

SEEL, Harold

(1902 - 1978)

Harold Seel was born on June 20, 1902 at Hunslett in Brighouse MM, the son of Harry and Mary Hannah Seel.(1)

The obituary in The Friend records little about him save that he was a well loved elder of Cartmel meeting to which he was a great support.

Further research however reveals that he was a scholar at Rawdon school, where he was a school fellow of Henry Scott (- 1978 qv.). The family lived for a time at Rawdon where they were members of Leeds meeting, and he seems to have married in about 1927.(2) He and his wife appear to have moved to Cartmel in about 1961/2,(3) although his wife does not appear to have joined the Society of Friends.

He died in hospital suddenly on January 20, 1978, aged 75.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol 136 (1978) p. 348

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Birth Digest, his father is described as a painter and decorator.
2. Yorkshire QM printed lists of members record him as living with his parents at Leeds in 1907, then at school at Rawdon. In 1926 under his parents' names at Leeds, and then in 1928 at Great Wilson St. meeting, Leeds, with wife 'B' non member.
3. The same lists show him as a member of Beeston Hill meeting which was closed in 1961. Westmorland QM printed list of members for 1962 records him as a member of Leeds MM. The same list for 1968 records him as a member at Cartmel, with his wife 'Gwen' as non member.

SGJ Aug. 1978

SEELEY, Alice

(1870 - 1970) after 1896 Harris

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Alice Seeley married John H. Harris (187³? - 1940)
on May 6, 1896.

HARRIS, Alice [Seeley] (1870 - 1970) b. Seeley

SGJ July 1978

WBE:

SEELY, Catherine, 1799- 1838

b. June 2, 1799 at Darien, Conn., daughter of Wyx and Catherine Seely.

Lost her mother and a brother by death. She herself had a tendency to Scrofula.

1818 convinced and joined Friends.

1822, opened a school. She later taught in the family of some residents of Westchester, N.Y. The house where she lived was destroyed by fire and she went to live with an uncle, Amos Roberts.

d. Oct. 27, 1838 possibly at Darien, Conn., aged about 39 years.

Memoirs of Catherine Seely and Deborah S. Roberts

WBE:

SEFTON-JONES, E. Margaret, nee Hughes, 1864-1948

b. Dec. 22, 1864 at East Dulwich, England,
daughter of William and Mary Hughes

m. 1894 Herbert Sefton-Jones. 1 son, 1 daughter
The family belonged to Westminster Monthly Meeting,
London.

M.S-F studied Egyptology and was a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. She and her husband helped establish Jordan's Hostel and were both members of Meeting for Sufferings. They travelled widely.

1929 After the death of her husband she moved out of London. She became an enthusiastic member of the Oxford Group, though remaining loyal to Friends.

d. Feb. 14, 1948 at Hampton Court Palace, aged 83 years.

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7716 & 7783

Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 13:94

The Friend (London), 106(1948):177

QBE:

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SEFTON-JONES, Herbert, 1855-1929

b. Dec. 31, 1855 at Darlington, England, son
of William and Anne (Sefton) Jones.

ed. Great Ayton School, Reale Schule, Marburg
Germany and University College, London, where he
studied chemistry. Was a splendid linguist also and
spoke French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian and
Greek fluently, and had sufficient knowledge of Arabic,
Turkish and Tartar to serve him well in his travels.

Journeyed across the great mountain ranges of
Asia to the borders of China where he was refused
entry so he returned west via the Caspian Sea and the
Caucasus.

He was a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered
Patent Agents in London.

m., 1894, Emily Margaret Hughes. 1 son, 1 daughter
1903, served as Clerk of London and Middlesex
Quarterly Meeting, was a recorded minister and had a
part in reviving Jordans Meeting. Was a useful member
of Meeting for Sufferings, also.

1923 visited Australia and New Zealand.

d. Sept. 6, 1929 at Fawkham, Kent in his 74th year.

The Friend (London), 69(1929):828, 881 (portrait)

SELBY, William

(- 1965)

William Selby was not a Friend, but after imprisonment at Dartmoor as a C.O. during the first world war, he joined the staff of Friends War Victims Committee, and then through the offices of Ruth Fry (1878 - 1962 qv.) entered the service of the National Peace Council which he served tirelessly and with unfailing reliability for the rest of his working career. He made a great contribution to the purposes of the council.

He died on September 20, 1965. No other details are given.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend

Vol.123 (1965) p. 1181.

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SELF, Elizabeth (1762-1837) aftw. Gregory

[Elizabeth Selfe, daughter of Isaac Selfe
of Bristol and his wife Elizabeth
(nee) was married in
1797 to Edward Gregory

see GREGORY, Elizabeth (1762-1837) born Selfe]

alte Worthy Corp.

1728 - 1740

SELFE, Elizabeth (fl 1687-1739/40) born Elgar

Elizabeth Elgar, the daughter of Thomas Elgar (-) of Folkestone in Kent, was born there on 23.ix.[November] 1687(1).

She was possibly married in 1728/9 to John Selfe (1705-1757 qv), a card maker of Market Lavington in Wiltshire and there were five or six children(2).

The date of her death is not at present (1982) traced(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Kent QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given; her name is spelt Elebeth
- 2 For marriage and children see SELFE, John (1705-1757)
- 3 Her death is not traced in Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digest

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

SELFE, Elizabeth (1736?-1811) after 1762 Hipsley

[Elizabeth Selfe, daughter of John Selfe (1705-1757 qv)
and his wife Elizabeth (born Elgar, fl 1687-1739/40 qv)
was married in 1762 to John Hipsley (1741-1816 qv).]

See HIPSLEY, Elizabeth (1736?-1811) born Selfe]

SELFE, Elizabeth (1740?-1785) born Bishop

Elizabeth Bishop, the daughter of Robert Bishop (1718?-1801 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Cowling, -1767 qv), was born about the year 1740(1).

She was married in 1761 to Isaac Selfe (1729-1785 qv), a stay maker of Gloucester and there were nine children(2).

Elizabeth Selfe of Bristol died on 11 January 1785, at the age of forty five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 45 at death: her birth is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see SELFE, Isaac (1729-1785)
- 3 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Isaac

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

SELFE, Isaac (1729-1785)

Isaac Selfe, the son of John Selfe (1705 - 1757 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born 1728-1740 Elgar, 1728-1740), was born on 20.ix.[November] 1729(1).

He became a stay maker at Gloucester(2) and was married in 1761 to Elizabeth Bishop (1740?-1785 qv) of Pensford in Somerset(3); there were nine children(4).

Isaac Selfe of Bristol died on 15 October 1785, at the age of fifty five(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: his place of birth and his father's occupation are not given; his mother's name is not given, but it appears in his marriage entry, note 3
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Beluton on 25 March 1761: he is described as a stay maker of Gloucester, the son of John and Elizabeth Selfe, late of Devizes in Wiltshire; she is described as the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Bishop of Pensford in Somerset (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Elizabeth qv	b 28 Feb 1762	m 1797 Edward Gregory (2nd wife) (1753-1831 qv)
*John	b 4 June 1763	
*Mary	b 20 May 1765	
Lydia	b 1 Aug 1767	died
*Anna	b 15 March 1770	
*Phebe	b 20 April 1772	
Isaac	b 13 Dec 1774	m 1798 Mary Tanner
*Lydia	b 19 March 1778	
*Bishop	b 18 Dec 1784	
- *No marriages traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest
- 5 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: he is described as a staymaker and grocer

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

WBE:

SELFE, Jacob

Lived at Bristol, England.

1751, wrote An expositatory address... (Which is
an appeal to return to the sincerity and simplicity
of the Christian gospel. The verses are not ill-
turned. WBE)

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:555

SELFE, John (1705-1757)

John Selfe, the son of Isaac Selfe (-) and his wife Sarah (born) of Lavington in Wiltshire, was born there on 19.viii.[October] 1705(1).

He became a card maker at Market Lavington(2) and was married in 1728/9 to Elizabeth Elgar (fl 1687-1739/40 qv) of Dover(3); there were five or six children(4). After about 1736 he moved to Devizes in Wiltshire(5).

John Selfe was buried at Nailsworth in Gloucestershire on 23 June 1757(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Canterbury in Kent on 8.xi.1728 [i.e. January 1728/9]: he is described as a card maker of Market Lavington in Wiltshire, the son of Isaac (deceased) of Market Lavington; she is described as a spinster of Dover, the daughter of Katerine (deceased), late of Sandwich (Kent QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Creasey	b 25 i [March] 1731	d 28 i [March] 1732
*John	b 26 vi [Aug] 1732	
Elizabeth qv	b	1736?

m 1762 John Hipsley
(1741-1816 qv)
(Bristol & Somerset QM)

*Sarah	b 1 iv [June] 1738
*Jacob	b 23 xi 1739 [i.e. Jan 1739/40]
- *No marriages traced in Gloucester & Wilts QM or Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digests
Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digest gives also Isaac, who married in 1761 Elizabeth Bishop
- 5 His two eldest children were born at Lavington (1731-1732): the birth of Elizabeth in 1736? is not traced, but his two youngest children were born at Devizes (1738-1739/40)
- 6 Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

SELFE, Phoebe (1772-1844) after 1802 Gregory

[**Phoebe Selfe, daughter of Isaac Selfe (1729 -1785 qv)**

and his wife Hannah born Tanner, daughter
of ~~Isaac~~, was married in 1802 to Thomas Gregory
(1773-1825 qv) of Tetton in Somerset.

SELFE, Mary (1777-1845) born Tanner

Mary Tanner, the daughter of William and Hannah Tanner of Woodborough in the parish of Winscombe in Somerset, was born there on 20 July 1777(1). In the year 1798 she married Isaac Selfe(2), but the marriage was childless(3).

For many years her principal concern had been to administer to the comfort of the sick and the afflicted and to relieve the wants of the poor and destitute, and this she did with a disinterested kindness which made her services the more acceptable. In her last illness she felt that she had fallen short of what was required of a servant of the Lord and was deeply troubled in spirit, but she died at peace at Bristol on 4 January 1845.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1846 pp 61-63

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Sidcot on 30 May 1798: he is described as a druggist and grocer of Bristol, the son of Isaac and Elizabeth Selfe; she is described as the daughter of William and Hannah Tanner of Woodborough (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 No children are listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Isaac

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

MS:

SELLECK, George Arthur, 1899-1980

b. 1899, Emporia, Kansas, son of Guy B. and Cora Gain Selleck.

ed. B.A., Friends University, Wichita, 1921; S.T.B., Hartford Theological Seminary, c. 1926; M.A., Harvard, c. 1932.

m. 1925, Florence M. Gifford. d. August, 1973, one daughter.

m. (2nd) March 2, 1978, Daisy Neumann Newman.

c. 1925, Teacher, Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Maine.

1926-31, Meeting secretary, Goose Creek Meeting, Lincoln, Va.

1936-48, 1950-64, Executive Secretary, Cambridge Friends Meeting, Mass.

1936-43, Secretary of annual New England Institute of International Relations.

1948-50, With wife, directed AFSC relief work in Finland.

1965-67, Director, Interfaith Seminar Program of the New England Office of AFSC.

1967, Retired to Nantucket, Mass.

Instrumental role in reunifying the New England Yearly Meeting, revised New England Yearly Meeting's Book of Discipline. Birthright Friend, recorded minister.

d. July 11, 1980. Emerson Hospital, Concord, Mass. Age 81.

Author, Quakers in Boston 1656-1964. Boston: Friends Meeting at Cambridge, 1976; Principles of the Quaker Business Meeting. Richmond, Ind.: Friends United Press, 1973; "Friends Meetings

WBE:

SELLWOOD, John ((1634?-1693)), John, c.1634-1693

b. c.1634

John Sellwood was a brewer, of Mile End, parish of Stepney.
His widow, Elizabeth, of Schoolhouse Lane, died in 1717, aged 78.
By trade he was a brewer and lived in Wincanton,

Somersetshire. Then removed to Mile End, London,
Suff.

Eng..

Became convinced and joined Friends. In 1678 he

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.381
wrote An invitation of love to all people

Suffered loss of goods for refusal to bear arms
and for attending meetings.

d. 2 XI 1693 at Mile End, Stepney parish, London
aged 59 years.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:556

Besse, 1:429, 437, 471, 478

SERGEANT, Ann (1710?-1779) after 1736 Lamb

[Ann Sergeant, daughter of William Sergeant of Charlbury in Oxfordshire, was married in 1736 to Benjamin Lamb (1699/1700-1777 qv).]

See LAMB, Ann (1710?-1779) born Sergeant]

SERJEANT, Elizabeth (1818-1862) after 1843 Lidbetter

(Elizabeth Serjeant, daughter of John Serjeant and his wife
Elizabeth, born Hill, of Bristol was married in 1843 to
Martin Lidbetter (1820-1905 qv).

See LIDBETTER, Elizabeth (1818-1862) born Serjeant)

MEG Jan 1980

SERJEANT, Ewart Egbert (1907 ? - 1964)

Ewart Serjeant was born in about the year 1907 (1) the son of Ernest James Serjeant.(2) We have no knowledge of his early life but he joined the Society of Friends in about 1944 (3). Later he served as clerk of Brighton Meeting (4) and as treasurer of the Brighton Friends Centre.

In about 1952 his wife Violet Elizabeth left him and went to live at Lewes.(5) They were divorced and in 1955 he married Rita Watson a member of Golders Green Meeting (6) and they made their house a haven of hospitality where they cared for those in need. In about 1960 he retired from business on health grounds and he and his wife made a voyage by slow boat to the Far East, visiting Friends wherever possible. He was a tireless worker for peace both inside and outside the Society, taking part each year in the Aldermaston March and at the time of his death he was secretary of the local branch of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. In 1962 he attended the World Peace Congress in Moscow.

He died on March 25, 1964, at the age of 57.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 122 (1964) p. 574

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 57 at death.
2. The name of his father is taken from the Marriage Digest (see below)
3. Sussex, Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members for 1946 recorded him as a member at Brighton. His wife Violet Elizabeth was also recorded and three children, of whom the eldest was born in 1934.
4. Index of Clerks - Friends Hd. Library. - Brighton PM. 1956 - 1958.
5. The above lists in 1953 record him alone with one son Michael Ewart, and Violet Elizabeth with two children at Malling Down, Lewes. In about 1956 she married Arthur Ernest Bissell, formerly of Brighton. The same lists for 1957 record Arthur Bissell at Malling Down, Lewes, with wife, Violet Elizabeth.
6. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Golders Green FMH on October 4, 1954. She is described as deputy Education officer, Queen's Nurses.

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SESSIONS, Eliza (1813-1888) born Shipley

Eliza Shipley, the daughter of John Shipley (1776-1854 qv) and his wife Sarah, born Humphreys, of Shaftesbury, was born there on 18 August 1813(1). She moved to Gloucester, where she became a member of Gloucester Meeting in 1833 and two years later, in 1835, she was married to Jesse Sessions (1804-1894 qv); there were eleven children(2).

She was recorded a minister by Gloucester & Nailsworth Monthly Meeting about the year 1852 and in 1858 she visited the quarterly meeting of Warwick, Leicester & Stafford, accompanied by her husband. In the chief towns the meetings were all largely attended and one of the most outstanding was held in a circus at Birmingham. About two thousand people were present, of the lowest and most degraded part of the population, but notwithstanding the rough elements of which it was composed, the meeting was orderly and solemn. The number of Friends in the country districts was very small and Eliza Sessions felt much discouraged for their future; there seemed so little spiritual life among them and the buildings in which they met were often too small to hold all the people Eliza wished to reach, so that she was forced to use the chapels of other religious denominations.

The following year she attended Dublin Yearly Meeting and in 1860 she travelled in Yorkshire, attending meetings and visiting the families of Friends. About two years later, after a long and trying illness, she was granted a certificate for public service and she visited the Forest of Dean and the Cotswold Hills, again speaking in the chapels of other denominations. The rough colliers and miners of the Forest and the shepherds and ploughmen of the hills crowded to the chapels when she was known to be coming; even after meetings lasting two hours or more the people were still loth to depart, so powerful was the impact of her ministry.

Except for one visit to the eastern counties, Eliza Sessions did not again travel from home in the ministry. As age and infirmity increased her work took a new direction and she started rescue work among the "Friendless and Fallen", with whom her name was associated for about twenty years. She established the 'Home of Hope' in Gloucester and was also associated with the Park Street Mission.

"She had a gift of the discernment of spirits, and was often greatly helped in speaking to the spiritual condition of others. Not infrequently persons would come to her, after the close of a meeting, to confess their troubles or secret faults, so clearly had she opened their state to their inward eyes." (Testimony)

She died at Gloucester on 15 August 1888, at the age of seventy five(3).

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SESSIONS, Eliza (1813-1888) born Shipley

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PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1889, pp 138-148

Testimony of Gloucester & Nailsworth MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings
1889, p iii

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: her father is described as a draper
- 2 For marriage and children see SESSIONS, Jesse (1804-1894)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of 6 Bath Villas, Gloucester, the wife of Jesse

SEE ALSO:- Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 16, p 24:
Vol 34, p 46

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replacement

SESSIONS, Ethel Mary (1876-1898)

Ethel Mary Sessions, daughter of William and Mary Sessions, was born at York on 10 October 1876 (1). She was educated at Ackworth and the Mount, leaving only good memories behind her. After leaving school she had a class for boys, helped a Mother's Meeting, and was secretary of a local branch of the Young Women Friends Christian Union. She won the hearts of all by her brightness and ready sympathy.

In 1896 she went to Switzerland, and it was found there that one of her lungs was affected and she was treated at Davos. She found ways of making herself useful and of forming friendships with German and French girls staying there. Her trouble increased, and at the age of 22 she died on 23 October 1898, mourned by all who had come to know her and to be helped by her courage and ready helpfulness.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor, 1900, p.163.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Digest of Birth Notes: her father is described as a bookseller.

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SESSIONS, Frederick (1836-1920)

Frederick Sessions was born at Gloucester 26 March 1836.

In 1903 he and his wife moved to Kendal and the last few years of his life were spent Farnworth, Lancashire. Early in his life he showed an aptitude for public speaking; he was an early member of the Friends Foreign Missions Association and helped to organise the Friends Home Missions Committee, of which he was an active member. He was also associated with the Friends Temperance Union and the Friends Tract Association, and for several years ran a large bible class by correspondence. In 1876 he was one of the founders of the Men's and Women's Bible Class out of which, in 1780, came the building of the Sherborne Street Mission Hall. In connection with temperance work and free church life, F. Sessions held many positions of influence in Gloucester.

8/ In 1889 Frederick Sessions visited the FFMA stations in India; a few years later, with his wife and daughter, he visited Friends in the south of France and Friends' work in Palestine and Syria and also the Armenian mission in Constantinople.

Recorded a minister in 1869, he travelled among Friends in Great Britain exercising his gift, visiting most of the meetings - a thing which was much valued and appreciated.

In Gloucester he was a member of the corporation, being one of the first Liberal aldermen of the city. He was a member of the Royal Geographic Society and also of the Royal Asiatic and Folklore Societies; he took part in the religious and civic life of Kendal, also.

He died at Farnworth 4 December 1920.

Testimony of Gloucester & Nailsworth MM in YM Proc. 1921, p.279

The Friend (London), 60 (1920); 802, 819

WBE:
Additional reference

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SESSIONS, Frederick, 1836-1920

The Friend (London), 60(1920): 802, 819

SESSIONS, Marian (1852-1944) after 1878 Impey

[Marian Sessions, daughter of Jesse Sessions (1804-1894 qv) and his wife Eliza (born Shipley, 1813-1888 qv) of Gloucester, was married in 1878 to Henry John Impey (1850-1924 qv) of Broomfield in Essex.

SESSIONS, Jesse (1804-1894)

Jesse Sessions, the son of Robert and Margaret Sessions of Charlbury in Oxfordshire, was born there on 6 December 1804(1). He became a dealer in china and glass at Gloucester(2) and was married in 1835 to Eliza Shipley (1813-1888 qv) of Gloucester(3); there were eleven children(4). He died at Gloucester on 16 April 1894, at the age of eighty nine(5).

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 Gloucester on 15 May 1835: he is described as a china and glass dealer of Gloucester, the son of Robert and Margaret Sessions of Charlbury, Oxfordshire; she is described as the daughter of John and Sarah Shipley of Gloucester (Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest and the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-
Frederick qv b 26 March 1836 who m 1863 Mary Elizabeth Jeffrey
Eliza b 23 Aug 1838
John Henry b 2 April 1840 who d 28 Oct 1856
William b 3 May 1843 who d 27 Nov 1840
Henry b 22 Nov 1844 who m 1873 Mary Haughton NM
Jane b 24 June 1846 who d 18 Nov 1869
*Edith b 16 Aug 1847 who d 12 Aug 1846
*Arthur b 26 June 1849
Alfred b 6 March 1851 who m 1883 Elizabeth Cary
Marian b 24 Aug 1852 who d 27 Oct 1862
*Herbert b 11 Jan 1855 who m 1878 Henry John Impey
*No marriages traced to 1903 who m 1889 Rebecca White
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a merchant of Gloucester

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

SEE ALSO

H.W. Atkinson, The families of Atkinson...and Dearman, 1933, p 142 (entry 778 af) where he is described as having "moved to Gloucester in 1830; at first, grocer in Westgate St; later china and glass dealer of Westgate St; 1844 brickmaker; 1855 merchant. Prominent in temperance and social work, and in civic life; Mayor of Gloucester". Fuller biographical details, abstracted from longer accounts by Frederick Sessions, are printed by Atkinson, op cit, p 302 (entries 1342 a, b) HEG Aus 1977

SESSIONS, William Haughton (1878 - 1966)

William Sessions was born at York in 1878, the son of William (1843 - 1886 qv.) and Mary (b. Haughton - 1926) Sessions. He went to Ackworth school and then at the age of 16 he entered his father's printing, stationery and bookselling business in York. His father had died eight years before and his mother had kept the business going. At the age of 19 he took over the management of the business and attended his last board meeting as chairman, only a month before his death. During this span of 72 years the firm had become known as William Sessions Ltd, The Ebor Press, and as one of the most highly respected firms in the trade. He was president of the British Federation of Master Printers in 1934-35.

He played an important part in the public life of York, serving as a City Councillor from 1907 - 1921, he contested three parliamentary elections as a Liberal, but without success, in Thirsk & Malden Division in 1923 and 1924, and at Elland in 1929. He was a North Riding magistrate from 1930 and chairman of the Bench for many years until his retirement at the age of 75. To the man in the street in York he was best known for his thirty year association with York City Football Club as director, chairman and then president, and many would stop him in the street to discuss the club's fortunes. (1)

On 22, April 1909 he married Edith Mary Kaye (1882 - 1965) at Heslington Parish Church. They had three children.(2) His chief service for the Society was as honorary treasurer for The Retreat, York, from 1930 - 1963 and his last great service to The Retreat was as chairman of the development fund sub-committee which raised nearly £250,000. For many years he presided over the affairs of the Women's Adult School in Lawrence St. York, one of the few remaining adult schools in the city. In 1952 he published "Laughter in Quaker Grey" a collection of humorous stories and during the last year or so had been collecting material for a sequel "More Laughter in Quaker Grey" (since published). He had a deeply infectious gaiety of spirit, he was the soul of discretion, wise in counsel, courteous and always "sought whatsoever things were good"(3)

He died at his home in York on October 30, 1966 aged 88.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 124 (1966) pp 1292, 1405/6.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Additional information from "The Story of a Printing House,
William Sessions Ltd " 1965. see p. 29.
2. H.W. Atkinson " The Families of Atkinson & Dearnan " 1933. p.143
(Section 778E afdb)
Children Dorothy Mary 24. 2. 1913
 William Kaye 18. 8. 1915
 Edith Anne 27. 7. 1919
3. Quotation from the obituary cited.

SGJ.AUG.'79

SEWARD, Frances Ann (-1851) after 1804 Corder

[Frances Ann Seward, daughter of Edward Seward, was married in 1804 to Micah Corder (1777-1854 qv).]

See CORDER, Frances Ann (-1851) born Seward]

WBE:

SEWEL, Judith, nee Zins-Pennick, -1664

b. In Amsterdam, Holland, daughter of
Conrad and Zinspennick (or pennig)

m. Jacob Williamson Sewell Children - One
was William Sewel, the Quaker historian.

1657, convinced and with her husband joined
Friends.

1663, wrote Some worthy proverbs left behind by
Judith Zins-Pennick...

d. 1664

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth, BX 7614

Sewel, History, etc. (Two vols. in one) v-viii (Biography
of William Sewel)

WBE:

SEWEL, William (Willem), 1653/54-1720

b. 1653/54, Amsterdam, Holland, son of Jacob Williamson and Judith (Zinspennig) Sewel (see biog.) His father was a surgeon and linguist and was of English extraction.

1691, W.S. published a dictionary of the Dutch and English language in Amsterdam.

1696, was invited to come to Bristol, Eng. and teach school. He declined because of his work on the "History"

1717 publication of The Rise, Increase and Progress of the Christian People called Quakers, etc. in Dutch and in English languages.

He was a steady and consistent member of the Society of Friends.

d. 1720 at Amsterdam (?), aged about 67 years.

D.N.B., 51:283

Biog. Cat., 598

Hirst, Qu. in Peace & War, 454

Braithwaite, Sec. Per. of Qu., 531

Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 23(1934): No.2:49

Frds. Lib., XI:476

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:560; Sup.301

SEWELL, Abraham (1789-1866)

(1753-1836 qv)

Abraham Sewell, son of William and Hannah Maria (born Fuller) Sewell of Yarmouth, Norfolk, was born there on 22 August 1789 (1).

Like his father, he became a grocer: by the time of his marriage in 1814 he was in business in Ipswich, but by 1816 had returned to Yarmouth (2). About 1836 or 1837 the family moved to Malton, Yorkshire (3).

His first marriage, in 1814, was to Dorothy Stickney (1793-1838 qv) (4): there were 7 children (5). He married, secondly, in 1842, Hannah Brady (born Smith, 1803-1882 qv) (6).

Abraham Sewell of Malton died on 22 March 1866 aged 76 years (7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich Births Digest: his father is described as grocer
- 2 At the time of his marriage and the birth of his first son (1814-5) he is described as of Ipswich: the entry relating to the death of his son (1816) describes him as of Yarmouth, as do the entries recording the births of subsequent children (1817-1835). He is described as grocer in all entries and in that relating to his second marriage (1842)
- 3 He was still in Yarmouth at the time of the birth of his youngest child (1835): the family was in Malton at the time of Dorothy Sewell's death (1838)
- 4 The marriage was at Owstwick FMH on 22 March 1814: he is described as of Ipswich, Suffolk, grocer, son of William and Hannah Maria of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk; she is described as daughter of William (yeoman) and Esther Stickney (deceased) of Ridgmont, Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Suffolk QM and Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digests as follows:-

William	b 2 April 1815	d 5 July 1816 aged 15 mo
William qv	b 31 Oct 1817	
Joseph Stickney qv	b 30 Dec 1819	
Edward Fuller qv	b 11 Aug 1822	
Esther Richardson qv	b 6 June 1825	who m 1850 Henry King (1821-1899 qv)
Hannah Maria qv	b 24 Aug 1833	who m (1) George Richardson Pumphrey (1830-1862 qv); (2) 1879 John Thirbeck Grace (1827- 1891 qv)

Elizabeth b 28 Aug 1835

- 6 The marriage was at York FMH on 22 June 1842: he is described as of New Malton, widower, son of William, grocer; she is described as widow, of Castlegate, York, daughter of Bartholemew Smith, grocer (Digest of Marriages)

- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as gentleman

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SEWELL, Abraham (1789-1866) continued

J Friends hist soc vol 16 (1919) p 125 quotes a journal entry of Ralph Neild (1788-1849) mentioning staying with Abraham Sewell in 1832 in the course of a ministerial journey with John Wilbur

WBE:

SEWELL, Anna, 1820-1878

b. March 30, 1820 at Yarmouth, England, daughter
of Isaac and Mary (Wright) Sewell.

An accident in her childhood crippled her for
life. She was confined for the most part to "house
and Sofa".

1876, publication of her book Black Beauty, the
story of a horse. This was very successful and sold
over 3,000,000 copies in America alone. It was sold for
£ 20 with no provision for royalties. She died before
realizing the full popularity of her one book.

d. April 25, 1878 at Old Cotton, near Norwich,
England, aged 58 years.

Frds. Intel., 111(1954):224

The Friend (Phila.), 96(1922):286

Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 12(1923):79; 37(1948):No.2:96

Life & letters of Mrs. (Mary) Sewell, 244 (portrait)

SEWELL, Edward Fuller (1822-1895)

Edward F. Sewell, son of Abraham (1789-1866 qv) and Dorothy (born Stickney, 1793-1838 qv) Sewell of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, was born there on 11 August 1822 (1). In the mid 1830s the family moved to Malton, Yorkshire (2).

Edward F. Sewell was the author of two pamphlets, Democracy, or the two commandments (1848) and Reasons for objecting to the peculiar practices and opinions of the Society of Friends with regard to address and mode of address (1855) (3).

(1832-1906 qv)

He married in 1855 Sarah Jane Taylor (4): there were 10 children (5).

Like his father, he became a grocer in Malton, the family moving in 1865 or 1866 to Whitby (6).

Edward F. Sewell of Whitby died 4 April 1895 aged 73 years (7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest: his father is described as grocer
- 2 For a note on this move see SEWELL, Abraham (1789-1866)
- 3 Joseph Smith, A descriptive catalogue, 1867, vol 2 p 558
- 4 The marriage was at Malton FMH on 10 May 1855: he is described as bachelor, grocer, of Malton, son of Abraham Sewell, grocer; she is described as spinster, of Malton, daughter of Joseph Taylor, factor (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in Digests of Births and of Deaths as follows:-

Joseph Taylor qv	b 1 Jan 1857
Esther Dorothy	b 26 Nov 1857
Alice Maud	b 25 Sept 1859
Edward Ernest	d 5 March 1861 aged 17 mo
Mary	b 10 July 1861
Philip	b 12 Oct 1863
Edith	b 2 Feb 1865
Constance	b 25 March 1866
Henry William	d 20 April 1866 aged 1 mo
Charlotte Jane	b 6 June 1869
	d 13 March 1870 aged 9 mo
	b 10 April 1872
- 6 Described as of Malton, grocer, in the entry relating to his marriage (1855); as of Malton, no description being given, in entries relating to the births of his first five children (1857-63); as of Malton, grocer &c in the entry relating to Philip (1865); as of Whitby, grocer, in the entries relating to the youngest four (1866-1872)
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as wholesale grocer

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

WBE:

SEWELL, Edward F.

1848 wrote Democracy: or, the two commend-
Ments.

(No references given)

SEWELL, Elizabeth (1835-1895) after 1859 Harris

[Elizabeth Sewell, daughter of Abraham (1789-1866 qv) and Dorothy (born Stickney, 1793-1838 qv) Sewell of Great Yarmouth and Malton, was married in 1859 to Henry Harris (1833-1873) of Tottenham.
qv) /

see HARRIS, Elizabeth (1835-1895) born Sewell]

SEWELL, Esther Richardson (1825-1853) after 1850 King

[Esther R. Sewell, daughter of Abraham (1789-1866 qv)
and Dorothy (born Stickney, 1793-1838 qv) Sewell of
Great Yarmouth and Malton, was married in 1850 to Henry
King (1821-1899 qv).]

see KING, Esther Richardson (1825-1853) born Sewell]

SEWELL, Gwenyth Kathleen (1917 ? - 1976) b. Monks.

Gwenyth Monks was born in about the year 1917.(1)

She came into contact with the Society of Friends during the early years of the second world war and in 1944 she married Joseph Sewell of Harrow.(2), joining the Society in the following year.(3). It was to Harrow Meeting that ^{she} was to give most of her service, as overseer and as an elder. She also served as its clerk for 1972/3. She served as its representative on the Harrow Council of Christian Women, and the Northwood Council of Churches. She also served as representative on the Friends Home Service Committee for ten years from 1966 until the time of her death. She loved travelling and meeting Friends from overseas, and accompanied her husband in 1967 to the "world Conference of Friends in America and elsewhere on business trips.

Her service outside the Society included membership of the National Council of Women, and of the Liberal Party and of the Women's Institute. She also helped to organise classes in current affairs through the W. E. A. and more recently the formation of a club for agoraphobics.

She died suddenly on October 25, 1976, aged 59.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol 134 (1976) p. 1409.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 59 at death.
2. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Rayners Lane FMH at Harrow on April 1, 1944. She is described as spinster of Northwood, daughter of Horace Percy Monks - nursing home propr. He as bachelor, chartered accountant, of the Students Hostel, E.l. son of Joseph King Sewell, grocer.
3. The London & Middlesex GM printed list of members for 1945 records her as a member at Harrow.
4. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library.

SEWELL, Hannah (Brady) (1803-1882) formerly Brady, born Smith

(born Bull,
1757- /
1832
qv)

Hannah Smith, the daughter of Bartholomew and Mary Smith of Penrith in Cumberland, was born there on 5 February 1803(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1814 to 1817, becoming at the age of fourteen an apprentice teacher at the school from 1817 to 1824 and acting as mistress thereafter(2). Her widowed grandmother Isabella Harris was a governess during part of Hannah's time at Ackworth and exercised a profound influence for good upon the young girl.

Before she was twenty one she became writing mistress and with the help of a junior assistant she had the entire charge of the writing and arithmetic of the girls, as well as half the grammar and geography classes. In 1820 Charlotte Dudley (1786-1825 qv), under a sense of religious duty, spent some months at Ackworth; she possessed a refined and cultivated mind and as she mixed freely with both teachers and scholars her time there was one of great benefit to both. Hannah remembered her with great pleasure and Charlotte's attractive and Christian personality had a decided influence upon her future character.

She was also a warm supporter of the extended Bible study introduced into Ackworth in 1818 by Joseph John Gurney (1788-1847 qv). She had a Sunday morning class of forty minutes and her sweet influence and kindly help were remembered by many of her pupils with gratitude; she sought earnestly to draw the hearts of her young charges to the service of God and to make them aware of his compassionate love. It was a cause of much sorrow to her pupils when in the spring of 1827 she left Ackworth; she was then only twenty four, but the extent and depth of her work in the school was acknowledged by all who had benefited by it.

She returned to Ackworth in 1828 on her marriage to Henry Brady (1798-1828 qv), one of the masters at the school. But her happy marriage was short lived; her husband died of a virulent fever which broke out in the school, about six months before the birth of their only child(3). After the death of her husband she returned to her parents' home in North Shields for a time and there her daughter Henrietta was born. On the re-establishment of a Girls' School at York in 1831 she was invited to become superintendent, a post which she occupied until her marriage in 1842 to Abraham Sewell (1789-1866 qv) of Malton; there were no children of her second marriage(4). After leaving York her interest in education continued; she was for many years on the committee of Ackworth School and she lived to take part in the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Girls' School at York.

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SEWELL, Hannah (Brady) (1803-1882) formerly Brady, born Smith

Hannah B. Sewell was recorded as a minister by Pickering Monthly Meeting in 1850. In 1866 she visited the meetings of Cumberland and Northumberland and in 1873 those of Derby and Nottinghamshire. Her ministry was clear and persuasive and she had a loving and warm hearted interest in her friends which endeared her to them and made her visits to families and meetings not only helpful, but very welcome. On several occasions she visited meetings in her own quarterly meeting and also frequently attended London Yearly Meeting; she was Clerk to the Women's Yearly Meeting from 1870 to 1871(5).

In 1866 she became a widow for the second time and moved from Malton to Rawdon, where she lived until she finally settled at Bradford with her daughter Henrietta (1829-1918 qv), who in 1852 had married John Priestman (1828-1906 qv); the Priestmans had moved to Bradford from Thornton le Dale in the 1860s. In both Rawdon and Bradford her ministry was much valued and at Bradford in the summer of 1882 she was engaged, with the sanction of her own Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, in having interviews at her home with the young people of her meeting. She had a remarkable gift for sympathy and there was that about her which, in manner as well as in word, gave strength and comfort to those who sought her help. Her little messages in times of trial or bereavement were always helpful and the words used at her own funeral seem to sum up her character: "Not in one house only, but in many houses in Bradford, we feel to-day that we have lost a mother. Her guarded watchful walk, and the great tenderness of her words, were at once a living witness to the power of a Saviour's grace, and a reflection of His love." (Annual Monitor)

She died at Bradford after a brief illness on 23 October 1882, at the age of seventy nine(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1884, pp 83-94

Testimony of Yorkshire QM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1883, p viii

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a mercer
- 2 Teachers and Officers of Ackworth School, 1779-1894
- 3 For marriage and issue see BRADY, Henry (1798-1828)
- 4 For marriage see SEWELL, Abraham (1789-1866)
- 5 London Yearly Meeting during 250 Years, London 1919, p 137
- 6 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Abraham

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SEWELL, Hannah (Brady) (1803-1882) formerly Brady, born Smith

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

For some account of her as superintendent of The Mount, see H. Winifred Sturge and Theodora Clark, The Mount School, York, 1931, pp 36-56

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Additional reference

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SEWELL, Hannah, nee Smith, later Brady, 1803-1882

An. Mon., (N.S.), 42(1883):83

SEWELL, John (1735/6?-1804)

John Sewell, the son of John and Martha Sewell, was probably born in 1735/6, although there appears to be no record of his birth.(1) He appeared in the ministry when he was about forty nine and "his innocent life and conversation and exemplary conduct endeared him to his friends and gained him the esteem of his Neighbours." He married in 1767 Sarah Watty of Colchester(2) and there were nine children of the marriage.(3)

He died on 5 February 1804 and was buried in Friends' burial ground at Colchester.(4) He was about sixty nine and had been a minister for about twenty years.(5)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Digests of Births, Marriages and Burials for Essex Quarterly Meeting

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Digest of Births: his birth is not traced, but the entry in Essex QM Digest of Marriages gives his parents as John and Martha Sewell
- 2 There is an entry for the marriage on 22 July 1767 of John Sewell of Colchester to Sarah Watty; he is described as a cordwainer, the son of John and Martha Sewell, she as the daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Watty of Colchester (Essex QM Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in Essex QM Digest of Births as follows:-

Sarah	b 23 April 1768
John	b 22 April 1769
Mary	b 5 August 1770
Jeremiah	b 17 April 1772
Elizabeth	b 24 October 1774
Martha	b 9 October 1776
Lucy	b 5 February 1779
Joseph	b 21 November 1780
Hannah	b 13 October 1784
- 4 Essex QM Digest of Burials: he died on 5 February 1804; he is described as a shoemaker
- 5 Testimony of Essex QM 13 March 1804 in TQMD vol.4 p.192

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SEWELL, Joseph Stickney (1819-1900)

Joseph S. Sewell was one of the first Friend missionaries to Madagascar, going to that island in 1867. He united with the London Missionary Society in preparing a new version of the Madagascar Bible and was largely responsible for the harmony with which the two Societies carried on their work there. He finally left Madagascar in 1876, and the same year married Lucy Ellis of Belgrave, near Leicester, where he settled.

At the time of his arrival there, Leicester Meeting was restless and in need of strengthening, and Joseph S. Sewell brought unity and spiritual power both to meetings for worship and for business affairs.

He was a regular attender at Yearly Meetings and at Quarterly Meetings, and was an active member of Meeting for Sufferings and of the FFMA. He kept up a close connection with Madagascar through his daughter Lucy who with her husband William Johnson and her little daughter, were killed by a mob at the time of the French invasion.

Joseph S. Sewell was for some years superintendent of the Men's Adult School in Leicester, and was superintendent of the Leicester Town Mission stationed at Belgrave.

He was also editor of 'The Friend' for some years.

'Perhaps he left the deepest mark on the memory of his meeting by his simple faith in God through all difficulties. He dwelt again and again on the vital necessity of personal communion with Christ'.

Joseph Stickney Sewell died 20 December 1900.

Testimony of Leicester MM in YM Proc. 1902, p.190

WBE:
Additional references

SEWELL, Joseph Stickney, 1819-1900

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Nodal, Bibliog. of Ackworth, 28

An. Mon. (N.S.), 60(1901):85

The Friend (London), 42(1902):9 (portrait)
69(1929):903 (portrait)
64(1924):4 (portrait)

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:558

Sewell, Joseph S. Sewell; a Quaker memoir

SEWELL, Lucy (1822-1897) born Ellis

Lucy Ellis, daughter of John (1789-1862 qv) and Priscilla (born Evans, 1798-1872 qv) Ellis of Beaumont Leys, Leicestershire, was born there on 5 September 1822 (1). In 1845 the family moved to Belgrave, Leicester (2). Here, after their parents' deaths, the seven sisters continued to live until in 1876 Lucy Sewell married, as his second wife, Joseph Stickney Sewell (1819-1900 qv) and they settled nearby (3).

Lucy Sewell died on 26 December 1897 aged 75 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Warwick Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest: no occupation for her father is given
- 2 Isabel C. Ellis (ed), Records of 19th century Leicester, 1935, p 54
- 3 Ellis, op cit, p 47. J.S. Sewell had just returned from Madagascar: for details of the marriage, see SEWELL, Joseph Stickney (1819-1900)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Belgrave, Leicester, wife of Joseph Stickney

In Ellis, op cit p 60, Isabel C. Ellis recalls that "she was the only member of the Belgrave family that I ever heard speak in Meeting"

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

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SEWELL, Lucy (1845-1895) aftw. Johnson

[Lucy Sewell, daughter of Joseph W. Sewell
was married in 1872 to William Johnson

see JOHNSON, Lucy (1845-1895) born Sewell]

SEWELL, Martha (1795-1869) after 1828 Tilney, after 1845 Bass

(Martha Sewell, daughter of James and Margaret Sewell of Aldham in Essex, was married in 1828 to Richard Tilney (1789-1831 qv). After his death she was married in 1845 to William Bass (1786-1848 qv).

See BASS, Martha (1795-1869) formerly Tilney, born Sewell)

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SEWELL, Mary (1820-1915)

Mary Sewell, eldest daughter of Edward and Martha Webster Holmes Sewell of Great Yarmouth, was born in 1820. Both her parents came of families who had been Quakers for many generations. She was broadminded and characterised by a warm hearted sympathy and readiness to help any who were in need. She was an ardent worker for temperance and a valued leader and teacher in Hitchin Adult School. She attained the age of 94 and preserved her mental vigour unimpaired. She died on 4 March 1915, and was buried in the Friends Burial Ground at Hitchin. 'She was not one to speak much, but when she did, her words were always helpful and spoken in an earnest quiet way'.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1916 p.139

SEE ALSO

Obituary in Bedfordshire express 13.iii.1915 (Friends House vol.RR/24)

WBE:

SEWELL, Mary, nee Wright, 1797-1884

b. April 6, 1797 at Sutton, Suffolk, Eng.,
daughter of John and Ann Wright.

m., 1819 Isaac Sewell of Yarmouth. children.
They removed to London to live. Again in 1835 they
moved to Catton, Norfolk.

Was a writer of childrens' stories, among them
Mother's Last Words, Our Father's Care, and The Lost
Child.

Mary Sewell left Friends' at the time of the
Beacon controversy.

d. June 17, 1884 at Old Catton, near Norwich,
aged 87 years.

The life and letters of Mrs. Sewell
Biog. Cat., 600
Frds. Intel., 111(1954):224

WBE:

SEWELL, Philip Edward, 1822-1906

b. Jan. 14, 1822 at London, Eng., son of Isaac and Mary (Wright) Sewell and sister of Anna Sewell, the author of Black Beauty.

ed. Hackney Grammar School, and Friends' School, Stoke Newington.

Employed at London and County Bank.

c.1840 resigned his membership with Friends but long continued to go to meetings with his father.

Decided to take up orders to join missionary work, but his health broke and he switched to engineering. Did Railway engineering in Spain.

m., 1849, Sarah Woods, of Tottenham. They had 7 children. She died in 1866.

1864 gave up engineering and became involved in banking. Had a talent for public speaking.

m. (2d), 1864, Charlotte Jane Sole.

d. Feb. 6, 1906 at Norwich, aged 84 years.

Philip Edward Sewell, a sketch

SEWELL, Mary Ann (1819-1860) born Ellis

Mary Ann Ellis, the daughter of James Ellis (1793-1869 qv) and his wife Mary (born Priestman, 1794-1832 qv) of Hull in Yorkshire, was born there on 22 June 1819(1). She was brought in early womanhood to a realisation of the love of God and with a mind well stocked with knowledge of the Bible she gave much of her time to helping and instructing those in the village where she lived. She was accustomed to gather a class round her and the manner in which she imparted her instruction won her the love and gratitude of her pupils.

She was married in 1843 to Joseph Stickney Sewell (1819-1900 qv) and settled at Ackworth, where her husband was a teacher; there were six children(2). At Ackworth she entered with characteristic warmth of feeling into the varied interests which soon multiplied around her. Her cottage home became an attractive centre and when after eight years her husband moved to the school at Rawden she left behind many pleasant recollections of love and Christian fellowship.

She had many responsibilities in her new sphere, but she gained the love and confidence of the children and won the hearty co-operation of the teachers and servants at the school. She had a gift for religious instruction and while her health permitted took principal charge of the girls' scripture classes.

But her health was never robust and after her youngest child was born she never fully regained her strength. She returned to her duties at the school, but the ensuing months were a battle between bodily weakness and strength of mind. A month at Scarborough refreshed her, but it was soon clear that she would have to relinquish the duties she loved so much and after spending some weeks with relatives she settled at Scarborough.

She remained at Scarborough for about three months, but was anxious to return to her husband and children and for a few weeks there seemed no cause for anxiety. But a severe cold taxed her little remaining strength, her health gradually deteriorated and she died on 13 June 1860(3), shortly before her forty first birthday.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1861 pp 99-110

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

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SEWELL, Mary Ann (1819-1860) born Ellis

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a miller
- 2 For marriage and children see SEWELL, Joseph Stickney (1819-1900)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Rawden, the wife of Joseph S.

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SEWELL, Sarah Jane (1832-1906) born Taylor

Sarah Jane Taylor, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (born Baker) Taylor of Malton, was born there on 12 January 1832 (1).

She married in 1855 Edward Fuller Sewell (1822-1895 qv) of Malton (2). The family subsequently moved to Whitby (3).

Sarah Jane Sewell of Sleights, near Whitby, died on 25 September 1906, aged 75 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as miller and grocer
- 2 For details of the marriage and 10 children, see SEWELL, Edward Fuller (1822-1895)
- 3 The move was between February 1865 when their son Philip was born and March 1866 when the twins Edith and Constance were born
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as widow of Edward Fuller

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

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SEWELL, William (1753-1836)

William Sewall was the son of Abraham and Mary Sewall and was born at Yarmouth, in Norfolk. In 1775, when a grocer at Swaffham, Norfolk, he married Hannah Mary Fuller.

In the memoir of his grandson Joseph S. Sewall, of Madagascar, W.& M.H.Sewell are described as "strict Friends, but with wider intellectual interests than might have been expected."

William Sewell died at Scarborough.

Richard Jordan, 1829 p.92

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930, p.127

SEYMER, Mary (1724?-1789) after 1759 Kenway

[Mary Seymer, daughter of James Seymer, was married
in 1759 to William Kenway (fl 1759 qv).]

See KENWAY, Mary (1724?-1789) born Seymer]

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WBE:

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SHACKLE, Thomas

England.

m.

Came to New Jersey and settled at Newton.

Meeting for Worship was held at his house. He was a minister.

1711 accompanied Anthony Morris to visit Friends in the eastern provinces and also went to Nantucket.

d.

His will was in probate in 1732.

John Smith's Ms., 3:148

SHACKLETON, Abraham (1752-1818)

Abraham Shackleton was head of the noted school at Ballitore. James Jenkins writes: "What a pity that he, learned, wise and useful, should have become a dupe and the tool of the Irish Newlights and afterwards the willing disciple of Hannah Barnard." He was disowned by Carlow M.M.

Rathbone: Narrative of the events in Ireland. 1804
J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 20

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p. 71

WBE:

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SHACKLETON, Abraham, c.1697-1771

b. c.1697 at Harden, Bingley, Yorks.,
England, son of Richard and Sarah Shackleton.
His parents died when he was quite young.

1726 removed to Dublin, Ireland and became a
schoolmaster to Friends' children at Ballitore, near
Dublin.

m. Margaret Wilkinson of Knowlbank, Yorkshire.

Opened a school in County Kildare, Ireland.

1762 accompanied Joseph Oxley during part of /
his visit to Ireland.

Was a worthy and greatly loved elder and minister. /

d. June 24, 1771 at Ballitore, Ire, aged 74 years. /

Piety pro., 8th part, 182

Frds. Lib., 9:262; 2:436

A testimony concerning...A.S.

The Friend (London), 2 (1844):172

WBE:
Additional references

SHACKLETON, Abraham, 1752-1818

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An. Mon. (O.S.), 18(1830):39

Grubb, Qu. in Ireland, 117-119

Taylor, Life of Wm. Savery, 290-293

SHACKLETON, Abraham (1827-1912)
also WBE

Abraham Shackleton, the eldest son of George and Hannah (Fisher) Shackleton of Ballitore, Co. Kildare, was born there in 1827. His education began at a small school in Ballitore conducted by Thomas Noble Cole. After this he spent some years at a private school in Falmouth conducted by Lovell Squire where he got acquainted with the Foxes and other Friends. After school days he became a successful merchant and was senior member of a large firm of flour millers.

He occupied a prominent place in public and political affairs in Dublin: he was Vice President of Dublin Friends' Institute and for forty years was a member of the Managing Committee of the Cork Street Fever Hospital. He supported various Temperance movements. In politics he was a Nationalist, a Home Ruler and a warm supporter of the Women's Suffrage Movement. In 1878 he was elected a member of the Corporation of Dublin and he took a keen interest in the children in the Dublin Hospital, Workhouse or on the streets.

He attended his Meeting and Quarterly and Yearly Meetings regularly in his younger days. In 1860 he married Anna Webb of Dublin, who wrote Quaker biographies: 'The Fells of Swarthmore Hall' and 'The Penns and Penningtons of the 17th century...'. They lived first at Ballitore where five of their six children were born. In 1870 they removed to Dublin. His first wife died in 1888 and some years after he married Anne Harvey Walpole of Waterford. He was an intensely religious man. He died on 29 May 1912 and was laid to rest in Temple Hill, Dublin.

daughter of
William and
Anne Webb.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1913 p.132

SEE ALSO

The Friend vol. 52 (1912) p.419
The Freeman, 1 July 1912 (Friends House vol. PP/137)

SHACKLETON, Agnes Mitford (1885? - 1968) b. Abraham

Agnes Abraham was born in about the year 1885 (1) the daughter of Alfred Clay (1853 -) and Lucy Ellison (b. Golding) Abraham, both were descended from Rachel, the youngest daughter of Margaret Fell.

She married John Milner Shackleton, an Irish Friend. She worked all through her life for women's suffrage, for the Child Welfare Adoption Soc. in Liverpool (2) and for peace and disarmament. She was an active member to the last of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She was a person of immense energy, she played golf at the age of 80, she had a stimulating and helpful friendliness and was of great assistance to young people.

She was an elder of Hampstead meeting for some years (3) and retired to Tunbridge Wells in about 1964 where she also served as an elder there.(4)

She died in a car accident on July 13, 1968, aged 83.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol.126 (1968) p. 1106

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 83 at death.
2. Lancs & Cheshire QM printed list of members for 1930 records her at Liverpool.
3. London & Middlesex QM printed list of members records her as a member at Hampstead in 1954 (as a widow). Her last appearance in those lists is in 1964.
4. Sussex & Surrey GM printed list of members for 1967/8 records her as a member at Tunbridge Wells.

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WBE:

SHACKLETON, Elizabeth, c.1783-1843

b. c.1783 at Ballitore, Ire., daughter
of Abraham and Lydia (Mellor) Shackleton.

Promoted education and was also an excellent
nurse. She was generous with her small means.

Had dropsy.

d. March 9, 1843 at Ballitore, Ire., aged 60 years.

The Friend (London), 1(1843):141

An. Mon. (N.S.), 2(1844):92

WBE:

SHACKLETON, Lydia, nee Mellor, c.1749-1829

b. c.1749/50 in Manchester, Eng., daughter
of Ebenezer and Margaret (Abraham) Mellor.

ed. not strictly brought up.

m., c.1778 Abraham Shackleton, Jr. and removed
to Ireland to live. 9 children.

1779-1799 tended closely the welfare of the
students in her husband's school at Ballitore (See his
biog.) 1818 death of A. Shackleton, Jr.

d. Feb. 5, 1829 at Ballitore, Ire. having
caught cold while engaged in an errand of mercy. She
was nearly 80 years of age.

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 20(1923): 123

An. Mon., (N.S.) 18(1830): 38

SHACKLETON, Margaret (1751-1829) aftw. Grubb

Margaret Shackleton, the daughter of Richard
 Shackleton and his wife Elizabeth (nee)
 was married in 1776 to Samuel Grubb.

see GRUBB, Margaret (1751-1829) born Shackleton]

WBE:

SHACKLETON, Mary, afterwards Leadbeater, 1758-1826

see Leadbeater, Mary, nee Shackleton

SHACKLETON, Richard (1726-1792)

Richard Shackleton, schoolmaster of Bailltore, Co.
Kildare, Ireland, made numerous trips to England and
has left accounts of London Y.M. in 1790 and 1791.

Letters of Richard and Elizabeth Shackleton. 1822 etc.
J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 20
Life of Deborah Darby (MS)

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.12

WBEE

Additional information

SHACKLETON, Richard, 1726-1792

b. Dec. 9, 1726 at Ballitore, Ire., son of Abraham and Margaret (Wilkinson) Shakleton.

ed at his father's school at Ballitore. Then went to Trinity College, Dublin. He had a good classical education.

m. (1st), 1749, Elizabeth Fuller (d. 1752) 4 children.

An elder among Friends.

m., (2d) Elizabeth Carlton.

Richard Shakleton carried on his father's work with the boarding school. He was a friend of Edmund Burke.

d. Aug. 28, 1792 at Mount Mellick and was buried at Ballitore, in his 66th year.

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Memoirs and letters of Richard Shakleton

SHACKLETON, Richard (1841-1916)

Richard Shackleton was born at Griesemont, Ballitore, on 21 July 1841, the son of George and Hannah (born Fisher) Shackleton. Through his paternal grandmother he was a direct descendant of Margaret Fell. He was educated at Mountmellick and Bootham and later went into the milling business with his father and brothers at Ballitore.

He married in 1873 Charlotte Elizabeth Millner of Mountmellick (1): there were 3 children (2). He moved to Cannonbrook, Lucan, and entered into partnership with his brothers Abraham and Joseph Fisher in the Anna Liffey Mills. He lived here for more than 30 years and endeared himself to a large circle of friends. He was a devoted member of the Society of Friends and drove into Dublin Meeting regularly on Sundays. He served as an overseer for many years.

'Straightforward and unconventional, of strict honour, in business matters, with him there were no shades of right or wrong.' He hated injustice and oppression of any kind, and fearlessly advocated unpopular causes if he felt they were right. He was a convinced Home Ruler when to be so required considerable moral courage, and he actively supported the causes of peace, anti-opium, anti-vivisection and total abstinence. He served as a county magistrate and was a member of Mountmellick School Committee for over 30 years.

His first wife died in 1887. In 1890 he married Mary Elizabeth Walpole of Ashbrooke, Queens County (4). There was one child (5)

In later life his health failed and he had to reduce his activities, but still attended meeting for worship whenever possible. His last two years were clouded by sorrow. His youngest son died, and the outbreak of war, followed by the Sinn Fein Rebellion of Easter 1916 was a heavy blow to one who was a convinced and uncompromising pacifist. Towards the end of 1916 he caught a chill, followed by pneumonia, and he died on 2 December 1916 in his 76th year.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Annual monitor 1918 p.224

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SHACKLETON, Richard (1841-1916) contd

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 She was the daughter of James and Sarah Millner (Annual monitor).
For the date of the wedding see Bootham school register, 1935
p.366
- 2 Listed in Bootham school register as follows:

John Millner	b	1874	
George Fell	b	1876	d 1913
Elizabeth	b	1879	
- 3 Bootham school register
- 4 She was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Walpole (Annual monitor)
- 5 Listed in Bootham school register as follows:

Margaret Fell	b	1894
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WBE:a

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Shaffer, Blanche, (1908-1974).

b. 1908 in Switzerland, the daughter of and
Blanche Weber.

ed. U. of Geneva, studied literature and languages.

m. 1940, Leslie Shaffer (d. 1952), the secretary of the Friends' World Committee for Consultation.

Her father died when she was young. Blanche Shaffer and her mother moved to Switzerland and were active in Friends' activities there.

1937, she was a Swiss Delegate to the Second World Conference of Friends at Swarthmore, Pa.

She served as Librarian of the International Bureau of Education in Geneva until 1940.

With her husband, Blanche Shaffer visited widely among groups of Friends all over the world. She was concerned with understanding between English and American Friends.

1958, she became Assistant Director of the Geneva Friends' Centre, specializing in student groups.

1961, became General Secretary of the Friends' World Committee for Consultation.

1970, retired to Selly Oak.

Blanche Shaffer also served on the Second Vatican Council's Commission for Promoting Christian Unity.

d. 8 May, 1974.

The Friend, 132(1974):747.

Quaker Life 15 (June 1974), p. 30.

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WBE:

Shaffer, Leslie D., 1901-1950

b. Oct. 3, 1901

ed. Earlham College, A.B., 1926 and Hartford
Theological Seminary, 1931, B.D.

Pastor to Friends Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio.

1936 Appointed Secretary, American Friends
Fellowship Council. In 1937 he also assumed the
major secretarial role in preparation for the 1937
Second World Conference of Friends at Swarthmore, Pa.

m., 1940 Blanche Weber of Switzerland and
settled at Wallingford, Pa. where they became members
of Providence United Meeting.

1945 spent a year as head of the Friends Inter-
national Centre in Paris.

1947 moved to London to be secretary of the
Friends World Committee of Consultation. Returned to
the United States in poor health.

Jan. 1950 with his wife paid a visit to his
sister on the mission field at Guatemala, Central America.

d. May 30, 1950, Pennsylvania Hospital after
an operation for a serious lymphatic infection, aged 48.

The Am. Friend, 38(1950);203 (portrait)

The Friend (London), 108(1950);438,493

Frds. Intl., 107(1950): 354

The Friend (Phila.), 123(1950): 401

SHAKLETON, Mary (1693?-1762) aftw. Slater

Mary Shakleton, the daughter of Christopher Shakleton
and his wife Jane (nee) was married in
1719 to William Slater.

see SLATER, Mary (1693?-1762) born Shakleton]

WBE:

SHAMBURGER, Mary I.

WBE gives information about this author who
is still living and accordingly it is not included
here.

SHANN, George (1877?-1919)

George Shann was born at Knaresborough, and by sheer hard work won a scholarship to Glasgow University where he had a brilliant career. His first post was as Warden of the Glasgow Settlement, and in 1902 he went to Birmingham to work as Social Secretary to Edward Cadbury. He made a special study of women's work and wages, writing a book on the subject in collaboration with Edward Cadbury. He had large classes of men and boys in Selly Oak in connection with the Early Morning Schools, and was a lecturer at Woodbrooke. He took up public work and was elected to the City Council, eventually becoming an Alderman; and was the leader of the Labour Party in Birmingham.

In 1915 he joined the forces, but was released later to work at a scheme of reconstruction under the government. In the 1918 election he stood for one of the Birmingham Divisions, but was defeated by a narrow margin. During the election he developed influenza which turned to meningitis, and he died on 2 January 1919.

He was never a member of the Society of Friends but had close affinity with it, and he was for many years associated with Friends in Adult School work. He was not an orthodox Christian but his whole life and activities were built up on a profound trust in the reality of the moral order.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual Monitor 1919/20 p.253

SEE ALSO:

Friend (Lond.) 1919 p.42

SHANNON, Anne (1754-1833)

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Anne Shannon was born at Tullamore but was orphaned at an early age, so she was brought up by relatives at Mountmellick. In 1776 she became a member of Dublin Meeting, whilst a governess for a period of twelve years to some Friends. In 1787 she started a school, which she kept successfully for 40 years.

In 1805 she was acknowledged a minister.

She died in 1833 at the age of 78.

Testimony of Mountmellick M.M. in MS Test. vol.6 p.62

WBE:

SHARMAN, Thomas

A high professor of religion, he served as Jailer at Darby when George Fox was confined there in 1650.

Was convinced by G. Fox's manner and by the inward workings of God's spirit so that like the jailer at Philippi, he came like a lamb to Fox and asked leave to sleep one night with him.

1662, wrote a loving letter to G. Fox giving thanks to him for his own conversion.

No references given.

WBE:

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SHARP, Anthony, 1643-1706

b. I 1643 at Tetbury, Gloucs., England,

Raised in the Church of England and trained as a lawyer. Took up the weaving trade. and became a merchant and manufacturer.

1665 convinced by William Dewsbury.

m., Esther Curtis (d.1672) In 1669 they settled in Dublin, Ireland. He was in the trade of wool export.

m. (2d), Anne Crabb in 1674.

1679 had over 500 employees in woolen manufacture. He suffered for tithes and was imprisoned for attending meetings. His house was always open to visiting Friends.

1695 he travelled in the ministry to England, Holland, parts of Germany and Denmark. Did some writing. Was admitted to the weavers guild without an oath. Was one of the proprietors of West Jersey.

d. I 1706, Dublin (?), Ire. aged about 64 years.

The Wayfarer, 10:54

Besse, 2: 483

Leadbeater, Biog. Notices, 119

Grubb, Qu. in Ireland, 40

WBE:

SHARP, Benjamin, 1858-1915.

b. 1858 in Germantown, PA; the son of Benjamin and Hannah Ballinger (Leedom) Sharp.

ed. B.S. 1876, Swarthmore College; M.D. 1879, Ph.D. 1880, University of Pennsylvania; Ph.D. 1883, University of Wurzburg, Bavaria, for his thesis on "The Eyes of Molluscs."

m. 9/15/1881 in Roxbury, Mass., to Virginia May Guild; two sons and one daughter.

After a short term at the Univ. of Berlin and Leipzig and at the Zoological Station in Naples, Dr. Sharp returned to Philadelphia and became Professor of Invertebrate Zoology at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

1884-1886, Prof. of Invetebrate Zoology at the Univ. of Pennsylvania.

1888-1895, made trips to collect specimens for the Academy of Natural Sciences in several parts of the world.

1890-1901, corresponding secretary of the Academy.

1891, the zoologist of Commander Peary's first expedition to the Arctic.

1905-1915, made his home in Brookline and Nantucket, Mass.

1910-1913, represented Nantucket in the Mass. State Legislature.

Member, the Philadelphia Symphonic Society, a predecessor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, in which he played the oboe. Member of many associations, reflecting his diverse interests including zoology, photography, and natural history.

d. 1/23/1915 at Morehead, N.C., probably of pneumonia.

Friends Journal 3 (1957):150

Friends Intelligencer 72 (1915):140, 143.

New York Times 26 January 1915:11.

SHARP, Caroline (1851-1941)

Caroline Sharp, youngest of the children of John (1812-1853, qv) and Hannah (born Irwin, 1814-1864, qv) Sharp of Croydon, was born there on 16 July 1851 (1). Her father was superintendent of Croydon School.

She joined her elder sister Elizabeth (1843-1896, qv) who had before 1874 set up a school for girls at Dunedin, Meadvale, Redhill (2). In about 1899 the school was transferred to Tunbridge Wells, Bath Road, Reading (3). On the death of her sister Elizabeth in 1896 Caroline Sharp was joined in the running of the school by her sister Sophia (1849-1904, qv). At about the same time her brother John (1844-1896, qv) and sister-in-law Ellen (born Bastin, 1841-1923, qv) had come to live nearby. About 1898 Caroline and Sophia Sharp gave up the school and moved to Tunbridge Wells, whither their widowed sister-in-law Ellen ~~had~~ had already moved (5).

In the school Caroline Sharp 'herself undertook the greater part of the teaching, especially that of English, history, literature, geography and Latin. She had a marked gift for teaching, and her painstaking methods were especially noticeable in the care and attention she bestowed on girls who had no particular aptitude for learning' (6).

She was of a kind and genial disposition and endeared herself to many of her pupils, friendships with them being maintained to the time of her death.

Her sister Sophia died in 1904 and her sister-in-law Ellen in 1923. She continued to live at Tunbridge Wells, her niece Margaret H. Evans (1880-1962, qv) having returned to England in 1924 to live with her (7).

She died at Tunbridge Wells on 27 January 1941, aged 89 years (8).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 99 (1941) p 79

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as schoolmaster
- 2 Shown as of that address and as members of Reigate meeting in the 1874 Sussex Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members: no earlier list is available
- 3 They are shown in the 1889 but not the 1890 Sussex Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members; they are in the 1892 but not the 1889 Berks & Oxon QM printed list of members
- 4 Sophia's name is in the 1897 but not the 1895 Berks & Oxon QM printed list of members. ~~Sharp, Caroline, Elizabeth, Sophia, John, Ellen~~
- 5 Ellen Sharp's name is entered under Tunbridge Wells in the 1898 but not the 1897 Sussex Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members; Sophia and Caroline Sharp are in the 1899 list under Tunbridge Wells but not in that for 1898; they are in the Berks & Oxon QM printed list for 1898 but not in that for 1899

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SHARP, Caroline (1851-1941) continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES continued

- 6 The Friend vol 99 (1941) p 79
- 7 The Friend vol 120 (1962) p 1078
- 8 Digest of Deaths: she is described as school mistress (retired)

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SHARP, Charles (1837-1917)

Charles Sharp was born on 19 January 1837. He received a scientific education in his youth and in 1868 was appointed Librarian to the Pharmaceutical Society in London. Later on he settled in Liverpool and became Secretary of the Liverpool Institute which embraced the Boys' School, Girls' School and School of Art.

He had always been a religious teacher and had preached from the pulpits of many of the Free Churches of Liverpool and the neighbourhood. In 1893 he became a member of the Society of Friends and shortly afterwards was acknowledged a minister. Before his health failed, he visited by invitation several meetings in Lancashire, Yorkshire and the South of England giving addresses or lectures on various subjects.

Charles Sharp died on 11 February 1917, aged eighty years.

Testimony of Hardshaw West MM in YM Proc. 1917, p.240

WBE:

Additional references

SHARP, Charles, c.1836-1917

The Friend (London), 57(1917): 154, 273 (portrait)

An. Mon. (N.S.)106(1918):129

SHARP, Elizabeth (1843-1896)

Elizabeth Sharp, daughter of John (1812-1853, qv) and Hannah (born Irwin, 1814-1864, qv) Sharp of Croydon, was born there on 26 January 1843 (1). Her father was superintendent of Croydon School.

She had by 1874 established a school for girls at Dunedin, Meadvale, Redhill (2) in the running of which she was joined by her youngest sister Caroline (1851-1941, qv). In about 1889 the school was transferred to Dunedin, Bath Road, Reading (3).

Elizabeth Sharp was an elder of Reading Monthly Meeting (4).

Elizabeth Sharp died on 6 July 1896, aged 53 years (5). The school was continued for a short while by Caroline with her sister Sophia (1849-1904, qv).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as schoolmaster
- 2 They are both shown as of that address and as members of Reigate meeting in the 1874 Sussex Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members: no earlier list is available
- 3 They are shown in the 1889 but not the 1890 Sussex Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members; they are in the 1892 but not the 1889 Berks & Oxon QM printed list of members. For mention of the school, including description of a party given by Constance Wallis for its pupils and those of Leighton Park, see S.W. Brown, Leighton Park, a history of the school, 1952, p 52
- 4 Berks & Oxon QM printed lists of members
- 5* Digest of Deaths: she is described as daughter of John and Hannah

SHARP, Ellen (1841-1923) born Bastin

Ellen Bastin, daughter of Edward and Catherine Bastin of Redruth, Cornwall, was born there on 12 March 1841 (1).

She married in 1873 John Sharp (1844-1896, qv), then engaged in running a private school in Weston-super-Mare (2). On his retirement in 1895 John and Ellen Sharp moved to Reading where her sister Mary Catherine Pollard (born Bastin, 1837-1922, qv) was living and where her husband's sisters Caroline (1851-1941, qv) and Elizabeth (1843-1896, qv) were running a school(3). In 1896, however, Elizabeth Sharp died in July and Ellen Sharp's husband in October. She removed to Tunbridge Wells (4) where she was later joined by her sisters Sophia (1849-1904, qv) and Caroline (5).

Ellen Sharp died at Tunbridge Wells on 11 December 1923, aged 82 years (6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as druggist &c
- 2 There were no children of the marriage: see SHARP, John (1844-1896) for details of the marriage
- 3 John and Ellen Sharp are listed in the 1896 but not the 1895 Berks & Oxon QM printed list of members
- 4 Her name is entered under Tunbridge Wells in the 1898 but not the 1897 Sussex Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members
- 5 Their names are entered under Tunbridge Wells in the 1899 but not the 1898 Sussex Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members
- 6 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of 133 Upper Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, widow of John

SHARP, Frederick James (1888-1954)

Frederick Sharp was born on 9 November 1888, and first became associated with the Society of Friends in 1913 as an attender at Peckham Meeting, becoming a member two years later. In 1916 as a pacifist he joined the Friends War Victims Relief Service, and was with this body until 1919, during which period he married Evelyn Hodges of Peckham Meeting. He was a lifelong Civil Servant with the Board of Education, and for many years of his service was in the Victoria and Albert Museum, where he had many friends.

He had long associations with Croydon and Southwark Monthly Meeting where he was for a time Clerk, for which work he was particularly suitable with his meticulous care over detail and his conscientious sense of duty. He also served for twenty six years on the Six Weeks Meeting.

Frederick Sharp will be remembered for his good humour and readiness to help, and many have testified to a strengthened faith from his friendship and advice. The last few years of his life were spent at Clacton Preparative Meeting where he served as an Elder and for a short time as Monthly Meeting Treasurer and as Assistant Clerk to Essex and Suffolk Quarterly Meeting.

He died on 3 June 1954.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Colchester MM In YM Proc. 1955 p.158

WBE:

SHARP, Granville, 1735-1813

b. 10 XI 1735, son of Thomas Sharp, Archbishop of York. Never known to have joined Friends.

ed. Durham Grammar School.

apprenticed to a draper named Halsey who was also a Quaker. Taught himself Latin and Greek.

Became active in the anti-slavery movement and shared the view that the American colonies deserved to be represented in the Parliament.

Promoted colonization of negroes in Sierra Leone.

Took a prominent part in the establishment of The British and Foreign Bible Society.

Wrote A letter in answer to some of the leading principles of the Quakers.

Was a correspondent of Anthony Benezet.

d. July 6, 1813, Fulham, in his 78th year.

D.N.B., 51:401

Biog. Cat., 606

SHARP, Hannah (1795?-1879)

Hannah Sharp was born about the year 1795 (1), and was for many years a member of Tottenham Monthly Meeting.

'Her influence has been felt to be that of one whose endeavour it was to live near to her Saviour, and thereby giving evidence to those around her of the reality and beauty of true religion'.

Hannah Sharp died on 23 May 1879 in her eighty fifth year.

Testimony of Tottenham MM in YM Proc. 1880, p.xx

References and notes

1 Her names does not appear in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest

SHARP, Hannah (1814-1864) born Irwin

Hannah Irwin, daughter of Richard and Mary Irwin of Sootby, Cumberland, was born there on 24 December 1814 (1).

She married in 1837 John Sharp (1812-1853, qv) a master at (and subsequently superintendent of) Croydon School (2).

After her husband's death she continued to live at Croydon, where she died on 24 December 1864, aged 50 years (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cumberland QM Births Digest: Sootby is described as in the parish of Wetheral and her father is described as miller
- 2 For details of the marriage and children, see SHARP, John (1812-1853)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as widow of John

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SHARP, Isaac (1806-1897)

Isaac Sharp was born in Brighton in the year 1806, and was educated at Earl's Colne School, Essex. In 1830 he went to Darlington as secretary to Joseph Pease who became the first Quaker MP in 1832. Isaac Sharp married Hannah Procter of North Shields in 1839 but she died in 1842. In 1850 he moved to Middlesborough in connection with his work for Joseph Pease and in 1888 retired to Ettington, near Stratford on Avon.

In 1842 Isaac Sharp was recorded as a minister by Darlington Monthly Meeting, and began a long life of travelling in the ministry. From 1843 to 1859 he travelled extensively in the United Kingdom, and visited Friends and Meetings from the Channel Islands to the Orkneys and Shetlands, and from Cornwall to Aberdeen. From 1861 to 1875 he visited Iceland, Greenland, the Faroes, Labrador, Norway and Denmark. In 1877 he was granted a minute to travel in South Africa, Madagascar, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, California and North America. This journey took him seven years, and on his return he received a general minute of liberation for service in the Home Mission field.

In 1890, at the age of eighty three, he pleaded for and was granted, a minute to travel in France, Syria, Constantinople, India, Japan and on the American Continent; he also made an extended visit to China, having received a strong call thither whilst lying ill at his daughter's house in California. This lengthy journey was concluded by a visit to Palestine in 1895.

'One who knew him well, writes, "I have always had a high appreciation of his pureness of heart; and these are they that shall see God. There was no guile about him. His sermons were full of love and faith. The faith of his latter life was most remarkable. The guidance in which he trusted never seemed to fail him. His visions came clearly as to what was required, and he followed them'.

Isaac Sharp died 21 March 1897 at the age of ninety years.

Testimony of Darlington MM in YM Prof. 1897, p.163

WBE:
Additional references

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SHARP, Isaac, 1806-1897

Budge, Isaac Sharp, an apostle of the 19th century.

An. Mon., (B.S.) 56(1898):115

Quaker biog., Ser. II:4:150 (portrait)

Frds. Qu. Exam., 33(1899):4

The Friend (London), 33(1893):264 (portrait);
37(1897):215 (portrait)

SHARP, Isaac (1847-1917)

Isaac Sharp was born at Croydon on 16 June 1847, the youngest son of John Sharp, Superintendent of the Friends School, and his wife Hannah Sharp. He was educated at Croydon and Bootham Schools, at the Flounders Institute, Ackworth and he took his B.A. degree at London University. In 1876 he married Isabella Gregory.

In 1865 he went to the School of Till Adam Smith at Weston-super-Mare as Assistant Master and on the death of Till Adam Smith in 1870, with his brother Irwin Sharp, took over the management of the school. He was then principal of a small school for boys at Darmstadt, and was finally head of the boys' school at Hitchin first in partnership and then alone.

In 1890 he was appointed Recording Clerk to London Yearly Meeting an office which he held for twenty seven years. This was an opportunity which afforded full scope for his varied gifts - his keen interest in all matters connected with the Society of Friends, his study of its history and policy from earliest times and his wide personal knowledge of Friends, all contributed to fit him for this post.

In 1912 Isaac Sharp went as one of the fraternal delegates to the Five Years Meeting held at Richmond, Indiana.

He served his own meeting as Elder, Overseer and Clerk and took an interest in the education of the younger members. He also showed great interest in the Friends Reference Library and for years before the appointment of a Librarian, added this work to his other duties and was constantly on the lookout for books and manuscripts which would be of value to the Library. The Friends Historical Society of which he was Vice President owes much to him. In early days he acted as Joint Secretary and Editor to the Journal and he frequently wrote articles for it as well as for The Friend and other periodicals.

In 1917 he resigned the post of Recording Clerk as he felt the responsible work of the office was becoming too much for him, having been subject to severe attacks of pain for several years.

Isaac Sharp died on 9 October 1917.

Testimony of Ratcliff & Barking MM in YM Proc. 1918, p.227

WBE:
Additional references

SHARP, Isaac, 1847-1917

An. Mon. (N.S.), 106(1918):132 (portrait)

Frds. Qu. Exam., 52(1918):106

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 14(1917):145 (portrait)

The Friend (London, 57(1917):511 Portrait, 793 (portrait)

SHARP, James R

(1844-)

James R. Sharp, the son of John More Sharp, was born in Tennessee on 30 April 1844.

It is not known whereabouts in England his family were from, but it is thought that he had a brother Delas, who was possibly born in England.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION :

Mary Sharp Lyons of Soquel, California, on whose behalf a search was made in 1965.

ACTION TAKEN BY LIBRARY :

No record of Delas Sharp appears in the digest of birth notes for England and Wales to 1844

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SHARP, John (1812-1853)

John Sharp, son of Isaac and Mary Sharp was born in Brighton on 4th February 1812.

He was educated at the Islington Road Friends School where he stayed on as an apprentice when the school removed to Croydon. On completion of his apprenticeship he was appointed as an assistant in the school.

In 1837 he married Hannah Irwin and in 1842 was appointed Superintendent of the school.

Appearing in the ministry in 1843 he was recorded a Minister in 1849.

In 1850 he visited on behalf of the Society, Friends in Germany and in 1852 was appointed to visit Friends in the South of France. Apart from these visits and occasional visits to neighbouring Meetings he felt too much home responsibility to travel far.

In 1852 with illness in the school, and his wife ill, he was deeply affected as with parental care and love he watched over them until he too became seriously ill.

He died on 6th January 1853 and was buried at Croydon Friends Burial Ground.

Testimony of Kingston M.M. in Testimonies 1853, p.31

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SHARP, John (1812-1853)

John Sharp, son of Isaac (1782?-1837, qv) and Mary (born Likeman, ~1815) Sharp of Brighton, was born there on 4 February 1812 (1).

He was educated at the Islington Road Friends School, staying on as an apprentice when the school removed to Croydon. On completion of his apprenticeship he was appointed an assistant at the school, becoming superintendent in 1842.

In 1837 he married Hannah Irwin (1814-1864, qv) (2): there were 9 children (3), of whom one died in infancy, the remaining eight all being involved in teaching (4).

John Sharp appeared in the ministry in 1843 and was recorded in 1849. The following year he visited, on behalf of Friends, the Quaker groups in Germany. In 1852 he was appointed to visit those in the south of France. Apart from these two occasions and visits from time to time to neighbouring meetings, he felt that his home responsibilities precluded his travelling.

In the autumn of 1852 illness was prevalent in the school and his wife was seriously ill. As the epidemic spread his strength became severely overtaxed and he died of typhus fever on 6 January 1853, his body being buried in Croydon FBC.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Kingston MM in Testimonies 1853 pp 31-6

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: his father is described as baker

2 The wedding was at Carlisle FMH on 22 August 1837: he is described as bachelor, schoolmaster, of Park Lane, Croydon, Surrey, son of Isaac Sharp; she is described as spinster, of Botcherby Mill, parish of St Cuthbert's, daughter of Richard Irwin, miller (Digest of Marriages)

3 Listed in Digest of Births as follows:-

Mary Hannah, qv	b 23 Aug 1838	who m 1860 Josiah Evans (1829-1896, qv)
Rebecca, qv	b 20 April 1840	who m 1876 Benjamin Gocouch (1833-1911, qv)
Irwin, qv	b 16 Nov 1841	
Elizabeth, qv	b 26 Jan 1843	
John, qv	b 18 April 1844	
Priscilla	b 28 July 1845	d 18 Dec 1845
Isaac, qv	b 16 June 1847	
Sophia, qv	b 2 Dec 1849	
Caroline, qv	b 16 July 1851	

4 See DQB entries for the children for the details

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SHARP, John (1812-1853)

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ADDITIONAL SOURCES

Memoirs of John Sharp, [edited by Samuel Hare], 1857
Annual monitor vol 12 (1854) p 105
The Friend (Lond) vol 15 (1857) p 188

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Additional references

SHARP, John, 1812-1853

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Memoir of John Sharp,
An. Mon. (N.S.), 12(1854):105
The Friend (London, 15(1857):188

SHARP, John (1844-1896)

John Sharp, son of John (1812-1853, qv) and Hannah (born Irwin, 1814-1864, qv) Sharp of Croydon, was born there on 18 April 1844 (1). His father was superintendent of Croydon School.

He was educated at Bootham School (1858-60) and took a BA (London) degree. He was a junior teacher at Sidcot from 1860 to 1865 and a master there from 1869 to 1870. He was also on the staff of Stramongate School, Kendal. From 1872 to 1874 he was in partnership with his brothers Irwin (1841-1940, qv) and Isaac (1847-1917, qv) in a school at Weston-super-Mare. From 1875 to 1895 he ran a very successful high class school at Paradise House, Stoke Newington.

His tastes included country walks, skating and cricket. He had a particular interest in botany.

He had married in 1873 Ellen Bastin (1841-1923, qv) (2): there were no children (3).

On his retirement in 1895 John and Ellen Sharp moved to Reading (4) where his sisters Caroline (1851-1941, qv) and ~~and~~ Elizabeth (1843-1896, qv) were running a school for girls. His sister-in-law Mary Catherine Pollard (born Bastin, 1837-1922, qv) was also a member of Reading meeting, having moved there some 20 years earlier (5). John Sharp died at Reading on 30 October 1896, aged 52 years (6).

→ **REFERENCES AND NOTES**

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as schoolmaster
- 2 The marriage was at Stoke Newington on 25 December 1873: he is described as bachelor, schoolmaster, of Weston-super-Mare, son of John Sharp (deed), schoolmaster; she is described as spinster, of Stoke Newington, daughter of Edward Bastin, druggist (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 None listed in Bootham register, 1935
- 4 They are in the 1896 but not the 1895 Berks & Oxon QM printed list of members
- 5 see POLLARD, Mary Catherine (1837-1922) born Bastin
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of 30 Jesse Terrace, Reading, retired school master

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Bootham school register, 1935, p 368

SEE ALSO

Bootham vol 2 () pp 6ff

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SHARP, Peter

Maryland.

1727, With Thomas Sharp at the Quarterly Meeting at Speightstown, Barbadoes, West Indies.

1730 visited Philadelphia and New England.

John Smith's Ms., 3:145

Jour. of Thos. Chalkley, 209

Frds. Library, 6:73

WBE:

SHARP, Thomas, -1729

b. In Ireland, of Quaker stock. Nephew of Anthony Scott of Dublin, Ire. by trade a "woolstead comber".

1681, emigrated with others, some with families, from Ireland to New Jersey.

1682, settled in Newton township in Gloucester County, N.J. and was one of the founders of the Friends' meeting at that place. He was surveyor and kept good records. He held various responsible positions under the government of West Jersey, including Judge of Court. He wrote an account of the settlement and several of his manuscript books are now in the office of the Surveyor General for New Jersey.

m. (1st), 1701, Elizabeth Winn. children.

Clerk and Overseer of his Meeting and well-spoken of by all. Elizabeth Haddon mentions him as a zealous and serviceable man.

m.(2d), 1724, Judith (Smith) Potts, a widow.

d. 1729, at Newton, N.J.

Comly, Frds. Misc., 111:134

✓Clement, First settlers in Newton township (index)

John Smith's Ms. 1:473

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup., 303

SHARP, Trevor

The Friend Vol 130 (1972) p. 1478 wrongly uses this name
in its heading of its obituary notice of Trevor Shaw

SEE

SHAW, Trevor Ian (1928 ? - 1972)

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SHARPE, Joseph (-1710)

At his marriage with Elizabeth Waller 'of Marsh Grainge' in 1662, Joseph Sharpe is located at 'Marsh Grainge in Plaine Furneiss, Lancashire' and, at his death, at 'Hollowmyre in Osmunderley'. He had frequent business transactions with Sarah Fell, various sums of money passing between them on loan. He was also in partnership with her in the coal business and with her sister Susanna and herself in the grain trade.

Elizabeth Sharpe died in 1710: there appears to have been one child, Mary, ob.inf. A nephew, Tom Mires is mentioned. Bessie Sharpe may be the above Elizabeth.

Judge Fell, in his will, proved 4th December, 1658, leaves fifty shillings 'unto Joseph Sharpe, my faithful and careful servant at the Marsh Graynges' (Webb, Fells, p.141; Barber, Swarthmoor Hall, p.19) and on the death of Margaret Fox, an inventory of her goods was taken By J. Sharpe et al. (Jnl FHS ii.105,106) Joseph and Elizabeth Sharpe signed the marriage certificate of Daniel Abraham and Rachel Fell in 1682 (Abr. MSS printed Jnl FHS xi.163,164)

Note by N. Penney in 'The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell' 1920, p.516

SHARPE, Peter

Peter Sharpe was a physician or ~~suggeen~~ of the Cliffs, Maryland. He was 'a substantiall weighty man that feared god, & left a good testimony to be left among friends when he deceased about 1671' (Ms in Friends House). Another MS in Friends House describes him as 'that faithfull servant of the Lord'. In his will, dated 1672, Dr Sharp bequeaths 'to Friends in the ministry, viz: Alice Gary, William Cole [Coale] and Sarah Ma[r]sh, if then in being - Wenlock Christerson and his wife; John Burnett and Daniel Gould, in money or goods, forth shillings worth a piece; also for a perpetual standing, a horse, for the use of Friends in the ministry' (quoted in Norris's Early Friends in Maryland, 1862, pp.10, 11). He was also prominent in public affairs.

Suff. ii. 380
Jnl. F.H.S. i. 97
Maryland Archives, v.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.441

SHARPE, Thomas (1800?-1870)

Thomas Sharpe, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1977) traced, was born about the year 1800(1). He was a shoemaker of Howgill near Sedburgh(2) and was an overseer of his meeting, of whom it was testified that "he was a good man, and died in the faith and hope of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God."

Thomas Sharpe of Howgill died, apparently unmarried(3), on 22 April 1870 at the age of seventy(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1871, p 104

REFERENCES AND NOTES

Westmorland,

- 1 Aged 70 at death. There is no entry in Yorkshire or Lancashire QM Births Digests
- 2 He is so described in his burial entry, note 4
- 3 There is no trace of a marriage in Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a shoemaker of Howgill

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

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SHARPLES/, Edith, nee Yarnall, 1743-1787

b. July 13, 1743 at Penna., daughter of Nathan and Rachel Yarnall, members of Middletown Monthly Meeting, Pa.

m., c.1769, Joshua Sharples and settled within the limits of New Garden Monthly Meeting (West Grove) Penna. In 1774 she was recorded a minister, and served also as an overseer and elder. She was a great lover of the Scriptures.

1778, with other Friends appointed by Western Quarterly Meeting made a general visitation to all the meetings composing it.

1786 made a visit to Friends along the eastern shore of Maryland.

d. Jan. 18, 1787, in her 44th year and was buried at Birmingham, Penna.

Phila. Y.M., A Col. of Mem. (1787):434

WBE:

SHARPLES, Eleanor Scott, nee Walsh, -1934

b. daughter of

Richard and Eliza Walsh.

m. Serrill J. Sharpless(d.193?) 3 Children.

1914 author, Little Friends

Chester?

d. Nov. 11, 1934 at Cneter Square, Pa.

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7617

Frds. Intel. 91(1934):739

Cope, Genealogy of the Sharpless family..., 774

WBE:

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SHARPLES, Isaac, c.1702-1784

b. c.1702 near Prescot, Lancas., England,
son of William and Phoebe Sharples.

c.1714 baptised in the Anglican Church, though
his father had been a Friend.

apprenticed to a tailor, later to a Friend. I.S.
had a secret liking for Friends but preferred the
greater liberty he enjoyed outside. Went to London
and later to Bristol.

Convinced and settled in Somerset in his trade.
In 1724 spoke in a meeting at Claverham.

m(1st) Esther Thurston of Thornbury, Glos., a
widow. Travelled widely. She died c.1729

m. (2d), 1746 Mary Ransom of Hitchin, Herts.
They settled in Hitchin and he became very diligent in
visiting meetings throughout Great Britain, often
holding meetings where no Friends were. Also visited
Ireland.

d. May 18, 1784 and was buried at Hitchin, aged
about 82 years.

Piety pro., 9th part, 129

Biog. Cat., 610

Frds. Lib., XIII:349

A short narrative (autobiographical,
The Friend (Phila.) 12(1839):119

WBE:

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SHARPLESS, Ann, 1850-1944

b. Nov. 15, 1850 at Birmingham, Chester County, Pa., daughter of Aaron and Susanna (Forsythe) Sharpless.

ed. Westtown School, 1865, graduated 1870

Assistant teacher at Westtown, 1869-70.

1872-1902 with a few intermissions she was employed steadily as a teacher at Westtown School. In 1904 she retired finally from teaching and went to live in West Chester, Pa.

1912 recognized as a minister and did some travelling. Was also a writer of articles for The Friend. Served as a co-editor of The Friend

Did family visiting in Iowa when over 80 years of age.

d. late 1943 at her home in West Chester, Pa., aged about 94 years.

Cope, Genealogy of the Sharpless family..., 694
The Friend (Phila.), 117(1944):339

SHARPLESS, Barbara (1730?-1800) after 1775 Drewry, born Mackenzie

[Barbara Mackenzie, daughter of David Mackenzie, was married about 1751 to a young soldier called Sharpless. He was killed in action and in 1775 she was married to Jonathan Drewry.

see DREWRY, Barbara (1730?-1800) formerly Sharpless,
born Mackenzie]

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SHARPLESS, Edith Forsythe, 1883-1956

b., Nov. 1, 1883 at Haverford, Pa., daughter of Isaac and Lydia (Cope) Sharpless.

ed. Haverford Friends, Baldwin School and Friends' Select. A.B., 1905 Bryn Mawr College.

1905-09 teacher at Guilford College, N.C.

1909-10 graduate student at Columbia University Teachers' College.

1910-1956 went to Japan as a missionary teacher under the Mission Board of Phila. Yearly Meeting (Arch St.) She worked in both Tokyo and Mito as both teacher and religious instructor. Following World War II she aided in administration of relief. She was quiet and unassuming, patient, avoiding controversy, not much given to speaking, she was yet a real influence for Christianity.

Returned to the United States in Spring, 1956
d. Aug. 19, 1956 at Haverford, Pa., aged about 73 years.

Friends Jour. 2(1956):549, 561

Phila. Y.M., Japan Committee, "Bridges of Peace", Third Quarter 1956.

WBE:

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SHARPLESS, Evi, 1844 - 1913

b. June 3, 1844 in Mercer County, Pa., son of Septimus and Sarah (Negus) Sharpless. His family were Friends.

Family removed to Iowa while he was a youth and brought their membership to Iowa Yearly Meeting.

1881, E.S. went to Jamaica on a religious mission for the Yearly Meeting. He founded a mission station at Seaside. In 1885 he was in New England raising money to continue this evangelical work and got enough to build a chapel at Seaside.

1891, he was succeeded on the mission field by Arthur H. Swift.

Lived in New England, and wrote at least one tract from a residence on Warren St. in Boston. The pamphlet argued for the usefulness of song and music in Quaker worship. The pamphlet is undated.

d. ? ? ?

Cope, The Sharpless family, 695

Davis, Friends in ^{JAMAICA} America (1956), 10 et. seq

Am. Frds. Board of Missions, Friends in Jamaica (1931), 4

WBE: Addit. info.
~~(prepared by RB)~~

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SHARPLESS, Evi, 1844-1913

b. 1844, June 3rd - son of Septimus C and Sarah (Negus) Sharpless then living in Mercer County, Penna. Sarah N. Sharpless was a member of Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting in Ohio where the family soon settled.

In 1851 they moved westwards and brought their membership to Salem, Monthly Meeting at Salem, Iowa.

m., (1st), 1892 Delia Mann (d.1903)

Went to Colorado and held many gospel services at mining camps.

m. (2nd) Margaret Haddock.

There were no children from either marriage. Evi worked in the mission field in Jamaica at some time, possibly for the American Friends Board on Missions.

d. 21 Sept. 1913 at Boulder, Colorado, aged 69 yrs.

Atkinson, Bart: ed. The Sharples-Sharpless family, v. I: (Index)

The Am. Fd., 1(1913), 679

QuakerLife 13, no 8: 18-19 (1972)

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SHARPLESS, Frederic Cope, 1880-1971

Physician.

b. 1 Oct. 1880, Founder's Hall, Hav. Coll. Campus, Haverford, Pa., s. Isaac Sharpless (see SHARPLESS, Isaac, 1848-1920) and w. Lydia Trimble (Cope).

Ed.: Haverford Friends School; Haverford Grammar School; 1900, A.B., Haverford Coll.; 1903, M.D., U. Penn.

m. 26 Oct. 1909, Haddonfield, N.J., to Louise Sangree (dau. Henry Hudson Sangree and w. Helen [Hoke]; b. 20 Mar. 1886).

Ch.: Isaac (b. 18 Sept. 1911; d. 26 Apr. 1959; m. Catherine Dutilh Smith); Louise (b. 1 Dec. 1912; unmarried); Marianne Carl (b. 3 Dec. 1916; m. Asa Potts Wing); Winifred Cope (b. 21 May 1920; m. William Henry Bowers).

1904-06, Resident Physician, Pa. Hosp. 1906-47, private practice in Rosemont, Pa. 1906, appointed Asst. Physician, Bryn Mawr Hosp. 1914, elected to staff; served until retirement in 1947 (at that time, honorary lifetime title "Physician to the Hospital" created for him). 1932-47, Dir. of Medical Services; this period, also liaison between staff and Bd. of Managers of Bryn Mawr Hosp. 1932-47, General Consultant to Bryn Mawr Coll., and Attending Physician for the Shipley School. 1947, retired, turning practice over to son. 1951-54, replacement physician in Greensboro, Vt. 1960, returned to Haverford, Pa., with his wife.

WWI, mem. Medical Advisory Bd. for Delaware and Montgomery Cos. 1924-60, Bd. of Managers, Haverford Coll. 1947-60, Bd. of Managers, Bryn Mawr Coll. Fellow of Coll. of Physicians of Phila. Mem.: American Medical Association and American

WB:a

d. 16 Nov. 1971.

Medical Association of Phila.; Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society.

SHARPLESS, Frederic Copy, 1880-1971 cont'd.

Alumni Office, Haverford College, Haverford, Pa.
Hav. Coll. Mat. Cat., 1833-1922, 398.
Copy, Gilbert, Comp., General. of the Sharpless Family, 694.
Anderson, Bart, ed., The Sharpless-Sharpless Family, 297, 466, 724-25.
Friends Journal, 18(1972):142.

Isaac Sharples was born near Prescot, Lancashire, about 1702, the son of William and Phoebe Sharples (1). His parents were members of the Society of Friends, but on the death of his mother (2) while he was still a child, his father 'forfitting his unity with Friends, the Family became dispersed; at about 12 years of age he was Sprinkled, and for some time afterwards frequented the Publick Worship, at 14 he was bound Apprentice, and Suffered much during the forepart of that Servitude, but his Master not having sufficient Employment, turned him over to one of our Society...' Although he enjoyed the greater liberty of the Established Church, his contact with Friends confirmed Isaac Sharples in his inclination towards them, and after some time he became convinced. After finishing his apprenticeship, to a tailor, he went first to London, and then travelled westwards, settling among Friends in Somerset, where about 1724 he was called upon publicly to testify at Claverham.

In 1735 he married Esther Thurston, but no children of the marriage are recorded. She died in 1740. (3) After her death he travelled extensively as a minister in England, Scotland and Ireland, besides travelling to Jersey and once to Holland.

In 1746 he married as his second wife Mary Ransom of Hitchin, Hertfordshire, where they settled; there were six children of this marriage (4).

Isaac Sharples was diligent in visiting meetings throughout Great Britain, often arranging meetings where there were no Friends. 'He had an excellent Gift in the Discipline of the Church, having a clear sight of the insufficiency of the outward Form, without the influence of the divine power to support it to Edification. An innocent Chearfulness tempered with Gravity, adorned his Conversation, and his Conduct was a pattern of meekness, moderation, and Love, which gained him general esteem... When through the infirmities of Age, he was rendered incapable of going far from home, he diligently attended his own, and Neighbouring Meetings, frequently appearing in short, but lively exhortations.' James Jenkins recollects having often sat under his ministry. 'He was sometimes called the lazy preacher, because for a considerable time after standing up, his procedure was uncommonly slow, as if the subject matter was impeded in its flow, for his sentences were sometimes very short...' (5)

He died on 18 May 1784, 'about the 82nd year of his Age', and was buried in Friends' burial ground, Hitchin; Mary Sharples died on 16 April 1798 (6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Baldock MM, 28 February 1785, in TCMD vol 3 pp 277-281.

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 A short narrative of ... Isaac Sharples, late of Hitchin, written by himself, 1785, p 5, gives the names of his parents, and the date of 'about the year 1702', which TCMD explicitly follows. No entry is found in Lancashire QM Births Digest for him, although there are for siblings born to William and Phoebe Sharples of Ormskirk (1697, 1698) and of Rainhill (1700). Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest gives his age as 84 at his death in 1784.

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- 2 Lancashire QM Burials Digest records the death of Phoebe, wife of William Sharples of Rainhill, on 31.i.[March] 1705; she was buried at Graston.
- 3 North Somerset MM minuted on 3.ix.[Nov] 1735, that 'Isaac Sharples have desired that a Certificate may be granted him relating to his Conversation and Ministry to Frenchay Monthly Meeting in County of Gloucester...' (North Somerset MM minutes vol 3 (1713-1740/1) p 411). The marriage is recorded in Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digest as taking place at Thornbury, Gloucestershire on 15.ii.[April] 1735, when Isaac Sharples is described as a yeoman, of Winscombe, Somerset, and Hester Thurston as widow, of Thornbury. She appears to have been the widow of John Thurston junr., described as a mercer, of Thornbury at their marriage in 1709, who probably died in 1714, and it is likely that she (described at that marriage as daughter of Christopher Young of Rough Ircott, in the parish of Alveston, Gloucestershire) was the Hester Young, daughter of Christopher Young of 'Hoape', born on 26.v.[July] 1685. No children of either marriage are recorded in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest; the QM Burials Digest notes the burial of Hester Sharples, of Thornbury, wife of Isaac, on 4.ii.[April] 1740.
- 4 Marriage not traced in Beds & Herts QM, Gloucester & Wilts QM, Bristol & Somerset QM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests. Mary Ransom is described in TCMD vol 3, p 278 as the daughter of Joseph and Mary Ransom of Hitchin. She was born on 14.iv.[June] 1715 (Beds & Herts QM Births Digest). The children of Isaac and Mary Sharples are given as follows in Beds & Herts QM Births and Burials Digests:

Joseph}	b 14.xii.1746 [Feb 1746/7]	bur 3.i.[March] 1747
Mary }		
Isaac qv	b 12.iv.[June] 1748	d 11 July 1806
Benjamin	b 11.v.[July] 1749	d 18.xi.[Nov?] 1752
Mary	b 8.xi.1750 [Jan.1750/1]	d 20 Dec 1753
Phebe	b 24 Oct 1755	d 10 March 1775

No occupation is given for Isaac Sharples at the birth of the children; but in deeds of August 1757 he is described as a maltster (Hertfordshire Record Office: Seebohm Papers).

- 5 James Jenkins, 'Records and recollections' (MS, LSF) p 212.
 6 Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest, which describes him as of Hitchin, aged 84 [sic], and Mary Sharples as of Hitchin, widow of Isaac, aged 83.

SEE ALSO

- Piety promoted, 9th part, p 129
 Biographical catalogue, 1888, p 610
 The Friend, Phila., vol 12 (1839) p 119
 Reginald Hine, A mirror for the Society of Friends, 1929

SHARPLES, Isaac (1748-1806)

Isaac Sharples was born on 12.iv.[June] 1748, the son of Isaac (1702?-1784 qv) and Mary Sharples of Hitchin (1). On 8 May 1772, at Huntingdon, he married Elizabeth Gray, daughter of Henry and Anna Maria Gray of Huntingdon; there were five children of the marriage (2).

Isaac Sharples entertained James Jenkins about 1806, 'at his house (one of, if not) the best in Hitchin, and with great willingness he showed me the gardens, and pleasure grounds contiguous thereto. --- In the latter, he was then busily employed in making improvements. I apprehend that he had recently seen the Leasowes, and according to common expression, had taken a leaf from the book of Shenstone; --- possessed of an ample fortune, and a disposition to spend liberally.... By his marriage with the daughter of Smith, Wright & Gray's Gray, of Godmanchester, he ... [had] received with her an handsome portion...' (3)

Elizabeth Sharples died on 23 June 1788 (4); Isaac Sharples married, on 29 October 1789, Fidelity Wheeler, daughter of Rudd and Fidelity Wheeler of Hitchin (5); there were two children of this marriage, including Joseph Sharples (1791-1871 qv), the banker (6). Fidelity Sharples died on 9 May 1793; Isaac Sharples on 11 July 1806; both were buried at Hitchin (7).

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest; no description of his father is given.
- 2 Cambs & Hunts QM Marriages Digest, where he is described as the son of Isaac and Mary Sharples of Hitchin, and she as the daughter of Henry and Anna Maria Gray of Huntingdon. Cambs & Hunts QM Births Digest has an entry for her birth on 24.vi.[Aug] 1750, the daughter of Henry and Annamari Gray, born at Godmanchester. At the birth of her sister, Anna Maria, in 1753, Henry Gray is described as 'gentleman', of Godmanchester. The children of the marriage are listed as follows in Beds & Herts QM Births and Burials Digests, and Marriages Digest:

Henry Gray	b 14 May 1773	d 16 July 1773
Isaac	b 13 Dec 1774	
Anna Maria	b 13 Nov 1775	d 21 Jan 1788
Henry Gray	b 3 Oct 1776	
Phebe	b 13 Aug 1778	m Travel Fuller, 31 Aug 1797
- 3 James Jenkins, 'Records and recollections' (MS, LSF) pp 659-660. Smith, Wright & Gray, as they were from 1763, had been founded about 1758 as Bland, Gray & Stephenson; they were a banking firm with offices in Lombard Street, London, and amalgamated with Esdaile & co. in 1792 (F.G.Hilton Price, A handbook of London bankers..., 1891-2, pp 58, 153).
- 4 Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest, where she is described as wife of Isaac, of Hitchin, aged 38; she was buried at Hitchin.
- 5 Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest, where he is described as of Hitchin, son of Isaac and Mary Sharples, and she as the daughter of Rudd and Fidelity Wheeler of Hitchin; the marriage took place at Hitchin. Fidelity

SHARPLES, Isaac (1748-1806) cont

Wheeler's birth, on 11 March 1759, the daughter of Rudd and Fidelity Wheeler, appears in the Beds & Herts QM Births Digest.

- 6 Given as follows in Beds & Herts QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests:

Joshua b 31 Oct 1790 d 2 June 1823

Joseph qv b 15 Nov 1791 m Elizabeth Ransom 8 Oct 1828

No description of Isaac Sharples is given in the Digests.

- 7 Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest: she is described as wife of Isaac, of Hitchin, aged 34; he as of Hitchin, aged 58. James Jenkins, p 659, believed a sudden apoplexy was the cause of Isaac Sharples's death.

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SHARPLESS, Isaac, 1848-1920

b. Dec. 16, 1848 at Birmingham, Chester County, Pa., son of Aaron and Susanna (Forsythe) Sharpless.

ed. Frds. School, Birmingham, Westtown School, graduated 1867 and Harvard College, B.S., 1873.

Taught at Westtown from 1867-68, 1873-75.

1875-79 Instructor of Mathematics and Astronomy at Haverford College. 1879-84 Professor. Also did graduate work at University of Penna. and got his Sc. D.degree there in 1883.

m., Aug. 10, 1876 Lydia Trimble Cope. 4 daughters, and 1 son.

1884-87 Dean of the Faculty at Haverford College.

1887-1917 President, Haverford College. During the year 1891-92 took a sabbatical leave in England and wrote a book about English educational methods. Made great contribution to the development of Haverford, by expanding enrollment, raising academic standards, securing increased endowments and improved buildings and grounds. In the wider field of scholarship he made notable contributions in colonial history and in the educational policy development of the entire yearly meeting.

d. Jan. 16, 1920 at Haverford, in his 72d year.

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SHARPLESS, Isaac, 1848-1920

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Among his notable books are: 1879, The elements of plane and solid geometry; 1882, Astronomy for Schools; 1883, Natural philosophy; 1900, A history of Quaker government in Pennsylvania; 1907, A Pennsylvania Quaker boy; 1919, Political leaders of provincial Pennsylvania; 1898, A Quaker experiment in government; 1918, The story of a small college.

I.S. possessed a mature and comprehensive mind. He reacted from traditional Quakerism in some matters. He gave up distinctive Quaker dress. He was shrewd and tactful in matters of college discipline.

Bul., Frds. Hist. Soc., 9(1919):90 (portrait)

The Friend (Phila.), 93(1920):358

Quaker Biog Ser. II:Vol. 5 (portraits)

Cope, Genealogy of the Sharpless family, 694

WBE:

SHARPLESS, John (3rd), 1699-1769

b. Oct. 16, 1699 at Ridley, ear Chester, Penna.,
son of John (Jr.) and Hannah (Pennell) Sharpless.

Appears to have been a shoemaker as well as farmer
m(1st), Nov. 18, 1725, Mary Key of Aston,
Pa. at Concord Monthly Meeting, Pa.(d.1727) 1 daughter
m.(2d), April 6, 1729, Elizabeth Ashbridge of
Goshen, Pa. 3 daughters, 2 sons.

J.S. was an elder of his meeting and served on
committees concerned with the upkeep of the meeting
house built on Providence Road, near present day Media.

d. Oct. 17, 1769 at Nether Providence, Pa.,
aged 70 years.

The Friend (Phila.), 35(1861):116

Cope, The genealogy of the Sharpless family, 87, 138, 179

WBE: (per BLC)

SHARPLESS, Joshua, 1746/7-1826

b. 12/28/1746/7 in Middletown, Pa., son of Benjamin and Martha (Mendenhall) Sharpless.

m(1st) Dec. 15, 1768, Edith Yarnall at Middletown Meeting, Pa. (d. Jan. 18, 1787) 5 sons, 3 daughters.

March 24, 1769 received certificate of transfer to New Garden, Pa. (West Grove). Overseer, 1775 J.S. was active there in working for the abolition of slave holding among Friends. On June 5, 1779 the family removed and brought their certificates to Concord Monthly Meeting. J.S. became an Overseer there in 1784.

1784 bought 200 acre farm in East Bradford and Westtown townships. Removed their certificates to Birmingham Monthly Meeting (East Bradford,) Pa.

m. (2d), May 20, 1789, Anne Brimble at Concord, Pa. Meeting House. (d. 1837) 1 son, 1 daughter.

1795, J.S. a founder of Birmingham Library.

1798 witnessed the ravages of yellow fever in Philadelphia and wrote about it. Also paid a visit with some younger Friends to the Cornplanter Indians at Tunesassa in western Penna.

1800-1811 J.S. and his wife Ann became first superintendents at Westtown School.

d. Sept. 21, 1826 on his farm at E. Bradford, Pa., aged nearly 80 years.

The Friend (phila.), 21(1848):14; 34(1860):192
Cope, Genealogy of the Sharpless family, 168, 254

WBE:

SHARPLESS, Joshua, 1779-1860

b. Aug. 12, 1779 at East Bradford, Pa. (now Birmingham), son of Joshua and Edith (Yarnall) Sharpless.

A carpenter by trade.

m., 1808, Philadelphia Drinker and lived in what is now West Philadelphia. 4 sons, 2 daughters.

1823 removed with his family to live on a farm at London, Britain, Chester County, Pa.

d. Dec. 21, 1860 at London Britain, Pa. in his 82d year.

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WBE:

SHARPLESS, Lydia, afterwards Perry, 1886-1932

see

Perry, Lydia, nee Sharpless, 1886-1932

WBE:a

SHARPLESS, Mira, 1798-1859 afterwards Townsend

see **TOWNSEND, Mira (Sharpless), 1798-1859**

WBE:

SHARPLESS, Nathan, 1773-1863

b. Dec. 18, 1773 near New Garden, Pa., son of
Joshua and Edith (Yarnall) Sharpless.

Learned the trade of a hatter and settled
near Wilmington, Del.

m., April 21, 1796 at Birmingham Meeting,
Lydia Painter of East Bradford, Pa. (d. 1845). They
had 2 daughters and one son.

1804 purchased a farm of 157 acres in Concord
township. Chester County, Pa. and settled there.

1836-1843 with his widowed sister Martha
Sharpless Jefferis served as Superintendent and Matron
of Westtown School. Member of the Committee from 1804.

N.S. was an Elder of Concord Monthly Meeting.

d. April 11, 1863 at Concordville, Pa., in
his 90th year.

The Friend (Phila.), 36(1863):312

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Westtown School, Catalogue, 341, 371

WBE:

SHARPLESS, Rebekah, 1749-1780

b. Dec. 29, 1749 at Middletown, Chester County,
Pa., daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Mendenhall)
Sharpless.

b. 1776 chosen clerk of the women's meeting of her
monthly meeting at Middletown, Pa. It is said of
her that she was affable, yet grave and solid. She
was useful in matters of discipline and helpful in
composing differences.

c. 1778 was under appointment by Concord Quarterly
Meeting to labor for a reformation.

d. Feb. 9, 1780 of smallpox, and was interred
at Middletown, Pa., on the 11th, in her 31st year.

Comly, Frds. Misc., VIII:212; XIII:230

Cope, Genealogy pf the Sharpless family, 168, 259-61

WBE:

SHARPLESS, William Truman, 1856-1947

b. Jan. 12, 1856 in Birmingham, East Bradford township, Pa ., son of Aaron and Susanna (Forsythe) Sharpless.

ed. Westtown School, 1869 and University of Pennsylvania, M.D., 1888.

m., 1895, Mary Marshall, a nurse whom he had met in his work at the newly established Chester County Hospital in West Chester, Pa.

Home and office were located for 59 years at Church and Minor Sts, West Chester, Pa.

1898-1925 Physician for Westtown School.

In his professional work he was known all over the county and served a term as president of the County Medical Society. Later he was president of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society.

In local affairs he was for many years a director of the National Bank and Trust Company of Chester County and active in the affairs of the Monthly Meeting (Arch St.) of West Chester, Pa.

d. Oct. 19, 1947 at West Chester, Pa., in his 92d year.

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