four and a half years of married life and she was left a widow with two young children to support.

She lived an exemplary and unblemished life, but during her last illness became greatly disturbed in mind and spirit as to the manner in which she had fallen short of the truly Christian life. Her elder daughter tried to comfort her and she died at peace on 16 December 1816(6) at the age of seventy eight.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1818 pp 20-22

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 The wedding was at Woodbridge on 23 September 1762: he is described as a shopkeeper of Woodbridge in Suffolk, the son of Andrew and Bridget Freeman, late of Woodbridge, Suffolk; she is described as the daughter of Robert and Mary Hall of Woodbridge (Suffolk QM Marriages Digest)
3 No children are traced in Suffolk QM Births Digest
4 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: he died on 11 May 1767
5 For marriage and children see RECKITT, Joseph (1739-1773)
6 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: she is described as a widow of Woodbridge

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

SEE ALSO

Divine mercy commemorated in a short account of the religious experience of Mary Reckitt, [c 1821] (Joseph Smith, A descriptive catalogue, 1867, vol 2 p 475)

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RECKITT, Mary ~~Jun~~ (1770-1826) [Mary Reckitt jr]

Mary Reckitt, the elder daughter of Joseph Reckitt (1739-1773 qv) and his wife Mary (formerly Freeman, born Hall, 1738-1816 qv), of Woodbridge in Suffolk, was born there on 15 August 1770(1). Her father died when she was about three years old and she and her younger sister Sarah (1772-1846 qv) were left to the care of their widowed mother, who looked after them with such tender affection that they lived on terms of mutual love until her death.

Details of her education are not at present (1976) traced, but Friends were aware of the loneliness of her situation and took a lively interest in her spiritual welfare. She appears not to have been open to the temptations of the world and her humble Christian conduct, her love of Truth and desire for the promotion of godliness made her a good example to others and a useful member of the Society. For nearly twenty years she was clerk to the Women's Meeting for Discipline and she was also an elder. During her last illness meetings were occasionally held in her sick room and she showed considerable power in the ministry.

She died at Woodbridge on 24 March 1826, at the age of fifty five(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1827, p 41

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: her name is given as Rickitt

SEE ALSO:-

Extracts from a manuscript containing Remarks on her Religious Progress . . . to which is added a short account of her mother

Jos.Smith's Catalogue vol 2, p 476 ~~DUPLICATED~~

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

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WBE:

RECKITT, Mary (Jr.), ~~b.~~1770-1826

b. Aug. 15, 1770 at Woodbridge, England, daughter of Joseph and Mary Reckitt (see her biog.)

An Elder.

d. March 24, 1826 at Woodbridge, aged 55 years.

After her death there was published Extracts from a manuscript left by the late Mary Reckitt...&c.

Friends Biog. 2

An. Mon. 15(O.S.)(1828):41

Jos. Smith's Cat.,2:476

RECKITT Mary Jane (1846-1910) born Thompson

Mary Jane Thompson, daughter of Richard (1811-1888 qv) and Mary Maw (born Palian, 1812-1897 qv) Thompson of Gainsborough, Lincs, was born there 24 December 1846 (1).

She married in 1893, as his second wife, Frederic Isaac Reckitt (1823-1912 qv) (2).

Mary Jane Thompson of Wood Grange, Holderness Road, Hull, died 7 December 1910 aged 64 years (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: no description of her father is given
2 For details of the marriage, see RECKITT, Frederic Isaac (1823-1912). There were no children
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as wife of Frederick [sic] Isaac. The death was publicly registered at Scarborough

There is no reference to her in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

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RECKITT, sir Philip Bealby (1873-1944) bart

Philip Bealby Reckitt, the younger son of sir James (1833-1924 qv) and Kathleen Reckitt (1845?-1923 qv born Saunders) was born at Hessle near Hull, Yorkshire, on 1 January 1873. He was educated privately and at King's College, Cambridge, and in 1898 joined the family firm of Reckitt & Sons Ltd, starch manufacturers of Hull. (1)

It was a time of great activity and expansion in the firm, due partly to the influx of new blood represented by Philip, his elder brother Harold (1868-1930 qv, later sir Harold James Reckitt) and four cousins, who all came into the business in the same decade. In 1904 he was made a director; in 1906 he became the first chairman of the newly-established works council. In the following years numerous small companies were bought up by Reckitts, the range of their products was increased, and branches were established in South Africa and America.

During the first world war the Social Hall of the works was converted into a military hospital; as Reckitt's VAD Hospital it was approved by the military authorities in November 1914, with Philip Reckitt as acting commandant.

In 1900 he married Hilda (-1935) Grotrian; two daughters and a son of this marriage are recorded (2). In 1939 he married, as his second wife, Margarida Elizabeth (, formerly von Ernsthausen, born Barrington) Bishop (3). On the death of his brother Harold in 1930, Philip Reckitt had become third baronet and chairman of the company. On the amalgamation of Reckitts with J & J Colman, he became chairman of the new company, Reckitt & Colman Ltd. He was also a director of Priestman Brothers of Hull (4).

He served as a governor of Leighton Park School from 1925 to 1944 (from 1931 as chairman) and was a generous benefactor to the school (5).

He died on 17 November 1944, aged 71 (6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Basil N. Reckitt, The history of Reckitt and sons limited, London, 1951, pp 49-90

REFERENCES & NOTES

1 Digest of Births, which gives the place of birth as Hull, and describes his father as a merchant; Who was who 1941-1950 p 960

2 Ibid; Debrett, 1952 p 964, where Hilda Grotrian is described as second daughter of the late F. Grotrian, Ingmanthorpe Hall, Wetherby (probably the F.B. Grotrian referred to in Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London, 1927, pp 196,277-278, as associated with sir James in promoting the Hull South & West Junction Railway); in Yorkshire QM Lists of members 1907 to 1920 she appears as Hilda Brent Reckitt, a non-member. The marriage is not recorded in Digest of Marriages. Their son, James Reckitt, a pupil at Leighton Park School, died in August 1925, aged sixteen (The Leightonian, vol 11 no 93, Dec 1925, pp 66-67); neither he nor the two surviving children, given as follows in Debrett, are recorded in Digest of Births or Yorkshire QM Lists of members:

Barbara	b 1902	m 1934 Hugh Wykeham David Pollock
Elizabeth Kathleen	b 1904	m 1935 lt.col. Vernon Harrison Holt

3 Who was who 1941-1950; Debrett, where she is described as daughter of the late Thomas Barrington of Dublin and widow of colonel Algernon Charles Bishop of Jericho Priory, Blackmore, Essex. The marriage is not recorded in Digest of Marriages. Kelly's handbook, 1962 p 1664, records her first marriage to baron Oscar von Ernsthausen (d 1922).

4 Who was who 1941-1950

5 S.W. Brown, Leighton Park, [Reading], 1952, pp 142, 165, 185

RECKITT, sir Philip Bealby (1873-1944) bart cont

6 Digest of Deaths, where he is entered as a baronet, of Chichester. He appears in the Yorkshire QM List of members 1932 under Hull as still at Swanland Manor, the family home, but in 1934 as living at Little Green, Compton, Chichester, Sussex. He remained a member of Pickering & Hull MM until his death. He was buried at Compton parish church, Chichester.

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There is no reference to him in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

RECKITT, sir Philip Bealby (1873-1944)

Philip Bealby Reckitt, the younger son of Sir James Reckitt (1833-1924 qv) and his wife Kathleen (born Saunders, 1845?-1923 qv) of Hull, was born there on 1 January 1873(1) Details of his early education are not at present (1976) traced, but he qualified either in engineering or at the university and joined the family firm of Reckitt & Sons, Ltd, starch manufacturers of Hull, in 1898.

It was a time of great activity and expansion in the firm, due partly to the influx of new blood represented by Philip, his elder brother Harold (1868-1930 qv), later Sir Harold James Reckitt, and his four cousins, who all came into the business at about the same time. In 1904 Philip was made a director and in 1906 a Works Council was established, of which he was the first chairman. In the following years numerous small companies were bought up by Reckitts, the range of their products was increased and branches were established in South Africa and America.

During the first world war the Social Hall of the Works became a V.A.D. hospital; it was approved by the military authorities in November 1914, with Philip Reckitt as Acting Commandant.

On the death of his brother Harold without male issue, Philip became the third baronet and Chairman of the Company. On the amalgamation of Reckitts with J & J Colman he became Chairman of the new company of Reckitt & Colman Ltd.

He was married to Hilda Grotian(2), but apparently died without male issue on 17 November 1944(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Basil N.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons Limited, London 1951, pp 49-90

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a merchant
2 Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, p 196: there is no entry in the Digest of Marriages
3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of Chichester, a baronet

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

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RECKITT, Sarah (1772-1846) after 1816 Thompson

(Sarah Reckitt, daughter of Joseph Reckitt (1739-1773 qv) and his wife Mary (formerly Freeman, born Hall, 1738-1816 qv) of Woodbridge in Suffolk, was married in 1816 to Philip Thompson (1785?-1848 qv).

See THOMPSON, Sarah (1772-1846) born Reckitt)

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RECKITT, Sarah (1781-1855) after 1799 Kitching

(Sarah Reckitt, daughter of Thomas Reckitt (1741-1819 qv) and his wife Katharine (born Massey, 1752-1818 qv) of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, was married in 1799 to Nainby Kitching (1770?-1857 qv).

See KITCHING, Sarah (1781-1855) born Reckitt)

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R~~i~~CKITT, Sarah (1772-1846) aftw. Thompson

[Sarah R~~i~~ckitt, daughter of Joseph
R~~i~~ckitt of Woodbridge and his wife Mary
(nee) was
married in 1816 to Philip Thompson

<u>see</u> THOMPSON, Sarah (1772-1846) born R~~i~~ckitt]

RECKITT, Susanna (-1710/1) born Turner

Susanna Turner, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1976) traced(1), was a native of Thealby in Lincolnshire. She was married in 1694 to Thomas Reckitt (1669-1724 qv) and there were apparently four children(2).

The date of her death is not at present (1976) traced, but she was buried on 23.i.(March) 1710/1(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, p 29

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Age at death not given. There is no entry in Lincolnshire QM Births Digest
2 For marriage and children see RECKITT, Thomas (1669-1724)
3 Lincolnshire QM Burials Digest: no description of her is given

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

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RECKITT, Thomas (1669-1724)

Thomas Reckitt, the son of Thomas Reckitt (-1679) and his wife Anne of Gate Burton near Gainsborough, was born in the year 1669(1). He was a farmer of Lea in Lincolnshire and in 1694 was married to Susanna Turner (-1710/1 qv) of Thealby in the same county(2); there were four children(3).

The Reckitts were of French origin and according to family tradition the English branch dates from one of the Huguenot settlements at the end of the fifteenth or beginning of the sixteenth centuries. The name was originally spelt Riquet or Riqueti. It was probably Thomas Reckitt of Gate Burton who became the first Quaker in the family, as a result of a personal encounter with George Fox during his visit to Lincolnshire in 1660.

Susanna Reckitt died early in life(4), leaving the care of their young family to her husband, but Thomas was so delicate that he could not earn enough to bring up his children and his son William (1706-1769 qv) was apprenticed at the early age of nine. Thomas died in 1724 and was buried on 7.viii.(October)1724(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, pp 27-30

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 His birth is not traced in Lincolnshire QM Births Digest, but see Basil N.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons, Limited, London 1951, Family Tree on p xv

2 The wedding was at Binbrook on 3 iv (June)1694: he is described as a husbandman of Lea, Lincolnshire; she is described as a spinster of Thealby, Lincolnshire. Details of parentage are not given (Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Lincolnshire QM Births and Marriages Digest as follows:-

Sarah	b 14 xii 1703 (i.e.Feb 1703/4)	who d young
William qv	b 27 vi (Aug)1706	who m 1731 Ellen Maw (1711-1765 qv)

N.B. Basil N.Reckitt, op cit p ix, also gives Thomas, who died in infancy, and Edward, who "gave way to the vanities of the world."

4 Lincolnshire QM Burials Digest: she was buried on 23.i.(March)1710/1

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

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

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RECKITT, Thomas (1741-1819)

Thomas Reckitt, the third son of William Reckitt (1706-1769 qv) and his wife Ellen (born Maw, 1711-1765 qv) of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, was born at Hundleby on 21.vi.(August)1741(1), about the time when his father was recognised as a minister. His childhood was wrapped round in the spirit, atmosphere and principles of Quakerism and both his parents were elders of the Society.

Like his father before him, he became a grazier and lived at Pepperthorpe Hall, a farm near Wainfleet which he inherited from his father. He grazed cattle on the marshes and sold them before winter came, for in those days lack of fodder meant that cattle could rarely be kept beyond the autumn. He also sold wool from his sheep and became a prosperous man and an elder of his meeting.

He was married in 1772 to Katharine Massey (1752-1818 qv)(2) and there were thirteen children(3), only seven of whom survived infancy. Katharine shared to the full her husband's principles and convictions and she too became an elder. Thomas possessed a firm and independent mind and when summoned for not paying tithes, frequently felt it his duty to appear before the magistrates in person, to bear his testimony.

He died at Wainfleet on 20 June 1819(4), at the age of seventy eight.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Desmond Chapman-~~Hunter~~ Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, pp 45-46
Basil N.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons, Limited, London 1951, p xi
Annual Monitor 1821, p 29

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
2 The wedding was at Wainfleet on 16 June 1772: he is described as a grazier of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, the son of William and Elenor Reckitt of Lincolnshire; she is described as the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Massey of Spalding (Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

3 Listed in Lincolnshire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 21 April 1773	no marriage traced to 1837
Ellen	b 17 April 1775	no marriage traced to 1837
William	b 7 Aug 1776	who d 18 Jan 1780
Mary	b 5 Oct 1777	who d 24 Jan 1783
Samuel	b 24 March 1780	who d 4 Nov 1780
Sarah qv	b 4 Sept 1781	who m 1799 Nainby Kitching (1770?-1857 qv)
Deborah qv	b 24 May 1784	who m 1823 Thomas Dieppe (1789?-1859 qv)
Thomas qv	b 15 Nov 1785	who m 1809 Deborah Burtt (1786-1852 qv)
Joseph	b 31 Jan 1787	who d 27 April 1787
Isaac	b 12 May 1788	who d 3 March 1789
John	b 25 Aug 1790	who m Harriet Andrews of Thorp (NM) and was disowned
Isaac qv	b 27 Dec 1792	who m 1818 Ann Coleby (1796-1875 qv) Essex QM Marriages Digest
Joseph	b 9 Feb 1795	no marriage traced to 1837

4 Lincolnshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a grazier of Wainfleet

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

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RECKITT, Thomas (1785-1862)

Thomas Reckitt, the son of Thomas Reckitt (1741-1819 qv) and his wife Katharine (born Massey, 1752-1818 qv) of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, was born there on 15 November 1785(1). He was married in 1809 to Deborah Burtt (1786-1852 qv), the daughter of Thomas Burtt (1743-1815 qv)(2) and there were fourteen children(3).

He began life as a grazier at Wainfleet, probably with his father, but in 1818 he moved to Skirbeck on the outskirts of Boston. He started a joint milling venture with his brother Isaac (1792-1862 qv), each putting up £650 in capital, with additional help in the way of loans from their brothers and sisters and relatives. They built the Maud Foster Mill at Boston, a fine five sailed windmill which in 1951 was still one of the town's landmarks. The building of the mill was finished in 1819 and it became the centre of many activities. Besides flour milling, the brothers dealt as merchants in grain and cereals of all kinds. In 1823 they installed mills for cement manufacture, with a steam engine to work them costing £300, and in 1828 a bone grinding mill was added and a bakehouse.

But in 1827 and 1828 the milling business did badly. A succession of poor harvests affected the price of grain and there were heavy losses on stocks. Isaac quitted the business in 1833, giving up his share to Thomas, but by 1835 Thomas was insolvent, the business had to be given up and the mill sold. Thomas looked round for another opening, but he could not find one, so he fianlly moved to Manchester and started a school there.

He died at Chorley on 20 December 1862(4), at the age of seventy seven.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Basil W.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons, Limited, London 1951, pp xi-xiii

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grazier
2 The wedding was at Brant Broughton on 8 September 1809: he is described as a grazier of Wainfleet, Lincolnshire; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Ann Burtt (Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

3 Listed in Lincolnshire QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Deaths as follows:-

Sarah Ann	b 15 June 1810	
Catherine	b 16 July 1811	
Charlotte	b 24 Aug 1812	who d 27 May 1843
William	b 11 April 1814	
Henry Burtt	b 2 July 1815	
Thomas	b 21 Sept 1816	
Maria	b 17 Aug 1817	who d 6 Oct 1817
Hannah	b 17 Aug 1817	who d 8 June 1818
Mary	b 24 Sept 1818	
Ellen	b 29 Oct 1820	who d 5 Sept 1846
Lucy Elisabeth	b 28 July 1822	
Caroline	b 3 July 1824	
Walter	b 19 Dec 1826	who d 16 Oct 1847
Albert	b 1 Aug 1829	

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

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

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RECKITT, William (1706-1769)

William Reckitt, the son of Thomas Reckitt (1669-1724 qv) and his wife Susanna (born Turner, -1710/1 qv), of Lea near Gainsborough in Lincolnshire, was born there on 27.vi.(August)1706(1). His mother died while he was still a child and at the age of nine, because his father, a farmer, could not earn enough to support the family, he was apprenticed to a weaver near Lea. His apprenticeship lasted nine or eleven years and there is a story that, being hired by his master to a farmer at harvest time, his employer found him so faithful and laborious that he needed no oversight. From a child he impressed everyone with whom he came in contact as able, trustworthy and fearless; gentle, but firm and of an excellent judgment. He was early drawn to religion and it remained the mainspring of his life.

When he finished his apprenticeship he set up as a weaver on his own account at Partney Mills near Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, but at about the age of twenty one he moved to Wainfleet and became a grazier and wool merchant. At some time during his life he found the opportunity to repair the deficiencies in his education, for he could understand both Latin and French and used his own language with clearness and dignity. In 1731 he was married to Ellen Naw (1711-1765 qv)(2) and there were nine children(3), but only eight are traced as registered with the Society.

He began his public career as a minister about 1741 or 1742, although he had appeared in the ministry some time earlier. Accompanied by Robert Kinsley he visited Friends in Essex, later extending his journeys to various parts of Great Britain and Ireland, which he visited with Samuel Stott. It was not until 1756, when he was fifty, that he started his first journey to America, a country which all his life had attracted and interested him. His ship was captured by a French privateer, the Seven Years' War having broken out in the same year, and William spent about six months in a French gaol.

He returned to England about December 1756 and in June 1757 he again set out for America with William Horne(4), arriving ten weeks later in Philadelphia. During the next two and a half years he visited nearly every existing Quaker meeting, of which there were about two hundred. He covered by his reckoning over six thousand miles, from Maine in the north to South Carolina, where, in his own words, "We lodged at Joseph Lupton's, an ancient friend, who with his wife was very loving to us. The Indians had killed and carried away several within a few miles of their habitation; yet they did not seem much afraid; for they said they did not so much as pull their sneck-string (latch string) when they went to bed, and had neither lock nor bar."

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In 1759 he visited Barbadoes and was a second time taken prisoner by the French; he was not ill-treated, but conditions were very bad and when he was put ashore at the British West Indian island of St Christopher he was a sick man. Thence he returned to England, after a hazardous voyage in a leaking ship, and arrived in England on 29 January 1760. He was travelling under certificate from his monthly meeting and an account of his work was sent back by the Yearly Meeting of Virginia, showing that his ministry was very acceptable to Friends. In 1764 he paid a second visit to America, but had to return home hurriedly owing to the death of his wife. In the following year he made his third and last journey to the New England states, remaining there a year.

"He was a man of great integrity of heart, a lover of peace, and sought the promotion thereof, and had often a word of counsel to drop tending to edification." (Basil N.Reckitt) "He was deep in the ministry and powerful in prayer . . . grave in conversation" yet "innocently cheerful when amongst his friends, a good father and husband."(Testimony)

He died at his home at Wainfleet on 6 April 1769(5), in his sixty third year, a minister for about twenty seven years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, pp 30-43
Basil N.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons, Limited, London 1951, pp ix-x
Testimony of Wainfleet MM in TCMD vol 2, pp 348-349

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
2 The wedding was at Firsney in Lincolnshire on 28 ix (Nov)1731: he is described as a weaver of Firsney; she is described as a spinster, the daughter of Simon and Mary Maw of Wainfleet, Lincs. (Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

3 Listed in Lincolnshire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

William qv	b 3 ii (April)1735	who went to America
Joseph qv	b 28 ii (April)1739	who m 1769 Mary Freeman, born Hall (1738-1816 qv) (Suffolk QM Marriages Digest)
Thomas qv	b 21 vi (Aug)1741	who m 1772 Katherine Massey
Mary	b 18 vii (Sept)1743	no marriage traced in Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digest
Hannah	b 3 viii (Oct)1745	who was buried 16 ix(Nov) 1746
Benjamin	b 17 v (July)1748	who was buried 22 viii (Oct)1750
Isaac	b 18 ix (Nov)1749	no marriage traced in Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digest
Ellen	b 31 Jan 1752	no marriage traced in Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digest

4 Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922, p 586

5 Lincolnshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a minister for 27 years

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 2, p 114: vol 10, pp 120, 129, 257: Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 37

Friends' Quarterly Examiner vol 17, p 192

Piety Promoted, 1854, vol 2, p 436

Some account of the life of William Reckitt, Jos Smith's Catalogue vol 2, p 476

L.S.Hinchman, Early Settlers in Nantucket, pp 321, 322

Stephen B.Weeks, Southern Quakers and Slavery

Evans Friends Library, vol 9, p 46

Macmillans Magazine March 1889 (Friends House Library, vol or box 222)

A.M.Gummere, Journal of John Woolman, p 586

OURS (Reckitts Magazine) vol iv, pp 7-9, Extracts from Journal (illustrated)

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RECKITT, William (1735-)

William Reckitt, the eldest son of William Reckitt (1706-1769 qv) and his wife Ellen (born Maw, 1711-1765 qv) of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, was born there on 3.ii.(April)1735(1). He was in America after his mother's death in 1765 and had probably been settled in Philadelphia by his father(2). A marriage in England is not traced(3) and there is no record of his death(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Desmond Chapman-Huston, Sir James Reckitt, London 1927, p 42

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
2 Basil N.Reckitt, The History of Reckitt and Sons, Limited, London 1951, p x
3 There is no record of a marriage in Lincolnshire QM, Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM, Yorkshire QM, Northamptonshire QM, Derby & Notts QM, Cambridgeshire QM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests
4 His death is not traced in Lincolnshire QM Burials Digest

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

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RECKITT, William (1706-1769)

Born at Gainsborough, but settled at Wainfleet, Lincolnshire, England, where his trade was that of a weaver. He became a minister, and visited America in 1756. On the voyage he was taken prisoner to France, where he was detained for six months, and after a short stay at home again set out, reaching his destination in the end. He made a second visit to the American colonies in company with William Horne, who was returning home in 1764, when he remained nearly two years. William Reckitt died at Wainfleet, 4mo. 6, 1769, aged sixty three, (See Life, reprinted also in Friends' Library, Vol.IX, Phila. 1845)

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922, p.586

RECKITT, William (1706 - 1769)

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William Reckitt was born on 27.vi [August] 1706, son of Thomas and Susannah Reckitt of Lea, within the compass of Gainsborough MM (1).

His parents died while he was a child (2). He was apprenticed to a weaver and served there faithfully until he came to live near Partney Mills.

He married Ellen Maw in 1731 (3). They lived at Friskness and had 9 children (4).

In 1742 he was called to the ministry and spoke in the light and the truth, later he moved to Wainfleet, from where he visited Friends in the West of England and Wales and in other Counties, as well as in Ireland with Samuel Stott, and twice in America, the first time during the war, so that he got taken as a prisoner to France and confined to prison for about 6 months there.

He returned to his family in 1757 but after 4 weeks stay, he again set out for America. Later under concern he again visited America.

'He was deep in the ministry and powerful in prayer ... grave in conversation' yet 'innocently cheerful' when amongst his friends, a good father and husband.

He died after a short illness on 6 April 1769 aged 63 and was buried in Friends Burial Ground at Wainfleet.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Wainfleet MM in TCMD Vol 2 p 348,349

~~NOTES AND~~ REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lincolnshire QM Birth Digest
2 The date of his parents deaths not traced in the Burial Digest of Lincs QM.
3 Lincs Marriage Digest. The marriage was at Firsney, Lincs on 28 ix. [Nov] 1731: he is described as of Firsney, weaver; she is described as Spinster, daughter of Simon & Mary Maw of Wainfleet, Lincs.
4 Children - (Lincs Birth & Burial Digests)

William	born	3,ii	[April]	1735	at Wain fleet
Joseph	born	28.ii	[April]	1739	at Hundleby
Thomas	born	21.vi	[Aug]	1741	at Hundleby
Mary	born	18.vii	[Sept]	1743	at Hundleby
Hannah	born	3.viii	[Oct]	1745	buried at Wainfleet 16.ix [Nov] 1746
Benjamin	born	17.v	[July]	1748	buried at Wainfleet 22.viii [Oct] 1750
Isaac	born	18.ix	[Nov]	1749	at Wainfleet
Ellen	born	31 January		1752	at Wainfleet

SEE ALSO

L.S HINCHMAN Early Settlers in Nantucket p.321,322 097.53
Stephen B. WEEKS Southern Quakers and slavery 051.6WEE
Evans Friends Library Vol 9 p.46 092.1
Macmillans Magazine March 1889 222
A.M.GUMMERE. Journal of John Woolman p.586 092.3WOO
OURS (Reckitts Magazine) vol iv 7-9 Extracts from Journal (illus) 073.8

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Additional information

RECKITT, William, ~~1796~~ 1706-1769

b., 1706 at Leap near Gainsborough, son of Thomas and Susannah (Turner) Rekitt.

m., 1731, Ellen Maw. 9 children.

Frds. Biog., 7:

Frds. Qu. Exam., 17:192

Piety pro., 8th part, 436

Jos. Smith's Cat.,2:476

Some account of the life...of William Reckitt.

Chapman-Hustorn, Sir James Reckitt: a memoir, 30-32

REDFERN, Ada (1885-1965) after 1911 Milner

[Ada Redfern, daughter of Leonard (1860?-1913 qv) and Julia Redfern of Beatus Nonsey in Lancashire, was married in 1911

REDDICK, George William (1896-1972)

George W. Reddick was born 25 September 1896 (1). He had married, before 1926, Mabel E (2).

RECKLESS, John (-1679)
also WBE

John Reckless was the Sheriff of Nottingham convinced by Fox in 1649 (see Ell. edd.). He carried on the business of a malster, perhaps also that of ironmonger. He had a large family; Hannah, his wife, died in 1675 and was buried in his garden. There is some record of Reckless and his descendants in England and America in Jnl. F.H.S. vi. vii. Several members of the Reckless family appended their signatures to A Real Demonstration of True Order, 1663, and to an address To the King and both Houses of Parliament, 1670.

Smith, Balm from Gilead, 1675
Suff.
Cropper, Sufferings of Quakers in Notts, 1649-1689, 1892, p.x
MS Records in Nottingham Meeting House

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

George W. Reddick of Worthing died 4 March 1972, aged 75 years (12).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
The Friend vol 130 (1972) p 308: 4-line notice

REFERENCES AND NOTES
1 Friends Relief Service personnel records
2 Their son Peter G. Reddick's application for membership in 1942 (Ratcliff & Barking MM minutes vol 16 (1936-42) p 209 attachment) indicates that he is in the "17s age group". Friends Relief Service records do not give Mabel E. Reddick's maiden name
3 Ratcliff & Barking MM minutes vol 16 (1936-42) p 157 and attached visitors' report: the visitors were David W. Norman and Helen R. Norman
4 Friends Relief Service personnel records: they were for a short time at Montford hostel, Lancs. The Nuffield enquiry was the responsibility of a survey committee under the chairmanship of B. Seebohm Rowntree: its report to the Nuffield Foundation in October 1946 was published as Old people: report of a survey committee on the problems of ageing and the care of old people, 1947

REDFERN, Basil (1892-1921)

Basil Redfern, the youngest son of Samuel Jones Redfern (1848?-1922 qv) and his wife Maria Jane (born Barringer, 1850-1935 qv) of Urmston in Lancashire, was born there on 19 December 1892(1). Like his five brothers, he was educated at Ackworth School, from 1902 to 1909(2). He had a keen sense of sportsmanship and excelled at any game he took up.

Shortly after leaving school he became associated with Lloyd's Packing Warehouse at Manchester and in spite of his youth was given a position of responsibility, which he filled with great tact and ability.

He was always very delicate but possessed great vitality of spirit and took a commission in the Royal Army Service Corps in the early days of the first world war. Active service, however, proved too much for him and he was invalided home with a damaged heart, from which he never really recovered.

Shortly before his marriage in 1918 to Stella Clay of Bromley in Kent he resigned his membership of the Society of Friends and joined the Church of England.

Basil Redfern died of septic pneumonia, after a very brief illness, on 24 September 1921, at the age of twenty eight.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 41 (1922) p 89

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a buyer

2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 49, entry 11521: from Manchester

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

MEG Oct 1984

REDFERN, Elizabeth (1845?-1917)

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Elizabeth Redfern, the daughter of William Redfern (1823?-1889 qv) and his wife Harriet (born Beardmore, 1820-1907 qv) of Stockport in Cheshire, was born about the year 1845(1).

She was educated at Ackworth School from 1855 to 1857(2).

Elizabeth Redfern of Bower's Croft, Wilmslow, Cheshire, died on 24 February 1917, at the age of seventy two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 72 at death: her birth is not traced in Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest

2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 168, entry 7581: from Stockport Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 36 (1917) p 62, gives a 2 line obituary notice

3 Digest of Deaths: no description of her is given

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

MEG Oct 1984

REDFERN, Erica (1885-1980) after 1928 Grubb, born Spence

[Erica Spence, daughter of Robert Foster Spence (1855-1930 qv) and his wife Maria (born Dunning, 1856-1943 qv) of West Cramlington in Northumberland and Newcastle-on-Tyne, was married firstly in 1909 to Stanley Redfern (1883-1927 qv) of Birmingham. She married secondly in 1928 David Burlingham Grubb (1878-1964 qv) of Winscombe in Somerset.

See GRUBB, Erica (1885-1980) formerly Redfern, born Spence]

REDFERN, Ernest (1881-1922)

Ernest Redfern, the son of Samuel Jones Redfern (1848?-1922 qv) and his wife Maria Jane (born Barringer, 1850-1935 qv) of Withington, Manchester, was born there on 20 August 1881(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1890 to 1896(2). He was a prominent football player at school and for a number of years after he left Ackworth he was an active member of the sports committee at the Easter gatherings.

He began his business career with Messrs Charles Macintosh & Co., india rubber manufacturers of Manchester, later being transferred to one of their allied companies, Messrs Broadhurst, which firm he represented for many years in London.

But his health failed and he retired to Ventnor in the Isle of Wight in 1919. His marriage to one not in membership with the Society led him to lose touch with Friends during his later years(3). He was one who made friends wherever he went, having a sunny nature and a ready fund of wit.

Ernest Redfern of Essendean, Ventnor, died on 17 July 1922, at the age of forty(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 42 (1923) p 89

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a buyer
2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 24, entry 10468: from Urmston
3 His marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages: in London & Middlesex QM printed lists of members 1916, p 166 no wife or children are shown
4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired merchant

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

REDFERN, Hannah (1844-1894) after 1872 Milner

[Hannah Redfern, daughter of William Redfern (1823?-1889 qv) and his wife Harriet (born Beardmore, 1820-1907 qv) of Stockport in Cheshire, was married in 1872 to Isaac Milner (1834-1926 qv) of Sheffield.

See MILNER, Hannah (1844-1894) born Redfern]

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REDFERN, Harriet (1820-1907) born Beardmore

Harriet Beardmore, the daughter of William Beardmore (1795?-1853 qv) and his first wife Hannah (born 1796?-1836 qv) of Newcastle-under-Lyme in Staffordshire, was born there on 9 November 1820(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1831 to 1834(2).

Soon after leaving school she went to live at Stockport in Cheshire, where she was married at St Mary's parish church in 1843 to William Redfern (1823?-1889 qv); there were ten children(3). By her marriage she forfeited her membership of the Society of Friends, but was reinststed when her husband was received into membership.

Her life was centred chiefly on her home and children, all of whom were educated at Ackworth School. For many years she filled the offices of overseer and elder of Cheshire Monthly Meeting.

Harriet Redfern of Heaton Mersey near Manchester died at her home on 5 May 1907, at the age of eighty six(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 26 (1907) p 101

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest: her father is described as a painter of earthenware
2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 123, entry 3534: from Newcastle, Staffs
3 For children see REDFERN, William (1823?-1889)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William

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

REDFERN, Leonard (1860?-1913)

Leonard Redfern, the youngest son of William Redfern (1823?-1889 qv) and his wife Harriet (born Beardmore, 1820-1907 qv) of Stockton in Cheshire, was born about the year 1860(1).

He was educated at Ackworth School from 1870 to 1875(2).

His health was delicate and he had been an invalid for many years before his death(3).

Leonard Redfern of Heaton Mersey near Manchester died on 29 November 1913, at the age of fifty three(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 53 at death: his birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 194, entry 8717: from Stockport
3 Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 33 (1914) p 110: 4 line obituary
4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a bleachers townsman, out of business

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

REDFERN, Maria Jane (1850-1935) born Barringer

Maria Jane Barringer, the daughter of John Barringer (1805-1885 qv) and his second wife Elizabeth (born Barlow,) of Northampton, was born there on 8 August 1850(1). The family moved to Church Brampton in Northamptonshire to take over a farm of which the Barringer family had been tenants for over a hundred and fifty years.

Maria Jane was educated at Ackworth School from 1860 to 1865(2). After leaving Ackworth she spent someyears with her relatives George and Elizabeth Emmott of Disley near Stockport in Cheshire. She was married in 1874 to Samuel Jones Redfern (1848?-1922 qv), an East India merchant of Manchester and there were eight children(3). Both she and her husband were keenly interested in Ackworth and all their six surviving sons were educated there.

On her husband's retirement they went to live at Ventnor in the Isle of Wight and after his death in 1922 she moved to Croydon in Surrey. She had a marked capacity for friendship and for serenity under many trials; she possessed a disposition which endeared her to all who knew her.

Maria Jane Redfern of Tweedmouth, 23 Upper Shirley Road, Croydon, died on 7 March 1935, at the age of eighty four(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 54 (1935) p 84

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a grocer
2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 177, entry 7986: from Church Brampton
3 For marriage and children see REDFERN, Samuel Jones (1848?-1922)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of S.J.

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

REDFERN, Mary (1847?-1876) after 1875 Morrison

(Mary Redfern, daughter of William and Harriet Redfern of Stockport in Cheshire, was married in 1875 to Joseph Morrison.

See MORRISON, Mary (1847?- 1876) born Redfern)

MEG Oct 1979

REDFERN, Richard (1846?-1921)

Richard Redfern, the son of William Redfern (1823?-1889 qv) and his wife Harriet (born Beardmore, 1820-1907 qv), was born about the year 1846(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1855 to 1859(2).

Immediately on leaving Ackworth he began to study art and was a private student of Mr Hammersley, the principal of the School of Art at Manchester. At the age of eighteen he won the Gold Medal at South Kensington, for a crayon drawing. He first exhibited in the Royal Academy in 1872. A little later, while painting in Scotland, he was invited to submit some of his paintings to Queen Victoria, who bought four. He also presented two of his paintings to Ackworth School. He was a great worker, painting continuously in the Lake District and in Scotland.

His health began to fail rapidly early in 1921 and Richard Redfern of Branthouse, West Bank in Lancashire died on 4 August 1921, at the age of seventy eight(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 41 (1922) p 89

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 78 at death: his birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 169, entry 7627: from Stockport
3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an artist

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

REDFERN, Samuel Jones (1848?-1922)

Samuel Jones Redfern, the son of William Redfern (1823?-1889 qv) and his wife Harriet (born Beardmore, 1820-1907 qv) of Stockport in Cheshire, was born about the year 1848(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1857 to 1862(2).

On leaving school he began his business career in London, from whence he moved to Manchester and entered the firm of Thomas Barlow & Brothers, East India merchants, with whom he remained until 1878.

He was married in 1874 to Maria Jane Barringer (1850-1935 qv) of Disley in Cheshire(3) and there were eight children(4). He lived for a time at Stockport in Cheshire and afterwards moved to Frodsham, Urmston and Southport.

From 1878 until his retirement in 1921 he was with Glazebrook, Steel & Company, also East India merchants and became a partner in the firm; he was well known and highly esteemed in business circles in Manchester.

For many years he took an active part in the affairs of the Society of Friends and he continued to take a great interest in Ackworth School, towards which he behaved with great kindness and generosity. As an agent for the school he made it his business to see that no child from his district should be at the school at reduced fees. In whatever circle he moved he won the esteem of all by his generosity, both to individuals and institutions.

He retired to Ventnor on the Isle of Wight, where he died on 23 December 1922, at the age of seventy four(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 42 (1923) p 88

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 74 at death: his birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 173, entry 7781: from Stockport
3 The wedding was at Low leighton on 11 March 1874: he is described as a bachelor, a merchant buyer of Greek Street, Stockport, the son of William Redfrn, a coal merchant; she is described as a spinster of Wood Bank, Disley, the daughter of John Barringer, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Herbert	b 1875?	d 26 May 1882, aged 7 ½
Arthur	b 4 July 1877	m 1905 Rachel Ellen Wallis
Harold	b 9 Nov 1879	d 12 Nov 1879, aged 3 days
Ernest qv	b 20 Aug 1881	m non-usage
Stanley qv	b 14 Feb 1883	m 1909 Erica Spence (1885-1980 qv)
*Hugh	b 20 July 1888	
*Norman	b 2 Sept 1891	
Basil qv	b 19 Dec 1892	m 1918 Stella Clay

(AOSA Reports 41, p 89)

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1941

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a merchant (out of business)

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

REDFERN, Stanley (1883-1927)

Stanley Redfern, the son of Samuel Jones Redfern (1848?-1922 qv) and his wife Maria Jane (born Barringer, 1850-1935 qv) of Urmston in Lancashire, was born there on 14 February 1883(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1893 to 1896(2) and went on to Bootham School, York, from 1897 to 1899(3).

After leaving school he started in business with Charles Macintosh & Co., of Manchester and spent the whole of his business life with this firm and with Broadhurst & Co., a subsidiary company. He was the firm's chief agent at Newcastle, Birmingham and London.

He was married in 1909 to Erica Spence (1885-1980 qv) of Newcastle(4) and there were three children(5).

For some years he was one of the most regular attenders at the Ackworth Easter gatherings and helped to organise the sports side. All his life he was very keen on outdoor games and was also a fine billiards player. He made friends wherever he went and his great sense of humour made him a most racy and cheerful companion.

Ill health caused him to retire early from business and he went to the warmer climate of the south. Stanley Redfern of Winscombe in Somerset died of consumption on 9 August 1927, at the age of forty four(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 47 (1928) pp 104-105

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a buyer of Urmston
Urmston is 5 miles south west of central Manchester

2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 31, entry 10730: from Manchester

3 Bootham School Register 1935, p 326

4 The wedding was at Newcastle on 7 July 1909: he is described as a bachelor, a commercial traveller of 98 Holly Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, the son of Samuel Jones Redfern, a merchant; she is described as a spinster of Backworth Lodge near Newcastle, the daughter of Robert Foster Spence, a colliery engineer (Digest of Marriages)

5 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Foster	b 3 April 1911	m 1935 Marjorie Trott
Cecily	b 21 April 1914	m Arthur Edwin Parrott
Peter	b 24 May 1918	m 1942 Joan Miles

6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as retired

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

REDFERN, Theodore (1855?-1930)

Theodore Redfern, the son of William Redfern (1823?-1889 qv) and his wife Harriet (born Beardmore, 1820-1907 qv) of Stockport in Cheshire, was born about the year 1855(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1865 to 1870(2).

After leaving Ackworth he studied at Owen's College, Manchester and qualified as a solicitor. He practised in Stockport for forty three years and acquired a high class practice which made him a very busy man.

He was married to Alice Hibbert(3), who was not a member of the Society of Friends and the marriage was apparently childless(4). They lived at different times at Altrincham, Whaley Bridge and Wilmslow in Cheshire. Theodore Redfern was keenly interested in cricket, being himself no mean performer.

On his retirement he went to live at Old Colwyn in north Wales, where he died on 24 December 1930, at the age of seventy five(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 50 (1931) p 86

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 75 at death: his birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 186, entry 8394: from Stockport
3 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
4 Lancashire & Cheshire QM printed lists of members: he is shown as a member of Stockport Meeting in 1914, without wife or children
5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired solicitor

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

REDFORD, Elizabeth (1646?-1729)

Elizabeth Redford was born about 1646 (1).

She was the author of at least four pamphlets which appeared during the 1690's (2), and appears as an author in the records of London Morning Meeting. The meeting considered a paper from her in December 1694, which it was 'Judged not convenient to print'. At the same time George Whitehead and two other Friends of the meeting were 'desired to Write to her and desire her to come home as soone as possible that Friends may discourse her'.(3) In May 1695 John Vaughton reported to the meeting that he had 'Recd.some Coppyes of papers from Eliz: Redford wch She published beyound the Seas', and on 1 July Mariabella Farmborough was asked to invite her to the meeting on the following morning to receive Friends' counsel and advice.(4) The occasion was her advice to Friends 'in the publick Meeting in Wansworth last 1st day that Friends should not pay towards the late Act Relateing to Birthes, Marriages, and Burialls being to Carry on Warr &c. and pretended that She was moved thereunto by the Lord.' The Morning Meeting declared 'their Sense and Judgemt.... that Tribute is to be paid by Christians pursuant to Christs Example, Direction and the practice of True Christians for above this 1600 Years, without disputeing or Questioning the use they put it to for they [i.e. government] must be accountable for that' and advised her to wait humbly for this to be made clear to her, and not give Friends 'Occasion publickly to Testifye agst.her and her pretended Motion'. (5)

It seems likely from a letter of Willem Sewel's that she had travelled to the Netherlands. He writes to Gerard Croese on 13 July 1695 that as Croese will probably mention E. Redford and others in his history, he should be cautious 'lest those things be imputed to us as a sect which ought to be ascribed only to one or two individuals..... But I have scarcely a word to say in praise of Redford.... ; for even though nothing could be charged against her which deserved publick censure, still, more than once in my presernce she has shown such great harshness ... that she has seemed to me very far away from the spirit of meekness, and deservedly on account of this, I hold her message ... in suspicion.' (6)

She died on 26.vii[September] 1729 at London, and was buried in Long Acre (7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES : it also spells her name 'Radford'

1 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest gives her age at death as 83; Joseph Smith in his Catalogue, identified her as 'of Berkshire?', presumably from the family of that name, of Windsor, who appear in the Berks & Oxon QM Digests and in Besse's Sufferings, but no trace of Elizabeth Redford is to be found in either of these, nor in the Cheshire & Staffs or Derbyshire & Notts QM Digests, which contain other Redfords.

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REDMAN, Elizabeth L., nee Hopkins, 1785-1852

b. May 14, 1785 at Haddonfield, N.J., daughter of James and Rebecca Hopkins.

Was drawn into gay and fashionable society.

1805 death of her mother changed Elizabeth's feelings as to the attractions of the world. Adopted plain and sober attire.

m., 1807, Thomas Redman. (d.1846)

1831 appeared in public prayer and the next year was recognized a minister.

1833 attended Baltimore Yearly Meeting and three years later Virginia Yearly Meeting. Called on a slave dealer and broke him down.

1842 went to North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

1846 went to Yearly Meeting in New York and visited alms houses and prisons in the city.

d. Oct. 24, 1852, Haddonfield(?), N.J. in her 68th year.

Piety pro., 12th part, 269

Phila. Y.M., Memorials (1875), 13

REDMAN, Llewelyn James (1922 ? - 1980)

Llewelyn Redman was born in about the year 1922.(1) His father was a Baptist minister and they lived for a time in Somerset where he was educated at Taunton School. He served in the army from 1943 - 1947 and his experiences in Berlin at the end of the war turned him against his religious upbringing and made him a pacifist. After a period of agnosticism he came into contact with Friends and joined the Society in 1951. Later in that year he married Sheila, the daughter of another Baptist minister and there were three children of the marriage, Nigel, Martin and Jane. Shortly after their marriage Shirley joined the Society.

They settled in the Home Counties and he became clerk of Purley meeting and later when Caterham meeting was formed he served that meeting as clerk (2) and as an elder. He was a greatly loved member of the meeting.

He died in hospital on February 20, 1980, aged 58.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 138 (1980) p. 324
death notice (for full name) p. 300

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 58 at death.

2. Index of Clerks - Friends Ho. Library

Purley PM. 1961 - 1962
Caterham PM 1966 - 1968, 1977 - 1978.

SGJ MAY '80

REDMAN, Mercy (1721-1778) born Davis

also WBE

Mercy Davis was a daughter of David Davis, of Pilesgrove, Salem County, New Jersey. Born 12mo. (February) 26, 1721/2. She married 7mo. (Sept) 29, 1747 as his second wife, Thomas Redman, [d.9.26.1766] of Haddonfield, N.J., nephew of Doctor John Redman, a Founder of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. Their only child did not live. Mercy Redman was a minister, and traveled somewhat in that capacity. She died at Haddonfield, 3mo. 15, 1778, and was buried in the Friends' Burial Ground at that place. (Records of Haddonfield. MM Family Bible of Florence Redman Engle.)

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922 p.587

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REDMAN, Thomas, 1714-1766

b.May 31, 1714 in Philadelphia, Pa., son of Thomas amd Sarah Redman. His parents died when was young.

T.R. entered an apprenticeship in Phila., Pa.

1736, moved and settled in Haddonfield, N.J. Became a minister among Friends about this time. In 1743 he travelled to New England in company with Edmund Peckover of England.

m.(2d) Mercy Davis, in 1747. 1 child. Their home was always open to receive guests. He visited most of the meetings in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

d. Sept. 23, 1766, Haddonfield, N.J. in his 53rd year.

The Friend (Phila.), 33:324

Phila. Y.M., A Col. of Mems., 1787, 250

REEB, James (1927? - 1965)
(1)

James Reeb was an American, formerly associate minister of All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington, U.S.A. In August 1964 he was appointed director of an American Friends Service Committee programme in Boston, Mass. aimed at finding creative solutions to housing and other problems of negro and white residents of poor neighbourhoods in Boston.

In March 1965 he and other white sympathisers went to Selma, Alabama, to witness for civil rights there and was caught in the violence which erupted in the district. He and two other Unitarian ministers were attacked on March 9th by a group of white men as they were leaving a restaurant. He sustained head injuries from which he died two days later. He was aged 38 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 123 (1965) p. 308

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 38 at death.

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REECE, Davis, c.1802-1874

b. c.1802

1826-31 teacher at Westtown School, Westtown, Pa.

1831-59 Governor at Westtown. A stern but kindly disciplinarian, he encouraged boys in swimming, skating, sledding and nutting. He took boys on botanical walks, and helped them to have their own gardens. He began a collection of mounted birds.

m., Asenath Hill, and lived at West Chester, Pa.

d. March 27, 1874 at West Chester, Pa., aged 72 years.

Hole, Westtown Through the years, 154 et seq, (Portrait)

The Friend (Phila.) 47(1874):312

Dewees, A brief history of Westtown School, 80

Dewees, A century of Westtown history, 128 (portrait opp.)

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Reece, Eli, 1859-1930

A Quaker pastor who eventually came to call himself "Reverend." Very fundamentalist. He claimed unity with George Fox. Opposed evolution and made the Scriptures the supreme authority. Teacher in the Society of Friends.

b. 29 December 1859, New Providence, Iowa. Son of William and Mary Ann Reece.

ed. 1888, B.A., Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa; 1890-91, Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

m. 1 September 1892, Mary Elma Birdsall. Children.

1888-90, Secretary, YMCA, Ft. Madison, Iowa.

1891, April 11, Recorded.

1891-92, Pastor, Plattekill, New York.

1893-95, Pastor, Earlham, Iowa.

1895-96, Pastor, Des Moines, Iowa.

1896-97, Field Secretary for Missionary Board of Iowa Yearly Meeting.

1901-07, Pastor, High Point, North Carolina.

1907-09, Evangelistic Superintendent, North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

1910-15, Founder, Pastor, Spring Garden Street Meeting, Greensboro, North Carolina.

1917, Sept., with family, moved to Huntingdon Park, Cal.

1917-23, Teacher, Training School for Christian Workers, Huntingdon Park, California.

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REECE, Glenn A., 1902-1979

b. 1902, Stanton Co., Kansas.

ed. Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas; 1930, B.A., Friends University, Wichita, Kansas.

m. 1924, Velma Leonard (d. 1970), 2 daughters, 3 sons.

1927-32, Pastor, South Emporia Avenue Friends Church, Wichita.

1932-44, Pastorships at Alva Meeting, Alva, Oklahoma; Glenview Friends, Glen Elder, Kansas; Central City Meeting, Central City, Nebraska.

1940-44, General Superintendent, Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

1944-57, General Superintendent, Western Yearly Meeting (Plainfield, Ind.).

1957-67, General Secretary, Friends United Meeting (Richmond, Ind.).

1967, Moved to Wilmington Yearly Meeting, Ohio. Team ministry with James Ellis and Tom Applegate.

1970's, Pastor, Fairview and Dover Meetings, Ohio.

d. November 29, 1979. Clinton Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, Ohio.

<u>Quaker</u> <u>Life</u> 21 (January 1980):21.

REED, Alexander (1818-1884)

Alexander Reed was born in London in the year 1818, a birthright member of the Society, though it was not until he reached mature life that he realized fully the power and grace of the Gospel.

He was recorded a minister by Westminster and Longford Monthly Meeting in 1875. He took great interest in the mission work at Bunhill Fields, where his labours were almost beyond his strength.

He became a member of Southwark Monthly Meeting in 1880, removing to Croydon to live with his son a few months before his death.

He died on 18 January 1884.

Testimony of Southwark MM in YM Proc. 1884, p.xvi

REED, Ann (1710-post 1748) after 1727 Crowley

[Ann Reed, daughter of Nicholas (0)and
Cathrine or Kathrine ( ) Reed
of Farnham, Surrey, was married in 1727 to Edward
Crowley (1702-1765?) of Witney, Oxon.

see CROWLEY, Ann (1710-post 1748) born Reed]

REED, Ann (1760?-1842) born Tweedie, after 1786 Miller

(Ann Reed, daughter of Alexander and Jane Tweedie of Glasgow, was first married to a man called Reed or Reid, of whom in 1976 there is no trace. In 1786 she became the wife of George Miller (1759-1831 qv).

See MILLER, Ann (1760?-1842) formerly Reed or Reid, born Tweedie)

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WBE:a

REED, Bryan, c.1930-1970

b. , s. 2

non-Friends.

Ed.: London preparatory and secondary schools; Alleyn's School, Dulwich.

m. , to Ruth

Ch.: Susan (b. c.1960); Timothy (b. c.1963).

1952, appeared before Nat'l. Service tribunal; accepted conditions of exemption and began work with Friends Ambulance Unit Internat'l. Service. After serving with them, felt no longer could accept conditional exemption from something he disapproved; subsequently fined for ceasing to comply with conditions. When he refused to pay fine, B.R. sent to prison (three mo. sentence). 1954, joined Friends.

During two years following prison term, worked at various times in garage, bakery, engineering shop, aluminum rolling mill, and as shunter on railways. 1955, became chief accountant to firm of exporters.

1957-60, Sec. to Central Board for Conscientious Objectors (continued work voluntarily for several yrs. after this).

1961, joined Nat'l. Assn. of Discharged Prisoner's Aid Societies (serving first as Finance Officer, then as Deputy Dir. of its successor, the Nat'l. Assn. for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders).

Did much work for Friends after becoming mem. 1963, Clerk of committee appointed by Mtg. for Sufferings to inquire into reorganization of Penal Reform Committee; sub-

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REED, Bryan, c.1930-1970 cont'd.

sequently clerk of new Penal Affairs Committee. 1963-70, Treas., St. Leonard's Housing Assn. Treas., 7 yrs., Ifield Park home for the elderly. Active in formation of Crawley Friends Housing Assn. Mem., Peace Committee. 1969, to his death, Asst. Clerk of Mtg. for Sufferings. At his death, had been appointed General Sec. of Social Witness Council, newly-established by Friends.

1958 to his death, with his wife, co-warden of Ifield Mtg. House; together they "made immeasurable contribution to the life of local Friends and to social welfare in the area."

d. 10 Aug. 1970; drowned in swimming accident, while he and his family were on holiday.

The Friend (London), 128(1970):947-49.

REED, Richard Sellars (1898 ? - 1981)

Richard Reed was born in about the year 1898 (1) at Rossendale, Lancs, the son of poor people. His mother was illiterate but she encouraged him to educate himself. He left school at the age of 12 to enter the textile industry but studied at night school until he won a County Scholarship to Manchester University where he resided at Dalton Hall and made contact with Friends.(2) At about this time he married, his wife's name being Jocelyn.(3) He qualified in engineering and became a boiler inspector and began to teach on a part-time basis, but this rapidly became his career and in 1948 he left West Hartlepool (4) to become principal of the Gloucester City Technical College. At Gloucester he became a member of the Society of Friends (5) and he developed links between the college and local industry and successfully initiated apprentice training schemes. He also formed links with the Scott Bader Commonwealth.

His wife Jocelyn died in 1980 but he continued to be involved in the life of Gloucester, in the Save the Children Fund, the United Nations Association, the Marriage Guidance Council, the International Friendship League, the W.E.A., while he also served as a magistrate and a prison visitor. He was a great strength to Gloucester meeting serving it as clerk,(6) overseer and elder, his deep and simple ministry was greatly valued. He was also a keen gardener and a beekeeper.

He died on March 19, 1981 aged 83.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 139 (1981) p. 450

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 83 at death.
2. Lancashire & Cheshire QM printed lists of members record him as an attender in 1926 under Manchester at Dalton Hall. In 1928 he is again recorded as an attender with his wife Jocelyn also an attender, at Old Trafford. In 1930 they are not recorded.
3. In the obituary cited his wife's name is given as 'Joelyn' but the membership lists which have been consulted give her name as 'Jocelyn'.
4. Durham QM printed lists of members continue to record their names as attenders. A son, Victor Jones, appears in 1936.
5. Western QM printed lists of members record them as attenders at Gloucester in 1952, but in 1958 he is recorded as a member.
6. Index of Clerks - Friends Ho. Library.
   Gloucester PM - 1956 - 1958.

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REED, Sarah (1699-1741) born Rigby

Sarah Rigby, the daughter of Daniel and Jane Rigby of Black-rodd in the county of Lancashire, was born there on 20.vii.(September)1699.(1) Her parents were honest and religiously inclined and her behaviour was modest. She was grave and sober in her conversation, even from her youth, "her Words few & Savory being Seasoned with the fear of the Lord. A Diligent attender of Meetings on week days as well as First Days, and often tenderly advised others to these Religious Duties, and had at times a few Words in Meetings by way of Testimony, very edifying and Seasonable; She was a Woman well beloved in the Neighbourhood where she lived, being an affectionate Wife & tender Mother." She appeared in the ministry when she was about twenty six, a few years after her marriage.

In 1721 she married Thomas Reed(2) and there were three daughters of the marriage.(3)

She died aged about forty two years on 9.x.(December)1741(4), having been a minister for about sixteen years. She was buried in Friends' burying ground at Wigton.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Cumberland QM 1.ii.(April)1742 in TCMD vol.1 p.182

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: she was born on 20.vii.(September)1699, the daughter of Daniel and Jane of Blackrodd

2 The wedding was at Langtree in Lancashire on 21.iv.(June)1721; he is described as a weaver living at Wigton in Cumberland, she as a spinster of Blackrod, the daughter of Jane Rigby (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Martha	b 13.ii(April)1722
Mary	b 21.vii.(September)1723
Jane	b 21.vii.(September)1723

N.B. No children are listed in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest

4 Her death is not traced in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest

REES, Anne (1778?-1868) after 1801 Naish

(Anne Rees, daughter of David and Elizabeth Rees of Richmond, was married in 1801 to Edmund Naish (1772-1827 qv).

See NAISH, Anne (1778?-1868) born Rees)

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REES, Charlotte (1782?-1818) after 1817 Lloyd

(Charlotte Rees, daughter of David and Elizabeth Rees of Richmond in Surrey, was married in 1817 to William Lloyd of Bristol.

SEE LLOYD, Charlotte (1782?-1818) born Rees)

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WBE:

REES, Charlotte, afterwards Lloyd

see

LLOYD, Charlotte, nee Rees

WBE:

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REES, Edward, -1728

b. in Wales.

m., Rebeckah (became a minister

c., 1682 came to Merion, Penna.

1720 received certificate to travel in Wales and preached there in the Welsh language.

d. June 28, 1728 in Merion, Pa.

John Smith's Ms., 3:33

REES, Elizabeth (1780-1859) after 1803 Belch

REES, Elizabeth (1753-1836) born Williams

Elizabeth Williams, the daughter of Ambrose Williams (1712-1774 qv) and his wife Martha (born Binns, 1710-1778 qv) of Neath in South Wales, was born there on 22 February 1753(1).

She was married in 1776 to Evan Rees (1745-1816 qv) of Neath and there were ten children(2). In 1788 the family moved to Yorkshire for a time(3).

Elizabeth Rees of Neath died on 16 November 1836, at the age of eighty four(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Binns Notebook, Friends House Library, MS vol S 494, p 30
2 For marriage and children see REES, Evan (1745-1816)
3 See entry for REES, Evan (1745-1816)
4 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of the late Evan

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

REES, Elizabeth (1798-1829) born Joshua 2+

Elizabeth Joshua, the daughter of Francis and Jemima Joshua of London, was born there on 20 March 1798(1). She received a careful education in the religious principles of the Society and at a very early age was aware of the reality of the love of God. While still a child at school she often went to bed before her companions, so that she might have a little time for stillness and meditation.

She was married in 1824 to Jonathan Rees (1792-1867 qv) of Neath and there were two children(2). She moved with her husband into the compass of Neath Meeting "where she became much endeared to her fellow members by her humble, affectionate demeanour and example, as well as by the lively exercise of the gift committed to her, —her communications in this line were neither frequent nor long, but being accompanied by a precious evidence of the Divine unction, she was acknowledged a minister."

She caught a chill at London Yearly Meeting in 1827, which developed into consumption and she died at Neath on 16 January 1829, at the age of thirty(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Carmarthen & Glamorganshire MM held at Swansea 9 April 1829 in TCMD vol 5, pp 324-326

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a grocer
2 For marriage and children see REES, Jonathan (1792-1867)
3 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Jonathan, an ironmonger

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

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REES, Elizabeth (1798-1829) born Joshua

2+

Elizabeth Joshua, the daughter of Francis Joshua (-) and his wife Jemima (born) of London, was born there on 20 March 1798(1). She received a careful education in the religious principles of the Society and at a very early age was aware of the reality of the love of God. While still a child at school she often went to bed before her companions, so that she might have a little time for stillness and meditation.

She was married in 1824 to Jonathan Rees (1792-1867 qv), an ironmonger of Neath in South Wales and there were two children(2). She moved with her husband into the compass of Neath Meeting "where she became much endeared to her fellow members by her humble, affectionate demeanour and example, as well as by the lively exercise of the gift committed to her, — her communications in this line were neither frequent nor long, but being accompanied by a precious evidence of the Divine unction, she was acknowledged a minister."

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2 For marriage and children see REES, Jonathan (1792-1867)
3 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Jonathan, an ironmonger

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1831, p 33: 1 line entry for death

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

WBE:

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REES, Emory J., 1870-1947

b. 1870 near Vermillion, Illinois, son of Isaac and Arminta (Mills) Rees.

ed. High School near the state university of Ill. at Urbana. He was raised in a strict Quaker family, but became a religious doubter.

1897 at a revival meeting he gave up his atheism. Felt a call to go to Africa.

m., 1898, Deborah Gormon.

1904-1926, served as missionary under American Friends Board of Missions in East Kenya, Africa. While there he translated both Old and New Testament into Lurogali language.

1926 returned from the field and lived at Urbana, Illinos.

d. Sept. 29, 1947 at Urbana, Ill., aged about 77.

Am. Friend., 35(1947):406

Emerson, Emory J. Rees, Language Pioneer.

REES, Evan (1745-1816)

Evan Rees, the son of Edward Rees of Esgingooh in South Wales, was born in the tenth month [December] 1745(1).

He was an ironmonger of Neath in Glamorganshire(2) and was married in 1776 to Elizabeth Williams (1753-1836 qv) of Pontymoil in Wales(3); there were ten children(4). In 1788 the family moved to Yorkshire(5) but they apparently returned to Neath some time after 1798(6).

Evan Rees of Neath died on 17 November 1816, at the age of seventy two(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Binns Notebook, Friends House Library, MS vol S 494, p 30
2 He is so described in his burial entry, note 7
3 The wedding took place on 18 July 1776: he is described as of Neath in Glamorgan; she is described as of Pontymoil in the parish of Panteague. No further information is given (Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest)
4 Listed in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marriages and Burials Digests and in the Binns Notebook, Loc cit, as follows:-

Edward	b 30 July 1777	d 15 Aug 1777
Martha qv	b 13 Sept 1778	m 1801 George Boone (1768- qv)
Elizabeth qv	b 3 June 1780	m 1803 William Belch (1774- qv)
Edward	b 31 March 1782	d 29 May 1783
Mary	b 8 April 1784	d 17 Oct 1784
Ambrose	b 15 Nov 1785	d 21 April 1786
Ambrose	b 2 June 1787	d 19 Oct 1810
Edward	b 9 Feb 1789	d 17 June 1789
Jonathan qv	b 9 Dec 1792	m Elizabeth Joshua (-)
Mary Binns qv	b 3 May 1798	m William Evans (-)

5 Binns Notebook, loc cit
6 His youngest child, Mary Binns, was apparently born in Yorkshire in 1798, but her birth is not traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest. He and his wife both died at Neath
7 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: he is described as an ironmonger

SEE ALSO:-
Annual Monitor 1818, p 23: 1 line entry for death

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

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REES, Evan (1745-1816)

Evan Rees, the son of Edward Rees of Esgingoch in South Wales, was born in the tenth month [December] 1745(1).

He was an ironmonger of Neath in Glamorganshire(2) and was married in 1776 to Elizabeth Williams (1753-1836 qv) of Pontymoil in Wales(3); there were eleven children(4). In 1788 the family went to Yorkshire, but they were back in Neath by 1789(5).

Evan Rees of Neath died on 17 November 1816, at the age of seventy two(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Binns Notebook, Friends House Library, MS vol S 494, p 30: his birth is not traced in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest

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

3 The wedding took place on 18 July 1776: he is described as of Neath in Glamorgan; she is described as of Pontymoil in the parish of Panteague. No further information is given (Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marraiges Digest)

4 Listed in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and given in the Binns Notebook, loc cit, as follows:-

Edward	b 30 July 1777	d 15 Aug 1777
Martha qv	b 13 Sept 1778	m 1801 George Boone (1768- qv)
Elizabeth qv	b 3 June 1780	m 1803 William Belch (1774-1847 qv)
Edward	b 31 March 1782	d 29 May 1783
Mary	b 8 April 1784	d 17 Oct 1784
Ambrose	b 15 Nov 1785	d 21 April 1786
Ambrose	b 2 June 1787	d 19 Oct 1810
Edward	b 9 Feb 1789	d 17 June 1789
Evan qv	b 15 Dec 1790	d 28 June 1821 (London & Mddx GM Burials Digest)
Jonathan qv	b 9 Dec 1792	m 1824 Elizabeth Joshua (1798-1829 qv)
Mary Binns qv	b 3 May 1796	m 1828 William Evans (1798-1839 qv)

The Binns Notebook, loc cit, omits the birth of Evan in 1790 and gives the year of birth of Mary Binns as 1798

5 Binns Notebook, loc cit: but all the children were born at Neath, including those born after 1788

6 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: he is described as an ironmonger

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1818, p 23: 1 line entry for death

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

WBE:

REES, Evan, 1790-1821

b. Dec. 15, 1790 at Neath, South Wales, son of Evan and Elizabeth (Williams) Neath.

ed. school in Somersetshire under John Benwell.

1800 lost the sight of one eye. Was a very active boy.

Apprenticed to his brother-in-law G. Boone.

1811 attended London Yearly Meeting.

1813 helped establish a public library at Neath. Took long sea voyages to benefit his health. In 1814 he spent some time in Southern France, especially at Congenies. Fled home from France when Napoleon escaped from Elba.

1816 Removed to London and became active in the Peace Society. Was a member of Meeting for Sufferings and an Overseer of Peel Monthly Meeting, London. A believer in free trade.

1818 wrote Sketches of the horrors of war, &c

d. June 28, 1821 on board the ship "Grace", off the Cape of Good Hope. He had tuberculosis. Was buried at sea, aged about 30 and a half years.

An. Mon., (O.S.), 11 (1823):3

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:477

REES, Henry (1825-1911)

N/ Henry Rees, was a native of Heath. At one time a member of the Methodist body and afterwards baptised in the Baptist Communion, herand his wife (nee Edy) joined Friends in 1867. Seven years later he and his family moved to Cardiff. He was a partner in the firm of Kenway and Rees, Corn Merchants. When the firm closed he continued as a commission traveller 9/ in the same line and he was greatly respected in ~~the~~ business circles. This occupation continued up to a few years before his death.

He was an elder in the Meeting at Cardiff, and he carried great weight in this office. He was a regular attender at Meeting and his vocal service was almost entirely confined to Prayer and to the reading of the Scriptures.

He died after 37 years of membership, on 15 September 1911 aged 86 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Annual monitor 1912 p.140.

REES, Jemima (1826-) after 1847 Trusted

[Jemima Rees, daughter of Jonathan Rees (1792-1867 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Joshua, 1798-1829 qv) of Neath in South Wales, was married in 1847 to Charles Imm Trusted (1819- qv).

See TRUSTED, Jemima (1826-) born Rees]

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REES, Jonathan (1792-1867)

Jonathan Rees, the son of Evan Rees (1745-1816 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Williams, 1753-1836 qv) of Neath in South Wales, was born there on 9 December 1792(1). His apprenticeship was in Essex.

Like his father, he became an ironmonger at Neath(2) and was married in 1824 to Elizabeth Joshua (1798-1829 qv) of London(3); there were two children(4).

He was an earnest minded member of the Society and from an early age he took an active part in the life of his meeting. He held the office of elder for thirty seven years and was a regular attender at meetings for worship and discipline, having a great concern for their right ordering. He served as representative to various meetings, including the General Meeting and London Yearly Meeting.

In addition to his work for Friends he played an active part in many good causes in his native town and was held in high regard for his integrity and wise judgment. His efforts to do good were not limited by sectarian boundaries and he co-operated with other religious denominations in whatever promised to improve the lot of his fellows; he was an active supporter of the Bible, Peace and Anti-Slavery Societies. He helped to found schools for the poor, was a member of the Town Council for eighteen years and a Poor Law Guardian for thirty years, of which Board he was vice-chairman for a considerable period. Nor was his benevolence confined to public subscription; he was very good to those in real distress and anyone who deserved help or sympathy rarely sought his aid in vain.

The distinguishing traits of his character were his unswerving integrity and straightforwardness of purpose and in discharging the various offices he held he showed great wisdom and prudence. He was a man whose influence was entirely good and whose life was a commentary on the Christianity he professed.

Jonathan Rees of Neath died, after a short but painful illness, on 19 October 1867, at the age of seventy four(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1869, pp 147-151
Testimony of South Wales MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings, 1868, p xx
Swansea Herald, October 23, quoted in The Friend (1867) p 279

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: his father is described as an ironmonger
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Peter's Court on 25 March 1824: he is described as an ironmonger of Neath; she is described as the daughter of Francis and Jemima Joshua of Regent Street in the parish of St James, Westminster (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

4 Listed in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births and Burials Digests and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Jemima	b 22 Feb 1825	d 1 Nov 1825
Jemima	b 1 Oct 1826	m 1847 Charles Imm Trusted (1819- qv)

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as formerly an ironmonger

SEE ALSO:-

British Friend vol 25 (1867) p 281

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

REES, Jonathan (1792-1867)

Jonathan Rees, the son of Evan and Elizabeth Rees of Neath in Wales, was born there on 9 December 1792(1). He was all his life, except during his apprenticeship in Essex, a member of the monthly meeting for the South Division of Wales. He was an ironmonger(2) and was married in 1824 to Elizabeth Joshua (1798-1829 qv) of London(3); there were two children(4).

From an early age he took an active part in the life of his meeting, later serving as an overseer and elder and as representative to various meetings, including the General and Yearly Meetings. In addition to his work for Friends he took an active part in many good causes in his native town and was held in high regard for his integrity and wise judgment. He co-operated with other religious denominations in whatever promised to improve the lot of his fellow men and was an active supporter of the Bible, Peace and Anti-Slavery Societies. He was a member of the Town Council for eighteen years and was a Poor Law Guardian for thirty years, of which Board he was vice-Chairman for a considerable period. Nor was his benevolence confined to public subscription, for those in real distress never appealed to him in vain.

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4 Listed in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Jemima	b 22 Feb 1825	who d 1 Nov 1825
Jemima	b 1 Oct 1826	who m 1847 Charles Ima Trusted

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as formerly an ironmonger

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1869, p 147: details of his last illness and death
British Friend, vol 25 (1867) p 281
The Friend vol 7 (1867) p 279

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

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REES, Levi, 1846-1904.

b. 14 July 1846, near Ridge Farm, Vermillion Co., Illinois, second s. of William and Rebecca Hester Rees.

When 4 years old entered Vermillion Seminary.

At 12 years felt a call to the ministry.

1866-67, Earlham College.

m. Rebecca Ann Parker of Vermillion Grove, ILL., 1869, (children)

1871, converted and began a series of religious readings such as Homiletics and Christology.

1878, recorded minister by Vermillion Grove M.M.

Pastor in meetings for 22½ years at Watseka and Georgetown, Ill., at Sugar Plain and Noblesville, Ind., and at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

5 years superintendent of Christian Endeavour work in Western Yearly Meeting.

Attended N.C., Indiana, Iowa, Western and Kansas Yearly Meetings frequently. Visited Colorado twice.

Moved to Whittier, Calif. because of failing health, where he was chaplain in State School at Whittier.

d. 20 Nov. 1904, Whittier, Calif., aged 58.

American Friend, 12(1905):9.

REES, Mary Binns (1796-1852) after 1828 Evans

[Mary Binns Rees, daughter of Evan Rees (1745-1816 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Williams, 1753-1836 qv) of Neath in South Wales, was married in 1828 to William Evans (1798-1839 qv).

See EVANS, Mary Binns (1796-1852) born Rees]

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REES, Martha (1778-1816) after 1801 Boone

[Martha Rees, daughter of Evan Rees (1745- qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Williams, 1753- qv) of Neath in South Wales, was married in 1801 to George Boone (1768- qv).

See BOONE, Martha (1778-1816) born Rees]

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REES, Thomas Mardy

A Christian minister at Neath, South Wales. He wrote sympathetically of Friends, although not a member. Was at home in Welsh and English.

1925, A history of the Quakers in Wales and their immigration to North America.

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX7691

WBE:

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REEVE, Benjamin, 1737-

b. Sept. 2, 1737 near Greenwich, N.J., son of

Father died when B.R. was quite young. He was apprenticed to a man in Phila., Pa.

m.

Returned to Greenwich to live and was recognized as a minister. He was well known as a peacemaker. He visited most of the meetings of Friends in America. He also visited families.

d.

Comly, Frds. Misc., V:376

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REEVE, Juliet, 1892-

REEVE, Margaret Morris, afterwards Cary, 1881-1969.

WBE included information about this still living Friend which we are not using.

REEVE, Margaret Morris, afterwards Cary, 1881-1969.

REEVE, William (-1778)

William Reeve was a prominent merchant of Bristol. He was master of the Merchant Venturers' Society there in 1765 and a cousin of Capel Hanbury of Mark Lane. (Latimer, Annals of Bristol in the Eighteenth Century, 284-6)
He built Arno's Castle Bristol in 1759-60. He became a friend of Lord Chancellor Northington as a result of his behaviour during an early quarrel with him. Reeve was a great Antiquarian, collector and traveller. His later eccentricities and extravagances reached such a pitch that in 1775 he failed in business. A committee of Bristol Friends investigated his case and on Dec. 18. 1775 they reported that upon inquiry the causes of his failure proved to be unsatisfactory and largely the result of extravagance and consequently Reeve was disowned.

Note in 'The Political & Economic Relations' by A.T. Gary, 1935, p;461

REEVES, Elizabeth (1674-) formerly Croker, born Gates

Elizabeth Gates, the daughter of Richard Gates (-) and his wife Sarah (born), was born on 2o.ix.[November] 1674(1).

She was married firstly in 1702 to John Croker (1672/3-1727/8 qv) and there were five children(2). The family lived in Cornwall and at Horsham in Sussex(3). She married secondly in 1735 Richard Reeves (fl 1735- qv), a coal merchant of Maidenhead in Berkshire, but this second marriage was childless(4).

The date of her death is not at present (1982) traced(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: her place of birth and her father's occupation are not given. The register was surrendered by Dorking & Horsham MM

2 For information relating to her marriage and children see CROKER, John (1672/3-1727/8)

3 See entry for CROKER, John (1672/3-1727/8)

4 For marriage see REEVES, Richard (fl 1735-)

5 Her death is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM or Sussex & Surrey QM Burials Digests

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

REEVES, Elizabeth (1674-1744) born Smith

Elizabeth Smith, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Smith of Wellingborough in Northamptonshire, was born there on 25.v.(July)1674.(1) She appeared in the ministry when she was about twenty, in which she was generally acceptable to Friends. It is probable that in 1702 she married Richard Reeves of Southwark, London(2), but the marriage entry gives her father's name as John Smith of Wellingborough; there were seven children of the marriage.(3)

Richard and Elizabeth Reeves moved, probably about 1726 or 1727, into the compass of Maidenhead & Windsor Monthly Meeting.(4)

Elizabeth Reeves died on 5.vii.(September)1744(5), aged about seventy and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Windsor.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Berkshire QM 16 ii (April)1745 in TCMD vol 1 p 231

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Northamptonshire QM Births Digest: she was born on 25 v (July)1674, the daughter of Thomas and Mary, but of marriage entry (note 2) where her father is given as John

2 The wedding was on 30 v (July)1702: he is described as a collier of Saviours parish, Southwark, the son of John Reeves of Yeatley in Hampshire; she is described as of Park in Southwark, the daughter of John Smith of Wellingboro, Northants (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest as follows:-

Richard	b 26 ii (April)1703	d not traced
Sarah	b 15 ix (Nov)1704	
Richard	b 21 ix (Nov)1707	
Josiah	b 17 viii (Oct)1709	
Hannah	b 21 ii (April)1714	
John	b 24 xii 1715 (i.e.Feb 1715/6)	
Ruth	b 25 v (July)1717	

4 See Maidenhead & Windsor MM minutes 30 i (March)1727:- 'Richard Reeves brought to this Meeting a Certificate from the M.M. of Friends at Horselidown concerning himself & his Wife, which was read & approv'd by this Meeting.'

5 Her death is not recorded in Berks & Oxon QM or London & Middlesex QM Burials Digests

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

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REEVES, Richard (fl 1735-)

Richard Reeves, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced(1), was a coal merchant of Maidenhead in Berkshire(2).

He was married in 1735 to Elizabeth Croker (born Gates, 1674- qv) of Horsham in Sussex,(3) but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

The date of his death is not at present (1982) traced(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 His birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
2 He is sc described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Horsham on 10.viii.[October] 1735: he is described as a coal merchant of Maidenhead in Berkshire; she is described as of Horsham in Sussex, the widow of John Croker (Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest)
4 No children are traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
5 His death is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM or Sussex & Surrey QM Burials Digests

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

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REICH, Max Isaac, 1867-1945

b. March 17, 1867 in Berlin, Germany, son of Adolphus and Emma (Wolff) Reich.

Was of Jewish ancestry and was brought up in strict Jewish manner. He himself joined the Plymouth Brethern and was a preacher.

1904 while in England was convinced and joined Society of Friends. He was a printer and librarian.

m., 1888 Esther Mary Christine Lorenzon 9 children.

c.1916 came to the United States and made his home at Newtown, Bucks County, Pa. Classified the collection of books at 4th and Arch Sts. and did cataloging at Haverford College. Member of Falls Meeting, Pa.

Went to Chicago and studied at the Moody Bible Institute. Travelled in the ministry and wrote numerous tracts which had a wide circulation. Some of his better known items include, 1942, Studies in the Psalms of Israel; 1945, The Messianic hope of Israel...; , 1948, Sweet Singer of Israel.

d. Aug. 11, 1945 in Bryn Mawr Hospital, aged 78.

Rich, John F. A memoir of Max I. Reich, priv. pub. ca. 1945 in Hav. Coll. pam. coll.

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REID, Ann (1760?-1842) born Tweedie, after 1786 Miller

(Ann Reid, daughter of Alexander and Jane Tweedie of Glasgow, was first married to a man called Reed or Reid, of whom in 1976 there is no trace. In 1786 she became the wife of George Miller (1759-1831 qv).

See MILLER, Ann (1760?-1842) formerly Reed or Reid, born Tweedie)

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REID, Ira De Augustine, 1901-1968

Sociologist.

b. 2 July 1901, Clifton Forge, Va., son of David A. and Willie James Reid.

ed. A.B., Morehouse College, 1922; M.A., Univ. of Pittsburgh, 1925; Ph.D., Columbia Univ., 1929; LL.D.(hon.), Morehouse College; LL.D.(hon.), Haverford College, 1967; Phi Beta Kappa.

m. Gladys R. Scott, 1925 (d. 1956), one daughter (adopted).

m. Anne M. Cook, 1958.

lecturer in English part-time 1960-61

1921-22, director of high school, Texas College, Tyler, Texas.

1922-24, teacher, Douglas High School, Huntington, W. VA.

1924-34, fellow, industrial secretary, research director, Pittsburgh and National Urban League.

1926-41, consultant, U.S. Social Security Board.

1934-46, professor and 1944-46 chairman of Sociology Department, Atlanta Univ.

1940-44, managing editor, Phylon

1948 W.E.B. Dubois' successor as editor of the Phylon Race and Culture Review.

1941-45, consultant, War Manpower Commission.

1944, associate director, Southern Regional Council for the Improvement of Conditions for Southern Blacks.

1946-47, visiting professor of sociology under auspices of A.F.S.C. and first black professor, Haverford College.

1946-47, visiting professor of education and first black full-professor, New York University.

...NGTON, Isabella Leach

Isabella Remington, Daughter of John and Hannah Remington married Thomas Swarbrick (- 1965) at Lancaster FMH on September 12, 1924.

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SWARBRICK, Isabella Leach [Remington] (1900 - 1982) b. Remington

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RENDEL, Leila (1883? - 1969)

Leila Rendell was born in about the year 1883.(1) Nothing is known (1978) of her earlier life, but early in the century, in about 1911 she helped to found the Caldecott Community of which she became a co-director. She believed that children need to grow up in beautiful and stimulating surroundings, hence her interest in the Caldecott Community, which was established as a residential school for deprived children.

Her first appearance so far traced in the membership lists is in 1937 at Maidstone, later she moved to Wareham, in Dorset, and then in about 1948 back to Ashford in Kent (2) where she spent the remainder of her life and where she was a valued member of the meeting. She served for a time on the Friends' Education Council.(3)

She was a founder governor of Gordonstoun School and a member of the Home Office Advisory Council on Child Care.

She died after a fall on March 16, 1969, aged 86.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol 127 (1969) p. 420

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 86 at death.
2. Kent QM printed lists of members record her as follows:- in 1937 at Maidstone as a member of another MM, then in 1946 at Wareham, Dorset, but still as a member at Maidstone, and then in 1948 at Ashford, Kent.
3. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library. Friends Education Council 1938/9 - 1941.

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RENNISON, Eleanor (1832?-1867) after 1862 Harrison

(Eleanor Rennison, daughter of Thomas Rennison, was married in 1862 to Thomas Harrison.

See HARRISON, Eleanor (1832?-1867) born Rennison)

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RENNISON, Robert (1811?-1893)

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Robert Rennison was born in Sedbergh; he was one of the youngest of ten children and served his apprenticeship to a shoemaker, with whom, and a fellow-workman, he read Barclay's Apology. They were all three convinced of Friends' principles, and became consistent members of the Society.

In 1843 Robert Rennison was admitted a member by Brigflatts Meeting and about ten years later was recorded a minister.

Later in life he accepted the appointment of master of the workhouse in Sedbergh Union; as might be expected, the chaplain and some others objected to a Friends being in this position, but on his retiring seven years later, they all bore testimony in his integrity, uprightness and general good management.

He had a weak voice and not much education; but there was a peculiar freshness and life in his communications. In the earlier days of his ministry he walked many hundreds of miles to attend small meetings on First-days, and he visited most, if not all, of the meetings in the United Kingdom.

He died on 1 September 1893 aged eighty two years.

Testimony of Sedbergh MM in YM Proc. 1894, p.152

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Additional reference

RENNISON, Robert, c.1811-1893

An. Mon. (N.S.), 52(1894):144

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REPLOGLE, Charles N., 1867-1927.

b. 19 March 1867, near Hagerstown, Wayne Co., Ind., s. of Jacob and Susan Replogle, (in the faith of the Dunkers.)

At age 16 joined Friends Mtg. in Cowan, Ind.

m., 18 April 1888, May Newton; 3 children.

From 1892 onward, preached and taught school.

Founded a mission home for Indian children, 1897. Wrote the story of the mission in his work, Among the Indians of Alaska. Spent 14 years in Alaska in missionary work and government service.

Visited for 15 months, meetings in Norway, Ireland and England. Helped set up Everett Monthly Mtg., Washington, under the care of Indiana Yearly Meeting. Helped organize Tacoma and Seattle Meetings in Washington.

1913-18, resumed mission work in Alaska; planted the model settlement of Noorvik, on the Kobuk River, a hundred miles north of Kotzebue, Alaska.

Ministered among Friends in Indiana.

Spent 3 years in Wenatchee Valley, Washington.

1912, 1922, a delegate to the Five Years Meeting.

1922-24, Superintendent of Nebraska Yearly Mtg.

Moved to New England, and in 1927, was named a delegate to the Five Years Meeting by the N.E. Yrly. Mtg.

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REPLOGLE, Delbert E., c.1905-

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

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REVOULT, John, -1811

Schoolmaster to Friends children, including Joseph Gurney Bevan and Daniel Bell. It is not known whether he evr actually was in membership with Friends.

m. (d.1773)

Contracted a debt and was imprisoned for some serious misconduct at Exeter.

Dec. 1774 J.G.Bevan and D. Bell, his former pupils, made available a balance of about 4 guineas in order to facilitate his release from prison.

d. 1811

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 20(1923):82,86; 22(1925):22

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REYNELL, John (1708-1784)

Born Bristol, England, June, 1708; son of Samuel and Sarah Reynell: educated at Exeter. The Reynell family was one of distinction in England, and his uncle, Michael Lee Dicker, was Mayor of Exeter. It was probably this uncle who established the young John in business. He went first to Barbados, where he engaged in trade, and in 1728 removed to Philadelphia, becoming at once an exporter to Barbados and Great Britain. Business letters still existing from his brother Samuel Reynell, dated 1729 and 1730, are addressed to him 'in care of Edward Horne and Samuel Good, merchants'. In December, 1744, he was in partnership with John Smith, of Burlington and Philadelphia, and the Israel Pembertons, father and son, when they loaded the brigantine 'Dolphin' and sent her to Barbados. A few months later they sent the ship, 'Bolton', Captain Dowers, to Dublin and Liverpool. (Diary of John Smith.) John Reynell was successful as a shipping and commission merchant, and no less active in the civic life of his town. He was, moreover, a large hearted philanthropist, and devout Christian; a leader in many benevolent works, and a prominent Quaker.
One of the founders of the Pennsylvania Hospital, the first of its kind in America, John Reynell served as its Treasurer, and was for long its President. He continued to be a Manager until 1780. (Morton, 'The Penna. Hospital') John Reynell was the last President of the 'Friendly Association for Preserving Peace with the Indians' for whose welfare he had labored unceasingly. The Indian Treaties held by the Colonial Governors were usually attended by him, the Quakers in many cases being movers in these conferences, which, owing to the political situation, rarely named them officially, although gladly accepting their peaceful intervention, which was usually of great service.

REYNELL, John (con't)

John Reynell married, April 15, 1736, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Beulah Coates, then widow of Samuel Nicholas. (1707-1773) None of their five children lived to m turity. Mary Reynell died March 25th 1773. Her husband survived her for eleven years, and died at his house H.W. corner Front and Walnut Streets, September 3rd 1784, at the age of seventy six. His benefactions were many. Rebecca Jones, in England at the time of his death, dreamed that Samuel Coates handed her a plate of soup. When he wrote her that John Reynell had left her fifty pounds Esther Tuke, with whom she was stopping, remarked, 'Dear Rebecca, this is thy plate of Soup!' For years he had allotted one third of his expenditures for the relief of the poor, and in his will left a thousand pounds to be given them in sums of five pounds each. [Date from Joseph H. Coates, of Berwyn, Pa., 'Memorials,' R. Jones, pp. 83, 84.]

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman, 1922, pp. 512-3

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REYNELL, John (1708-1784)

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John Reynell of Philadelphia was a successful shipping and commission merchant trading with Barbadoes and Great Britain, at first as a partner of John Smith of Burlington, New Jersey, and later of the Pemberton firm. Reynell was active in the civic life of Philadelphia - 'a large-hearted philanthropist, and devout Christian; a leader in many benevolent works and a prominent Quaker.' He was the last President for the 'Friendly Association for preserving peace with the Indians' and laboured unceasingly to improve the welfare of the natives in America.

Note in 'The Political & Economic Relations' by A.T. Gary, 1935, p.462

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