WHITELEY, Nancy Hannah (1921 - 1978)

Nancy Whitelgy was born on September 21, 1921 at Harrogate, the daughter of Charles Edward (1894?-1952) and Minnie (b) Whiteley,(1)

She was educated at Ackworth, where she became head girl and at Leeds University where she read social science. She made her career in housing management in which she had a loving concern and which took her in various posts to Rotherham, London, St, Albans, Gloucestershire, Leigh (Lancs) Huddersfield and to Ilkley where she stayed for more than twenty years. Latterly, since the reorganisation of local government she was in charge of the Shipley Office of the Bradford Metropolitan District Housing Dept.

She gave devoted service to the Society as elder, preparative meeting clerk at Gloucester and at Harrogate and as assistant clerk of Yorkshire GM. She served on the Ackworth School Committee from 1967 - 1975 and as clerk to the committee from 1977 until her death. She was a member of the Quaker Housing Trust in which her expertise was invaluable, her help was given also to the Elizabeth Fry Memorial Home at Spofforth and later at York.

She died on September 26, 1978 aged 57.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol 136 (1978) p. 1372.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Birth Digest her father is described as a motor engineer.

SGJ March '79

WHITELOCK, Ann (1650-1727) aftw. Johnson

[Ann Whitelock, daughter of Christopher Whitelock
of Gret Orton, Cumberland (-) and
his wife nee
(-) was married in to
Johnson

see JOHNSON, Ann (1650-1727) born Whitelock]

MEG April 1985

WHITELOCK, Martha (1786-1828) after 1814 Pease

[Martha Whitelock, daughter of Isaac Whitelock (-)
and his wife Hannah (born)
of Leeds in Yorkshire, was married in 1814 to Thomas Benson
Pease (1782-1846 qv).

See PEASE, Martha (1786-1828) born Whitelock]

MEG Sept 1981

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WHITEMAN, George Wallaby (1903-1974).

b. 1903

ed. Oxford University, M.A. in English.

m. 1931, Mary Walker.

1927-1929, Editor of the Exchange Mart magazine. In 1930, he became the Editor of The Antique Collector and was also Sub-editor of The Friend from 1932-1935.

George and Mary Whiteman were members of the New Barnet Friends' Meeting before World War II.

In 1939 he moved to Saffron Walden and in 1940 became the Chief Billeting Officer for the Borough. He was a conscientious objector during the war.

1942, became Joint-Secretary of the Friends Postwar Service Committee. In 1943, he became the Personnel Secretary of the Friends' Service Committee. He retired from this post in 1968. George Whiteman was very influential in shaping the development of Quaker international service.

He was also very interested in antiques and the antique trade.

d. 10 March 1974.

The Friend (London), 29 March 1974; 132, 13:351.

WHITING, Anna Maria (1851-1934) aftw. Harvey

[Anna Maria Whiting, daughter of John Whiting and his wife Anna Rebecca (nee Gilpin) was married in 1875 to William Harvey

<u>see</u> HARVEY, Anna Maria (1851-1934) born Whiting]

WBE:
Additional reference

WHITING,
~~Whiting~~, Anna M., afterwards Harvey, 1851-1934

see HARVEY, Anna M., nee Whiting

WHITING, Anna Rebecca (1829-1897) born Gilpin

Anna Rebecca Gilpin, the daughter of James Gilpin (1780-1855 qv) and his wife Mary (born Sturge, 1789-1842 qv) of Bristol, was born there on 18 April 1829(1). She was educated at Wigton School and went on to Sidcot School in 1838(2). She was a member of a very large family, a lively girl with a bright temperament which made her a general favourite, although she admitted that she gave trouble to her teachers.

After leaving school she took up First-day School work and while engaged on this she met John Whiting (1819-1899 qv), a draper of Leeds, whom she married in 1850; there were six children(3). On her marriage she took over the domestic management of her husband's business, where she had several young men under her care as well as her own children.

She took a leading part in many philanthropic and social concerns in Leeds, but the work nearest to her heart was the supervision of the Headingley Orphan Homes. When she took over this work in 1865, eight children were provided for, but in 1885 there were four houses and seventy six children. She was a warm advocate of temperance and in 1873 and again in 1875 she visited various parts of the country in this connection, with Elizabeth Comstock (1815-1891 qv). She was also a frequent visitor to the Workhouse and Infirmary for twenty nine years, organised mothers' meetings and superintended Bible Society work.

At the age of twenty five she felt called to speak in meeting for worship, but it was not until five years later, after much encouragement, that her voice was heard in the ministry. She was recorded a minister on 9 July 1869, by Brighouse Monthly Meeting.(4) Soon afterwards she had a severe attack of typhoid fever and was unconscious for ten days; her first testimony after her recovery was very solemn and moving. "She never tired of telling the old, old story of a Saviour's love, and her messages, delivered in a clear, strong voice, and simple though forcible language, we believe often brought 'food to the hungry soul, liberty to the captive, joy to the mourner, and rest to the weary and heavy laden;' and on not a few occasions the whole tone of a meeting, begun perhaps in something like flatness, was felt to be changed to joy through the inspiring influence of her offerings in prayer or praise."(Testimony)

She was warmly interested in the work of the Society of Friends and for thirty years, with only one omission, she attended London Yearly Meeting. For fourteen years she was conspicuous at the desk of the London Women's Yearly Meeting, serving as clerk in 1881 and 1882(5).

She gave unstinted personal service in ministering to the sick and dying, in days when trained nurses were not available, and she rarely paid such visits without taking with her some flowers to cheer the patients and brighten the sick room. Her Christianity was practical, with a warm-hearted kindness which endeared her to all who knew her.

In 1890 the family moved to Cliff Side, where she was very happy for the few years left to her. She went to London with her husband early in March 1897 and joined Friends in the Meeting for Sufferings room prior to the Mission Prayer Meeting for which her husband had come to London. But the following day she had a heart attack and Anna Rebecca Whiting of Leeds died on 6 March 1897, at the age of sixty eight(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES
Annual Monitor 1898, pp 182-193
The Friend ns vol 37 (1897) pp 183-4
Testimony of Brighouse MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1898, p 135

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father is described as a woollen draper
2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1912, p 83: her leaving date is not given
3 For marriage and children see WHITING, John (1819-1899)
4 Friends House Library list of recorded ministers, 1861-1924. The +
5 London Yearly Meeting during 250 Years, 1919, p 137: The Friend, loc cit, and the Testimony give her service as three years
6 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of John

+ testimony erroneously states that she was recorded in 1870

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 27, p 16

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replacement

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WHITING, Anna Rebecca, nee Gilpin, 1829-1897.

Attended Wigton School as well as Sidcot. Lively girl, who gave trouble to her teachers.

1855, spoke in meeting.

1870, recorded a minister.

Serious attack of Typhoid; unconscious for 10 days.

Served Women's Yearly Meeting, London; clerk for three years.

1890, the family moved to Cliff-side.

Member of Committee for Ackworth School.

Excellent voice and an easy manner. Kept to plain "Quaker" dress. Loved flowers.

Short illness.

d. 1897.

The Friend (London) 1897, 37:174,183 (portrait).

An. Mon. (N.S.) 1898, 56:182.

WHITING, Anna Rebecca (1829-1897) born Gilpin

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Anna Rebecca Gilpin, the daughter of James and Mary (Sturge) Gilpin, was born in Bristol on 18 April 1829 (1) and educated at Sidcot School. In 1850 she married John Whiting and went to live in Leeds, where she took a leading part in many philanthropic and social concerns. The work nearest her heart was the supervision of the Headingley Orphan Homes. When she took over this work in 1865, eight children were provided for, but in 1885 there were four houses and seventy six children.

Anna R. Whiting was a warm advocate of Gospel Temperance, and in 1873 and again in 1875 she visited various parts of the country with Elizabeth Comstock in this connection.

Anna R. Whiting was recorded a minister in the year 1870; she was regular in her attendance at Yearly Meeting, being Clerk to the Women's Meeting for three years.

'She never tired of telling the old, old story of a Saviour's love, and her messages, delivered in a clear, strong voice, and simple though forcible language, we believe often brought 'food to the hungry soul, liberty to the captive, joy to the mourner, and rest to the weary and heavy laden'; and on not a few occasions the whole tone of a meeting, begun perhaps in something like flatness, was felt to be changed to joy through the inspiring influence of her offerings in prayer or praise'.

Anna Rebecca Whiting died 6 March 1897 .

Testimony of Brighouse MM in YM Proc. 1898, p.135

References and notes

1 M.D. Blaschko, Sidcot school register, 1958, p.83

WHITING, Arnold (1885-1968)

see WHITING, William Arnold (1885-1968)

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WHITING, Catherine Elizabeth (1885-1971) born Mason

Catherine Elizabeth Mason, the daughter of William Mason (-) and his wife Katharine (born Exley,) of Leeds, was born there on 24 December 1885(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1897 to 1901.

She was married in 1916 to Norman Whiting (1883-1965 qv) of Leeds and there were three children(2). Apart from her last two years, she lived the whole of her life in Leeds and was renowned amongst Leeds Friends for her warm hospitality. She was never active in committees or organisations, but she knew how to make people feel at home.

Catherine Elizabeth Whiting spent the last two years of her life at The Retreat in York, where she died on 6 March 1971, at the age of eighty five(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 90 (1971) p 96

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a joiner and builder *
2 For marriage and children see WHITING, Norman (1883-1965)
3 The Friend vol 129 (1971) p 308

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

* The AOSA reports obituary wrongly spells her mother's maiden name Katherine and wrongly prints her maiden name as Exley

MEG Oct 1982

WHITING, Christiana (1762-1847)

Christiana Whiting, the daughter of John and Judith Whiting, was born in Cheapside, London on 15 February 1762. For many years she lived as a companion to her brother in law Ady Bellamy of High Wycombe, and while there was acknowledged a minister in 1799.

Some time after his death she removed to Tottenham, becoming a member of that M.M. in October 1812. Her ministry was plain and practical, and she took a deep and lively interest in the concerns of the Society, though for several years she was confined much to her house.

She died on 21 June 1847. Her body was interred in Friends burial ground Tottenham.

Testimony of Tottenham M.M. in Testimonies. 1848. p.24.

WBE: Additional Sources.

WHITING, Christina?, 1762-1847.

An. Mon., 1848, N.S., 6:143.

The Friend (London), 1847, V:140.

WHITING, Emily (1859?-1929) born Shaw

Emily Shaw, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Shaw of Leeds, was born about the year 1859(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1871 to 1875, but she was not a member of the Society of Friends.

She was married in 1880 to John Edmund Whiting (1853-1932 qv) of Leeds and there were apparently six children(2). She had from early life attended the Carlton Hill Friends' Meeting and was accepted into membership of the Society about the year 1909(3).

Although her health was not robust, she devoted herself to the welfare of others, as well as bringing up a large family. For many years she was treasurer of the local branch of the Young Helpers' League and also conducted a Mothers' Meeting in the poor quarter of Leeds. During the first world war she opened her house to numerous Belgian refugees.

In 1919 the family moved south to Frensham in Surrey and during the ten happy years she spent there she entertained many tired people who were in need of a change; in addition she kept for a year or more a number of children from the Austrian famine area. She took a great interest in the Frensham Women's Congregational Guild and also started a local association for temperance. She had a great love of animals and worked untiringly for the use of a humane killer in the Frensham district,

Emily Whiting of Oak Hill, Frensham died on 2 May 1929, at the age of seventy(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 48 (1929) pp 138-139

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 70 at death
2 For marriage and children see WHITING, John Edmund (1853-1932)
3 Yorkshire QM printed lists of members: she is shown as a member in 1909, but not in 1908
4 Digest of Deaths: she is erroneously described as a spinster. Her age at death is not given, but it is found in the AOSA Report, p 139

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

MEG Oct 1982

WHITING, Emma (1799-1878) after 1823 Pollard

[Emma Whiting, daughter of Thomas Whiting (1764-1812 qv) and his wife Mary (born) of Reading in Berkshire, was married in 1823 to John Pollard (1799-1837 qv).

See POLLARD, Emma (1799-1878) born Whiting]

MEG Oct 1982

WHITING, Esther (1743?-1803) born Grimes

Esther Grimes, the daughter of Daniel and Mary Grimes of Tainton in Oxfordshire, was born about the year 1743(1).

She was married in 1763 to William Whiting (1734?-1812 qv), a blanket weaver of Witney in Oxfordshire and there were ten children(2).

Esther Whiting of Witney died on 28 January 1803, at the age of sixty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 60 at death. Her birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest, although other members of the Grimes family are given
2 For marriage and children see WHITING, William (1734?-1812)
3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of William, a blanket weaver; her name is given as Hester

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

MEG Sept 1982

WHITING, Esther (1811-1890) after 1840 Latchmore

[Esther Whiting, daughter of John Whiting (1776-1853 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Shillitoe, 1784-1847 qv, after 1804 Benwell) of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, was married in 1840 to Edward Latchmore (1810-1894 qv).

See LATCHMORE, Esther (1811-1890) born Whiting]

MEG Aug 1982

WHITING, Evelyn (Southall) (1888 - 1974) b. Southall

Evelyn Southall was born on August 5, 1888, at Leominster, the daughter of Henry John (1859 - 1936) and Annette J. (b. Wateman) Southall of Leominster. She was a descendant of Roger Pritchard (Prichard) of Almeley (1600 ? - 1679 qv.) and was proud of her direct descent from him through a long line of Quaker ancestors more or less closely connected with that area.

She was educated at The Mount and at Westfield College, where she trained as a teacher of history, finally after various posts she was appointed to the staff of The Mount in 1913. In 1915 she married J. Roland Whiting (1884-1970 qv.) and they settled in Leeds, where they joined Carlton Hill meeting,(1) later joining with other Friends to establish Roundhay meeting (2)

In spite of family commitments Evelyn Whiting joined with her husband in taking an active part in meeting affairs and in many local activities, including taking a W.E.A. class in history at Royston, a very depressed mining village in Yorkshire, where most of the members of her class were miners, with a number of whom she became firm friends. When in 1936 Roland Whiting was appointed secretary to the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, they moved to York, where they joined the Clifford St. meeting.(3)

Roland retired in 1949 and after a year as fellows at Woodbrooke they stayed on in Birmingham for a short time, attached to Cotteridge meeting (4) and then moved back to Herefordshire, to Almeley in 1953,(5) here again they threw themselves into the life of the meeting. They had owned a house in the village since 1932 but were now able as residents to identify themselves with the life of the village. However in 1961 they moved to Redlynch, near Salisbury (6) where again they helped to establish the meeting in a new home, but in 1968, after Roland Whiting had had to be settled in The Retreat, Evelyn Whiting returned to her birthplace at Leominster.(7) At Leominster she tried, without success, to revive the former Friends Meeting, but was instrumental in preserving the old meeting house and the old books which were transferred to the local library. Her great interest in history led her in her last years at Leominster to be an active promoter of the Leominster Folk Museum, of which she was a founder member of its committee. Later in 1972 she removed, because of failing health and memory to Kinnersley Castle, a community home for the elderly in the village next to Almeley, so that her last two years were again spent as a member of her loved Almeley meeting.(8)

She had a deep concern for the Society of Friends and for its growth, and her gaiety, her enthusiasm and warm friendship were given to Friends, young and old alike, and to her various meetings which she served in many capacities. She also served on Home Service Committee from 1951 until 1959/60 and represented Western QM on Meeting for Sufferings for the years 1957/8 and 1958/9.(9).

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WHITING, Evelyn (Southall) (1888 - 1974) b. Southall. continued.

She died on October 26, 1974 at the age of 86. There were three children of the marriage. (10).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE Testimony of Hereford & Mid Wales MM
Y.M.Proc. 1975 pp. 184 - 186.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Yorkshire QM printed list of members for 1916 records them as members of Carlton Hill meeting.
2. The same lists for 1930 record them as members of Roundhay meeting.
3. The same lists for 1938 record them under the heading of Clifford St. meeting. Their last appearance under this heading is in the list for 1950.
4. Warwick, Leicester & Stafford QM printedlists of members record them as members of Cotteridge meeting in 1951, but they do not appear in the 1954 list.
5. Western QM printed list of members for 1955 records them as members of Almeley.
6. Bristol & Somerset QM printed lists of members record them as members of Salisbury meeting from 1962. The last entry for Evelyn Whiting is 1967, but Roland Whiting has a further entry for 1968, but giving his address as The Retreat.
7. Hereford & Mid Wales MM printed list of members for 1968 records her as a member.
8. The same lists for 1973 record her again as attending Almeley meeting.
9. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library.
10. Yorkshire QM printed lists of members record the children as follows:-

The list for 1924 records	John Southall Whiting	aged 6	? 1918
	Roger Prichard Whiting	" 2	? 1922
The list for 1928 records	Priscilla Sturge	" " 2	? 1926

S.G.J. 1976.

WBE:

WHITING, John, 1656-1722.

b. 1656, Nailsea or Naylsey, 7 mi. from Bristol, Eng., s. of John Whiting and Mary Evans Whiting.

Lived at "Naylsey" later Wrington, lastly London, Eng.

1678, excommunicated and imprisoned at Ilchester.

m. Sarah Hurd.

1691, with his wife at London Y. Mtg.

1699, removed to London.

1684-1720, about 5 pages of titles in Smith's Catalogue; controversial as concerning George Keith, Cotton Mather, Edward Cockson and Francis Bugg.

Most important, perhaps is: 1708, A Catalogue of Friends' Books...238 pages; Persecution exposed...(London) (Contains autobiographical information.)

A much esteemed Friend.

d. 12 Nov. 1722, London, aged 67.

Jour. Frds'. Hist. Soc., 4: No. 1,7and 12:90.

Frds'. Q. Exam., 11:169.

Besse, 1:611,612,613,641,644,647,648.

Smith II:917.

F.H.L.Sw. BX 7676.

WHITING, John (1715/6-pre 1778)

John Whiting, the son of John Whiting (-) and his wife Dorothy (born) of the parish of St Brides in London, was born there on 28.xi.1715 [i.e.January 1715/6] (1).

He became a linen draper in London(2) and was married prior to 1737 to Judith (born 1718?-1778 qv) (3); there were sixteen children, many of whom died in infancy(4).

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

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a citizen and haberdasher

2 He is so described in the birth entries for most of his children

3 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales: there is no reference to it in the minutes of the Two Weeks Meeting, Friends House Library

4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

John		d 14 xi 1737 [i.e.Jan 1737/8]
John	b 5 xii 1738 [i.e. Feb 1738/9]	d 23 vi [Aug] 1740
Judith	b 20 xi 1739 [i.e. Jan 1739/40]	d 23 viii [Oct] 1740
Judith	b 20xi 1740 [i.e. Jan 1740/1]	died
John	b 24 iii [May] 1741	d 13 vi [Aug] 1744, aged 3
Peter	b	d 5 ix [Nov] 1744, aged 3 weeks
√John	b 17 ix [Nov] 1745	d 17 x [Dec] 1745
*Mary	b 13 ii [April] 1747	
John	b	d 19 ii [April] 1749, aged 6 months
*Ebenezer	b 24 iv [June] 1749	
Judith qv	b 8.i.[March] 1750/1	m 1789 Adey Bellamy (1739-1810 qv)
Dorothy	b	d 18 Aug 1753, aged 13 months
John	b	d 3 July 1755, aged 9 months
*Dorothy	b 15 Feb 1756	
stillborn child		buried 30 June 1759
Christiana qv	b 15 Feb 1762	d unmarried 21 June 1847

*No marriages traced in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest

5 His death is not traced in London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: his wife is described as a widow when she died in London in 1778

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

MEG Sept 1982

WHITING, John (1776-1853)

John Whiting, the son of William Whiting (-) and his wife Esther (born) of Witney in Oxfordshire, was born there on 4 November 1776(1).

He became a fellmonger at Hitchin in Hertfordshire(2) and was married in 1811 to Margaret Benwell (born Shillitoe, 1784-1847 qv), the widow of Thomas Benwell (1781-1806 qv) of Croydon in Surrey(3); there were nine children(4).

He was an elder of his meeting(5).

John Whiting of Hitchin died on 21 October 1853, at the age of seventy eight(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father is described as a blanket weaver
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Tottenham on 14 March 1811: he is described as a fellmonger of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, the son of William and Esther Whiting of Witney in Oxfordshire; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Mary Shillitoe of Tottenham in Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
4 Listed in Beds & Herts QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Esther qv	b 11 Dec 1811	m 1840 Edward Latchmore (1810-1894 qv)
*Thomas	b 13 Dec 1812	
*Mary	b 15 April 1814	
*Joseph	b 9 Dec 1815	
Joshua	b 8 March 1817	d 18 April 1818, aged 1
John qv	b 14 Feb 1819	m 1850 Anna Rebecca Gilpin (1829-1897 qv)
Joshua qv	b 10 Sept 1820 (+)	m 1861 Rebecca Jackson (1826-1909 qv)
Margaret	b 24 Oct 1822	d 4 April 1823, aged 5 months
*Margaret	b 25 Jan 1824	

*No marriages traced in Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1880

5 Annual Monitor 1855, p 171: 2 line entry for death
6 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-
Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 42, pp 9, 12

+ Thus in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest; but cf Annual monitor 1910 p 182 which gives 9 October 1920. One or other is in error by a reversal of numerals for month and day

MEG Aug 1982

WHITING, John (1819-1899) 2+

John Whiting, the son of John Whiting (1776-1853 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Shillitoe, 1784-1847 qv, after 1804 Benwell) of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, was born there on 14 February 1819(1). He was the fifth child in a family of six children. He and his brother Joshua were sent to Ackworth School in 1831 and John remained there until 1833; there were no school holidays and the fare was spartan, but he was happy there and cried when he left.

He left school at the age of fourteen and was apprenticed to James Hotham (1805-1850 qv), a general draper at Leeds Bridge. When he was eighteen he took the pledge, an unusual step at that time, and was persistent in witnessing for total abstinence. In 1846 James Hotham took him into partnership and gave him the house at the Bridge.

In 1847 he joined six other Friends in starting the Friends First-day School in Leeds, a work in which he continued all his life and in which he met his future wife, Anna Rebecca Gilpin (1829-1897 qv); they were married in 1850(2) and there were six children(3). It was a very happy marriage, which endured for nearly fifty years.

During these years of active business life, in the course of which removal was made to successively larger premises until they settled in their house at Cliff Side, his leisure time was crowded with interests. Besides his temperance work he was deeply interested in the movement for the repeal of the Corn Laws and the efforts of Liberal reformers to better the lot of the poor and oppressed had his warm sympathy and support. Of a natrurally retiring disposition, he did not figure very conspicuously in public life, but from 1865 to 1870 he sat as a member of the Leeds Corporation and was for six years a guardian of the poor. He was a mamber of the weekly Board of the General Infirmary and a visitor for, and later president of, the Leeds Benevolent or Strangers' Friend Society. He also took an active interest in the Convalescent Hospital at Cookridge and in the work of the Public Dispensary.

He was associated with others in a scheme to help the Shetland Islanders when a storm destroyed most of their boats. A considerable sum of money was raised and was used to provide the Shetlanders with larger and more seaworthy boats than they had hitherto used, allowing them, by easy payments, to acquire the boats in the course of a few years. So well did this plan work that when the committee of the Yorkshire Friends' Fund was discharged there was a balance of several hundred pounds in hand.

He was a faithful servant of the Society and served on three central committees(4). He was an overseer and an elder for many years, for both of which offices he was particularly gifted, and on 10 November 1886 he was recorded a minister by Brighouse Monthly Meeting(5). He spoke neither often nor at length, but what he said was the outcome of a desire for the growth and ingathering of souls. He was faithful in attending business meetings, where his sound judgment was greatly valued, and in visiting smaller meetings. He had a loving way of calling Friends to 'sit at the top of the Meeting' (Annual Monitor) and many came to him with their troubles and received wise counsel. As a boy he had had a very hot temper, but he struggled to overcome this and was characterised in later life by great tenderness and gentleness.

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He had an eager interst in those around him and a cheerful, sympathetic nature; he loved young children and played cricket with his grandchildren into his old age. He was keenly concerned for his own apprentices' welfare and for that of the young men of Leeds Meeting, as well as taking a kindly interest in the Flounders Institute and in other young people away from home; his house was open to all young people on Sundays. John Whiting was neither politician, orator nor scholar, but he possessed sound common sense, which not only aided him in his business but caused his fellows to have confidence in him and to seek his counsel and his aid in many works of benevolence.

The loss of his wife was a great grief to him, but he was upheld by his faith and continued his work for others without interruption. Two years after her death his own health began to fail; in his last short illness his thought was all for others and for the continuance of the work in which he had been so deeply interested.

John Whiting of Cliff Side, Leeds, died of jaundice on 22 November 1899, at the age of eighty(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1901, p 151
Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 19 (1900) pp 84-86
The Friend vol 39 (1899) p 785

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: his father is described as a fellmonger
2 The wedding was at Peckham on 18 April 1850: he is described as a bachelor, a linen draper of 5 Bridge End, Leeds, the son of John Whiting, a fellmonger; she is described as a spinster of 4 Hanover Street, Peckham, the daughter of John Gilpin, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
3 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Anna Maria qv	b 20 May 1851	m 1873 William Harvey (1848-1928 qv)
Mary Sturge qv	b 9 July 1852	d unmarried 10 Dec 1935
John Edmund qv	b 26 Nov 1853	m 1880 Emily Shaw
William qv	b 1 Oct 1856	m 1882 Mary Lucy Thorp (1858-1981)
*Joseph Struge	b 1 Aug 1860	
*Albert	b 21 Nov 1861	

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920

4 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library:-

Meeting for Sufferings	-	1888-1899
Home Service		
FFMA	-	1872-1899

5 Friends House Library list of recorded ministers, 1861-1924
6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a merchant

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 11, p 200: vol 27, p 16
Historical account of Hotham & Whiting business in Yorkshire Post, tercentenary supplement, 9 July 1926 (Friends House Library NEWS 097.26)

N.B. The Annual Monitor, loc cit, states that he went to Ackworth with his brother Robert, but Ackworth OASA Reports, loc cit, is quite definite that he went with Joshua

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WHITING, John (1819-1899)

John Whiting was born at Hitchin on 14 February 1819. He was the son of John and Margaret Whiting, the fifth child in a family of six children. His mother was a daughter of the well-known Thomas Shillitoe, who lived with the family at Hitchin during his later years.

He and his brother Robert went to Ackworth School, where, despite the spartan fare, they were happy. At 14 John left school and was apprenticed to a general draper at Leeds Bridge. At 18 he took the pledge (an unusual step at that time) and was persistent in witnessing for total abstinence. In 1846 his employer took him into partnership, and in 1847 he joined six other Friends in starting the Friends First-Day Schools in Leeds, a work in which he continued all his life, and in which he met his future wife, Anna Rebecca Gilpin. Their long and happy married life began in 1850: there were six children (1), and for some years they lived at the Bridge End house, where John Whiting supervised eleven apprentices, and where their first three children were born. Later they made several moves, finally settling at Cliff Side.

Outside his business, many interests filled John Whiting's leisure hours: besides his temperance work, he was interested in the repeal of the Corn Laws, in local government, in the Poor Law (he served for 6 years as Guardian), in the Charity Organisation and in the Leeds General Infirmary. He had an eager interest in those around him and a cheerful and sympathetic nature, and he loved to play with children right on into his old age. He was keenly concerned for his own apprentices' welfare and for that of the young men in the Leeds Meeting, as well as students from the Flounders Institute and in other young people away from home. His home was open to young people on Sundays.

He filled for many years the office of elder and overseer, and his care for his fellow members was lovingly and diligently exercised. In 1889 his gift in the ministry was recorded. He spoke neither often nor at length, but what he said was the outcome of a desire for the growth and ingathering of souls. He was

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WHITING, John (1819-1899) cont;

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faithful in attending business meetings and in visiting smaller meetings. He had a loving way of calling Friends together to 'sit at the top of the Meeting', and many came to him with their troubles and received wise counsel. As a boy, he had had a very hot temper, but he struggled to overcome this and was characterised in later life by great tenderness and gentleness.

In 1897 he lost his wife, but was upheld in this loss and continued his work for others without interruption. Two years after her death his own health began to fail; in his last short illness his thought was all for others and for the continuance of the work in which he had been so deeply interested and he died peacefully at the age of 80 on 23 November, 1899.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1901, p.151

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows:-

Anna Maria	born 20 May 1851, qv.	who married in 1873 William Harvey
Mary Sturge	born 9 July 1852, qv.	
John Edmund	born 26 Nov.1853	
William	born 1 Oct. 1856, qv	
Joseph Sturge	born 1 Aug. 1860	
Albert	born 21 Nov.1861	

SEE ALSO

The Friend vol. (1899) p.785
Historical account of Hotham & Whiting business in Yorkshire Post, tercentenary supplement, 9.vii.1926 (Friends House, NEWS 097.26)

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WBE: Additional Information.

WHITING, John, 1819-1899.

1833, apprenticed to James Hotham, general draper.

Tended to absent-mindedness, not remembering his own birthday.

At 79, played cricket with his grandchildren.

Ill about 2 weeks.

Additional Source:

An. Mon., N.S., 1901, 59:151.

WHITING, John Edmund (1853-1932)

John Edmund Whiting, the son of John Whiting (1819-1899 qv) and his wife Anna Rebecca (born Gilpin, 1829-1897 qv) of Leeds, was born there on 26 November 1853(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1863 to 1868.

He was married in 1880 to Emily Shaw (1859?-1929 qv), who was not then a member of the Society of Friends(2) and there were apparently six children(3). Following in the footsteps of his father, he became head of the family firm of Hotham and Whiting of Leeds; he was also a director of two engineering firms.

For many years he was treasurer of Leeds Preparative Meeting and a director of the Friends' Provident Insurance Company. He was a lifelong teetotaller and carried his temperance work to the native villages of Central Africa, among the many places where his influence was felt. In the early days of the first world war he drafted an address to the Tsar of Russia, hoping that it would be forwarded in the name of the Society. The address recalled the points of contact between the Society and Russia from the days of Peter the Great and urged the immediate publication of peace terms.

As chairman of the Arthington Trust, John Edmund Whiting was responsible for the formation of many new mission stations and practically the whole work at Tiger Kloof was carried out by the fund. He was an ex-officio member of the London Missionary Society and of all its outstanding committees and also a director of the Baptist Missionary Society. About 1930, with his daughter Mildred Emily, he made an extensive tour of inspection of this work in South Africa. His message of cheer and sympathetic understanding of the many problems brought for his consideration was an inspirartion to all with whom he came into contact. He paid an interesting visit to the Chief of Bechuanaland, to study the heated question of White hiring rights in the Protectorate, and arranged for the Chief to visit England to put his case before the government.

His religious views were broad. He supported a request from a Roman Catholic priest to build a church to the memory of St Joan and was instrumental in persuading George Bernard Shaw to contribute towards the cost, Shaw commenting that he was not a member of any denomination, but if he were it would be the Society of Friends.

John Edmund Whiting was a man of gracious presence. He had a thoughtful consideration for others, an innate humility of outlook and a gentle, loving nature; all who knew him were enriched by their contact with him.

John Edmund Whiting of Coombe Orchard, Farnham in Surrey, died after a long and painful illness on 19 March 1932, at the age of seventy eight(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 90 (1932) p 297
Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 51 (1932) p 102

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a linen draper
2 The wedding was at Leeds on 25 August 1880: he is described as a bachelor, a warehouseman of Regent Villas, Headingley, Leeds, the son of John Whiting, a merchant; she is described as a spinster, non-member, of Emmerdale House, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, the daughter of Thomas Shaw, a wholesale grocer (Digest of Marriages)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

3 Given in Yorkshire QM printed lists of members 1900, as non-members: the births are not traced in the Digest of Births:-

Winifred Elspeth
Hilda Mary
Dorothy Isabel
Mildred Emily
John Ronald Sturge
Oliver Kenneth

By 1910 all these children, except Hilda Mary and Mildred Emily, were members of the Society

4 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

SEE ALSO:-

Appreciation, Manchester Guardian 26 March 1932: News. 092.3/WHI

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WBE:

WHITING, John Edmund, ca. 1853-1932.

b. ca. 1853.

m.

Chairman of the Arthington Trust, and much interested in missions.

1929, visited S. African missions, with his daughter Mildred.

d. 19 March 1932, Farnham, Surrey, age 78.

The Friend, (London) 1932, 90:297, (portrait.)

WHITING, John Roland (1884 - 1970)

Roland Whiting was born in Leeds on June 10, 1884, the son of William (1856 - 1943 qv) and Mary Lucy (B. Thorp) Whiting.(1) He went to school at Ackworth and Bootham and then on to Leeds University. Following this he spent a number of years in the family business of Hotham Whiting, of Leeds. During and immediately after the first world war he spent some time engaged in Friends relief work.

In 1915 he married Evelyn Southall (1888 - 1974 qv) (2) and together they entered fully into the life of the Society. In the early thirties in the face of many difficulties they started Roundhay Meeting at Leeds. In 1936 he became secretary of two of the Joseph Rowntree Trusts in York. There they involved themselves in The Mount and in Bootham and in various cultural and educational activities in the city, including the Settlement and were largely responsible for arranging for German prisoners of war to be welcomed to York meeting and into Friends' homes. In 1949 they left York and spent a year at Woodbrooke as joint Fellows. Roland studying the evangelical revival and the forward movement of Friends between 1858 and 1905, she doing research into the history of the Quakers of the Welsh border. After a short stay at Bournville they moved in 1952 to Evelyn Whiting's 'home' village of Almeley in Herefordshire, where they were very happy. They helped to revive the meeting and restore the 300 year old meeting house and took an active part in local life, Roland being president of the cricket club. Their home was always open to Friends. In 1961 they moved to near Salisbury to be near members of their family and their care helped the small meeting of Salisbury to develop and acquire its own premises. In 1965 he and Evelyn celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

His service for the Society included clerkship of his Preparative, Monthly and Quarterly meetings and of York elders, he was closely associated with Yorkshire Friends Service Committee. He was first chairman of Young Friends Central Committee and assistant clerk of YM in 1954. From 1949 to 1963 he served as chairman of the Home Service Committee giving inspiring leadership. He was concerned to visit small meetings and isolated Friends and took a lead in arranging group visits. He cared intensely for individuals and was a man of deep spiritual gifts.(3)

Ill health clouded the last few years of his life and he spent about the last two years at The Retreat in York, where he died on February 22, 1970, aged 85.(4)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol 128. (1970) pp 229, 480.

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WHITING, John Roland (1884 - 1970) continued.

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References & Notes

1. Digest of Births. His father is described as a merchant.

2. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place on March 3, 1915 at Leominster FMH. He is described as bachelor, Manchester warehouseman.

3. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.

   Meeting for Sufferings - 1943 - 1948/9
   Agenda Committee 1937 - 1940, 1941 - 1944, 1949 - 1953, 1953 - 1954.
   Committee on Clerks 1945 - 1947, 1949 - 1951, 1952 - 1956, 1957/8.
   Home Service Committee - 1936 - 1963/4.

4. For more details of their married life see DQB details -

   Whiting, Evelyn (1884 - 1974) b. Southall.

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WHITING, Joshua (1820-1909)

Joshua Whiting, the son of John Whiting and his wife Margaret, born Shillitoe, of Hitchin, was born there in ~~on 10 September~~ 1820(1); he was the brother of John Whiting (1819-1899 qv). He was married in 1861 to Rebecca Jackson (1826-1886 qv), a minister of Hitchin Meeting(2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3).

He was a quiet and unobtrusive man who shrank from anything like publicity, but his long service with the bank of Sharples, Tuke & Co, extending over forty years, made him one of the best known Friends in the district and wherever he was known his kindly nature made itself felt. To know him was to love him. He was a great lover of nature and it was a delight to go round his garden with him; his flowers flourished because he loved them and his bees gave him abundant honey. He was an old fashioned Quaker, 'calm and firm and true,'(The Friend) who was transformed by his faith into that serenity of mind and life which may be defined as true religion, so that in him goodness seemed second nature.

He died at Hitchin on 11 March 1909 at the age of eighty eight(4) and was buried during a snowstorm at the Friends' burial ground there.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 49 (1909) p 198
Annual Monitor 1910, pp 182-185

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest gives the date as 10 September, perhaps by a reversal of the numerals of month and day: his father is described as a fellmonger. The Annual Monitor 1910 gives the date of his birth as 9 October 1820
2 The wedding was at Hitchin on 18 April 1861: he is described as a bachelor, a bankers clerk of Hitchin, the son of John Whiting, a fellmonger; she is described as a spinster of Hitchin, the daughter of William Jackson (Digest of Marriages)
3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of 29 Bedford Road, Hitchin

SEE ALSO:- Incidental reference in J Friends His Soc vol 42, p 9

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WHITING, Judith (1718?-1778) born

Judith Whiting, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced, was born about the year 1718(1).

She was married prior to 1737 to John Whiting (1715/6-pre 1778 qv), a linen draper of London and there were sixteen children, many of whom died in infancy(2).

Judith Whiting died on 23 November 1778, at the age of sixty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 60 at death
2 For information relating to her marriage and children see WHITING, John (1715/6-pre 1778)
3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of John

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

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WHITING, Judith (1750/1-1801) after 1789 Bellamy

[Judith Whiting, daughter of John Whiting (-)
and his wife Judith (born)
of London, was married in 1789 to Adey Bellamy
(1739-1810 qv).

See BELLAMY, Judith (1750/1-1801) born Whiting]

MEG July 1981

WHITING, Lydia (1776-1824) born Willis

Lydia Willis, the daughter of Binfield Willis (1749-1782 qv) and his wife Ann (born Speakman, 1751-1789 qv) of Reading in Berkshire, was born there on 28 December 1776(1).

She was married in 1799 to William Whiting (1774-1803 qv), an umbrella maker of Reading in Berkshire and there were two children(2). After their marriage the Whitings moved to Bristol(3).

Lydia Whiting of Reading died on 20 January 1824, at the age of forty seven(4), a widow for nearly twenty one years.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 For marriage and children see WHITING, William (1774-1803)
3 See entry for WHITING, William (1774-1803)
4 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of William, late of Bristol

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

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WHITING, Lydia (1803-1825) after 1824 Fardon

[Lydia Whiting, daughter of William Whiting (1774-1803 qv) and his wife Lydia (born Willis, 1776-1824 qv) of Bristol, was married in 1824 to Edwin Fardon (1802-1838 qv).

See FARDON, Lydia (1803-1825) born Whiting]

MEG Oct 1982

WHITING, Margaret (1784-1847) after 1804 Benwell, born Shillitoe

Margaret Shillitoe, the daughter of Thomas Shillitoe (1754-1836 qv) and his wife Mary (born Pace,) of Tottenham in Middlesex, was born there on 22 November 1784(1).

She was married firstly in 1804 to Thomas Benwell (1781-1806 qv), a chemist of Croydon in Surrey and there was one child(2).

She married secondly in 1811 John Whiting (1776-1853 qv) a fellmonger of Hitchin in Hertfordshire and there were nine children(3).

Margaret Whiting of Hitchin died on 18 November 1847, at the age of sixty three(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 For marriage and issue see BENWELL, Thomas (1781-1806)
3 For marriage and children see WHITING, John (1776-1853)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of John

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1849, p 116: 2 line entry for death, an elder
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 42, p 9

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WHITING, Margaret (1887-1979) born Dunning

Margaret Dunning, the eldest child and only daughter of Thomas William and Ellis Dunning of Harrogate and Leeds, was born at Thornaby-on-Tees in the year 1887(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1899 to 1902 and was a fourth generation Ackworth scholar.

She took an early part in public life by acting, at the age of twenty, as mayoress when her uncle Wilson Dunning was mayor of Rochdale for two years. She was married in 1913 to William Arnold Whiting (1885-1968 qv), whom she had met when she attended Carlton Hill Meeting in Leeds, and there were two children(2). Her husband was employed by the North Eastern Railway and they started their married life at Scarborough.

In 1921 they moved to Selly Oak, Birmingham, where Margaret Whiting acted as warden, with her husband, of a hostel opened in Bromsgrove by Avoncroft College for German and Czech refugees. Later she again acted as co-waredn with her husband at the Czech Refugee Trust Fund at Patterdale Fell in Cumberland, for men engaged in forestry work. Her care and concern made her much loved by these refugees, some of whom kept in touch with her for the remainder of her life.

On her husband's return to Worcestershire, she was close to her family and had many friends. She was an ardent letter writer and the warmth of her personality and sense of humour informed everything she wrote, with particular care that birthdays and memorable occasions in the lives of family and friends should not be forgotten. Her lasting interests were Ackworth and gardening, which she refused to surrender despite increasing handicaps and the pain of her arthritis. Cycling to town at the age of eighty and mowing a lawn at eighty eight were typical of her determination and were no mean achievements.

Margaret Whiting of Hampton Lovell, Droitwich, died in hospital on 16 July 1979, at the age of ninety two(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 99 (1980) p 73

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
2 For marriage and children see WHITING, William Arnold (1885-1968)
3 The Friend vol 137 (1979) p 932

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

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WHITING, Margaret Henning (Margot) (1923-1963) born Sykes

Margaret (Margot) Sykes was born 12 May 1923, and became known to Friends of her Monthly Meeting when, following her marriage, she came with her husband to set up in medical practice in North Cave, East Yorkshire(1). They attended Hull Meeting, but in 1955 were part of a group who started the new Meeting at Beverley. Though comparatively brief, her life gave an overwhelming example of Divine Grace.

Her training as a nurse gave Margot Whiting insight and concern for all suffering but especially for those rejected by society: prisoners, unmarried mothers and their babies. She took an active interest in the work of the Marriage Guidance Council. Along with this practical approach she sought enlightenment, humbly questing for the Truth and longing for a vital spiritual experience. This came only in 1962 when, following a major operation, she experienced a vision of God's love which compared with George Fox's "divine opening". Though this vision faded as life and strength ebbed, such was its power that death left her family and friends not desolate but immensely strengthened and enriched by what she had brought them.

She died on 14 February 1963 aged 40.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Testimony of Pickering & Hull MM in YM Proc. 1964 p.187

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. She was married in 1944 or 1945 to John Michael Sturge Whiting, son of Norman Whiting of Leeds. There were three children who are listed in 1959 Yorkshire QM printed list of members as follows:-

Elizabeth S	born 1946
Paul H	born 1947
R. Josephine	born 1951

WHITING, Maria (1806-1896) born Watson

Maria Watson, the daughter of Joseph Watson (-) and his wife Hannah (born) of Watling Street in the parish of All Hallows, London, was born there on 13 October 1806(1).

She became in 1863 the second wife of Samuel Whiting (1803-1884 qv), an outfitter of Reading in Berkshire, but the marriage was childless(2). At the time of her marriage she was described as of Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire(3).

Maria Whiting of Donnington Villa, Reading, died on 17 January 1896, at the age of ninety(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a warehouseman
2 For marriage see WHITING, Samuel (1803-1884)
3 See entry for WHITING, Samuel (1803-1884), note 6
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Samuel

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

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WHITING, Mary (1770?-1863) born

Mary Whiting, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced, was born about the year 1770(1).

She was married prior to 1799 to Thomas Whiting (1764-1812 qv), an umbrella maker of Reading in Berkshire and there were seven children(2).

Mary Whiting of Reading died on 31 March 1863, at the age of ninety three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 93 at death
2 For information relating to her marriage and children see WHITING, Thomas (1764-1812)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Thomas

SEE ALSO:-
Annual Monitor 1864, p 134: 2 line entry for death

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

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WHITING, Mary Lucy (1858-1951) born Thorp

Mary Lucy Thorp, the daughter of John Hall Thorp (1823-1904 qv) and his wife Annabella (born Windsor, 1829-1902 qv) of Headingley, Leeds, was born there on 12 August 1858(1). She was educated for the last few years of her school life at The Mount, York, from 1872 to 1875(2). Her home in Leeds was one of the first Friends' households to possess a piano and together with her three sisters, Mary Lucy retained a fondness for music. The four girls were frequent contributors in song and on the piano to the Friends' Essay Society.

Mary Lucy was early drawn to the work of the Adult Schools. She was married in 1882 to William Whiting (1856-1934 qv), a warehouseman of Leeds and there were four children(3). Three years after their marriage she and her husband started schools for men and women in the Burley Road district of Leeds, out of which sprang in due course a children's school, Sunday morning meeting for worship, an evening mission meeting and various club activities. The success of the venture owed much to Mary Lucy Whiting's devoted service.

Her tender and radiant spirit won the affection of numbers of men and women, but her personal gifts found perhaps their greatest expression in the summer school at Airton in Yorkshire, where women from various large centres in the county met and shared a common life in the country air for a week or more.

Although she gave so much time to Adult School work, she found time to serve the Society as an active member of the Friends Home Mission Committee(4) and was an overseer and an elder. Her ministry was concise and impressive, arising, as it frequently did, from her sympathetic understanding of those who had to labour with little reward and from her own spiritual experience. Her vocal prayer often opened the door to the incoming of a deep devotional spirit.

She was unable to leave her house during the later years of her life, but she maintained her interest in, and her love for, people and for her meeting.

Mary Lucy Whiting of 27 Cardigan Road, Leeds died on 12 July 1951, at the age of ninety two(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 109 (1951) p 736

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a builder
2 Register of Mount Old Scholars, 1931
3 For marriage and children see WHITING, William (1856-1934)
4 Lists of Committee Members, Friends House Library
5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William of Leeds

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

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WHITING, Mary Sturge (1852-1935)

Mary Sturge Whiting, the daughter of John Whiting (1819-1899 qv) and his wife Anna Rebecca (born Gilpin, 1829-1897 qv) of Leeds, was born there on 9 July 1852(1). She was educated at Southport and went on to The Mount, York, from 1868 to 1869(2).

After her schooldays at The Mount, she spent most of her life in Leeds, but went for a short time to help as a volunteer in the Mission Hospital at Brummana, which she revisited in middle life for a short period. She always retained a deep interest in the mission and its workers, with some of whom she maintained a correspondence.

She was a devoted daughter and spent most of her time in Leeds in caring for her parents. On the death of her mother in 1897, she succeeded her as secretary of the Headingley Orphan Homes and ever afterwards they had a great place in her life. She was interested in every detail, shared the difficulties of the matrons and knew every one of the sixty or seventy children by name. She was particularly interested in children andin young Friends.

She was also a devoted member of Leeds Meeting and of the Society of Friends. She served as an overseer and an elder, was for a while assistant clerk to the Women's Yearly Meeting and served as clerk in 1905(3); she also served on a central committee of the Society(4) andwas clerk to Yorkshire Women's Quarterly Meeting from 1895 to 1900(5). She was very modest and humble about her own work, behind which lay a loving and childlike Christian faith, which enabled her to bear deep personal sorrows and supported her through years in which she was subject to illness and feebleness of body. Her helpful prayers were a natural outcome of her inner life and loving faithfulness.

She had a lively sense of humour and this, with her tender heart for all human suffering, made her beloved by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, with whom she kept up a regular correspondence.

Mary Sturge Whiting of Leeds died at the Buckingham Nursing Home, Cardigan Road, Leeds on 10 December 1935, at the age of eighty three(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 94 (1936) pp 78-79
Testimony of Leeds MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1936, p 216

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a linen draper
The Testimony refers to her parents as John and Rebecca Whiting
2 Register of Mount Old Scholars 1931, p 4, entry 606
The Friend, loc cit, states that she was educated at Ackworth, but there is no record of her in the List of Ackworth Scholars, 1779-1879
3 London Yearly Meeting during 250 Years, p 137
4 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library:-
FFMA - 1888-1916
" (consultative) - 1916-1927
5 Index of Clerks, Friends House Library
6 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 11, p 200: vol 42, p 4

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WHITING, Mary Sturge, (1852-1935)

Mary Sturge Whiting, younger daughter of John and Rebecca Whiting of Leeds, was born 9 July 1852.

After her education at The Mount and Southport, she spent most of her time in Leeds caring for her parents and in the service of the Meeting.

She was particularly interested in Young Friends and the children of the Meeting, and in the Leeds Boys and Girls Orphanage, of which she became Secretary in 1897.

Mary S. Whiting served for a time at Brummana and kept up that interest in the Leeds Missionary Helpers Union.

She was an Elder and Overseer and was for a while Assistant Clerk to the Womens Yearly Meeting.

Her helpful prayers were a natural outcome of her inner life and loving faithfulness.

She died 10 December 1935.

Testimony of Leeds M.M. in Y.M. Proc. 1936, p.216.

WHITING, Norman (1883 - 1965)

Norman Whiting was born on March 14, 1883 at Leeds, the eldest child of William (1856-1934 qv.) and Mary Lucy (b.Thorp 1858 - 1951) Whiting of Leeds. (1) He was educated at Ackworth from 1894-1897 and at Bootham (1898 - 1900) and then entered the family business of Hotham & Whiting in which he remained for the rest of his working career. He was a keen adherent of the new thought among Friends developed by John Wilhelm Rowntree, Edward Grubb, William Littleboy and others, but the chief influence in his early life was the adult school at Burley Rd. Leeds, which had been founded by his parents in 1890 and he gave a great deal of time and effort to this service.

In 1916 he married Catherine Mason (2) who was a devoted teacher in the Sunday School at Carlton Hill Meeting and together they gave a great deal of time to Sunday Schools and to childrens work, particularly in the Quarterly Meeting's Children's Work Committee, of which he was secretary from 1919 - 1926 and again from 1931 onwards. From 1926 - 1931 he had served as M.M.Clerk.(3) He also served on Friends Education Council.(4) Later he became interested in the Riverside Mission of the Seaman's and Boatmen's Friend Society of which he became first secretary and later on chairman.

He died in hospital after a short illness on November 14, 1965, aged 82.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 123 (1965) p. 1548

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Birth Digest.
2. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Woodhouse Lane FMH, Leeds on April 4, 1916. He was described as warehouseman. She was Catherine Elizabeth Mason, spinster, daughter of Wm Mason, builder.
3. Index of Clerks - Friends Ho. Library
   Burley Road Leeds AM 1914 - 1915
   Leeds M.M. 1927 - 1929
4. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.
   Friends Education Council 1923 - 1966.

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WHITING, Norman (1883-1965)

Norman Whiting, the eldest child of William Whiting (1856-1934 qv) and his wife Mary Lucy (born Thorp, 1858-1951 qv) of Leeds, was born there on 14 March 1883(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1894 to 1897 and went on to Bootham School, York, from 1898 to 1900(2). He spent a short time at Leeds University and then entered the family business of Hotham and Whiting, where he worked until his retirement in 1955.

During the first world war he joined the Friends Ambulance Unit. For most of the time he worked as an orderly in the King George Hospital at Waterloo, London. He was married in 1916 to Catherine Elizabeth Mason (1885-1971 qv) of Leeds(3) and there were three children(4). His wife was a devoted teacher in the Sunday School at Carlton Hill Meeting and together they gave a great deal of time to Sunday Schools and to children's work, particularly in the Quarterly Meeting's Children's Work Committee, of which Norman Whiting was secretary from 1919 to 1926 and again from 1931 onwards.

He was a keen member of the Society of Friends, which he served in a variety of ways. From 1927 to 1929 he was clerk to Leeds Monthly Meeting(5) and he also served on the Friends Education Council(6). Later he became interested in the Riverside Mission of the Seaman's and Boatmen's Friend Society, of which he became first secretary and later chairman. This work brought him into contact with other churches and for a time he acted as secretary of the Leeds Free Church Federal Council. He took a great interest in Friends' schools and was a devoted Ackworth Old Scholar, attending West Riding Guild Meetings and the Easter Gathering whenever he could. At one time he was secretary of the Guild.

He was particularly interested in archaeology and loved exploring old churches. He was a member of the Thoresby Society in Leeds and, after considerable research, wrote a paper about the city in the nineteenth century. He continued most of these activities right up to his death.

Norman Whiting of 5 Chalfont Road, Leeds, died in hospital after a heart attack, on 14 November 1965, at the age of eighty two(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 123 (1965) p 1548
Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 85 (1966) p 83

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a merchant
2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 445
3 The wedding was at Woodhouse Lane, Leeds on 5 April 1916: he is described as a bachelor, a wholesale warehouseman of 1 Ashleigh Road, West Park, Leeds, the son of William Whiting, a Manchester warehouseman; she is described as a spinster of 78 Lofthouse Place, Leeds, the daughter of William Mason, a builder (Digest of Marriages)

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WHITING, Norman (1883-1965) continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES (cont)

4 Listed in the Digest of Births and elsewhere as follows:

John Michael Sturge	b 9 July 1917	m (1) Margaret H Sykes 1946 (1923-1963 qv); (2) 1966 Caroline Barrett (Bootham reg)
Richard Oxley	b 14 June 1920	m 1952 Dorothy Greenwell (Bootham reg)
Edwin Athelstan	b 10 April 1922	m 1953 Patricia Elizabeth Hughes (AOSA rep 73)

5 Typescript index of clerks, Friends House Library: he was clerk to Leeds MM 1927-1929 and correspondent for Burley Road allowed meetin 1914-1915

6 He served on the Central Education Committee (from 1936, Friends Education Council) from 1923-1966 (Typescript committee lists, Frie House Library)

7 The Friend vol 123 (1965) p 1420

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

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WHITING, Rebecca (1826-1886) born Jackson

Rebecca Jackson, the daughter of William and Rebecca Jackson of London, was born there on 2 October 1826(1). In 1858 she became a member of Hitchin Meeting and in 1861 she was married to Joshua Whiting (1820-1909 qv); the marriage was apparently childless(2).

"For many years we have been edified and helped by her ministry. It was not until within the last three months of her more rapidly failing health that she was obliged to forego her hitherto diligent attendance at our Meetings for Worship and Discipline, and the frequent exercise of her gift amongst us. Cheerful and warmhearted, she was ever ready to bear another's burden; she was especially earnest in her endeavours to win the hearts of the young for the Kingdom of Heaven, and to the love of Christ their Saviour."

She died at Hitchin on 8 September 1886, at the age of fifty nine(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Bedfordshire QM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings, 1887 p xi

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a whitesmith. The Testimony erroneously gives her year of birth as 1828

2 For marriage see WHITING, Joshua (1820-1909)

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

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1887, p 205: 2 line entry for death

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

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WHITING, Roland (1884 - 1970)

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WHITING, John Roland (1884 - 1970)

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WHITING, Samuel (1803-1884)

Samuel Whiting, the son of Thomas Whiting (1764-1812 qv) and his wife Mary (born 1770?-1863 qv) of Reading in Berkshire, was born there on 25 January 1803(1).

He became a draper at Newbury in Berkshire(2) and was married firstly in 1828 to Susanna Huntley (1802-1861 qv) of Reading(3); there were seven children(4). He subsequently became an outfitter at Reading(5) and was married secondly in 1863 to Maria Watson (1806-1896 qv) of Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire(6); the marriage was childless(7).

Samuel Whiting of Reading died on 20 March 1884, at the age of eighty two(8).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father is described as an umbrella maker

2 He is so described in his first marriage entry, note 3 and in the birth entries for all but one of his children: when Emily was born in 1841 he was described as a slopseller of Speenhamland in Bedfordshire

3 The wedding was at Reading on 27 March 1828: he is described as a draper and salesman of Newbury, Berkshire, the son of Thomas and Mary Whiting of Reading; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Mary Huntley of Reading (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)

4 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births and Burials Digests and in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Maria	b 14 Dec 1828	m 1856 William Gillett
Ellen	b 1 Jan 1830	m 1850 James Boorne (1824-1910 qv)
*Eliza	b 29 Jan 1831	
*Catherine	b 15 Aug 1832	
Alfred Huntley	b 5 Sept 1835	d 24 March 1836
*Sarah	b 17 Nov 1836	
Emily	b 9 Nov 1841	d unmarried 2 May 1929

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

5 He is so described in his second marriage entry, note 6

6 The wedding was at Hemel Hempstead on 25 March 1863: he is described as a widower, an outfitter of London Road, Reading, the son of Thomas Whiting, an umbrella manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of Hemel Hempstead, the daughter of Joseph Watson, a grocer (Digest of Marriages)

7 No children are traced in the Digest of Births, but his second wife was past child-bearing age

8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1885, p 204: 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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WHITING, Susanna (1802-1861) born Huntley

Susanna Huntley, the daughter of Joseph Huntley (1775-1849 qv) and his wife Mary (born Willis,) of Sibford Ferris in Oxfordshire and Reading in Berkshire, was born at Sibford Gower on 29 April 1802(1).

She was married in 1828 to Samuel Whiting (1803-1884 qv), a draper of Newbury in Berkshire and there were seven children(2).

Susanna Whiting of Reading died on 6 June 1861, at the age of fifty nine(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father is described as a yeoman
2 For marriage and children see WHITING, Samuel (1803-1884)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a wife

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1862, p 162: 1 line entry for death

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

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WHITING, Susanna (1802-1861) born Huntley

Susanna Huntley, the daughter of Joseph Huntley (1775-1849 qv) and his wife Mary, born Willis, of Sibford Ferris and Reading, was born at Sibford Gower on 29 April 1802(1). She was married in 1828 to Samuel Whiting of Newbury(2) and there were seven children of the marriage(3).

She died on 6 June 1861(4), at the age of fifty nine.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father is described as a yeoman

2 The wedding was at Reading on 27 March 1828: he is described as a draper and salesman of Newbury, Berkshire, the son of Thomas and Mary Whiting of Reading; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Mary Huntley of Reading (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births and Burials Digests and in the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Maria	b 14 Dec 1828	who m 1856 William Gillett
Ellen	b 1 Jan 1830	who m 1850 James Boorne (1824-1910 qv)
Eliza	b 29 Jan 1831	no further trace in 1975
Catherine	b 15 Aug 1832	no further trace in 1975
Alfred Huntley	b 5 Sept 1835	who d 24 March 1836
Sarah	b 17 Nov 1836	no further trace in 1975
Emily	b 9 Nov 1841	who d unmarried 2 May 1929

4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a wife, of Reading

SEE ALSO:- Annual Monitor 1862, p 162: 1 line notice of death

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

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WHITING, Thomas (1764-1812)

Thomas Whiting, the eldest son of William Whiting (1734?-1812 qv) and his wife Esther (born Grimes, 1743?-1803 qv) of Witney in Oxfordshire, was born there on 17 April 1764(1).

He became an umbrella maker at Reading in Berkshire(2) and was married prior to 1799 to Mary (born 1770?-1863 qv) (3); there were seven children(4).

Thomas Whiting of Reading died on 30 November 1812, at the age of forty eight(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
2 He is so described in the birth entries for all his children and in his burial entry, note 5
3 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
4 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Emma	b 26 April 1799	m 1823 John Pollard
*Sarah	b 2 Jan 1801	
Samuel qv	b 25 Jan 1803	m (1)1828 Susanna Huntley (1802-1861 qv) (2)1863 Maria Watson (1806-1896 qv)
*Henry	b 2 Jan 1805	
*Ann	b 3 Dec 1806	
Arthur	b 21 Sept 1808	d 31 May 1810, aged 2
Hannah	b 10 Nov 1811	m 1841 Thomas Williams

*No marriages traced in Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1870

5 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: he is described as an umbrella maker

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

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WHITING, William (1734?-1812)

William Whiting, the son of John and Mary Whiting of Witney in Oxfordshire, was born about the year 1734(1).

He became a blanket weaver at Witney(2) and was married in 1763 to Esther Grimes (1743?-1803 qv) of Tainton in Oxfordshire(3); there were ten children(4).

William Whiting of Witney died on 9 March 1812, at the age of seventy eight(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 78 at death. His birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM, London & Middlesex QM, Cambs & Hunts QM or Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digests

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

3 The wedding was at Burford, Oxfordshire, on 4 January 1763: he is described as a blanket weaver of Witney in Oxfordshire, the son of John and Mary Whiting of Witney; she is described as the daughter of Daniel and Mary Grimes of Tainton, Oxfordshire (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)

4 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Thomas qv	b 17 April 1764	m	Mary (1770?-1863 qv)
Richard	b 10 Sept 1765		
Mary	b 4 Aug 1767		
Esther	b 9 Feb 1771		
William	b 10 Nov 1774	m 1799 Lydia Willis	
John qv	b 4 Nov 1776	m 1811 Margaret Benwell (Born Shillitoe, 1784-1847 qv) (London & Mddx QM Marriages)	
Elizabeth	b 13 June 1778		
Joseph	b 2 Aug 1780		
Sarah	b 5 Oct 1782	d 7 June 1798, aged 15	
Daniel	b 19 Jan 1785		

With the exception of William, no marriages are traced for any of these children in Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest

5 Berks & Oxon 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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WHITING, William (1774-1803)

William Whiting, the son of William Whiting (1734?-1812 qv) and his wife Esther (born Grimes, 1743?-1803 qv) of Witney in Oxfordshire, was born there on 10 November 1774(1).

He became an umbrella maker at Reading in Berkshire(2) and was married in 1799 to Lydia Willis (1776-1824 qv) of Reading(3); there were two children(4).

After his marriage he moved to Bristol(5).

William Whiting of Bristol died on 28 June 1803, at the age of twenty nine(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Reading on 8 October 1799: he is described as an umbrella maker of Reading in Berkshire, the son of William and Esther Whiting of Witney in Oxfordshire; she is described as the daughter of Binfield and Ann Willis of Reading, Berkshire (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest as follows:-

Eliza	b 26 Feb 1801	m 1830 John Swinborn (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest
Lydia qv	b 31 May 1803	m 1824 Edwin Fardon (1802-1838 qv) (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)

5 Both his children were born in Bristol (1801-1803)
6 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: he is described as an umbrella maker

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

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WHITING, William (1856-1934)

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William Whiting, the son of John Whiting (1819-1899 qv) and his wife Anna Rebecca (born Gilpin, 1829-1897 qv) of Leeds, was born there on 1 October 1856(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1867 to 1869 and went on to Bootham School, York, from 1869 to 1872(2).

After leaving school he spent a year gaining business experience with William Rowntree & Sons, drapers of Scarborough, before entering the family firm of Hotham and Whiting, wholesale warehousemen, of which his father was the head. He was active in the family business for the whole of his career, becoming a partner in 1890.

He was married in 1882 to Mary Lucy Thorp (1858-1951 qv) of Headingley, Leeds(3) and there were ~~five~~ four children(4). Theirs was a happy union of devoted services to the causes of truth and humanity.

He was a man of rare unselfishness, modesty and loving kindness. He entered into sympathy with all who suffered or were oppressed and gave time and thought unsparingly to the service of the Society, to the cause of international peace, being for several years chairman of the Northern Friends' Peace Board, and social justice. He was largely responsible for building up the Adult School at Denison Street in Leeds and the Friends' meeting which grew out of it.

He welcomed the new light brought to bear by scholarship on the interpretation of the Bible, attending several of the early Summer Schools. At a time when the new teaching had difficulties in finding acceptance he gathered together a group of young men for weekly discussion on the nature of the inspiration of the Bible. Sunday was a day of strenuous activity. with the Adult School, meeting for worship and evening mission meeting, followed by midnight services for those who frequented nearby public houses.

He served the Society as an elder and a minister, being recorded by Brighouse Monthly Meeting on 14 July 1897(5). He was clerk to Brighouse Monthly Meeting from 1900 to 1903(6) and in 1905 his methodical care as clerk of the Arrangements Committee did much to ensure the success of the Yearly Meeting held in Leeds. He served on the Meeting for Sufferings and on several other committees(7).

He had wide human interests, to the last enjoying watching county cricket or a local football match and he enjoyed cycling and long country walks. He took up the growing of vegetables as a duty in war time and this kindled an interest in such gardening which continued to give him pleasure. He was president of the Ackworth Old Scholars Association in 1905 and on one occasion entertained the scholars with the new phonograph, which although not very successful was novel and entertaining.

William Whiting did not seek positions of leadership, but ways of helping others. Thus, when he had practically retired from public life he made a point of keeping up personal relations with the staff of his business, who appreciated his warm handshake and friendly words of inquiry.

William Whiting of Leeds died on 20 February 1934, at the age of seventy seven(8).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 92 (1934) pp 184-5

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 53 (1934) pp 93-94

Testimony of Leeds MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1934, p 256

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a linen draper
2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 446
3 The wedding was at Leeds on 10 May 1882: he is described as a bachelor, a warehouseman of Headingley, Leeds, the son of John Whiting, a merchant; she is described as a spinster of Headingley, Leeds, the daughter of John Hall Thorp, a builder (Digest of Marriages)
4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Norman qv	b 14 March 1883	m 1916 Catherine Elizabeth Mason (1885-1971 qv)
John Roland qv	b 10 June 1884	m 1915 Evelyn Southall (1888-1974 qv)
William Arnold qv	b 20 June 1885	m 1913 Margaret Dunning (1887-1979 qv)
Edith Mary qv	b 20 Sept 1888	m 1925 Robert Percy Jones

5 Friends House Library list of recorded ministers, 1861-1924
6 Index of Clerks, Friends House Library
7 Lists of Committee Members, Friends House Library:-

Meeting for Sufferings	-	1919-1931
Continental	-	1911-1920
FSC	-	1927-1933
Opium Traffic	-	1922-1924
Peace	-	1915-1916: 1922-1930
Penal Reform	-	1924-1931
War Victims Relief (1914)	-	1920-1924

8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a wholesale warehouseman

SEE ALSO:-
J Friends Hist Soc vol 14, p 92: printing of address to Lofthouse Park (Wakefield) Internment Camp on 9 August 1916, to a company of Germans

"He was...instrumental in founding the West Riding Peace Federation, and it was a great disappointment that this body collapsed upon the outbreak of the World War" (Testimony p 257)

re Northern Friends Peace Board: "A room of his business premises was placed at the disposal of the new organisation, and William Whiting was closely associated with the Board until the time of his death" (ibid)

in the first world war: "Conscientious Objectors in Armley Gaol, and German prisoners at Lofthouse Park, Frongoch and other Internment Camps were alike helped by his kindly visitation... A later visit to the Continent, under the auspices of the Council for International Service (with which body he had closely worked) enabled him to renew war-time friendships" (Testimony p 258)

Secretary of the Leeds branch, Friends Emergency Committee; visit in 1920 to Vienna and parts of Germany (Friend vol 92 p 184

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WHITING, William (1856-1934) 2+

William Whiting, son of John and Rebecca Whiting was born in Leeds on the 1st October 1856. He was educated at Ackworth and Bootham and then spent a year for business experience with William Rowntree & Sons, Drapers of Scarborough, before entering the family business of Hotham and Whiting.

He married Mary Lucy Thorp and theirs was a happy union of devoted service to causes of truth and humanity, shared later by three sons and a daughter.

Sunday was a day of strenuous activity with Adult School, Meeting for Worship and evening Mission Meeting often preceeded by midnight services for those who frequented nearby public houses.

He gathered round him a group of young men for Bible Study in the light of modern research and further this study by attendance at the Summer Schools.

In 1905 his methodical care as Clerk of the Arrangements Committee did much to ensure success for the Yearly Meeting held in Leeds. With the same care in details he served as Clerk of Brighouse Monthly Meeting.

He founded the West Riding Peace Federation and in 1913 he joined the newly formed Northern Friends Peace Board placing a room of his for use as the office. During the war he visited Conscientious Objectors in Armley Gaol and German prisoners at several internment camps, helping them in their personal problems and sending messages of comfort to relatives. Later he was made official visitor to Wakefield and Armley prisons.

He was essentially a man of action but in the midst of an active life he maintained constant and quiet communion with the Source of his strength at an early hour each day.

He died on 20th February 1934.

Testimony of Leeds M.M. in Y.M. Proc. 1934, p.256

WBE: Additional Information.

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WHITING, William, ca. 1857-1934.

Visited camps where Germans and Austrians were interned.

1920, visited Vienna and parts of Germany, cementing friendships.

A character of rare unselfishness.

The Friend (London), 1934, 92:184, (portrait.)

WHITING, William Arnold (1885-1968)

W.Arnold Whiting, the youngest son of William Whiting (1856-1934 qv) and his wife Mary Lucy (born Thorp, 1858-1951 qv) of Leeds, was born there on 20 July 1885(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1895 to 1899, going on to Bootham School, York, from 1900 to 1902(2). He went for a short time to Leeds University, later joining the North Eastern Railway at York and Scarborough.

He was married in 1913 to Margaret Dunning (1887-1979 qv) of Leeds(3) and there were two children(4). The family lived in the Scarborough and Newcastle areas until 1921, when they went to Birmingham.

W.Arnold Whiting joined the firm of Kalamazoo Ltd. In March 1939the George Cadbury and Avoncroft College opened in Bromsgrove a hostel for twenty eight German and Czech refugees to be trained in agriculture and Arnold Whiting was appointed warden for twelve months. Later, the Czech Refugee Trust Fund opened a hostel at Patterdale Fell in Cumberland for about fifty refugees doing forestry work; Arnold Whiting was again asked to be warden and he and his wife stayed there for fourteen months.

On his return to Worcestershire he joined Avoncroft Cattle Breeders Ltd until his retirement in 1961. He was very fond of sport and played cricket for the Falcons Club and football for the 'Northern Foxes', but his great interest was cricket.

W.Arnold Whiting of Crossways, Hampton Lovell, Droitwich in Worcestershire died in hospital on 13 November 1968(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 88 (1969) pp 82-83

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a merchant
2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 446
3 The wedding was at Leeds on 8 October 1913: he is described as a bachelor, a railway passenger agent of 84a Westborough, Scarborough, the son of William Whiting, a merchant; she is described as a spinster of 7 Belmont Grove, Leeds, the daughter of Thomas William Dunning, a produce agent (Digest of Marriages)
4 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-
   Basil Thorp b 28 Aug 1914
   Geoffrey Strickland b 20 Sept 1919
   No marriages are traced for either of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1963
5 The Friend vol 126 (1968) p 1478

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

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WHITLOCK, Jane Copeland, nee Jordan, ca. 1806-1888.

b. ca. 1806, Suffolk, Va., dau. of Robert and Elizabeth Jordan, prominent and dedicated Friends who brought her up accordingly.

m. Richard H. Whitlock, her cousin, hence losing her membership with Friends.

Settled, Richmond, Va. Attended Episcopal Church, but J.W., dissatisfied with it, returned to Friends.

For more than 40 years, "an honored elder."

When the meeting house was occupied by soldiers during the Civil War she invited Friends to her house where it (meeting) was held during the following months even with the disturbing sounds of war outside the walls.

Her home was always open to Friends.

d. Aug. 1888, Richmond, Va., in her 83rd year.

Friends' Review, 42(1888):159-160.

WHITLOW, Alice (1870-1934) aftw.Warner

[Alice Whitlow, daughter of Samuel Whitlow
of Wakefield and his wife Margaret (nee
) was married in 1906
to Charles Warner

see WARNER, Alife (1870-1934) born Whitlow]

WHITLOW, Arthur (1869-1951)

Arthur Whitlow, the eldest son of Samuel Whitlow (1836-1907 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Robinson, 1838-1922 qv) of Wakefield in Yorkshire and London, was born at Wakefield on 19 September 1869(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1880 to 1884(2).

Arthur Whitlow died, apparently unmarried(3) on 29 July 1951, at the age of eighty three(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a draper
2 Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 71 (1952) p 62: two line entry for death
3 No marriage is traced in the Digest of Marriages or given in the AOSA Report
4 Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 71 (1952) p 62: his death is not traced 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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WHITLOW, Barrington (1873-1950)

Barrington Whitlow, the son of Samuel Whitlow (1836-1907 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Robinson, 1838-1922 qv) of Wakefield in Yorkshire and London, was born at Wakefield on 23 June 1873(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1884 to 1888 and throughout his life he had a deep affection for his old school, which spread as he grew older to cover all the Quaker schools and the whole work of the Friends Education Council.

After leaving school he joined the staff of the Educational Supply Association, where he worked for fifty years, becoming finally advertising manager. He was married in 1903 to Gertrude Holme Labrey (1872-1942 qv) of Headingley(2) and there were two children(3). He and his wife shared a keen interest in the Adult School movement and, on becoming regular attenders at Hampstead Meeting, they began the work for children which developed so finely in later years. This work sowed the seeds for the Children's Summer Schools and other gatherings for young people in the Society. Barrington Whitlow had an exceptional gift for making friends with young people and his services to young conscientious objectors in the first world war and afterwards were outstanding. He attended tribunals in support of objectors on many occasions and had much to do with the issue of the Friends Education Council pamphlet advising young men on the issues involved.

In 1927 the Whitlows settled at Golders Green where, sometimes as an overseer and sometimes as an elder, he became a vital member of the meeting and a faithful attender at meetings of the committees. His interest extended to the wider affairs of the Society; he was a member of the Home Service Committee from 1944 to 1950 and served on several other central committees(4). On the death of his wife he was appointed a member of Saffron Walden School Committee, a post which he held until his death; he was treasurer of the school from 1944. He was also a valued contributor to the thought of the Meeting for Sufferings.

Barrington Whitlow was a recorded minister of the Society.(5) "His broad and thoughtful presentation of the Gospel Message in his vocal ministry was often aptly illustrated by his quoting from hymns and poetry; it gave clear evidence of his deep inner convictions and was received with great acceptance."(Testimony) His deep concern was for the whole life of Friends and was expressed in the wide range of his interest in the Society, to which he brought a simple, deep-rooted and unflinching faith. His ripe judgment, his care for people, his gracious personality endeared him to all those with whom he came into contact, especially during his years of retirement.

Barrington Whitlow died on 15 February 1950, at the age of seventy six(6).

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WHITLOW, Barrington (1873-1950) 2A continued

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 108 (1950) pp 129-130
Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 69 (1950) p 66
Testimony of Hampstead MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1950, p 180

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a draper
2 The wedding was at Leeds on 16 July 1903: he is described as a bachelor, a school stationer of 26 Cressida Road, Islington, the son of Samuel Whitlow, a traveller; she is described as a spinster of 4 Crosmont Shaw Lane, Headingley, the daughter of John Labrey, a tea agent (Digest of Marriages)
3 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-
Muriel Holme b 7 July 1905
Kenneth Labrey b 23 June 1908 m Hannah*
*London & Middlesex QM Printed Lists of Members, 1940, p 164
4 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library. He also served on the following committees:-
Committee on Clerks - 1948-1950
Institute Committee - 1928 or earlier to 1932
Peace Committee - 1899 to about 1900
5 Recorded 13 October 1910 by Westminster & Longford MM (Friends House Library list of recorded ministers, 1861-1924)
6 The Friend 1950, p 129: his death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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WHITLOW, Barrington (1873-1950)

Barrington Whitlow was born 23 June 1873 in Wakefield and at the age of eight years moved with his parents to London. He was educated at Ackworth School and then joined the staff of the Educational Supply Association, where he worked for fifty years, working his way up to the post of Advertising Manager.

In 1903 he married Gertrude Holme Labrey with whom he shared a keen interest in the Adult School Movement, and, on becoming regular attenders at Hampstead Meeting, they began the work for children which developed so finely in after years. This work sowed the seeds for Children's Summer Schools and other gatherings for young people in the Society. In 1927 Gertrude Holme and Barrington Whitlow settled in Golders Green where, sometimes as Overseer and sometimes as Elder he became a vital part of the group and a faithful attender at meetings and committees. On the death of his wife he was appointed a member of Saffron Walden School Committee in her stead and became the Hon. Treasurer, a post which he held until his death.

Barrington Whitlow gave much active help to young men faced with the question of Military Tribunals during the war and spoke at many peace meetings.

He was an active member of the Home Service Committee and Chairman of the Sunday Evening Meetings Committee.

Barrington Whitlow was one of the few remaining Friends who were Recorded Ministers of the Society. 'His broad and thoughtful presentation of the Gospel Message in his vocal ministry was often aptly illustrated by his quoting from hymns and poetry; it gave clear evidence of his deep inner convictions and was received with great acceptance.'

He died 15 February 1950

Testimony of Hampstead MM in YM Proc. 1950, p.180

WHITLOW, Charles Henry (1872-1951)

Charles Henry Whitlow, the son of Samuel Whitlow (1836-1907 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Robinson, 1838-1922 qv) of Wakefield in Yorkshire and London, was born at Wakefield on 16 March 1872(1). Like all his brothers and sisters he was educated at Ackworth School, where he was a scholar from 1882 to 1887.

On leaving school he was apprenticed to a merchant tailor in London, but after a short time he decided to take up horticulture. He learnt gardening in all its branches on the Alton Towers estate of the Marquess of Shrewsbury and later went for short periods to Derby and Barnet. In 1890 he moved to Cross, near Axbridge in Somerset and was one of the pioneers of strawberry growing in the Cheddar Valley. Six years later he settled at Glastonbury, where with James Morland he established the Northover Nurseries, which he carried on after James Morland withdrew from the partnership.

He was married in 1904 to Winifred Bolst of London(2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3). His wife was an invalid for many years.

He was a faithful supporter of Street Meeting, where he exercised a profound influence for good. He was also a prominent member of the Labour Party and contested, unsuccessfully, the 1918 "coupon election." He was secretary of the Glastonbury branch and stood as its nominee in the 1921 municipal election, winning a seat which he retained until his death. He was appointed an alderman in 1942 and was also a Justice of the Peace.

Conscientious objectors in both world wars found work and sympathy in his business and his unwavering support of pacifist principles won many sympathisers to the cause of Christian pacifism in the west of England. He carried his faith into practice and at his funeral members of all parties paid loving tribute to his character and influence.

Charles Henry Whitlow of 7 Northover, Glastonbury died very suddenly on 24 May 1951, at the age of seventy nine(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 109 (1951) p 578

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 70 (1951) p 69

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a draper
2 Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 70 (1951) p 69: the marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births, or given in The Friend or A.O.S.A. Report
4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired market gardener

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

MEG June 1980

WHITLOW, Gertrude Holme (1872-1942) born Labrey

Gertrude Holme Labrey, the daughter of John Labrey (1834-1903 qv) and his wife Eliza (born Holme, 1835?-1909 qv) of Horsforth near Leeds, was born there on 10 March 1872(1). When she was quite young she went to Ireland, where all her childhood was spent and the family moved to Ilkley in Yorkshire when Gertrude was about sixteen. There she was attracted by the Congregationalists and their activities among young people, but when she was twenty one she attended London Yearly Meeting and the impression made on her was such that she gave her lifelong devotion to the Society.

About this time the family moved to Leeds and she became secretary of the Girl's Club and Leader of the Young Women's Bible Class at Burley Road Mission, besides being clerk to the Committee for Visitation of Meetings. She was married in 1903 to Barrington Whitlow (1873-1950 qv) and there were two children(2). Her marriage began her long association with Westminster & Longford Monthly Meeting and her work for the Women's Adult Schools in the North-West London Federation.

For many years she served as elder or overseer first at Holloway, then at Hampstead and finally at Golders Green, where her home was a centre of hospitality to young and old alike. Her interest in young people was shown by her activities on the Education Committee of her monthly meeting, her membership for many years of the Saffron Walden School Committee, her help in starting and organising week-end gatherings for boys and girls of school age during the Easter holidays, the forerunners in London of the Children's Holiday Schools, to which she gave such valuable help. She was for many years a member of the Meeting for Sufferings and of the Premises Committee of Friends House.

A serious accident two and a half years before her death forced her to withdraw from active work and for the last eighteen months of her life she lived at Lancaster. Gertrude Holme Whitlow of 49 Cork Road, Lancaster died on 8 June 1942, at the age of seventy(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend, vol 100 (1942) p 327

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a traveller
2 For marriage and children see WHITLOW, Barrington (1873-1950)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Barrington

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

MEG June 1980

WHITLOW, John (1799-1867)

John Whitlow, the son of John Whitlow (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Drakelow in the parish of Davenham in Cheshire, was born there on 22 September 1799(1).

He became a linen draper at Manchester(2) and was married in 1822 to Sarah Labrey (1800-1878 qv) of Macclesfield in Cheshire(3); there were eleven children(4).

About the year 1826 he gave up the linen drapery and became a tea dealer(5), finally earning his living as an accountant(6).

John Whitlow of Willaston, Nantwich in Cheshire died on 27 June 1867, at the age of sixty eight(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3 and the birth entries for his two eldest children
3 The wedding was at Lancaster on 19 March 1822: he is described as a linen draper of Manchester, the son of John, a victualler and Mary Whitlow of Manchester; she is described as the daughter of William, a farmer and Esther Labrey of Macclesfield in Cheshire (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
4 Listed in Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

*William	b 3 Jan 1823	
Mary	b 2 July 1824	m 1852 Alfred Robinson
Elizabeth	b 25 Nov 1826	m 1866 Edward Pickard
Lucy	b 20 Nov 1828	m 1853 George Harrison
Esther	b 1 Dec 1830	m 1860 John Harrison
Sarah Jane	b 5 Oct 1832	d 19 Aug 1836, aged 4
*Charles Henry	b 25 Dec 1834	
Samuel qv	b 25 Jan 1836	m 1865 Margaret Robinson (1838-1922 qv)
*Sarah Labrey	b 9 June 1838	
*Hannah Morice	b 18 May 1840	
*John	b 10 June 1842	

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

5 He is so described in the birth entry for his daughter Elizabeth in 1826 and for all subsequent children
6 He is so described in his burial entry, note 7
7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an accountant

SEE ALSO:-
Annual Monitor 1868, p 236: 2 line entry for death

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

MEG Jan 1981

WHITLOW, John Penrose (1877-1947)

John Penrose Whitlow, the youngest son of Samuel Whitlow (1836-1907 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Robinson, 1838-1922 qv) of Wakefield in Yorkshire and London, was born at Wakefield on 29 September 1877(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1887 to 1892 and on leaving school he became an apprentice teacher, spending the following year at the Flounders Institute. After completing his apprenticeship he rejoined the Flounders Institute, by then removed to Leeds and took the Arts degree of the Victoria University at the Yorkshire College, Leeds.

He served for a time on the staff of Newtown School, Waterford and elsewhere, but the greater part of his teaching career was spent at Saffron Walden, where he was a member of the staff from 1904 to 1931. He did nothing by halves and greatly enjoyed taking part in the games and sports of school life; his recitations were a feature of school entertainments and Old Scholars re-unions. He founded a Reading Club for older boys which greatly contributed to foster a taste for good literature among its members. He loved cricket and was for many years a member of the Falcon's Touring Club and after retiring from teaching, when he returned to Ackworth temporarily during the second world war, he headed the bowling averages.

He served the Society in many ways. He was a member of the Meeting for Sufferings from 1936 to 1945 and served on several other central committees(2). He worked for the Friends War Victims Relief Committee both during and after the first world war and after his retirement from teaching in 1932 he gave most of his time to work for the Society. He was deeply interested in the Children's Holiday Schools and was always sought after as a leader. His success with children was very marked and not only among those attached to the Society. While he was warden at Avoncroft and Tyn y Cae, hostels for refugee boys of Jewish extraction, he so endeared himself to them by his gaiety, humour and helpfulness that he was known as "Uncle" and many kept in touch with him. His last piece of work was at the Friends' High School at Brumana, where he spent two years in the absence of the headmaster.

He had travelled widely and delighted to share his experiences, illustrating his talks with lantern slides made and coloured himself from his own photographs. On Saturday 22 February 1947 he showed his slides at Ayton School and seemed in his usual good health, but on 24 February 1947 John Penrose Whitlow of Howick Bungalow, New Brimsley, Nottinghamshire died quietly in his sleep, apparently unmarried(3) at the age of sixty nine(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 105 (1947) pp 190-192
Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 66 (1947) pp 72-73

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a wholesale draper

2 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library. He served on the following central committees:-

Education Committee
Friends Service Council 1927-1945
Home Service Committee 1936-1938
Slavery & Native Races Committee 1937-1940
War and Social Order Committee 1922-1928

3 No marriage is traced in the Digest of Marriages or given in the obituary notices

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired schoolmaster

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

MEG June 1980

WHITLOW, Kenneth Labrey (1908 - 1981)

Kenneth Whitlow was born on June 23, 1908 the son of Barrington (1873-1950 qv) and Gertrude Holme (b. Labrey, 1872-1942 qv) Whitlow of East Finchley. He was educated at Saffron Walden school from 1920 - 1926 and took up teaching as a career. During the second world war he taught at Goudhurst in Kent, being allowed as a conscientious objector to do this and then returned to a teaching post at Saffron Walden where he stayed until his retirement in 1969. He was a keen sportsman particularly contributing to the development of cricket in the school but he was also deeply concerned for literature and drama and his dramatic productions for the school, over twenty, were outstanding. He had a care for individuals, particularly the newcomers and shared with them his appreciation of the abiding values in life.

On his retirement in 1969 he and his wife Ann moved to Canterbury where he rapidly joined in the life of the community, as a cathedral guide, as a teacher of cycling proficiency to young children and as a member and later secretary of the local horticultural society. At Saffron Walden he had served as clerk of the local meeting for a time (2) and also as an elder and now he also served on Friends Education Council.(3)

He died after a short illness on September 18, 1981 aged 73.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 139 (1981) p. 1314
Death notice for age p. 1268.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Birth Digest. His father is described as a school stationer.
2. Index of Clerks - Friends Ho. Library.
   Saffron Walden PM 1950 - 1952.
3. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.
   Friends Education Council 1970 - 1973.

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WHITLOW, Margaret (1838-1922) born Robinson

Margaret Robinson, the daughter of William Strangman and Maria Robinson of Gloucester Place, Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire, was born there on 5 October 1838(1).

She was married in 1865 to Samuel Whitlow (1836-1907 qv), a draper of Wakefield in Yorkshire and there were eight children(2).

Margaret Whitlow of 43 Newsham Drive, Liverpool died on 14 January 1922, at the age of eighty three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a provision merchant
2 For marriage and children see WHITLOW, Samuel (1836-1907)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Samuel

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

MEG June 1980

WHITLOW, Mary (1768-1790) after 1789 Bowman

(Mary Whitlow, daughter of Robert and Hannah Whitlow of Cheshire, was married in 1789 to Ebenezer Bowman (1763-1838 qv).

See BOWMAN, Mary (1768-1790) born Whitlow)

MEG May 1980

WHITLOW, Mary (1824-1913) after 1852 Robinson

[Mary Whitlow, daughter of John Whitlow (1799-1867 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Labrey, 1800-1878 qv) of Manchester, was married in 1852 to Alfred Robinson (1823-1876 qv) of Broughton near Manchester and Lymm in Cheshire.

See ROBINSON, Mary (1824-1913) born Whitlow]

MEG Nov 1984

WHITLOW, Maurice (1875-1959)

Maurice Whitlow, the son of Samuel Whitlow (1836-1907 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Robinson, 1838-1922 qv) of Wakefield in Yorkshire and London, was born at Wakefield on 20 August 1875(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1886 to 1890 and retained all his life a deep affection for the school. His parents moved to London and it was there, after leaving school, that he first came into contact with the Salvation Army, which was to occupy his life.

In his earlier days, while still a Quaker, he was secretary of the Friends Home Mission and Extension Committee from 1915 to 1920 and was the first editor of the Wayfarer from February 1922 to January 1926. He also served on the Visitation of Prisoners Committee from 1916 to 1920(2). In the first world war he was brought before tribunals as a conscientious objector and later he became chaplain to objectors at Wormwood Scrubs and Pentonville.

As a single man he went to live at Northover, Glastonbury in Somerset and linked up with the Salvation Army there, the leader of which, Hannah Miller, he married in 1900 or 1903(3). He left Glastonbury to enter the Salvation Army Training College in London and on his appointment as an officer he worked for some years at Army Headquarters. But his chief work as a Salvationist in a layman capacity was centred on East Finchley, where he served for forty eight years.

In 1951, after his wife's death, he returned to Glastonbury and from there twice visited Kenya, where one of his daughters and her husband were Salvation Army officers. While in Kenya he travelled many hundreds of miles, visiting the Mau Mau territory, interviewing officials and prisoners in screening camps and talking with those who had experienced Mau Mau terrorism. He also visited many missionary centres, including Kaimosi and on his return to England travelled extensively, lecturing on Kenya and showing his slides.

In failing health for nearly a year, he spent the last few months of his life at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs James Morris, at Street in Somerset, where he died on 16 January 1959, at the age of eighty three(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 117 (1959) p 213
Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 78 (1959) p 66

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given, but in the entries for his siblings Samuel Whitlow is described as a draper
2 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
3 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages. The Friend gives 1903 and AOSA Reports as 1900
4 The Friend vol 117 (1959) p 213 and AOSA Reports 78 (1959) p 66

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

MEG June 1980

WHITLOW, Penrose (1877-1947)

see WHITLOW, John Penrose (1877-1947)

MEG June 1980

WHITLOW, Samuel (1836-1907)

Samuel Whitlow, the son of John Whitlow ( ) and his wife Sarah (born Labrey,) of Broughton, Manchester, was born there on 25 January 1836(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1845 to 1848 and spent two years there before his first vacation.

On leaving school he was apprenticed to the Manchester Cloth Goods Trade and at the close of his apprenticeship he set up in business in association with Thomas Burtt (1823-1892 qv) as a draper at Westgate, Wakefield in Yorkshire(2). He was married in 1865 to Margaret Robinson (1838-1922 qv) of Everton, Liverpool(3) and there were eight children(4). When Thomas Burtt left Wakefield he entered into partnership with Edward Nixon; the partnership was dissolved in 1880 and he moved to London, becoming a travel agent with Thomas Cook & Son.

Although he did not take a prominent part in the affairs of the Society, his advice and suggestions as an elder, both in Westminster & Longford Monthly Meeting and Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting (with which he was associated during his later years) were much appreciated.

Samuel Whitlow of Liverpool died on 17 June 1907, at the age of seventy one(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 26 (1907) pp 106-7

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a tea dealer
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Colthouse on 29 June 1865: he is described as a bachelor, a draper of Westgate, Wakefield, the son of John Whitlow, an accountant; she is described as a spinster of St Domingo Grove, Everton, Liverpool, the daughter of William Strangman Robinson, a cattle salesman (Digest of Marriages)
4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

*Grace	b 25 Sept 1866	
*Marion	b 18 April 1868	
*Arthur qv	b 19 Sept 1869	
Alice	b 5 Nov 1870	m 1906 Charles Warner
*Charles Henry qv	b 16 March 1872	m 1904 Winifred Bolst
Barrington qv	b 23 June 1873	m 1903 Gertrude Holme Labrey (1872-1942 qv)
*Maurice qv	b 20 Aug 1875	m 1900 or 1903 Hannah Miller
*John Penrose qv	b 29 Sept 1877	

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1935

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a travelling agent

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

NEG June 1980

WHITLOW, Sarah (1800-1878) born Labrey

Sarah Labrey, the daughter of William Labrey (1757-1825 qv) and his wife Esther (born Breaks, 1759-1838 qv) of Borrow in the parish of Lancaster, was born there on 8 April 1800(1).

She was married in 1822 to John Whitlow (1799-1867 qv), a linen draper of Manchester and there were eleven children(2). Her husband gave up the linen drapery about 1826 and, after some years as a tea dealer, became an accountant(3).

Sarah Whitlow of Lancaster died on 27 December 1878, at the age of seventy eight(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a husbandman
2 For marriage and children see WHITLOW, John (1799-1867)
3 See entry for WHITLOW, John (1799-1867)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of John

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

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WBE: 2F

WHITMAN, Eleanor Wood, 1873-1948.

b. 1873, Hanover, Mich., dau. of Adelbert and Ella Wood.

ed. at Earlham College.

1908-1916, taught Bible History at Wellesley College, as Eleanor Densmore Wood.

Travelled to Palestime and studied at Woodbrooke, Eng.

m. John Pratt Whitman.

President of Frds'. Missionary Society.

She and her husband spent their summers in Tamworth, N.H., where she was a minister.

Among other writings was author: 1917, The drama of Isaiah; 1923, From desert to temple.

d. 25 Dec. 1948, age 75.

The Friend (Phila.), 1949, 122:238.

Minutes N.E. Y.Mtg. 1949:6.

WHITMORE, Irene (1910-1973) after Henson

[Irene Whitmore, daughter of Oswald and Jessie Whitmore, was married in to Roy Henson

see HENSON, Irene (1910-1973) born Whitmore]

WHITNEY, Anna Braithwaite (1894 - 1965) after 1917 Lamb.

Anna Whitney, daughter of Willis Norton
(1855-1918 qv.) and Mary Caroline
(b.Braithwaite 1857-1935 qv.) Whitney, married
Wilfred Harris Lamb (1891 -
at Jordans FMH on 16, May 1917.

SEE

LAMB, Anna Braithwaite [Whitney] (1894 - 1965) b. Whitney

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WBE:

WHITNEY, Janet (Payne)

[Author of: Elizabeth Fry, Quaker Heroine, 1937.] J.B.
etc

Here, WBE gives information on a living Friend which we assume should be omitted.

The Friend (London), 1937, 95:389, (portrait.)

WBE:

WHITNEY, Mary Caroline, ca. 1857-1935. nee Braithwaite

b. ca. 1857, Eng., dau. of Joseph Bevan and Martha (Gillett) Braithwaite.

Had an inherited tendency to stammer.

m. Dr. Willis N. Whitney (d. 1918) (7 children)

1885, went to Japan, and remained for 25 years, helping her husband, who was medical missionary. During this period visited England 8 times.

1910, Removed to England.

1919, came to Phila., and Baltimore in U.S.A.

1924, Revisited Japan for 2 years.

1926, Again to Baltimore.

1932, with her sister, Anna B. Thomas, visited England and remained.

Gave loving ministry to others.

d. 4 July 1935, Banbury, age 78.

The Friend (London), 1935, 93:647, (portrait.)

WBE:a

WHITNEY, Norman Jehiel, 1891-1967.

b. ca.1891, upper New York State, near Buffalo.

ed. 1913, left home with sister Mildred to attend Alfred Univ., N.Y.; "subsequent wanderings" at Penn State Univ. and the Univ. of Syracuse.

1919-1957, taught English at Univ. of Syracuse.

1936, began work for American Friends Service Committee in the Emergency Peace Campaign; took leave of absence from Syracuse during World War II to work full time; 1940, counselor to conscientious objectors in the Civilian Public Service camps; 1943-1967, wrote monthly "Spectator Papers" which circulated to many CPS members; after the war he was named Director of Peace Education and served on the A.F.S.C. Board of Directors.

Raised an Episcopalian; joined Friends, partly due to the influence of Rufus Jones; wanted to be completely catholic and avoid affiliation with a "church".

Since 1960 retirement, consultant in the Peace Education Division, A.F.S.C.; associated with Friends World Institute; at time of death was new Chairman of Board of Woolman Hill, Massachusetts.

Known as "the pacifist bishop of New York"; sister remained his close companion all his life.

WBE:a

WHITNEY, Norman Jehiel, 1891-1967, page 2.

Author: Spectator Papers - 1943-1967.

Member, Syracuse Monthly Meeting; attended Friends World Conference, 1952.

d. Dec. 1967; Memorial Meeting held at Germantown Friends Meeting.

Whitney, Norman J., Spectator Papers, 1943-1967, i-ix (portraits).

Whitney, Experiments in Community, p. 2.

Friends Journal 14(1968):17.

Friends World Conference, Report, 1952.

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WHITNEY, Willis Norton (1855-1918)

Willis Norton Whitney, son of William C. and Anna L. Whitney, was born at Newark, New Jersey, on 18 October 1855 (1). When he was 17 his father took a post in Tokyo and his family accompanied him there. The mother, a devoted Christian, inspired her son with the idea of carrying the Gospel message to the Japanese. He went to the University of Tokyo to study medicine, the first foreign student ever to study there. Later he went to the University of Pennsylvania to finish his course and to take his medical degree. He returned to work in Tokyo, where his parents had made for themselves a warm place in the hearts of the Japanese, who were only just opening their doors to Western civilization. When Willis Whitney's mother died the Japanese erected a free dispensary as a memorial to her.

In 1885 Willis Whitney married Mary Caroline Braithwaite (2): there were 7 children (3). W.N. and M.C. Whitney built a small cottage hospital with funds raised in England and the United States. Willis Whitney next accepted a post of interpreter to the US Legation in Japan, a post he held for 12 years. This brought him into contact with a wide circle of Japanese and foreigners and his home became a centre of Christian life to which people of many nationalities turned for spiritual or physical help. 'He truly lived his religion and so his life became an epistle known and read of all men.' The Bible was very precious to him and at one time he organised a house to house distribution of a Gospel in Tokyo and other leading cities. He established the Japan Scripture Union, a branch of the Children's Special Service Mission in London. His hospital in Akasaka celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1909, and a patient wrote of it: 'On the outside it looks like any other hospital, but inside it is heaven'.

In 1911 he came to England with his wife and youngest son, the other 4 children being already there. The long overstrain to which he had subjected himself caused a complete breakdown, and though he partially recovered he was never able to go back to Japan. During the years of weakness which followed he took a great interest in the sick and needy in his neighbourhood, and visited many of the cottage homes.

He died at Banbury on 26 October 1918, aged 63.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1919/20 p.296

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WHITNEY, Willis Norton (1855-1918) contd

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 R.S. Benson, Photographic pedigree of the descendants of Isaac and Rachel Wilson, 1912, p.384

2 The wedding was at Holloway FMH on 29 December 1885: she was the daughter of Joseph Bevan (1818-1905, qv) and Martha (born Gillett, 1823-1895, qv) Braithwaite (Benson, loc cit). Annual monitor wrongly gives the year of the marriage as 1886

3 Listed in Benson, loc cit, and in J.B. Braithwaite, Who are we? 1927, folding chart, as follows:

Willis Bevan, qv	b 21 March 1888	who m 1913 Edith Mina Williams and in 1927 Dorothy Anna Robertson
John Norton	b 19 March 1889	d 26 Nov 1889
Isaac Braithwaite	b 19 March 1889	d 21 Feb 1890
George Gillett	b 27 Dec 1890	who m 1917 Janet Eleanor Lily Payne
Joseph Rankin	b 15 July 1893	who m 1925 Dorothy Catherine Wallace Laing
Anna Braithwaite	b 30 Nov 1894	who m 1917 Wilfred Harris Lamb
Charles Lloyd	b 23 Feb 1898	who m 1920 Nora Matthews

WHITPAIN, Richard (1631?-1689)

The name of Richard Whitpain occurs thrice in the Itinerary Journal (pp.128,136,137). There are records of his sufferings for conscience sake from 1660 to 1686. He was liberated, after a year and nine months' incarceration, on 2nd June, 1686, (Suff.i. 482), but he could not have been in close confinement as, apparently, he was available for consultation in April of that year (pp.136-137). His burial certificate describes him of 'Leonard, Eastchip, Butcher'.

Jnl FHS v;xxii,55

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.331

WHITSITT, Mary (1669-1742) aftw. Greer

[Mary Whitsitt, daughter of
and (nee) was married
in to Greer

<u>see</u> GREER, Mary (1669-1742) born Whitsitt]

WBE:

WHITSITT, Mary, afterwards Greer -1742

see GREER, Mary, nee Whitsett

WHITTEN, Elizabeth (1828-1858)

Elizabeth Whitten, the daughter of Joseph and Maria Whitten of Liverpool, was born at West Derby on 4 October 1828(1). When she was eight years old she was sent to Ackworth School and about two years later, in 1838, to Penketh. She was a talented child, fond of reading and careful to understand what she read and heard. This early acquired habit of close attention continued with her throughout her life and without doubt was very helpful towards strengthening her remarkably clear and retentive memory.

In 1842 she went to York School, where she remained for three years as a pupil and afterwards for nearly three years as a teacher. She left behind her at York the impression of one having good talents, well defined and steady principles and an originality of mind which added charm and freshness to her thoughts and conversation. She was very sensitive, but her sensitivity was held in check by the uprightness of her principles and became an added excellence. She had a bright and affectionate disposition and among her schoolfellows made many warm and lasting friendships.

In January 1849 she went as a teacher to Wilhelmina Taylor's school at Frenchay near Bristol and began eight happy, well spent years in a new sphere. She was delighted with her new position and thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the south west of England. She entered with zeal and energy into all the duties accompanying her new position and much enjoyed hours of relaxation in natural history walks with her young pupils. She was deeply sensible of her responsibilities towards the young people committed to her care and her whole course of action appeared stayed and strengthened by earnest prayer and dependence on the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

She had to leave Frenchay for several months in the winter of 1850, being threatened by a serious infection of the lungs, but she recovered and although never afterwards very strong, enjoyed for the most part good health. In the early part of 1857 Frenchay School removed temporarily to Clevedon and never had Elizabeth seemed in better spirits. But during the rest of the year her health gradually began to decline and, although after a holiday in Wales she felt herself well enough to return to Frenchay, she was persuaded to go into lodgings in Clifton with her mother, for the absolute rest prescribed by her physician. But the change did not benefit her and she died at Clifton on 11 June 1858(2), at the age of twenty nine.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Annual Monitor 1859, pp 194-210

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WHITTEN, Elizabeth (1828-1858) continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a merchant
2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Frenchay, Gloucester, the daughter of Joseph and Maria

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

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WBE:

WHITTEN, Wilfred

Newcastle-on-Tyne, England.

1875, Ackworth School.

Pseudonym, John o' London.

1878, The temperance caterer and coffee house refreshment news. A monthly journal.

1892, Quaker Pictures.

1894, Quaker Pictures, Second Series.

1897, Quaker Pictures, (First Series, Revised Edition.)

1897, Quaker Pictures, (2nd Series)

1905, Between the cupolas. . . (London) (A boy's version of life at Ackworth School, 1875-1878.)

1911, London Stories. (Editor)

F.H.L.Sw. BX 7628.

Smith, Suppl., p. 355.

WBE:

WHITTIER, Abigail nee Hussey, ca. 1780-1857.

b. ca. 1780.

Mother of John G. Whittier.

She was related to Daniel Webster. (Both were descended from Stephen Batchelder.)

m. John Whittier, and lived at East Haverhill, Mass. (2 sons and 2 daughters.)

Immortalized in Snow Bound.

Illness of about 3 weeks. Kept her faculties till the last.

d. 28 Dec. 1857, Amesbury, Mass., age 77.

Am. An. Mon., 1:195.

The Friend (London), 1907, 47: following 818, (portrait).

WBE:

WHITTIER, John Greenleaf, 1807-1892.

b. 17 Dec. 1807, Haverhill, Mass., s. of John and Abigail (Hussey) Whittier.

District School.

ca. 1826, poem printed in the Free Press, Newburyport, Mass.

Haverhill Academy.

Strongly inclined to political life but ill-health prevented.

1833, delegate to Anti-Slavery Society, Phila., Pa., Secretary.

1835, member of State Legislature.

1836, removed to Amesbury, Mass.

1837, first collection of his poems published.

1838, first authorized collection.

1866, Snow Bound published. 100,000 copies sold.

1871, edited an edition of John Woolman's Journal.

Never married.

Anti-slavery crusader and poet.

Tall and rather spare, and as a young man singularly handsome. Possessed "Genial piety" - Lowell.

d. 7 Sept. 1892, Hampton Falls, N.H., in his 85th year.

Ency. Brit., p. 585.

Ency. Am., p. 286.

Frds'. Q. Exam., 1914, 48:449.

Smith II:925.

WBEE

WHITTIER, John Greenleaf, 1807-1892, page 2.

Biog. Cat., p. 718.

Bull. of Frds'. Hist. ~~Soc~~ Assn., 1954, 43:1:

Snyder, Seventy years of Whittier biographies.

Currier, T. A bibliography of John Greenleaf Whittier

WHITTON, Daniel (1689?-1732)

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Daniel Whitton of Carlow, Ireland, was born in or about 1689. He was 'Religiously inclined' from his youth, and came forth in public testimony about his 33rd year. He visited most of the meetings in Ireland, more than once. He was a serviceable member of Carlow MM. 'His ministry was Comfortable and Edifying, and his Innocent Life and Conversation adorned his Profession'.

He died at his house in Carlow, 7.x./Dec./1732, aged about 43.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Brief testimony/unsigned, presumably of Carlow MM, poss. of Ireland National Half-year's Meeting/ in TCMD vol.1 p.61

WBE:

WHITTON, Katherine (or Catherine)

Yorkshire, England.

m. Robert ?

1671, fined for meeting at Ellington, Yorks.

1681, An Epistle to Friends Everywhere.

Besse, II:123,127.

Smith II:926.

WHITWELL, Hannah Maria (-1866) born

Hannah Maria Whitwell became a member of Kendal Monthly Meeting on her marriage to Isaac Whitwell in 1806.(1) She did not travel as a minister beyond the bounds of her Quarterly Meeting, but within these limits she was greatly loved and she was enabled to help many, her ready sympathy in times of joy or sorrow coming as a rich blessing to those who received it. In the latter years of her life she was confined to her home by illness, but her interest in the work of the Society continued undiminished and the Monthly Meetings of Ministers and Elders were for a long time held under her roof. She died on 22 May 1866, aged 87 years, and was buried in Friends burial ground at Kendal on 29 May.

Testimony of Kendal MM in YM Proc. 1867, p.xxii

References and notes

1 Marriage not in Westmorland QM Registers, being presumably held in the meeting of which she was formerly a member

WHITWELL, Henrietta Jane (1840-1911) born Fry

Henrietta Jane Fry, the youngest surviving child of Joseph Fry (1795-1879 qv) and his wife Mary Ann (born Swaine, 1797-1886 qv) of Bristol, was born there on 3 February 1840(1). Her childhood was spent among a large circle of relations and for several years she taught in the First-day School belonging to their meeting at the Friars, Bristol.

She was married in 1862 to William Whitwell (1835-1910 qv), an iron master of Stockton-on-Tees and there were nine children(2). They lived for part of their married life at Stockton, but about 1869 they moved to Saltburn-by-the-Sea, where William Whitwell built a pleasant house in which they passed the remainder of their lives. Henrietta Jane Whitwell was a wonderful wife and mother. Her large family grew up in unbroken harmony and affection.

Her Christian character was outstanding when she knew that she was faced with lessening sight and the possibility and dread of complete blindness. She adapted her life to its increasing limitations and by her thoughtfulness she brightened the lives and ministered to the needs of many. Being an attentive listener to reading aloud, her mental outlook was seen to widen in these years of failing sight.

She attended London Yearly Meeting whenever possible and she also took a keen interest in discussions affecting the welfare of women and children. She presided over the Mothers' Meeting at Thornaby-on-Tees, her daughter helping her to prepare the Bible lessons. She was a sympathetic elder, but except in her own small meeting at Saltburn she did not take part in vocal ministry.

After the death of her husband her failing health was seriously affected. Six months later, on 13 March 1911 she died at Saltburn at the age of seventy one(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Annual Monitor 1912, p 198

REFERENCES AND NOTES
1 Digest of Births: her father's occupation is not given
2 For marriage and children see WHITWELL, William (1835-1910)
3 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 1-45
SEE ALSO:- Memoir of Sir Edward Fry, p 38n 092.3/FRY

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WHITWELL, Henrietta Jane (1840-1911) born Fry

Henrietta Jane Fry was born at Bristol 3 February 1840. She was the youngest of the eight children of Joseph and Mary Ann Fry. Her childhood was spent among a large circle of relations and for several years she taught in the First Day School belonging to their Meeting at the Friars, Bristol.

In 1862 she married William Whitwell (1835-1910, q.v.) of Kendal. They lived first at Stockton-on-Tees and later removed to Saltburn-by-the-Sea where they lived for the remainder of their lives.

Henrietta Jane Whitwell was a wonderful wife and mother. Her large family grew up in unbroken harmony and affection. Her Christian character was outstanding when she knew that she was faced with lessening sight and dread of complete blindness.

She adapted her life to its increasing limitations, and by her thoughtfulness she brightened the lives and ministered to the needs of many. Being an attentive listener to reading alound, her mental outlook was observed to widen in these years of failing sight.

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Henrietta Jane Whitwell was a sympathetic Elder and except in her own small meeting at Saltburn she did not take part in vocal ministry. After the death of her husband in 1901 her failing health was seriously affected, six months later, on 13 March 1911 she died at Saltburn.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1912 p.198.

WHITWELL, Rachel (1771-1833) aftw. Pease

[Rachel Whitwell, daughter of John Whitwell of Kendal and his wife Dorothy (nee) was married in 1796 to Edward Pease

see PEASE, Rachel (1771-1833) born Whitwell]

WHITWELL, Thomas (1837-1878)

Thomas Whitwell was born in 1837, and was educated at the Friends' School at York. From his twentyfirst year his religion pervaded his whole life, not interfering with, but sanctifying, his secular pursuits. Diligent in business, occupying a high standing in his profession as a mechanical engineer, captain of the Borough Fire Brigade, taking a deep interest in the innocent recreations of youth - the spirit of a sincere Christian was evidenced in them all.

During the Franco German war he paid two visits to the continent to distribute relief to the war victims, undertaking this service under a sense of religious duty.

Thomas Whitwell held the office of Overseer in his Monthly Meeting, and occasionally spoke in the ministry. Friends Foreign and Home Mission Work, First Day Schools, and the distribution of religious tracts, also occupied much of his time and thought. But the chief object of his life was the work of the YMCA. To this he gave the energies of his nature. He was secretary of the Stockton Association from its initiation in 1861 until his death, and in its service he attended Conferences both on the Continent and in America.

'His frank, genial manner was a great attraction to young men, and he faithfully laboured not only to attach them to the Association, but to bring them under the influence of Christ. Constant in his attendance at the Bible Class and the devotional meeting, he sought by these means, and by personal interviews and correspondence, the conversion of young men, "without which," he writes, "all the work of the Association goes for nothing".'

Thomas Whitwell died as the result of an accident at the Iron Works in which he was a partner, on 5 August 1878 in his fortyfirst year.

Testimony of Darlington MM in YM Proc. 1879, p.iv

WBE: Additional Information.

WHITWELL, Thomas, 1837-1878.

b. in Kendal, Eng., s. of William and Sarah Whitwell.

Student under Samael Marshall at York School, for 7 years, under John Ford.

Apprenticed to Alfred Kitching, Locomotive builder at Darlington.

1859, commenced the business of iron smelting with his brother at S. Stockton.

Twice he visited America.

T.W. was an inventor. Author of several useful inventions connected with stoves and furnaces.

A great lover of manly sports.

As the result of a sudden escape of steam, died.

The Friend (London) 1878, 18:248,230.

J.F.H.S., 20:129.

Biog. Cat., 722.

Robinson/Ill

Frds. of Half a Cent., p. 322, (portrait.)

An. Mon., 1879, 37:165.

WHITWELL, William (1835-1910)

William Whitwell, the son of William Whitwell (-) and his wife Sarah (born) of Highgate in the parish of Kirkby Kendal in Westmorland, was born there on 31 December 1835(1).

A few years after leaving school he began work in the colliery department office of Joseph Pease (1799-1872 qv) & Partners, Darlington, with whom he stayed for five years. In 1859, in association with his brother Thomas, the firm of William Whitwell & Co was founded at Stockton-on-Tees. He was a leading light in the iron trade and a mainstay of the Cleveland iron industry. He was one of the original members of the Iron & Steel Institute, serving as a council member for several years and as its president for two years. His active efforts for harmonising the interests of capital and labour were of great value and the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the Manufactured Iron and Steel Trade of the North of England was a highly successful outcome of his efforts in this field.

He was married in 1862 to Henrietta Jane Fry (1840-1911 qv) of Bristol(2) and there were nine children(3). The Whitwells settled at Stockton for the first part of their married life and William Whitwell played his part in public affairs. For nearly forty years he was a justice of the peace for the North Riding of Yorkshire. On the incorporation of Thornaby-on-Tees he was elected an alderman of the borough, an office he retained all his life; he was mayor of the borough from 1895 to 1897. He was a member of the late School Board for Thornaby and was also a guardian of the poor for South Stockton and for two years, 1876 to 1878, chairman of the Middlesborough guardians. His public services were recognised by the conferment of the Deputy Lieutenancy of the North Riding and the county of York. In politics he was a Liberal, being for many years president of the Stockton and Thornaby Liberal Association.

About 1869 he went to live at Saltburn-by-the-Sea(4), where he built himself a pleasant house which remained his home for the last forty years of his life. He was a conspicuous figure in the religious and social life of the small town. A regular attender at the small meeting at Saltburn, his beautiful and impressive reading of the Bible added much to the religious feeling of the gathering. The meeting house was the outcome of his efforts.

For some years he had retired from active participation in his business, but his interest in public affairs was maintained until within two years of his death, when his health began to fail. He had been staying at Scarborough for his health, where he had two short seizures and he died there on 19 September 1910, at the age of seventy four(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1912, p 202

The Friend vol 50 (1910) pp 707-8 (portrait)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer

2 The wedding was at Bristol on 17 September 1862: he is described as a bachelor, an ironmaster of Stockton-on-Tees, the son of William Whitwell, a brewer; she is described as a spinster of Charlotte Street, Bristol, the daughter of Joseph Fry, a chocolate maker (Digest of Marriages)

3 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths and in the Descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson, vol 1, p 25 as follows:-

Helen Mary	b 13 Aug 1863	d 16 Feb 1868, aged 4
*Henrietta	b 12 Aug 1864	
Marion	b 26 Aug 1866	m 1900 Claude Basil Fry
William Fry	b 12 Dec 1867	d 12 April 1942, aged 74
Joseph Fry	b 22 Feb 1869	m 1901 Ruth Gurney
Janet Elizabeth	b 2 Sept 1870	m 1898 Leonard Thomason Giles
Francis Albert	b 7 Nov 1871	m 1902 Dorothy Evelyn Chetwode Fussell
Arthur Percy	b 16 June 1873	m 1919 Marion Greenwood
Cecily Margaret	b 18 July 1879	m 1914 Herbert Atfield Engledue

*No marriage given in the Descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson

4 His four eldest children were born at Stockton; Joseph Fry, born 22 February 1869 and subsequent children were all born at Saltburn

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an ironmaster

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

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WHITWELL, William (1835-1910)

William Whitwell Who was born on 31 December 1835 was the son of a well known Kendal family.

A few years after leaving school he began work in the Colliery Dept. office of Joseph Pease & Partners, Darlington, with whom he stayed five years. In 1859 in association with his brother, the firm of William Whitwell & Co. was founded at Stockton-on-Tees. He was a leading light in the iron trade and a main stay of the Cleveland Iron industry. He was one of the original members of the Iron & Steel Institute serving as a council member for several years, and its President for two years. The Board of Conciliation & Arbitration for the manufactured Iron & Steel Trade of the North of England is a standing monument to his wisdom, judgment and good feeling.

William Whitwell played his part in public life. He was a J.P. for the North Riding ~~North Rody~~ of Yorks, an Alderman of the Borough of Thornaby-on-Tees, & Mayor from 1895-97. He was Chairman for two years of the Middlesbrough Guardians, also a member of the late school Board for Thornaby and of the County Council. His public services were recognised by the conferment of the Deputy Lieutenancy of the North Riding and the County of York. He was a keen Liberal, being President of the Stockton and Thornaby Liberal Association.

He lived for 40 years at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, where he was a conspicuous figure in the religious and social life of the town.

He was a regular attender of the small meetings at Saltburn, the Meeting House being the outcome of his efforts. His beautiful and impressive reading of the Bible added much to the religious feeling of the gatherings.

A year or two before his death his health began to fail and while staying at Scarborough he passed away on 19 September 1910.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1912 p.202

WBE: Additional Sources.

WHITWELL, William, 1835-1910.

The Friend (London) 1910, 50:674,707, (portrait.)

An. Mon., N.S., 1912, 99:202, (portrait.)

WHITWORTH, John Parr (1871-1948)

John P. Whitworth was born in Manchester in 1871 and went to Australia, by sailing vessel, at the age of 12. He worked for many years for Cadbury Bros. Ltd., and later for Foster Clark Ltd. and Peek Frean Ltd. He was an active member of Sydney Adult School to which he contributed liberally in knowledge and time.

After being a regular attender at Meeting for Worship for some years, John Whitworth joined the Society of Friends in 1937. He became an Overseer and regularly attended committee meetings and monthly meetings, where his business experience carried deep weight. Mosman Meeting met at his home twice monthly and enjoyed the hospitality of John Whitworth and his wife.

'He will long be remembered by our young members, for he loved little children. We shall miss his cheery good humour, but will remember the kindly words and gracious deeds that sprang so naturally from him'.

He died 11 April 1948.

Testimony of Sydney MM in YM Proc. 1949, p.179

WHYTE, David (1836?-1910)

David Whyte was born about 1836 (1). He married Jessie ~~(1834-1911~~ (1834?-1910, qv). They became members of Glasgow meeting and David Whyte served as an elder. He would declare that he 'strayed far from the Father's fold' in early years, but later became 'a notable example of patience and devotion'.

David and Jessie Whyte were always most generous and sympathetic to others and were 'faithful stewards of that which had been committed to their charge'.

David Whyte died suddenly on 17 March 1910, aged 74 years: his wife survived him by four months.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1911 p.203

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 74 years at death: not in Scotland GM Births Digest

WHYTE, Jessie (1834?-1910) born

Jessie was born about 1834 (1). She married David Whyte (1836?-1910, qv). They were members of Glasgow meeting.

Though severely afflicted with rheumatism for the last 20 or more years of her life she was 'a preacher of righteousness and of true content' and her sympathy and that of her husband, and their unity with each other 'tended to widen their sympathies towards others who were in trouble.

Jessie Whyte survived her husband by four months, dying on 18 July 1910, aged 76 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1911 p.203

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 aged 76 years at death; not in Scotland GM Births Digest