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MERCER, Thomas, -1697

Lived in Aberdeen, Scotland and was a merchant.

Served as Dean of Guild.

Convinced and joined Friends. Fined 500 £ (Scots)

1676 arrested and imprisoned in the New Tolbooth.

1677 ordered removed to Banff, but this was not done and they were freed. Later in the same year he was jailed again this time in an unhealthy dungeon.

1679, Again arrested at a meeting but three hours later was set at liberty. After this Friends were not further troubled by the magistrates in Scotland.

d. 1697 at Aberdeen.

Marwick, Story of Qu. in Scotland, 67, 105

Besse, 2:503, et seq

Evans, Frds. in the 17th cent., 477

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MEREDITH, Mary Moon, -ca. 1924.

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ed. well for her time.

m. Franklin Meredith.

Probably the most widely known Evangelical woman minister of Friends. She was gifted in rhetoric and was "of queenly bearing." She preached and was sought after in the churches of North Carolina, the log meeting houses of Indiana and Kansas, and even non-Friends' churches, alike. This last was highly extraordinary in her day.

A representative at the first sessions of California Yearly Meeting.

Western Yearly Meeting member.

d. ca. 1924.

Elliott, E.T., Quakers on the American Front., pp. 41, 185, 264-65.

MERRELL, Elizabeth (1730-1764) after 1756 May

[Elizabeth Merrell, daughter of Joseph ( ) and  
Ruth (born Gilpin, ) Merrell of Henley, Oxon,  
was married in 1756 to Edward May (1732-1805 qv) of Henley,  
Oxon.

see MAY, Elizabeth (1730-1764) born Merrell

MERRICK, Constance Ann (1801-1890) after 1830 Southall

[Constance Ann Merrick, daughter of John Merrick (1767?-1828 qv) and his wife Mary (born 1775?-1829 qv) of Newington in Surrey, was married in 1830 to Rittson Southall (1795?-1883 qv) of London.

See SOUTHALL, Constance Ann (1801-1890) born Merrick ]

MERRICK, Eliza (1801-1882) born Waterhouse

Eliza Waterhouse, the daughter of Nicholas Waterhouse (1768-1823 qv) and his wife Ann (born Rogers, 1764-1837 qv) of Liverpool, was born there on 13 January 1801(1).

She was married in 1837 to Josiah Merrick (1798-1883 qv), a salesman of Manchester and there was one child(2).

Like her husband, she was of a retiring disposition and this prevented her from fully occupying the place for which her mental powers suited her. She was, however, a true helpmeet to her husband, gifted as she was with a good degree of spiritual discernment. Their house was always open and they not infrequently had the teachers of the First-day School and other Friends collected there to promote social and religious fellowship. Together they laboured in an unostentatious way for the building up of the large meeting to which they belonged.

Some years before her death Eliza Merrick suffered a paralytic seizure, which affected her memory as well as depriving her of the use of some bodily power, but her love for her friends continued unabated and she bore her infirmities with cheerfulness and without complaint.

Eliza Merrick of Whalley Range, Manchester, died on 14 February 1883, at the age of eighty four(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1884, p 75

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a merchant
- 2 For marriage and issue see MERRICK, Josiah (1798-1883)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Josiah

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1883, p 78: 2 line entry for death, the wife of Josiah Merrick

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

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MERRICK, Ellen (1689-1779) born Bradley

Ellen Bradley, the daughter of John and Naomi Bradley of Hobberley in Cheshire, was born there on 23.viii.(October)1689.(1) Her parents are described in the Testimony as public Friends and she was given a religious education which made a deep and lasting impression on her youthful mind. She appeared in the ministry when she was about nineteen and all her life afterwards was an example of humility, plainness and moderation.

When she was about forty one she married John Merrick of Edisbury(2); there were no children and soon after their marriage they moved to Newton near Middlewich. There she was much beloved by all who knew her and was regarded as a living, powerful minister, although in general her testimony was short and infrequent.

She died on 6 November 1779(4), aged ninety and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Newton, a minister for about seventy years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Namptwich MM 1 March 1780 in TCMD vol 3 pp 144-7

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest: her name is spelt Ellin; her father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Froxley on 9.i.1731 (i.e. probably March 1730/1 but possibly March 1731/2): he is described as a yeoman living at Edisbury, Cheshire; she is described as a spinster living at Netherthon (Cheshire & Staffs QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 No children are recorded in Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest
- 4 Cheshire & Staffs QM Burials Digest: she is described as a widow

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

MERRICK, James ( -1678)

James Merrick, tanner, and Constable of Ross, was convinced in 1655/6 holding meetings at his house until about 1676, when a meeting-house was built (F.P.T.).

Mss in Friends House

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb, ed 1911 vol.2 p.408

MERRICK, John (1767?-1828)

John Merrick, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1983) traced, was born about the year 1767(1).

He became alternately a woollen draper and warehouseman at various places in London(2) and was married prior to 1796 to Mary (born 1775?-1829 qv) (3); there were eleven children(4).

John Merrick of Bermondsey in Surrey died on 22 September 1828, at the age of sixty one(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 61 at death. His birth is not traced in London & Middlesex QM or Lancashire QM Births Digests
- 2 In the birth entries for his first three children (1796-1799) he is described as a woollen draper of Westminster: for his fourth and fifth children (1801-1802) he is described as a warehouseman of Newington: by 1806, when Mary Ann was born, he had moved to Gracechurch Street and no occupation is given: when Jeremiah was born in 1808 he was a warehouseman at Blue Anchor Road and by the time Alfred was born in 1812 he had moved to the Boro' Road as a woollen draper. No details are given in the birth entries for his two youngest children
- 3 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 4 Listed in the London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Constance	b 18 Jan 1796	d 20 May 1797, aged 16 months
John	b 10 Sept 1797	d 3 June 1800, aged 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ years
*William	b 27 Aug 1799	
Constance Ann qv	b 20 Jan 1801	m 1830 Rittson Southall (1798?-1883 qv)
*John Mark	b 12 Aug 1802	
Mary	b	d 17 June 1804, aged 2 days
*Mary Ann	b 10 March 1806	
Jeremiah	b 10 Nov 1808	d 17 June 1826, aged 17
*Alfred	b 7 July 1812	
*Margaret	b 5 Sept 1814	
Elizabeth	b 4 Oct 1816	d 4 May 1818, aged 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ years

\*No marriages traced in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1880

- 5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a cloth factor

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 15, pp 5 & 8

MERRICK, Josiah (1798-1883)

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Josiah Merrick, the son of Roger Merrick (1767-1842 qv) and his first wife Sarah (born Newman, 1773-1799 qv) of Manchester, was born there on 16 April 1798(1).

He became a salesman at Manchester(2) and was married in 1837 to Eliza Waterhouse (1801-1882 qv) of Everton in Lancashire(3); there was one child(4).

He was for a long series of years well known to the large meeting of Manchester as one who lovingly laboured for the welfare of the community. He was a Friend both by birth and convincement and the principles for which the Society stood were dear to him. He was of a retiring disposition and even those closest to him did not realise how much it cost him to occupy the stations of overseer and elder, which he filled so successfully. He exercised a practical and widespread, although quiet, influence amongst the members of the meeting and gave a great deal of time and thought to his responsibilities. He was kindly in word and manner to the young, winning their affection by his encouragement and faithful counsel.

But while the interests of the Society were paramount in his life, he did not forget his civic duty and assisted many philanthropic movements, not only with money but also by his constant presence at annual and other public meetings. His house, in his more vigorous days, was always open, especially to the younger members of his own meeting and to those travelling in the service of the Gospel.

Josiah and Eliza Merrick saw many changes in the course of their long life together, some not altogether welcome, but they learned to accept vicissitudes with trust in the love of God and "to run well and with patience the race set before them."

Josiah Merrick was a regular attender at meetings for worship almost to the end of his life; he loved to assemble with his friends and with them to wait upon the Lord. After his wife's death he became very feeble and ten months later Josiah Merrick of Whalley Range, Manchester, died on 14 February 1883, at the age of eighty four(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1884, pp 75-79

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire 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 Liverpool in Lancashire on 6 April 1837: he is described as a salesman of Manchester, Lancashire, the son of Roger Merrick, a silk-man, and Sarah (deceased); she is described as the daughter of Nicholas, a cotton broker (deceased) and Ann Waterhouse of Everton in Lancashire (Digest of Marriages)

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MERRITT, Anna Massey (Lea), 1844-1930

Painter; etcher.

b. 13 Sept. 1844, in Phila., Pa., dau. Joseph Lea  
and w. Susanna (Massey), mems. of Phila. M. Mtg. (Hicksite).

Ed. privately; began to study drawing at age seven under  
William H. Furness. Opportunites for studying art limited in  
Phila.; after school, traveled abroad. Received painting lessons  
in Dresden, c. 1865; 1871, studied with Henry Merritt in London.

m. same Henry Merritt, art critic (b. 8 June 1822, Oxford;  
d. 10 July 1877, London), on 17 Apr. 1877. No issue.

After husband's tragic death, A. M. returned to painting.  
1871-1915, exhibited at Royal Academy, London. 1876, re-  
ceived medal at Centennial Exposition, Phila. Among her many  
paintings, the following are especially significant: "The  
Pied Piper of Hamelin;" "Love Locked Out;" "Eve Overcome by  
Remorse." 1893, received medal for mural in Women's Building  
at Chicago Exposition. Numerous portraits include paintings  
of James Russell Lowell and Gen. John A. Dix.

Mem. Royal Society of Painter-Etchers.

1879, wrote and illus. with etchings, Henry Merritt: Art Criticism and Romance (memoir containing autobiog. material).  
1902, wrote and illus. A Hamlet in Old Hampshire.

After 1890, A. M. moved from London to Hurstbourne Tarrant,  
a small Hampshire village, where she died on 7 Apr. 1930. Had  
been blind for sometime before death.

Dictionary of Amer. Biography, 12:570-1.

Dictionary of Nat'l. Biography, 37: 295.

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MERRITT, Anna Massey (Lea), 1844-1930 cont'd.

Biddle, Gertrude Bosler and Sarah D. Lowrie, Notable Women of Pennsylvania, 221-2.

Lea, J. H. and G. H., Ancestry and Posterity of John Lea, 1906, 123, 202.

Hinshaw, Ency. Amer. Qu. Geneal., 2:805,888.

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MERRITT, Anna, nee Moore, afterwards Thorne, 1766-1838

see

THORNE, Anna, nee Moore, 1766-1838

WBE:

MERRITT, Jean

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

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MERRITT, John, 1758-1833

b. April 23, 1758 at Cortland Town, Westchester  
County, N.Y.

A farmer. He joined Friends.

m. 1784,

Removed to New York and became a flour merchant for  
thirty years. His health was rather feeble. Was interest-  
ed in the poor. Served as Overseer and Elder.

d. Oct. 26, 1833 in New York of dropsy. Requested a  
plain funeral.

1871 Clark, New York, N.Y. (2,000)

Friend or Elder Robert, Isaac Farney, David Netherlands,  
Edward Ricker, and David Smith.

Comly, Frds. Misc., VI:97

New York Yearly Mtg., Mem. concerning decd. Frds., 58

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Friend, 391  
Friends Intell., 47(1901), 73,74

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MERRITT, Thankful, nee Scott, 1780-1845

b. May 21, 1780 at Spencertown, Columbia County,  
New York, daughter of Matthew and Mercy Scott.

Raised a presbyterian.

1797 removed to Kingsbury, Washington County, N.Y.

m., 1800, Benjamin Merritt and removed to White Creek.

1811, convinced and joined Friends. Became a minister. and was acknowledged in 1829.

1834 removed to Troy, N.Y. Was careful of the sick.

d. May 22, 1845 at Troy, N.Y.

N.Y. Yearly Mtg., Memos. concerning dec'd Frds (1859), 140

Walter Merrit was born on January 11, 1893 in St. George's Sq. Forest Gate, London. In the years before the first world war he was employed in South Africa as butler to a man who owned diamond mines. Returning to Britain he entered the service of Lord Montague of Beaulieu and then spent eighteen years with Wrights, the willow pottery merchants of Great Leighs, Essex. In their employment he suffered a serious fall, but later worked as a gardener in local employment and tended his own nursery next door to his home at Youngs End. Braintree, Essex. He had been baptised a member of the Closed Brethren but came to reject their doctrine and after much seeking began to attend Braintree Friends Meeting in 1960, he joined the Society in 1964.(1)

He was deeply concerned about social and racial injustice and about the link between economic interests and preparations for war, he marched with the C.N.D. and took part in demonstrations organised by Bertrand Russell. He had a loving understanding of nature and a great belief in the providence of God and expressed this in his ministry and in the many verses he wrote. In his early seventies he was badly injured in a road accident, breaking both his legs, but he gradually learned to walk again <sup>as soon as</sup> as he could get along on crutches.

About two years before his death he and his second wife Ethel were held up at gun point in their isolated bungalow, robbed and left in total darkness. This was a great blow to them. Ethel suffered a stroke as a consequence of the shock and Walter was left embittered and confused. They were cared for by the families of their youngest son and of their daughter and gradually recovered sufficiently to return to their own home. During his last few months the worldly worries and bitter resentment were lifted from his mind and he was able to be at peace and regain some of his former sense of humour.

He died on January 27, 1981 aged 88.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Witham MM

Y.M.Procs. 1982 pp 240~1

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Essex & Suffolk QM printed lists of members record him as an attender at Chelmsford in 1963 and as a member in 1965, with wife Ethel not in membership.

MERRYWEATHER, Ann (1755-1780) born Neave

Ann Neave, the eldest daughter of Josiah Neave (1729/30-1786 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Shergold, 1725?-1809 qv) of Poole & Southampton Monthly Meeting, was born on 15 April 1755(1).

She was married in 1779 to John Merryweather (1757?-1827 qv), a brewer of Ringwood in Hampshire and there was one child(2).

Ann Merryweather died in childbirth on 17 May 1780, at the age of twenty five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and issue see MERRYWEATHER, John (1757?-1827)
- 3 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of John

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

MERRYWEATHER, Caroline (1820-1851) after 1849 Capper

(Caroline Merryweather, daughter of John Merryweather (1780-1828 qv) and his second wife Mildred King, born Good, of Ringwood in the county of Southampton, was married in 1849 to Thomas Senders Capper (1825-1852 qv).

See CAPPER, Caroline (1820-1851) born Merryweather )

**MERRYWEATHER, Elizabeth (1729/30-1789) born Waring**

Elizabeth Waring, daughter of Samuel (1691/2-1775, qv) and Deborah (born Hawkins, 1697-1776, qv) Waring of Alton, was born there on 8 xii [Februrary] 1729/30 (1).

She ('having experienced the benefit of a religious education') first came forth in the ministry when she was about 39. She made ministerial visits to Oxfordshire and London and to neighbouring meetings, to the 'general satisfaction, & her own lasting peace, & we doubt not but she retained her Love & Zmal for the cause of Truth, unshaken, and unabated to the end'.

She had married, in 1759, Joseph Merryweather (1727-1777, qv) (2).

After a long illness she died on 7 or 8 December 1789, aged 60 years (3), a minister about 20 years. She was buried in Friends Burial Ground, Alton.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Alton MM 15 iii 1790 in TCMD vol 3 pp 398-402

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: her father is described as clothier
- 2 For details of the marriage and children, see MERRYWEATHER, Joseph (1727-1777)
- 3 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest describes her as of Alton, widow, giving the age as 60 and the date of death as 8 December. The testimony more correctly gives her age as 'near 60' and gives the date of death as 7 December

**MERRYWEATHER, George Neave (1827-1910)**

George Neave Merryweather, the youngest son of John Merryweather (1780-1828 qv) and his second wife Mildred King, born Good, of Ringwood in the county of Southampton, was born there on 10 June 1827(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1838 to 1842, but his subsequent history suggests that he left the Society.

He was married on 16 October 1855 to Elizabeth Horse and there were five children(2). Elizabeth Merryweather apparently died some time between 1866 and 1868, for in the latter year George Neave Merryweather was married in Cincinnati in America to Ellen S. Beaman; there were five children of this second marriage(3).

George Neave Merryweather died at Cincinnati in 1910(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 142

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 Details of the marriage are given in Sidcot School Register: the marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages. Children listed in Sidcot School Register, not traced in the Digest of Births, are as follows:-

Amy	b 1857
Edith	b 1859
Alfred Charles	b 1861
William Gundry	b 1866
Augustine	
Clissold	b 1866 who d 1866
- 3 Details of this second marriage are given in Sidcot School Register: children listed therein, presumably born in America, are as follows:-

Mary Belle	b 1869
Walter Guy	b 1871
George Edmund	b 1872
Mildred	b 1873
Hubert	b 1882
- 4 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

MERRYWEATHER, John (1757?-1827)

John Merryweather of Ringwood, Hants, married Mary Davis of Minehead, the fiancee of Joshua Sparrow who, with Edith Lovell, was drowned in the Irish Channel in 1781. He was in Ireland in 1801-2 on Gospel service, and was clerk of Y.M. in 1804. Merryweather Farm was long in the possession of this family.

J. Friends hist. soc. vol.7,15

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.38

MERRYWEATHER, John (1723- )

John Merryweather, the son of James Merryweather ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Ringwood in Hampshire, was born there on 14.v.(July)1723(1).

Some time prior to 1748 he was married to Hannah(2) and there were eight children(3). It is possible that he served as Yearly Meeting representative for Hampshire (later Dorset & Hants) QM in 1758(4).

Hannah Merryweather died in February 1767, the wife of John(5). The date of John Merryweather's death is not at present (1980) traced(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given

2 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales

3 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

James	b 10.xi.1748/9*
Ann	b 16.ii.(April)1750
Mary	b 17 Jan 1752
John	b 28 Nov 1753
Hannah	b 18 March 1756
Thomas	b 4 Jan 1759
Sarah	b 21 Aug 1760
William	b 12 May 1762
	d 16 March 1761

\*It is possible that he was the James Merryweather who married out of the Society and was reinstated by Ringwood MM on 5 May 1776, then being of Romsey

N.B. No marriages are traced for any of these children in Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest

4 Index to YM Representatives, Friends House Library

5 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: she died x Feb 1767, the wife of John

6 His death is not traced in Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest

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

MERRYWEATHER, John (1757?-1827)

John Merryweather, the son of James and Sarah Merryweather of Ringwood in the county of Southampton, was born about the year 1757(1).

He was a brewer of Ringwood(2) and was married three times. His first wife was Ann Neave (1755-1780 qv), the daughter of Josiah Neave (1729/30-1786 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Shergold, 1725?-1809 qv) of Fordingbridge in Hampshire, whom he married in 1779(3); there was one child(4) and Ann Merryweather died in childbirth. In 1782 he married secondly Kezia Evans (1757-1785 qv) of Woodbridge in Suffolk(5) and there were two children(6); Kezia Merryweather died shortly after the death of her second child. His third marriage took place in 1788, to Mary Davis (1753-1791 qv) of Minehead(7), the fiancee of Joshua Sparrow ( -1781 ) who, with Edith Lovell (born Bourne, 1741-1781 ), was drowned in the Irish Channel in 1781; there were two children(8). At the time of his second and third marriages he was described as a draper.

John Merryweather travelled in Ireland in the service of the Gospel in 1801 and 1802 and was clerk to London Yearly Meeting in 1804(9). He was frequently appointed by Hampshire (later Dorset & Hants) QM as a representative to the Yearly Meeting(10). Merryweather Fram was long in the possession of the family(11).

John Merryweather, then a yeoman of Poole in Dorset, died on 27 May 1827, at the age of seventy(12).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 70 at death. His birth is not traced in Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his first marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Fordingbridge on 15 July 1779: he is described as a brewer of Ringwood in Hampshire, the son of James and Sarah of Ringwood; she is described as the daughter of Josiah Jnr and Elizabeth of Fordingbridge in Hampshire (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-  
John qv b 13 May 1780 m (1) 1802 Harriett Pritchett  
  (2) Mildred King Good
- 5 The wedding was at Woodbridge on 8 August 1782: he is described as a widower, a draper of Ringwood in Southampton, the son of James and Sarah Merryweather of Ringwood; she is described as the daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Evans of Woodbridge in Suffolk (Suffolk QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 6 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-  
 \*James b 26 Oct 1783  
 Francis b 13 Dec 1784 d 28 June 1785  
 \*No marriage traced in Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1850
- 7 The wedding was at Minehead on 13 September 1786: he is described as a draper of Ringwood in Southampton, the son of James and Sarah Merryweather of Ringwood; she is described as the daughter of Robert and Hannah Davis, late of Minehead in Somerset (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 8 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest as follows:-  
 Samuel b 13 Sept 1790  
 Robert b 28 Nov 1791  
 N.B. No marriages are traced for either of these children in Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1850
- 9 London Yearly Meeting during 250 Years, p 134
- 10 He served in the following years:-  
 Hampshire:- 1783, 1786-90, 1792-4, 1798, 1803-4  
 Dorset & Hants:- 1805-6, 1808-10, 1812, 1817
- 11 J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 38
- 12 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: he is described as a yeoman

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 7, p 77: vol 15, p 57:  
 vol 20, p 124: Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) pp 32, 91

MERRYWEATHER, John (1780-1828)

John Merryweather, the son of John Merryweather (1757-1827 qv) and his first wife Ann, born Neave, of Ringwood in the county of Southampton, was born there on 13 May 1780(1).

He was a grocer and draper of Ringwood(2) and was twice married. His first wife was Harriett Pritchett, whom he married in 1802(3) and there were seven children(4). Harriett Merryweather died in 1816(5) and at some time before 1819 John Merryweather married Mildred King Good(6); there were six children(7).

John Merryweather of Calne in Wiltshire died on 6 October 1828, at the age of forty eight(8).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in the birth entries for his children
- 3 The wedding was at Salisbury on 21 October 1802: he is described as of Ringwood in the county of Southampton, the son of John and Ann of Ringwood; she is described as the daughter of James and Mary of Salisbury in Wiltshire (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest as follows:-

William	b 4 July 1804
Henry	b 7 Aug 1805
Charles	b 10 March 1807
Maria	b 4 Dec 1808
Lucy Ann	b 18 Nov 1810
Samuel	b 8 May 1813
James	b 11 Dec 1814
- N.B. No marriages are traced for any of these children in Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest to 1837 or in the Digest of Marriages to 1888
- 5 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: she died 18 July 1816, aged 38
- 6 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

7 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

John Simpson qv	b 27 July 1819	who m 1859 Rebecca Isaac Churchus
Caroline qv	b 4 Nov 1820	who m 1849 Thomas Senders Capper (1825-1852 qv)
Priscilla Hannah qv	b 19 June 1822	who m 1858 Samuel Baker P. Humphrey
Mildred qv	b 16 April 1824	who m 1886 Arthur Thomas Palmer
Alfred Good	b 12 March 1826	who d 28 April 1848
George Neave qv	b 10 June 1827	who m(1) 1855 Elizabeth Morse (2) 1868 Ellen S. Beaman

(information from Sidecot Register 1808-1958)

8 Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given; his age at death is given as 49

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

MERRYWEATHER, John Simpson (1819-1899)

John Simpson Merryweather, the eldest son of John Merryweather (1780-1828 qv) and his second wife Mildred King, born Good, of Ringwood in the county of Southampton, was born there on 27 July 1819(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1830 to 1833(2) and when he left school he became a hosier at Bull Street in Birmingham(3).

He was married in 1859 to Rebecca Isaac Churchus(4) and there were three children(5).

John Simpson Merryweather of Gospel End, Sedgley in Staffordshire, died on 20 June 1899, at the age of seventy nine(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer and draper
- 2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 142
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Claverham on 6 July 1859: he is described as a bachelor, a hosier of 57 Bull Street, Birmingham, the son of John Merryweather, a grocer and draper; she is described as a spinster of Claverham, the daughter of Robert Churchus, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

John Henry	b 7 March 1861	who d 3 Sept 1861
Maria	b 16 Dec 1863	who m 1896 Francis Edmund Radley (1867-1927 qv)
Caroline	b 16 Dec 1863	who m 1889 Harcourt Ashford
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired hosier

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

Joseph Merryweather, son of James and Mary Merryweather of Ringwood, was born there on 9.iv [June] 1727 (1). He was 'Educated in the profession of the Truth, and early made sensible of its merciful visitations' but endeavoured for some time 'to content himself with what is commonly called a fair moral character and under this fig-leaf he indulged a vain mind, which delighted itself in the airy regions of empty unavailing speculation, and thro' repeated disobedience to the inward convictions of Truth he became much estranged from the Life of true Religion until about the 22nd year of his Age'. He was convinced by a woman Friend on a ministerial visit to Hampshire and about three years later he came out in public testimony.

(1729-1789, qv)

He married, in 1759, Elizabeth Waring/(2): there were two children (3).

In the service of the ministry Joseph Merryweather paid many visits to London and to the western, southern and eastern counties. 'His last Journey...was in ~~Hampshire~~ company with his Wife & another Friend to a few Meetings in this and an adjoining county': this was in September 1776.

He died at Romsey on 29 November 1777, aged 50 years(4), a minister about 25 years. His death followed a long illness. He was buried in Friends Burial Ground at Alton.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Ringwood FM 29 iii 1778 in TCMD vol 3 pp 124-7

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: no description of his father is given
- 2 The marriage was at Alton FM on 20 November 1759: he is described as son of James and Mary Merryweather of Ringwood, Co of South'ton; she is described as daughter of Samuel and Deborah Waring, of Alton, Co Hants (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Deborah b 22 Nov 1760  
Susanna b 23 July 1762 *who m 1783 James Neave*
- 4 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: he is described as brewer

MERRYWEATHER, Kezia (1757-1785) born Evans

Kezia Evans, the daughter of Benjamin Evans (1718-1798 qv) and his second wife Elizabeth (born Lawrence, 1724-1796 qv) of Woodbridge Monthly Meeting in Suffolk, was born on 27 April 1757(1).

She became in 1782 the second wife of John Merryweather (1757?-1827 qv), a draper of Ringwood in Hampshire and there were two children(2).

Kezia Merryweather of Ringwood died, shortly after the death of her infant son, on 29 September 1785, at the age of twenty eight(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given

2 For marriage and children see MERRYWEATHER, John (1757?-1827)

3 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of John

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

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MERRYWEATHER, Mary (1753 - 1791) born Davis

Mary Davis was born on 6 May 1753, the daughter of Robert and Hannah Davis of Minehead (1), being educated as a Friend.

She came forth in the ministry about her thirty first year and travelled with Mehatable Jenkins of America to most of the northern counties, later visiting Wales with Hannah Stephenson.

Mary Davis was engaged to be married to Joseph Sparrow, who lost his life in 1781 in a shipwreck whilst travelling from Ireland with Edith Lovell (1741-1781, q.v.). In 1788 she married John Merryweather (1757?-1827, q.v.) and settled at Ringwood. After her marriage she did not travel far, but visited friends and their families in her own quarterly Meeting.

She died 29 November 1791, aged about 39 years, and a minister about eight years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Ringwood MM in TCMD vol. 4, p. 25.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Bristol and Somerset QM Births Digest.

SEE ALSO

Sara Stephenson, p. 104. [Mary Waring, pp. 42, 51.]

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WBE:

MERRYWEATHER, Mary (Davis), d. before 1790.

Engaged to Joseph Sparrow, who was lost when coming  
to Eng. for his marriage.

m. John Merryweather.

d. before 1790, Ringwood, Eng.

Comly, Friends Misc., 9:122.

MERRYWEATHER, Mildred (1824-1915) after 1886 Palmer

[Mildred Merryweather, daughter of John Merryweather (1780-1828 qv) and his second wife Mildred King (born Good, ) of Ringwood in Hampshire, was married in 1886 to Arthur Thomas Palmer (1822-1894 qv) of Bournemouth in Hampshire.

See PALMER, Mildred (1824-1915) born Merryweather ]

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replacement

MERRYWEATHER, Priscilla Hannah (1822-1908) after 1858 Pumphrey

(Priscilla Hannah Merryweather, daughter of John  
Merryweather (1780-1828 qv) and his second wife Mary  
King, born Good, of Ringwood in the county of Southampton,  
was married in 1858 to Samuel Baker Pumphrey (1826-1912 qv).

See PUMPHREY, Priscilla Hannah (1822-1908) born Merryweather )

MERRYWEATHER, Sarah ( -1763) after 1763 Neave

[Sarah Merryweather of Ringwood in Hampshire, details  
of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982)  
traced, was married in 1763 to Alexander Neave  
(174—1800 qv).

See NEAVE, Sarah ( -1763) born Merryweather ]

MERRYWEATHER, Susanna (1762-1784) after 1783 Neave

[Susanna Merryweather, daughter of Joseph Merryweather (1727-1777 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Waring, 1729/30-1789 qv) of Ringwood in Hampshire, was married in 1783 to James Neave (1758-1834 qv).]

See NEAVE, Susanna (1762-1784) born Merryweather ]

WBE:

MERTTENS, Frederick, 1849-1935

b. Aug. 14, 1849 at Herrgotsau, Germany.

1866, went to Brazil.

1872, came to Manchester, England and two years later founded the firm of Merttens and Company.

1895 bought Rothley Temple, Leicestershire.

m., 1896 children.

1899 for his health's sake went for a year with his family to Switzerland.

Returned to Rugby, England and was interested in Adult Schools and in international peace.

1928-35 Lived through seven years of invalidism.

d. March 16, 1935 at Rugby, aged 85 years.

The Friend (London), 93(1935):255 (portrait)

MESSEY, Catherine (1793-1885) born Hannam

Catherine Hannam, the daughter of Josiah Hannam ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Gillingham in Dorset, was born there on 30 May 1793(1).

She was married in 1817 to Josiah Messer (1791-1864 qv), a druggist of Holborn in Middlesex and there were nine children, the eldest of whom died in infancy(2).

Her husband was deeply involved in the Beacon controversy and was disowned by Tottenham Monthly Meeting in 1838, but she and four of her children apparently remained in membership(3).

Catherine Messer of Thames Ditton died on 28 March 1885, at the age of ninety one(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: her father is described as a silk throwster
- 2 For marriage and children see MESSEY, Josiah (1791-1864)
- 3 See entry for MESSEY, Josiah (1791-1864)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Josiah  
Her death is also recorded in the Descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson, vol IV, p 1159, where the date of death is given as 27 March 1885 and she is described as dying at Esher

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

MESSER, Elizabeth (1792-1851) after 1814 Wright

[Elizabeth Messer, daughter of Josiah Messer (1753-1830 qv)  
and his wife Elizabeth (born Wilson, 1753-1821 ) of  
Holborn in Middlesex, was married in 1814 to Matthew  
Wright (1786-1863 qv).]

See WRIGHT, Elizabeth (1792-1851) born Messer ]

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MESSER, John (1836?-1900)

John Messer became a member of Reading Monthly Meeting about the year 1860, being both an Elder and a recorded minister.

For thirty years he laboured at mission work and in the cause of temperance, peace and thrigt in the town; he was an active teacher in both Junior and Senior Schools and superintendent of the Bank of Hope.

'In addition to his labours in the service of our Society, he placed his best powers at the disposal of the borough for twenty five years, and upheld at all times the Christian ideal in his public life, those who were frequently opposed to him recognizing his assiduity, his excellent judgment, and entire dininterestedness.'

John Messer died 6 July 1900.

Testimony of Reading MM in YM Proc. 1901, p.202

MESSER, Joseph (1795-1884)

Joseph Messer, the son of John Messer (1756?-1831 qv) and his wife Patience, born Docwra, of Spitalfields in the county of Middlesex, was born there on 14 January 1795(1).

He was a builder of King Edward Street, Whitechapel Road, London(2) and was married in 1822 to Mary Harrison (1803-1871 qv) of Spitalfields (3); there were fourteen children(4). The family moved to Hertford MM in 1840(5),<sup>having</sup> / and settled at Ware(6), but after the death of his wife in 1871 it is probable that Joseph Messer moved to Reading to be near his son John Messer (1834-1900 qv).

Joseph Messer of Barley near Reading died on 14 July 1884, at the age of eighty nine(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a bricklayer
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 17 September 1822: he is described as a builder of King Edward Street, Whitechapel Road, the son of John and Patience Messer of East Place, Hackney in the county of Middlesex; she is described as the daughter of Barnard and Mary Harrison of Spitalfields (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests and in the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Anna	b 2 July 1823	who d 24 Aug 1838
Elizabeth	b 11 Nov 1824	who m 1845 John Oates Harrison
Rachel	b 30 April 1826	who m 1848 Walter Marriage
Ellen	b 12 June 1827	who d 20 Dec 1827
*Rebekah	b 12 July 1828	
Sarah		
Harrison qv	b 22 Oct 1829	who m Ove Caspersen <u>(Ann. Mon. 1873, p 178)</u>
*Gertrude	b 13 April 1831	
*Joseph	b 26 Dec 1832	
John qv	b 14 Oct 1834	who m Mary Harrison <u>(Bootham Register 1935)</u>

Mary b 16 June 1836 who d 30 April 1848  
and in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-

*Emily	b 13 April 1838	
Barnard Docwra	b 20 Feb 1840	who d 16 Dec 1859
*Arthur	b 1 Dec 1841	
*Oswald	b 4 May 1847	

\*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

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MESSEY, Joseph (1795-1884)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 5 Minutes of Devonshire House MM 4 February 1840  
6 Annual Monitor 1873, p 178: see also MESSEY, Mary (1803-1871)  
7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

SEE ALSO:-

- Annual Monitor 1885, p 120: 1 line entry for death  
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 16, p 126

**MESSER, Joseph (1722?-1749)**

Joseph Messer, son of Abraham and Elizabeth Messer, sometime of Southampton, was born about 1722 (1). He had settled in London before 1746 (2).

He married in 1746 Elizabeth Hopkins (3): there were 2 children (4).

Joseph Messer of Ratcliff died 7 iii [May] 1749, aged 27 years (5).

Joseph and Elizabeth Messer's son Joseph (1748-1830 qv) became in course of time caretaker of Ratcliff meeting house, on the corner of School House Lane and Brook Street (5).

Joseph Messer's (1722?-1749) widow, described as of School house Lane, Ratcliff, Middlesex, died 12 February 1795, aged 79 years (6).

Joseph and Elizabeth Messer's daughter, Elizabeth, described as of School house Lane, Ratcliff, Middlesex, died 24 September 1803, aged 56 years (7).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Aged 27 at death. The birth is not traced in Dorset & Hants GM Births Digest
- 2 Described as of London at the time of his marriage
- 3 The marriage was at Ratcliff FMH on 14 vi [Aug] 1746: he is described as London Citizen & Merchant Tailor, son of Abraham & Elizabeth Messer, late of Southampton; she is described as daughter of Daniel & Jane Hopkins of London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest), Two Weeks Meeting minutes 14 v [July] 1746 (vol 8 p 17) describe JM as "Son of Abraham Messer Currier of Southampton deceased and of Elizabeth his Wife him surviving" and EH as "Daughter of Daniel Hopkins of Ratcliff, Glazier and of Jane his wife, she being deceased"
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 27 iv [June 1747]
Joseph qv	b 23 vii [Sept] 1748
	or 3 ix [Nov 1748]
- 5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he is described as of Ratcliffe, parish of St Dunstans, Stepney, died of convulsions
- 5a For particulars, see MESSER, Joseph (1748-1830)
- 6 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as Widow
- 7 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as Spinster

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

MESSEY, Josiah (1753-1830)

Josiah Messer, the son of Josiah and Hannah Messer of Alton in Hampshire, was born there on 19 October 1753(1).

He became a druggist at Holborn in Middlesex(2) and in 1786 he was married to Elizabeth Wilson, the fourth daughter of Isaac Wilson (1714/15-1785 qv) and his wife Rachel (born Wilson, 1720-1775 qv) of Kendal in Westmorland(3); there were seven children(4).

Josiah Messer of Hampstead in Middlesex died on 19 November 1830, at the age of seventy seven(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: his father is described as a woollencomber

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

3 The wedding was at Kendal on 11 August 1786: he is described as a druggist of Holborn in the county of Middlesex, the son of Josiah and Hannah Messer of Alton in Hampshire; she is described as the daughter of Isaac and Rachel Wilson, late of Kendal in the county of Westmorland (Westmorland QM Marriages Digest)

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

Hannah	b 31 July 1787	who d 16 Sept 1845*
Rachel	b 10 May 1789	who m 1813 James Ireland Wright

Josiah	b 24 April 1791	who m 1817 Catherine Hannam (Dorset & Hants QM)
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Elizabeth	b 28 Nov 1792	who m 1814 Matthew Wright
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Isaac Wilson	b 19 Nov 1793	who d 14 Feb 1818
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Robert	b 6 March 1795	who d 27 March 1878*
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Sarah	b 5 May 1796	who d 22 July 1867*
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\*Information from Descendants of Isaac and Rachel Wilson, vol IV,

p 1146

5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: his age at death is given as 78; no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1831, p 31: 1 line entry for death

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 15, p 126:

Sups 16 and 17 (Pen Pictures) pp 71,72, 213

Somervell, Isaac and Rachel Wilson, 1924

MESSEY, Josiah (1791-1864)

Josiah Messer, the first surviving son of Josiah Messer (1753-1830 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Wilson, 1753-1821 ) of Holborn in Middlesex, was born there on 24 April 1791(1).

He became, like his father, a druggist at Holborn(2) and was married in 1817 to Catherine Hannam (1793-1885 qv) of Gillingham in Dorset(3); there were nine children, the eldest of whom died in infancy(4).

In April 1832 the family moved within the compass of Tottenham Monthly Meeting(5) and settled in a house at Upper Clapton(6). Isaac Crewdson (1780-1844 qv), the author of the Beacon, which was greatly exercising the Society of Friends, was a frequent visitor to the house and Maria Hack (1777-1844 qv) and others were baptised there(7). In October 1838 Josiah Messer was disowned by the Society as a result of his involvement with the Beaconite faction(8). Of his eight surviving children four apparently left the Society with him, but four children and their mother appear to have remained in membership(9).

Josiah Messer died at Ramsgate on 4 October 1864, at the age of seventy(10).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a druggist
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Shaftesbury on 7 August 1817: he is described as a druggist of Holborn in the county of Middlesex, the son of Josiah and Elizabeth of Holborn in the county of Middlesex; she is described as the daughter of Josiah and Mary of Gillingham in the county of Dorset (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests, the Digest of Deaths and given in the Descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson, vol IV, p 1159 as follows:-

Josiah	b 28 June 1818	d 27 Dec 1818, aged 6 months
Mary Hannam	b 29 Nov 1819	m 1845 John Thomas Fletcher
Josiah	b 8 April 1821	m 1868 Margaret Cox McIlvaine (in America)
Catherine qv	b 26 Dec 1822	d 28 March 1893, aged 70
Elizabeth qv	b 22 Nov 1824	d 19 March 1899, aged 74
Edward	b 22 April 1826	d 26 Sept 1866, aged 40
Harriet qv	b 10 Dec 1828	d 21 May 1849, aged 20
Isaac Wilson qv	b 10 Oct 1830	d 18 Nov 1901, aged 71
Frederic	b 10 Sept 1832	d 1 Jan 1915, aged 82
- 5 Westminster MM Removal certificates register, 1832-1865  
The removal was accepted by Tottenham MM on 10 May 1832
- 6 J Friends Hist Soc vol 46 (1954) p 73: the house is erroneously described as belonging to Hannah Messer (1787-1845 qv) and her husband, but Hannah Messer was not married
- 7 J Friends Hist Soc vol 46 (1954) pp 67-77: The Baptism of Maria Hack, an Episode in the Beacon Controversy

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 8 Tottenham MM minutes 1830-1844, pp 309-310:-  
"Josiah Messer, one of our members, having for a considerable time absented himself from our religious meetings and frequented another place of worship, and his case having the care and attention of our overseers from time to time, but without the desired effect, it was brought under the notice of the meeting and a committee appointed to visit him, & he declined seeing them on the ground that his views were already fully communicated to the overseers. This meeting having given the case its deliberate consideration finds it right to disown the said Josiah Messer as a member of our religious society and hereby records that it no longer considers him as one of our members."
- 9 Catherine Messer (1793-1885 qv) died in membership: of the children, Catherine, Elizabeth, Harriet and Isaac Wilson also died in membership
- 10 Descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson, vol 1V, p 1159, where his year of birth is erroneously given as 1794

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

MESSER, Mary (1803-1871) born Harrison

Mary Harrison, the daughter of Barnard and Mary Harrison of the parish of Christchurch in Middlesex, was born there on 4 December 1803(1). She lost her mother at an early age and had to assume domestic responsibilities when she was still very young.

She was married in 1822 to Joseph Messer (1795-1884 qv), a London builder and they had fourteen children(2). The Testimony states that five did not survive childhood, but it has only been possible to trace the early deaths of three; the third son, Barnard Docwra, died when he was nineteen.

In spite of the many claims on her time, she felt that she would be required to be a minister and after three years' doubt and hesitation she first spoke in the ministry in 1826 and was recorded by Devonshire House Monthly Meeting in 1830. When her large family no longer needed so much of her time, she held Mothers' Meetings and engaged in other activities on behalf of the poor and needy.

In 1840 the family transferred <sup>MM having</sup> removed to Hertford(3), and settled in Ware. Mary Messer of Widbury Hill, Ware, died on 6 June 1871 at the age of sixty eight(4).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Hertford & Hitchin MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings  
1872, p i

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given; his name is spelt Bernard Harrisson
- 2 For marriage and children see MESSER, Joseph (1795-1884)
- 3 Minutes of Devonshire House MM 4 February 1840
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Joseph

#### SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1872, p 143: 3 line entry for death

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

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MESSER, Mary (1803-1871) born Harrison

Harrison  
Mary Messer, the daughter of Bernard and Mary Harrison, was born in the parish of Christchurch, Middlesex, on 4 December 1803 (1). Having lost her mother at an early age, she had to assume domestic responsibilities when she was still very young. In 1822 she married Joseph Messer (2): they had fourteen children, five of whom did not survive childhood. In spite of the many claims on her time, she felt that she would be required to be a minister and after three years' doubt and hesitation, she first spoke as a minister in 1826 and was recorded by Devonshire House Monthly Meeting in 1830. When her large family no longer needed so much of her time, she held Mothers' Meetings and engaged in other activities on behalf of the poor and needy. They removed to Ware.

She died suddenly on 6 June 1871 aged 68 years.

Testimony of Hertford & Hitchin MM in YM Proc. 1872, p.i

References and notes

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: no occupation is given for her father
- 2 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 17 September 1822: JM is described as of King Edward Street, Whitechapel Road, builder, son of John and Patience Masaer (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

MESSER, Patience (1757-1845) born Docwra

Patience Docwra, daughter of Joseph (1723?-1790 qv) and Patience (born Raven, 1725?-1800 qv) Docwra of Inworth, near Kelvedon, Essex, was born there on 3 September 1757 (1).

She married in 1793 John Messer (1756?-1831 qv) of London: there were 3 children (2).

On 8 August 1809 she was appointed by Devonshire House monthly meeting to the station of elder (3). She remained a member of that monthly meeting until 1840 when, on 4 August, it noted that she was "removed to Ware within the compass of Hertford Monthly Meeting": a certificate of removal was signed on 8 September (4).

Patience Docwra of Amwell End, Ware, died 26 October 1845, aged 88 years (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: no occupation for her father is given
- 2 For information about the marriage and children, see MESSER, John (1756?-1831)
- 3 Devonshire House MN minutes vol 14 p 574; reported to Morning Meeting 11 September 1809 (Morning Meeting minutes vol 7 p 516)
- 4 Devonshire House MN minutes vol 17 pp 452, 456. Her son Joseph (1795-1884 qv) and daughter in law Mary (born Harrison, 1803-1871 qv) had settled in Ware before February 1840 when Devonshire House MN issued a certificate of removal for them
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as widow

There is no reference to her in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 53

MESSER, Rachel [Walter] (1826-1897) after 1848 Marriage

[Rachel Messer, daughter of Joseph Messer (1795-1884 qv)  
and his wife Mary (born Harrison, 1803-1871 qv) of  
London, was married in 1848 to Walter Marriage  
(1823-1892 qv) of Springfield in Essex]

See MARRIAGE, Rachel [Walter] (1826-1897) born Messer ]

MESSLER, Rachel Maria (1789-1837) after 1813 Wright

[Rachel Maria Messer, daughter of Josiah Messer (1753-1830 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Wilson, 1753-1821 ) of Holborn in Middlesex, was married in 1813 to James Ireland Wright (1785-1842 qv).]

See WRIGHT, Rachel Maria (1789-1837) born Messer ]

MESSEY, Robert (1795-1878)

Robert Messer, the son of Josiah Messer (1753-1830 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Wilson, 1753-1821 ) of Holborn in Middlesex, was born there on 6 March 1795(1).

He resigned from the Society of Friends in 1832, explaining that he no longer attended Friends' meetings(2).

Robert Messer died unmarried on 27 March 1878, at the age of eighty three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a druggist
- 2 Westminster MM minutes vol 14, p 589, 15 March 1832: the minute refers to a letter from Robert Messer, the text of which is not given
- 3 Descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson, vol IV, p 1146

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

MESMER, Sarah Harrisson (1829-1871) after Caspersen

[Sarah Harrisson Messer, daughter of Joseph (1795-1844 qv)  
and Mary (born Harrison, 1803-1871 qv) Messer of Mile End  
and Ware, was married in to Ove Caspersen of  
Christiana, Norway.

see CASPERSEN, Sarah Harrisson (1829-1871) born Messer ]

METCALFE, Mary (1786?-1880) after 1845 Bright

[Mary Metcalfe, daughter of Thomas Metcalfe, was  
married in 1845 to James Bright, a member of  
the British Parliament in Lancashire.]

METCALFE, Elizabeth (fl 1649-1672) after 1649 Raw

[Elizabeth Metcalfe, daughter of  
was married in 1649 to Nicholas Raw (-1678/9, qv)  
of Swaledale.]

see RAW, Elizabeth (fl 1649-1672) born Metcalfe]

WBE:

METCALFE, Rachel, 1829-1889

b. Nov. 8, 1829 at Macclesfield, Cheshire, daughter  
of John and Mary Metcalfe. Her parents died when  
she was young and she lived with two other families  
Established a small business for herself.

1847 became sewing mistress at Ackworth School.

1866 set out for India and reached Benares, having  
felt "called" there for some ten years.

1867 Friends Foreign Mission Association was  
established in London . The work in India was moved  
from Benares to Jabbulpur where R.M. superintended two  
houses and two schools. In 1873 she was joined in the  
work by Charles Gayford. R.M. had the small-pox.

1875 R.M. lost the ability to walk because of  
rheumatism. Friends work moved again to Hosangabad where  
R.M. conducted an orphanage.

Since 1881 some 28 girls were under the care of  
Rachel Metcalfe in her home in India. She compiled a  
textbook in Hindi called Daily Bread.

d. June 12, 1889 at Hosangabad, India.

The Friend (London), 29(1889):204,227; v. 124(1966):1295  
An. Mon. (N.S.), 48(1890):101

Frds. For. Mission Ass'n, Jubilæe Biog. Series (1916)  
Robinson, Friends of a half century, 235 (portrait)

METFORD, Amy (1773-1847) after 1796 Stephens

[Amy Metford, daughter of William Metford ( - )  
and his wife Mary (born  
of Glastonbury in Somerset, was married in 1796 to  
William Stephens (1756-1837 qv).]

See STEPHENS, Amy (1773-1847) born Metford ]

METFORD, Gulielma (1832-1889) after 1866 Reynolds

(Gulielma Metford, daughter of William and Sarah Metford of Bath in Somerset, was married in 1866 to Frederick Reynolds (1833-1900 qv).)

See REYNOLDS, Gulielma (1832-1889) born Metford )

Joseph Metford, the son of William Metford ( - ) and his wife Mary (born Pike, ) of Glastonbury in Somerset, was born there on 19 December 1776(1). He had some private instruction at home and then went for two years to a boarding school at Compton, but he felt later in life that he had wasted what little educational opportunities he had been given.

After leaving school he was apprenticed to Thomas Melhuish (1737?-1802 qv), a draper and grocer at Taunton in Somerset. He did not find the situation altogether to his liking, as his master and mistress were very much older than he and Thomas Melhuish was a man of a very reserved and morbid temperament. Joseph went regularly to meeting for worship, but it was a habit and the principles of the Society had no great hold on him. At the close of his apprenticeship he was offered the business, as Thomas Melhuish wished to retire, but his parents wanted him home to help in the small general shop at Glastonbury which was part of his father's business.

In the summer of 1798 William Crotch ( - 1805 qv) visited Glastonbury and he and Joseph Metford became firm friends and went on several journeys together. About this time Joseph received a call to the ministry and gave his first public testimony at Pensford in 1799.

He was married in 1801 to Elizabeth Rawes (1779-1855 qv) of Marnhull in Dorset(2) and there were ten children(3). He needed something more substantial than a small grocery shop for the support of his growing family and after trying stocking making he entered into partnership in a large wine making business at Bath, continuing to live at Glastonbury until his partner retired in 1819.

He had always been very interested in the republican progress of the French and was liberal in his views; so liberal in fact that his strong political bias was considered inconsistent with the peaceful, quiescent spirit of a minister of the Gospel and in 1834 he was removed from his status as a recorded minister. He continued to speak in meetings for worship, encouraged by a number of his friends, so that his removal caused bitter dissension in the meeting.

He moved with his wife and family to Southampton, where there was a large meeting, and among whom there were many who were warmly attached to him. Attempts were made to get him reinstated as a minister, but they were not successful. He lived in Southampton until 1845, removing thereafter to two or three other places, but his experience was always the same; his ministry was accepted by some, but he was never reinstated. While an acknowledged minister he travelled in England, Scotland and Ireland, where he was deeply interested in the political situation, and

in 1839 he visited America, accompanied by two of his children.

Some years before his death he became blind, but his other faculties remained unimpaired and he bore his affliction with courage and dignity.

' Joseph Metford of Congresbury in Somerset died on 9 February 1863, at the age of eighty six(4).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Life of Joseph Metford, Journal of the Friends Historical Society,  
vol 25 (1928) pp 33-50

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as a hosier
- 2 The wedding was at Marnhull on 15 July 1801: he is described as a shopkeeper of Glastonbury, the son of William and Mary of Glastonbury; she is described as the daughter of William and Eleanor of Marnhull in Dorset (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-  

Mary	b 22 April 1802	m 1822 Samuel Thomas
William	b 13 June 1803	d 11 April 1832, aged 29
*Joseph	b 3 June 1805	
*Francis	b 18 Feb 1807	
*Samuel qv	b 22 Nov 1810	
*Henry	b 21 Dec 1812	
*Alexander	b 11 Aug 1814	
*Thomas Beaven	b 21 Feb 1816	
Eleanor	b 13 Feb 1818	m 1847 Alexander Thompson
Seymer	b 30 March 1820	m 1841 Ellen Eliza Rutter

\*No marriages traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1890
- 4 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

#### SEE ALSO:-

The Friend vol 3 (1863) p 74: 2 line entry for death; his name is given as Thetford

Annual Monitor 1864, p 79: 2 line entry for death

There is reference, without his elaboration, to his speaking in the afternoon meeting at Gracechurch Street on the Sunday of YM 1808 (Norman Penney, Pen pictures, 1930, p 117; Penney adds a brief note (p 119) and a quotation from his autobiography (p 88))

METFORD, Joseph (1776-1863)

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METFORD, Joseph, 1776-1863

Joseph Metford was a Somerset Friend, and married a daughter of William Rawes of Marnhull, in 1801. He occupied the curious position of a speaker in meetings after had been removed from the status of Recorded Minister.

Autobiography in J.of Friends Hist.Soc: vol.XXV 1928

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930, p.119

Returned to Glastonbury and had a shop. Was a friend of William Crofton. Became a minister among Friends.

w., 1801, Elizabeth Rawes (d.1855) They had 10 children.

J.M. was interested in the republican progress of the French and was always very liberal in his views, for which he was finally put out of the Meeting for Ministers and Friends. This occurred in 1834.

1839 visited in America. Became blind.

died, 9, 1863 at Congresbury, aged 87 years.

The Friend (London), 3 (1863):71

An. Rep. (N.S.), 22 (1864):79

METFORD, Mary (1737-1799) born Pike

Mary Pike, the daughter of John Pike ( ) and his wife Mary (born ), was born on 13.ii.[April] 1737(1).

She was married in 1759 to William Metford (1735-1811 qv) of Glastonbury in Somerset and there were six children, born between 1763 and 1776(2).

Mary Metford of Glastonbury died on 9 May 1799, at the age of sixty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her place of birth and her father's occupation and residence are not given
- 2 For marriage and children see METFORD, William (1735-1811)
- 3 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: no description of her is given

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

METFORD, Mary (1765-1837) after 1784 Clark

[Mary Metford, daughter of William Metford ( )  
and his wife Mary (born Pike,  
of Glastonbury in Somerset, was married in 1784 to  
Thomas Clark (1759-1850 qv) of Grenton in Somerset.

See CLARK, Mary (1765-1837) born Metford ]

[Sarah Metford, daughter of William Metford (1735-1811 qv)  
and his wife Mary (born Tilly, 1777-1780 qv) of Glastonbury in Somerset, was married in 1793 to Isaac Parsons (1767-1830 qv) of Woolland in Gloucestershire.

METFORD, Samuel (1810-1896)

Samuel Metford, the son of Joseph Metford (1776-1863 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Rawes, -1855 ) of Glastonbury in Somerset, was born there on 22 November 1810(1). His character was distinguished by great amiability and a deep religious spirit. He delighted in tending the sick and needy and was a devoted son to his blind father.

In 1834 Samuel Metford went to America and worked on farms there and in Canada. After this he was two years in New York with a wholesale china-importer. Having developed great skill in cutting out silhouette profiles, he travelled with an artist all over the United States, occupying several years in this way. On returning to England he travelled about as a "Profilist," mainly among Friends, until photography superseded his art. He then settled with his parents near Congresbury in Somerset.

The habits acquired of careful attention to the wants of others continued all his life. He liked to seek out friendless lads and take them for a holiday or a country ramble. After the break-up of his home in 1865 he re-visited America for two years and, on return, he moved about among his friends in Somerset.

Samuel Metford often avowed himself at heart as a "true, old-fashioned Friend." He died at Weston-super-Mare on 31 May 1896, at the age of eighty five(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1897, p 105

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 23, p 68: vol 25,  
pp 47, 50

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METFORD, William (1735-1811)

William Metford, the son of Joseph Metford ( ) and his wife Jane (born ), was born on 28.iv.[ June] 1735(1).

He was married in 1759 to Mary Pike (1757-1799 qv)(2) and there were six children, born between 1763 and 1776(3).

The family lived at Glastonbury in Somerset(4).

William Metford of Glastonbury died on 28 December 1811, at the age of seventy six(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his place of birth and his father's occupation and residence are not given

2 The wedding was in 1759: no description of either party is given (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)

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

Jeny	b 24 July 1763	buried 4 June 1775
Mary qv	b 2 Aug 1765	m 1784 Thomas Clark (1759-1850 qv)
Sarah qv	b 4 Sept 1771	<sup>as wif</sup> / m 1793 Isaac Parsons (1767?-1830 qv)
Amy qv	b 11 May 1773	m 1796 William Stephens (1756-1837 qv)
*Ann	b 24 May 1775	
Joseph	b 19 Dec 1776	m 1801 Elizabeth Rawes (1779-1855 qv) (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages)

\*No marriage traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest

4 His three eldest children are shown as having been born at Glastonbury, but no occupation is given for him: no information is given as to the birth place of the three youngest children

5 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 25, p 33: vol 45, p 26

MEW, Richard (1620?-1690)

Richard Mew was a baker, of Limehouse. As a widower he married Mary Smart (1618?-1680) widow of Stepney at the house of James Brock, Mile End Green, Stepney in 1667. Richard Mew was one of the purchasers of the colony of East New Jersey in 1682 (Jnl FHS xiii.76). He died 'of a hectic fever' and his wife 'of a cancer in side'.

Second Part of the Peoples... Liberties Asserted, 1670

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.334

WBE:

MEYER, Frederick Brothertoh, 1847-1929

b. April 8, 1847 in Clapham, London, Eng., son of  
Frederick and Ann (Sturt) Meyer. His mother was a  
Friend, but F.B.M. never joined.

ed. Brighton College and then in 1866 entered  
Regents' Park (Baptist) College where he took his B.A.  
in 1869.

m. 1871 Jane Eliza Jones. One daughter.

1872 called to the Baptist Chapel in York and was  
much influenced by D.L.Moody.

1874, pastor, Vistoria Road Baptist Church,  
Leicester until his resignation in 1878. Melbourne Hall,  
Leicester was built for him.

Served two different terms as president of National  
Free Church Council, 1904-05 and 1920-21.

1908 presided at World's Sunday School Convention  
at Washington, D.C. He wrote many books and tracts. Also  
travelled in Germany, Canada, the Americas, etc.

d. March 28, 1929 at Bournemouth in his 82d year.

The Friend (London), 34(1894):582; 44(1904):539 (port.)

DNB, Sup. 4, 582-3

MEYNELL, Samuel Tuke (1846-1919) born Mennell

Samuel Tuke Mennell was born on 19 August 1846 at Scarborough, Yorkshire, the son of George (1810-1892 qv) and Hannah Mennell (1811-1869 qv born Tuke) (1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, where he was a pupil from 1857 to 1862 (2).

In 1873 he married Ellen Elizabeth (1844-1923) Newman, daughter of Edward (1801-1876 qv) and Maria Preston Newman (, born Hale); three children of the marriage are recorded (3).

At some time he changed the spelling of his surname to Meynell (4). He was 'at one time managing director of M. Coulson & Co., Ltd., colliery engineers, Spennymoor, co. Durham' (5). It seems likely that he left the Society in the 1880s; he died on 10 October 1919 at Newcastle on Tyne (6).

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births, where no occupation is given for his father; Bernard Thistletonwaite, The Bax family, 1936, p 287 gives the date as 20 August.
- 2 Bootham register, 1935, p 266.
- 3 Ibid.; Bax family, loc cit. The marriage is not recorded in the Digest of Marriages; The Friend vol 13 ns, 6 June 1873 p 167 carries an announcement that it took place on 17 May at Peckham, describing him as of Tynemouth and she as daughter of Edward Newman, York Grove, Peckham. The children are not recorded in the Digest of Births, nor in the printed Lists of members of Newcastle MM, 1874-1877. They are given as follows in Bax family, loc cit:

Piers Henry	b 17 July 1874		
Hilda Mary	b 1 April 1875	d	1933
Gerard Tuke	b 27 Nov 1878	m Esther Hallam Moorhouse	
- 4 He appears as Mennell at his marriage and in Durham QM Lists of members under Newcastle until 1886; it had clearly changed by the 1914 edition of the Bootham register. His brother Wilfrid I. Meynell (1852-1948 qv) made the same change.
- 5 Bax family, loc cit; in the 1914 and 1935 editions of the Bootham register he is described as a manufacturer of 4 Claremont Place, Newcastle.
- 6 His name last appears in the Durham QM List under Newcastle in 1886; and does not appear at all in the 1887 List. His wife Ellen appears as a non-member until 1882, when the family were living at Heworth Hall, Felling, but not subsequently. His death is recorded in Bax family, loc cit; it does not appear in the Digest of Deaths.

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MEYNEN, Dirk Herman

[Dick] ( 1894 ? - 1982 )

Dirk Meynen was born in Holland in about the year 1894 (1). We have no details of his early life but he married and in 1929 he and his wife, Christine Petronell ( Tia ) came to England to work in London for the Shell Oil Company. In London he came into contact with Friends and joined Golders Green Meeting soon after.(2) They stayed in England until 1952 when they returned to The Hague. He missed his English Friends and the English way of life but settled in and he served as clerk to The Hague Monthly Meeting and was also a member of the Friends World Committee for Consultation. He was a keen worker for peace and reconciliation and this work took him several times to Eastern Europe. He spoke often to outside groups about Quakerism and he and Tia had a deep concern for the wider Quaker Fellowship. He was a modest man, simple, encouraging and loyal.

He died on January 23, 1982 at the age of 88.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 140 (1982) p. 302

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 88 at death.
2. London/Middlesex QM printed lists of members record them as members at Golders Green in 1937. Their last appearance is in the list for 1952.

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MICHENER, Dwight Wilfred, 1898-1970.

Research economist.

b. 24 June 1898, Truro, Mahaska City, Iowa; s. Frank W. and Mary Ellen (Atkinson) Michener.

ed. one room rural school, preparatory department of Penn Coll.; 1922, A.B. Penn Coll.; 1923, M.A. Haverford Coll.; graduate work, Universities of California, Washington, and Wisconsin, and Columbia University School of Business.

m. Aug. 1923, Ardis Roberts, a Penn College classmate; one daughter.

1917, to France to do reconstruction work with the American Friends Service Committee.

1923-1928, Professor of Economics and Sociology, Pacific Coll., Newberg, Oregon; coached athletics.

1928-1930, Columbia Graduate School of Business; second year received a fellowship and did teaching there.

1930, Special Asst. to Dr. Benjamin Anderson, Chief Economist with Chase National Bank in N.Y.C.

1932-1950, Asst. Economist at Chase Bank.

During World War II worked with research staff of International Chambers of Commerce on post-war problems. Member Research Council of American Bank Association, which he sometimes chaired; member American Statistical Association and Academy of Political Science.

WBE:

MICHENER, Ezra (Dr.), 1794-1887

b. Nov. 24, 1794 in London Grove Township, Chester County, Penna., son of Mordecai and Alice (Dunn) Michener.

ed. graduated 1818 from Univ. of Penna. and became a medical doctor. Friend of Eli K. Price.

1819, m., Sarah Spencer (d.1843)

1828 wrote An appeal from church censure - to the members, termed Orthodox, held at West Grove.

1844, m., Mary S. Walton

1860 published Retrospect of Early Quakerism; 1869, The Christian Casket.

As a botanist he was especially interested in fungi. He assisted William Darlington in the preparation of Flora Cestrica. He was one of the first in medicine to use ergot as a uterine tonic. Invented an apparatus for treatment of fracture of the femur.

Furnished material to Judge Futhey for his History of Chester County.

d. June 24, 1887 at Toughkenamon, Pa., aged 92.

DAB, 12:596

Frds, Intel., 44:426

Jos. Smith&s Cat., 2:174

Bul. Frds. Hist Soc., 37, No.2:69

Autobiographical notes from the life and letters of Ezra Michener (1893)-portrait

Michener, Sixty years after, 53

WBE:

MICKLE, Archibald, -1706

Lisburn, Ireland.

1682, came to Philadelphia and later settled in New Jersey.

1686, m., Sarah Watts. 7 sons, 3 daughters.

He was the owner of considerable real estate.

Elizabeth Estaugh mentions him as an Overseer zealously concerned to discharge the trust reposed in him.

d. 1706, Newton, New Jersey

John Smith's Ms., 1:472

Clement, First settlers in Newton, Twsp., Index, 139,140, 141, 145,147,321,349.

WBE:

MICKLE, Isaac

Philadelphia (?), Pa.

Attorney at Law.

1845 wrote Reminiscences of Old Gloucester...&c

This is a mine of information concerning early New Jersey  
history.

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup., 249

WBE:

MICKLE, Samuel, 1746-1830

b. 1746

Merchant at Woodbury, N.J. He kept a diary.

He was a sincere friend of education and very systematic  
and punctual.

d. March 31, 1830 after a very short illness at  
Woodbury, New Jersey in his 84th year.

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 22:78

The Friend (Phila.), 3(1830):220

MIDDLETON, Benjamin (1746-1814)

Benjamin Middleton of Wellingborough married Tabitha Hoyland (c.1750-1809); their daughter Maria (1793-1814) married Samuel Fox of Wellington, Somerset. Tabitha Middleton was one of the women who pleaded for a Women's Y.M. in 1784.

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.36

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MIDDLETON, Boswell (or Baswell), c.1668-1763

b. c.1668 and lived at Boroughbridge, Yorks.,  
England.

Was imprisoned about 11 years for non-payment of tithes, which treatment he bore with resignation, and desired his adversary might be forgiven.

c. 1737, in his 70th year he spoke as a minister, in which he was sound, refreshing and edifying.

His memory became impaired in the last two or three years of his life.

d. May 8, 1763 and was buried at Burton near Barnsley in his 96th year.

Piety pro., 8th part, 394  
Besse, 2:90,91,102.

Additional information

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MIDDLETON, Bossall or Boswell (1667/8 or 1668/9-1763)

Bossall Middleton, the son of Bossall and Margaret Middleton of Knaresborough in Yorkshire, was born there on 13.i.1668 (i.e. probably March 1667/8 but possibly March 1668/9).<sup>(1)</sup> His parents were Friends in good esteem, but they died when he was young and he was thereby "the more exposed to the alluring Temptations of the world and was in imminent danger of falling in with the same, for he had often slighted inward conviction." However, he gradually became obedient to the light of Christ in his heart and was convinced of the Truth, becoming a diligent attender at meetings and a supporter of the discipline. He twice suffered "Imprisonment by a Priest for Non payment of his demands, the whole about 11 years, which he bore with much Christian Patience and Resignation being exemplary in Suffering and was so attended with Divine Assistance, that he fervently desired his Adversary might be forgiven." He appeared as a minister when he was about sixty eight and his ministry was sound, refreshing and edifying. In 1727 he married Eunice Hick<sup>(2)</sup> and there were four children of the marriage.<sup>(3)</sup>

He died at Barnsley in Yorkshire on 8 May 1763<sup>(4)</sup> and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Burton near Barnsley. He was ninety five and had been a minister for about twenty seven years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Knaresborough MM 22 March 1764 in TGMD vol.2 p.200

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest 1578-1776: he was born on 13.i.1668 (i.e. probably March 1667/8 but possibly March 1668/9), the son of Bossall and Margaret of Knaresborough
- 2 The wedding took place in 1727, but no precise date is given. He is described as Bossall Middleton Junr of Borrowbridge; she is described as Eunice Hick of Stitham in Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 23.iv.(June)1728
Eunice	b 24.iv.(June)1729
Bossall	b 5.xi.1730 (i.e. January 1730/31)
Priscilla	b 12.ii.(April)1732
- 4 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he died on 8 May 1763; no description of him is given

WBE:

MIDDLETON, Gabriel, 1773-1850

b. May 24, 1773 at Crosswicks, New Jersey.

Overseer at Green St. Monthly Meeting, Phila.,  
Penn. Also, Trustee of Burial Ground at 16th and Race  
Sts., Phila.

1831 had possession of Records of Bucks Quarterly  
Meeting at the time of the Camden trial.

Was said to have been the last Friend to wear  
knee-breeches.

d. Feb. 20, 1850 in Phila. Pa, in his 77th year.

Frds. Intel., 6(1850):397

Shotwell, complainant, Foster's report, 2:397,399

Ogden, The Quaker Ogdens in America, 94.

MIDDLETON, Hannah (1786-1835) *gt*

Hannah Middleton was born in 1786 at Wellingborough,  
near Northampton, the daughter of Benjamin and Tabitha  
Middleton, who were Friends.

She lived with her sister, and in 1816 became a minister.  
They both moved to Southampton in 1821, when Hannah went  
on a number of journeys all over England, in particular to  
Holland and Germany, in 1826.

In 1827 she moved to Wellingborough, where she died  
in 1835.

Testimony of West Somerset M.M. in MS Test. vol.6 p.81

~~(Re-check with original with reference to places of residence  
and of death)~~

WBE:

MIDDLETON, Joseph

Hampton-Abbey, Norfolk, England.

1715 wrote The Quakers vindicated, from the imputation of heresie, &c. (This is mostly an account of a debate upon the subject of baptism.)

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:175

WBE:

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MIDDLETON, Joshua, 1647-1720,

b. 1647, Darlington, England. He was raised a Presbyterian.

Convinced and joined Friends.

m.

A minister, his testimony was plain and intelligible; travelled in many parts of England and Scotland. He was very liberal with the poor.

1708 wrote A tender and compassionate call to profane swearers...

d. 27 XI 1720, at Newcastle-upon-tyne, aged about 73 years.

Piety pro., 10th part, 422

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:175

MIDDLETON, Maria (1793-1844) after 1827 Fox

[Maria Middleton, daughter of Benjamin Middleton (1746-1814 qv)  
and his wife Tabitha (born Hoyland, 1749/50-1809 qv) of  
Wellingborough in Northamptonshire, was married in 1827 to  
Samuel Fox (1794-1874 qv).]

See FOX, Maria (1793-1844) born Middleton ]

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WBE:

MIDDLETON, Maria, afterwards FOX ca. 1793-1844.

see FOX, Maria nee Middleton

WBE:

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MIDDLETON, Tabitha, nee Hoyland, c.1750-1809

b. c.1750 in Sheffield, England, daughter of  
John and Sarah Hoyland. Her mother died when she  
was 14 years old.

c. 1775 she first spoke as a minister.

1783, m., Benjamin Middleton of Wellingborough.

T.M. is held to have been "a mother in Isreal" and a  
judicious counsellor.

d. Oct. 18, 1809 in Wellingborough, aged 59 years.

Piety pro., 1829, 4.

# Additional Information

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1749/50 / MIDDLETON, Tabitha (1749-1809) born Hoyland

Tabitha Hoyland was the daughter of John and Sarah Hoyland of Sheffield.(1) Her mother died when she was about thirteen and this loss caused her to turn increasingly to religion for support. She was a member of a large family, on whom her sober and humble cast of mind exercised a stabilising influence. She appeared as a minister when she was about twenty four and between 1779 and 1782 she visited the families of Friends in various parts of Yorkshire and the adjacent counties. She was married in 1783 to Benjamin Middleton of Wellingboro(2) and there were four children.(3) After her marriage she continued to make religious visits, going into Scotland and into various counties in England.

She died on 18 October 1809 and was buried at Wellingboro.(4) She was fifty nine and had been a minister for about thirty four years.

## PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Wellingboro MM 5 March 1810 in TCND vol.4 pp.290-292

## REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: Tabitha Hoyland was born on 21.xi.1749 (i.e. January 1749/50), the daughter of John and Sarah Hoyland of Sheffield
- 2 The wedding was at Sheffield on 30 May 1783. He is described as a woollen draper living at Wellingboro, the son of Benjamin and Hannah Middleton of Wellingboro: she is described as the daughter of John and Sarah Hoyland of Sheffield, Yorkshire. (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Northamptonshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

John	b 20 December 1784
Hannah	b 9 September 1786
Mary	b 13 March 1790
Maria	b 30 March 1793
- 4 Northamptonshire QM Digest of Burials: she died at Wellingboro on 18 October 1809; she is described as the wife of Benjamin

MIDDLETON, Thomas (1710-1803) 21

Also WBE

Son of John Middleton (born in England, 1686: died at Crosswicks, N.J. 1mo. (March) 25, 1741) and his wife, Esther (daughter of Thomas and Esther Gilberthorpe) born 12mo. (February) 3, 1684: died 4mo. (June) 27, 1759).

Thomas Middleton was born near Crosswicks, 11m<sup>o</sup>. 8, 1710, and married at Shrewsbury Meeting, N.J. 11mo. (January) 15, 1735, Patience, daughter of Samuel and Patience Tilton. They settled on the farm of his father, John Middleton, and had twelve children.

Patience Middleton, his wife, died 5mo. 18, 1778, at the age of sixty one. Two years later, Thomas Middleton, who had lost his eyesight, married for the second time, 12mo. 1780, Mercy, widow of Matthew Forsythe. She led him through the meeting at both ceremonies, the "passing" and the marriage, as was then necessary.

Thomas Middleton died 9mo. 21, 1803, at the advanced age of ninety three years, having been a preacher recorded for forty seven years, and traveling about on his tours long after he became totally blind.

The house in which Thomas Middleton lived is still standing, in excellent repair, and owned by his descendants, near Crosswicks. One of these has kindly furnished the following notes: "Near the kitchen door is the old brick smoke-house, where the hams and bacon were smoked and kept during the summer, and used as wanted. John Woolman had probably seen the negro man getting some of it down from the beam for supper. In the meadow behind the house is a stream of water known as "Doctor's Creek", which is crossed by a log in going to and fro to call on the neighbours. Often in time of storm it overflows its banks and becomes dangerous." He adds, "Having eaten too heartily of the old bacon for supper, and partaken freely of strong tea, there was an attack of indigestion for which perhaps a little apple whiskey was taken before retiring, causing the brain to keep busy while the body rested. It was well they saw only foxes and cats! No doubt both were temperate Friends, but whiskey was homemade, and in common use at that time, and much later."

[Information from Joseph S. Middleton.]

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922, p.558

Additional information

MIDGLEY, Arthur (1852-1919)

Arthur Midgley was married to Mary Doncaster Cox in New South Wales; there were four children(1).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Listed in Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Mary Elizabeth	b 11 April 1879	no marriage traced to 1939
Irene	b 2 Feb 1881	no marriage traced to 1939
Rosalie	b 1 May 1883	who m (1) 1919 Somerled Macdonald (2) 1945 Gurnell Crafton Green (1861-1952 qv) Marjorie Susanna b 3 Dec 1884 who m 1909 Jonathan Frederick Braithwaite (1883-1962 qv)

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MIDGLEY, Arthur (1852-1919)

Arthur Midgley was born 17 May 1852, the second son of James Howarth and Elizabeth Gibson Midgley of Saffron Walden.

He was educated at Henry B. Smith's at Weston-Super-Mare, both parents having died while he was still a child. Shortly after leaving school he went to Australia and New Zealand for health reasons and, whilst on a second visit to New South Wales, married Mary Doncaster Cox. The couple returned to Great Britain and settled at Saffron Walden. He was a companion to John T. Dorland and, later, to James Carey Thomas in their ministerial work.

Due to the efforts of a Russian prince, Col. Paschkoff, a Sunday mission service was instituted at Saffron Walden and Arthur Midgley felt its care laid upon him.

A recorded minister, his ministry was greatly valued by all who heard it; he drew greatly from both testaments to illustrate his points. But it was in visiting and praying with the sick and dying that his greatest service came - 'no slum habitation was too dirty or miserable for him to enter...'. He frequently undertook 10 days' missions in various parts of England, Scotland and Ireland while his health permitted.

He also started a branch of the YMCA at Saffron Walden, his influence with young men being a very conspicuous talent.

He died 28 November 1919.

Testimony of Thaxter MM in YM Proc. 1920, p. 277

MIDGLEY, Elizabeth (1808-1878) aftw. Thwaite

[Elizabeth Midgley, daughter of James and  
Martha Midgley married John Thwaite

see THWAITE, Elizabeth (1808-1878) born Midgley]

MIDGLEY, Elizabeth (1823-1863) born Gibson

Elizabeth Gibson was born at Saffron Walden on 25 August 1823 (1) the eldest daughter of Jabez and Ann Gibson. In 1846 she married James Hawarth Midgley, and in 1858 was left a widow with four young boys. In spite of a protracted illness which caused her great suffering, she was devoted to the service of the Society, and most regular in her attendance at meetings. During the last four years of her life she frequently spoke, very briefly, in meetings for worship, and it is evident from her own writings that her contributions were the result of deeply felt spiritual convictions. She was recorded a minister in 1861.

She died on 18 April 1863 in the 40th year of her age.

Testimony of Thaxted M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1864 p.xii

References and notes

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest

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Elizabeth Gibson, the eldest daughter of Jabez Gibson (1794-1838 qv) and his wife Ann of Saffron Walden in Essex, was born there in August 1823(1). From her childhood she was religiously inclined and as she grew in years she grew in the knowledge and love of God. She was married in 1846 to James Haworth\* Midgley (1822-1858 qv) of Liverpool and there were six children(2).

Her husband was a Liverpool merchant, but his health was delicate, as was Elizabeth's, and in 1851 they returned to Saffron Walden. But in 1858 James Midgley died and Elizabeth was left a widow with four young sons, her youngest son having died shortly before his father. Her health never fully recovered from these two bereavements, but in spite of a protracted illness which caused her great suffering, she was devoted to the service of the Society and was most regular in her attendance at meetings. During the last four years of her life she frequently spoke, very briefly, in meetings for worship and it is evident from her own writings that her contributions were the result of deeply felt spiritual convictions. She was recorded a minister in 1861, two years before her death.

She maintained a cheerful spirit and was often able to visit distant relatives, which was a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to her. But her health steadily declined and she died on 18 April 1863 at the age of thirty nine(3).

\*His name is incorrectly given as Hawarth in YM Proceedings, 1864, p xii

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Testimony of Thaxted MM in YM Proceedings 1864, p xii  
Annual Monitor 1864, pp 79-85

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a brewer; ~~the precise date of her birth is not given~~
- 2 For marriage and children see MIDGLEY, James Haworth (1822-1858)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a widow

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

MIDGLEY, Llewellyn (1856-1933)

Llewellyn Midgley, the son of James Haworth Midgley (1822-1858 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Gibson, 1823-1863 qv) of Liverpool and Saffron Walden in Essex, was born at Saffron Walden on 23 November 1856(1). He was educated at Stramengate School at Kendal and was for a while bailiff to Lord North at Wraxton Abbey.

He left the Society of Friends on his marriage to Edith Ransome of Ipswich, but he never quite lost his interest in Quakerism. During the closing years of his life he attended Norwich Meeting from time to time and was president of the Wymondham branch of the League of Nations Union.

at Northfield Lodge, Wymondham, on 23 September  
He died ~~in~~ 1933(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend, vol 91 (1933) p 858

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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

2 his death is not recorded in the Digest of Deaths

The Friend vol 91 (1933) p 872.

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

MIDGLEY, Martha (1784-1862) born Haworth

Martha Haworth, the daughter of James and Elizabeth Haworth of Shuttleworth Hall in Hepton, Lancashire, was born there on 29 April 1784(1). She was married in 1808 to James Midgley of Rochdale(2) and there were seven children(3).

Her estimate of her own qualities was a humble one, but she was a regular attender at meetings for worship and discipline, where she was valued for her simplicity, humility and reverence. Her understanding was quick and sympathetic and she was always ready with the appropriate word for an occasion. Her life contained many trials, which she bore cheerfully, strengthened by her practice of spending a part of every evening in private retirement and by daily reading of the Bible.

Her mind remained clear to the end of her life and she died after a short illness on 7 August 1862, at the age of seventy eight(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1863, pp 94-96

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Crawshawbooth, Lancashire, on 27 January 1808: he is described as of Buersill in the parish of Rochdale, Lancashire, the son of William, a merchant, and his wife Alice of Buersill; she is described as the daughter of James, a yeoman, and Elizabeth Haworth, of Shuttleworth hall, Hepton, Lancashire (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Elizabeth qv	b 21 Nov 1808	who m 1859 John Thwaite
Henry	b 7 Nov 1811	no marriage traced to 1880
Alice	b 31 July 1814	who d 26 June 1821
Susannah	b 5 Sept 1816	no marriage traced to 1880
Martha qv	b 17 Dec 1819	who m 1849 John Walker Cash
James Haworth	b 26 Jan 1822	who m 1846 Elizabeth Gibson
Alfred	b 13 June 1826	no marriage traced to 1880
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Rochdale, the widow of James

(1823-1863qv)

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

MIDGLEY, James Haworth (1822-1858)

James Haworth\* Midgley, the son of James Midgley and his wife Martha (born Haworth, 1784-1862 qv) of Rochdale in Lancashire, was born there on 26 January 1822(1). He was a merchant of Liverpool(2) and was married in 1846 to Elizabeth Gibson (1823-1863 qv) of Saffron Walden in Essex(3); there were six children(4). His health was delicate and in 1851 he and his family moved to Saffron Walden(5).

He died on 9 June 1858(6), at the age of thirty six.

\*His name is incorrectly given as Hawarth in YM Proceedings, 1864, p xii

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a flannel manufacturer
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Saffron Walden on 3 September 1846: he is described as a bachelor, a merchant of 5 Pembroke Place, Liverpool, the son of James Midgley, gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Hill Street, Saffron Walden, the daughter of Jabez Gibson, a banker (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

*Edward Gibson	b 8 June 1848	
Mary Ann	b 21 June 1850	who d 1851
*Arthur qv	b 17 May 1852	
James Herbert qv	b 18 Feb 1854	who m 1879 Martha Lilius Cash
*Llewellyn qv	b 23 Nov 1856	who m Edith Ransome
Rowland	b 7 Jan 1858	who d 19 April 1858
- 5 No marriages for these children are traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 6 Annual Monitor 1864, p 30
- Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of Saffron Walden

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

WBE:

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MIDGLEY, James Herbert, 1854-1929

b. 1854 at Saffron Walden, England, son of  
James and Elizabeth (Gibson) Midgley.

ed. studied chemistry at Edinburgh. Then took up  
art and studied for two years at Weimar.

A minister.

m., 1879, Martha Lilius Cash (d.1918) 3 children.  
Lived at Surbiton, later at Edinburgh.

c. 1782 built a home at Grange-over-Sands in the  
Lake District, where he lived for 25 years.

Served as Justice of the Peace and was an able  
public speaker. Exhibited his paintings until the end  
of his life.

d. Aug. 2, 1929 at Torquay, Cornwall, aged 75 years.

The Friend (London), 69(1929):726, 747 (portrait)

MIDGLEY, Martha (1819-1911) aftw. Cash

[ Martha Midgley, daughter of James Midgley of Springhill, Rochdale and his wife Martha (nee ) was married in 1849 to John Walker Cash of Leeds

see CASH, Martha (1819-1911) born Midgley ]

WBE:

MIDGEEY, Mary Doncaster, nee Cox, c.1857-1934

b. c.1857 in New South Wales(?), Australia(?)

daughter of George and Cox.

m. c.1878, Arthur Midgley and came to Saffron Walden, England.

An elder.

1919 became the first woman to serve as Counsellor for the borough of Saffron Walden. Was a poor law guardian.

d. March 11, 1934 at Saffron Walden in her 77th year.

The Friend (London), 92(1934):249 (portrait)

MIDWINTER, Elizabeth (1754-1814) born Tyler

Elizabeth Tyler, the daughter of John Tyler (1727-1765 qv) and his wife Mary (born Taylor, 1726-1798 qv) of Shutford in Oxfordshire, was born there on 29 May 1754(1).

She was married in 1780 to John Midwinter (1752-1823 qv), a flax dresser of Banbury in Oxfordshire and there were four children(2).

Elizabeth Midwinter of Bloxham in Oxfordshire died on 2 December 1814, at the age of sixty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see MIDWINTER, John (1752-1823)
- 3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: no description of her is given

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

MIDWINTER, John (1752-1823)

John Midwinter, the son of John Midwinter ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Bloxham in Oxfordshire, was born there on 2 November 1752(1).

He became a flax dresser at Banbury in Oxfordshire(2) and was married in 1780 to Elizabeth Tyler (1754-1814 qv) of North Newington in Oxfordshire (3); there were four children(4). Later on he became a rope maker(5).

John Midwinter of Bloxham died on 14 February 1823, at the age of seventy one(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 Banbury on 2 October 1780: he is described as a flax dresser of Banbury in Oxfordshire, the son of John and Mary Midwinter of Bloxham, Oxfordshire; she is described as of North Newington, Oxfordshire, the daughter of John and Mary Tyler of North Newington (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

*Mary	b 11 July 1781	
*William	b 13 April 1783	
Hannah	b 15 June 1785	m 1807 Joseph Hankins
Sarah	b 18 Aug 1787	m 1835 Thomas Goodyear
- \*No marriages traced in Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1855
- 5 He is so described in his burial entry, note 6
- 6 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: he is described as a rope maker

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

~~MIERS~~

~~MYERS~~, Walter (1633?-1723/4)

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see ~~MIERS~~, Walter (1633?-1723/4)

WBE:  
Additional information

MIERS (or Myers), Walter,

Lived at Baycliffe, near Swarthmoor, Lanc., Eng.

A minister.

1665, At Kingston Meeting, Walter Miers and others were taken and fined. Since he declined to pay, he was committed for one month to gaol.

Ross, Margaret Fell, 133, 194, 396

Besse, I:693

WBE:

MIFFLIN, Derby, ~~1757~~, Howell, 1757-1844

b. March 28, 1757 at Chester, Penna. daughter of  
Samuel and Ann Howell.

m. c.1779, Daniel Mifflin of Camden, Del.,(d.1812)  
1801 an elder.

1841, partially disabled by a fall. At the separation  
she had kept with Race St. Friends.

d. Jan. 26, 1844 at Camden, Del. in her 87th year.

Phila. Y.M. (Race St.), Memorials, 1848: 32

WBE:

MIFFLIN, John Houston, 1807-1889

b. 1807 at Columbia (?), Pa. His ancestors on his father's side came from Wiltshire, England.

ed. Westtown School, 1819. Then he studied in England.

A portrait painter, he practiced mostly in the South of the United States.

Published 1833 On the fine arts in America...; 1835, Rhymes of an artist.

m. 1844, Elizabeth Anne Bethel Heise. Children. On account of the ill-health of his wife, he gave up his painting and devoted himself to her and to their children.

d. c.1889 in his 82d year.

DAB, 12:605 (Biog. of his son Lloyd)

Westtown Catalogue, 51

Frds. Hist Lib., Sw., BX 7616

WBE:

MIFFLIN, Lloyd, 1846-1921

B. Sept. 15, 1846 at Columbia, Pa., son of John Houston Mifflin and his wife Elizabeth Anne Bethel (Heise) Mifflin. There is some doubt whether Lloyd was ever a member of Friends.

ed. public schools of Columbia; private school of Howard W. Gilbert; Washington Classical Institute; for instruction in drawing studied at Phila. under Isaac Williams and Thomas Moran.

1869, visited Europe and studied under Henry Herzpg at Dusseldorf, Germany. Again in 1871-72 he studied in Europe. Declining health caused him to abandon painting. He turned to poetry, especially the sonnet.

Published Collected Sonnets in 1915, and many others.

1915, suffered a stroke.

d. July 16, 1921 at Norwood, Columbia in his 75th year.

DAB, 12:605

WBE:

MIFFLIN, Mary, nee Pusey, c.1743-1823

b. c.1743, London Grove, Pa., daughter of  
Joshua and Mary Pusey, of London Grove, Pa.

c. 1760, a minister.

m., c.1762 Joseph Husband. 8 children. He died  
in 1786. They had travelled extensively in Penna.,  
Maryland and Virginia.

m. (2d), Daniel Mifflin, and removed to  
Accomac County, Virginia.

Removed again, to Baltimore, Md. Then in 1820  
she returned to Deer Creek, Maryland.

d. March 28, 1823 at Deer Creek in her 81st year.

Comly, Frds. Misc., III:46

Balto. Y.M., Memorials, (1833):116

WBE:

MIFFLIN, Sarah, nee Blundel, later Turner, 1761-1845

see

Turner, Sarah, nee Blundel, afterwards Mifflin, then  
Turner.

WBE:

MIFFLIN, Thomas, 1744-1800

b. Jan. 10, 1744 at Phila., Pa., son of John and Elizabeth Bagnell Mifflin.

ed. Quaker schools and graduated from the College of Philadelphia (later Univ. of Penna.)

Employed first in the counting house of William Coleman in Philadelphia. Became a leading merchant.

Member of the Continental Congress where he was a capable speaker.

m., 1767, Sarah Morris on March 4th.

1775, joined with and promoted measures of a warlike nature. Discowned by Phila. Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Made a brigadier-general and was aide-de-camp to Geo. Washington. Present at the battles of Trenton and Princeton. Was quartermaster of the army, a post which he resigned in 1777.

1790-91 first governor of Pennsylvania. Served in this office for three terms. Was a critic of Washington's "Fabian tactics". T.M. was somewhat extravagant in money matters and died penniless. In appearance he was of medium height, athletic frame and handsome.

d. Jan. 20, 1800 at Lancaster, Penna., aged 56 years.

[ Rossman, Thomas Mifflin and the Politics of the American Revolution.] E.B.B.  
DAB, 12:606

Sharpless, Qu. Exp't in Gov't., 2:135  
Enc. Brit., 15:461 Hinshaw, Encyc., 2:597 B.C.  
Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:176

WBE:

MIFFLIN, Warner, 17~~45~~-1798

b. Oct. 21, 1745 at Pharsalia, Accomac County, Virginia, son of Daniel and Mary (Warner) Mifflin.

m. (1st) Elizabeth Johns, without the consent of Friends for which they both later made acknowledgment and were restored to good standing.

1768 awakened religiously by Rachel Wilson of Eng.

1770 made a justice of the peace, his only political office.

1774-75 Freed all his slaves and those he had received from his father's estate. Was the first man to do so, and for all the rest of his life he worked against slavery.

1777 with other Friends he visited both Howe and Washington to justify the conduct of the Quakers in not participating in the war.

1788, m. (2d) Ann Emlen and removed to Kent County, Delaware.

1793, published A serious expostulation with the members of the House of Representatives...; 1796, A Defence of Warner Mifflin.

d. Oct. 16, 1798 near Camden. Del. of yellow fever caught earlier in Philadelphia.

WBE:

MIFFLIN, Warner, 1745-1798

page 2.

The Friend (Phila.) 17:143

Justice, Life of Warner Mifflin

Jordan, Col. Fam. of Phila., 845

Comly, Frds. Misc., II:328

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:176

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 19:50

DAB 12:608

MILDRED, Lydia (1738-1810) born Daniel

Lydia Daniel, the daughter of Thomas ( -1761?) and Sarah Daniel (1700-1750 , born Oade) was born at Bristol on 12.iii[May] 1738 (1). In 1756 she married Daniel Mildred (1731-1788 qv); there were ten children of the marriage recorded (2).

With her two youngest daughters, the twins Mary (1778-1871, after 1815 Hustler qv) and Martha (1778-1857, after 1811 Richardson qv), she removed in 1799 from Upton to Tottenham (3). She died at Tottenham on 20 July 1810 (4).

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest, where the place of birth is given as [St] James' parish, Bristol; no description of her father is given.
- 2 For the marriage and children see MILDRED, Daniel (1731-1788)
- 3 Devonshire House MM minutes vol 13 (1796-1802) pp 313-314, 325, 9 July and 3 September 1799, when a certificate of removal for them was approved, directed to Tottenham MM.
- 4 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest, where she is described as a widow, aged about 72, of Tottenham. She was buried at Jordans FBG.

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MILDRED, Martha (1778-1857) after 1811 Richardson

(Martha Mildred, twin daughter of Daniel and Lydia Mildred of London, was married in 1811 to William Richardson (1781-1864 qv).

See RICHARDSON, Martha (1778-1857) born Mildred)

MILDRED, Mary (1778-1871) after 1815 Hustler

, as his second wife, / (Mary Mildred, daughter of Daniel and Lydia Mildred of London, was married in 1815 to John Hustler (1768-1842 qv). )

See HUSTLER, Mary (1778-1871) born Mildred )

MILDRED, Sarah (1762-1829) after 1783 Tuke

[Sarah Mildred, daughter of Daniel and Lydia Mildred  
of London, was married in 1783 to John Tuke (1759-  
1841, qv).]

see TUKE, Sarah (1762-1829) born Mildred ]

MILES, Catherine (1841-1873) born Bax

Catherine Bax, the daughter of Thomas Bax (1795-1878 qv) and his second wife Emily Sarah (born Littell, 1805?-1880 qv) of 143 Bishopsgate Street, London, was born there on 31 March 1841(1).

She was married in 1863 to Edward Miles (1830-1912 qv), a dentist of Holloway and there were three children(2).

Catherine Miles of Green Road, Tottenham, died on 9 January 1873, at the age of thirty one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a corn dealer
- 2 For marriage and children see MILES, Edward (1830-1912)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Edward

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1874, p 140: 1 line entry for death

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

MILES, Edward (1803?-1872)

Edward Miles, the son of Thomas and Martha Miles of Southampton, was born about the year 1803(1). His mother was a pious woman, whose custom it was to take her children apart and pray not only for but with them and this made a lasting impression on his mind. He was a subscriber to the Religious Tract Society from the age of seventeen until he died, distributing their publications widely at every available time and place. When he grew up he studied dentistry and became a dentist in London(2).

He was twice married. His first wife was Frances Clarke of Peckham in Surrey, whom he married in 1829(3) and there were three children(4). Frances Miles died in 1836(5) and in 1864 he married Rachel Day of Epping in Essex(6), but this second marriage was childless(7).

He was for many years an active member of the Society. He was deeply interested in Scripture Reading Meetings, regularly attending one established in his own meeting as well as starting one for the poor in Islington. He supported the Peace Society and was a valued member of its executive committee for many years. Whatever he believed to be his duty he tried with God's help to perform and another strong feature of his character was his forgiving spirit. He was habitually an early riser, devoting the first hours of the morning to reading the Bible and it was his practice to assemble his workmen together before the day began for a reading from the Scriptures. He also wrote extensively both on religious and dental subjects.

But in 1850 he resigned from the Society and joined another church(8). He clearly did not find in this step the satisfaction he sought and applied for re-admission on 13 May 1856; Friends were appointed to visit him and their visits continued for nearly a year, until he withdrew his application to Southwark Monthly Meeting in March 1857(9). He was finally re-admitted to the Society by Westminster & Longford Monthly Meeting in April 1865(10). During his apostasy he had refused in October 1858 to take the oath when summoned for Grand Jury duty.(\*)

His last years were spent in the service of the Society. Edward Miles of Arthur Road, Upper Holloway, died on 17 April 1872, at the age of sixty nine(11).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1873, pp 89-92

\* This episode is the subject of his publication Quaker difficulties, 1859

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 69 at death. There is no entry in Dorset & Hants QM or London & Middlesex QM Digests of Births
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Peckham on 13 August 1829: he is described as a dentist and cuppier of Liverpool Street in the city of London, the son of Thomas and Martha Miles, late of Southampton; she is described as of Peckham in the county of Surrey, the daughter of John and Martha Clarke, late of Moor Critchell in the county of Dorset (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-
 

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- \*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she died 11 Sept 1836
- 6 The wedding was at Epping on 12 July 1864: he is described as not in membership, a widower and surgeon dentist of 62 Arthur Road, Holloway, the son of Thomas Miles, a linen draper; she is described as a spinster of Epping in Essex, the daughter of David Day, a grocer (Digest of Marriages)
- 7 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 8 Minutes of Southwark MM 16 July 1856
- 9 Minutes of Southwark MM 10 March 1857
- 10 Minutes of Westminster & Longford MM 13 April 1865
- 11 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a surgeon dentist

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

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The Drafted Friends in the American War . . . .	1864

Jos. Smith's Catalogue, vol 2, p 177

\* reviewed in The Friend vol 17 (1859) p 151: republished as Reform in earnest, 1864  
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The Friend vol 12 (1872) p 115: notice of death

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- 5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she died 11 Sept 1836
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- 7 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 8 Minutes of Southwark MM 16 July 1856
- 9 Minutes of Southwark MM 10 March 1857
- 10 Minutes of Westminster & Longford MM 13 April 1865
- 11 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a surgeon dentist

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

PUBLICATIONS

Health, Comfort and Longevity promoted etc . . .	1846
Oath taking superceded by Truth-speaking . . .	1857
Teeth and longevity . . . - .	1857
Quaker Difficulties . . .	1859*
The Drafted Friends in the American War . . .	1864

Jos. Smith's Cat logue, vol 2, p 177

\* reviewed in The Friend vol 17 (1859) p 151: republished as Reform in earnest, 1864

SEE ALSO:-

The Friend vol 12 (1872) p 115: notice of death

WBE:

MILES, Edward, c.1803-1872

b. c.1803

ed. studied dentistry and entered the practice  
of dentistry in London.

m. Children.

Wrote rather extensively both on dental subjects  
and issues of a religious nature. 1846 published Health,  
Comfort and Longevity promoted, or a few minutes regard  
to Teeth, &c.; 1857, Oath taking superceded by Truth-  
speaking; and Teeth and longevity, &c.

[Oct. 23, 1858 refused the oath when summoned  
for Grand Jury duty.] B.C.

1859 published Quaker Difficulties. Title was  
later changed to Reform in Earnest &c; 1864, The Drafted  
Friends in the American War, &c.

d. April 17, 1872 at Upper Holloway, London, aged 69.  
At some time he is said to have been disunited with Friends,  
but later returned to membership. (Jos. Smith's Cat.)

An. Mon. (N.S.), 31 (1873):89

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:177

[The Friend (London), 17(O.S.) (1859):151; 12(N.S.) (1872):115] B.C.

MILES, Edward (1830-1912)

Edward Miles, the son of Edward Miles (1803?-1872 qv) and his wife Frances (born Clarke, ) of Liverpool Street in London, was born there on 16 August 1830(1).

He became a dentist at Holloway(2) and was married in 1864 to Catherine Bax (1841-1873 qv) of Stoke Newington(3); there were three children(4).

Edward Miles of Homelands, Harringay Park, Crouch End in Middlesex, died on 16 July 1912, at the age of eighty one(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex 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 Winchmore Hill on 20 January 1864: he is described as a bachelor, a dentist of Loraine Road, Holloway, the son of Edward Miles, a dentist; she is described as a spinster of Stoke Newington Common, the daughter of Thomas Bax, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
  - 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-

Wilfred	b 21 Feb 1865	m 1894 Florence Savory*
Theodore Edward	b 22 Sept 1870	d 17 Feb 1903, aged 32
Herbert	b 8 June 1872	d 31 May 1890, aged 18
  - 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired dentist
- \*Given in Bernard Thistleton, The Bax Family, p 184: the marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages

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

WBE:a  
~~(transcribed by R.W.)~~

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MILES, Elizabeth (Bean), <sup>born</sup> 1827-1914

b. 26 Dec. 1827, New Hampshire, dau. of John and Elizabeth Bean.

ed., Fds' Boarding School, Providence, Rhode Island.

Taught for a few yrs. in New Jersey and Iowa.

m., 1858 Benjamin Miles (d. 1890)

Active in church work.

Sat at Clerk's table, women's Mtg., Iowa Y. Mtg. for many yrs.

Interested in missions and the peace doctrines.

With husband spent 10 yrs. in mission work among the Indians; part of this time, served as superintendent and matron of the Osage Govt. School at Pawhuska, Indian Territory.

A few years before husband's death in 1890, moved to Newberg, Oregon. A standard bearer in Oregon Y. Mtg.

d. 15 Nov. 1914 in Salem, Oregon, aged ca. 87 yrs.

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Quarterly Meeting of Indiana Friends.] *JBC.*

m. Lura Coppock. One son.

Served as Evangelistic Superintendent of White-  
water Quarterly Meeting, Indiana.

1925-35 served as financial secretary of Earlham  
College, Richmond, Indiana.

June - December, 1935 served as financial secretary  
of Pacific College, Newberg, Ore. (later George Fox Coll.)

For many years was Clerk of Ministry and Oversight  
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d. Dec. 12, 1935 at Newberg, Ore., aged 65 years.

Am. Friend, 23(1935): 545 (portrait)

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MILES, John

Lived in Hampshire, England and joined Friends.

1674, suffered restraint of goods. He was a  
minister who preached in London.

Besse, 1:236

John Smith's Ms. II:485

( WBE says, "These may refer to the same man.")

WBE:a

MILES, John D., 1832-c.1911.

b. 7 June 1832.

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m. 1857, Lucy Davis, daughter of Willis and Ann Coggeshall Davis (d. 1892); at least three children.

Resided in Wabash, Indiana until appointed United States Indian agent for the Kickapoo Indians at Muscotah, Kansas.

In this capacity he visited Mexico in an attempt to bring back to the United States and locate in Indian territory another group of Kickapoos, who had fled southward some years before.

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1874, Miles incurred the wrath of other Friends who found his communications "warlike" in tone and some demanded his immediate resignation. But Miles refused to submit his resignation, replying that "it will not do for us to remain quiet & permit the horrid butchery of innocent persons--this would have been criminal negligence." Shortly afterwards Miles led at least two armed expeditions against the Indians, one of which ended in a full scale battle with the Indians near the Red River

WBE:a

MILES, John D., 1832-c.1911, page 2.

1879, had the Government build a boarding school, two miles north of the agency for the Cheyenne.

1879-1886, Agent Miles was largely responsible for The Cheyenne Transporter, the first newspaper published in Western Indian Territory.

1884, resigned his job of Indian Agent, which he had held since the beginning of Grant's Peace Policy in 1869. He was regarded as one of the better Quaker Indian agents. Galpin reported that "He commands the entire confidence and good-will of the Indians."

Moved to Lawrence, Kansas, where both he and his wife were active members of Kansas Yearly Mtg. For many years Miles was the Railroad Secretary of Kansas Y.M. and he also served as Trustee for the Yearly Meeting.

d.

Keller, Robert H., "Protestant Churches and Grant's Indian Policy, 1869-1882," pp. 233-41  
Christian Worker 1 (1871), p. 157; 22 (1892), p. 59.  
(on microfilm)

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Friends Review 41 (1888), p. 655; 27 (1874), p. 783.

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Seymour, Flora, Indian Agents of the Old Frontier, pp. 236-253.

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MILES, Julia (1832-1909) after 1863 Reynolds

MILES, Ju [Julia Miles, daughter of Edward and Frances Miles of London, was married in 1863 to Bassett Reynolds (1831-1910 qv).]

Mary Johnson Cent.

see REYNOLDS, Julia (1832-1909) born Miles ]

Began preaching at age of 16 yrs.

A great reader; well informed on all religious and leading subjects of the day.

m., 1852, Hiram Miller. 3 children,

Visited many countries.

Member of New England Quarterly Soc., Indianapolis, Indiana. 1874, Recorded a minister.

Work extended to Michigan, Iowa, Kansas, and other

Member of the W.C.T.U., a loyal worker and crusader.

d. 8 July 1913, Ft. Wayne, Ind., aged 81 yrs.

The Am. Rd., 1 (1913), 695.

MILLARD, Henry (1741-1823)

Henry Millard, the son of John Millard ( - ), and his wife Esther (born 1741(1)), was born on 30.vii.[September]

MILLARD, Esther (1776-1833) <sup>1799</sup> aftw. Atkins

[Esther Millard, the daughter of John Millard of Tewkesbury and his wife Anna (nee ) married Samuel Atkins in 1799

see ATKINS, Esther (1776-1833) born Millard ]

MILLARD, Mary (1735-1804) born Beavington

Mary Beavington, the daughter of Samuel Beavington (1691?-1771 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Kilsby, 1698?-1780 qv) of Chipping Campden in Gloucestershire, was born there on 13.vi.[August] 1735(1).

She was married in 1767 to Henry Millard (1741-1823 qv), a glover of Bedwardine in Worcestershire, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

Mary Millard of Henwick in Worcestershire died on 25 September 1804, at the age of sixty eight(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Supp 1: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage see MILLARD, Henry (1741-1823)
- 3 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: no description of her is given

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

WBE:  
(prepared by RB)

MILLER, Amanda K., ca. 1821-1895

b. ca. 1821

Valued member of the Mo. Mtg. of New York

1883-88, Clerk, Women's Mtg., New York Y. Mtg. (F.G.C.)

d. 3 May 1895, Brooklyn, New York, of pneumonia, aged 74 yrs.

Elliott, Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 395

Friends Intell, 52(1895), 412

MILLER, Ann (1755-1809) born Allen

Ann Allen, the daughter of William Allen (1730-1808 qv) and his first wife Ann (born Birkhead, 1722?-1759 qv) of Betts Street in the parish of St Georges in the East in Middlesex, was born there on 28 January 1755(1).

She was married in 1777 to John Miller (1743?-1808 qv), a shopkeeper of Ware in Hertfordshire and there were two children(2).

Ann Miller's date of death is not at present (1981) traced(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a brewer
- 2 For marriage and children see MILLER, John (1743?-1808)
- 3 Her death is not traced in Beds & Herts QM or London & Middlesex QM Burials Digests or in the Digest of Deaths  
Her year of death is given as 1809 in C.Y. Sturge (ed), Leaves from the past, 1905, slip 1

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

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

Ann Tweedie, the daughter of Alexander Tweedie, a printer of Glasgow, and his wife Jane, was born about the year 1760(1). Her father fostered in her a love of religion and when a child she had met John Wesley. As a young girl she joined the Wesleyans and with her fine melodious voice took great delight in the stirring hymn singing which was a feature of Methodist worship. But she was drawn to Friends and some time after her conversion she received a gift in the ministry.(1<sup>2</sup>) She travelled extensively in the service of her gift, on one occasion as far as Lincolnshire, and on her return home from London Yearly Meeting in 1797 she and Elizabeth Wigham (1748?-1827 qv) visited the prisoners in York gaol(2).

She was a woman of limited education and often required help with letter writing, but she delighted in reading and in browsing among old book shops in search of a treasure. She was married first to a man called Reed, or Reid, of whom there is at present (1976) no trace(3) and there were apparently no children of the marriage(4). In 1786 she became the wife of George Miller (1759-1831 qv) and there were nine children(5).

One of her daughters has described her as a comely woman, tall in figure, very large hearted and sociable and always looking out for ways in which she could serve others, although her judgment of the way in which she could be of use was sometimes faulty.

She did not approve of her family eating the bread of idleness and it was at her suggestion that her husband, who had a comfortable income, opened a linen draper's shop in Bristo Street, Edinburgh, and later on a manufactory for gingham for umbrellas in Nicholson Street. She herself managed the business and the accounts - without any book-keeping - while her husband lingered in his study, deep in his Greek and Latin authors, or absent on long journeys with travelling Friends. But it was not a successful venture. In the depression following the end of the Napoleonic Wars it required careful management, which it did not receive from George Miller and his brother Joseph, who was associated with him. One wild scheme followed another, until the crash came about 1825 and even the house at Hope Park, where Ann had brought up her family, was mortgaged.

Her son William (1796-1882 qv) redeemed Hope Park and Ann was able to end her days in peace and serenity. She died at Hope Park on 10 October 1842(6), at the age of eighty two, after an illness of eight days.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

William Frederick Miller, Memorials of Hope Park 1886, pp 21-23, 109-110  
Annual Monitor 1843 pp 52-53

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 82 at death. There is no entry in Scotland GM Births Digest
  - 2 J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 81
  - 3 There is no record of the marriage in Scotland GM Marriages Digest
  - 4 No children are recorded in Scotland GM Births Digest (see n. 1<sup>a</sup>)
  - 5 For marriage and children see MILLER, George (1759-1831)
  - 6 Scotland GM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of George
- 1<sup>a</sup> She applied to Edinburgh meeting for membership in December 1785 and was admitted in January 1786  
(William F. Miller, 'A dictionary of Scotch Friends' p 173)

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 16, pp 11,15:  
Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 165

PUBLICATIONS

Some account of Joan Miller 1816

Jos. Smith's Catalogue, vol 2 p 177

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add: Daughter of Alexander & Jane Tweedie  
m Reed

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Published an account of Joan [not John] Miller

ref: Digest of marriages Scotland in Frds Hse Lib., Lond

J.F.H.S., XVI, p.11,15; suppl.16, p.81, suppl. 17, p.165

Memorials of Hope Park, 1886.

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WBE:

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MILLER, Ann, nee c.1760-1842

b. c.1760

m. John Miller.

1789, came to America and settled in Virginia.

Published 1816, Some account of John Miller.

of her life in Philadelphia.

d. Oct. 10, 1842 after an illness of eight days,  
in Edinburgh, Scotland, aged 82 years.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:177

An. Mon. (N.S.), 1(1843):52

MILLER, Christopher ( -1695)

(Milner)

Christopher Miller lived at Baycliff. The Registers contain entries of the births and deaths of children of Christopher and Elizabeth, the last slightly prior to the death of the father. His widow lived till 1729. There is an entry in 1701 of the birth of Jane, daughter of Elizabeth, of Baycliff, spinster, servant to James Satterthwaite, of Greenend.

Christopher and Elizabeth Milner signed the wedding certificate of Daniel and Rachel Abraham in 1682. Christopher's signature was occasionally appended to minutes of Swarthmoor Monthly Meeting, 1672, 1673.

WRE:

Note by Norman Penney in 'The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell' 1920, p.556, Ebenezer, c.1725-1800

b. c.1725 and lived at Greenwich, N.J.

In religion he was an Independent (Congregationalist)

Convinced and joined Friends,

1760, a minister.

c. 1770 removed from Greenwich to Salem, N.J.

d. July 11, 1800 at Salem (?), N.J. aged about 75 years.

Phila. Y.M., A Col. of Mem. (1821), 98

MILLER, Ellen Clare (1839-1914) after 1873 Pearson

[Ellen Clare Miller, daughter of William Miller (1796-1882 qv) and his wife Ellen (born Cockin, 1803-1841 qv) of Edinburgh, was married in 1873 to Edward Pearson (1836-1912 qv).]

See PEARSON, Ellen Clare (1839-1914) born Miller ]

MILLER, George (1682-1759)

George Miller, the eldest son of William Miller (1655?-1743 qv) and his wife Mary (born Cassie, 1655?-1702 qv) of Glasgow and Edinburgh, was born at Glasgow on 2.ii.1682(1). His father was gardener at the Abbey, Holyrood House, Edinburgh and for a while George joined him there, being designated in an old deed as "Hortulanus in Abbatu de Holyrood-house." Some time after 1700, however, he became gardener at Kinneil, near Linlithgow, in the service of the Duke of Hamilton, who had estates there.

It is known that he was married twice, but there is no information about his first wife(2) except that there was a difference of opinion between her and another Edinburgh Friend which caused the Friend to absent himself for a while from meetings held at George Miller's house; the only child of this marriage of whom there is any trace is a daughter Margaret, married in 1734 to Thomas Areskine.(2<sup>a</sup>) In 1735 George took as his second wife Ann Bunting, or Bunton, the widow of Joseph Bunting, an esteemed minister(3); there were five children(4).

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The business prospered and he lived for the rest of his life in the Pleasants, Edinburgh, his manufactory being situated "near the Bristol Port." In 1727 he had been made a Burgess and Guild Brother of Edinburgh and some years later he received the same honour from the borough of Annan. He was attentive to the needs of poor Friends and continued to busy himself in the Society's affairs.

According to tradition he became a staunch adherent of the Stuart cause and one of his sons, George (1742-1832 qv) retained a vivid

continued

recollection of his father's house being searched for Prince Charles Edward, he himself, a child at the time, being hauled out of bed by the soldiers.

George Miller died at Edinburgh in good esteem in March 1759(5), in his seventy seventh year.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

William Frederick Miller, Memorials of Hope Park, 1886, pp 7-8

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Scottish Births Digest: his father is described as a gardener
- 2 There is no record in the Scottish Marriages and Births Digests of the first marriage or of the birth of the daughter Margaret
- 3 The wedding took place in 1735: no details are given and Ann's name is given as Bunton (Scottish Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Scottish Births, Marriages and Burials Digests, with additional information from William Frederick Miller, op cit:-

Jean	b 29 Sept 1736	who m out of the Society --- Yates
William	b 1 March 1738	who m Eupham Christy
Joseph	b 8 June 1740	
George qv	b 26 Dec 1742	who m 1771 Mary Sibson and d 1832
Ann	b x x 1744	who d 1745

N.B. These dates are as given in the Digest: it is not clear whether they are (as most probable) in New Style or in Old Style

- 5 Scottish Burials Digest: he died in March 1759; no description of him is given

2<sup>d</sup> There was also a son, George, of this marriage according to William F. Miller, 'A Dictionary of Scotch Friends' pp 175, 177

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According to tradition he became a staunch adherent of the Stuart cause and one of his sons, George (1742-1832 qv) retained a vivid

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recollection of his father's house being searched for Prince Charles Edward, he himself, a child at the time, being hauled out of bed by the soldiers.

George Miller died at Edinburgh in good esteem in March 1759(5), in his seventy seventh year.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

William Frederick Miller, Memorials of Hope Park, 1886, pp 7-8

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Scottish Births Digest: his father is described as a gardener
- 2 There is no record in the Scottish Marriages and Births Digests of the first marriage or of the birth of the daughter Margaret
- 3 The wedding took place in 1735: no details are given and Ann's name is given as Bunton (Scottish Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Scottish Births, Marriages and Burials Digests, with additional information from William Frederick Miller, op cit:-

Jean	b 29 Sept 1736	who m out of the Society --- Yates
William	b 1 March 1738	who m Eupham Christy
Joseph	b 8 June 1740	
George qv	b 26 Dec 1742	who m 1771 Mary Gibon and d 1832
Ann	b x x 1744	who d 1745

N.B. These dates are as given in the Digest: it is not clear whether they are (as most probable) in New Style or in Old Style

- 5 Scottish Burials Digest: he died in March 1759; 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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He carried on the business for many years and amassed a fair fortune, but finding that none of his sons was inclined to join him he retired and settled down as a laird in the "East Neuk" of Fife. He does not appear to have been a consistent Friend. His portrait, which was still in existence in 1886, represents a sober looking gentleman in a finely flowered vest, blue coat with brass buttons, ruffled shirt and powdered hair.

He was married in 1753 to Hannah Johnson (1724?-1792 qv), a woman of sterling worth(2) and there were seven children(3). She made up in charity to the poor some of the qualities her husband lacked.

He died on 18 December 1784(4), at the age of fifty eight.

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George qv	b 8 Aug 1759	who m 1786 Ann Reed
Charles	b 17 March 1762	who d 8 Jan 1763
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His residence in the south benefited him in many ways, but he returned to Scotland not greatly enamoured of farming. His father died shortly after his return and on the property in Fife being sold he found himself the possessor of a comfortable income. During the next two years he went to the north of Ireland, where he had some Christy relations, and again appears to have studied farming. He finally settled down in Edinburgh in the spring of 1786, when his certificate was forwarded from Charlemont Monthly Meeting. In October of that year he married Ann Reed, or Reid, born Tweedie (1760?-1842 qv), the daughter of Alexander Tweedie, a printer of Glasgow(2); there were nine children(3).

At his wife's suggestion George Miller opened a linen draper's shop in Bristol Street, not so much because he needed the money as that Ann Miller did not approve of idleness. They afterwards moved to premises built by George Miller in Nicholson Street, where the manufacture of gingham for umbrellas was started. Ann Miller seems to have been the driving spirit of the venture, looking after the shop and managing the financial side - without keeping any books - while George remained in his study deep in his Greek and Latin authors, or was absent on long journeys with travelling Friends. On one occasion a Russian customer who could speak neither English nor French visited the shop and the business was transacted in Latin.

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His last years were clouded by financial difficulties. Up to about 1815 he counted himself a rich man, although he was probably over-generous to others. But with the close of the Napoleonic War a period of great depression required careful steering, which it did not receive from George Miller and his brother Joseph, who was associated with him. One wild scheme succeeded another until the crash came about 1825. All his property was mortgaged and Hope Park was let as a school. His son William (1796-1882 qv) eventually bore the brunt of partially restoring the family fortunes and George Miller was able to return to Hope Park at the end of his days; he died there very suddenly on 25 March 1831(4), in his seventy second year.

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WBE:

MILLER, George, 1797-1869

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Delaware County, Penna., son of George and Mary Miller.  
1820, visited Niagara, N.Y.

Helped to found the Delaware County Institute of  
Science at Media, Pa.

1836 Visited Iowa and soon settled in Henry  
County, Ia. Founded there the Henry County Institute  
of Science.

d. Dec. 31, 1869 at Trenton, Iowa, aged 72 years.

Milton Gingerich, "The Henry county institute of  
science..." Iowa City. State historical society  
of Iowa, 1941.(In the Palimpsest, vol.22, no.2, Feb-  
ruary 1941)

MILLER, Hannah (1724?-1792) born Johnson

Hannah Johnson, the daughter of Thomas Johnson and his wife Jane, born Ormston, of Thorn in Scotland and later of Pall Mall in London, was born about the year 1724(1). She was married in 1753 to George Miller (1726-1784 qv) of Edinburgh and there were seven children(2). She was "a sterling good woman, who has left a very fragrant memory behind her, down even to the present generation, her charities to the poor being especially remembered."

She died on 9 November 1792(3), at the age of sixty eight.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

William Frederick Miller, Memorials of Hope Park, 1836, pp 19-20

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 68 at death. There is no entry in Scotland GM Births Digest or in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see MILLER, George (1726-1784)
- 3 Scotland GM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of George, a brewer

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

WBE:

MILLER, Hannah, nee Miller, afterwards Miller, later Lindley  
1755-1798

formerly Miller

see LINDLEY, Hannah, nee Miller, ~~Hannah Lindley~~  
(1755-1798)

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MILLER, Isaac (1686-1769)

Isaac Miller, the third son of William Miller (1655?-1743 qv) and his wife Mary (born Cassie, 1655?-1702 qv) of Glasgow and Edinburgh, was born on 7.vii.1686(1). His father was gardener at the Abbey of Holyrood House in Edinburgh and Isaac is believed to have followed his occupation. He was living in Edinburgh from 1717 to 1721, but towards the end of the latter year he wrote from Cumberland requesting a certificate from Edinburgh Friends in connection with his approaching marriage to Margaret Williamson (born Jaffray, 1675-1736 qv), the widow of William Williamson of Frisington Hall in Cumberland(2); the marriage was apparently childless(3).

From this time onwards he disappears both from family tradition and from the Society's records, except that in 1737, a year after the death of his wife(4), he is mentioned as one of the Friends from England present at the Scottish Yearly Meeting in Edinburgh. He is known to have taken as his second wife a woman who became known as aunt Sarah, but there is no record of the marriage(5). According to tradition she died in Cumberland early in the nineteenth century, aged over a hundred(6).

He died early in October 1769, in his eighty fourth year(7).

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William Frederick Miller, Memorials of Hope Park, 1886, pp 5-6

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- 2 There is no record of the marriage in Cumberland & Northumberland QM or the Scottish Marriages Digests
- 3 No children are recorded in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest
- 4 Cumberland & N<sub>o</sub>rthumberland QM Burials Digest: she was buried on 17.vii.(September)1736
- 5 There is no record of the marriage in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digest
- 6 Her death is not recorded in Cumberland & N<sub>o</sub>rthumberland QM Burials Digest
- 7 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest: he was buried at Whitehaven on 6 October 1769

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 2, p 129

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WBE:

MILLER, James

Glasgow, Scotland. At some time he is known to have been disunited from Friends and is not known to have become reunited.

1819, published A view of the leading features of the Christian Faith; addressed to the Society of Friends.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:178

MILLER, Jane (1818-1908) born Woodhead

(1777-1829?)

Jane Woodhead was a daughter of Samuel<sup>1</sup> and Jane Woodhead and was born on 29 April 1818 at Foulstone, Kirkburton near Huddersfield (1). While still very young she lost both parents. In 1829 she went to Ackworth School as a scholar and remained there as an apprentice and as a teacher. She delighted to recall that as a girl she received a prize for Scripture from the hands of Joseph John Gurney. In 1843 Jane Woodhead left Ackworth and the next year was married to William Miller (1796-1882, qv) of Hope Park, Edinburgh, the distinguished line engraver.

William and Jane Miller were prominent in Edinburgh Meeting. They trained their children to seek first the kingdom of God and to regard classes at school or college as less important than attendance at Meetings for Worship and Discipline. For nearly forty years the delightful home at Hope Park was a centre of unbounded hospitality. William Miller died in 1882 and for over a quarter of a century Jane Miller maintained this hospitality.

About 1865 Jane Miller began to take part in vocal ministry and in 1875 she was acknowledged as a Minister of Edinburgh Two Months' Meeting. When she died she was the only woman in Scotland who was a recorded minister. She spoke with deep feeling and earnestness. Devoted study of the bible and a remarkably retentive memory enabled her to clothe her religious thoughts in the language of Scripture, but her concern was to be faithful rather than eloquent. Her ministry and prayers were always helpful and stimulating, her counsel in business meetings wise and her judgement clear.

Jane Miller was widely known in Edinburgh for public services to the city, as one of the first women elected on the Parochial Board, as Chairwoman of the Maternity Hospital and as Vice-President of the British Women's Temperance Association.

She died on 12 February 1908. Her burial was the last in Edinburgh burial ground.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Edinburgh MM in YM Proc. 1908 p.236

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest

#### SEE ALSO

The Friend vol. (1908) p.104

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MILLER, Jane (1818-1908) born Woodhead cont.

Ackworth old scholars assoc. rep. 1908 p.104  
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MILLER, Jane (1818-1908) born Woodhead  
Also WBE

Jane Woodhead was a daughter of Samuel and Jane Woodhead and was born on 29 April 1818 at Foulstone, Kirkburton near Huddersfield (1). While still very young she lost both parents. In 1829 she went to Ackworth School as a scholar and remained there as an apprentice and as a teacher. She delighted to recall that as a girl she received a prize for Scripture from the hands of Joseph John Gurney. In 1843 Jane Woodhead left Ackworth and the next year was married to William Miller (1796-1882, qv) of Hope Park, Edinburgh, the distinguished line engraver.

William and Jane Miller were prominent in Edinburgh Meeting. They trained their children to seek first the kingdom of God and to regard classes at school or college as less important than attendance at Meetings for Worship and Discipline. For nearly forty years the delightful home at Hope Park was a centre of unbounded hospitality. William Miller died in 1882 and for over a quarter of a century Jane Miller maintained this hospitality.

About 1865 Jane Miller began to take part in vocal ministry and in 1875 she was acknowledged as a Minister of Edinburgh Two Months' Meeting. When she died she was the only woman in Scotland who was a recorded minister. She spoke with deep feeling and earnestness. Devoted study of the bible and a remarkably retentive memory enabled her to clothe her religious thoughts in the language of Scripture, but her concern was to be faithful rather than eloquent. Her ministry and prayers were always helpful and stimulating, her counsel in business meetings wise and her judgement clear.

Jane Miller was widely known in Edinburgh for public services to the city, as one of the first women elected on the Parochial Board, as Chairwoman of the Maternity Hospital and as Vice-President of the British Women's Temperance Association.

She died on 12 February 1908. Her burial was the last in Edinburgh burial ground.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Edinburgh MM in YM Proc. 1908 p.236

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest

#### SEE ALSO

The Friend vol. 48 (1908) p.104, 137

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MILLER, Jane (1818-1908) born Woodhead cont.

Ackworth old scholars assoc. rep. 1908 p.104  
Annual monitor 1908 p.87

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MILLER, John (1743/-1808)

John Miller, the son of Joseph and Mary Miller of Alton in the county of Southampton, was born ~~about the year~~ 1743(1).

on 4 III [May]

He became a shopkeeper at Ware in Hertfordshire(2) and was married in 1777 to Ann Allen (1755-1809 qv) of Middlesex(3); there were two children(4).

He appeared in the ministry in 1773, when he was about thirty.  
" . . . his labours were much to the Satisfaction of Friends, and being accompanied by a circumspect and affectionate deportment, gained him generally the love and esteem of his Friends & neighbours, he also being a liberal-minded man."

He became ill during his attendance at London Yearly Meeting in 1808; he returned home, but his health continued to decline. John Miller of Ware died on 8 August 1808 at the age of sixty five(5), having been a minister for thirty five years. He was buried in Friends' burying ground at Ware.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Hertford MM 15 March 1809 in TCMB vol 4, pp 261-2

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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- 1 ~~aged 65 at death.~~ His birth is not traced in Beds & Herts QM or London & Middlesex QM Births Digests: his father is described as woodcumber
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Ratcliff MM on 13 March 1777: he is described as a shopkeeper of Ware in Hertfordshire, the son of Joseph and Mary Miller of Alton in the county of Southampton; she is described as the daughter of William and Ann Allen of Georges parish, Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Esther b 6 Feb 1778 m 1813 Robert Jermyn (1770-1844 )  
William b 3 April 1783 m 1816 Frances Bowyer Vaux (1786-1854 )  
No marriages are traced for either of these children in Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1850
- 5 Beds & Herts 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

MILLER, John (1742-1808)

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Testimony of Hertford MM 15 March 1809 in TCMD vol.4 pp.261-2

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire QM Digest of Burials: John Miller died  
on 8 August 1808 aged sixty five years

WBE:

MILLER, John Anthony, 1859 - 1945/46 (?)

b. Dec. 16, 1859 at Greensburg, Indiana, son of

ed. A.B. Indiana Univ. Taught math at Indiana.

1891 Instructor in Math at Stanford until 1894

when he returned to Indiana where he was on the faculty until 1906. He obtained the Ph. D. degree in mathematics from the University of Chicago in 1899.

m. Dec. 24, 1880, Mary Goodwine. 2 sons.

1906 - 1929 Professor of Astronomy at Swarthmore College. From 1914-1929 he served as Vice-President of the College, also.

1926-29 went to Sumatra for observations of the total eclipse of the sun. Undertook a similar trip while emeritus professor in 1939-40 - this time to Peru. He was co-leader of the Hayden Planetarium Expedition to Peru.

D. sometime between Nov. 1945 and Nov. 1946. This is a presumption based on the fact that his name was dropped from the list of professors emeriti in the Swarthmore College Catalog, 1946-47 which appeared Nov. 1946.

Pitman, John H., "Quaker Astronomer-John A. Miller" in The Sky, 5, No. 5 (March 1941):3-5.

pre 1758  
MILLER, Joseph (1698- )

Joseph Miller, the tenth child and sixth son of William Miller (1655?-1743 qv) and his wife Mary (born Cassie, 1655?-1702 qv) of Edinburgh, was born there on 27.xii.1698(1). He became a tanner and for a long time was a flourishing man and a consistent Friend. In 1717 he was living in Newcastle, probably learning the trade of tanning, but by 1720 he had settled in Edinburgh where he was married about 1721 to Patience Jaffray, the daughter of Andrew Jaffray (1650-1726 qv) of Kingswells, near Aberdeen(2); there was one child(3).

Patience Miller died about 1727(4) and in the same year Joseph married Elizabeth Ormston, the daughter of Charles Ormston (-1684 qv), a merchant of Kelso(5); there were four children(6), only one of whom survived childhood. Family tradition has it that this son Charles was an artist who went to London to seek his fortune, but he died at Kelso in 1754.

For the twelve years following his marriage to Patience Jaffray Joseph's name constantly recurs in the records of Edinburgh Friends. In 1721 he was distrained on to the amount of £17 sterling for Annuity Tax on his house and tanyard. In 1729 he was superintending the building of a new meeting house in Edinburgh and contributing liberally to the funds, but by 1733 Edinburgh Friends were signing:-

"A Paper by way of Testimony against Joseph Miller for his bad conduct, for clearing the truth from that Scandall and reproach he hath brought upon it."

In what his bad conduct consisted is not made clear, but it is possible that he was bankrupt. Some months later it appears that one of his brothers suggested to Edinburgh Friends the fairness of refunding to him the money subscribed for the meeting house as, according to the minutes, he had abandoned the Society and was "in a Low and Indigent condition." The Friends present, being few in number, prudently referred the matter to the Scottish Yearly Meeting, but the matter appears to have been settled by a subscription among some of his relations, to pay off his debts.

From that time forward he disappears from view. His wife Elizabeth apparently returned to Kelso to live with her children among her own relations; she died in 1758 and is described as Joseph's widow, but there is no record of his death(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

William Frederick Miller, Memorials of Hope Park, 1886, p 6

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pre 1758

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- 1 Scottish Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
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- 5 There is no record of the marriage in the Scottish Marriages Digest
- 6 Listed in Scottish Births Digest as follows:-  
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William b 1.vii.1729 who d young  
Joseph b 7.ix.1730 who d young  
Margaret b 21.ix.1734 who d young  
N.B. These dates are as given in the Digest: it is not clear whether they are (as most probable) in New Style or in Old Style
- 7 There is no record of his death in the Scottish Burials Digest

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 7, p 112

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- 6 Listed in Scottish Births Digest as follows:-  
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William b 1.vii.1729 who d young  
Joseph b 7.ix.1730 who d young  
Margaret b 21.ix.1734 who d young
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Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 7, p 112

[Lettice Miller, daughter of Josiah Miller ( - )  
and his wife Elizabeth (born  
of Ringwood in Hampshire, was married in 1783 to Jeremiah  
Waring (1757-1829 qv) of Alton in Hampshire.

See WARING, Lettice (1752-1793) born Miller ]

WBE:

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MILLER, Lydia, -1832

Salem, N.J.

Minister. While on a religious journey to meetings in Concord, Caln and Western Quarters she was taken ill. After an illness of three weeks duration she d. Jan. 6, 1832 at the home of Joseph Pennell in Delaware County, Penna.

The Friend (Phila.), 5 (1832):119

An. Mon., 21(1833):112

MILLER, Margaret (1655?-1702) born Cassie

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Margaret Cassie, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1976) traced, was born about the year 1655(1), probably in Aberdeenshire. She was convinced of the Truth almost as a child and is believed to have begun to preach when she was only fourteen or fifteen years old. It is said that Robert Barclay (1648-1690 qv), in whose family she then lived, was impressed by her ministry, saying that he had heard a sermon from a young girl which had come with greater weight than almost any words he had heard before.

She was married in 1680 to William Miller (1655?-1743 qv) and there were eleven children(2). She is mentioned in Besse's "Sufferings of the People called Quakers" (vol 2, p 516) as being in 1676 the bearer of an epistle of remonstrance from Friends imprisoned in the Tolbooth and about two years later she was herself imprisoned for a time in a dungeon at Montrose. She travelled extensively in the ministry in all parts of Scotland and there is a tradition that when in her later years Friends of Edinburgh were shut out of their meeting house by persecuting magistrates and were forced to meet in the streets, she used boldly to stand and preach, supported on either side by her husband and one of her sons.

She died on 13.v.1702(3) in her forty eighth year, two hours after the birth of her youngest son, and was buried beside three of her daughters in the Friends' burial ground in the Pleasant.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

William Frederick Miller, Memorials of Hope Park, 1886, pp 3-4

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged about 47 at death. There is no entry in the Scottish Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see MILLER, William (1655?-1743)
- 3 Scottish Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of William

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J Friends Hist Soc vol 2, pp 107, 110 (testimony by her husband)

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J Friends Hist Soc vol 2, pp 107, 110 (testimony by her husband)

MILLER, Margaret (1675-1736) formerly Williamson, born Jaffray

Margaret Jaffray, the daughter of Andrew Jaffray (1650-1726 qv) and his wife Christian, born Skene, of Kingswells near Aberdeen, was born there on 12.iii.1675(1). Her father was a minister of the Society, but although educated by him in the way of Truth, she was inclined in her youth towards the vain fashions and foolish pastimes of the world. But as she reached maturity she became obedient to the teaching of Christ in her heart and in about her twentieth year she came forth in the ministry, thereafter travelling with her father in many parts of Scotland and preaching sound doctrine. She also visited Friends in Ireland and in most of the counties in Great Britain.

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She died on 15.vii.(September)1736 in her sixty first year(7), having been a minister for forty one years.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Cumberland QM 31.i.(March)1737 in TCMD vol 1, pp 107-8

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

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- 2 There is no record of the marriage in Cumberland & Northumberland QM or in the Scottish Marriages Digests. It is referred to in William Frederick Miller, Memorials of Hope Park, 1886, p 5
- 3 Listed in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest as follows:-  
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- 4 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest
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N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

MILLER, Mary (1711-1783) after 1734 Christy

(Mary Miller, daughter of William Miller (1684-1757 qv) and his wife Ann, born Adam, of Edinburgh, was married in 1734 to John Christy.

See CHRISTY, Mary (1711-1783) born Miller )

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MILLER, Mary (1790-1875) born Fletcher

Mary Fletcher was born at Greysouthen on 14 April 1790, the daughter of John and Deborah Fletcher. In 1815 she married William Miller of Whitehaven, and lived in that Meeting for the rest of her life.

(1783-1872  
qv)

For many years she filled the office of Overseer, and for some time that of Elder; she was recorded a minister in 1843, and in 1849 she visited meetings in Kent, Sussex and Surrey Quarterlys, and in 1851 those in Lancashire Quarterly Meeting, and the families in Manchester Meeting.

She was diligent in the attendance of meetings both for worship and discipline, and in these her voice was often heard. Her communications, which were generally not long, were instructive and acceptable to Friends, whom she often reminded of the uncertainty of time, and the need of being prepared for a more enduring inheritance.

Mary Miller died 2 November 1875 aged eighty five years.

Testimony of Pardshaw MM in YM proc. 1877 p.iv

Digest of births Cumberland & Northumberland QM  
Father described as a yeoman.

Digest of marriages Cumberland & Northumberland  
QM entry: 20 viii 1815. William Miller is  
described as a tanner.

Digest of deaths: 2 v. 1875.

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WBE:

MILLER, Richmond Pearson, 1902-1972.

b. 15 Nov. 1902, Reading, Pa.; s. of J. Milton and Sara G.

(Miller) Miller.

ed. 1924, B.A. Swarthmore College; 1927, Ph.D. Grad. School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard; returned to Swarthmore as instructor in Political Science until 1929; went to teach and serve as Director of Religious Interests at George School. Following this, he served as vice-president at Girard College.

1937-1939, taught at Friends Central School.

m. Alice Leinbach, 2 Sept. 1926; one son and one dau.

1928, joined Swarthmore Meeting.

1939, began as part-time Field Secretary of the Philadelphia Y. M. (Hicksite) under Jane Rushmore. 1945-1955, full-time Secretary Philadelphia Y. M. (Hicksite).

1955-1968, Associate Secretary, (reunited) Philadelphia Y. M. Active member of Friends committees and ecumenical groups: Committee on Aging Friends, Committee on Social Welfare, Friends World Committee, American Friends Service Committee, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Committee on Church Unity, Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches, chairman of Phila. Roundtable of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Member, Central Philadelphia M. M.

Information from Alice L. Miller

WBE:

MILLER, Ruth, afterwards Kirk, later Walmsley, 1752-1798

see formerly Kirk  
Walmsley, Ruth, nee Miller, 1752-1798.

WBE:

MILLER, Ruth, afterwards Kirk, later Walmsley, 1752-1798

see

Walmsley, Ruth, nee Miller, 1752-1798.

Walmsley Ruth

Ruth Walmsley

WBE:a

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MILLER, Thomas, 1812-1906.

b. 12 Aug., 1812, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania.

1816, with his parents and 5 brothers and sisters moved to Montgomery Co., Ohio, 11 miles from Dayton on a farm.

m. Eliza Curl (d. 1894) when he was 22 years old.

(5 children)

Recorded a minister for over 50 years.  
Fall 1869, left home to work among the Sac and Fox Indians at Lawrence, Kansas. Assisted in moving the tribes onto a territory 300 miles from Lawrence, Kansas where he remained with them for 2 years to teach them farming.

After his wife died he spent much time visiting the sick who were unable to attend meeting.

In his 91st year he visited all the meetings he could, driving 1700 miles and staying with over 200 families.

At the age of 93, he attended 3 yearly, 4 quarterly and many monthly meetings, besides families.

Not long before his death, made his home with his grandchildren, Charles and Lizzie Binford, near Carthage, Ind. Died there.

d. 13 Feb. 1906, in his 94th year.

Am. Frd., 13(1906):255(portrait.)

MILLER, Thomas J. (1870-1943)

Thomas J. Miller was born in Kew, Victoria, in 1870, and came to England with his parents as a boy, where he was apprenticed to the decorating and signwriting business. He joined Friends through his interest in pacifist views during the Boer War.

In 1913 he returned to Melbourne, and in 1916 visited all Australian States with credentials from the Society of Friends and the Peace Alliance, assisting organizations in the fight against conscription.

About 1919 he went with his family to live at Belgrave where he continued to take an active part in public affairs; he became an ardent advocate for financial reform.

He died on 31 July 1943.

Testimony of Melbourne M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1944, p.163

Friends of Australia & New Zealand. Aug 19  
1943, p. 12.

MILLER, Walter (1753?-1853)

Walter Miller, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1976) traced, was born about the year 1753(1). He was a convinced Friend, but little is known of his early history or of the precise date of his convincement. In the spring of 1775 he attended a meeting at Carlisle, to find, as he said "something to scoff at," being then greatly prejudiced against the preaching of women. But such was the power of the ministry of Rachel Wigham on that occasion that "his heart was smitten, the tears rolled down his cheeks, and he was glad, at length, to join the people he had so much despised."

He was married in 1780 to Margaret Taylor(2) and there were eight children of the marriage(3).

He enjoyed a serene and contented old age, his faculties remaining remarkably clear almost to the end; he died on 28 May 1853, in his hundredth year(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1854 pp 91-92

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged about 100 at death
- 2 The wedding was at Sikeside, Cumberland, on 26 March 1780: he is described as a weaver of Blettern in the parish of Irthington, Cumberland; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Taylor of Allonby in Cumberland (Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births and Burials Digests:-

Isabella	b 1 Feb 1781	who d 13 Jan 1785
John	b 16 Nov 1783	
George	b 3 July 1786	who d 26 Jan 1799
James	b 23 Dec 1788	
Isabella	b 14 or 21 March 1792 (two entries)	
David	b 13 Sept 1794	
Hannah	b 6 July 1797	who d 20 April 1817
Elizabeth	b 31 Aug 1800	

There is at present (1976) no record that any of these children were married according to the usages of the Society

- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a clerk of Burn Riggs; his age at death is given as 99, but in the Annual Monitor he is said to have died aged 100

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

MILLER, William (1655?-1743)

William Miller, "the Patriarch" as he was lovingly called by his descendants, is believed to have been born at or near Hamilton in Scotland about the year 1655(1). He was probably a convinced Friend, although as meetings after the manner of the Quakers had begun as early as 1653 in villages in the south west of Scotland, it is just possible that he may have been the child of one of these primitive Friends. He was the first of five generations of the family who, for nearly two centuries, were leading Friends in Edinburgh(2).

He was married in 1680 to Mary Cassie(3) in the house of Hew Wood, gardener to the Duke of Hamilton and one of the pillars of the meeting to which William Miller belonged; there were eleven children(4), six of whom survived childhood. For the first few years after their marriage the Millers lived principally at New Port, Glasgow, William being employed as a gardener, but by the end of 1689 he was settled as gardener at the Abbey of Holyrood House, a position he probably owed to the influence of the Duke of Hamilton. At that time his household comprised himself, his wife and three sons and his sister Isabel. It is said that he journeyed to Edinburgh from the west in patriarchal simplicity on foot, with his children and worldly goods slung in panniers on the backs of two asses, but for many years an old trunk survived bearing the initials I.M. and the date 1688, which suggests a more substantial mode of travel.

William Miller's name soon began to appear frequently in the records of Edinburgh Meeting and until nearly the end of his long life he was almost constantly engaged in some service for the Society. For many years he was clerk and treasurer to Edinburgh Meeting and in 1701 he sent the following paper to the Scottish Yearly Meeting at Edinburgh:-

"Declairing his dislick with som men frinds in ther wearing ther Coats oppen in the breast, and of som women frinds that weareth ther bear breasts in resemblance of the great women . . . which he is shure that truth ought not to admit of."

His "dear and loving wife" died in 1702(5) and her husband wrote of her that their twenty two years of marriage had been "but as a very short time because of the love we had one to another," there never having been "a wrong word betwixt us."

After her death William continued his active work for the Society. He was sole trustee of the meeting house and burial ground and this caused him some uneasiness, so he was directed to place the disposition of the property in the hands of two other Friends.(6) When nearly eighty

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years of age his name occurs as one of five Friends of Edinburgh who agreed to accompany Friends travelling in the ministry, or to find someone to go in their stead(7).

In addition to his care of the royal gardens, he founded a very successful business as a nurseryman and seedsman, which developed under his son and grandson into a very lucrative concern(8). At his death he left £5,000 sterling, which in those days was a considerable fortune.

He died on 26 October 1743(9), at the age of eighty eight.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

William Frederick Miller, Memorials of Hope Park, 1886, pp 1-4

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 88 at death. There is no entry in the Scottish Births Digest
  - 2 J Friends Hist Soc vol 2 (1905) p 107
  - 3 The wedding was at Hew Wood's house, Hamilton, on 27.vi.1680: he is described as subsequently gardener at the Abbey, Edinburgh; no description of her is given (Scottish Marriages Digest)
  - 4 Listed in the Scottish Births and Burials Digests, with additional information from William Frederick Miller, op cit:-
 

a daughter	b 1.iii.1681	stillborn
George qv	b 2.ii.1682	who m (1) (2) 1735 Ann Bunting or Bunton
William qv	b 23.iii.1684	who m 1710 Ann Adam
Isaac qv	b 7.vii.1686	who m (1) 1721? Margaret Williamson, born Jaffray (1675-1736 qv) (2) Sarah
Joseph	b 7.vii.1686	who d first month 1688
Hugh or Hew	b 7.xi.1689	
Margret	b 22.ii.1692	who d 22/3 ii.1692
Margret	b 7.v.1693	who d 5.x.1700
Elizabeth	b 20.ix.1695	who d 19.ix.1700
Joseph qv	b 27.xii.1698	who m (1) 1721 Patience Jaffray (2) Elizabeth Ormston
Bangemere or Benjamin	b 13.v.1702	
- N.B. These dates are as given in the Digest: it is not clear whether they are (as most probable) in New Style or in Old Style

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 5 Scottish Burials Digest: she died on 13.v.1702
- 6 J Friends Hist Soc vol 2 (1905) p 126
- 7 op cit p 127
- 8 Ibid
- 9 Scottish Burials Digest: he is described as of Edinburgh

SEE ALSO:-

- J Friends Hist Soc vol 2 (1905) pp 107-111, 125-129:  
Incidental references in vol 6, pp 29, 31, 32: vol 11, p 25: vol 12, p 5:  
vol 13, p 29: vol 14, p 9: vol 25, p 29:  
vol 29, p 42
- George B. Burnet, The Story of Quakerism in Scotland, 1650-1850,  
London 1952, pp 105, 137, 144, 147, 163

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MILLER, William, c.1655-1743

b.           **v.**1655 (according to tradition), near  
Hamilton, Scotland.

Convinced and joined Friends.

m., 1680, Margaret Cassie (d.1702)

Served as gardener at Holyrood Palace.

1695 served as Clerk of Monthly and Quarterly  
Meetings at a time when Friends meetings were much  
disturbed by rough collegians and others.

W.M. was considered a "patriarch" and is known  
as the ancestor of a line of Quaker worthies.

d. Oct. 26, 1743 at Abbey, Edinburgh, aged about  
88 years.

Jpur. Frds. Hist. Soc., 2, No. 3:107

MILLER, William (1684-1757)

William Miller, the second son of William Miller (1655?-1743 qv) and his wife Mary (born Cassie, 1655?-1702 qv) of Glasgow and Edinburgh, was born in Glasgow on 23.iii.1684(1). His father was gardener at the Abbey, Holyrood House, Edinburgh and William, like others of his family, for a time joined him there. But William Miller the elder had also established a successful business as a nurseryman and seedsman and it was with this side of his activities that his son became increasingly associated, building up an extensive connection and keeping his regular customers for many years.

He was married in 1710 to Ann, or Anna, Adam, a convinced Friend of Glasgow and the eldest daughter of George Adam, a burgess of that city, and his wife Eupham, born Weir(2); there were nine children(3). At the time of the marriage William appears to have been living at Hamilton, but he lived for the rest of his life in Edinburgh, succeeding his father both as clerk and treasurer to Edinburgh Meeting and, like him, largely occupied with the affairs of the Society. His house was a frequent place of meeting for committees and a resting place for Friends travelling in the ministry.

He is believed to have lived in a rambling white house in the King's Park and must have been exposed to unwelcome visits from the Highland Army who were quartered there in 1745, but the only depradation of which there is any record is the seizure of "4 carts of shovels and spades" which were eventually returned to him. He seems to have rented the Royal Gardens at Holyrood, but at his death he left considerable landed property and £20,000. He died on 16 January 1757(4), at the age of seventy two.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

William Frederick Miller, Memorials of Hope Park, 1886, pp 10-12

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 2, 128n: vol 4, p 58 & note: vol 8, p 80n: possibly vol 11, p 5n: vol 12, pp 3-5: vol 26, pp 9 & 10

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Scottish Births Digest: his father is described as a gardener
- 2 The wedding was on 25 June 1710: he is described as of Hamilton, the second son of William Miller, a gardener at the Abbey; she is described as of Hamilton, the eldest daughter of George (deceased), a Burgess in Glasgow (Scottish Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Scottish Births, Marriages and Burials Digests, with additional information from William Frederick Miller, op cit:-
 

Marie qv	b 18.ix.1711	who m 1734 John Christy
Margaret	b 20.xii.1712/3	who d 19.iv.1716
Eupham	b 18.xi.1714/5	who m out of the Society, Dr Mackie of Ormiston
William	b 19.xii.1716/7	who d 20.iv.1720
Joseph*	b 28.ii.1719	
William qv	b 25.ii.1722	who m (1) 1750 Elizabeth Ormston (2) 1757 Prudence Doubleday
Ann	b 5.i.1724	who m out of the Society Robert Horn
George qv	b x.vii.1726	who m 1753 Hannah Johnson
Margaret	b 20.xi.1729/30	who d 13.vi.1739
- \*He lived to middle age, but is described as "wanting" in his wits  
N.B. These dates are as given in the Digest: it is not clear whether they are (as most probable) in New Style or in Old Style
- 4 Scottish Burials Digest: he is described as of the Abbey, Edinburgh

MILLER, William (1722-1801?)

William Miller, the son of William Miller (1684-1757 qv) and his wife Ann, born Adam, of Edinburgh, was born there on 25.ii.1722(1). On his father's death he succeeded to his business and landed rights, his elder brother Joseph being described as "wanting." He also succeeded to more than his father's influence in the Society, so that he was popularly called "The King of the Quakers." Joseph Oxley, a Norwich minister, stayed with him while on a visit to Scotland in 1766 and has left the following account, which shows him in a not unpleasing light:-

"We lodged at William Miller's, who has been remarkably kind to such poor travellers, not only in entertaining them at his house, but also in furnishing them with guides for many days together, the chief of which at his own cost, which we thought was too oppressive."

At that period he was a widower, having already been married twice. He was first married in 1750 to Elizabeth Ormston, the daughter of Charles Ormston of Kelso(2); there were no children of this marriage(3). He was the second member of his family to make an alliance with the Ormstons of Kelso, his uncle Joseph (1698- qv) having married an earlier Elizabeth Ormston in 1727. Elizabeth's death is not recorded(4) and in 1757 he took as his second wife Prudence Doubleday, the daughter of John Doubleday of Alnwick and great-granddaughter of Robert Barclay of Ury, the author of the "Apology;"(5) there was one child(6). Prudence Miller died in 1758(7) shortly after the birth of her son and for many years William remained a widower, his sister-in-law Betsy Doubleday keeping house for him.

William Miller was a formidable and in many ways a strange character and his relationship with the Society in Edinburgh was peculiar. Edinburgh Meeting was at that time in a low state and he was for many years treasurer, clerk, overseer, elder and minister - the factotum of the Society in Scotland, particularly in the south of the country, and as such he put down very summarily any attempts at self-assertion by other members. His services were valuable, but there was no humility in his disposition and some of his proceedings were very far from the leadings of Truth. In 1770 the minutes note a batch of certificates of removal entrusted to him to be forwarded; addressing his clerk he would say "Noo, Dauvit, look oot what sort they brocht wi' them, an give them as gude as they brocht" adding "We'll hae nae wracks on our shore." This clerk, David Norman, was not a Friend, but played an important part in Edinburgh Meeting at this period; he used to be deputed by William Miller to sit at the head of First Day morning gathering at the regular

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meeting house, which he himself rarely attended. William Miller presided over meetings held in a sort of chapel of ease in a small house opposite his own and from refreshments being bountifully provided<sup>ds</sup> for attenders these irregular meetings came to be termed in scorn "bread and cheese meetings." It is related that he told Rebecca Jones, then on a visit from America, that he had a sermon written for every First Day in the year, to which she dryly responded "We read that if the children of Israel kept their manna a single day it became corrupt; in what state then must thine be after a year's keeping!"

There was a revival in Edinburgh Meeting in 1785 and William Miller's influence must have been much shaken, but in 1787, after nearly thirty years of widowhood, he proposed to marry again to Martha Rawson, who was not a Friend, and expected that his marriage would be accepted by the Society. This Edinburgh Friends refused to do and he was married by a priest;\* there was one child(8). He was visited by Friends appointed for the purpose and expressed his sorrow and his desire to be re-united with the Society. His repentance would have been accepted if he had agreed to give up the irregular meetings he held on Sunday afternoons, but this he refused to do. After further labouring with him Friends concluded in 1788 that a testimony should be issued against him.

He continued, however, to regard himself as a Friend and to hold his irregular meetings, until after the birth of his son in London in 1789 he went to live at Tottenham. Josiah Foster remembered his appearance at meeting well. He used to come in panting and "bathing", probably from asthma, and take his seat on the top form fronting the gallery. He had a hard, red face and wore a well-curled brown wig, cocked hat and claret coloured suit.

He died at Tottenham about 1801(9) and is said to have been buried in the Friends' burial ground at Winchmore Hill.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

William Frederick Miller, Memorials of Hope Park, 1886, pp 13-17

#### SEE ALSO:-

References in J Friends Hist Soc vol 1, p 70: vol 5, p 166:  
vol 11, pp 192-194: vol 13, p 8: vol 29, pp 41, 42

\*This marriage is recorded in the Scotland GM Marriages Digest, without details and with the comment "Married by a priest." The date is given as tenth or eleventh month 1787.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Scottish Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Charles Ormston's house at Kelso on 5.vi.1750: he is described as the son of William, a seed merchant near the Abbey, Edinburgh; she is described as the eldest daughter of Charles, a merchant of Kelso (Scottish Marriages Digest)
- 3 No children are recorded in the Scottish Births Digest
- 4 Her death is not recorded in the Scottish Burials Digest
- 5 The wedding was at William Miller's house, Meadow flatt, on 10 March 1757: he is described as a seedsman, near the Abbey, Edinburgh; she is described as the daughter of John Doubleday (deceased) and Molleson, born Barclay, of Strettel in Northumberland (Scottish Marriages Digest)
- 6 Listed in Scottish Births Digest as follows:-  
William b 27 Feb 1758 who d young
- 7 Scottish Burials Digest: she died on 6 March 1758
- 8 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest as follows:-  
William Henry ~~qv~~ b 13 Feb 1789
- 9 His death is not recorded in London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest; some sources give the year as 1799

MILLER, William (1783-1872)

William Miller, the second son of George Miller (1742/3-1812 qv) and his wife Mary and a descendant of William Miller (1655?-1743 qv) of Glasgow and Edinburgh, was born at Whitehaven on 24 November 1783.(1) Like his father before him he became a tanner and lived at Whitehaven for the whole of his long and useful life. Until within a few years of his death, William Miller was actively engaged in business, took part in all the leading benevolent institutions in the town and held a prominent place in all public matters connected with the welfare of his fellow citizens. Although he was not ostentatiously religious the whole tenor of his life was a demonstration of its conduct upon Christian principles and such was his independence of mind and his impartiality, that in the view of many of his friends no opinion carried so much weight as his.

(1790-1875, qv)

In 1815 he married Mary Fletcher(2) and there were eight children of the marriage(3); they were a devoted and affectionate family. In his public dealings with friends and acquaintances he was distinguished by his kindness and consideration. He took a deep interest in all that concerned the welfare of the Society and served as an elder for nearly forty years, a most diligent and faithful attender of religious meetings.

He died at Whitehaven on 8 February 1872(4), after a recurrence of the only illness which had ever troubled him in the course of his long life and was buried in the public cemetery at St Bees, Cumberland.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1873 p 92

SEE ALSO:- Incidental reference vol 7 (1910) p 33

N.B. Care should be taken to distinguish him from the line engraver William Miller (1796-1882 qv), to whom he was probably distantly related through their common ancestor William Miller (1655?-1743 qv)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest: he was born on 24 November 1783, the son of George and Mary of Whitehaven. \*
- 2 The wedding was at Graysouthern on 20 July 1815; he is described as a tanner of Whitehaven, she as the daughter of John and Deborah Fletcher of Gray southern in the parish of Brigham, Cumberland (Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest as follows:-

John Fletcher	b 20 June 1816	d 16 July 1856
Mary	b 2 July 1818	d 16 Sept 1889
Deborah Ann	b 30 Dec 1821	
William	b 14 Jan 1824	d 14 June 1826
Sarah	b 12 Oct 1825	
William	b 6 Nov 1827	
Amelia	b 5 Feb 1830	
Susanna Jane	b 3 Jan 1832	
- 4 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest: he is described as a retired merchant

\* Annual monitor erroneously says he was born 'in the year 1784'

William Miller, the son of George Miller (1759-1831 qv) and his wife Ann (formerly Reed or Reid, born Tweedie 1760?-1842 qv) of Edinburgh, was born there on 28 May 1796(1). As a child he attended a day school in Edinburgh kept by a Friend named Andrew Reid, but when he was nine years old he was sent, under the charge of two elder brothers, to Joseph Tatham's school at Leeds, then one of the principal boarding schools of the Society. He remained there for about two years, laying the foundations of several lifelong friendships, including that with James Backhouse (1794-1869 qv) of York.

Towards the end of 1807 William left school in company with his brother Alexander and their education was continued at home by a classical tutor named James Anderson. Hope Park, which George Miller had bought in 1800, was a very happy place for a growing family; all the children had their own little gardens and the Shrubbery was a favourite haunt of William and his friends. A frequent recreation among the Hope Park children was playing at "Meetings," when one or other of them would speak at considerable length, their sister Ann being especially noted for her power of mimicry. William and his sister Ann were very close friends and used to recite their favourite pieces of poetry to one another, or compose poems themselves; William also reared canaries and another of his hobbies was coin collecting. From his earliest childhood he had been fond of drawing and when only five or six years old used to make coloured sketches, which were displayed to visitors with great pride by his father.

However, his father had scruples about allowing William to follow the arts as a profession and being anxious to make a manufacturer of him, set him to work in the warehouse attached to the gingham manufactory in Nicholson Street. But he was so unhappy there and the employment was so repugnant to his tastes, that his father wisely yielded to his wishes and allowed him in 1811 to become a pupil of William Archibald, an engraver of Edinburgh and an attender at Friends' meetings. He remained with William Archibald for about four years and then set up on his own account, being at first principally engaged in Encyclopaedia plates.

In 1819, having saved some money, he decided to go to London, becoming a pupil of the landscape engraver George Cooke; the premium required was a heavy one, but his father made good what was lacking. George Cooke was a good disciplinarian and a clever instructor and William used his time with him to good advantage. It was a period of great growth for him in every way, not least from a religious point of view. He greatly enlarged his circle of valued friendships and from sketches still preserved in 1886 seems to have made excursions into the country. On Sundays he was often invited to join Friends in and around London.

He returned to Edinburgh about 1821 and began his fifty years' close, unbroken devotion to his craft in his native city. He was married in 1833 to Ellen Cockin, the daughter of his father's friend Richard Cockin (1753-1845 qv) of Doncaster(2) and there were five children(3). Ellen Miller died in 1841(4) and in 1844 William took as his second wife Jane Woodhead, the daughter of Samuel Woodhead (1777-1829 qv)(5); there were two children of this second marriage(6).

In the tradition of his family he served the Society well. He was acknowledged a minister in Edinburgh Two Months Meeting in 1854 and was for many years clerk to the General and Select Meetings of Scotland. His extreme modesty and diffidence made more remarkable his courageous stand for the truth, when he felt himself called upon to uphold it both in meetings for worship and also by taking part as a citizen in the advocacy of anti-slavery, peace, temperance and other great questions of the day.

"We feel that we have much cause for thankfulness that his life was so long spared to counsel and aid the Church in upholding those principles which we as a religious Society have had committed to our trust, he being ever careful to maintain a consistent course amidst the varying waves of religious thought, which, during his lengthened life, have passed over our Society, avoiding errors and extremes whether on the right hand or the left." (Testimony)

His life was unfortunately clouded for many years by anxiety for the plight into which his parents had fallen by the failure of their business and the mortgaging of their property, culminating in the lease of Hope Park for a school. William was at length able to redeem his father's losses to the extent of restoring him to Hope Park, which cost him about 2,000 guineas, but he had the satisfaction of knowing that his parents' last days were spent in the home they had loved so well.

*at Sheffield (\*)*

He died on 20 January 1882(7), at the age of eighty five.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

William Frederick Miller, Memorials of Hope Park, 1886

Testimony of Edinburgh Two-months Meeting in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1882, p 9

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Scotland GM Births Digest: his father is described as a linen draper
- 2 The wedding was at Doncaster on 17 April 1833: he is described as an engraver of Edinburgh, the son of George (deceased) and Ann; she is described as the daughter of Richard, a draper, and Ellen (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Scotland GM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-
- |                      |                 |                                    |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| William Frederick qv | b 18 Sept 1834  | who m 1873 Mary Miller<br>Woodhead |
| Henry Claire         | b 9 Oct 1835    | who d 15 May 1837                  |
| George               | b 23 April 1837 | who d 31 March 1838                |
| Ellen Clare          | b 17 June 1839  | who m 1873 Edward Pearson          |
| Georgina             | b 27 April 1841 | who m 1865 Samuel Clark            |
- 4 Scotland GM Burials Digest: she died 21 June 1841
- 5 The wedding was at Manchester on 27 June 1844: he is described as a widower, an engraver of Hope Park Edinburgh, the son of George Miller, a manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of Victoria Street, Manchester, the daughter of Samuel Woodhead, a grocer (Digest of Marriages)
- 6 Listed in Scotland GM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-
- |           |               |                                       |
|-----------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mary Jane | b 27 Feb 1845 | who m 1868 Daniel<br>Doncaster junior |
| Ann       | b 14 Dec 1846 | no marriage recorded to<br>1926       |
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an engraver
- \* Annual monitor 1883 p 83

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 168: "A portfolio of some 70 of Miller's engravings was presented to Friends House in 1930 by the widow of William F. Miller, son of William and Ellen Miller." Note by Norman Penney

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 5, p 59: vol 10, pp 1 47,48: vol 11, p 45: vol 15, pp 103,104: vol 26, p 24:  
Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) pp 165,201

Biographical Catalogue London Friends Institute, 1888

Lippincott, Biographical Dictionary, p 1725

Miller, W.F., A catalogue of engravings of William Miller (portrait)

Annual monitor 1883 pp 78-81

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Additional information

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MILLER, William, 1796-1882

b. May 28, 1796 at Edinburgh, Scotland, son of  
George and Ann Miller.

A distinguished line engraver and painter of  
water colors.

1843 published On the Righteousness which is  
of the Law; and the Righteousness which is of Faith, &c.  
1848, wrote Christian non-resistance (by Adin Ballou)

d. Jan. 20, 1882 in Sheffield, England, in his  
86th year.

Lippincott, Biog. Dict., 1725

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:178

Miller, W.F., A catalogue of engravings of William Miller. (portrait)

WBE:

MILLER, William Allen, 1817-1870

b. Dec. 17, 1817 at Ipswich, England, son of  
William and Frances Bowyer (Vaux) Miller.

1828-1830

ed. Merchants' Taylor's School and Ackworth (1830).

Also, General Hospital, Birmingham.

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Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 5 <sup>Nov.</sup> 119 and No. 4:174

Bibliog. pf Ackworth, 22.

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup., 249

His father d Birmingham 1861  
His mother d Birmingham 1854

x Death not traced in Digest of Deaths

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MILLER, William Frederick (1834-1918)

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He died at Winscombe, Somerset, on 26 April 1918 aged 83 years. During the last few years of his life he had ceased to be a member of the Society of Friends. (3) He had been president of the Friends Historical Society in 1912 (4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual Monitor 1919/20 p.217

REFERENCES & NOTES :

1 Scotland <sup>SM</sup> Births Digest

3. He appears to have resigned his membership in 1910, appearing in the printed Bristol & Somerset QM list of members for 1910, but not for 1911

2 The wedding was at Liverpool on 3 July 1873; he is described as bachelor, draughtsman on wood, of Croydon, son of William Miller, engraver on steel. She is described as spinster of Liverpool, daughter of Firth Woodhead, tea dealer. (Digest of Marriage Registers)

4 <sup>1<sup>a</sup></sup> FHS records

He became a member of Westminster MM by certificate from Edinburgh Two Weeks Mtg in 1857; but resigned in 1860. He was admitted into membership by Kingston MM on 24 March 1870, as a reinstated member; he had left Friends to join the Church of England, in hopes of finding more settlement in its rites and observances, but unsatisfied, had begun to attend Westminster meeting three or four years before (Kingston MM minutes vol. (1865-1884) p. 219 (Westminster MM, minutes + certificate books)).

SEE ALSO : Friend (Lond.) 1918 p.311  
Obituary, newspaper cutting vol. RR/202

2<sup>a</sup> He had a certificate from Knugton MM to North Somerset & Wells MM, dated 13 July 1892 (Kingston MM minutes list 1871-1895).

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MILLER, William Henry (1789-1848)

William Henry Miller, the son of William Miller (1722-1801?) and his third wife Martha, born Rawson, of Edinburgh and London, was born in London on 13 February 1789(1). He was brought up among Friends and had for his tutor Richard Payne, afterwards master of a school at Epping; but he apparently left the Society, as his studies were completed at the University of Cambridge.

He was a highly educated man, but very shy and reserved, abstemious, a strong Tory and very proud of his family.(2) He was also very wealthy and his library at Britwell House near Windsor was worth £80,000. It was described by Dr David Laing, the Scottish antiquary, as "collected with great taste and judgment during a period of nearly forty years . . . (it) contains, for rarity and condition, an unrivalled collection of books belonging to the class of Early English Literature." William Henry Miller bequeathed the library to his college at Cambridge, but the conditions accompanying the bequest were so troublesome that it was declined by the college authorities.

He was thrice elected member of Parliament for Newcastle-under-Lyme, where his relations, the Christys, had considerable influence. His election expenses were so lavish that after the third election he resigned his seat rather than face the election committee. It is said that disgraceful scenes of drunkenness and rioting accompanied his electioneering.

He usually lived at his house at Britwell, which he had added to the family estate, but he died at his mansion of Craigentinny on 30 October 1848(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

William Frederick Miller, Memorials of Hope Park, 1886, pp 17-18

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 There is no record of a marriage in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 His death is not recorded in the Digest of Deaths

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