

THOMPSON, James (1729?-1785)

James Thompson, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1975) traced, was born about the year 1729(1). He was at one time a cloth maker(2) and moved from Idle to Rawden in Yorkshire about the year 1763(3). He was married(4), his wife's name was Mary and they had ten children(5).

He died at Rawden on 24 October 1785(6), aged nearly fifty six.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged nearly 56 at death. There is no entry in Yorkshire QM or Westmorland QM Births Digests
- 2 He is so described in the birth entry of his son Francis
- 3 Details from the birth records of his children
- 4 There is no record of his marriage in Yorkshire QM, Lancashire QM, Cumberland & Northumberland QM, Durham QM or Westmorland QM Marriages Digests
- 5 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest, the children of James and Mary:-

William qv	b 17 May 1758	born at Idle
Ann	b 12 June 1759	" " "
James	b 15 May 1761	" " "
John	b 31 Oct 1762	" " "
Mary	b 21 June 1764	" " Rawden
Richard qv	b 22 May 1766	" " "
Jonas	b 28 Feb 1768	" " "
Christopher	b 25 Nov 1769	" " "
Francis	b 16 Sept 1772	" " "
Sarah	b 6 August 1774	" " "
- 6 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a farmer

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

THOMPSON, James (1761-1809)

James Thompson, the son of James Thompson (1729?-1785 qv) and his wife Mary (born ) of Calverley in Yorkshire, was born on 15 May 1761(1).

He became a cloth supervisor at Rawdon in the parish of Guiseley in Yorkshire(2) and was married in 1789 to Frances Buck (1760-1819 qv) of Rawdon(3); there were two children, born in the years 1790 and 1791(4).

James Thompson of Rawdon died on 18 July 1809, at the age of forty eight(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his place of birth and his father's occupation are not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Rawdon on 27 July 1789: he is described as a cloth supervisor of Rawdon in the parish of Guiseley in Yorkshire, the son of James (deceased) and Mary of Rawdon; she is described as of Rawdon in the parish of Guiseley, the daughter of Francis, a yeoman (deceased) and Ann Duck of Thornton West in Yorkshire / Bridge (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births and Marriages Digests and in the Digest of Deaths as follows:-

Grace b 12 May 1790	d unmarried 20 Feb 1851, aged 60
Henry b 31 Dec 1791	m 1815 Sarah Stonehouse
- 5 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a merchant

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

THOMPSON, James (1761?-1828)

James Thompson of Coothill in Ireland was born about the year 1761(1). Nothing is at present (1975) traced of his early history, marriage or children. He was regular in his attendance at Dublin Yearly Meeting and it was while there that he became ill; he died aged about sixty seven on 7 May 1828, after an illness of only five days.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1829 p 30

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged about 67 at death

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

THOMPSON, James (1797-1878)

James Thompson, son of Jonas and Betty Thompson of Rawdon, Yorkshire, was born there on 5 January 1797 (1). Like his father, he became a merchant (2).

He married in 1825 Ann Grimshaw (1804-1891 qv) (3): there were 7 children (4).

Between 1829 and 1831 the family moved to Liverpool where he was first a cowkeeper and then a provision dealer (5). Before 1861 he had moved to Birkdale, Southport, being then a yeoman (6).

James Thompson of Birkdale, Southport, died on 15 August 1878, aged 81 years (7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: the town is spelt Rawden and his father is described as clothier
- 2 So described in entries relating to his marriage and the births of his first three children (1825-29)
- 3 The marriage was "in or near Rawden" on 12 January 1825: he is described as of Rawden, parish of Guiseley, co of Yorkshire, merchant, son of James (merchant) and Betty of Rawden, parish of Guiseley, Yorks; she is described as daughter of John (deceased) and Mary Grimshaw of Rawden, Yorks (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Margaret	b 16 Dec 1825
Anna	b 21 June 1827
Rebecca	b 29 March 1829

and in Lancashire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Mary qv	b 16 July 1831	who m 1861 Henry Geldart
		Coventry (1835-1922 qv)
- 5 Liverpool is shown as the place of birth of the youngest four children (1835-42): in the case of Mary (1831) he is described as cowkeeper; in the others (1835-42) as provision merchant
- 6 Entry in Digest of Marriages concerning the marriage of his daughter Mary
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as "not in any business or profession"

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

THOMPSON, James (1804?-1849)

James Thompson, who was born about the year 1804(1), was the son of William and Alice (Margreaves) Thompson(2) and was a younger brother of William Thompson (1794-1817 qv). His parents were not members of the Society, but from childhood his conduct was steady and orderly. His education was interrupted by the need to help support his invalid father and meet the needs of a large family, but he was a gifted boy and took every opportunity to enlarge the range of his knowledge.

When he was about seventeen he began regularly to attend Friends' meetings, although he did not apply for membership for several years. He had a lively concern that the principles of the Society should be faithfully supported and that the discipline should be properly exercised. His character was distinguished by integrity and uprightness and he enjoyed the respect and esteem of all those with whom he was brought into contact in the course of his business.

In 1830 he married Hannah Frodsham(3) and there were five children of the marriage(4).

He died at Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester, on 12 June 1849(5), aged about forty five; his mind was perfectly clear until the end.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE see extract No 1993  
Annual Monitor 1850 pp 111-114

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged about 45 at death according to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45
- 2 See DNB entry for William Thompson (1794-1817)
- 3 The wedding was at Manchester on 18 February 1830; he is described as a warehouseman of Manchester, the son of William, a machine maker, deceased, and Alice Thompson; she is described as the daughter of John, a cordwainer, and his wife Margaret, both deceased (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest and Digest of Deaths as follows:-

William	b 30 Nov 1830
Cyrus	b 23 March 1834
Mary	b 27 Oct 1835
Margreaves	b 12 April 1838
Cornelius	b 2 Dec 1840
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a commission agent

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

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THOMPSON, Jane Smeal (1857/-1936) born Henderson

at Paisley  
L on 18 June

Jane Smeal Henderson, the daughter of James and Jemima (born Smeal) Henderson of London and Glasgow, was born ~~about the year~~ 1857(1). She was the eldest of a family of seven, which her mother, a pupil of Wigton School, managed with remarkable skill. The older children were taught at home until Jane at the age of fourteen attended classes at Bedford College, London, and later entered as one of the first pupils of Notting Hill High School. Her father, a pioneer factory inspector, trained her in journalism and she became a reviewer as well as governess to the youngest of her sisters, after the family removed to Glasgow.

While she was still in London she met Silvanus Phillips Thompson (1851-1916 qv) and their friendship ripened into love. They were married in 1881 and had four daughters(2). The marriage was a supremely happy one, but at first it meant removal to Bristol and separation from her family; however, she maintained close ties with her sister Helen Walton, who was married to an artist and lived in Chelsea.

Removal to London in 1885 meant a resumption of her close attachment to Westminster Meeting, although the journey from her home in Hampstead was a long one with four little girls. As her husband became increasingly distinguished and popular in the scientific world her social life became more demanding and her home a centre of constant hospitality, but she was careful that whatever calls there were on her time her daughters could always count on her companionship and support and school holidays were times of great happiness for the whole family. In later years the vacancies in her household caused by the marriages of two of her daughters were filled by Tatham Thompson's girls and boy as regular residents, among them Winifred Tatham Thompson (1891?-1955 qv).

In 1916 Silvanus Thompson died and three years later her third daughter, Dorothea, died in New Zealand of bronchial asthma. Jane's one object in life became to produce a biography of her beloved husband and this she accomplished in 1920 with the help of her remaining daughter Helen. When it was finished she made her quiet but still hospitable home first in Purley and then at Croydon.

At Westminster she was for years clerk of the overseers and an elder both there and at Purley. For over twenty years she was a member of the Meeting for Sufferings. She was intensely interested in politics and served as treasurer to the Friends' group concentrating upon women's suffrage. To the end of her life she was deeply interested in the Society and felt that the meeting for worship was the core of its fellowship.

She died at South Croydon on 1 June 1936(3) aged seventy eight years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 94 (1936) p 578

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THOMPSON, Jane Smeal (1857-1936) born Henderson

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 ~~see Digest of Deaths~~. There is no entry in the Digest of Births \*
- 2 For marriage and children see THOMPSON, Silvanus Phillips (1851-1916 qv)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: no description of her is given

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 17 (1920) p 38

PUBLICATIONS

Silvanus Phillips Thompson, His Life and Letters, jointly with Helen Thompson. London 1920

\* but her name appears as Jane Henderson in Scotland GM Births Digest: her father is described as ironmonger

THOMPSON, Jean Mary (1903?-1961)

Jean Mary Thompson, the daughter of Alexander and Mary Thompson of Liverpool, was born about the year 1903(1). She grew up in a period of development of Friends' concern for an improvement in the social order and was early associated with the War and Social Order Committee and its successors. A successful academic career at Liverpool University, followed by Octavia Hill training in household management, equipped her to play a leading part in her chosen career of local government administration, and in political and social work.

From 1928 to 1946(2) she served first as Housing Manager at Rotherham, and later as Housing Manager at Southall, having in each case to establish a new department on Octavia Hill principles. At Rotherham the number of houses under her control rose from six hundred to two thousand three hundred and fifty in nine years. War circumstances prevented such growth at Southall, but with her tremendous energy she soon assumed responsibility for rest centres, billeting, evacuation, information services and the Citizens Advice Bureau. She usually managed to settle the many difficult personal problems faced by a Housing Manager by persuasion rather than by direction, and perhaps some indication of her success is seen in the presents from Rotherham tenants when she left, and the warm tributes to her work one still hears from Southall tenants.

For a number of years she represented housing interests on the Council of the Institute of Town and Country Planning and on leaving Southall town planning became her main interest. She worked both with private consultants and public authorities in the sociological aspects of planning for Greater London. Her interest in social problems led to many forms of service both among Friends, and in her youth in the Independent Labour Party. A member of the Friends' Peace Committee for many years, she took an active part in many of its special projects. She was as active in community service as she was in her workaday life.

She was also distinguished by a great love for animals, especially for those whose miseries are sometimes too easily forgotten; exported horses, monkeys in transit at London Airport and vivisection experiments. Her life had been motivated by a concern to serve God through a loving care for all his creatures and she had no room for compromise, yet even her denunciation of such practices as vivisection was marked by sorrow for the vivisector rather than anger. She was a most valuable member of the committee of the Friends' Animal Welfare and Anti-Vivisection Society. Shortly before her last illness she conceived the idea of the Society initiating a corporate inter-denominational testimony on the rights of

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THOMPSON, Jean Mary (1903?-1961)

animals and man's responsibility to them. This was taken up by the committee with enthusiasm, with the result that before she died Jean had the satisfaction of knowing that an informed group of Roman Catholic, Anglican and Nonconformist ministers and laity had been formed and was already functioning with a view to giving expression to her concern.

She was a member of Baling Meeting and died on 2 September 1961(3), after undergoing a serious operation earlier in the year; she was fifty eight.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 119 (1961) p 1462

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 58 at death. There is no entry in the Digest of Births, but she is shown as the daughter of Alexander and Mary Thompson in the membership lists of Lancashire Quarterly Meeting from 1910 to 1926
- 2 She does not appear in the Yorkshire Quarterly Meetings List as a member of Sheffield MM until 1932
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster

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

WBE:

THOMPSON, Jeremiah, 1784-1835

b. Dec. 12, 1784 at Rawdon, Yorks., Eng., son  
of William and Thompson.

c. 1801 emigrated to New York, N.Y.

m. Wright.

With his brother Francis (see his biog.) and others, established the first regular packet ships between Liverpool and New York. By 1827 he had become the largest ship owner in United States. But in 1828 the company failed and he became insolvent.

d. Nov. 10, 1835 at New York, N.Y., aged about 51.

D.A.B., 18:461

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 22(1925): 10

The Friend (Phila.), 99(1926): 543

THOMPSON, Jessie (1858-1936) after 1886 Impey

[Jessie Thompson, daughter of Francis James Thompson (1813-1896 qv) and his wife Rebecca (born Stephens, 1814-1893 qv) of Bridgwater in Somerset, was married in 1886 to Robert Levitt Impey (1848-1935 qv) of Birmingham.

See IMPEY, Jessie (1858-1936) born Thompson ]

WBE:

THOMPSON, John.

Lived at Glasgow(?), Scotland. He was not known ever to have been in membership with Friends.

1692/3 published A clear manifestation of the spiritual substance of the Light. This is a curious philosophical treatise. J.T. may have been publisher only, and not author.

d. ???

No references given

WBE:

THOMPSON, John, c.1628-1715

b.

c.1628

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1652, convinced by George Fox and joined with Friends. Recognized a minister. Travelled very little. He was very tender toward that which was good, but sharp against the evil. Often long imprisoned for non-payment of tithes and suffered spoiling of goods.

d. May 23, 1715 and was buried at Kendal, aged 87 years.

Besse, 1: 303,348,474; 2, 17,19,24,25,26,28,30,35  
(Some of these references refer to another J.T.)

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THOMPSON, John, 1667-1731

b. July, 1667 at Crook, near Kendal, Eng/,  
son of John and Thompson.

Sought pasttimes and diversions but grace wrought  
a change in him.

c. 1685 a minister among Friends who travelled  
much in England, Scotland and Ireland. Suffered a  
dangerous illness for several months.

d. April 2, 1731 at Cork, Ire. from the effects  
of a violent fever, in his 64th year.

London, Y.M., A Coll. of Test., 1760, 43

John Smith's Ms., 3:394

THOMPSON, John (1667-1731)

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John Thompson was the son of John Thompson of Crook, near Kendal Westmorland, and was born in 1667. He was brought up in the Truth but for some years turned to the diversions of the world, until he was reclaimed and in his eighteenth year received a gift of ministry and visited many Friends Meetings.

After seriuus illness both in body and mind, he began to travel in the Ministry in England, Scotland and Ireland.

'The Simplicity of the Gospel very much appeared in his Ministry, to the Edification of the Church, and the reaching and convincing of Several. He was also zealously engaged in Meetings of Discipline, at home and abroad, for the Preservation of Unity and Good order in the Church'.

He died in Crook on 2.ii.[April] 1731, and was interred in Friends Burying Ground there, aged about sixty four years, and a Minister for over forty five years.

Principal Source

Testimony of Westmorland QM in TCMD vol.1 p.43, printed in A Collection of Testimonies 1760, p.43

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THOMPSON, John (1741?-1801)

John Thompson, the eldest son of Thomas Thompson of Morland in Westmorland and brother to Thomas Thompson (1743-1821 qv), was born about the year 1741(1); he is believed to have been convinced of the Truth shortly after the middle of the eighteenth century, at the same time as his two brothers. The Thompson family trace their ancestry back to Thomas Thompson, a yeoman farmer of Strickland in Westmorland, whose grandson John Thompson of Barton in Westmorland settled at Morland towards the end of the seventeenth century. John Thompson kept a grammar school at Morland and the house which he built had carved over the doorway the initials of himself and his wife and the date 1722.

John Thompson had one son Thomas, who in turn had three sons who became convinced Friends. They were dismissed from their father's house, but on his father's death John succeeded to the family property at Morland, where he lived and became a worthy minister of the Society. In 1777 he married Elizabeth Buck(2) and was blessed with a large family of nine sons and daughters(3), but he was "truly conscientious in what he believed to be his duty to the Almighty; indeed, he seemed to have little enjoyment in the things of this life in comparison of pleasing his heavenly Father, and promoting the welfare of his fellow creatures."(4)

He died on 29 September 1801(5), aged about sixty and was buried at Great Strickland.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Thompson, J.J. & H.G.: Silvanus Phillips Thompson, His Life and Letters:  
London 1920

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

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THOMPSON, John (1741?-1801)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged about 60 at death
- 2 The wedding was at Ravenstonedale on 5 May 1777; he is described as of Bathwaite, she as the daughter of Thomas and Mary Buck of Dent in Yorkshire (Westmorland QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Westmorland QM Births Digest as follows:-

Agnes	b 29 Oct 1778
Agnes	b 10 Feb 1780
Thomas	b 2 Nov 1781
Mary	b 20 May 1784
Jane	b 13 March 1786
Margaret	b 25 June 1788
William	b 8 Sept 1790
Christopher	b 5 Jan 1792
John	b 17 Jan 1795
- 4 Testimony of Westmorland QM 2 April in TQMD vol 4 p 168
- 5 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: he is described as a husbandman

THOMPSON, John (1774-1818)

John Thompson, the son of Christopher and Mary Thompson of Aysgarth in Yorkshire, was born at Mosdale in Yorkshire on 2 November 1774(1). He was a corn miller(2) and in 1810 he was married to Jane Hunter of Appenside(3); there were six children(4).

He died at Aysgarth Mill on 11 March 1818(5), at the age of forty three.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire 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 Hawes on 21 March 1810: he is described as a corn miller, the son of Christopher and Mary Thompson of Aysgarth Mill; she is described as the daughter of Simon and Alice Hunter of Appenside (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Mary	b 5 March 1811	no marriage recorded to 1880
Alice	b 25 March 1812	" " " "
Christopher	b 3 Nov 1813	" " " "
Simon	b 6 April 1815	" " " "

and in Westmorland QM Births Digest as follows:-

Agnes	b 22 Jan 1817	no marriage recorded to 1880
John	b 27 Nov 1818	" " " "
- 5 N.B. All these children were born at Aysgarth in Yorkshire; in 1816 Richmond MM, of which John Thompson was a member, was transferred from Yorkshire QM to Westmorland QM
- 6 Westmorland 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

THOMPSON, John (1768?-1843)

John Thompson, the son of Samuel and Christina Thompson, was born about the year 1768(1). He was a farmer(2) at Morley in Cheshire, where in 1805 he married Mary Brock(3); the marriage was apparently childless(4). In life and conversation he was circumspect and was adorned with "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." He was an elder of his meeting and was concerned faithfully to uphold the beliefs and principles of the Society.

He died at Morley on 17 August 1843(5), aged seventy five years and six months.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1844 pp 97-98

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged about 75 at death. There is no entry in Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry
- 3 The wedding was at Morley on 31 October 1805: he is described as a farmer of Morley in Cheshire, the son of Samuel and Christina Thompson; she is described as the daughter of Uriah and Martha Brock of Todmorden in Yorkshire (Cheshire & Staffs QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 No children are recorded in Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest
- 5 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

THOMPSON, John (1776-1856)

John Thompson, the son of John and Margaret Thompson of Morland in Westmorland, was born there on 20 March 1776(1). He became a flax dresser(2) and later a seedsman(3). In 1800 he married Sarah Priestman(4) and there were fifteen children of the marriage(5).

He died at Morland on 12 July 1856(6), aged eighty years.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 See note 4
- 3 See note 6
- 4 The wedding was at Gillfoot in the parish of Caldbeck on 20 November 1800: he is described as a flax dresser, the son of John and Margaret Thompson, formerly of Morland; she is described as the daughter of Josiah and Deborah Priestman of Deerrudding in the parish of Greystock, Cumberland (Westmorland QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Westmorland QM Births Digest as follows:-

Jane	b 28 July 1801
John	b 5 Oct 1802
Thomas	b 2 May 1804
Sarah	b 16 Jan 1806
Josiah <sup>qv</sup>	b 2 May 1807
Margaret	b 21 June 1808
Joseph	b 17 Sept 1810
William	b 13 Jan 1812
George	b 29 Jan 1813
Thomas	b 2 Feb 1814
Mary	b 16 Feb 1815
George	b 19 May 1816
James	b 19 May 1818
Charles <sup>qv</sup>	b 8 Nov 1819
Deborah	b 19 July 1821

- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a seedsman of Morland

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

THOMPSON, John (1781-1865)

John Thompson, the son of John and Margaret Thompson of Hawes in Yorkshire, was born there on 15 January 1781(1). Like his father he became a hosier(2) and in 1806 he married Jane Thistlethwaite(3); there were nine children(4). The family moved to Kendal between 1821 and 1824(5), where John Thompson became a manufacturer(6).

He died at Kendal on 20 December 1865(7), in his eighty fifth year.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a hosier
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Counterside on 26 February 1806: he is described as a hosier of Hawes in the parish of Aysgarth in Yorkshire, the son of John, a hosier (deceased) and his wife Margaret of Hawes; she is described as the daughter of Richard, a husbandman, and Agnes Thistlethwaite of Carr end in the parish of Aysgarth (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest and in the Digest of Deaths as follows:-

John qv	b 28 Feb 1807	who d 18 Jan 1898
Agness	b 22 Jan 1809	
Richard qv	b 15 March 1811	who d 20 May 1888
William	b 30 July 1813	
Margaret	b 21 Sept 1815	

and in Westmorland QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

James	b 29 May 1817	who m 1858 Sarah Bass
Sarah qv	b 4 May 1819	who m 1850 Samuel Alexander Jefferys
Mary	b 30 Sept 1821	who m 1847 William Cudworth
Thomas Routh	b 15 Jan 1824	

- 5 All his children except Thomas Routh were born at Hawes in Yorkshire; Thomas was born at Kendal. In 1816 Richmond NM, to which he belonged, was transferred from Yorkshire QM to Westmorland QM
- 6 He is so described in the marriage entry for his daughter Sarah (1819-1871 qv)
- 7 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

WBE:

THOMPSON, John, c.1797-1877

b. c1797

grandson

of Jonah and

Thompson, of Hitchin, Herts.

### An Elder.

1859 edited a new edition of Life of John Roberts.

1867, wrote Prospectus of ... Smith's Catalogue.

d. July 27, 1877 Hitchin, Herts., Eng., aged 80.

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Ann. Mon. (N.S.), 36(1878):239

The Friend (London) 17 (1877): 239

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:736

THOMPSON, John (1801?-1824)

John Thompson, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1975) traced, was born at Enniscorthy in Ireland about the year 1801(1). He was one of the companions of Hannah Kilham (1794-1832 qv) and Richard Smith ( - qv) on their journey to Africa in 1823, to establish a school and settlement at Gambia. John was of considerable assistance to Richard Smith in the work involved, but while returning with his sister to Enniscorthy he caught a feverish chill on board ship(2) and died at sea, at the age of twenty three.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1825 p 30

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 23 at death
- 2 J Friends Hist Soc vol 14 (1917) p 115

SEE ALSO:- References in J Friends Hist Soc vol 14 (1917) pp 111, 113,  
115-117, 121, 163, 164

THOMPSON, John (1807-1898)

John Thompson, the eldest child of John Thompson (1781-1865 qv) and his wife Jane, born Thistlethwaite, of Hawes in Yorkshire, was born there on 28 February 1807(1); he was the elder brother of Richard Thompson (1811-1888 qv), who settled at Gainsborough. The family moved to Kendal some time between 1821 and 1824(2). John received a limited education at Ackworth School and was early thrown into commercial life, which he found uphill work until, when more than fifty years of age, he joined the prosperous firm of Gray, Dunn & Co., biscuit manufacturers of Glasgow.

He was married some time before 1843 and his first wife's name was Mary, but she was not in gombership and there is no record of the marriage (3) or of any children(4). Mary Thompson died in 1843(5) and in 1846 he took as his second wife Anna Wilson of Tirril(6); there were ten children(7). There is a subsequent record of only two of these children, which suggests that the remaining eight left the Society.

But his business and home life never absorbed all his energies. In his youth he gave up a considerable amount of his time to enlarging his education and later applied himself to measures for the welfare of his fellows; he was an ardent Liberal politician and a supporter of the anti-slavery campaign. He also found time to serve the Corporation of Govan to such good measure that he eventually became its Provost, an office which he discharged with kindness, but with a fearless independence of judgment which earned him respect and admiration. He brought to his civic duties a benign but unflinching Christian spirit, which was widely recognised by men of very different views and although he never appeared in public testimony he was a living example of all that is best in the beliefs and principles of Quakerism.

In 1890 he retired from business and settled at Kilbarchan in Renfrewshire, retaining to the last the brightness of his spirit and much of his intellectual vigour. He died at Kilbarchan on 18 January 1898(8), aged ninety one.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1899 pp 128-132

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

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a hosier
- 2 All but one of his siblings were born at Hawes between 1809 and 1821; his youngest brother Thomas Routh was born at Kendal in 1824.  
See THOMPSON, John (1781-1865)
- 3 There is no record of the marriage in Westmorland QM, Yorkshire QM, Durham QM or Scotland GM Marriages Digests or the Digest of Marriages
- 4 No children are recorded in Westmorland QM Births Digest or the Digest of Births
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she died on 17 July 1843, not in membership
- 6 The wedding was at Tirril on 30 July 1846: he is described as a widower, a manufacturer of Kendal, the son of John Thompson, a manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of Tirril, the daughter of John Wilson (Digest of Marriages)
- 7 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Mary Emma	b 22 July 1847	
Jane	b 3 Nov 1848	
Sarah Agnes	b 23 Sept 1850	
Sophia	b 17 Nov 1851	
Wilson	b 30 April 1853	
James	b 25 Jan 1855	who d 14 Dec 1857
Margaret Ann	b 23 Sept 1856	who m 1882 Robert Bird
Alice	b 15 June 1860	
Lucy Ellen	b 25 Oct 1861	
James Alfred	b 11 Sept 1864	
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as out of business; the date of his death is incorrectly given in the Annual Monitor as 18 July 1898

THOMPSON, John Baynes (1796-1843)

John Baynes Thompson, the son of Richard Thompson (1771-1842 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Baynes, 1772-1846 qv) of Leyburn in the parish of Winsley in Yorkshire, was born there on 17 January 1796(1).

He became a commercial traveller at Leeds(2) and was married in 1833 to Elizabeth Clark (1800-1883 qv) of Kingston upon Hull(3); there were two children(4).

About 1834 he tried the grocery trade at Hull and in 1837 he was a coal merchant at Kingston upon Hull(5).

John Baynes Thompson of Hull died on 8 August 1845, at the age of forty eight(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a linen draper
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Hull on 16 May 1833: he is described as a commercial traveller of Leeds, Yorkshire, the son of Richard and Hannah of Salford, Lancashire; she is described as the daughter of George, a baker and Mary (deceased) of Kingston upon Hull (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births and Burials Digests and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

George	b 14 Feb 1834	d 20 March 1834, aged 5 weeks
Anna Maria qv	b 3 March 1837	m 1870 James Thorp (1826-1909 qv) (2nd. wife)
- 5 In the birth entry for his son George in 1834 he is described as a grocer of Hull; in that for his daughter Anna Maria in 1837 he is described as a coal merchant of Kingston upon Hull
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a coal merchant

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1844, p 97: 1 line entry for death

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

THOMPSON, John Grimshaw (1835-1900)

John G. Thompson, son of James (1797-1878 qv) and Ann (born Grimshaw, 1804-1891 qv) Thompson of Liverpool, was born there on 30 June 1835 (1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1847 to 1850 (2).

He served his apprenticeship with Isaac Cooke, cotton broker, of Liverpool, and was afterwards in the service of Caleb Grimshaw & Co, shipowners, in Liverpool. After the death of his parents he lived a retired life in Southport. He was unmarried.

Charles

He died at the home of his brother at Urmston, near Manchester, on 21 June 1900, aged 64 years (3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

- 1 Proceedings of Ackworth Old Scholars Association vol 19 (1900) p 83

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as provision dealer. This date of birth is consistent with his being aged 64 at death. Proc AOSA, probably in error, gives his year of birth as 1836
- 2 List of scholars, 1879, p 121 154 (admission no 6928). Proc AOSA gives his mother's dates at school as 1829-31, confusing her with another Ann Grimshaw of Rawdon: she was in fact at Ackworth 1816-18
- 3 This information is confirmed in Digest of Deaths where he is described as "of Urmston, late of Southport": no description of him is there given

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

THOMPSON, John Tatham (1858-1911)

John Tatham Thompson, the fourth son of Silvanus Thompson (1818-1881 qv) and his wife Bridget, born Tatham, of York, was born there on 31 July 1858(1). He was at school at Bootham from 1867 to 1874(2) and on leaving school was apprenticed to a firm of pharmaceutical chemists in Scarborough. But he had a serious attack of pneumonia and when he recovered it was decided that a return to the bleak conditions of the north east coast would be unwise.

His family were somewhat at a loss as to what to do with him and for a time he joined his elder brother Silvanus Phillips Thompson (1851-1916 qv) at Bristol, where he helped him in the laboratory and with his lectures. John Tatham, who was known to the family as Jack, had a lively disposition and the two brothers had a very happy time together. Some time later he entered Edinburgh University(3), where he qualified in medicine; on leaving the University he settled in Cardiff, going into practice as an ophthalmic surgeon. He contributed a chapter on the use of the electromagnet in surgery to a book on electromagnetism by his brother Silvanus and became known as Dr Tatham Thompson.

He was married and had four children, one of his daughters being Winifred Tatham Thompson (1891?-1955 qv), but details of his marriage and its issue are not at present (1975) traced(4), and it is probable that he left the Society.

He died at Cardiff in the spring of 1911(5), aged about fifty three.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Thompson, J.S. and H.: Silvanus Thompson, His Life & Letters,  
London, 1920, pp 36, 96, 275 & 336

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a schoolmaster
- 2 Bootham School Register, p 409
- 3 op cit p 409
- 4 There is no record of his marriage in the Digest of Marriages and no children are recorded in the Digest of Births \*
- 5 His death is not recorded in the Digest of Deaths

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

\* The entry for him in Bootham register 1935 p 409 gives no ~~date~~ indication of a marriage or of children

THOMPSON, John Thomas (1871-1951)

John Thomas Thompson, the son of Thomas Thompson and his wife Jane, born Rogerson, was born on 6 December 1871(1). In 1913 he married Janet Valentine, who died in 1939(2), and there were two children of the marriage(3). He studied at the Flounders Institute and the Yorkshire College, Leeds, and was a schoolmaster at Great Ayton, Ackworth and Saffron Walden before going to Sidcot School in 1901(4).

At Sidcot he taught mathematics and handicrafts and was in charge of games and on his retirement in 1931 his home at Winscombe still overlooked the playing fields which had for so long been in his care. His position as master-on-duty gave him a unique opportunity to guide leisure interests, for which his wide practical knowledge and skill well fitted him. He took a personal interest in every one of his pupils and it would be difficult to over estimate the value of his firm but kindly guidance in building up the character of the school. He was one of the first people whom old scholars were anxious to see on their return to the school and Sidcot Friends were always glad to have the benefit of his wise counsel.

He died at Winscombe on 21 February 1951(5), aged seventy nine.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 109 (1951) p 202

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 There is no entry in the Digest of Births; the information is taken from the Sidcot School Register, p 205
- 2 There is no record of his marriage in the Digest of Marriages; the information is taken from the Sidcot School Register, p 205
- 3 There are no entries in the Digest of Births; listed in Sidcot School Register as follows:-  
John Edmund  
Isabel Valentine
- 4 Sidcot School Register, p 205
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired schoolmaster

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

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THOMPSON, Jonah, c.1703-1780

b. c.1703 at Penrith, Cumb., England, son  
of and (Lawson) Thompson. He  
was grandson of Thomas Lawson, naturalist.

Apprenticed at Kendal to a weaver.

1728-35 became a school master in Westmoreland  
and later at Yatton, near Bristol.

Recognized a minister among Friends.

m.

1750-51 emigrated to America but later returned to  
England and in 1756 was keeping school near Bristol for  
about three years. He then moved to Compton, Dorsetshire and  
started a school of his own.

1759 paid a second visit to America.

His only published work is a short hand version of a sermon  
which he had preached called Joshua's Resolution to serve  
the Lord. This dates from 1745.

d. May 21, 1780 and was buried at Yeovil, in his 78  
year.

THOMPSON, Jonah  
add: born 1702 [not 1703] son of Isaac and Hannah (Lawson) Thompson  
ref: Frds Quarterly Examiner 45, 1878, pp.104-110.

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Piety pro., part 9

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:736

Journ. of John Churchman, (1781): 116

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 10 (1913): 128

THOMPSON, Jonah (1702-1780)

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Jonah Thompson, the son of Isaac and Hannah Thompson and grandson of Thomas Lawson (1630-1691 qv), was born near Penrith in Cumberland in 1702.(1) His father died when he was very young; his mother educated him carefully in the way of Truth but she, too, died when he was only ten years old. He was left to the care of a relation who was not a member of the Society and was indifferent as to whether or not Jonah received religious instruction from any source. His mother's early training helped to preserve him in his lonely situation and when at the age of fourteen his relations offered to send him to school and university, with a view to his entry into the Established Church, he had the fortitude to refuse their help; he was, he said, "fully convinced of the impropriety of such mode of making Ministers, believing none could be truly so, but those who were of Christ's making by the call and Qualifications of his Holy Spirit. He therefore from this clear view chose rather to put himself apprentice to a Friend at Kendal, to learn the Trade of a Weaver with whom he faithfully served his time, and being of an industrious turn of mind, at leisure hours prosecuted his studies and acquired such a competent share of learning as to qualify him to undertake the Care of a School at Greystrigg."

The school at Greystrigg was in Westmorland. From there he moved to Yatton near Bristol, also as a schoolmaster and on his marriage in 1735 to Mary Beaton(2) he settled at Nether Compton in Dorset. The school he established there became the principal school for Friends in the south of England and was carried on by his son Thomas after him. His seven children(3) were all brought up in this secluded Dorset Village.

While still at Greystrigg he became aware of a call to the ministry, for which his early training had qualified him and about the year 1725, when he was twenty three, he appeared in public testimony. In 1728, accompanied by his friend William Longmire, he visited most of the counties in England. "His Ministry was in the Demonstration of the Spirit, and of Power, & generally acceptable to People of various denominations, being often led on public occasions to declare the Truths of the Gospel in a plain doctrinal manner, with that calmness, & deliberation so peculiar to him, & with such convincing Clearness, as frequently occasioned many to acknowledge the Truth of his Doctrine."

In 1750 and 1759 he undertook two journeys to America, the first of a religious nature, in which he visited most of the meetings in the different provinces and his labours were eminently acceptable to Friends. His second journey was principally for private reasons, but he found time to visit meetings occasionally and "evidenced a steady care, and Concern, to be truly serviceable where his lot was cast." He was a frequent attender at London Yearly Meeting and in 1765 his ministry was described as being delivered in a "moving, plain, and simple manner, accompanied with . . . energy and affecting sweetness."

He died after a long illness on 21 May 1780(4), aged about seventy eight and was buried in Friends Burying ground at Yeovil.

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THOMPSON, Jonah (1702-1780)

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PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Sherborne MM 8 April 1781 in TCMD vol.3 pp.179-187.

Friends Quarterly Examiner vol.12 pp.104-110 (1878): article by W.C. Westlake

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 aged 70 at death. There is no entry in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest or Westmorland & M. Births Digest + the statement that he \*
- 2 The wedding was at Yeovil on 30.ii.(April)1735: she is described as the daughter of Samuel and Mary Beaton of Nether Compton; no description of him is given (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest as follows:-

Hannah	b 10.xii.1735 (i.e.Feb.1735/6)	
Samuel	b 3.ix.(November)1737	d 1758 or 1759
Mary	b 9.xi.1739 (i.e.Jan.1739/40)	m Thomas Westcombe
Sarah	b 31.viii.(October)1742	m Alexander Neave
John	b 7.xii.1744 (i.e.Feb.1744/5)	went to America 1770
Thomas	b 12.xi.1747 (i.e.Jan.1747/8)	
Ann	b 29.vi.(August)1750	m Daniel Roberts
- 4 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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Joshua's Resolution to Serve the Lord: A Sermon preached at the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting of the People called Quakers, on the 15th day of May 1745

SEE ALSO:-

- Piety Promoted, part 3 pp.113-115  
Jos. Smith's Catalogue, part 2 p.736  
Journal of John Churchman (1781); p.116  
J. Frds. Hist. Soc. vol.X (1913) p.128

\* was born "in the year 1702" appears in the testimony

+ quoted by W.C. Westlake but without identifying the Friend

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THOMPSON, Joseph (1778-1855)

Joseph Thompson, the son of Joseph Thompson ( ) and his wife Hester (born ) of Poole in Dorset, was born there on 4 November 1778(1).

He became an ironmonger at Bridgwater in Somerset(2) and was married in 1807 to Anne Clark (1788-1876 qv) of Street in Somerset(3); there were eleven children(4).

Joseph Thompson of Bridgwater died on 7 February 1855, at the age of seventy six(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: his father is described as a mariner
- 2 He is so described in the birth entry for his youngest child Elizabeth; all his children, with the exception of his eldest child Anna, were born at Bridgwater, but no occupation is given for him
- 3 The wedding was at Street on 1 July 1807: he is described as of Bridgwater in Somerset, the son of Joseph and Hester Thompson, late of Poole in Dorset; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Mary Clark of Street in Somerset (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Anna qv	b 1 June 1808	m 1834 John Pike Stephens (1797- qv)
Joseph	b 11 Oct 1809	d 11 Dec 1835, aged 26
Jane	b 8 Aug 1811	d 24 Oct 1828, aged 17
*Francis James	b 6 Aug 1813	
*Charles	b 11 April 1815	
*Mary	b 3 March 1817	
Alexander	b 15 Dec 1818	m 1847 Eleanor Metford
*Margaret	b 22 July 1821	
*Metford	b 3 Aug 1823	
Catharine qv	b 25 Aug 1825	m 1851 John William Columbus Clothier (1821-1895 qv)
Elizabeth	b 18 June 1828	m 1853 Thomas Smith Tregelles
- No marriages traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest nor in the Digest of Marriages to 1880
- Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1856, p 190: 1 line entry for death

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

THOMPSON, Josiah (1807-1893)

Josiah Thompson, the son of John Thompson (1776-1856 qv) and his wife Sarah, born Priestman, of Morland in Westmorland, was born there on 2 May 1807(1). He was a farmer(2) who in 1852 married Hannah Brockbank (1821-1892 qv) and there were four children of the marriage(4).

He died on 15 November 1893(5), aged eighty six.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father is described as a flax dresser
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry
- 3 The wedding was at Whitehaven on 30 June 1852: he is described as a bachelor, a farmer of Morland, the son of John Thompson, a seedsmen; she is described as a spinster of Whitehaven, the daughter of Thomas Brockbank, an accountant (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in Digest of Births as follows:-

Margaret	b 10 Aug 1853
Bowman	b 21 April 1856
Mary	b 14 March 1859
Thomas	b 11 Feb 1861
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a farmer

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

THOMPSON, Josiah (1815-1892)

Josiah Thompson, the son of Richard and Hannah Thompson of Rawdon in the parish of Guiseley in Yorkshire, was born there on 21 August 1815(1). He received part of his education at York School, which nourished in him a strong sense of the love of God and a desire to live according to His will.

Although he was fundamentally of a serious disposition, he was open and genial in his social relationships and the balance he maintained gave him considerable influence over many different types of men. In his native village he was looked up to by the working men as a wise counsellor and was held in high esteem by all classes for his probity and conscientiousness. In 1845 he married Margaret Wilson(2), who bore him three children(3) and the removal of the family to Liverpool some years after the marriage was felt by their friends and neighbours to be in the nature of a public calamity.

Josiah had started in business at an early age and cultivated habits of method, order and precision in all his affairs. He was for many years the principal of a firm of shippers in Liverpool and was closely engaged in his business, but it was not allowed to interfere with his religious life and the duty he felt he owed to the Society. His business success he regarded as a divine favour; he was keenly alive to his responsibilities towards those in his employ and looked after their welfare in many ways.

He was an elder of his meeting, although he was very seldom heard in public ministry; his life was witness to the effect of the grace of God upon a willing, receptive spirit and he cherished, as part of his religion, a broad Christian sympathy with, and charity towards, members of other religious denominations.

His health failed rapidly in the last two years of his life and he died at Birkdale, Southport, on 27 January 1892(4), aged seventy six.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1893 p 139

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

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THOMPSON, Josiah (1815-1892)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given, but see note 2 below
- 2 The wedding was at Skipton on 23 January 1845: he is described as a bachelor, a commission agent of Rawdon, the son of Richard Thompson, a merchant; she is described as a spinster of Cloor House near Skipton, the daughter of William Wilson, a draper (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in Digest of Births as follows:-

Herbert	b 11 May 1851
Edith Mary	b 23 Sept 1854
Lucy Margaret	b 31 Dec 1856
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as out of business

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THOMPSON, Kathleen (1896-1951)

Kathleen Thompson was born 25 September 1896, and was a member of Christchurch Meeting, New Zealand.

'Her ministry has enriched the life of every meeting with which she has been associated, and her enthusiasm for peace has been well used in the service of Friends.'

Few people have the gift of joyous fellowship in so full a measure; few Friends reveal their Lord to the world with such radiance. Through her, Friends have been brought to understand the reality of the communion of saints and the life everlasting.'

Kathleen Thompson died 29 April 1951

Testimony of Christchurch MM in YM Proc. 1952, p.170

THOMPSON, Louisa (1839-1915)

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Louisa Thompson was born at Gainsborough on 17 August 1839, the second daughter of Richard and Mary Maw Thompson. She was educated at Ackworth School but had to leave early to care for a sick mother and a baby sister. She had much intellectual ability, however, and took every opportunity to continue her education at home. Thoroughness and scrupulous attention to detail were outstanding characteristics.

She was a recorded Minister, and her saintly character deeply influenced her own Meeting and all who came in contact with her. She believed profoundly in the power of prayer. Many good causes had her support: temperance, purity, the rights of women, but above all the cause of peace. The outbreak of war in 1914 caused her intense suffering. The last years of her life were spent at Saffron Walden where she became greatly loved. She died after a short illness on 10 February 1915 aged 75. (1).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1916 p.163

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 For reference to will see Nottingham guardian 7.vii.1915  
(Friends House vol. RR/44)

THOMPSON, Margaret (1839-1908) aftw. Sturge

[Margaret Thompson, the eldest daughter of Francis James  
and Rebecca Thompson of Bridgwater married Walter Sturge  
of Bristol in 1878]

see STURGE, Margaret (1839-1908) born Thompson

THOMPSON, Maria (1853-1914) aftw Brockbank

[Maria Thompson, daughter of Silvanus and Bridget Thompson of York, was married in 1880 to Ellwood Brockbank (1841-1913).

see BROCKBANK, Maria (1853-1914) born Thompson ]

THOMPSON, Mary (1790-1834) after 1815 Westlake

THOMPSON, Mary (1769-1837) born  
THOMPSON, Mary (1739/40-1783) after 1770 Westcombe

[Mary Thompson, daughter of Jonah Thompson (1702-1780 qv)  
and his wife Mary (born Beaton, - ) of  
Nether Compton in Dorset, was married in 1770 to Thomas  
Westcombe (1724/5-1799 qv).  
was the wife of John Thompson. She was a minister for 20 years.  
She died in 1837, aged 68.

See WESTCOMBE, Mary (1739/40-1783) born Thompson ]

Testimony of Cheshire & Staffs Q.S. (brief minute) in MS Test.

vol.5 p.147

THOMPSON, Mary (1831-1901) after 1861 Coventry

[Mary Thompson, daughter of James (1797-~~1852~~ 1878 qv)  
and Ann (born Grimshaw, 1804-1891 qv) Thompson of  
Liverpool, was married in 1861 to Henry Geldart  
Coventry (1835-1922 qv).]

see COVENTRY, Mary (1831-1901) born Thompson ]

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THOMPSON, Mary (1843-1923) after 1868 Marriage

[Mary Thompson, daughter of Francis James Thompson  
(1813-1896 qv) and his wife Rebecca (born Stephens,  
} of Bridgwater in Somerset, was  
married in 1868 to Wilson Marriage (1842-1932 qv)  
of Colchester in Essex.

See MARRIAGE, Mary (1843-1923) born Thompson ]

THOMPSON, Mary Hannah (1860-1936) born Thistlethwaite

Mary Hannah Thistlethwaite, the daughter of Jeremiah and Rachel Thistlethwaite of Great Ayton in Yorkshire, was born there on 28 January 1860(1). She was educated at The Mount School, York, and in 1882 she married Richard Thompson, a merchant of York(2); there was an only son of the marriage(3).

For many years Mary Thompson and her husband delighted in giving hospitality to scholars and old scholars of the two York schools, and to many other Friends. Richard Thompson died in 1933 at the age of ninety and after his death his widow continued to entertain her many friends until a few weeks before her death. A friend who knew her well wrote of her as follows:-

"I have suffered loss in the death of Minnie Thompson. She was for 50 years and more a true and faithful friend to me and mine. She was also a very clever woman, but too shy to let others know this fact, unless they found it out for themselves, so humble she was. She was also a great 'sport' and would have loved a life of adventure. But her love of duty was greater still; she sat beside duty for long years, and refused to budge. A fine character, and a much loved one, she radiated the highest, as she always refused to see or do the lower. Many of us feel poorer now that she has gone, and the wide-open door of her beautiful home will welcome us no more."

She died at York on 5 October 1936(4), aged seventy six.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 94 (1936) p 1036

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a grocer
- 2 The Wedding was at Birkenhead on 21 June 1882: he is described as a bachelor, a merchant of York, the son of Richard Thompson, a merchant; she is described as a spinster of Oxton, the daughter of John Thistlethwaite, a tea merchant (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-  
Geoffrey b 10 August 1883
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Richard

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

THOMPSON, Mary Jane (1846-1910) after 1893 Reckitt

[Mary Jane Thompson, daughter of Richard (1811-1888 qv)  
and Mary Maw (born Palian, 1812-1897 qv) Thompson of  
Gainsborough, Lincs, was married in 1893, as his second  
wife, to Frederic Isaac Reckitt (1823-1912 qv).]

see RECKITT, Mary Jane (1846-1910) born Thompson ]

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THOMPSON, Mary Maw (1812-1897) born Palian

Mary Maw Palian, the daughter of Thomas Palian (1771-1861 qv) and his second wife Ann (born Maw, 1776-1849 qv) of Gainsborough, was born there on 5 December 1812(1). She was married in 1836 to Richard Thompson (1811-1888 qv) of Whitehaven and there were six children(2). Later the Thompsons moved to Gainsborough, where they lived to a beautiful old age(3).

She died on 13 July 1897(4), at the age of eighty four.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a grocer
- 2 For marriage and children see THOMPSON, Richard (1811-1888)
- 3 Mary Bowen Burtt, The Burtt, a Lincolnshire Quaker Family, 1500-1900, Hull 1937, p 123
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Morton Terrace, the widow of Richard

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45 and there is no Annual Monitor obituary

THOMPSON, Mary Phillips (1808-1880) after 1830 Coventry

(Mary Phillips Thompson, daughter of Thomas Thompson (1776-1861 qv) and his wife Frances (born Phillips, (1777-1839 qv) of Liverpool, was married in 1830 to Joseph Freeth Coventry (1805-1882 qv).

See COVENTRY, Mary Phillips (1808-1880) born Thompson )

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THOMPSON, Metford (1823-1856)

Metford Thompson, the son of Joseph and Ann Thompson of Bridgwater, Somerset, was born there on 3 August 1823(1). He was a merchant(2) who was drowned while bathing with his nephew at Portreath in Cornwall on 9 September 1856(3). He was thirty three years old and unmarried(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1857 p 121

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his death entry
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a merchant
- 4 There is no entry in the Digest of Marriages

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

THOMPSON, Mowbray (1874-1945)

Mowbray Thompson was born on 13 September 1874 at Sunderland, the son of Thomas and Mary Mowbray Thompson. He was brought up as a Baptist, but on leaving school joined a firm of Quaker millers.

In 1907 he went to live in Newcastle, joining a firm of coal exporters. In 1908 he married Henrietta Cluley Alderson, and in 1914 they both joined the Society of Friends.

He took on many civic responsibilities; he was a magistrate, a member of the City Council, Chairman of the City Education Committee and a member of other local committees.

He was an Elder of Newcastle Meeting, and for some time almost its only link with Meeting for Sufferings. He was for some years Clerk of Durham Q.M. He was Chairman of the Home Service Committee, President of the Friends Temperance Union, and served on the Committees of the Friends Schools Policy and of Ayton School, and was also a director of Friends Trusts Limited.

In Meetings for Worship he often took part, his ministry being clear, well expressed and appealing, and he had a great gift in prayer.

'His kindly disposition and ready humour made his approach easy to young and old. Someone said of him that he brought warmth into a cold room.' 'He was a type which is gradually passing and the world is the poorer because of this.'

He died on 30 November 1945.

Testimony of Newcastle M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1946, p.202

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THOMPSON  
Thompson, Peter

1781, joined with The Free Quakers and two years  
later was a trustee of their organization.

Was printer of Continental money.

Wetherill, Hist. of the Relig. Soc. of Frds, called by some  
the Free Quakers, 114

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THOMPSON  
Thompson, Philip, 1785-1848

b. 1785

By trade a silversmith and jeweler. He was raised a member of Anglican church.

c. 1815 convinced and joined Friends.

m. Sarah (d.1846)

About the time of his marriage he felt called to give up his jewelry business, as not according to his best feelings.

He published a number of works. Among them were (1820), The Remembrancer, for such as believe in the Truth as it is in Jesus; 1823, The Miscellany, or Information for the Juvenile Mind...

He appears at some time to have become disaffected with Friends, but later rejoined the Society.

d. Oct. 18, 1848 at Woodbridge, aged 63 years.

An. Mon. (N.S.), 8(1850):109

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:737; Sup., 326

The Friend (London), 6(1848):216

## Additional Information

THOMPSON, Philip (1785?-1848)

Philip Thompson, the son of Jacob and Susanna Thompson of Woodbridge in Suffolk, was born there about the year 1785(1). His parents were not members of the Society and he was educated in the beliefs and principles of the Church of England. When he grew up he became a silversmith and jeweller in his native Woodbridge.

He felt the need for a deeper experience of the religious life than the Established Church could give him and became convinced of the Truth in about his thirtieth year, when he was admitted into membership of the Society. His business had prospered and he had amassed a modest fortune, but he felt that to trade in jewellery was contrary to the principles he professed, so in middle age he gave up his business. As far as he was able he contributed cheerfully to the wants of the poor and was as much concerned for their spiritual as their bodily needs. He was also an active and useful member of the committees of the Bible Society and the Public School in Woodbridge. It has been suggested that at some time he became disaffected with Friends, but later rejoined the Society(2).

In 1816 he married Sarah Reckitt(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

He died at Woodbridge on 18 October 1848(5), aged about sixty three, after a short illness.

### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1850 pp 109-111

### REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged about 63 at death. See also note 3

~~Information for notes 1 and 2 indicated 1775; the date given for note 3 information was not given~~

3 The wedding was at Woodbridge on 2 October 1816: he is described as a silversmith of Woodbridge, the son of Jacob and Susanna Thompson; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Mary Reckitt of Woodbridge (Suffolk QM Marriages Digest)

4 No children are recorded in Suffolk QM Births Digest

5 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

2 Indicated as disunited but reinstated in membership in Joseph Smith, A Descriptive Catalogue, 1867, vol 2 p 257

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THOMPSON, Philip (1785?-1843)

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PUBLISHED WORKS

<u>The Remembrancer, for such as believe in the truth as it is in Jesus</u>	1820
<u>The Miscellany, or information for the Juvenile Mind</u>	1823
<u>The Remembrancer for Believers in Jesus</u>	1845

Jos Smith's Catalogue vol 2 p 237

SEE ALSO:-

The Friend (London) vol 6 (1843) p 216

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

THOMPSON, Philip (1848-1897)

Philip Thompson, the son of Francois James Thompson (1813-1896 qv) and his wife Rebecca, born Stephens, of Bridgwater in Somerset, was born there on 29 September 1848(1). He was educated at Bootham School from 1862 to 1865 and he is described in the Bootham School Register as an ironmonger(2); his father was a partner in the Bridgwater business of Thompson Brothers, ironmongers(3). In 1874 he married Annie Pim Frankland, who died in 1911(4) and there were three children of the marriage(5).

He died at Ootacamund in South India on 11 March 1897 and is described as a planter(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 Bootham School Register, 1935
- 3 See THOMPSON, William (1837-1927 qv)
- 4 There is no record of the marriage in the Digest of Marriages; the information comes from the Bootham School Register, 1935
- 5 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-

John Metford	b 9 Oct 1875
Philip Stephens	b 16 Feb 1876
Henry Greenwood qv	b 18 June 1886
- 6 Digest of Deaths

THOMPSON, Phillips (1843- )

see THOMPSON, Thomas Phillips (1843- )

WBE:

THOMPSON,  
Thompson, Phillips, 1843-

b. 1843 at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eng.,

son of and (Robson) Thompson.

ed. Brookfield School, Wigton.

Family emigrated to Lindsey, Ont., Canada.

P.T. studied law but turned to journalism for his living. 1876-1879 was a reporter for the Boston Traveller.

1881-82 travelled in Ireland. He was keenly interested in labor questions and was a successful lecturer.

He was also a writer of humorous verse, of which a good example is The Pensive Mule.

Armitage, Qu. poets of Gt. Brit. and Ire., 256

Additional information

<sup>Thomas</sup>  
THOMPSON, L Phillips (1843- )

Phillips Thompson was married on 2 March 1872 to Delia Florence, the daughter of George Fisher of Guelph, Canada. There were a son and three daughters of the marriage:-

Clara Florence	b 2 Feb 1873
William Phillips	b 4 Jan 1876
Laura Beatrice	b 13 March 1878
Edith Maud	b 31 Jan 1881

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Pease of Darlington, compiled by Joseph Foster, p 51

THOMPSON, Priscilla (1841-1911) aftw. Fayle

[ Priscilla Thompson, daughter of George Thompson  
of Belfast and his wife Isabella (nee )  
was married in 1865 to George Fayle of Limerick

see FAYLE, Priscilla (1841-1911) born Thompson ]

THOMPSON, Rebecca (1809-1868) after 1845 Routh, born Laycock

(Rebecca Laycock, daughter of John and Ann Laycock of Stockbridge near Kendal, was married in 1837 to George Thompson. After his death she was married in 1845 to Richard Routh.

See ROUTH, Rebecca (1809-1868) formerly Thompson, born Laycock )

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THOMPSON, Rebecca nee Barnard, 1814-1864

b. March 8, 1814 possibly in the vicinity of New Garden, Pa. Monthly Meeting, daughter of Cyrus and Rachel (Wilson) Barnard. Her parents died when she was quite young.

ed. at least in part at a boarding school. She was not robust in health and was subject to some temptations of vanity.

m. Dec. 1839 in her 26th year to George Thompson. The wedding took place in New Garden Meeting House.

She became a recognized minister.

d. March 19, 1864 in Mill Creek Hundred, Newcastle County, Del., aged about 50 years.

Friends Intel., 21(1864):88

Thompson, Memoir of Rebecca B. Thompson

THOMPSON, Rebecca (1814-1893) born Stephens

Rebecca Stephens was born in Bridport in the year 1814, the daughter of William and Amy Stephens. In 1836 she married Francis J. Thompson of Bridgwater, - a union which lasted for more than 57 years.

From childhood Rebecca Thompson was a warm supporter of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and with her husband she took a great interest in the total abstinence movement.

'She was not one who talked much of her religious experience, yet she enjoyed communion with Christian friends, to whom she would speak of spiritual things and of the Saviour whom she loved.'

Rebecca Thompson died on 26 December 1893

Testimony of West Somerset M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1894, p.166

THOMPSON,      Rebecca

( 1885 - 1965 )

Rebecca Thompson was born at Alvechurch, in Worcestershire, on August 2, 1885, the daughter of Walter Arnold and Caroline (b.Elliott) Thompson.(1) She was educated at Sidcot School from 1895 to 1905 and then trained as a nurse at Birmingham Childrens' Hospital and University College Hospital.

With the outbreak of the first world war she began working as a relief worker and the list of her activities is impressive. Relief work in France in 1915, nursing in India 1916-1917, in New Zealand 1917-1921, relief work in Russia 1922-23. She returned to England and served as Sister at The Mount from 1925 - 1928 and then returned to Somerset to be a welfare nurse at Street, Somerset from 1929 - 1944. She then took up in 1946 when aged over 60, the duties of membership secretary for the Sidcot Old Scholars Association.

Her later years were years of ill-health and she died at her home at Harbury Batch, inscombe on June 29, 1965, aged 79.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Register of Sidcot Scholars - Friends Ho. Library.

Death notice - The Friend Vol.123(1965) p. 834.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. This information and all the subsequent information, with the exception of the date of her death and her age at death has been obtained from the Register of Sidcot Scholars.  
The Friend Vol.123(1965) p. 980 contained in the Sidcot School report a brief reference to the recent death of Rebecca Thompson and the loss which the School Meeting and the Old Scholars' Association had sustained in her death. No other information was given.

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THOMPSON, Richard (1766-1834)

Richard Thompson, the son of James Thompson (1729?-1785) and his wife Mary of Rawden in the parish of Guiseley, Yorkshire, was born there on 22 May 1766(1). His father was a cloth supervisor(2) who had recently moved to Rawden from Idle(3) and he himself was a clothier(4). In 1793 he married Hannah Horsfall(5) and there were six children(6). He was an elder of his meeting(7).

He died at Rawden on 6 July 1834(8), aged sixty eight.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in the marriage entry at note 5
- 3 See THOMPSON, James (1729?-1785 qv)
- 4 He is so described in his marriage entry
- 5 The wedding was at or near Brighouse in Yorkshire on 18 December 1793: he is described as a clothier of Rawden in the parish of Guiseley, Yorkshire, the son of James, a cloth supervisor (deceased) and Mary of Rawden; she is described as the daughter of Thomas, a farmer, (deceased) and Mary Horsfall of Greenhouse in the parish of Huddersfield, Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 6 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Mary	b 18 Nov 1794
Thomas	b 17 Nov 1795
Robert	b 16 May 1797 who d 8 Oct 1797
Francis qv	b 27 June 1798
Richard	b 12 Nov 1801
Josiah	b 21 August 1815
- 7 Annual Monitor 1835 p 44
- 8 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a merchant

SEE ALSO:-

- J Friends Hist Soc vol 16 (1919) p 122: "Glimpses of Family Life in 1832"  
An account of a Journey made in 1832 by Ralph Neild and John Wilbury:-  
"13 - we were at Rawdon, at our Friend Richard Thompson's, where we were very kindly entertained by him and his two Sons."

THOMPSON, Richard (1771-1842)

Richard Thompson, the son of John Thompson ( - ) and his wife Elizabeth (born Routh) of Belesby in Yorkshire, was born there on 30 March 1771(1).

He became a draper at Leyburn in Yorkshire(2) and was married in 1795 to Hannah Baynes (1772-1846 qv) of Aysgarth in Yorkshire(3); there were three children(4).

Richard Thompson of Chorlton on Medlock in Lancashire died on 2 November 1842, at the age of seventy one(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3 and in the birth entries for his children
- 3 The wedding was at Aysgarth on 22 April 1795: he is described as a draper of Leyburn in the parish of Wensley in Yprkshire, the son of John, a husbandman and Elizabeth of Smelter in Bishopdale in the parish of Aysgarth in Yorkshire; she is described as the daughter of John and Frances Baynes (deceased) of Woodhall park in the parish of Aysgarth in Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-  
John Baynes qv b 17 Jan 1796 m 1833 Elizabeth Clark  
(1800-1883 qv)  
\*Richard b 3 July 1797  
Frances b 6 March 1799 d 23 July 1800, aged 17 months  
\*No marriage traced in Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest nor in the Digest of Marriages to 1850
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a cotton waste dealer

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

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THOMPSON, Richard (1811-1888)

Richard Thompson, the second son of John Thompson (1781-1865 qv) and his wife Jane, born Thistletonwaite, of Hawes in Yorkshire, was born there on 15 March 1811(1); his elder brother John (1807-1898 qv) settled in Scotland and became Provost of Govan. Some time after Richard's birth his parents moved to Kendal, where he presumably spent his boyhood, although nothing is at present (1975) traced of his education and early life. When he grew up he settled for a while in Whitehaven, but after his marriage in 1836 to Mary New Palien(2) he moved to Gainsborough, where he went into business as a grocer(3), brought up six children(4) and spent the remainder of his days.

His ministry was at once simple and practical, tender and persuasive, and thoughtfulness for others was a marked feature of his character. He never desired good for himself alone, but love for all men reigned in his heart and although his health was impaired and his sleep often interrupted, his presence was always cheerful, loving and kindly.

He died rather suddenly at Gainsborough on 20 May 1888(5), aged seventy seven. The large number of his fellow townsmen who attended his funeral testified to the respect and esteem in which he was held.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1889 pp 163-166

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a hosier
- 2 The wedding was at Gainsborough on 22 July 1836: he is described as a tea dealer of Whitehaven, the son of John and Jane Thompson of Kendal in Westmorland; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Ann Palien of Gainsborough in Lincolnshire (Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 He is so described in the birth entries of his son Richard and his daughter Louisa
- 4 Listed in Digest of Births as follows:-

Louisa	b 17 August 1839
Caroline	b 26 Feb 1841
Richard	b 15 Sept 1842
Charles	b 1 May 1845
Mary Jane	b 24 Dec 1846
Sophia	b 22 Feb 1854
- 5 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

THOMPSON, Richard (1842-1935)

Richard Thompson was born in Gainsborough in 1842 and was educated at Ackworth and Sidcot Schools. After his marriage he and his wife resided in York where they became the friends of many old scholars from Bootham and the Mount who enjoyed the hospitality so warmly offered to them.

Richard Thompson served York at Sheriff when the British Association visited the city in 1881. He never failed to shew interest in the varied institutions, the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, the Castle Howard Reformatory, the Blind School and the Dispensary were among those which benefited by his judgment and wisdom.

In his early manhood he devoted time and thought to the Adult School Movement. He, as an active member of the meeting, was Treasurer of the Preparative Meeting, Clerk of Monthly Meeting, Treasurer of the Friends' Retreat for thirty years as well as tendering excellent service to Bootham and the Mount Schools for forty years.

His friends relied on his fine taste and sense of quality and at his funeral service in February 1933 he was likened to 'a merchant of the Renaissance whose interests flowed out to Art and literature'.

Testimony of York MM in YM Proc. 1933, p.221

THOMPSON, Richard William (1845-1870)

Richard William Thompson, the son of Joseph and Margaret Thompson of Rawden near Leeds, was born there on 13 November 1845(1). Shortly after his birth his parents moved to Birkenhead and at the age of ten he was sent to school at Kendal, where he remained for six years. When he left school it was decided that he should remain in Kendal to learn the woollen manufacturing business, an arrangement which pleased him very much as he had learned to love the town and the countryside of the Lake District.

But about 1863 a cousin died who had been helping Richard's father in his business in Liverpool and Richard felt it his duty to return home. He found that his new sphere brought him much responsibility and before he was nineteen he was entrusted with special business with some of the firm's connections in the United States. Although he applied himself to his business with energy and industry, his years in the Lake District had fostered an enduring love of the country and he found much pleasure in walking and sketching with his friends. His health was never robust and he spent the holidays he seemed to require among the lakes and mountains; he visited Norway and in 1868 went to France and Switzerland. On these excursions he made many sketches and wrote with enthusiasm of mountains, fords and waterfalls.

He was punctual in attendance at meetings for worship and also took a keen interest in First day Schools; he especially enjoyed attending a conference of teachers held in Birmingham. He spent part of every day in retirement and reading the Bible, although he greatly enjoyed social evenings with friends and entered freely into their amusements.

As the winter of 1868-1869 advanced his health became more precarious; he suffered a haemorrhage of the lungs and others followed. Various remedies were tried, including a short visit to Malvern, but his health continued to decline and he died at Southport on 15 January 1870(2), at the age of twenty four.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1871 pp 142-161

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a clothier. The Annual Monitor gives his father's name as Josiah
- 2 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a merchant

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

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THOMPSON, Richard Warren (1949-1973).

b. 19 April 1949, in Glens Falls, New York; son of Leonard and Margery Taylor Thompson.

ed. 1967, graduated from Westtown; 1971, Iowa State University.

His family moved from New York to Kansas City, Missouri, but Rick went to Westtown for his schooling and then to Iowa State University to study anthropology and geology.

While at the University Rick served as student clerk of the Friends Meeting in Ames, Iowa. He counseled students about the draft and developed a concern for the welfare of the American Indians.

1971-2, held a research assistantship in Indian affairs with Friends Committee on National Legislation.

August 1972, left for Vietnam to undertake a two-year assignment as a generalist on the team at AFSC's Quang Ngai Rehabilitation Center.

d. 17 November 1973, when the plane on which he was returning to Quang Ngai from Saigon crashed into a mountain in Quang Tin province. He became the first person to die because of Quaker service in Vietnam.

The American Friends Service Committee has set up a fund in memory of Rick to be used to purchase equipment for Quang Ngai.

Friends Journal 20 (1974), p.35.

The Westonian 84 (1974), pp. 18-19 (with photo).  
Quaker Life (January 1974), p. 35

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THOMPSON, Robert (1681/2 or 1682/3-1758)

Robert Thompson, the son of Robert and Mary Thompson of Crooke Meeting, was born near Kendal on 20.i.1682 (i.e. probably March 1681/2 but possibly March 1682/3).<sup>(1)</sup> His parents were religiously inclined and while he was living in Kendal he received a gift in the ministry. Later on he moved to Sussex and travelled extensively in the service of Truth; in 1722 and 1723, accompanied by Thomas Martin, he visited Hampshire, Dorset, Somerset and parts of Wales. "He was a Man of a large Natural Capacity and had a liberal Education, which enabled him to be serviceable above many others, both to the Church in general and to many Friends & others in particular affairs . . . His Ministry was fresh, acceptable & living, in which he retained the Dew of his Youth in Old Age."

He died apparently unmarried<sup>(2)</sup> on 5 November 1758<sup>(3)</sup> and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Ifield in Sussex.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Horsham MM 14 March 1759 in TGMD vol.2 p.26

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: he was born on 20.i.1682 (i.e. probably March 1681/2 but possibly March 1682/3), the son of Robert and Mary of Crooke Meeting of Kendal MM
- 2 There is no record of a marriage in Westmorland QM or Surrey & Sussex QM Marriages Digests
- 3 Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest: he died on 5 November 1758; no description of him is given

THOMPSON, Robert (1793?-1871)

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Robert Thompson - 'This dear aged Friend was not much known beyond the limits of his own Monthly Meeting, but he was greatly valued and respected by those who were acquainted with him.' He died on 30 December 1871, aged 76 years (1). He had been for about three years a recorded minister of Lisburn Monthly Meeting.

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PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Lisburn MM in YM.Proc. 1872, p.xiv

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 He is described as a teacher in Ireland YM Registers. The YM Registers (Lurgan) show the birth of Robert Thompson, son of George and Sarah Thompson, 14 January 1793. If this is the same person the Testimony gives 'aged 76 years' in error for 'aged 78 years'

THOMPSON, Sarah (1742-1801) after 1765 Neave

[Sarah Thompson, daughter of Jonah Thompson (1702-1780 qv)  
and his wife Mary (born Beaton  
of Nether Compton in Dorset, was married in 1765 to  
Alexander Neave (1740-1800 qv).]

See NEAVE, Sarah (1742-1801) born Thompson ]

THOMPSON, Sarah (1777-1848) after 1800 Thomasson

[Sarah Thompson, daughter of John Thompson ( - )  
and his wife Margaret (born  
of Edgeworth in Lancashire, was married in 1800 to Thomas  
Thomasson (1773-1841 qv).]

See THOMASSON, Sarah (1777-1848) born Thompson ]

THOMPSON, Sarah (1780-1859) born Conning

Sarah Conning, or Conning, the daughter of John and Mary Conning of Bilsdale in Yorkshire, was born there on 29 December 1780(1). In 1800 she married Thomas Thompson (1770?-1853 qv) and they had eleven children(2). She was throughout her life a consistent member of the Society and in spite of the many calls upon her time made by her large family she was never too busy to sympathise with and help the poor and the afflicted. During her later years she was unable to take an active part in the life of the Society and spent a great deal of her time reading; she made extracts from what she read and these were printed and published in the form of small books or pamphlets. Although feeble in body her energy of mind continued to the last.

She survived her husband by about six years and died at Hull on 16 October 1859(3), aged seventy eight.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1861 p 115

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a husbandman
- 2 For details of marriage and children see THOMPSON, Thomas (1770?-1853 qv)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Thomas

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

THOMPSON, Sarah (1819-1871) after 1850 Jefferys

(Sarah Thompson, daughter of John Thompson (1781-1865 qv) and his wife Jane, born Thistlethwaite, of Kendal in Westmorland, was married in 1850 to Samuel Alexander Jefferys (1804-1880 qv).

See JEFFERYS, Sarah (1819-1871) born Thompson )

THOMPSON, Sarah (1819-1869) born Bass  
THOMPSON, Sarah (1819-1871) aftw. Jeffreys

Sarah Bass, the daughter of Isaac and Sarah Bass of Brighton was born there on 10 February 1819 (1). She lived there until her marriage in 1858 to James Thompson (2) when she became a member of Kendal Monthly Meeting. [Profoundly religious and active [Sarah Thompson, daughter of John and Jane Thompson of Kendal was married to Samuel Alexander Jeffreys recorded by a minister in 1862. Most of my service as a minister was given within her own Quarterly Meeting, but in 1865 she accompanied Rebecca Collins on a visit to Friends in North Germany, and the south of France, and the following year to the Meetings of Surrey, Surrey and Banks. She did a great deal of philanthropic work see JEFFREYS, Sarah (1819-1871) born Thompson] of visiting in the homes of the poor.

She died on 29 October 1869 in her 50th year.

Bentinck of [Kendal MMT] in UK Proc. 1870, p.62

References and notes

1 Sussex & Surrey & Births Digest. Her father is described as 'Tallow chandler'

2 The wedding was at Brighton on 10 June 1858: her father is described as 'gentleman'; JT is described as 'Manninckurst, of Kendal, son of John Thompson, gentleman'.

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Additional references

THOMPSON, Sarah, nee Bass, 1819-1869

The Friend, (London), 9(1869):297

An. Mon. (N.S.), 29(1871): 131

WBE:

THOMPSON, Sarah Biddle, afterwards Upton, 1797-1881

see

Upton, Sarah Biddle, nee Thompson, 1797-1881

THOMPSON, Sarah Longstreth (1828-1920) after 1860 Ellis

[Sarah L. Thompson, daughter of Francis (1798-1884 qv) and Susan Morris (born Longstreth, 1802-1856 qv) Thompson of Philadelphia and, later, Liverpool, was married in 1860 to Joseph Henry Ellis (1831-1874 qv) of Glenfield, near Leicester.

see ELLIS, Sarah Longstreth (1828-1920) born Thompson ]

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THOMPSON, Sarah (1772-1846) born R/ckitt

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Sarah Thompson was the daughter of Joseph and Mary R/ckitt of Woodbridge, and was born there in 1772. In 1820 she was acknowledged a minister.

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In 1816 she married Philip Thompson. Owing to a chronic disease she could only rarely attend meetings but often showed her concern for individuals by a ministry of the pen.

She died on July 7 1846 and was buried at Woodbridge, aged 74, a minister about 26 years.

Testimony of Woodbridge M.M. in Testimonies 1847, p.65

THOMPSON, Sarah (1772-1846) born Reckitt ✓

Sarah Reckitt\*, the daughter of Joseph Reckitt (1739-1773 qv) and his wife Mary (formerly Freeman, born Hall, 1738-1816 qv) of Woodbridge in Suffolk, was born there on 29 February 1772(1). Her father died before she was a year old, leaving her and her elder sister Mary (1770-1826 qv) to be cared for by their widowed mother. She was married in 1816 to Philip Thompson (1785?-1848 qv), but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

She was acknowledged a minister about 1820, but she suffered from chronic ill health and could rarely attend meetings. She maintained a lively interest in all that concerned the Society and often had a word of advice or counsel to offer by means of a letter, which she called the ministry of the pen.

She died at Woodbridge on 7 July 1846 at the age of seventy four(3), a minister for about twenty six years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Woodbridge MM in Testimonies 1847, p 65

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage see THOMPSON, Philip (1785?-1848)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Woodbridge, the wife of Philip

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

\* The spelling 'Rickitt' in Testimonies, 1847, p 65 is an error: the Register Digests read Reckitt both under Births 1772 and Marriages 1816

WBE:

Thompson, Sarah, nee Rickitt, 1772-1846

b. 1772 at Woodbridge, Eng., daughter of  
Joseph and Mary Rickitt.

m., 1816 Philip Thompson.

1820 acknowledged a minister.

She was of a rather feeble constitution.

d. July 7, 1846 and was buried at Woodbridge,  
aged 74 years.

London, Y.M., Testimonies of deceased ministers, 12:65

An. Mon., (N.S.), 5(1847): 94

The Friend (London), 4 (1846): 160

THOMPSON, Silvanus (1818-1881)

Silvanus Thompson, youngest son of Thomas (1775-1861) and Frances (Phillips) Thompson of Liverpool, was born there on 20 March 1818 (1). He was educated at University College, London, and in 1841 became a master at the Friends school for boys at York (2). In 1848 he married Bridget Tatham (3): there were eight children (4).

Silvanus Thompson died at Settle on 3 February 1881, aged 63 years (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as druggist
- 2 J.S. Thompson and H.G. Thompson, Silvanus Phillips Thompson, 1920, pp.3-4
- 3 The wedding was at Settle on 30 June 1848: he is described as of 20 Bootham, York, schoolmaster: she is described as of Settle, daughter of John Tatham, chemist &c (Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 4 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows:-

William Henry	born 29 July 1849
Silvanus [Phillips]	Born 19 June 1851, qv
Maria	born 17 March 1853, qv
	who married in 1880
	Ellwood Brockbank
	(1841-1913, qv)
Thomas	born 10 Feb. 1855
Rachel Ford	born 31 Aug. 1856
John Tatham	born 31 July 1858
Frederick	born 18 Aug. 1860
Frances Phillips	born 3 March 1862
- 5 Digest of Burial Notes: he is described as Teacher

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Thompson, Silvanus Phillips, 1851-1916

Electrical Engineer, Physicist, Educator, Biographer.

b. 19 June 1851, York, England. Son of Silvanus

Thompson and Bridget Tatham.

ed. Bootham School, York; Flounders Institute, Pontefract, Yorkshire; Royal School of Mines, S. Kensington; 1869, B.A., Univ. of London; 1875, B.S., Univ. of London; 1878, D.Sc., Univ. of London; 1894, Hon. M.D., Univ. of Konigsberg; 1909, Hon. LL.D., Univ. of Birmingham; 1912, Hon. D.Sc., Univ. of Bristol.

m. 30 March 1881, Jane Smeal Henderson. Four daughters.

1870-75, Junior master of Bootham School.

1876-85, Prof. of Experimental Physics, Univ. College, Bristol.

1885-1916, Principal and Professor of Physics in the City and Guilds Technical College, Finsbury.

1891, Elected Fellow of the Royal Society.

c. 1892, Appointed elder, Westminster Meeting, St. Martin's Lane, London.

1893, Lecture tour in United States.

1902, President, Friends' Guild of Teachers.

<sup>1903 Recorder & Minister</sup>  
1911, Honorary member, Friends' Guild of Teachers.

1915, Delivered Swarthmore Lecture entitled: "The Quest for Truth."

Birthright member, Society of Friends. Preparative Meeting Clerk, Westminster Meeting; President, Physical Society, Institution of Electrical Engineers, various other learned societies.

Thompson, Silvanus Phillips, 1851-1916 (Page 2)

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Author: Can a Scientific Man be a Sincere Friend?, 1895;  
Life of Faraday, 1898; Life of Lord Kelvin, 1910; The Quest  
for Truth, 1915; A Not Impossible Religion, 1918; numerous  
technical books and articles on electricity, dynamo-electric  
machinery, and the electromagnet.

d. 12 June 1916, London, age 64.

The Friend (London), 139 (Jan-June 1981): 279.

New York Times, June 14, 1916, p. 13, col. 6.

Thompson, Jane Smeal and Helen G. Thompson. Silvanus Thompson:  
His Life and Letters. London: T. Fisher Unwin, 1920.

Who's Who, 1912: An Annual Biographical Dictionary. London:  
Adam and Charles Black, 1912, p. 2102.

THOMPSON, Silvanus Phillips (1851-1916) *2+*

Silvanus P. Thompson was born on 19 June 1851, the son of Silvanus and Bridget Thompson of York.

He was trained as a teacher, passing from the Flounders Institute to a mastership at Bootham School. After obtaining his degree and pursuing researches in London and Heidelberg, he held a lectureship for several years in Bristol, finally settling in London in 1885 as Principal of the City and Guilds of London Technical Institute at Finsbury. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society and a member of many learned societies at home and abroad.

In 1881, Silvanus P. Thompson married Jane S. Henderson. Their home at Hampstead was a centre of social and spiritual interests as well as of art and culture. Despite his work as lecturer, writer and administrator, he found time and energy to engage in much valuable work for the Society and the community at large.

Two outstanding features of his character were his pursuit of truth and his sense of worship. He may, perhaps, have over-emphasised aspects of truth which appealed to the scientific mind, and his uncompromising attitude may have been misunderstood by some who did not know his true humility. He delivered the Swarthmore Lecture 'The Quest for Truth' in 1915. As a worshipper, his influence in his own meeting was felt to be precious. Not only in his own approach to God but his sense of the worship of others was such that the meeting became a true fellowship.

Silvanus P. Thompson was one of those, to use his own words, 'whose lives and words demonstrate daily a close communion with God, a fidelity to the inner convictions of their souls and a readiness to put Truth before aught else'.

He was recorded a minister in 1903.

Silvanus P. Thompson died on 12 June 1916, aged sixty five years.

THOMPSON, Stuart (1870-1940)

see THOMPSON, Harold Stuart (1870-1940)

THOMPSON, Susan Morris (1802-1856) born Longstreth

Susan Morris Thompson, daughter of Joshua and Sarah W. Longstreth of Philadelphia, was born there on 13 November 1802.

In 1824 she married Francis Thompson and with their family they visited this country in 1835. Three years later they settled in Liverpool, becoming members of Hardshaw West M.M. She suffered the loss of her child in 1842 and her sister the following year. These sufferings impressed upon her mind the uncertainty of life and the unsatisfying nature of all earthly enjoyments.

She was recorded a minister in 1848, four years after first appearing in the ministry. Her communications were generally short but were delivered under a deep sense of solemnity.

Although delicate in health her last sickness was sudden; she removed to Southport at her own request only a few weeks before she died on 15 December 1856. Her body was interred in Friends Burial Ground, Hunter St., Liverpool.

Testimony of Hardshaw West M.M. in Testimonies, 1851, p.22

THOMPSON, Fatham (1858-1911)

See THOMPSON, John Fatham (1858-1911)

WBE:

THOMPSON, Thomas, c.1631-1704

b. 1631.

From his youth was religiously inclined. His parents at his request furnished him with a Bible.

1652 was convinced by William Dewsbury and then joined Friends. He lived at Skipsea, England. He was recognized a minister shortly after joining.

1660 was taken at Bingham and committed to prison at York and confined for nine years. He also suffered dispoiling of goods and other imprisonments. Whenever he could he travelled in the ministry in both Scotland and Ireland. m., c.1670, children.

1704 published A few words, in way of Testimony, concerning...John Whitehead.

d. Sept. 14, 1704 at Skipsea, Eng., in his 73rd year.

Besse, 2: 35,100, 103,105,134,135,143,146, 151, 152

Piety pro., 3rd part, 292

Frds. Library, I:;91

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:738

WBE:

THOMPSON, Thomas, 1673-1727

b. 1673 at Skipsea, East Riding, Yorkshire,  
Eng., son of Thomas (Sr.) and Thompson.  
c.1704 published a testimony concerning his father.  
He also wrote epistles for William Ellis and a doctrinal  
treatise.

1701, 1715 two journeys to America made with  
Josiah Langdale. In between he lived for a time at  
Hitchin, England. Wrote The glorious truth of universal  
grace... and, A farewell epistle...

d. Nov. 30, 1727 of consumption and was buried at  
Saffron Walden, Essex, aged about 54 years.

Piety pro., 9th part, 62  
Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 10(1913): 124  
John Smith's Ms. 3:387  
Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:738  
Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7615

THOMPSON, Thomas (1743?-1821)

Thomas Thompson, the second son of Thomas Thompson of Morland in Westmorland and brother to John Thompson (1741?-1801 qv), was born about the year 1743(1); he is believed to have been convinced of the Truth shortly after the middle of the eighteenth century, at the same time as his two brothers. The Thompson family trace their ancestry back to Thomas Thompson, a yeoman farmer of Strickland in Westmorland, whose grandson John Thompson of Barton in Westmorland settled at Morland towards the end of the seventeenth century. John Thompson kept a grammar school at Morland and the house which he built had carved over the doorway the initials of himself and his wife and the date 1722.

John Thompson had one son Thomas, who in turn had the three sons who became convinced Friends. They were all dismissed from their father's house and Thomas, the second son, settled at Appleby, where he became a grocer and later a highly respected banker. He was a very gentle man and if he heard quarrelling or profane language in the market place he would rush out to try to reconcile the contenders. He reconstructed at his own expense a bridge which had been swept away in a great flood in 1812 and in 1920 his initials and the date 1813 were still to be seen carved into the stonework.

At the end of his life he was almost ruined by a disastrous fire which destroyed the bank; he behaved with great generosity, especially towards his poorer depositors.

In 1771 he married Isabelle Winder(2) and there were seven children of the marriage(3).

He died at Appleby on 3 July 1821(4), aged about seventy eight.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Thompson, J.J. & H.G.: Silvanus Phillips Thompson, His Life and Letters:  
S London 1920

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

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THOMPSON, Thomas (1743?-1821)

continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged about 78 at death
- 2 The wedding was at Great Strickland on 11 April 1771; no description of them is given (Westmorland QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Westmorland QM Births Digest as follows:-

Margaret	b 9 Feb 1772
Mary	b 21 Dec 1773
Thomas qv	b 11 Feb 1776
Isabel	b 11 March 1778
George	b 5 July 1780
John	b 3 Nov 1782
William	b 31 May 1786
- 4 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

THOMPSON, Thomas (1760?-1857)

Thomas Thompson, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1976) traced, was born in Ireland about the year 1760(1). He was educated in the principles of the Society and from early life was one who walked with God.

He was a naturally able man with a strong and ingenious mind and he became a very useful member of the Society. When he was about thirty five he was appointed an elder and in carrying out his duties he showed a sound and discriminating judgment, as well as much love and tenderness towards the young and inexperienced. He attended regularly at meetings for worship and discipline and even in his advanced years was seldom absent from quarterly and Yearly Meetings, where his weighty presence was of considerable help. He loved the Society, delighted to help those called forth in the ministry and often lamented the low state into which Quakerism in Ireland had fallen during his lifetime.

He lived in county Wexford during the Irish Rebellion of 1798 and witnessed scenes of bloodshed and violence entirely alien to his spirit, so that he shared in the suffering which so generally prevailed in that region. But he faithfully maintained his testimony as a believer in peace and a follower of Christ and he and his family escaped personal injury.

For twenty years before his death he was incapacitated from much physical exertion, but his mental powers remained undiminished. He bore his many trials with faith and patience and with advancing age his lifelong attachment to the principles of the Society grew and deepened. He died after an illness of about six weeks at Cooldine in Ireland, on 30 December 1857 at the age of ninety seven.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1859, pp 183-186

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 97 at death

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

WBE:

THOMPSON, Thomas, 1760-1857

b. 1760

1785 became an Elder

1798, was a witness to the horrors of the Irish rebellion. He and his family escaped personal injury.

d. Dec. 30, 1857 at Caladine, Ire., age 97 years.

An. Mon. (N.S.), 17(1859):183

THOMPSON, Thomas (1770?-1853)

Thomas Thompson, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1975) traced, was born about the year 1770(1). He became a draper(2) at Leyburn in Yorkshire and in 1800 he married Sarah Conning (1780-1859 qv) (3); there were eleven children of the marriage(4). About the year 1807 he gave up the drapery trade and became a schoolmaster(5). "Of him it may be said that, after spending most of his life in useful occupation, the evening of his day was serene and peaceful."(6)

He died at Hull on 21 January 1853(7), aged about eighty three.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Age at death about 83. There is no entry in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry
- 3 The wedding was at Bilsdale on 7 May 1800: he is described as a draper of Leyburn in Yorkshire, the son of John, a farmer, and his wife Elizabeth; she is described as the daughter of John, a farmer, and his wife Mary of Bilsdale in Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

William	b 12 Feb 1801
Hannah	b 3 July 1802
Thomas	b 29 Feb 1804
Thomas	b 2 Jan 1806
Richard	b 11 Nov 1807
Margaret	b 21 Sept 1809
Joseph	b 8 August 1811
Elizabeth	b 14 April 1813
Edward	b 22 Dec 1815
Henry	b 3 Dec 1817
Ann Maria	b 21 Oct 1819
- 5 The births entries of his seven youngest children so describe him
- 6 Annual Monitor 1854 p 149
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired schoolmaster

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

WBE:

THOMPSON, Thomas, 1775-1861

b. c.1775

ed. to be a chemist and druggist. Lived at Liverpool and later at Birkenhead, England.

An Elder. Took great interest in books by Friends. Prepared a Catalogue of Friends books acquired by Gracechurch St. Meeting in London.

1835 wrote Letter to Isaac Crewdson, on his recent publication, The Beacon. Also wrote Letter to Thomas Robson. Took an active part in the Beaconite controversy.

d. March 14, 1861 at Birkenhead, Eng., aged 85 years.

An. Mon. (N.S.), 20 (1861):141

The Friend (London), 1 (1861):108

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:740

Biog. Cat., 663

THOMPSON, Thomas (1776-1861)

Thomas Thompson, the eldest son of Thomas Thompson (1743?-1821 qv) and his wife Isabel or Isabella, was born at Appleby in Westmorland on 11 February 1776(1). He was a descendant of John Thompson, who in the early eighteenth century had kept a grammar school at Morland in Westmorland and whose house was still inhabited by Thomas' uncle John Thompson (1741?-1801 qv).

Thomas Thompson had hoped to train as a doctor, but the disastrous fire at his father's banking business crippled the family finances and he had instead to go to London, where he studied pharmaceutical chemistry under William Allen (1770-1843 qv), who was then head of the firm of Allen & Hanbury. He was a young man of considerable ability and soon became on friendly terms with the scientists and physicians who frequented William Allen's house. Among them were the Phillips brothers from Swansea, both Fellows of the Royal Society, whose sister Frances he married in 1807(2).

After his marriage he set up in business in Liverpool as a pharmaceutical and manufacturing chemist and later became an elder of his meeting. He was a learned man, much interested in antiquarian studies and during his long life of eighty six years made various collections of coins, autographs, minerals and books, especially those relating to the early history of chemistry. Frances Thompson shared her husband's intellectual interests and the house in which they brought up their eight children(3) was enlivened by her Celtic quickness and strong sense of humour, her vivacity and brightness.

Thomas Thompson's valuable collection of American autographs was sold by him to Charles Wilson of Southport for £350 and was afterwards disposed of at Sotheby's. The Quaker collection inherited by his son Silvanus Thompson of York and sold by him for £150 to George Stacey Gibson was bequeathed to the Society(4). In 1831 Devonshire House Library was greatly increased by the acquisition of the books he had collected for upwards of twenty years, six Friends advancing the £400 for which he asked. For many years the Thompson Collection was treated as a separate unit, but in 1876 it was decided to produce a single catalogue and this work was done by Edward Marsh and Joseph Smith(5). In addition to this valuable collection of books the Society also acquired the Catalogue of books written by its members from its commencement in 1650, compiled in collaboration with Morris Birkbeck and John Whitney(6).

He died at Cloughton near Liverpool on 14 March 1861(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Thompson, J.J. & H.G.: Silvanus Phillips Thompson, His Life and Letters:  
London 1920

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THOMPSON, Thomas (1776-1861)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given \*
- 2 The wedding was at Tottenham on 23 April 1807: he is described as a druggist of Liverpool, the son of Thomas and Isabella Thompson; she is described as the daughter of James and Mary Phillips, late of George Yard, Lombard Street, London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Mary Phillips	b 25 Feb 1808
Thomas	b 19 June 1809
Isabella qv	b 26 July 1810
George	b 14 Sept 1811
William	b 31 July 1813
John	b 10 July 1815
Christiana	b 26 July 1816
Silvanus	b 20 March 1818
- 4 J Friends Rist Soc vol 4 (1907) pp 135,136
- 5 op cit vol 18 (1921) pp 72,73
- 6 Jos Smith's Catalogue vol 2 pp 739-740
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a chemist

PUBLICATIONS

A Catalogue of Friends' Books, written by Members of the Society, from its commencement in 1650; relating to its Principles and Doctrines, and to the promotion of objects in which it was indirectly interested, compiled by John Whitney, Morris Birkbeck, Thomas Thompson.  
(In MS) 1 vol

Jos Smith's Catalogue, vol 2 pp 739-740

SEE ALSO:- Incidental references in J Friends Rist Soc vol 6, pp 79,104, 105: vol 8, pp 13,15: vol 19, p 22: vol 20, p 26: vol 21, p 84: vol 29, p 48:

\* Thompson and Thompson, op cit p 2 describe him as the youngest son, apparently in error

WBE:

THOMPSON, William

Became a schoolmaster and lived in Nottingham,  
England. Was a member of Friends.

1705 wrote Some Fruits of Solitude... and in  
1710 wrote The Care of Parents...; and Religion epitomized. 1711 wrote The Child's Guide to the English Tongue...

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:740

**THOMPSON, William (1758-1821)**

William Thompson, the son of James and Mary Thompson of Idle in Yorkshire, was born there on 17 May 1758(1). Nothing is at present (1975) known of his childhood and early life, but he moved to Rawdon and became a clothier(2). He married Betty Grimshaw(3), who bore him five children(4).

He died at Rawdon on 11 October 1821(5), aged about sixty three. "The very numerous attendance of his neighbours to pay the last mark of respect to his remains, forcibly evinced the respect which an upright and pious life had obtained."(6)

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry
- 3 The wedding was at Thornton in the Clay, Yorkshire, on 17 September 1783: he is described as a clothier, the son of James and Mary Thompson of Rawdon in the parish of Gisely, Yorkshire; she is described as the daughter of Caleb and Ruth Grimshaw of Harton in the parish of Bossall, Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Jeremiah	b 9 Dec 1784
William	b 6 July 1787
James	b 25 Feb 1793
Edmund	b 10 May 1795
Mary Ann	b 19 April 1798
- 5 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a merchant
- 6 Annual Monitor 1822 p 38

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

**THOMPSON, William (1787-1860)**

William Thompson, the son of William Thompson (1758-1821 qv) and his wife Betty, born Grimshaw, of Rawden in the parish of Guiseley in Yorkshire, was born there on 6 July 1787(1).

He was a merchant and cloth manufacturer of Rawden(2) and was married in 1813 to Hannah Grimshaw, the daughter of Benjamin Grimshaw (1741-1804 qv) of Rawden(3); there were nine children(4).

Hannah Thompson died in 1826 at the age of thirty five(5). William Thompson of Rawden was a widower for many years(6) and died on 27 February 1860 at the age of seventy two(7).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a clothier
- 2 He is so described in his marriage and burial entries, notes 3 and 5
- 3 The wedding was in or near Rawden on 14 April 1813: he is described as a merchant of Rawden in the parish of Guiseley, Yorkshire, the son of William, a merchant, and Betty; she is described as the daughter of Benjamin (deceased) and Katherine Grimshaw (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

George	b 17 Jan 1814	
William Grimshaw	b 31 Jan 1815	
Catharine	b 25 June 1816	who d 10 Oct 1817
Edmund	b 26 Feb 1818	
Alfred	b 30 Sept 1819	
Elizabeth	b 25 June 1821	who d 9 March 1827
Jeremiah	b 27 April 1823	
Caroline	b 24 July 1824	
Hugh	b 17 July 1826	who d 20 Feb 1827

N.B. No marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1884
- 5 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she died on 28 July 1826. The Annual Monitor 1828, p 31 has a 1 line entry for her death
- 6 No second marriage is traced in Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a cloth manufacturer

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

WBE:

THOMPSON, William, 1794-1817

b. Jan. 26, 1794 at Macclesfield, Eng., son of William and Alice (Hargreaves) Thompson.

ed. with a schoolmaster named Ford and with Thomas Royle of Burton-upo-Irwell. Later he studied under Rob't. Horrocks of Winwick.

Became a spinner in a cotton factory, with confining hours. Attended Methodist meetings. Studied on his own both Latin and French and also mathematics.

His health was poor and he became lame.

1813 opened a school at Penketh. A sister kept house for him.

c. 1816 joined Friends at Warrington. Was interested in Bible Society and in peace. Had to give up his school because of illness. He was noted for candour and frankness and his considerable powers of conversation.

d. Feb. 9, 1817 at Penketh (?), aged 23 years.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:741

Crosfield, Letters of William Thompson...

Frds. Biog. #5

THOMPSON, William (1813-1883)

William Thompson, the son of Thomas Thompson (1776-1861 qv) and his wife Frances of Liverpool, was born there on 31 July 1813(1). Nothing is at present (1975) known about his early life, but at the time of his marriage to Sarah Robson in 1843(2) he was a bank clerk at Newcastle upon Tyne. He had two sons(3); when his elder son was born in November 1843 he had given up banking and become an agent, but on the birth of his younger son in 1846 he is described as a wholesale grocer. The family emigrated to Lindsey, Ontario in Canada(4) and finally settled at Charlottesville in Virginia, U.S.A., where William died on 23 April 1883(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a druggist
- 2 The wedding was at Sunderland on 9 February 1843: he is described as a bachelor, a bank clerk living at Newcastle upon Tyne, the son of Thomas Thompson, a chemist; she is described as a spinster of Bishopwearmouth, the daughter of Thomas Robson, a draper (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in Digest of Births as follows:-

Thomas Phillips	b 20 November 1843
Theodore	b 2 September 1846
- 4 The Pease Family, compiled by Joseph Foster, 1891, p 51
- 5 op cit p 51

THOMPSON, William (1837-1927)

William Thompson, the eldest son of Francis James and Rebecca Thompson of Street in Somerset, was born there on 10 November 1837(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, and when he grew up he entered the business of Thompson Brothers, ironmongers, eventually becoming the sole owner of the business. In 1866 he was in Switzerland, where he met and married his first wife Agnes M. Fitzroy Stuart(2); there were four children of this marriage(3). Agnes Thompson died in 1900(4) and in 1902 he married Bessie Lilian Sully(5), who bore him two sons(6).

Throughout his life education was one of his principal interests. He served from 1882 on the old School Board and was chairman of Bridgwater Borough Education Committee after the care of elementary schools had been transferred to the Council. He was elected a member of the Borough Council, later becoming an Alderman and was Mayor of Bridgwater in 1901 and 1912. His interest in education took him into many fields and for some years he served on the Sidcot School Committee. His philanthropy was not, however, limited to education; he was a benefactor and governor of the local hospital and a supporter like his father of the Western Temperance League, of which he became president, the Rechabite Friendly Society of which he was a trustee, and other local temperance societies.

In private life he was a genial companion. His manner was open, winning and friendly and he could always be relied upon to see the humorous side of life. He enjoyed foreign travel and often went to Switzerland; he was in Italy during the earthquake on the Italian Riviera in 1886 and in 1900 he went to Greece. But although he delighted in his visits abroad he found his true pleasure and relaxation in the countryside of the Quantocks and among the flowers in his garden he was always gay and happy.

He was a magistrate and was also Clerk to West Somerset Monthly Meeting, as well as to Bridgwater Preparative Meeting.

He died at his home, Hargrove Cottage, Bridgwater, on 21 December 1927(7); he was ninety years old.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 68 (1928) p 13

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

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as an ironmonger
- 2 There is no entry in the Digest of Marriages; the information is taken from the Bootham School Register
- 3 No children are recorded in the Digest of Births; the following are listed in the Bootham School Register:  
Valerie  
Harold Stuart qv b 1870  
Amy Beatrice  
Agnes Isabel
- 4 There is no entry in the Digest of Deaths; the information is taken from the Bootham School Register
- 5 The wedding was at Bridgwater on 3 May 1902: he is described as a widower, an ironmonger of Bridgwater, the son of Francis James Thompson; she is described as a spinster, not in membership, the daughter of Richard Owen Sully of Crowfull House, Bridgwater (Digest of Marriages)
- 6 No children are recorded in the Digest of Births; the following are listed in the Bootham School Register:  
William Owen b 1903  
Francis James b 1911
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired ironmonger

WBE:

THOMPSON, William Phillips, 1842-1926

b. 1842 at Edge Hill near Liverpool, Eng. son  
of

ed. Bootham School. Then trained as an engineer.

Held important posts with London and Western R.R.  
and also in the United States. Practiced as a consulting  
engineer in Phila., Pa.

1873 became patent agent at Liverpool and later  
in London.

1923 because of failing health retired from  
business but continued his interest in many branches  
of technology. Worked in the Adult School at Birkenhead  
and took part in other Friendly concerns. Loved nature  
and had a unique rock garden and was much attracted by  
animals.

d. May 25, 1926 at Birkenhead, aged 84 years.

The Friend (London), 66(1926): 510, 513 (portrait)

THOMPSON, Winifrede Tatham (1891-1955)

Winifrede Tatham Thompson, the daughter of John Tatham and Mary Thompson and great granddaughter of the Liverpool druggist Thomas Thompson (1776-1861 qv) and his wife Frances (1777-1839 qv), was born in Cardiff about the year 1891(1). Always frail and acutely sensitive, she was greatly affected by the long illness and death of her father while she was still in her teens. At about this time she joined the family of her uncle Silvanus P. Thompson (1851-1916 qv), trained as a teacher and became drawn to Friends.

After gaining some teaching experience, she worked at Devonshire House with the Friends Foreign Mission Association and with the Quaker Chaplains' Committee for Conscientious Objectors from 1916-1919. When the National Union of Scientific Workers was founded she was for four years assistant secretary. For three years she was a translator at the International Trades Union office in Amsterdam. She was general secretary of the International Society of Medical Hydrology for eleven years and was much occupied with medical journalism and translation.

Winifrede Thompson was deeply concerned for the worship and ministry of Friends' meetings and was especially well versed in knowledge of the Bible and Quaker history. She had studied at Westhill Training College and taken lectures at Woodbrooke, but in spite of her considerable intellectual achievements her most marked personal characteristics were her courage, enthusiasm, great kindness and generosity.

For many years she made her home at the Penn Club, but she died at the Lady Margaret Home in Ealing on 24 August 1955(2), aged sixty four.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 113 (1955) p 890

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 64 at death. Her birth is not recorded in the Digest of Births
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as retired

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

THOMSON, Abegill ( ? -1737) born Whitehead

see THOMPSON, Abigail ( ? -1737) born Whitehead

THOMSON, Charles Watt (1836-1919) ✓

Charles Watt Thomson was born 24 May 1879.

In earlier life he removed to London, becoming a member of Devonshire House MM, where in due course he was recorded a minister. About 1886 he went with his family for four years to Philadelphia.

He returned to Scotland about 1890, spending the remainder of his life mostly in Glasgow. He was a member of Scotland General Meeting for twenty-eight years. His concern was to visit the particular meetings in Scotland and this he did until growing infirmity and a hip injury made it difficult for him: 'His frequent and always welcome visits to all the meetings in Scotland, his quiet yet cheery greeting, his clear confidence in the divine love and guidance and his faithful yet encouraging messages, endeared him to many, and most to those who knew him best'.

Despite his ailing, he did not lose his interest in the General Meeting nor in its members and, until quite near to the end of his life, he would go to meeting in his wheel-chair.

He did not lead a life of leisure: he followed his trade of compositor until physically incapacitated and the enforced retirement of the closing years of his life was not what he would have chosen for himself.

He died 28 February 1919.

Testimony of General Meeting for Scotland in YM Proc. 1920, p. 281

THOMSON, Crawford Hogarth ( 1884 - 1972 )

Crawford H. Thomson was born on July 19, 1884 at Kilmarnock.(1)

He was a great support to the Society in Scotland, a very vigorous worker in all kinds of causes, vegetarianism and anti-vivisection being two of them. During the second world war he did much for C.O.s. and visited Balhinnie Prison, while for a short period from 1946/7 he worked for the Friends Relief Service in the personnel office. His working life was spent in the service of the Post Office, he was first of all in Edinburgh, in 1919,(3) next in Dundee and then Wick (4) and finally in Glasgow.(5)

He was well known to Friends of Fritchley Meeting, was noted for his generous hospitality, his care for his friends and for children and was greatly loved by all. His service for the Society included the appointment as registering officer for most of Scotland for the last twenty five years of his life, he was an elder for West Scotland MM, a great strength to his own meetings, particularly in Glasgow which was his home from 1945 onwards and he served on no fewer than eight committees, including Meeting for Sufferings, for varying periods of time.(6).

He died on February 5, 1972 aged 87.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE      The Friend. Vol 130 ( 1972 ) p. 220.

REFERENCES AND NOTES.

1. This date was obtained from Friends Relief Service personnel records.
2. The obituary in The Friend records this service as taking place after the war.
3. Scotland QM printed list of members for 1919 records him and his wife Mary as members at Edinburgh.
4. The same lists from 1926 through to 1945 record him as member at Dundee. For part of this time he is noted as resident at Wick where it is believed he was Postmaster at Thurso.
5. The same lists for 1945 record him as a member under Glasgow.
6. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library. This records his committee membership as follows:-  
Meeting for Sufferings ( Rep. Scotland QM ) 1946/7 - 1962/3.  
Friends Service Council (Scotland QM) 1948 - 1963 and 1963 - 1967 ex. officio  
Agenda Committee 1946/50 and 1950/51.  
Committee on Clerks. 1948/9 and 1950/4.  
Anglo American Visitors Committee. 1950 - 1956/7.  
Industrial & Social Order Cttee. 1948 - 1957.  
Peace and International Relations Committee 1948 - 1962/3.  
World Affairs Committee

THOMSON, Elizabeth H. (1873?-1942) born

Elizabeth Thomson, details of whose birth, parentage and early life are not at present (1975) traced, was born about the year 1873(1). She was a convinced Friend, who was received into membership by Westminster & Longford Monthly Meeting in 1925(2), when she was about fifty two. She was appointed an elder in 1929(3).

Her husband William, to whom she was devoted, was not a member of the Society. He was well known among artists and was a leading authority on tapestry, in the study of which he had travelled extensively in Europe, with a crutch and a stick, being lame from childhood; for his work on this subject he was awarded a Civil List pension when he was completely invalidated.

Their home at Goring-by-Sea in Sussex, to which they retired about 1937(4), was a place of rest and peace. They both had a keen appreciation of beauty and of literature, which they delighted to share with their friends. Elizabeth was a devoted member of Worthing Meeting, as she had formerly been of Hampstead and Hammersmith(5). She had a patience and a radiant serenity which never seemed to fail and a capacity for making friends and entering into the lives of all around her, educated and uneducated alike. She led a very busy life on rather insufficient means and her earlier circumstances had been so straitened that on several occasions she was granted relief by Westminster & Longford Monthly Meeting(6).

She died at Goring-by-Sea on 23 March 1942(7), aged sixty nine, only a few weeks after her husband.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 100 (1942) p 126

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

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THOMSON, Elisabeth H. (1873?-1942)

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 69 at death
- 2 Westminster & Longford MM minutes 13 August 1925; she was then a member of Hampstead Preparative Meeting
- 3 Westminster & Longford MM minutes 14 November 1929
- 4 Her first appearance in Sussex, Surrey & Hants QM membership lists as a member of Worthing Meeting was in 1937
- 5 She was still a member of Hampstead Preparative Meeting in 1933; minutes of Westminster & Longford MM 20 April 1933
- 6 Westminster & Longford MM minutes 2 April 1927, 18 August 1932 and 20 April 1933
- 7 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William

THOMSON, William (1854-1942)

William Thomson was born at Turriff, Aberdeenshire, on 4 November 1854.

At the age of 16 he came with his father to work as a carpenter on the railway being built between Settle and Carlisle. He learnt of Quakerism from a signalman who held a Meeting along in his box. William Thomson first attended a Friends Meeting in Dentdale, "expecting to laugh, but instead he stayed to pray." From then on he was a devoted Quaker and was a faithful member of Keighley Meeting, where he was Clerk for many years.

He served on the local Borough Council from 1901 to 1904, and as a Magistrate gauned a reputation for sympathetic understanding.

In 1904, after serving three years first as Treasurer and then as President of the Co-operative Society, he entered its employment as a joiner and remained foreman of that department until his retirement at the age of 80.

He worked incessantly for the taxation of Land Values, for he was convinced that there can be no lasting progress towards social justice until there is free access to the land.

'His radiant personality, his kindness and humour remain as a sacred memory and a living inspiration.'

He died on 7 September 1942.

Testimony of Settle M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1943, p.204

THORLEY, Winifred Agnes (1883?-1970) after 1910 Garnett

[Winifred Agnes Thorley of Higher Broughton, the daughter of Joseph Henry Thorley, was married in 1910 to John Benbow Garnett (1877-1973 qv) of Manchester.

See GARNETT, Winifred Agnes (1883?-1970) born Thorley ]

1649?  
THORN, John (1649 - 1727)

John Thorn of Reading (1) married Susannah Westwood at Reading in 1673 (2). They lived in Laurence's Parish, Reading and had 6 children (3).

He was a 'sufferer for the truth' and was respected by his friends and neighbours.

He died on 15 iv [June] 1727 at the age of 79 years, then a resident of Mary's Parish Reading (4).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Berks QM in TCMD Vol 2 p.125

#### NOTES AND REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 No record of his birth in the Birth Digest of Berks & Oxon QM.

2 Berks & Oxon QM Marriage Digest - the marriage was at Reading on 4 vi [Aug] 1673: he is described as John Thorne of Reading, Berks, Tailor, son of William Thorne of Reading; she is described as of Reading, Spinster.

3 Children -(Berks & Oxon Birth, Marriage & Burial Digests)

Sarah born 27 ii [April] 1674 ~~1674~~ ~~1674~~ ~~1674~~ ~~1674~~ ~~1674~~

John born 25 xii [Feb] 167 (?) married Elizabeth Cross 1695,  
died 19 xi [Jan] 1700/1

Susannah born 2 ix [Nov] 1677 married Samuel Kirton 1710

Lydia born 22 viii [Oct] 1681

William born 14 v [July] 1685

Lydia born 27 iii [May] 1688

Martha born 21 v [July] 1691 died 6 i [Mar] 1710/11.

4 (Berks & Oxon QM Burial Digest).

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THORNBERRY, William J., 1837-1906.

b. 1837, Richmond, Indiana.

1869, recorded a minister by Walnut Creek Monthly Meeting of Fairfield Quarterly Meeting now in the limits of Wilmington Yearly Meeting. He was for 40 years a public minister. He labored in all American Yearly Meetings except 3.

1877, a visiting minister at Iowa Yearly Meeting with many others.

d. 15 Aug. 1906, Marion, Indiana.

The American Friend, 13(1906):589.

THOMAS, Alfred Buckley (1870-1928)

Alfred Buckley Thomas, the son of Josiah Thomas (1837-1914) and his wife Isabella Buckley (1842-1914) of London, was born there on 29 April 1870. <sup>He was educated at a school run by Buckley & Son, printers. In</sup>  
**THORNBOROUGH, Thomas ( -1787)**  
<sup>1899 he joined the firm of Joseph Smith & Son printing works, while Joseph</sup>  
<sup>Southall was seconded. In 1901 he went to Sandbach in Cheshire for seven</sup>  
<sup>years and became manager of the bookshop for Devizes, Cowell & Gurney. For</sup>  
<sup>four years he was a bookseller for Devizes, Cowell & Gurney. In 1905</sup>  
<sup>Son of Thomas Thornborough, of New Garden, N.C.</sup>  
<sup>Accompanied William Hunt to England in 1771, and the latter wrote Thomas Thornborough, Senior, from York,</sup>  
<sup>under date, "6mo. 27, 1771," "As to thy son, let it suffice he is well in the Seed; we travel in true unity and perfect harmony." Thomas Thornborough, Jr., was William Hunt's nephew, of whom, however, he sometimes speaks in his letters as "cousin."</sup>  
<sup>Thomas Thornborough, Jr., died of smallpox while in Pennsylvania on his return from a second religious visit to Europe, before reaching his own home, in 1787.</sup>  
<sup>[Life, William Hunt, pp. 103, 134]</sup>

He took an active part in the Anti-Social Order Committee and its Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922, pp. 562-3  
debt to the Society of Friends. He was a member of the Anti-Social Order Committee and was only  
in the social system. Through a change in his social circle and in his own personal circumstances he did much of his most effective work for the Society.

Alfred Buckley Thomas of 3 Lansbury Villas, Lansbury Road, Finsbury died on 10 January 1928, at the age of fifty and three.

TESTIMONIAL SOURCE

Testimony of participant 791 in Monthly Meeting Proceedings, 1922, p. 301

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Report of Alfricus, his father is described as a cloth manufacturer
- 2 Death Register 1800-1958, p. 206; his second marriage Indivisual as Buckley
- 3 Ibid.
- 4 The wedding was at Preston 1828 on 4 July 1828. He is described as a bookseller, a clerk of Bradfords, the son of Josiah Thomas, a commercial traveller. She is described as a minister of aviation, the daughter of George Edward Dole, a dentist. (Digest of Marriages)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

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

*Cyril Bleckley	b 30 May 1896	
Margaret Joyce qv	b 11 May 1897	m 1926 Robert Francis Ward (1898?-1944 qv)
Joan Gillett	b 23 Sept 1901	m 1923 Ernest T.E. Folge (1895?-1980 qv)
Eileen Margaret Doeg	b 24 Nov 1903	m 1925 James Cecil Cavett (1886-1974 qv)

Cicely Macdonald b 16 June 1908 m 1934 Kenneth Adey Baxter Shaw

\*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1950

6 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library:-

Meeting for Sufferings	-	1918-1922
Peace	-	1918-1922
War & Social Order	-	1916-1922

7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a printer's traveller

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

THORNE, Alfred Bleckley (1870-1922)

Alfred B. Thorne, son of Edwin (1837-1914, qv) and Maria Bleckley (born Bell) Thorne of Leeds, was born there on 29 April 1870 (1). He became a member of Southwark MM in 1891.

In 1895 he married Mary Ellen Doeg (1872-1957, qv) of Evesham (2): there were 5 children (3). In 1899 the family removed out of the monthly meeting area, returning in 1908. For the rest of his life he was a member of Peckham meeting.

During the first world war he was firmly absolutist in position and he was unsparing in his efforts for those in need of sympathy and assistance.

Both he and his wife held high ideals regarding education and he supported movements which sought to place within the reach of all the opportunity to develop personality and capacity to take an intelligent share in the life and well-being of the community.

He took an active part in the War & Social Order Committee from its foundation. Being deeply interested in social problems, he steadily advocated a radical change in the social system. He clearly saw that any real change could come only through a change in individual outlook and it was in quiet unassuming propaganda that much of his most effective work was done.

He died on 28 January 1922.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Southwark MM in YM Proc 1922 p 321

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as cocoa manufacturer
- 2 The wedding was at Evesham MM on 4 July 1895: he is described as bachelor, clerk, of Blackheath, son of Edwin Thorne, commercial traveller; she is described as spinster, of Evesham, daughter of Thomas Edward Doeg, chemist (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in Digest of Births and Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Cyril Bleckley	b 30 May 1896
Margaret Joyce	b 11 May 1897 who m 1926 Robert Francis Ward
Joan Gillett	b 23 Sept 1901 who m 1923 Ernest T.E. Polge
Eileen Margaret Doeg	b 24 Nov 1903 who m 1925 James Cecil Cavett
Cicely Macdonald	b 16 June 1908 who m 1934 Kenneth Adey Baxter Shaw

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THORNE, Anna, nee Moore, 1766-1838

B. Jan. 4, 1766 in New York state, daughter of  
Andrew and Elizabeth Moore.

ed.

m. (1st), Consider Merritt (d. 1796)

) Was recognized a minister among Friends.

) m. (2d), 1810 Isaac Thorne. Did some travelling  
within the limits of New York, New England and Valti-  
more Yearly Meetings. Also visited in Great Britain  
and Ireland.

d. May 11, 1838 of dropsy, aged 72 years.

Piety pro., 12th part, 181

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:741

Testimony of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, N.Y., con-  
cerning Anna M. Thorne...

THORNE, Arthur Edwin (1876-1950)

Arthur Edwin Thorne, the son of Edwin Thorne (1837-1914 qv) and his wife Maria Bleckly (born Dell, 1839-1934 qv) of 17 Richmond Villas, Seven Sisters Road, London, was born there on 24 June 1876(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1887 to 1891(2).

He became a fruit grower at Evesham in Worcestershire(3) and was married in 1921 to Edith Annie Perkins (fl 1921-1958? qv) of Evesham(4); there were two children(5).

Arthur Edwin Thorne of 185 Cheltenham Road, Evesham, died on 12 October 1950, at the age of seventy four(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a cocoa manufacturer
- 2 Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 71 (1952) p 61: 1 line entry for deaths
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Evesham on 24 September 1921: he is described as a bachelor, a fruit grower of Pitcher's Hill, Wickhamford, Evesham, the son of Edwin Thorne (deceased), a commercial traveller; she is described as a spinster of Meeting House Cottage, Badsey, Evesham, the daughter of Frederick G.W.Perkins, a market gardener (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-  
\*Arthur Jervis b 18 Aug 1923  
Joy Bleckley b 13 Feb 1927 m 1951 Cyril Haggar Yorke NM  
\*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages or in The Friend to 1974
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired fruit merchant

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

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THORNE, Dorothy Lloyd Gilbert, 1902-1976

b. 1902.

ed. 1925, B.A., Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.; 1929,  
M.A., Columbia University, New York; 1933, Summer, Graduate  
Study, Univ. of Wisconsin; Graduate Study, Univ. of North Carolina,  
Chapel Hill.

m. Howard H. Thorne.

1922-23, 1925-26, Teacher, Ohio Public School System.

1926-27, Director of Physical Education for Women, Guilford  
College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

1926-28, Instructor of English, Guilford.

1929-52, Associate Professor of English.

1952-c. 1954, Professor of English, Acting Librarian.

1959, Nov. 6, Delivered tenth annual Ward Lecture, Guilford.

1965-71, Professor of English, Curator of Quaker Collection.

Member, New Garden Friends Meeting, Greensboro, N. Carolina.  
Recording Clerk, Guilford College Faculty, North Carolina  
Yearly Meeting, and the Five Years Meeting; Involvement with  
Friends' World Committee and United Society of Friends Women.

Author, Walter C. Woodward: Editor and Friend. Richmond,  
Ind.: The Committee on Walter Woodward Memorial Fund, 1945. Also,  
Guilford: A Quaker College. Greensboro, N.C.: Guilford College,  
1937. Numerous pamphlets and articles. Editor, Within a Quaker  
College and Other Last Poems, by Russell Pope. Greensboro:

THORNE, Dorothy Lloyd Gilbert, 1902-1976. (Page 2)

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Guilford College, 1940.

d. June 6, 1976. Age 73.

Guilford College Bulletins.

Quaker Life 17 (July-August 1976) 35.

Thorne, Dorothy Gilbert. "Poetry Among Friends." Pendle Hill  
Pamphlet no. 130. Lebanon, Pa., 1963.

THORNE, Edith Annie (fl 1921-1958?) born Perkins

Edith Annie Perkins, details of whose birth are not at present (1981) traced, was the daughter of Frederick G.W.Perkins of Meeting House Cottage, Badsey, Evesham in Worcestershire(1).

She was married in 1921 to Arthur Edwin Thorne (1876-1950 qv), a fruit grower of Evesham and there were two children(2). She is not shown as not in membership at the time of her marriage and is shown in membership with Evesham Meeting in 1925(3).

Edith Annie Thorne probably died about 1958, or a year or two later(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 For marriage and children see THORNE, Arthur Edwin (1876-1950)
- 3 Western QM printed list of members: she is first shown as a member of Evesham Meeting in 1925
- 4 Western QM printed list of members: she is shown continuously as a member of Evesham Meeting to 1958; she does not appear in the 1964 list

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

THORNE, Edith Annie (fl 1921-1958?) born Perkins

Edith Annie Perkins, details of whose birth are not at present (1981) traced, was the daughter of Frederick G.W.Perkins of Meeting House Cottage, Badsey, Evesham in Worcestershire(1).

She was married in 1921 to Arthur Edwin Thorne (1876-1950 qv), a fruit grower of Evesham and there were two children(2). She is not shown as not in membership at the time of her marriage and is shown in membership with Evesham Meeting in 1925(3).

Edith Annie Thorne probably died about 1958, or a year or two later(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 For marriage and children see THORNE, Arthur Edwin (1876-1950)
- 3 Western QM printed list of members: she is first shown as a member of Evesham Meeting in 1925
- 4 Western QM printed list of members: she is shown continuously as a member of Evesham Meeting to 1958; she does not appear in the 1964 list

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

THORNE, Edith Maria (1877-1952)

Edith Maria Thorne, the daughter of Edwin Thorne (1837-1914 qv) and his wife Maria Bleckly (born Dell, 1839-1934 qv) of 17 Richmond Villas, London, was born there on 10 November 1877(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1888 to 1893.

On leaving school she lived at home for a time and then went to Bridlington to keep house for her brother. Later, she was for a time with Mrs F. Littleboy at Newport Pagnell. In the years that followed she held posts of responsibility as housekeeper at various schools, among them Colwell, School House Leighton Park, and Sibford.

During her later years she suffered acutely from rheumatoid arthritis and went to live at Weston-super-Mare. There she was able to get about in her self-propelled chair, but eventually she had to go into a Residential Home for old people.

Edith Maria Thorne died, after a short illness, on 2 July 1952, in her seventy fifth year, while on a visit to her sister at Sibford(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 72 (1953) p 63

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a cocoa manufacturer
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster

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

THORNE, Edwin (1837-1914)

Edwin Thorne, the son of James Thorne (1806-1868 qv) and his wife Mary Ann (born Kemp, 1804?-1867 qv) of Leeds, was born there on 19 November 1837(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1847 to 1852. He was a quiet and loveable boy at school and much enjoyed poetry readings with his friends. His father was a cocoa manufacturer and Thorne's cocoa was a favourite drink at Ackworth.

When he left school he was employed in the cocoa manufacturing firm of Thorne & Co. and at an early age had much responsibility thrown upon his shoulders. He was married in 1867 to Maria Bleckly Dell (1839-1934 qv), whom he had met as a scholar at Ackworth(2) and there were six children(3). He was actively interested in the work of Friends in Leeds and was connected with their First-day Schools from the start.

In 1876 he moved to London, where he continued this work and started schools in Stratford and Deptford. He served on central committees of the Society(4) and was recorded a minister by Southwark Monthly Meeting on 10 October 1899(5).

The last six years of his life were passed at Wickhamford near Evesham, at the home of one of his sons, where he threw himself wholeheartedly into the work of Friends. He visited meetings in the neighbourhood, attended the Adult School and the weekly Bible class. He was the first clerk of Badsey Preparative Meeting.

He had to undergo an operation to his eye in 1913 and never fully recovered. Edwin Thorne died on 2 February 1914, at the age of seventy six, while on a visit to his son at Duffield, near Derby(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1915, p 173

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 33 (1914), pp 115-116

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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

2 The wedding was at Esher on 14 August 1867: he is described as a bachelor, a cocoa manufacturer of 7 Leopold Mount, Potter Newton, Leeds, the son of James Thorne, a grocer; she is described as a spinster of Sandfield Cottage, Esher, the daughter of William Rawbonn Dell, a mill manufacturer (Digest of Marriages)

3 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

William Edwin	b 11 June 1868	d 4 Oct 1868, aged 4 months
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Alfred Bleckley qv	b 29 April 1870	m 1895 Mary Ellen Doeg (1872-1957 qv)
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Theodore Herbert qv	b 27 Dec 1872	m 1904 Matilda Gertrude Knight NM (1870?-1959 qv)
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Gertrude Elizabethqv b 29 Nov 1874

Arthur Edwin qv	b 24 June 1876	m 1921 Edith Annie Perkins
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Edith Maria qv	b 10 Nov 1877	
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In the entry for Theodore Herbert the surname is misspelled Thorn

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THORNE, Edwin (1837-1914)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library:-
  - Meeting for Sufferings - 1884-1887
  - FFMA - 1898-1899
- 5 Friends House Library list of recorded ministers, 1861-1924
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as retired

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

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THORNE, Edwin (1837-1914) 2X

Edwin Thorne, the son of James and Mary Ann Thorne of Leeds, was born there on 19 November 1837 (1). He was educated at Ackworth. On leaving school he entered his uncle's cocoa manufacturing business at Leeds.

In 1867 he married Maria Bleckly Dell (2): there were six children (3). He continued to live at Leeds until 1876 when, for business reasons, he moved to London.

In Leeds he had worked actively for Friends, and was connected with the Friends First Day Schools from their start. He continued this work in London, and started schools in Stratford and Deptford. Southwark Monthly Meeting recorded him as a minister about 1895.

The last six years of his life were passed at Wickhamford, near Evesham, where he threw himself whole-heartedly into the work of Friends. He visited Meetings in the neighbourhood, attended the Adult School, and the weekly Bible Class. He was the first clerk of Badsey Preparative Meeting.

He had to undergo an operation to his eye in 1913, and never fully recovered. He died at his son's home at Duffield on 2 February 1914, aged 76.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual monitor for 1915, p.173

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes: His father is described as grocer
- 2 The marriage was at Esher on 14 August 1867: he is described as bachelor, cocoa manufacturer, of 7 Leopold Mount, Potter Newton, Leeds, son of James Thorne, grocer; she is described as spinster, of Sandfield Cottage, Esher, daughter of William Rawbonn Dell, mill manufacturer. (Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 3 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows :-

William Edwin	born 11 June 1868
Alfred Bleckley	born 29 April 1870
Theodore Herbert	born 27 December 1872
Gertrude Elizabeth	born 29 November 1874
Arthur Edwin	born 24 June 1876
Edith Maria	born 10 November 1877

In the entry for Theodore Herbert the surname is misspelled Thorn

THORNE, Gertrude Elizabeth (1874-1964)

Gertrude Elizabeth Thorne, the daughter of Edwin Thorne (1837-1914 qv) and his wife Maria Bleckly (born Dell, 1839-1934 qv) of Headingley near Leeds, was born there on 29 November 1874(1).

She was educated at Ackworth School from 1888 to 1889(2).

Gertrude Elizabeth Thorne of Holmwood, Sibford Gower, Banbury in Oxfordshire, died there on 1 May 1964, at the age of eighty nine(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a cocoa manufacturer
- 2 Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 83 (1964) p 68: 2 line entry
- 3 The Friend 8 May 1964, p 578

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

THORNE, James (1806-1868)

James Thorne, the son of Samuel Thorne (1765?-1837 qv) and his wife Mary (born Wood, 1767?-1830 qv) of Broomfield in Essex, was born there on 18 June 1806(1).

He became a grocer at Leeds(2) and was married in 1833 to Mary Ann Kemp (1804?-1867 qv) of Bermondsey in Surrey(3); there were four children(4).

James Thorne of Potter Newton near Leeds died on 28 February 1868, at the age of sixty one(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
  - 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
  - 3 The wedding was at Red Cross Street on 23 July 1833: he is described as a grocer of North Street, Leeds in Yorkshire, the son of Samuel and Mary Thorne of Leeds in Yorkshire; she is described as of Long Lane, Bermondsey in Surrey, the daughter of Robert and Ann Kemp of Eltham Place, Southwark (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
  - 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest and in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

*Eliza	b 29 Sept 1834
*James Henry	b 28 Feb 1836
Edwin qv	b 19 Nov 1837
	m 1867 Maria Bleckly Dell (1839-1934 qv)
  - 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a grocer
- \*Mary Jane b 15 April 1840  
\*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1869, p 215: 1 line entry for death

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

WBE:

THORNE, Jonathan, 1801-1884

b. In April 1801 in Washington, Dutchess County, N.Y.,  
son of Samuel and Phebe (Dean) Thorne.

Raised on a farm and as a member of Friends.

1823, m., Lydia Ann Corse (d.1872 in England) children.

c. 1820 moved to New York City and entered the dry goods business. Later turned to hides and tanneries in New York and Penna. under the firm of Thorne, Watson & Co. Also was interested in the improvement of domestic animals, such as cattle and sheep.

m. (2d), 1874 Elizabeth Fox Merritt.

1880, retired from business.

d. Oct. 9, 1884 at New York City, N.Y., aged about 84.

Frds. Intel., 41(1884): 602,630

Hinshaw, Encyc., 3:313

In memoriam Jonathan Thorne (1884)

Phoebe Anna Thorne, p.48

WBE:

THORNE, J(oseph) Williams, 1816-1897

b. Dec. 25, 1816 on a farm at West Fallowfield,  
Chester County, Pa., son of Joseph and Margaret (Williams)  
Thorne.

ed. local school, Westtown and also at school  
under Enoch Lewis at New Garden, Pa.

Had a well stocked personal library.

m., 1846, Mary J. Pusey of London Grove, Penna.  
They had children.

1869-c1885 removed to live in North Carolina,  
in Warren County.

1885, Helped to organize the Society of Progressive  
Friends, whose meeting was at Longwood, Old Kennett, Pa.

He was never known to show anger toward anyone.  
Was a writer of verse and prose.

Became blind toward the end of his life.

d. May 18, 1897 in his 81st year.

Westtown School, Catalog, 91

Hav. Coll., Qu. Col., Matlack Coll., Book 18:53 (portrait)  
Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 42(1953):26

THORNE, Joyce (1897-1970) after 1926 Ward

[M Joyce Thorne, daughter of Alfred Bleckley Thorne (1870-1922 qv) and his wife Mary Ellen (born Doege, 1872-1957 qv) of Brockley, was married in 1926 to Robert Francis Ward (1898?-1944 qv).]

see WARD, Margaret Joyce (1897-1970) born Thorne ]

THORNE, Margaret Joyce (1897-1970) after 1926 Ward

[Margaret Joyce Thorne, daughter of Alfred Bleckley Thorne (1870-1922 qv) and his wife Mary Ellen (born Doeg, 1872-1957 qv) of Brockley, was married in 1926 to Robert Francis Ward (1898?-1944 qv).]

See WARD, Margaret Joyce (1897-1970) born Thorne ]

THORNE, Maria Bleckly (1839-1934) born Dell

Maria Bleckly Dell, the daughter of William Rawbonn Dell (1804-1874 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Bleckly) of Colchester in Essex, was born there on 24 November 1839(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1850 to 1854 and was the third generation of her family to go there. After leaving Ackworth she went to Mary Awmack's school to be trained as a governess. She taught at Lydia Grimshaw's school at Cirencester and was later a governess to the family of John Walker Cash at Leeds.

She was married in 1867 to Edwin Thorne (1837-1914 qv), a cocoa manufacturer of Leeds, who had been a fellow pupil at Ackworth and there were six children(2). Their early married life was spent at Leeds, but in 1876 they moved to London, where they lived for about thirty years. Her keenest interests were centred round her home and children and many a lonely Friend living nearby found a warm welcome at her fireside.

Towards the end of her husband's life they moved to Wickhamford near Evesham in Worcestershire, to the home of one of her sons and while she was living there she bought a number of books, which formed the nucleus of a village library. She survived her husband and the last ten years of her life were spent at Sibford with her two daughters. While there, she took a lively interest in Sibford School and its scholars.

Mary Bleckly Thorne of Holmwood Cottage, Sibford Gower near Banbury, died on 20 October 1934, at the age of ninety four(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 54 (1935) p 86

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a miller
- 2 For marriage and children see THORNE, Edwin (1837-1914)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Edwin

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

THORNE, Mary (1767?-1830) born Wood

Mary Wood, the daughter of George and Martha Wood of Great Baddow in Essex, was born about the year 1767(1).

She was married in 1789 to Samuel Thorne (1765?-1837 qv), a husbandman of Stansted Mount Fitchet in Essex who subsequently became a farmer at Broomfield in Essex; there were eleven children(2).

Mary Thorne of Chelmsford in Essex died on 18 June 1839, at the age of sixty three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 63 at death. Her birth is not traced in Essex QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see THORNE, Samuel (1765?-1837)
- 3 Essex QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Samuel

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

THORNE, Mary Ann (1804?-1867) born Kemp

Mary Ann Kemp, the daughter of Robert and Ann Kemp of Eltham Place, Southwark, was born about the year 1804(1).

She was married in 1833 to James Thorne (1806-1868 qv), a grocer of Leeds and there were four children(2).

Mary Ann Thorne of Leeds died on 14 October 1867, at the age of sixty three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 63 at death. Her birth is not traced in London & Middlesex QM or Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digests
- 2 For marriage and children see THORNE, James (1806-1868)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of James

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1869, p 215: 2 line entry for death

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

THORNE, Mary Ellen (1872-1957) born Doeg

Mary E. Doeg, the elder daughter of Thomas Edward Doeg (1842-1926 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Gillett, 1838?-1898 qv) of Evesham in Worcestershire, was born on 18 November 1872(1). She was educated at Sidcot School from 1885 to 1889(2).

She was married in 1895 to Alfred Bleckley Thorne (1870-1922 qv), a printer's traveller and there were five children(3). They lived at first in London, at Brockley, then at Newport in Monmouthshire, then at Sandbach in Cheshire and finally returned to London and Peckham Meeting in 1908, where they remained until Alfred Thorne's death.

On their return to London Mary Thorne joined the newly formed Socialist Quaker Society, studying, through the publications of the Fabian Society and as a member of the Independent Labour Party, the causes of the social evils of the day. It was Mary Thorne's deep spirit of caring for the ills of humanity which led her into this work and to take an active part in the women's suffrage movement. During the first world war she worked for the Friends Emergency Relief Committee for Austrian and German families in England and also served the Society on other central committees(4). She worked in close co-operation with other churches and was an excellent organiser and speaker.

In 1926 she met with an accident which cut short her active life, but she never lost her interest in, and deep concern for, the Society. When Swarthmore, Gerrards Cross, was opened as a home for the elderly, Mary Thorne became one of the first residents, entering eagerly into the life of the community. She followed with the keenest interest all that was going on, taking part in study circles, lectures and talks and in the organisation of the life of the household. She became a familiar figure at Jordans Meeting, to which she belonged for the last twenty years of her life; a gentle, stooping, although distinguished old lady in black, wearing always a flower in her dress and peering eagerly with dim eyes to recognise a friend.

Mary E. Thorne of Jordans, Buckinghamshire, died on 10 June 1957, at the age of eighty four(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 115 (1957) pp 640-641

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 61: her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 Ibid
- 3 For marriage and children see THORNE, Alfred Bleckley (1870-1922)
- 4 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library:-  
Meeting for Sufferings - 1920-1928  
War & Social Order - 1915-1928
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Alfred B.

\* for reference to this accident, a fall down the liftshaft at Friends House, see report of Special Premises Committee in YM Proc 1927 p 185  
N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

THORNE, Matilda Gertrude (1870?-1959) born Knight

Matilda Gertrude Knight, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced, was born about the year 1870(1).

She was married in 1904 to Theodore Herbert Thorne (1872-1940 qv), a commercial traveller, but the marriage was apparently childless(2). She was not a member of the Society at the time of her marriage, but by 1923 she and her husband had moved to the Isle of Wight and she became a member of that meeting(3).

Matilda Gertrude Thorne of 12 Belvedere Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight, died on 1 March 1959, at the age of eighty nine(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 89 at death. Her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 For marriage see THORNE, Theodore Herbert (1872-1940)
- 3 Sussex, Surrey & Hants QM printed lists of members: she is shown as a member of the Isle of Wight Meeting in 1923, but not in 1922; she continued to be shown as a member, with her husband, until 1940, after which she is shown as alone until 1944. She does not appear in the printed list after 1944
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a widow

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

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THORNE, Phebe Anna, 1828-1909

b. Feb. 10, 1828 at Thorndale, Washington, Dutchess County, N.Y., daughter of Jonathan and Lydia (Corse) Thorne. Moved with her parents to live in New York City.

ed. school in Hester St. She was given much freedom and lived a gay life, but in 1860 she turned "plain".

Purchased her own home in New York. She spoke French fluently. Sometimes spoke in meeting and was acknowledged a minister, but never travelled. She was generous with her means. Bryn Mawr College was a beneficiary.

d. Aug. 25, 1909, in New York, aged 81 years.

Floyd, Phoebe Anna Thorne, Quakeress, (portraits)

**THORNE, Samuel (1765?-1837)**

Samuel Thorne, the son of George and Sarah Thorn of Stansted Mount Fitchet in Essex, was born about the year 1765(1).

He was a husbandman of Stansted Mount Fitchet(2) and was married in 1789 to Mary Wood (1767?-1830 qv) of Great Baddow in Essex(3); there were eleven children(4). Shortly after his marriage he became a farmer at Broomfield in Essex(5).

Samuel Thorne of Leeds died on 1 October 1837, at the age of seventy two(6).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Aged 72 at death. His birth is not traced in Essex QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Chelmsford on 10 December 1789: he is described as a husbandman of Stansted Mount Fitchet in Essex, the son of George and Sarah Thorn of Stansted Mount Fitchet; she is described as the daughter of George and Martha Wood of Great Baddow in Essex (Essex QM Marriages Digest )
- 4 Listed in Essex QM Births Digest as follows:-

Samuel	b 17 Oct 1790	m 1827 Phebe Ashby (London & Mddx QM Marriages)
*Mary	b 2 Feb 1792	
*George	b 21 Oct 1793	
*Robert	b 31 May 1795	
*Sarah	b 21 July 1798	
*Joseph	b 19 May 1800	
Rebecca	b 5 May 1802	m 1828 Joseph Linsley (Yorks QM Marriages Digest)
*William	b 19 June 1804	
James qv	b 18 June 1806	m 1833 Mary Ann Kemp (1804?-1867 qv) (London & Mddx QM Marriages Digest)
Charles	b 27 June 1808	m 1834 Hannah Overend (Yorks. QM Marriages Digest)
*Henry	b 13 July 1810	
- \*No marriages traced in Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1860
- After the birth of George in 1793 the family surname became Thorne
- 5 He is so described in the birth entries for all his children
- 6 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given. His wife was described as of Chelmsford at the time of her death in 1830. His son James was in Leeds at least as early as 1833, the year of his marriage

**SEE ALSO:-**

Annual Monitor 1839, p 46: 1 line entry for death

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

THORNE, Stephen James (1896-1968) V

Stephen J. Thorne was born in London on 18 April 1896, coming S2 from a strongly religious family who were Primitive Methodists. Leaving school at fourteen, his hopes of a Post Office career were ended by his Pacifist position during the first world war. As a Conscientious Objector he served 2½ years imprisonment in Wormwood Scrubs and Wandsworth prisons from 1916 to 1919. He joined Friends first of all in Mid-Somerset, and in London became a member of Holloway Meeting where he remained until 1932, serving as Elder and Overseer.

In 1925 he married Alice Battersby whom he had met three years previously at Woodbrooke. They had two children (1). After working with a pacifist-owned building firm for eight years, he spent the S2 years of the depression among miners unemployed miners in the Rhondda, where C.C. His building skills helped him to extend the Friends Allotment Scheme. His work between 1919 and 1937 helped him to form the basis of that extraordinarily wide knowledge of the Society and its ways which he was to develop as Recording Clerk.

In 1937 he was appointed Recording Clerk, at a time when the conception of the role was changing. More co-ordination between the different central committees was needed, and Stephen Thorne's early years were made far from easy by the resistance to change in some quarters. He was prevented from becoming a ruthless administrator, however, by his conviction that the administration was to serve a religious Society of Friends. He lived to see realized a large measure of the integration he had worked for.

By nature he was a fascinating mixture of conservative and radical, though he disliked half-measures; he rejoiced at a growing desire among Friends in the early 1950s for a complete revision of the Book of Discipline. His contribution to the revision of both the Christian Faith and Practice and Church Government is inestimable. For both revision committees he stood out as a man of intellectual strength and spiritual stature. His thinking of Christian citizenship is revealed in two addresses of his, given at the time of Yearly Meeting, which were expanded and printed: Oversight in our Changing Society (1959) and Conscience and Compulsory Service (1941).

Stephen Thorne's life was all of a piece, and the devotion and care which he showed towards his family was sustained by the same dependence on God as his work for the Society. Knowledge and counsel

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THORNE, Stephen James (1896-1968) continued

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were readily available from him. With an economy of words he would offer encouragement, or sometimes restraint. At other times his sense of fun would relieve an occasion. To some indeed he appeared formidable, but although often he appeared resistant to change, he was never hidebound by tradition. His ministry, carefully thought out, was never trivial, but of things that are eternal.

He died on 24 December 1968.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Devonshire House & Tottenham YM in YM Proc. 1969, p.179

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- (1) Listed in London & Middlesex YM printed list of members, 1950, p.91  
as follows: Patricia  
Michael B.

THORNE, Theodore Herbert (1872-1940)

Theodore Herbert Thorne, the son of Edwin Thorne (1837-1914 qv) and his wife Maria Bleckly (born Dell, 1839-1934 qv) of Headingley near Leeds, was born there on 27 December 1872(1).

He was educated at Sidcot School from 1883 to 1888 and after leaving school he became a commercial traveller(2).

He was married on 16 May 1904 at Upper Clapton, London, to Matilda Gertrude Knight (1870?-1959 qv), who was not in membership with the Society(3); the marriage was apparently childless(4). About 1923 they moved to Ryde in the Isle of Wight(5).

Theodore Herbert Thorne of 12 Belvedere Street, Ryde, died on 10 March 1940, at the age of sixty seven(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 206
- 3 Ibid: the marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 4 No children are traced in the Digest of Births or given in the Sidcot Register, loc cit
- 5 Sussex, Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members: they are shown as members of the Isle of Wight Meeting in 1923, but not in 1922
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a corn traveller, retired

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

THORNHILL, Elizabeth (1710-1786) born Burtt

Elizabeth Burtt, the daughter of John Burtt (1671?-1719 qv) and his second wife Sarah, born Toynbee, of Waddington, Bloxholme and Caythorpe, was born at Bloxholme on 21.ix.(November)1710(1). Her father died when she was about nine years old and her mother did not long survive him. John Burtt had appointed his nephew William Burtt (1685-1754? qv) of Welbourn and John Massey ( -1741/2 qv) of Sutton as guardians to his children and the task devolved upon William Burtt, who moved from Welbourn to Caythorpe, where for several years he had charge of the farm and business affairs of his late uncle and the care of his young cousins.

Elizabeth was married in 1731 to Robert Thornhill of Gainsborough(2), a staymaker(3) and a minister of the Society; there were three children of the marriage(4).

Elizabeth Thornhill died on 19 November 1786(5), in her seventy sixth year.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Mary Bowen Burtt, The Burtts, a Lincolnshire Quaker Family, 1500-1900, Hull 1937, pp 79, 85

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Gainsborough on 30 ii (April)1731: they are both described as of Gainsborough and no further details are given (Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 He is so described in his wife's burial entry, note 5
- 4 Listed in Lincolnshire QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

John	b 24 viii (Oct)1732	no further trace in 1976
Elizabeth	b 19 xi 1738 (i.e.Jan 1738/9)	no further trace in 1976
Mary	b 13 vii (Sept)1741	who d 4 May 1792
- 5 Lincolnshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Robert, a staymaker

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