WBE:

BROOKE, Mary (Matthews), 1734-1808 .

b. 1734, near Monoquacy, Md., dau. of Matthews. Orphan.

1752-1755, mostly in N. C. ca. 1755, returned to Monoquacy, Md.

m., ca. 1755, Roger Brooke of Sandy Spring, Md.

ca. 1755, minister. 1758, with Sarah Janney, John Hough and William Matthews, made visits to families of Fairfax Mo. Mtg. 1793, with Margaret Elgar to Va. 1801? with Margaret Elgar to N. J., Pa., and N. Y.

Had innocent cheerfulness.

d. 25 Apr. 1808, bur. Sandy Spring, Md., in her 73d year.

Baltimore Y. Mtg. Memorials, 1833, p. 69.

Comly, Friends Misc., 2:174, 10:297.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:323.

WBE:

BROOKE, Mary (Coffin), 1833-1926.

b. 23 Feb., 1833, Chatham, Columbia Co., N. Y., dau. John and Clarissa (Finch) Coffin. Grandfather came from Nantucket.

As a girl helped her father with his bees and lambs. Taught herself to read. Attended public school.

Taught school at Chatham. 1854, began 11 years' teaching at Fair Hill Boarding School, Sandy Spring, Md. 1866, made a western journey with her parents, visiting relatives in Michigan, Iowa and Illinois. 1867, taught in public school, Sandy Spring. 1867-1871, taught in Caroline Miller's School, "Stahmore."

m., 1871, William S. Brooke (d. 1902). Still taught children.

1903, went to the Philippines, with her husband's daughter, Carrie. 1904, went to Japan. 1906, sailed for U. S. A. 1907, resided in New York City, then went to Metuchen, N. J. A neglected farm was made productive. Chickens were raised. Then mushrooms weregrown.

A very successful and much loved teacher.

Her affiliation and philosphy of life was that of Race St. Friends.

Pneumonia. d. 26 Mar. 1926, St. Louis, Mo., aged 93.

Brooke, Memories of eighty years, 1916 (portrait).

Friends Intelligencer, 83(1926):275.

BROOKING, Amy (1708-1783) after Debell

[Amy Brooking, daughter of Isaac Brooking ( - )
and his wife Hannah (born )

BROOKHOUSE? Edith Mary (1885?-1960) born

Edith Mary Brookhouse died on 27 January 1960, aged 75. She and her husband, Frank Brookhouse, settled upon his retirement at Chewton Lodge, Keynsham. She served for a number of years on the Friends Service Council as Quarterly Meeting representative. She never knew her own parents, and was brought up as a Roman Catholic. For marrying outside the church and leaving it she was excommunicated and disinherited. With her eldest daughter and husband, she joined Friends at Stafford in 1931.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.118 (1960) p.861

BROOKS, Ann (1799?-1884) born Wright

Ann Wright, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the daughter of David and Ann Wright of Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk and was born about the year 1799(1).

She was married in 1828 to Edmund Brooks (1803?-1893 qv), a baker of Melksham in Wiltshire and there were two children(2).

Ann Brooks of Grays in Essex died on 5 January 1884, at the age of eighty five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 85 at death: her birth is not traced in Suffolk QM Births Digest *
2 For marriage and children see BROOKS, Edmund (1803?-1893)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Edmund

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

* she was the daughter of David (1774?-1857 qv) and Ann (born 1778?-1827 qv) Wright

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WBE:

BROOKS, Deborah, 1830-1895.

SEE WEBB, Deborah, nee Brooks, 1830-1895.

BROOKS, Edmund (1803?-1893)

Edmund Brooks, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Brooks of Denver in Norfolk and was born about the year 1803(1).

He became a baker at Melksham in Wiltshire(2) and was married in 1828 to Ann Wright (1799?-1884 qv) of Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk(3); there were two children(4).

Edmund Brooks of Grays in Essex died on 21 July 1893, at the age of ninety(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 90 at death: his birth is not traced in Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Bury St Edmunds on 19 June 1828: he is described as a baker of Melksham, Wiltshire, the son of Robert and Elizabeth Brooks of Denver in the county of Norfolk; she is described as the daughter of David and Ann Wright of Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk (Suffolk QM Marriages Digest)
4 Listed in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest and in the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| David | b 16 Jan 1830 | d 13 June 1861, aged 32 |
| Edmund Wright qv | b 29 Sept 1834 | m 1859 Lucy Ann Marsh (1835-1926 qv) |

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

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BROOKS, Edmund Wright (1834-1928)

Edmund Wright Brooks, the son of Edmund Brooks ( - ) and his wife Ann (born ) of Melksham in Wiltshire, was born there on 29 September 1834(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1844 to 1849(2). On leaving school he entered the engineering works of John Fowler & Co at Leeds and although he started with no advantages beyond what a sound education could give him, he was able to build up a solid position in the firm and to take a leading part in the engineering industry. Until he was fifty seven he was fully occupied in building up an extensive business. When pressure of work required it he would work with his men and was at all times concerned for their welfare, making them feel a mutual interest in the progress of the firm.

He was married in 1859 to Lucy Ann Marsh (1835-1926 qv) of Kingston in Surrey(3) and there were ten children(4). About 1870 the family moved to Grays in Essex(5).

His first prominent service to the Society was in 1891, when owing to his knowledge of Russian and his business ability he was asked by Meeting for Sufferings to visit Russia and investigate the reported famine there and subsequently to distribute aid to the starving peasants. This was at a time when he had just been adopted as Liberal candidate for the South East Division of Essex and when his business occupied a great deal of his time, but he had great sympathy for the plight of suffering humanity and he spared no efforts on their behalf. In 1890 and 1897 he was deeply concerned, with Georgina King Lewis, John Bellows (1831-1902 ~~1895~~ qv) and others in the relief of Bulgarian victims of Turkish misrule. His address to London Yearly Meeting in 1897 was most moving in its description of their bitter need. The persecution of the Dukhobors in Russia also aroused his sympathy and he was one of the leading spirits of the committee of Meeting for Sufferings which arranged for their emigration, first to Cyprus and then to Canada.

In 1895 he and Thomas W.Marsh (1833-1902 qv) were received by the Tsar of Russia, before whom he pleaded the cause of religious dissenters in that country, suffering from the oppression of the State Church. He was one of the founders of the Friends' Industrial Mission at Pemba. He served with distinction on many committees of the Society(6) and during the first world war he was keenly interested in the work of the War Victims Relief Committee, of which he was one of the treasurers and for two years chairman of its executive. He was a convinced supporter of temperance, having signed the pledge when he was only six years old.

In his early years he was secretary of the British School at Guildford and , later, first chairman of the Grays School Board, a governor of Palmer's Endowed School at Grays and for a time a member of Ackworth

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School Committee. All his life he took a keen interest in education and his public work also involved him in local government and in many philanthropic undertakings. For thirty years he was a magistrate for the county of Essex. He lived at Grays for nearly sixty years and served the town and county well.

Long before there was a meeting house at Grays he held meetings for worship with his family in his own house and continued to worship in this way until the close of his life. He studied to show himself approved of God and his ministry lay not in the spoken word, but in his sympathetic service to all men, whether at home or abroad.

His wife died after sixty seven years of perfect marriage and he never recovered from her loss. Edmund Wright Brooks of Duvals, Grays in Essex died on 21 June 1928, in his ninety fourth year(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 68 (1928) pp 635-637 (portrait)
Testimony of Ratcliff & Barking MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1929, pp 187-190

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: his father is described as a warehouseman
2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 28
3 The wedding was at Kingston on 29 June 1859: he is described as a bachelor, an engineer of Esher, the son of Edmund Brooks, a farmer; she is described as a spinster of Kingston, the daughter of Richard Marsh, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths and in Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 28 as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Herbert Edmund | b 18 May 1860 | |
| *Alfred | b 9 Nov 1861 | resigned his membership 1915 |
| Edith Annie | b 9 Feb 1863 | d 22 June 1890 |
| *Charles | b 1 Aug 1864 | resigned his membership 1886 |
| Lucy Ellen | b 3 Sept 1866 | m 1889 Ernest C.Fry (1861-1934 qv) |
| Howard | b 8 May 1868 | m 1891 Maria Louise Gilpin (1866-1930 qv) |
| Ethel Mary | b 17 April 1870 | m 1894 Alfred Parker |
| Mabel Winifred qv | b 11 Nov 1872 | m 1897 Henry J.Simpson (1868-1938 qv) |
| *Gertrude | b 12 Feb 1875 | resigned her membership 1915 |
| *Florence | b 22 March 1877 | resigned her membership 1915 |

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1925
The resignations are taken from Ratcliff & Barking MM Members' Register

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BROOKS, Edmund Wright (1834-1928)

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

5 Certificate from Dorking, Horsham & Guildford MM for Edmund and Lucy Ann Brooks and their first seven children accepted by Ratcliff & Barking MM 15 September 1870 (Ratcliff & Barking MM Members' Register)

6 Friends House Library Typescript Committee Lists as follows:-

Meeting for Sufferings - 1892-1927
Anti-slavery - 1915 or earlier
Armenia - 1924-
FFMA - 1896-1904: 1918-1927
Home Service
League of Nations watching - 1921-
War Victims Relief (1914) - 1915 or earlier to 1924

7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a cement manufacturer (retired)
The Testimony gives the date of his death as 22 June 1928

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 4, p 127: vol 14, p 90: vol 49, p 18

The Friend vol 32 (1892) p 54

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WBE:

BROOKS, Edmund Wright, 1834-1928.

b. 1834, Melksham.

ed. Sidcot School.

Entered the engineering works of John Fowler and Co., Leeds.

m.

1891, as he knew Russian was sent to Russia to report on famine conditions. 1895, was received by the Tsar of Russia, and pled the cause of religious dissenters. 1896-97, with Georgia King Lewis and John Bellows was concerned in relief of Bulgarian sufferers. He worked for the Dukhobors. Magistrate for Essex, 34 years. Learned to speak French, German, Italian, Spanish, as well as Russian.

Justice for sufferers.

d. 22 June 1928, Duvals, Grays, Essex, in his 94th year.

The Friend (London), 32(1892):54 (portrait), 68(1928):600, 635 (portrait).

BROOKS, Edward (1618?-1698)

Edward Brooks resided in the parish of 'Giles in the Fields, Mdx' at his marriage with Martha Hill in 1665. He was a grocer and in 1670 had shop goods taken away to the value of £7 for fines for meeting at Westminster.

Christian Progress p.521
Suff.

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p;326

Erica May Brooks is in the London & Middlesex QM printed list of members for 1925 but not in that for 1930; Freda Wright Brooks in that for

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BROOKS, Mabel Winifred (1872-1911) after 1897 Simpson

[Mabel Winifred Brooks, daughter of Edmund Wright Brooks (1834-1928 qv) and his wife Lucy Ann (born Marsh, qv) of Grays in Essex, was married in 1897 to Henry Jeffrey Simpson (1868-1938 qv).

See SIMPSON, Mabel Winifred (1872-1911) born Brooks ]

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BROOKSOP, Joan(e) or Jone, -1680 or 1681.

see BROCKSOPP, Joan(e) or Jone, -1680 or 1681.

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BROOMALL, Anna Elizabeth, 1847-1931

Obstetrician; medical educator.

b. 4 Mar. 1847, Upper Chichester Township, Del. Co., Pa., dau. John Martin Broomall and w. Elizabeth (Booth).

ed.: private school in Chester; Kennett Academy (Kennett Square); Bristol Boarding School (Bristol; graduated 1866). 1866, entered Woman's Medical Coll., Phila. 1869, one of first women med. students admitted to clinics at Penna. Hosp., 1871, received M.D.; worked one year at Woman's Hosp., Phila. 1872-5, travelled to Vienna, later Paris, to study diseases of skin, nose, throat, and afterwards obstetrics.

1875-83, chief resident physician at Woman's Medical Coll. (c. 1879-1903 filled Chair of Obstetrics there). 1883, appointed gynecologist to Friends' Asylum for the Insane; opened private office. 1892, admitted to mem. in Phila. Obstetrical Society. 1903, retired from medical practice.

1904, moved to Chester, Pa. Devoted time to historical work; served as curator of their museum for Del. Co. Historical Society from 1923 to her death.

Mem.: Del. Co. Institute of Science; Del. Co. Botanical Society.

Slender, dressed in "simple black of the Quaker;" brisk, dramatic lecturer; imbued with sense of obstetrician's responsibility.

Among Dr. Broomall's publications, the following are especially significant: 1878, "The Operation of Episiotomy as a Prevention of Perineal Rupture during Labor;" 1893, "Three Cases of Symphysiotomy, with One Death from Sepsis." In

WBE:a

BROOMALL, Anna Elizabeth, 1847-1931 cont'd.

1902, compiled Street Scenes in Philadelphia.

d. 4 Apr. 1931, after a year's illness with septic bladder. Body cremated; ashes placed in Broomall plot, Media, Pa. Cemetery.

James, Edward T., ed. Notable American Women, 1:246-7.

Alsop, Gulielma, History of the Woman's Medical College, 1950.

National Union Catalog, Pre-1956 Imprints, 78:270.

WBE:
~~(prepared by JB)~~

BROOMELL, Bertha L., 1874-1951

b.

ed. Swarthmore College, 1894.

Taught at Abington Friends School, Locust Valley Friends' Academy, Wilmington Friends School, Friends Central and George School.

Retired to care for her dying parents in Baltimore.

Worked in the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Ministry and Counsel of her Meeting, and the American Friends Service Committee.

1931, clerk of Baltimore Yearly Mtg. (Friends General Conference)

d. May 7, 1951, Baltimore, Md., aged 78 years.

Elliott, Errol T., Quakers on the American Frontier, 389.

Frds'. Intell.,108(1951):303

BROOMHALL, Benjamin (1829-1911) nm

'Born in 1829...'Benjamin Broomhall'...was the eldest of a family of eight. As an apprentice in Barnsley, he was converted to God. In 1859, he married Amelia Hudson Taylor (who survives him), and in 1875 became associated with his brother-in-law Hudson Taylor in the work of the China Inland Mission. During his twnety years' Secretaryship of the Mission its membership rose from 38 to 630. On resigning that position in 1895, B. Broomhall devoted his whole energies and great powers, as editor of National Righteousness and as honorary Secretary of the Christian Union for bringing about the termination of the Indo-Chinese opium traffic. The story of the work is strikingly told by Dr. James L. Maxwell in the new issue of that organ.

'In 1888, the first great International Missionary Conference was held in London. The Executive Committee which had the arrangement of the Conference programme, included representatives of the various missionary societies. On it were two men -- Benjamin Broomhall and Dr. Maxwell -- on whose hearts had been laid the sin of the opium traffic, and who earnestly desired that at such a Conference there might be a clear and definite pronouncement against the traffic, such as would prove influential in high quarters. By a majority, however, the Executive decided that the subject was too dangerous for a missionary conference to touch. But the two anti-opiumists, though sad at heart, resolved not to accept the Executive's decision without an appeal to the larger body. So an appeal was sent to every member of the General Committee asking that the subject might be placed on the programme. The result was that when the General Committee met on the day of the opening of the Conference, the appeal was upheld; and as the work of the Conference was then fully mapped out, it was resolved to add another day on which the opium trade and allied evils might be discussed and resolutions ~~xxxx~~ presented. A crowded Exeter Hall meeting showed the general interest of the Conference and of the public, and appropriate resolutions were passed.

'Six days later, the Christian Union was formed. It was, says Dr. Maxwell, Mr. Broomhall's keen perception of the secret of the weakness of the anti-opium movement, in the ignorance and apathy of the churches, that lay behind this new effort. The publication of a magazine for the purpose of educating the churches was the next thing; and thus for 23 years, the Christian Union and its organ National Righteousness have been at work. With what result? "Looking only at the Churches, what church is there to-day which has not responded to our leader's herculean endeavours? All over the country an immense number of individual congregations have answered to the call, and by petitions and memorials have revealed to Government a widespread feeling of shame and of earnest opposition to

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~~BROMHALL~~, Benjamin (1829-1911) nm continued

the trade. And perhaps even more important, for quite a number of years past the annual ecclesiastical Assemblies and Synods and Unions and Councils have issued a series of deliverances which have showed increasingly that the position was becoming quite intolerable." "It may be said without hesitation that, as the result of these 23 years of unceasing prayer and endeavour, all the churches of the country have been brought into

BROOKS, Howard (1868-1948) continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES (cont)

1930 but not in that for 1935

6 The eldest child (1891) was born at Grays, the second (1894) at Stamford Hill and the two youngest (1900-2) at St Albans. HB's parents-in-law, Edmund Octavius Gilpin (1831-1909 qv) and Margaret Ann Gilpin (born Binns, 1841-1909 qv) had settled in the 1890s at Stamford Hill and, by 1898, at St Albans

7 A certificate from Luton & Leighton MM was accepted by Kingston MM 17 April 1912 (Kingston MM Register of Members). The address is given in the 1913 London & Middlesex QM printed list of members p 70 as Pineholm, Ellesmere road, Weybridge

8 M.M. Bates and J.M. Henderson (eds), Miss Gilpin and The Hall School, 1949, p 5. On her retirement at the end of the autumn term 1934 the school was carried on by her niece Monica Brooks (Bates and Henderson, op cit, p 7)

9 YM Proc 1933 p 174, 1938 p 224; typescript index of clerks, Friends House Library

10 Typescript committee index, Friends House Library

11 Bates and Henderson, op cit, p 7

12 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of Holy Cross House, Bruford, Wincanton, Somerset, retired

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

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WBE:a

BROSIUS, Augustus, c. 1840-1925.

b. c. 1840,

A Hicksite Friend

m. Mary J. (d. 1931)

c. 1869, became an Indian agent in Grant's Peace POlicy. Well-known in his field among Hicksites.

Lived in Chatham, Pa., after retiring from Indian work.

d. 30 Jan. 1925, Avondale, Pa., in his 85th year.

Friends Intell. 88(1931):197.

Friends Intell. 75(1918):686.

Friends Intell. 82(1925):137.

Kelsey, Friends and the Indians, 190n.

Johnson, Under Quaker Appointment, 75.

BROUGH, Elizabeth (1792?-1876) after 1819 Heath

BROTHERTON, Mary (1726?-1782) aftw. Brook

[Mary Brotherton, the daughter of William Brotherton and his wife Mary (nee ) was married in 1759 to Joseph Brook.

see BROOK, Mary (1726?-1782) born Brotherton]

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BROWN, Abraham

Mansfield, N. J.

Became blind. Removed to Burlington, N. J.

Minister. Preached with much fervency.

d. ca. 1740, Burlington, N. J.

John Smith's ms., 1:328.

WBE
Additional references
BROWN, Ada (1867-1942) aftw. Salter

BROWN, Ada, afterwards Salter, c.1867-1942

[Ada Brown, daughter of Samuel Brown and his wife
see (nee ) was married
in 1900 to Dr. Alfred Salter
Salter, Ada, nee Brown, c.1867-1942

see SALTER, Ada (1967-1942) born Brown ]

BROWN, Alfred (1809-1871)

Alfred Brown, the son of William Brown ( - ) and his wife Ann (born ) of Hanwell in Middlesex, was born there on 25 December 1809(1).

He became a baker at Clapham in Surrey(2) and was married in 1832 to Anna Harrison (1810-1893 qv) of London(3); there was one child(4). They lived at Clapham for about three years, but during their early married life they suffered illness and business reverses, which they bore in mutual love, with courage and fortitude(5). Later in life Alfred Brown became a paper stainer(6).

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~~BROMHALL~~, Benjamin (1829-1911) nm continued

the trade. And perhaps even more important, for quite a number of years past the annual ecclesiastical Assemblies and Synods and Unions and Councils have issued a series of deliverances which have showed increasingly that the position was becoming quite intolerable." "It may be said without hesitation that, as the result of these 23 years of unceasing prayer and endeavour, all the churches of the country have been brought into line on the subject of the opium trade, with the result that at the World's Missionary Conference in 1910 it was a singularly unanimous judgment, and one which represented all the churches, condemning the trade and appealing to the British Government to bring it to a close. It is well known that that united judgment and appeal exercised a powerful influence on the action of the Government."

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.51 (1911) p.432

BROWN, Alfred (1831?-1899)

Alfred Brown, of Western Quarterly Meeting, died at Naples, where he had gone for his health. He had been Clerk of Western Quarterly Meeting and was a member of the Home Mission Committee and a recorded minister.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.39 (1899) p.26

BROWN, Alfred Barratt (1887-1947)
Should be
Barratt-Brown, alfred.

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Alfred Barratt Brown, second son of Alfred Kemp and Emma Brown, was born on 31.12.1887, in Leeds. He was educated at Bootham School, Bristol and Merton College, Oxford, then becoming a Student Lecturer at Woodbrooke, and Warden of Holland House. In 1912 he married Doris Eileen Cockshott. December

In the 1914/18 war he was three times imprisoned as an absolute pacifist, including a sentence as joint author of a leaflet which contravened the Defence of the Realm Act.

In 1921 he became Vice-Principal and later Principal of Ruskin College, Oxford, a post he filled until his retirement in 1944. This work satisfied both his concern for Adult Education and his interest in social and political reforms. In 1938 he gave the Swarthmore Lecture on the subject of 'Democratic Leadership'

He was a loyal and active Friend and regularly attended Oxford Meeting for Worship. In 1936 he became secretary of the Flounders Trust. Among other writings he produced "The Machine and the Worker", "The Universal Light" and, with John W.Harvey, "The Naturalness of Religion."

During the second war he became Regional Welfare Officer in the Ministry of Labour, and when Ruskin College was reopened he resigned as Principal and continued his work in the Region until 1947, when he took up a post as Educational Adviser under the Community Education Trust.

'Throughout his undergraduate days he regularly attended Meeting for Worship at Oxford; and later, while he lived in and near Oxford, he and his wife entered fully into the life of the Meeting and were among its most valued members. As a Minister his contributions were short and pregnant, illuminated by his sensitive appreciation of literature, art and life. He grew more and more to value the reverent waiting upon God which is the basis of the Quaker Meeting for Worship, and increasingly concerned lest this should be impaired by too hasty or ill-considered utterance.'

He died 2.10.1947 October

Testimony of Berks & Oxon Q.M., in Y.M.Proc. 1948, p.227

WBE:
Additional information: 3

BROWN, Alfred Barratt, 1887-1947.

Mother was Emma (Barratt) Brown.

Lecturer at Woodbrooke from 1912 to 1921.

Children.

Repudiated the "dualism" of George Fox, Robert Barclay and early Friends, and viewed the "natural" and "supernatural" as "conjunct."

"We welcome the outward changes in the arrangements of seating in Friends Mtgs., and we hope that Friends who share our views will consistently uphold a 'testimony against galleries,' by courteously declining any invitation to sit 'facing the meeting,' either in their own localities or when visiting other meetings."

Labour party.

The universal light was published at Harrowgate, 1905; The naturalness of religion, London, 1929. Other writings: review of Braithwaite, The Second Period of Quakerism, in Friends Intelligencer, 77(1920):97; Democratic Leadership (Swarthmore Lecture), London, 1938.

d. Newport, Mon.

The Friend (London), 66(1926):85 (portrait), 105(1947):818.
The Friend (Phila.), 102:193.
Brown and Harvey, The naturalness of religion, 1929.

BROWN, Alfred Henry (1860-1932)

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Alfred Henry Brown, the fifth child of Charles Brown (1816-1864 qv) and his second wife Emily (born Spence, 1827-1904 qv) of North Shields, was born there on 3 March 1860(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1871 to 1874, where he played in the first XI football team, (2), and at Oliver's Mount, Scarborough. He was obliged to leave school at the age of fourteen in order to help his widowed mother and went into a bank in York. He organised a very successful men's class, which he held in the kitchen of his home. Soon afterwards he was offered a better position in a bank at Luton, where he worked devotedly for the Adult School movement.

He was married in 1885 to Isabel Ursula Macdonnell(3) and there were ~~apparently~~ two children(4). In 1893 he became financial manager of the engineering works of his brothers-in-law James and Henry Adams and later he helped to open new branches in Leeds, Newcastle and London. From 1900 to 1903 he was a member of Rawden Urban District Council(5). His wife died in 1912; he felt her death deeply and having a small but sufficient income he decided to make a change in his life and offered his services to the Society. Between 1912 and 1918 he travelled widely; he paid three visits to Australia, on the first of which, in 1912, he was deputed by English Friends to help Australian Friends in their opposition to the Defence Acts(6). He also journeyed to South Africa, Japan, China, Russia, America, New Zealand and Tasmania at a time when travel could not have been easy.

In Australia he tried to open the way for Japanese immigration and in the northern part of the continent he was in virtually unknown territory. His only companions were the native aborigines, with whom he lived on terms of absolute trust and fellowship; he had a complete understanding of their difficulties and his reaction to them was based upon his lifelong and fearless Christian principles.

At one time during the first world war he acted as superintendent of Hobart School, steering it through a difficult period when he had to resist the order of the authorities to institute an O.T.C. He always trusted people to act rightly and in accordance with his principles abolished all punishment at the school. Back in London, he helped organise the stores department of the Friends' War Victims Relief Committee. After the war, he was asked to work for the Bedford Institute and undertook further service as chairman of the Board of Guardians, taking a great interest in their Children's Home at Leytonstone.

He died at Golders Green on 14 April 1932, at the age of seventy two(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 90 (1932) p 338

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a miller
2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 72
3 Ibid: her name is given as Macdonald and the marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages *
4 Bootham School Register 1935, p 72 lists the following:-
   Ursula b 1886 who d 1886
   Kenneth b 1887
   The births are not traced in the Digest of Births
5 Bootham School Register 1935, p 72
6 The Friend, vol 52 (1912) p 661 (portrait)
7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired works manager

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

* It is, however, correctly spelt Macdonnell in the entry in Bootham register for his son Kenneth. The marriage was on 22 January 1885 at St Maurice's, York: she is described as daughter of the late Alexander Macdonnell, of Islay, Argyle (Friend ns vol 25 (1885) p 48)

+ In the 1899 Yorkshire QM printed list of members he is shown as a member of Rawdon meeting, but his name is not printed sv Rawdon in the 1904 list

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BROWN, Alfred Kemp (1850-1925)

Alfred Kemp Brown was born 26 December 1850 (1). He was the eldest surviving son of Henry and Benjamina Brown, of Norwich and nephew both of Isaac Brown and of Caleb R. Kemp. 'Educated at Ackworth and Bootham, he chose the career of a teacher, and pursued his training at the Flounders Institute, University College, London, and Heidelberg University. He received the degrees of B.A. of London University in 1871, and M.A. in 1890, remaining a keen student to the end of his days.

'In 1912 he achieved what was perhaps a 'record' by sitting for and obtaining the degree of Bachelor of Divinity at the age of 62. For this degree a knowledge of Hebrew is essential, but this was no obstacle to A. K. Brown. Languages were his hobby--not only Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and to some extent Sanscrit, but those of modern Europe, in a number of which, including the Scandinavian languages, he could converse with some freedom...He greatly enjoyed foreign travel, being an excellent sailor, and visited Egypt, Palestine, India, Australia, and the United States, as well as making frequent journeys to the Continent. In 1908, on the news of the death at Hobart of Godfrey J. Williams, his elder daughter's husband, he and his younger daughter sailed for Tasmania at about two days' notice.

'He was married in 1883 to Emma Barratt at Stocketon-on-Tees, and for some years carried on a private school at Headingley, Leeds. From there in 1889 he removed, on account of his wife's health, to Clevedon and afterwards to Bristol. After her death in 1905, he resided for some time at Golder's Green, removing temporarily to Letchworth in 1914, whither he returned in 1922. While at Leeds he was "recorded" as a Minister in the Society of Friends, and he frequently travelled in the work of the ministry. In 1917, during the war, he crossed the Atlantic to attend the American Five Years Meeting. Quite recently he paid several visits to Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. On his last visit to Norway he gave addresses on Peace, on George Fox, and on the Clash of Colour, the audiences numbering from two to five hundred.'

He left three children -- A. Barratt Brown, of Ruskin College, Oxford, Edith M. Whitney, and M. Kathleen Davies.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.65 (1925) p.1137

SEE ALSO:

The Friend, vol.65 (1925) p.1168

Bootham School Register (1935) p.72

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

(1) Digest of Birth Notes

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BROWN, Alfred Kemp, 1850-1925.

b. 1850, Norwich, Eng., s. Henry and Benjamina Brown.

ed. Ackworth and Bootham. Training at Flounders Institute, University College, London; Heidelburg Univ., Germany.

m., 1883, Emma Barrett (d. 1905). 1 son, 2 dau.

Had a private school at Leeds. 1889, moved to Clevedon; later to Bristol.

Minister. Evangelical in the best sense.

Languages were his hobby. Enjoyed foreign travel and visited Egypt, Palestine, India, Australia and the United States, as well as trips on the continent. He bore his load of learning very lightly.

Author: Sacraments, A Quaker View, 1924.

Fatigued by a journey to Norway. d. 4 Dec. 1925, Letchworth, aged ca. 75.

The Friend (London), 65(1925):1137 (portrait), 1168.

BROWN, Alfred William (1859-1891) 24

Alfred W. Brown, son of William Wright (1830-1901, qv) and Mary (born Burlingham) Brown of Evesham, was born there on 12 December 1859 (1). He was educated at home at Evesham until 1871, and then went to school at Weston-super-Mare and Scarborough, where he developed his keen interest in drawing, especially flowers, and nature. After leaving school, he went to Gloucester to acquire business habits with J. Sessions & Son.

In 1878 (2) he was asked to attend some tent meetings in Evesham conducted by T.E. Cleworth of the Evangelization Society. At the meeting on Sunday 8 ~~October~~ September he had an experience of conversion. He became a frequent minister in Gloucester meeting and also preached in the streets. With the consent of Gloucester PM he also held meetings in Painswick meeting house. His interests, at this time, took in the Band of Hope and other missions as well. He was active in raising funds for Sherbourne Street Mission Room at Gloucester.

In 1880 he returned to Evesham. His gift as a minister was recognised and in 1884 he was recorded, as probably the youngest English minister known. In 1881 he had reluctantly entered his father's business. Although his heart was not in it, he did his part efficiently. He started an adult Bible class and a Young Friends meeting, and was deeply concerned with peace.

He died after meeting for worship on 23 March 1891 aged 32.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1892 pp22-34

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Birth Notes: no description of his father is given
2 Annual monitor p.22 gives date 1868 in error: cf p.24

WBE:
Additional information:

BROWN, Alfred William, 1859-1891.

b. 12 Dec. 1859, Evesham, Eng., s. William W. and Mary Brown.

ed. at home. 1871, Weston-super-Mare. Scarborough.

Placed with J. Sessions and Sons, Gloucester. 1881, returned to Evesham and entered his father's business.

1868, had a deep religious experience. He was an earnest Bible student. 1884, recorded as a minister. Active in Adult Schools.

Author: Evesham Friends in the Olden Time; a History of Evesham Mo. Mtg. of the Society of Friends, . . , London, 1885.

1891, had a prospect of marriage, when a severe attack of mental depression overtook him.

d. 23 Mar. 1891, "Cotswold House," Evesham, aged 31.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 50(1892):22.

Jos. Smith's Cat., suppl.:69.

The Friend(London), 31(1891):99.

In memoriam A. W. B.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7678.

BROWN, Alice Marion (1868-1929) after 1895 Alletson

[Alice Marion Brown, daughter of Henry Brown (1844-1926 qv) and his wife Emma Jemima (born Arkinstall, 1839-1916 qv) of Paris and Birmingham, was married in 1895 to William Alletson (1867?-1950 qv) of Northop in Flintshire.

See ALLETSON, Alice Marion (1868-1929) born Brown ]

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Additional references

BROWN, Ada, afterwards Salter, c.1867-1942

see

Salter, Ada, nee Brown, c.1867-1942

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BROWN, Amelia (1787-1849) born Davis

Amelia Brown was the daughter of Joseph and Lydia Davis of Painswick where she was born on 26 July 1787. After some exercise she appeared in the ministry in 1818 and was recorded by Nailsworth Monthly Meeting in October 1827.

In 1831 she married Richard Marks Brown and became a member of Albans M.M. She travelled in the ministry at different times, visiting the midland and western counties and part of Yorkshire.

In the summer of 1848 her health began to decline but the following summer she was able to resume attendance at meetings for worship, attending for the last time and appearing in supplication on 25 November 1849. Shortly afterwards she was seized with paralysis and died on 7 December 1849, aged 62 years. Her body was interred in Friends Burial Ground at Painswick.

Testimony of Albans M.M. in Testimonies 1850, p.40

WBE:
Additional information:

BROWN, Amelia, 1787-1849.

b. Painswick, Gloucestershire.

WBE:

BROWN, Albert J., 1865-1922.

b. 15 Dec. 1865, College Corner, Union Co., Ind.

ed. at County schools, High School at New London, Univ. of Ind., and Leland Stanford Univ., Calif, where he received an M. A.

Pastorate at West Newton, Ind., later in Indianapolis for five years.

m. Two sons, two daughters.

Taught in country schools. 1903, president of Wilmington College for ten years. Took business position with the Farquhar Heating and Ventilating Co. 1892, sent by U. S. govt, to Alaska, to make ethnographical survey. 1919-1920, to Saxony, Germany, for feeding 120,000 children.

In demand as platform speaker.

1918-24 Clerk of Western Y. Mtg. Was helpful at Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa. Pastor at Marion, Ind., and was stricken while preaching.

d. 1922, Marion? Ind., aged ca. 57.

1908-15, CLERK, WILMINGTON Y. MTG., (RB)

The Am. Friend, 10(1922):300 (portrait).
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BROWN, Ann (1758-1838) after 1782 Ransom

[Ann Brown, daughter of William and Ruth Brown of Ampthill, Bedfordshire, was married in 1782 to John Ransom (1749-1828) of Hitchin.

see RANSOM, Ann (1759-1838) born Brown ]

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BROWN, Ann Bevington (1834-1908) after 1859 Burtt

[Ann Bevington Brown, daughter of Gopsill Brown (1798-1867 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Bevington, of Gloucester, was married in 1859 to John Bowen Burtt (1833-1902 qv) of Kettering in Northamptonshire.

See BURTT, Ann Bevington (1834-1908) born Brown ]

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BROWN, Ann Groome (1839-1902)

Ann Groome Brown was born 4 December 1839 (1). 'An Ackworth scholar and teacher, Ann G. Brown devoted the best years of her life to the interests of the Friends' School at Croydon and Saffron Waldon, where from 1871 to 1894 she held the position of first class teacher to the girls, her work including the management and direction of the girls' side.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.42 (1902) p.299

BROWN, Anne Ogden (1828-1915) after 1862 ~~after~~ Boyce

[ Anne Ogden Brown, daughter of William and Sarah (born Richardson) Brown was married in 1862 to George Boyce

see BOYCE, Anne Ogden (1828-1915) born Brown ]

BROWN, Anna (1810-1893) born Harrison

Anna Harrison, daughter of Barnard and Mary Harrison, was born in Spitalfields on 1 April 1810 (1). She was left an orphan at the age of 17. She kept house for her brother-in-law Thomas Bax until her marriage to Alfred Brown in 1832 (2) they had one daughter (3). She and her husband lived at Clapham for about three years, and during their early married life suffered illness and reverse in business, borne with "unfaltering love to one another and with courage and fortitude in meeting the inevitable changes that they brought".

She was appointed an Overseer in 1845 and, in addition to undertaking much visiting of members of her Meeting, took great interest in the establishment at Gracechurch Street of the Fourth-day evening Meeting in about 1851, intended especially for men in business. About 1864 she was appointed an Elder.

Her husband died in 1871 (4). In 1876 she moved to Hammersmith, and she and her son-in-law Henry T. Bayes took a great interest in the re-establishment of Hammersmith Meeting. Later, on the death of Henry Bayes in 1883 (5) she lived with her daughter, Mary Ann Bayes, and "entered with all her loving sympathy into the family life and interests of her daughter and grandchildren". She was a "tender and sympathising friend" and a "wise and conscientious adviser"; indeed, "sympathy, sound advice and religious counsel privately given were pre-eminently her gifts and were the service that she rendered faithfully to the Church and its members".

She remained alert to all that went on around her and kept abreast of the times, bearing the gradual decline of life with "resigned acquiescence in her Father's will", and died on 23 February 1893 aged nearly 83.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Annual monitor, 1894, p.38.

REFERENCES AND NOTES
1. London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: Annual monitor erroneously gives year of birth as 1811.
2. The marriage was at Devonshire House on 17 July 1832: he is described as of Clapham, co. of Surrey, baker, son of William and Ann Brown; she is described as daughter of Barnard and Mary Harrison, late of Bishopsgate Street, City of London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest).
3. Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest and in Digest of Marriage Registers as follows:
   Mary Ann born 22 January 1834 married 6 November 1872 to Henry Thomas Bayes, widower, accountant, son of Thomas Bayes.

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont

4 He died on 21 January 1871, aged 61 years: he is described as of River Street, Canonbury, paper stainer (Digest of Burial Notes)

5 He died on 8 July 1883, aged 54 years: he is described as of Goldhawk Road, Hammersmith, accountant (Digest of Burial Notes)

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BROWN, Annie (1852?-1903)

Annie Brown was born in Glasgow and as a young woman took an active part in the Presbyterian Church where she had a Bible Class of 100 girls and sang in the choir. Gradually she came to reject formal worship and for six months went to worship alone by a headstone in a graveyard. Then a friend introduced her to a Friends Meeting which answered her felt need for worshipping in spirit and in truth. She was received into membership and was of spiritual help to those she worked among.

Failing health caused her to leave Glasgow for Ardrossan. She died at the age of 51 on 26 April 1903. In her later years she was librarian of the Horniman Trust Lending library and this resulted in much interesting correspondence with applicants for membership of the Society.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

<u>Annual monitor</u> 1904 p.55

BROWN, Benjamin (1697?-1778)

Benjamin Brown was born at Brundish in Suffolk about the year 1697 of parents professing with Friends.(1) He was inclined to be frivolous in his youth, but eventually his heart was opened to the mercy and love of God and when he was about thirty one he was called upon to testify to the Truth. "He was a diligent and constant attender of Meetings for Worship & Discipline and tho' he never travelled very far, yet his Labours in Love for the advancement of Truth and for the Good of his Brethren, were often Experienced in most parts of this (Suffolk) and some parts of the Adjoining Counties. He was a just Man, a Lover and Promoter of peace in the Society as well as Amongst his Neighbours of all Denominations, a Conspicuous Example of Meekness & patience in the course of his Pilgrimage here."

There is no record of his marriage(2), but his wife's name was apparently Elizabeth and there were four children.(3)

He died at Saxmundham on 18 September 1778(4), aged eighty one and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Leiston, a minister for upwards of fifty years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Beccles MM 9 March 1779 in TCMD vol.3 pp.131-2

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 81 at death. There is no entry in Suffolk QM Births Digest
2 There is no record of his marriage in Suffolk QM, Norfolk & Norwich QM or Essex QM Marriages Digests
3 Listed in Suffolk QM Births Digest, the children of Benjamin and Elizabeth, as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Elizabeth | (Browne) | b 22.iv.(June)1728 |
| Benjamin | " | b 25.v.(July)1730 |
| Mary | " | b 3.i.(March)1731/2 |
| John | (Brown) | b 21.vi.(August)1735 |

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

N.B. There is no mention of him in J.Frds.Hist.Soc. vols.1-45

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BROWN, Benjamin P., ca. 1847-1920.

b. ca. 1847.

m. Children.

Minister. Was called the "boy preacher." Travelled extensively. 1876, visited Ohio.

Possessed much business sagacity, and was instrumental in founding profitable enterprises.

Pneumonia. d. 18 Feb. 1920, Fairhope, Ala., in his 74th year, a minister for near 50 years.

The Friend (Phila.), 93:442, 526.

BROWN, Benjamina (1817-1891) born Kemp

Benjamina Kemp, the eldest daughter of Grover Kemp (1792-1869 qv) and his wife Susannah of Brighton in Sussex, was born there on 6 June 1817(1).

She was married in 1847 to Henry Brown (1815-1900 qv), a grocer of Norwich and there were four children(2).

Benjamina Brown of Norwich died on 24 April 1891, at the age of seventy three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: her father is described as a druggist

2 For marriage and children see BROWN, Henry (1815-1900)

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

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

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BROWN, Caroline (1840-1923) born Pitt

Caroline Pitt, the daughter of Isaac Pitt (1813?-1872 qv) and his wife Caroline, born Long*, of Cirencester in Gloucestershire, was born there on 5 February 1840(1). She was educated at Sidcot School from 1849 to 1852(2).

She was married in 1865 to Richard Gopsill Brown (1829-1903 qv) of Gloucester, but the marriage was apparently childless(3).

Caroline Brown of Elmhurst, Tuffley, Gloucester died on 8 Fenruary 1923, at the age of eighty three(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a cheese factor
2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 162
3 For marriage see BROWN, Richard Gopsill (1829-1903)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Richard Gopsill

*Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 162 wrongly gives her mother's maiden name as Young

SEE ALSO:-
J Friends Hist Soc vol 2 (1905) p 2 and vol 21 (1924) p 19: references to letter from George Fox

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BROWN, Carroll Thornton, 1887-1970

Distinguished Scholar and Quaker Educator.

b. 12 May 1887, Westtown, Pennsylvania. Son of Thomas K. Brown and Caroline Cadbury.

ed. 1904, Westtown School, Pa.; B.A.; 1909, M.A.; 1955, Hon. M.A., Haverford College.

m. 22 August 1914, Anna Hartshorne. 2 Children.

1909-10, Teacher of the Bible, William Penn Charter School.

1911-57, Teacher of English, Latin, and Bible, Westtown School.

1914-20, Editor, The Westonian.

1929, January 30, Delivered address entitled "A Conception of the Society of Friends" before Friends' Social Union.

1932-34, Wrote column in The Friend under the pseudonym "Trajan."

1934-38, Vice-president; 1938-40, President, Westtown School Alumni Association.

1957, Retired. Continued to teach occasionally. Often counselled college students and young teachers. Carried on a series of discussion groups on literary and religious topics.

Member, Westtown Monthly Meeting; Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Coach, Westtown School Soccer Team.

BROWN, Cedric Vipont (1896-1972)

Cedric Vipont Brown, the older son of Edward Vipont Brown (1863-1955 qv) and his wife Dorothy, born Crowley (1874-1968 qv), of Manchester, was born there on 8 April 1896(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1911 to 1913 and at Manchester University from 1919 to 1925, where he took his M.B. and Ch.B.; he served with the Friends Ambulance Unit from 1915 to 1918.

He was married in 1926 to Ellis Mary Adams(2) and there were four children(3). He was interested in music and his hobby was playing the cello.

He died in hospital on 18 April 1972, at the age of seventy six(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Bootham School Register 1935, p 72

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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

2 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages

3 Listed in the Digest of Births and The Friend, Marriages, 1950-1959 and 1960-1969 as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Susan Vipont | b 20 Dec 1935 | who m 1957 John Norman Hartshorne ~~Harthouse~~ |
| Rosemary Vipont | b 13 Feb 1939 | who m 1966 Ronald Brian Renouf |

Bootham School Register, 1935, p 72, also gives:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Catherine Mary | b 1941 | who m 1966 David Neill Macdonald |
| *Edward Vipont | b 1945 | who m 1972 Ruth Mary Nicholson |

~~*No marriage traced to 1969~~

4 The Friend Births, Marriages and Deaths 1970-1974: he is described as of 17 Spring Bank, Silverdale, Lancashire

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

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BROWN, Charles (1816-1864)

Charles Brown, the son of William and Mary Brown of North Shields, was born in the year 1816(1). He was educated at Bootham School, Lawrence Street, York, from 1829 to 1832, where he had a high reputation for religious and moral influence and practised what he preached(2). He was, however, of an extremely lively disposition, abounding in boyish energy and in his early years at school often attempted tasks which seemed beyond his capacity. The substitution for this kind of boldness for a more modest self-assurance was one of the most marked changes in his character as he grew older and he became ready to listen with diffidence to the opinions of others. The study of the Bible became his great delight and his great knowledge of it earned him the nickname of 'Bible Charlie'. Quite early in his life he resolved to devote himself to the service of the Lord and although he experienced many setbacks he remained steadfast in his resolve.

On leaving school he followed in his father's footsteps and became a miller at North Shields(3) and in 1843 he was married to Jane Spence, the daughter of Robert Spence of North Shields(4); there was one child(5). Jane was in all respects a kindred spirit to his own, but his happy marriage was of short duration and she died in childbirth in 1845(6), leaving him with an infant daughter. He bore his bereavement with patient resignation to the will of God, but the years which followed were lonely and full of trouble, partly of a financial nature. He became a prey to periods of gloom and an intense gravity seemed to have become natural to him.

However, in the spring of 1852 he married again, to Emily Spence, the daughter of John Spence(7) and there were seven children(8). This union continued to his death and brought him much happiness. His gravity gave place to cheerfulness and the delights of his home, in the midst of his growing family, were very great. His circle of friends expanded and his conversation was much enjoyed for its terseness and wit. His strongest characteristic was a simple love of truth; he held no opinion upon mere tradition and possessed a mind capable of grasping all sides of any subject he attacked with vigour. He was fearless in expressing his own opinions and although his natural courage made this easier for him than it would have been for some, it arose from his being without any consciousness of self-seeking in maintaining what he held to be the truth.

Quite early in his life he was convinced that he would be called to the ministry, but it was not until he was about forty three years old that he made his first public appearance. He was diffident about his own qualifications and his ministry, which steadily grew in power, was remarkable for its constant liveliness and freshness. He had only

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four years left to him in which to exercise his gift, he gave full proof of the genuineness of his call to the service and seldom passed a meeting without speaking both in prayer and testimony. He never travelled much with certificate, but was often engaged in the service of other meetings in the neighbourhood; for so frequent a speaker there was great variety in his addresses and at the same time a unity of thought running through them, while the originality of his mind and his intellectual power freed his testimony from all conventional and traditionally formed expression.

But he was living too intense a life. His business claimed a great share of his attention and his interest in the well being of his fellows led him to take an active part in the duties of citizenship. Thus, although his health seemed good, he had no reserves of strength to fight the illness which attacked him in his forty seventh year. He died of pleurisy at North Shields on 9 January 1864(9).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1865, pp 14-39

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 See Bootham School Register 1935, which gives year of birth but not the date. There is no entry in Durham QM Births Digest

2 Bootham School Register 1935

3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4

4 The wedding was at North Shields on 9 February 1843: he is described as a miller of Dockwray Square, North Shields, the son of William Brown, a miller; she is described as a spinster of Howard Street, North Shields, the daughter of Robert Spence, a draper (Digest of Marriages)

5 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-

*Jane Spence b 23 Dec 1845 who m 1878 Owen Gwatkin (1852-1933)

~~*No marriage traced to 1920~~

6 Digest of Deaths: she died on 27 December 1845

7 The wedding was at Wakefield on 20 May 1852: he is described as a widower, a corn miller of North Shields, the son of William Brown, a corn miller; she is described as a spinster of Wakefield, the daughter of John Spence, gentleman (Digest of Marriages)

* information on marriage from P. Spence, Robert and Mary Spence, 1939, table facing p 98

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WBE: a
~~(prepared by RB)~~

BROWN, Albert W., ca. 1842-1932

b. ca. 1842

Elder of Rich Square Mo. Mtg., North Carolina

1904-14 Clerk, Men's Mtg., North Carolina Y. Mtg. (Conservative)

d. 16 June 1932 at George, North Carolina, aged 90 yrs.

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 396

The Friend (Phila.), 106 (1932), 11

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

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

(2) Mary Williams

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *John Spence | b 19 April 1853 | who m (1) Martha Blanchard, ↓ |
| Charles | b 19 Oct 1854 | who m 1880 Eleanor Tennant |
| Ann Eliza | b 7 Sept 1856 | who m 1883 Moses James Adams |
| Emily qv | b 26 June 1858 | who m 1884 Samuel Henry Adams |
| *Alfred Henry qv | b 3 March 1860 | who m 1885 Isabel Ursula Macdonell |
| *William qv | b 2 Sept 1861 | who m 1888 Emily Stripp |
| Edward Vipont qv | b 12 Feb 1863 | who m 1895 Dorothy Crowley |

~~*No marriages traced to 1880~~

9 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a miller of North Shields

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

* Information on these marriages from Philip Spence, Robert and Mary Spence, 1939, table facing p 98

See Also
Testimony of Newcastle MM in YM Proc. 1864, pp. ix-xi.

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BROWN, Charles (1832-1900)

Charles Brown, the son of Gopsill Brown (1798-1867 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Bevington, ) of Gloucester, was born there on 12 October 1832(1).

He became a merchant at Gloucester(2) and was married in 1865 to Lucy Anna Pim (fl 1865-1903 qv) of Mountmellick in Ireland(3); there were four children(4).

He was a Justice of the Peace(5) and served as clerk to Gloucester & Nailsworth Monthly Meeting from 1885 to 1894(6).

Charles Brown of Saintbridge House, Gloucester died after a few days' illness at Territet in Switzerland on 27 April, 1900 at the age of sixty seven(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: his father is described as a ship broker
2 He is so described in the birth entries for his children
3 The Friend vol 5 (1865) p 203: 23 August 1865 at Mountmellick, Charles Brown, son of Gopsill Brown of Gloucester, to Lucy Anna, daughter of the late Jonathan Pim and Arabella his wife
4 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Charles Edward | b 3 June 1866 |
| Hubert Gopsill | b 18 May 1868 |
| Arabella Elizabeth | b 14 July 1870 |
| Lucy Kathleen qv | b 15 Dec 1874 |

No marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1920

5 The Friend vol 60 (1900) p 282: 3 line entry, which also gives details of his death
6 Friends House Library Index of Clerks
7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

MEG Feb 1981

BROWN, Charles (1835-1927)

Charles Brown, the son of Isaac Brown (1803-1895 qv) and his wife Rebecca (born Marriage, 1803-1849 qv) of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, was born there on 18 May 1835(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1848 to 1851.

He became a grocer at Weston-super-Mare in Somerset(2) and was married in 1865 to Mary Eddington (1835-1930 qv) of Congresbury in Somerset(3); there was one child, who died in infancy(4).

He played a full part in the civic life of Weston-super-Mare and of the county. He was chairman of the managers of the British School, president of Weston-super-Mare Hospital from 1908 to 1909, president of the local Peace Society, chairman of the trustees of the local School of Science and Art and a vice-president of the Bible Society and of the Young Men's Christian Association. In politics he was a Liberal and was treasurer of the Wells Division Liberal Association. He also served as a justice of the peace for the county.

Charles Brown of Leycroft, Weston-super-Mare, died on 18 February 1927, at the age of ninety one(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Bootham School Register 1935, p 73

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: his father is described as a schoolmaster
2 He is so described in his marriage entry and in the birth entry for his daughter
3 The wedding was at Claverham on 19 April 1865: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer of Weston-super-Mare, the son of Isaac Brown, Principal of the Flounders Institute; she is described as a spinster of Congresbury, the daughter of William Eddington, a grazier (Digest of Marriages)
4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-
Florence Mary b 14 Oct 1873 d 28 Oct 1873, aged 14 days
5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a justice of the peace

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

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BROWN, Charles (1854-1937)

Charles Brown, the son of Charles Brown (1816-1864 qv) and his second wife Emily (born Spence, 1827-1904 qv) of North Shields, was born there on 19 October 1854(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1866 to 1870 and on leaving school he became an accountant(2). He was married in 1880 to Eleanor Tennant(3) and there were seven children(4).

He died at Manchester on 29 December 1937, at the age of eighty three(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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

2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 73

3 The wedding was at Staindrop on 15 March 1880: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer of Stockton-on-Tees, the son of Charles Brown, a miller; she is described as a spinster of 2 East Terrace, Darlington, the daughter of Samuel Tennant, a coal merchant (Digest of Marriages)

4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages, with additional information relating to marriages from Philip Spence, Robert and Mary Spence, 1939, table facing p 98:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Ethel Spence | b 8 Feb 1881 | who m 1907 Ernest Watson (Digest of Marriages) |
| Charles | b 28 May 1882 | who m 1913 Beatrice Palmer |
| *Gwendoline | b 31 July 1883 | |
| *Ellen Winifred | b 23 March 1887 | |
| Hugh Vipont | b 12 May 1889 | who m 1918 Edith Redfern |
| Henry Tennant | b 19 Feb 1891 | who m 1922 A.Margaret Sewell |
| *Emily Kathleen | b 17 June 1896 | |

*No marriages traced to 1940

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired grocer; Philip Spence, op cit, erroneously gives the year of his death as 1927

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

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WBE:

BROWN, Charles Brockden, 1771-1810.

b. 17 Jan. 1771, Phila., Pa., s. Elijah and Mary (Armitt) Brown.

Frail and studious. Attended school of Robert Proud. 1787, apprenticed to Alex. Wilcocks, Phila lawyer.

Lost his membership by marrying out. m., Elizabeth Linn of New York. Four children.

Made authorship his profession. Novelist and journalist. Called father of American fiction. Forerunner of Hawthorne and Poe. Also concerned with U.S. foreign relations and politics of his British Treaty [1809]

d. 22 Feb. 1810, aged 39.

Clark, Charles Brockden Brown, pioneer voice of America, 1952.

Dic. Am. Biog, 3:107.

BROWN, Charlotte (1865?-1951)

'Charlotte Brown, who died at Banbury on June 16, (1951), aged 86, was the third daughter of Wilks and Elizabeth W. Brown. She was educated at Ackworth School.

In 1872 her parents bought the bakery business, which had been carried on by Friends for many years, in the old shop in Parsons Street, Banbury, but it was not until 1914 that she and her sister became actively engaged in it, when they took over the responsibility from their mother.

'Many developments followed; at firs they sold cups of tea to meet the need of the farmers' wives who came into Banbury Market, but this soon grew into what was the first tea and coffee restaurant in the town, and their Banbury Cakes became famous far over the world...

'During the last six months of her life she suffered much with arthritis and became sadly crippled.'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.109 (1951) p.637

BROWN, Christine Clement ( 1896? - 1970 )

Christine Brown was born in about the year 1896.(1)

The brief obituary notice in The Friend gives no details of her life, beyond the fact that for more than forty years she gave herself to the service of the needy and distressed both in this country and on the continent. She took part in Quaker work for refugees in Austria and in Germany and for some years served on Friends Service Council.(2) For twenty five years she was general organising secretary of the Bournemouth Personal Service Association and the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

She died at her home in Swanage on November 28, 1970 at the age of 74.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE **THE FRIEND** Vol 128 (1970) p. 1512.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 74 at death.
2. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.
   Friends Service Council - 1945 - 1948.

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WBE:

BROWN, Clayton, ca. 1764-1847.

Minister. 1808, travelled in Pa. and to Baltimore.

d. 30 June 1847, Evesham (Mt. Laurel, N. J.) in his 84th year.

[No references given.]

BROWN, Daniel (1769-1854)

Daniel Brown, the son of Daniel and Ruth Brown of Luton in Bedfordshire, was born there on 31 March 1769(1). He was married in 1821 to Lydia Wallis(2) and there were three children(3).

He was an elder of his meeting, but his health was poor and although he bore his afflictions with exemplary patience they greatly interfered both with his social pleasures and his active religious life. But whenever it was possible he attended meetings for worship and discipline and encouraged his family to do so.

He was a quiet man, fond of gardening and reading, which occupied much of his leisure. His chosen reading was the Bible and the writings of early Friends, his acquaintance with the Scriptures was accurate and extensive and many quiet and happy evenings were spent with his family in reading and discussion of the Old and New Testaments. The simple views of Christian doctrine and practice which distinguish the Society of Friends found in him a fitting illustration.

With increasing age the complaint from which he had so long suffered became increasingly trying to him, although he never lost his tranquil serenity. He died at Luton on 27 May 1854(4), at the age of eighty five.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1855 pp 5-8

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: his father is described as a baker
2 The wedding was at Luton on 14 March 1821: he is described as a mealman of Luton, Bedfordshire, the son of Daniel and Ruth Brown of Luton; she is described as the daughter of James and Hannah Wallis of Basingstoke in Hampshire (Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest)
3 Listed in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mary | b 25 June 1822 | who m 1848 Richard Littleboy (1819-1895 qv) |
| Rachel | b 19 Dec 1823 | no marriage recorded to 1886 |
| Ann | b 27 Dec 1826 | no marriage recorded to 1886 |

4 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

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BROWN, Dorothy (Vipont) (1874-1968) born Crowley

Dorothy Crowley, the youngest daughter of Alfred Crowley (1824-1876 qv) and his second wife Mary Catharine (born Crafton, 1834-1912 qv) of Croydon in Surrey, was born there on 3 September 1874(1). She was educated at The Mount School, York, and was described by a contemporary as "the belle of Croydon Meeting;" her clear voice was beautifully modulated and her face kept a loveliness of structure, complexion and expression throughout her ninety three years.

She was married in 1895 to Edward Vipont Brown (1863-1955 qv) of Manchester and there were three children(2); he had fallen in love with her when she was still a schoolgirl and she was only about twenty when she married him, to the chagrin of her many Croydon admirers. She spent the next fifty years as the busy wife of an energetic Manchester doctor and to this and the care of her children she was able to add vigorous work for Friends, both locally and nationally, and for other organisations such as the Women's International League and the Manchester School for mothers. She represented Lancashire & Cheshire Quarterly Meeting on the Meeting for Sufferings from 1920 to 1939, served on the Agenda Committee for 1937/8, the Peace Committee from 1923 to 1940, the South African Committee from 1920 to 1923 and the War Victims Relief Committee from 1915 or earlier to 1921(3).

Her clear judgment and dislike of 'clap-trap' and waste of time led her to question customs which she felt no longer relevant and she was adept at discerning and devastating analysis. The last twenty years of her life were spent at Yealand Conyers, at the home of her daughter Elfrida Vipont Foulds and although she had to give up one by one first her outside activities and then the household tasks she had made her own, she never lost her zest for life or her interest in the world around her. Her hands were seldom idle - she learned to knit in her eighties - and filled up her time crocheting, writing letters and reading with critical appraisal the books she borrowed from the travelling library. There was never, to the end of her life, anything vacant or slapdash about her and she took pleasure in her wardrobe without being preoccupied with it. She did not equate poor dress sense with deep spirituality and was impatient with those Friends who held that the outward did not matter at all - "Why they come to Yearly Meeting looking such frumps I cannot imagine."

She had in her long life many sorrows and bereavements and had a sure sympathy for the sufferings of others, but she was essentially a happy person, devoid of self-pity. She was particularly successful in drawing shy people into an atmosphere of warmth and confidence and

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WBE:

BROWN, E. Howard

Author: Young people's history of the Friends church . . . , Chicago, 1899.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7632.

BROWN, Dorothy (Vipont) (1874-1968) born Crowley continued

and her company was a constant joy. There was always an inexhaustible spring of humour and her amusement was without malice. She was reticent about her faith, but there could be no doubt about the source of her strength, enabling her to live simply and unaffectedly in the beauty of holiness.

She died at Yealand Conyers on 29 August 1968, at the age of ninety three(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend 1968 (vol 126) pp 1265-1266

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a brewer
2 For marriage and children see BROWN, Edward Vipont (1863-1955)
3 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
4 The Friend Births and Deaths, 1960-1969, Friends House Library

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

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BROWN, Edgar Marriage (1840-1935)

Edgar Marriage Brown was born 1 September 1840 (1).

'Edgar Marriage Brown, who died at Weston-super-Mare on the eve of his 95th birthday, was born on September 1, 1840, at Hitchin, where his father, Isaac Brown had a school at that time. He was at Bootham from 1852 to 1856, and at the York Old Scholars' gathering there this year it was announced that he was the oldest Old Scholar then living.

'He was apprenticed to the grocery business of his uncle Henry Brown, or Norwich, and afterwards he spent a few years with the firm of Armitage & Son, of Nottingham. In 1865, he went with his brother, the late Charles Brown, to Weston-super-Mare, and there founded the business of Brown Brothers' Stores.

'In 1867, Edgar Brown married Agnes Knight, sister of the late Howard Knight, of Purley, and Francis Knight, of Sidcot. Of their family of seven, five are still living.

'For a great part of his life he was very active in work for Friends, being Treasurer of the North Somerset and Wilts Monthly Meeting for over 40 years. He did valuable work also on the Charitable Trust Committee, regularly visiting farm property under the care of Friends. At one time he conducted a large Sunday class of boys in the Weston Meeting House.

'In A Quaker Journal, which is the diary of William Lucas, there is a reference on February 13, 1845, to a fire at Isaac Brown's school at Hitchin, to which firemen were called from Stevenage, Baldock, and Luton. At the time of this fire Edgar Brown was a child of under 5 years, and he was carried at night out of the burning building. The loss incurred through destruction of the school and other buildings was estimated by Lucas at £4,000. Later the diary records that Isaac Brown opened his school at Dorking, the terms for boys under 12 being 60 guineas.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.93 (1935) p.807

SEE ALSO:

Bootham School Register (1935) p.73

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

(1) Digest of Birth Notes

WBE:

BROWN, Edgar Marriage, 1840-1935.

b. 1 Sept. 1840, Hitchin, Eng., s. Isaac and Rebecca (Marriage) Brown.

1852-56, Bootham. Apprenticed in the grocery business with his uncle Henry Brown at Norwich.

Spent some time with the firm, Armitage & Son, Nottingham. 1865, founded the business, Brown Brothers' Stores.

m., 1867, Agnes Knight. Seven children.

Treasurer of No. Somerset and Wills No. Mtg. for over 40 years.

d. 30 Aug. 1935, Weston-Super-Mare, aged 95.

The Friend (London), 93(1935):807 (portrait).

BROWN, Edmund (1824-1911)

Edmund Brown was born at Henley in 1824, the youngest of 5 children born to Joseph and Sarah Brown (née Bassett). As a youth he was a leader in games and adventures, especially where a task of danger lay. He was very fond of, and excelled in fishing and shooting.

Somewhere about 1850 he went to Australia which was being opened up as a colony. There he helped in a Store in East Mairland which supplied the needs of a settler's life as at that time there were the first discoveries of gold. He spoke of this time of his life as a time when he did not know God. With bodily affliction and poor health he returned to England in 1857 where he came to live in Leighton Buzzard. There he felt that this state of health led him to his Father's House. He helped men working on the roads, soldiers, and tramps and at this time distributed a number of pictorial leaflets in order to win men from habits of drinking and smoking. This work was carried out because he felt God's Spirit had led him to do it; He lived in Leighton Buzzard nearly 50 years, going to Woburn sands in 1904, and moving to Lewes just before his death. He had been an invalid for some years and many could testify that it was through the grace of God that he was able to overcome his natural infirmities, his life being a gospel in itself.

He died peacefully on 12 June 1911, aged 86 years, and was interred in the Friends' Burial Ground at Lewes.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1912 p.23

BROWN, Edward (1858-1940)

Edward Brown, son of Henry (1823-1892, qv) and Elizabeth (born Cooper) Brown of Luton, was born there on 5 November 1858 (1).

He married in 1896 Kathleen Mary Grimshaw (1870-1947, qv) (2): there were no children (3).

He was a timber merchant (4). He represented Bedfordshire QM on Meeting for Sufferings from 1892 to 1915 (5). After retirement, Edward and Kathleen Brown moved, about 1917, to Boscombe, Hants, becoming members of Bournemouth meeting (6).

Edward Brown died at Boscombe 11 January 1940, aged 81 years (7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: no description of his father is given
2 The wedding was at Sunderland FMH on 10 June 1896: he is described as bachelor, timber merchant, of Highfield, Luton, Beds, son of Henry Brown (deceased), timber merchant; she is described as spinster, of Hylton, Co Durham, daughter of Charles Wood Grimshaw, cement manufacturer (Digest of Marriages)
3 None shown in Bedfordshire QM printed lists of members
4 So described in marriage entry (1896)
5 Typescript committee index, Friends House Library
6 Their names are in the 1918 Sussex Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members but not in that for 1917: Kathleen M. Brown appears to have continued as a Bedfordshire representative on Meeting for Sufferings until 1919
7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as retired timber merchant

BROWN, Edward Vipont (1863-1955)

Edward Vipont Brown, the son of Charles Brown (1816-1864 qv) and his second wife Emily (born Spence, 1827-1904 qv) of North Shields, was born at Tynemouth on 12 February 1863(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1873 to 1880, where he broke the mile record in 1879 and 1880(2). After leaving school he studied medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital, where he gained his M.R.C.S. in 1886, his M.B. in 1888 and M.D.(Lond.) in 1901(3). He then went to Manchester to help his brother-in-law and remained in general practice there for sixty years, retiring after his eighty third birthday.

He was married in 1895 to Dorothy Crowley (1874-1968 qv) of Croydon(4) and there were three children(5). He was always concerned to keep abreast of developments in his profession and attended post graduate classes until he was in his seventies. He was a member of the Manchester Medical and Pathological Societies and president of the Friends' Guild of Teachers in 1929. . He delivered the Lister Lecture in 1932(6) and wrote continuously: articles, letters to the Press, pamphlets on Quakerism, war and peace, social problems (particularly temperance) medical and allied subjects poured from his pen. His book, Quaker Aspects of Truth, an original presentation of Quakerism, was a help to many; all the time he was also deep in political work, speaking and writing first for the Liberal and later for the Labour parties, attending every Sunday the West Gorton Adult School and the meeting at Mount Street.

His vigorous ministry was based on a knowledge of the Old Testament prophets and of Hebrew history as well as a grasp of the heart of the mission and message of Jesus. His long experience of life, with its battles and triumphs, seasoned his ministry and vocal prayer, especially perhaps at weddings and funerals. He was a strong supporter of the peace testimony, a visitor to conscientious objectors in Strangeways Prison and was for many years an overseer.

On his retirement at the age of eighty three he and his wife moved to Yealand Conyers and there in the hills and lanes he tasted the delights of country life as he had never done before. He became a familiar figure in the neighbourhood and his friendliness towards all whom he met invited the warm response he received. His wide understanding brought him into friendly relations with people of all denominations or none and the fellowship of Yealand Meeting was one of the chief joys of his later years. He delighted in music and the arts, especially the theatre, was keenly alive to the beauties of nature and had a deep understanding and love for children. His chief

* see The Friend as vol 69 (1929) p 75: the address was entitled "Friends and education"

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characteristics were understanding and charity towards his fellows and a strong and forcibly expressed indignation against all the shams and evils of the world.

To the end of his life he retained his full vigour of mind and died at Green Garth, Yealand Conyers on 26 February 1955, at the age of ninety two(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 113 (1955) pp 274-275
Testimony of Lancaster MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1956, p 155

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a miller
2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 74
3 Ibid
4 The wedding was at Croydon on 10 January 1895: he is described as a surgeon of Manchester, the son of Charles Brown, a miller (deceased); she is described as a spinster of Bramley Hill, Croydon, the daughter of Alfred Crowley, a brewer (deceased) (Digest of Marriages)
5 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cedric Vipont | b 8 April 1896 | who m 1926 Ellis Mary Adams (Bootham Register 1935) |
| Ralph Vipont | b 30 Oct 1898 | who d 1 March 1919 |
| Elfrida Vipont | b 3 July 1902 | who m 1926 Robinson Percy Foulds |

6 The Friend (1932) p 949
7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as retired

PUBLICATIONS

Christianity and War . . . . 1902
Christianity and Social Problems . . . . 1908
The Medical Profession, its Present and Future . . . . 1910
Medical Aspects of the Temperance Question; Quaker Aspects of Truth . . . . 1921

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BROWN, Edward Vipont (1863-1955) 2x continued

SEE ALSO:-

Friends Hist. Library, Swarthmore, Pa., Gen'l card cat., SO-SZ

The renaissance of Quakerism: Friends Quarterly vol 5 (1951) pp 201-206

The great revolution: Friends Quarterly vol 7 (1953) pp 117-123

[being two articles by EVB]

Daltonian February 1903

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

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Additional information:

BROWN, Edward Vipont, ca. 1863-1955.

Three children.

Almost wore himself out in service during war time. Worked for temperance. 1929, president of Friends Guild of Teachers, and gave address, Quaker Education.

Bold and independent in thought. Was liberal enough to champion Elias Hicks. Thought Jesus Christ should not be worshipped.

Author: Christianity and the Social Problem . . . , 1908.

Christianity and War, London, 1915. 3 editions.

d. Yealand Conyers, aged 92.

The Friend (London), 69(1929):75 (portrait), 113(1955):274.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., Gen'l. card cat., SO-SZ.

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BROWN, Edwin Pierce, 1903-1972.

b. 18 October 1903 in George, Northampton County, N.C.; son of Walter Jay and Lulu May (Vaughan) Brown.

ed. attended Olney School (Friends); 1921, graduated from Westtown Boarding School; 1926, graduated from Guilford College with the Haverford Scholarship Award.

m. 26 November 1932, Dorothy Heath; two sons, two daughters.

After college, he rejected the Haverford Scholarship and went into business as a basket manufacturer.

17 November 1917, became a member of Rich Square Mo. Mtg., serving as Elder 1945-1972 and Clerk 1953-1961.

He was a lifelong supporter of education, supporting many Friends' schools, Chowan College in Murfreesburg, N.C. and especially Guilford College.

1941-1972, Trustee of Guilford College.

1952-1972, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Guilford Coll.

1952-1972, Clerk of Representative Body of N.C.Y.M. (Conservative).

Active in support of American Friends Service Committee and Friends Committee on National Legistlation.

d. 14 April 1972, after a two year illness. His funeral was held in Cedar Grove Meetinghouse, Woodland, N.C.

Memorial Pamphlet

BROWN, Eliza (1842-1915)

Eliza Brown, third daughter of John and Maria Brown, was born at Earith, Hunts., in 1842. She was educated at Ackworth and at a private school in Lewes, and on leaving school taught for some years in a Friend family. In 1884 she was appointed Head of theFriends School at Mountmellick, Queen's County, Ireland, and found there her true life work. For seventeen years she directed the School with energy and wisdom. Her country upbringing had made her skilled in gardening and other outdoor occupations and she passed on to the girls her own enthusiasm for wild flowers and birds. 'Eliza Brown's strong personality and earnest Christian character exerted an influence for good on all with whome she came in contact'.

In 1901 a prolonged period of illness in the school and the consequent anxiety brought about a breakdown in her health and she retired. In 1904 she went to live near her sister in Ashford, Kent, and took an active part in the work of the Meeting there, teaching in the Adult School, and giving acceptable help in the vocal ministry in Meetings for Worship. She was also Secretary of the Ashford Branch of the Bible Society. When she was no longer able to get to Meeting, a prayer meeting was held in her sitting-room. She died on 4 February 1915, aged 72.

A Friend wrote of her 'The greatest thing about her was her life: one felt that, to her, Christ became more and more a living, bright reality. Although she has left us, the inspiration of such a life can never pass away'.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Annual monitor 1916 p.13

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WBE:

BROWN, Elizabeth, fl. 1680.

Antigua?

Minister. 1680, with Elizabeth Carter, of Barbadoes, visited New Eng.

John Smith's ms., 1:312.

BROWN, Elizabeth (1731-1778) born Crowther

Elizabeth Crowther, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Crowther of Daventry in Northamptonshire, was born there on 31.i.(March)1731(1).

She was married in 1760 to James Brown (1729/30-1813 qv), a farmer of Bayford and Amwellbury in Hertfordshire, and there were five children(2).

Elizabeth Brown died on 24 October 1778, at the age of forty six(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Northants QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 For marriage and children see BROWN, James (1729/30-1813)
3 Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of James

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

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WBE:

BROWN, Elizabeth, ca. 1768-1833.

b. ca. 1768, Hertford, Eng.

1779, she was the first girl given a ticket of admission to Ackworth School. She was #18. 1781, left Ackworth.

1828, attacked by cancer. d. July 1833, Coggeshall, Essex, Eng., aged 65.

Ackworth School, List of the boys and girls admitted, 1779-1879.

An. Mon., 22:6.

BROWN, Elizabeth (1768-1856) born Hicks

Elizabeth Hicks, the daughter of George and Sarah Hicks of Saling in Essex, was born there on 1 June 1768(1). She was married in 1792 to William Brown (1769-1846 qv) of Earith and there were thirteen children(2).

She was an elder of her meeting and was remarkable for the resignation, sweetness and cheerfulness with which she met the many trials she encountered during a long life. She was conspicuous for her capacity for forming loving relationships and was much valued by her friends.

She died at Houghton St Ives on 23 February 1856(3), at the age of eighty seven.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1857 pp 25-26

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Essex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 For marriage and children see BROWN, William (1769-1846)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Leominster, the widow of William

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

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BROWN, Elizabeth (1775-1844) born Gopsill

Elizabeth Gopsill, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Gopsill of Church Street, Southwark, was born there on 22 March 1775 (1).

She married in 1795 James Brown (1761-1838 qv) of Hertford: there were 3 children (2). At some time after 1803 the family moved to within the compass of Witham Monthly Meeting, Essex, which disowned James Brown (3). By 1815 Elizabeth Brown and her husband and the two younger children had settled in Southwark (4).

Elizabeth Brown and her youngest child, Margaret, were transferred from Southwark MM to Peel MM in 1816 (5), from Peel MM to Gracechurch Street MM in 1818 and, with an immediate endorsement, to Devonshire House MM (6). Her son Gopsill had independently become a member of Devonshire House MM and the membership of all three was in 1822 transferred back to Gracechurch Street MM (7).

Her husband had been reinstated by Witham MM in 1827, becoming a member of Gracechurch Street MM the following year (8). Upon their settling in Peckham their membership, together with that of their son James (who remained unmarried) was in 1832 transferred to Southwark MM (9). James and Elizabeth Brown subsequently settled at Croydon, becoming members of Kingston MM in 1834 (10).

Following her husband's death in 1838 Elizabeth Brown became the following year a member of Peel MM (11) until 1842 when she once again became a member of Southwark MM (12).

In 1844 Elizabeth Brown became a member of Gloucester MM and she died "at her residence at Gloucester" on 4 September 1844, aged 69½ years (13).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as meal factor
2 For details of the marriage and children, see BROWN, James (1761-1838)
3 No closer dating for the move has (1978) been established: for her husband's disownment, see BROWN, James (1761-1838)
4 Witham MM's certificate dated 8 June 1815 received by Southwark MM 15 August 1815 (Southwark MM Certificates & Disorderly Walkers vol 3 p 209; Southwark MM minutes vol 17 p 471)
5 See minute of Peel MM 30 Nov 1816 (Peel MM minutes vol 21 pp 239-40)
6 See minutes of Peel MM 22 April, 13 May, 24 June, 22 July 1818 (Peel MM minutes vol 21 pp 385, 393, 398, 406); the minute, endorsed by Gracechurch Street MM, was received by Devonshire House MM 24 June 1818 (Devonshire House MM minutes vol 15 p 575)

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BROWN, Elizabeth (1775-1844) born Gopsill <u>continued</u>

<u>REFERENCES AND NOTES (cont)</u>

7 Gracechurch Street MM MS Register of Members 1822-1843 p 2: the date of acceptance is given as March 1822. The certificates for Elizabeth Brown, her daughter Margaret and her son Gopsill were approved by Devonshire House MM 5 March 1822 (Devonshire House MM minutes vol 16 pp 146, 150, 152). It may be noted that a certificate from Lewes & Chichester MM for the third of the children, James, was received concurrently

8 For particulars, <u>see</u> BROWN, James (1761-1838)

9 Gracechurch Street MM Removals Register (Removals out, p 9): date of acceptance given as 5 September 1832

10 Kingston MM MS Register of Members 1826-1837: the date of acceptance is given as July 1834

11 Peel MM MS Register of Members 1837-1860: date of acceptance given as July 1839

12 Southwark MM MS Register of Members 1837-1861: date of acceptance given as 13 September 1842 (cf Peel MM MS Register of Members 1837-1860 which gives the date of acceptance by Southwark as July 1842)

MS/ 13 For transfer see Southwark MM/Register of Members 1837-1861: date of acceptance by Gloucester given as 16 April 1844. For death see <u>The Friend</u> vol 2 (1844) p 238, describing her as "widow of the late James Brown of Croydon, formerly of Hertford"; Digest of Deaths, giving her age less accurately as 70, describes her as of Gloucester, widow of James, formerly of Hertford

There is no reference to her in <u>J Friends hist soc</u> vol 1 - 45

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BROWN, Elizabeth (1800-1873) after 1824 Abbatt

(Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Jonathan and Ann Brown of Standish in Lancashire, was married in 1824 to Benjamin Abbatt (1799-1853 qv).

See ABBATT, Elizabeth (1800-1873) born Brown )

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BROWN, Elizabeth (1800-1882) born Wright

Elizabeth Wright, the daughter of William and Sarah Wright of Sutton in the Isle of Ely, Cambridgeshire, was born there on 19 February 1800(1). She was married in 1822 to Henry Brown (1797-1880 qv) and there were four children(2).

She died at Luton in Bedfordshire on 17 November 1882, at the age of eighty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Cambs & Hunts QM Births Digest: her father is described as a maltster
2 For marriage and children see BROWN, Henry (1797-1880)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Henry

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

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BROWN, Elizabeth (1830-1899)

Elizabeth Brown, the elder daughter of Thomas Crowther and Jemimah Brown of Further Barton near Cirencester, was born there on 6 August 1830.(1) She was the niece of Lydia Brown (1807-1899, qv). She and her sister enjoyed a happy home life in the country. She showed great persistence in self education in science as well as literature and art. She was greatly attached to her father and looked after him until he died at the age of 91. After his death she travelled freely to Canada, America, Russia, the West Indies, Norway and Lapland, and also on smaller journeys nearer home. She was much interested in astronomy and did fine astronomical drawings in later years, as well as journeying to observe solar eclipses. Very vivid letters were sent home to her sister, recording also her special interest in wild flowers, of which she made coloured sketches.

In 1883 she was appointed director of the solar section of the Liverpool Astronomical Society, and she later helped to found the British Astronomical Association, to which she gave much time and careful work. She had two observatories fitted up in the grounds of Further Barton.

She was a humble and gentle person, quiet and calm, reticent on religious matters. She died after a very short illness on the 5 March 1899, at the age of 68.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

<u>Annual monitor</u> 1900 p.51.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: no occupation is given for her father.

WBE:

BROWN, Elizabeth, ca. 1831-1899.

b. ca. 1831, Further Barton, near Cirencester, Eng., dau. Thomas C. Brown.

Journeyed to Canada at the time of the meeting of the British Assn. in Montreal. 1887, went to Russia to observe total eclipse of sun. 1889-90, visited West Indies on the same account. 1896, to Norway and Lapland. Shorter expeditions were made to Scotland, Ireland, and Spain.

Appointed director of the Solar Section of the Liverpool Astronomical Society.

Was a faithful attender of Friends small mtg. at Cirencester.

Perseverance in self-instruction a feature of her make-up. Spent time in sketching landscapes and figures. Loved and painted flowers.

Published two small books: In pursuit of a shadow, and Caught in the tropics.

d. 5 Mar. 1899, Further Barton, Eng., aged 68.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 58:51.

The Friend (London), 39(1899):172.

Friends Quart. Exam., 33(1899):383.

BROWN, Elizabeth Bartlett (1861-1954)

Elizabeth B. Brown died at Banbury on 8 May 1954. She was born at Kendal in 1861 and removed to Banbury with her parents 11 years later. She was educated at Ackworth, a member of the Society from childhood, of Banbury Meeting for 81 years and the oldest member. Upwards of 30 years she was a teacher and then leader of the Sunday School connected with the Meeting until 1917.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.112 (1954) p.562

BROWN, Elizabeth Foster (1815-1876) born Spence

Elizabeth Foster Spence, the daughter of Robert Spence (1784-1845 qv) and his wife Mary (born Foster, 1790-1846 qv) of North Shields in Northumberland, was born there on 17 August 1815(1).

She was married in 1837 to Henry Brown (1813-1846 qv), a starch manufacturer of North Shields and there were four children(2).

Elizabeth Foster Brown of Twickenham in Middlesex died on 4 May 1876, at the age of sixty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Durham QM Births Digest: her father is described as a linen and woollen draper
   See also Philip Spence, Robert and Mary Spence, 1939, tree opposite p 68
2 For marriage and children see BROWN, Henry (1813-1846)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Henry

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

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BROWN, Ellen Winifred (1887-1968)

E. Winifred Brown, the daughter of Charles Brown (1854-1927 qv) and his wife Eleanor, born Tennant, of Manchester, was born there on 23 March 1887(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1897 to 1901(2); on leaving school she took the Apothecaries' Hall Examination and studied first aid and nursing.

She worked as a dispenser for three years and offered her services to the Society in August 1915, entering a training course in October 1915. She spent three terms at Kingsmead and then, as she was especially drawn towards service in Madagascar, it was arranged that she should spend a short time there, to be followed by a further period of preparation in England; but owing to war conditions it was not possible to put this plan into operation until 1919. Unfortunately she contracted malaria shortly after her arrival; it continued to affect her and she was obliged to leave Madagascar in July 1921. As it appeared unlikely that she would ever fully regain her health, her name was regretfully removed from the list of missionaries.

From 1936 she was a member for over twenty years of Trealaw (Rhondda) Allowed Meeting, connected with the settlement at Maes-yr-Haf(3) and during the time she was there she represented the Western Quarterly Meeting on the Meeting for Sufferings from 1942 to 1950 and also served on the Friends Service Council from 1942 to 1960(4). Between 1958 and 1961 she moved to Penarth(5).

She died in Selly Oak Hospital on 31 October 1968, at the age of eighty one(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Friends Service Council Personnel Records

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a grocer. Philip Spence, Robert and Mary Spence, 1939, table facing p 98 erroneously gives her name as Eleanor Winifred
2 List of the Boys and Girls at Ackworth School, 1879-1930, 1932
3 Western Quarterly Meeting printed Lists of Members
4 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
5 Western Quarterly Meeting printed Lists of Members
6 The Friend Births and Deaths 1960-1969

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

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BROWN, Emily (1827-1904) born Spence

Emily Spence, the daughter of John and Deborah Spence of Wakefield, was born there on 16 June 1827 (1), one of a large family of brothers and sisters. Her childhood was spent partly at Wakefield and partly in the delightful village of Stanley, where her father had a country house. There she learned to love the country, and to love animals. At the age of 13 she lost the hearing of one ear and the hearing of the other deteriorated so much that she could from that time onwards only hear with great difficulty, and when directly spoken to. This cut her off from much social enjoyment and from any participation in Friends' ordinary business, but deepened her ties with home and friends. She probably never served the Society in any official capacity, but her love for it was intense and she helped in any way open to her.

She was educated at the Friends School in Fishergate, York (in after days, The Mount) where she formed many enduring friendships. Her childhood and girlhood at home seem to have been specially happy, and her stories of her childhood, the adventures of her ponies and dogs, of old Friends who had visited her father's home, and of her sea-going ancestors were told with such racy humour and understanding for what interested children that they made a great appeal to her children and grandchildren. This gift of story-telling became a great source of teaching power, and Bible narratives and stories of early Friends lived again for her listeners. She had a beautiful and sympathetic voice, unmarred by her deafness, and she could hold the attention of even large classes of rough boys and men.

After her marriage in 1850 to Charles Brown (1816-1864, qv) she went to live at North Shields, and despite the cares of a rapidly increasing family (2) and heavy business anxieties, their married life was one of unclouded devotion and loyalty. Just after the birth of her seventh child her husband died. The blow was stupendous for her, and left an overwhelming blank; but her strong and resilient nature helped her to face the difficulties that surrounded her, and to be both father and mother to her children. She developed an astonishing power of self-forgetfulness, never complaining when ill and always considering others even in her last illness.

After her husband's death she moved first to York and then to Holloway, and in both places her home was thrown open to her children's friends, to scholars and junior teachers at Bootham and The Mount, and to London University students. She was much loved, and one busy student found time to write out for her the messages given in Meeting. Her reliance on the Unseen was a marked characteristic of her later years, and she was aware of her husband's presence as a reality in her life. Her sympathies for the victims of cruelty and oppression were keen; cruelty to children or animals was to her a sin which she denounced scathingly. She had a wonderful influence over the rough and turbulent and the wayward and sinful. Christ was to her saviour, comforter, friend and guide.

She worked unceasingly for the temperance movement; physically and morally she was fearless, and this gave her power in dealing with drunkards.

BROWN, Emily (1827-1904) born Spence Contd.

In danger she seemed to know instinctively the right thing to do, and this quality, coupled with her gentleness, made her invaluable in illness. At the age of 75 she appeared before the magistrates as a passive resister, and some of her goods were sold to paythe part of the poor rate which she conscientiously declined to pay because she believed the Education Act to be unjust and subversive of religious freedom. She was an ardent Liberal who followed politics with keenness and enjoyment; in questions of principle, as in case of war, ties of party were of no consequence to her.

She died after a short time of declining health at the age of 76, on 23 February 1904.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual monitor 1905 p.6

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as grocer

2 For details of the marriage and children, see BROWN, Charles (1816-1864)

BROWN, Emma Jemima (1839-1916) born Arkinstall

Emma Jemima Arkinstall, the daughter of Francis Arkinstall ( ) and his wife Matty (born ) of Birmingham, was born there on 27 August 1839(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1852 to 1854(2). She often recalled the beginnings of her work at Ackworth.

She was married in 1865 to Henry Brown (1844-1926 qv), who in 1866 joined a cousin in business in Paris. There was at least one child(3).

On the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war they had to leave Paris, losing all their belongings. They settled at Leyhford, Birmingham, where they lived for [illegible]

Emma Jemima Brown of Shenden, Chester Road, Erdington, Birmingham, died on 6 March 1916, at the age of seventy six(4).

1 Birth Notes: [illegible] 1839 p 163, entry 7353. From Birmingham

2 Ackworth Register: relating to her marriage and issue see BROWN, Henry (1844-1926)

3 Digest of Deaths: where described as the wife of Henry

4 [illegible] ence to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-53

BROWN, Emma (1852-1905) born Barratt

Emma Barratt, youngest child of Matthew and Mary Barratt of Broxholme, near Lincoln, was born there on 5 August 1852 (1). She suffered from ill health from childhood. Her parents died while she was a child and after leaving Ackworth she lived with sisters at Gainsborough and at Stockton-on-Tees.

She was married in 1883 to Alfred Kemp Brown (1850-1925) and after living for some years at Headingley Hill School, Leeds, they moved to Clevedon and finally Bristol. Her cheerfulness and love of fun and merriment endeared her. She died on 11 December 1905.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1907 p.41

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Birth Notes: no description of her father is given

BROWN, Ethel (1873-1953) born Robson

Ethel Robson, daughter of Walter (1842-1929, qv) and M. Christina (born Cox) Robson of Saffron Walden, was born there on 26 April 1873 (1).

She married in 1900 Wilfred Henry Brown (1869-1952, qv) (2).

She represented Bedfordshire QM on Meeting for Sufferings from 1919 to 1927 (3).

She died on 22 April 1953, aged 79 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as grocer
2 For details of the marriage and children, see BROWN, Wilfred Henry (1869-1952)
3 Typescript committee index, Friends House Library
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of 21 Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden, widow of Wilfred H.

BROWN, Francis (1804-1899)

Francis Brown, the second son of Stephen Brown (1768-1836 qv) and his wife Phebe (born Bass, 1778-1830 qv) of Home Farm, Amwell Bury in Hertfordshire, was born there on 11 November 1804(1). Francis was one of five sons and two daughters and his elder brother Isaac Brown (1803-1895 qv) became the first Principal of the Flounders Institute. The farm had been in the occupation of the family for many years, but through the death of the owner of the estate his father had to relinquish it and his sons had to make their own way in the world.

Francis showed his determination not to be a burden on his parents by becoming, at the age of fourteen, apprenticed to Abraham Sewell (1789-1866 qv), a grocer at Yarmouth. At the conclusion of his apprenticeship he spent two or three years in London and at about the age of twenty five he joined his parents at Brighton in Sussex. There, at the instigation of his uncle Isaac Bass (1782-1855 qv), he entered the wine trade and built up a successful business. But at the height of his success he had moral scruples, backed by his mother to whom he was very close, about the evil effects of the trade and he relinquished it although it brought him a large income.

He was married in 1847 to Eliza Burt of Neath in South Wales(2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3). He devoted much of his time and energy to philanthropic work and with Daniel Pryor Hack (1794-1886 qv) and Marriage Wallis (1820-1897 qv) he worked for the British Schools at Lindfield near Brighton; he was for many years chairman of the Patcham School Board, continuing this work until he was nearly ninety. For many years he gave away considerably more than half of his income, feeling that this was under a sense of stewardship and he exercised great tact and discrimination in its disposal. He did not neglect the Society, in whose welfare he took a deep interest, often driving visiting ministers to meetings and for many years he faithfully took his part as an overseer.

He never became a prominent public figure for he was of a retiring disposition, but he influenced many by his simple, guileless and humble nature, gentle and kindly, yet with well-based firmness. His inner life hardly ever found expression in words, but it was shown in his peaceful countenance and his kindness to others.

After gradually increasing weakness, Francis Brown of Withdean, Brighton, died on 12 December 1899, at the age of ninety five(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 39 (1899) p 859
Annual Monitor 1901, p 31

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given

2 The wedding was at Neath on 2 June 1847: he is described as a bachelor, a wine merchant of Brighton, the son of Stephen Brown, a wine merchant; she is described as a spinster of Neath, the daughter of Thomas Burtt, a currier (Digest of Marriages)

N.B. In the marriage entry her name is given as Burt. In the Annual Monitor 1901, p 32 she is described as of Newcastle-on-Tyne

3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

SEE ALSO:-

Octogenarian Teetotallers, National Temperance League, London 1897, p 50

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BROWN, Francis (1804-1899)

Francis Brown was the second son of Stephen and Phebe Brown of Amwell Bury, Hertfordshire, where he was born on 11 November 1804. He was one of a family of five sons and two daughters. His older brother, Isaac, became Principal of the Flounders Institute.

At 14 Francis was apprenticed to a grocer, Abraham Sewell of Yarmouth. At 25 he began business in Brighton as a wine merchant a few years before the temperance movement arose. He showed diligence, good business ability and independence in his work, and success rewarded his efforts. When he later observed the evil effects of the wine trade, he gave it up at the height of his business success (1).

In 1847 he married Eliza Burt of Newcastle on Tyne, (2). With Daniel Pryor Hack and Marriage Wallis he worked for the British Schools at Lindfield near Brighton and was for many years chairman of the Patcham School Board, holding this position till 90 years of age.

He never became a prominent public figure for he was of a retiring disposition, but he exercised an influence for good over others by his simple, guileless and humble nature, gentle and kindly, yet with well-based firmness. His inner life hardly ever expressed itself in words, but it was shown in his peaceful expression of face and his kindness to others.

After gradually increasing weakness, he died on 12 December 1899 at the age of 95.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1901 p.31

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 See Octogenarian teetolalers (Friends House, 058)

2 The wedding was at Neath on 2 June 1847: she is described as the daughter of Thomas Burtt, currier (Digest of Marriage Registers where Eliza's surname is spelt with one t and her father's with two)

SEE ALSO

The Friend n.s. vol. (1899) p.859

BROWN, Francis Henry (1855-1936)

'Francis Henry Brown, former Principal of the Flounders Institute and...Clerk to the Flounders Trust, died at his home at Letchworth on December 26, (1936), aged 81.

'He was born on January 16, 1855, at Norwich, son of Henry and Benjamina Brown, and was educated at Ackworth, Bootham, Flounders Institute, and University College, London. He married Mary Sophia Longmaid in 1897.

'Francis Brown taught at Olivers Mount and Headingley Hill School, and was Principal of Flounders Institute from 1899 to 1909. After the Institute was given up in favour of the Flounders Trust, which grants exhibitions for training men teachers for Friends' schools, he became secretary of the Trust until 1934, when he was succeeded by his nephew, A. Barratt Brown.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.95 (1937) p.10

SEE ALSO:

The Friend, vol.95 (1937) p.33

Bootham School Register (1935) p.74

WBE:

BROWN, Francis Henry, 1855-1936.

b. 1855, Norwich, Eng., s. Henry and Benjamina Brown.

ed. Ackworth, then Bootham, Flounders Institute, Univ. College, London, M. A. 1882.

Master Oliver's Mount School, Scarborough. Private school for boys at Headingley, Leeds.

m. Mary S. Longmaid.

Principal of Flounders Institute till 1909. 1909, moved to Letchworth.

Overseer and elder.

In a quiet way was an educational leader among Friends.

d. 26 Dec. 1936, Letchworth, aged 81.

The Friend (London), 95(1937):33 (portrait).

BROWN, Frederick (1817-1892)

Frederick Brown, the son of Richard Marks Brown (1783-1858 qv) and his second wife Doroas, born Kirby, of Luton in Bedfordshire, was born there on 7 January 1817(1). He was an ironmonger of Luton(2) and was married in 1840 to Mary Wiblen (1815-1868 qv) of Guildford(3); there were six children(4).

He died at Luton on 17 January 1892, at the age of seventy five(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: his father is described as a mealman
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Guildford on 8 April 1840: he is described as a bachelor, an ironmonger of Luton in Bedfordshire, the son of Richard Marks Brown, a miller; she is described as a spinster of High Street, Guildford, the daughter of John Wiblen, an ironmonger (Digest of Marriages)
4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mary Emma | b 27 March 1842 | who m 1864 Benjamin Seebohm |
| Matilda Wiblen | b 30 April 1844 | who m 1872 Edward Foster Green |
| *Ellen Amelia | b 7 Feb 1848 | |
| *Frederick John | b 17 Nov 1850 | |
| *Margaret Ann | b 12 March 1854 | |
| *Clara Sophia | b 3 March 1858 | |

*No marriages traced to 1903

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired engineer of Luton

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

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BROWN, George Richard (1857?-1944)

George R. Brown died on 14 April 1944, aged 87. He was born in Stepney. 'At the age of four he was taken to the Sunday School in the old Ratcliff Friends Meeting House, and from that time forward until the end of his long life he never ceased to be actively connected with the work of Friends in that locality. The Sunday School and the temperance movement were his special interests for many years...

'When the air raids finally drove George Brown from his home in Bow, he could claim an unbroken record of no less than 80 years in association with Ratcliff Friends in one capacity or another.' He was active in organising the annual outings of workers in the numerous clubs and other organisations associated with Ratcliff.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

<u>The Friend</u>, vol.102 (1944) p.280

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WBE:

BROWN, George Williams, 1811-1890.

b. 1811, Bucks Co., Pa.

m. Ann Eliza Three children.

Elder of Mo. Mtg. of Friends for the Northern District. 1850, accompanied Christopher Healy and wife Mary to New Eng. Suffered distraint of corn, in lieu of military tax payment. 1866, moved to No. District Mtg.

Author: A concise account of Pennsbury . . . , Phila. 1881.

Historical sketches, chiefly relating to the early settlement of Friends at Falls, in Bucks Co., Pa., Phila., 1882.

The last year of the life of C. Healy, Phila., 1883.

Memoir of John Brown of Penn's manor, Phila., 1886.

Primitive settlers near the falls of Delaware, Phila., 1886.

d. 4 Oct. 1890, Phila., aged 79.

Brown, Visit to New Eng., Phila., 1886.

Brown, Visit to Mennonites, Christmas, [and] Reflections on war, Phila., 1887.

The Friend (Phila.), 64(1891):104.

Hinshaw's Encyclopedia, 2:1046.

WBE:

BROWN, Goold, 1791-1857.

b. 7 Mar. 1791, Pembroke, Mass. or Providence, R. I., s. Smith Brown and Lydia (Gould) Brown.

Could read Greek at five years of age.

Taught near Providence, later at Nine Partners, N. Y. Served in John Griscom's School, N. Y., and opened a school of his own in N. Y. City (1812). 1837, removed to Lynn, Mass.

m. Adopted two daughters.

Helped to promote Haverford School, later Haverford College.

Author: The Child's first book . . . , 1822.

The institutes of English grammar . . . , 1823. Twice reprinted, 1832, 1846. Also "new stereotype ed.," 1858, "new edition," 1881.

First lines of English grammar . . . , 1823. Twice reprinted.

A grammar of grammars, 1850-51. Reprinted. (1,100 pages!)

In his grammar approved only such constructions as met his rigid notions of logic and propriety.

d. 23 Mar. 1857, Lynn, Mass., aged 66.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7616.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:324.

Friends Intelligencer, 83(1926):593.

Am. An. Mon., 1858, No. 1:26.

Dic. Am. Biog., 3:119.

BROWN, Gopsill (1798-1867)

Gopsill Brown, the son of James Brown (1761-1838 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Gopsill, 1775-1844 qv) of Hertford, was born there on 8 January 1798(1). At some time after 1803 the family left Hertford and moved within the compass of Witham Monthly Meeting, thereafter moving to London and changing their place of residence several times(2).

Gopsill Brown became a merchant at Peckham in Surrey(3) and in 1828 he was married to Elizabeth Bevington, the daughter of Richard and Ann Bevington of Worcester(4); there were four children(5).

His business did not prosper and he became insolvent and Friends were appointed to visit him in January 1832(6). In March 1832, as a result of their enquiries, they absolved him from blame in the following minute:-

"It appears he entered into business with his partner in the year 1825; some time after which they met with heavy losses, but so far as we can learn there was no deficiency in their estate until the failure of John Bell & Co. of Belfast: this circumstance however caused them to suspend their payments and produce their insolvency. We have seen one of their principal creditors & trustees, who is of the opinion that Gopsill Brown has evinced much integrity in the management of the affair & the Creditors we believe do not blame the firm for trusting J.B.& Co. to the extent they have done; nevertheless, we doubt their prudence in this case as well as those above alluded to.

It has been satisfactory to us to find that the general habits and expenses of Gopsill Brown have been frugal and in accordance with his circumstances; he evidently feels great regret at the loss his creditors are likely to sustain & he stated to us that should it ever be in his power, he would make up the deficiency. G.B. met us with much openness and candour and we had considerable satisfaction in our visit." (7)

The Friends' visits were discontinued and he was not disowned, but some time in 1832 he moved to Gloucester(8) and carried on business there.

Gopsill Brown of Gloucester died on 25 April 1867, at the age of sixty nine(9).

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BROWN, Hannah (1711?-1779) born Marsham

Hannah Marsham was born in the county of Suffolk about the year 1711(1), of parents professing with Friends. Details of her early life are at present (1975) unknown and she emerges clearly as the wife of Joseph Brown of Hertford Monthly Meeting, whom she married in 1738(2); there were two children of the marriage.(3) She travelled widely in the service of the ministry, "to the great comfort and edification of the Churches where her lot was cast. She was an able and skilful Minister, rightly dividing the Word; In the exercise of her Gift peculiarly clothed with the wisdom and beauty of Truth; her Testimonies usually closing with Singular Strength & propriety. She possessed Strong Natural faculties, was well versed in the Holy Scriptures, which she greatly esteemed, and deep in religious experience & judgment, but notwithstanding her various qualifications, she was a truly humble Woman."

She died after a long illness on 28 September 1779(4), aged about sixty seven, and was buried in Friends' burying ground near Hertford.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Hertford MM 6 March 1780 in TCMD vol.3 pp.155-7

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged about 67 at death. There is no entry in Suffolk QM Births Digest
2 There is no record of her marriage in Suffolk QM or Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digests
3 Listed in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest as follows:-
Hannah b 10.xii.1740 (i.e.February 1740/1)
Hannah b 11.iv.(June)1745
4 Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Joseph

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Hannah (Marsham)

BROWN, Harriette (1855-1937) after 1890 Alexander

[Harriette Brown, daughter of William Edward Brown ( - )
and his wife Abigail (born )
of Halstead in Essex, was married in 1890 to William Henry
Fisher Alexander (1855-1941 qv).

See ALEXANDER, Harriette (1855-1937) born Brown ]

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BROWN, Henrietta (1810-1842) after 1832 Casson

[Henrietta Brown, daughter of William and Mary Brown of North Shields, was married in 1832 to Henry Casson (1802-1863 qv) of Hull.

see CASSON, Henrietta (1810-1842) born Brown ]

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BROWN, Henrietta (1851-1907)

Henrietta Brown, the daughter of William and Mary Brown of North Shields, was born there on 15 April 1851 (1).

Luton & Leighton MM Friends first knew Henrietta Brown about 1883, when she was in the prime of life, and settled in Luton, having resided in many localities in England and abroad. She spent strenuous years working in the Adult School movement; suffered a great bereavement and much loneliness, and eventually endured failing health. All this was seen to be the necessary discipline for her life's work, to which she heard the call when at YM in 1899 an urgent appeal was made for a friend to visit Australia.

After a long interval of prayerful waiting, at the beginning of 1900 Henrietta Brown laid her concern for service in Australia before her MM. She was encouraged to go forward. With full approval from QM and YM she set out upon arduous journeyings for nearly three years. She showed deep sympathy with all whom she met, young and old, in the settled Meetings of the cities and also in the dispersed mining-camps and the back settlements, and she spared no trouble in conveying the loving interest of the Homeland.

Her vocal ministry had small beginnings, but the gift was faithfully used until the time came when her MM acknowledged it officially, and soon there was an unmistakable increase of spiritual power.

In 1906 her membership was transferred to Newcastle MM. She died at Grange-over Sands on 7 September 1907.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Luton & Leighton MM in YM Proc. 1908 p.226

REFERENCES & NOTES :

1 Digest of Birth Notes

SEE ALSO :

The Friend vol (1902) p.636

BROWN, Henry (1813-1846)

Henry Brown, the son of William Brown ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of North Shields in Northumberland, was born at Tynemouth on 29 June 1813(1).

BROWN, Henry (1797-1880)

Henry Brown, son of Richard (1758-1813) and Ann (born King, 17 -1811) Brown of Luton, Beds, was born there on 24 March 1797 (1).

He married, in 1822, Elizabeth Wright (2): there were 4 children (3).

He died at Luton on 7 September 1880, aged 83 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: his father is described as maltster
2 The wedding was at Sutton, [Cambs], FMH on 18 September 1822: he is described as of Luton, Co of Beds, maltster, son of Richard & Ann Brown of Luton; she is described as of Sutton, daughter of William and Sarah Wright (Cambs & Hunts QM Marriages Digest)
3 Listed in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Henry, qv | b 7 Dec 1823 | |
| Richard | b 2 April 1826 | |
| Louisa | b 9 Nov 1828 | who m/Henry Southall (1826-1916, qv) |
| William Wright, qv | b 7 Nov 1830 | |

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as gentleman

BROWN, Henry (1815-1900) 2+

Henry Brown, the youngest son of Stephen Brown (1768-1836 qv) and his wife Phebe (born Bass, 1778-1830 qv) of Amwellbury in Hertfordshire, London and Brighton in Sussex, was born at Stepney in Middlesex on 11 July 1815(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1824 to 1829 and afterwards at Hitchin for six months.

He lived for the next ten years with his uncle Isaac Bass (1782-1855 qv), a tallow chandler of Brighton, where his father was a grocer and wine merchant(2). In 1840 he moved to Norwich, where he took over a small grocery business which was on the decline, but over the years, by hard work and application, he built it up into a flourishing concern. Although in 1845 he had the offer of a partnership with his brother Josiah (1808-1877 qv), he could not see his way clear to leave Norwich. He was married in 1847 to Benjamina Kemp (1817-1891 qv), the eldest daughter of Grover Kemp (1792-1869 qv) of Brighton(3) and there were ~~five~~ four children(4).

In Norwich Henry Brown took an active interest in the Bible Society, the Gospel Temperance Union, the Peace Association, the Orphans' Home and similar philanthropic projects. But he did not allow his outside activities to interfere with his work for the Society and was devoted to the welfare of both his monthly and quarterly meetings. He also took a warm interest in foreign missions and had a large share in founding the Norwich First-day School. Although Norwich Meeting was strong when he joined it in 1840, it dwindled through removals and deaths until in 1865 there were only thirty six members; however, with the help of his brother Josiah, who came to live there in 1867, Henry Brown built it up again until at his death the membership numbered one hundred and thirteen. He was a faithful attender at meetings for worship and discipline and was clerk to the monthly meeting for thirty eight years. In 1885 he was recorded a minister by Norwich Monthly Meeting(5).

Although he always took a lively interest in political and civic affairs, he was never prevailed upon to undertake any public office(6). His most striking characteristic was his humility. He shrank from publicity and while hospitable to all he chiefly invited to his home those who were unable to repay his kindness. "Probably his own meeting was the place where above all others his influence for good was felt, not only in his ministry, which was heartfelt and

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teaching, but also in visitation amongst, and kindly interest in, the members of the meeting. . . His memory amongst us is not so much of great actions as of small duties faithfully performed , which resulted in help and blessing to many."(Testimony)

In the leisure hours of his long life he maintained an early interest in botany, which he shared with his wife, and the interest he took in all that was going on around him never flagged, while in his later years there rested upon him a visible serenity(7). Henry Brown of Norwich died very suddenly on 24 March 1900, at the age of eighty four(8).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 40 (1900) p 227
Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 19 (1900) p 71
Testimony of Norwich MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1901, p 197

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer
2 See BROWN, Stephen (1768-1836)
3 The wedding was at Brighton on 30 September 1847: he is described as a bachelor, a tea dealer of Norwich, the son of Stephen Brown, a wine merchant; she is described as a spinster of Brighton, the daughter of Grover Kemp, a chemist (Digest of Marriages)
4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Henry Robert | b 7 Oct 1849 | |
| Alfred Kemp | b 26 Dec 1850 | m 1883 Emma Barratt (1852-1905 qv) |
| *Leonard | b 2 Dec 1852 | |
| Francis Henry | b 16 Jan 1855 | m 1897 Mary Sophia Longmaid |

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920
5 Friends House Library Index of recorded ministers: he was recorded on 4 June 1885
6 Annual Monitor 1901, p 39: see also pp 34-41
7 Ibid, pp 38 & 40
8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired grocer

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

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BROWN, Henry (1815-1900)

Henry Brown was born in London in the year 1815 and was educated at Ackworth and Hitchin, then living for ten years in Brighton with his uncle Isaac Bass. In 1840 he opened a small grocery business in Norwich and built it up for the next forty four years.

In Norwich Henry Brown took active interest in the Bible Society, the Gospel Temperance Union, the Peace Association, the Orphans' Home and kindred organizations.

Although Norwich Meeting was strong when Henry Brown joined it in 1840, it dwindled through removals and death until in 1865 there were only thirty six members; however, with the help of his brother Josiah, who came to live there in 1867, Henry Brown built up the membership again until at time of his death it numbered one hundred and thirteen. He was a faithful attender at meetings for worship and for discipline, and was Clerk to the Monthly Meeting for thirty eight years.

'Probably his own meeting was the place where above all others his influence for good was felt, not only in his ministry, which was heartfelt and teaching, but also in visitation amongst, and kindly interest in, the members of the meeting... His memory amongst us is not so much of great actions as of small duties faithfully performed, which resulted in help and blessing to many'.

Henry Brown died 24 March 1900 aged eighty four years.

Testimony of Norwich MM in YM Proc. 1901, p.197

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Additional information:
BROWN, Henry, 1815-1900.

s. Stephen and Phoebe (Bass) Brown.

His uncle Isaac Bass was a grocer.

m., 1847, Benjamina Kemp, of Brighton (d. 1891).

1869, helped found Norwich First-day School. Minister.

1884, retired from business.

Interested in botany. Did not feel drawn to civil affairs.

End came suddenly. d. Norwich.

The Friend (London), 40(1900):204, 227 (portrait).

An. Mon. (N. S.), 59(1901):34.

BROWN, Henry (1844-1926)

Henry Brown, the son of James Brown ( ) and his wife Martha (born ) of Dudley in Warwickshire, was born there on 24 February 1844(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1854 to 1859(2).

BROWN, Henry (1823-1892)

Henry Brown, son of Henry (1797-1880, qv) and Elizabeth (born Wright) Brown of Luton, was born there on 7 December 1823 (1).

He married, in 1857, Elizabeth Cooper (2): there were 7 children (3).

He died at Luton on 1 May 1892, aged 68 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 ~~Digest of Births~~ Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: no description of his father is given

2 The wedding was at Stoke Newington FMH on 17 September 1857: he is described as bachelor, timber merchant, of Luton, Beds, son of Henry Brown, timber merchant; she is described as spinster, of Tudor House, Shacklewell, Middlesex, daughter of Emanuel Cooper (deceased) (Digest of Marriages)

3 Listed in Digest of Births and Digest of Deaths as follows:-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Edward | b 5 Nov 1858 | | |
| Mary Ellen | b 29 Aug 1861 | d 27 Sept 1866 aged 5 | |
| Elizabeth Anna | b 1 Oct 1863 | | |
| Henry | b 29 July 1866 | | |
| Emily | b 18 April 1868 | d 12 Sept 1868 aged 5 mo | |
| Margaret | b 18 July 1869 | | |
| Arthur | b 14 Feb 1871 | | |

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as timber merchant

BROWN, Henry Coles (1809-1880)

Henry Coles Brown, son of Richard Marks (  -1858) and Elizabeth (born Coles,  -1811) Brown of Breach, near Luton, was born there on 11 September 1809 (1).

He married, in 1832, Ann Wright (2): there were 6 children (3).

He died at Luton on 1 November 1880, aged 71 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: no description of his father is given

2 The wedding was at Sutton, [Cambs] FMH on 22 August 1832: he is entered as 'Brown, Coles Henry' and is described as of Luton, Co of Beds, miller, son of Richard Marks and Elizabeth Brown of Luton, Co of Beds; she is described as of Sutton, daughter of William and Sarah Wright of Sutton (Cambs & Hunts QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Beds & Herts Births Digest, Beds & Herts Burials Digest, Digest of Births and Digest of Deaths as follows:-

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eliza Ann | b | 4 March 1834 | d | 12 Sept 1834 aged 6 mo |
| Edward | b | 22 Sept 1835 | d | 14 July 1836 aged 10 mo |
| Joseph | b | 25 Aug 1838 | d | 13 March 1839 aged 6 mo |
| William Henry, qv | b | 23 April 1840 | | |
| Joseph John | b | 13 Oct 1842 | d | 15 Jan 1872 aged 29 |
| Sarah Ann | b | 19 Nov 1845 | | who m Thomas Fardon |

4 Digest of Deaths: no description is given

BROWN, Henry Tatnall (1871?-1938)

'Henry Tatnall Brown, Vice-Chairman of the American Friends Service Committee and Chairman of the relief work in Spain, died on August 16, (1938), following an operation. He was in his 67th year.' In 1924 he was in charge of child feeding work in Germany.

His wife, Mary Scattergood Brown and sons, Henry Tatnall Brown, Robert L. Brown, and Ernest Brown, survived him.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.96 (1938) p.774

BROWN, Henton (1698?-1775)

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Henton Brown was born in London about 1698, and 'had an education amongst Friends' (1). He married, about 1718, according to Anglican usages; his wife's name was Sarah (2). Eleven children of the marriage are recorded, most of whom died in infancy (3).

Henton Brown 'appeared in a public testimony about the 25th year of his age... For several years he was measurably preserved in faithfulness' and on 28.ix [November] 1731, he was acknowledged as a minister by the Morning Meeting, agreeable to a minute from Horsleydown MM (4). He was the author of four works defending Friends' views against William Bromfield and William Notcutt, published between 1726 and 1735 (5). In 1744 he travelled, with a minute from Horsleydown MM, visiting Friends in Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and adjacent counties (6). However, 'being a man of strong natural parts, and having acquired reputation on this account, he became acquainted with several persons of considerable rank, and gradually fell into much business, and a variety of worldly engagements.'

By 1748, he was established as a London banker (7). In May 1750, he asked Horsleydown MM for a removal certificate for himself and his family to Gracechurch Street MM, within the compass of which they had for some time been living (8). He acquired, probably by 1754, a house on Clapham Common, Surrey, near the Mount Pond, as a country residence (9) and was 'for many years a pretty constant attender of ... [Wandsworth] meeting, as well as a benefactor to it'; but 'continued to the last a member of Gracechurch Street Monthly Meeting' (10). As a member of Horsleydown MM, he had served on the committee of Friends Workhouse (11); he may have been a member of the London Two Weeks Meeting for Gracechurch Street MM (12). He served as a representative of London QM to London YM in 1735, 1754 and 1759 (13). He was a prominent member of Meeting for Sufferings, and with dr John Fothergill (1712-1780 qv) was much engaged in correspondence with James Pemberton (1723-1809 qv) of Philadelphia on politics and legislation affecting Friends in America (14).

Henton Brown took his son James (1721-1781 qv) and his son-in-law, Thomas Collinson (1727-1803 qv) into partnership in his bank, which became first Henton Brown & Son, and after 1770 Brown & Collinson. By his will of 1773 he nominated John Henton Tritton (1755-1833 qv), his grandson, to a partnership in the firm, with a quarter share, after apprenticeship and coming of age.(15)

In 1764 Henton Brown paid a ministerial visit to some of the home counties, during which he lamented to a Friend having spent so much time in the acquisition of wealth, 'sorrowfully adding, "What end will it answer, what end will it answer? It may possibly find wings for my children to fly from the blessed truth." ' Although ill, he attended the yearly meeting of 1775 supported by two Friends, concerned to testify 'to the light of Christ in the conscience'.

Henton Brown died on 2 September 1775, at Clapham, and was buried at Long Lane FBG, Southwark (16).

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BROWN, Henton (1698?-1775)

Henton Brown, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1975) traced, was born in London about the year 1698(1) and was educated amongst Friends. He appeared in the ministry when he was about twenty four and for some years was "measurably preserved in faithfulness;" during this period he was actively concerned in the Society's affairs and wrote a number of pamphlets, but thereafter he became much occupied with business affairs, to the detriment of his religious life.

He was a man of great natural ability and became a banker in Lombard Street in London(2), but in later life he bitterly regretted that he had neglected his religion to spend so much of his time and energy in the pursuit of riches. He criticised himself severely, particularly while on a ministerial journey in the year 1764, when he spoke to his companion of the mistake he had made in amassing wealth. His change of attitude was commented on in the following extract froma letter from William Forster to his sister Elizabeth on 6 July 1775; he was at this time a very frail old man, within a few months of his death:-

> "He has been favoured in this long Illness to see Things in a very different Light to what he formerly did; I well remr our worthy Sophia (Hume) some time before her decease giving an acceptable acct of a Visit to him, in which he expressed the great Concern he then felt for his too far deviating from the Principles he professed and once publicly owned and supported."(3)

There is no record of his marriage(4), but Henton and Sarah Brown had twelve children(5).

He died of dropsy at Clapham, Surrey on 2 September 1775(6) and was buried at Long Lane after a meeting at Horsleydown; he was aged about seventy seven.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Testimony of Gracechurch Street MM in TCMD vol 3 p 97

SEE ALSO: Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 4 (1907) p 157: vol 12 (1915) p 10: vol 16 (1919) p 13n, 35,56,57,60: vol 23 (1926) pp 7,43: vol 27 (1930) pp 9,73
TRITTON, J.Herbert: Tritton, the place and the family 1907

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BROWN, Henton (1698?-1775)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged about 77 at death. There is no entry in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest

2 J Friends Hist Soc vol 27 (1930) p 13

3 op cit p 13

4 There is no record of his intention to marry in the minutes of Two Weeks Meeting
There is no record of his marriage in London & Middlesex QM, Essex QM, Kent QM, Surrey & Sussex QM or Suffolk QM Marriages Digests

5 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Anne | b 1718 | d 26 viii (Oct)1718 |
| Hannah | b 2 viii (Oct)1719 | d 27 iii (May)1721 |
| James | b 11 v (July)1721 | |
| Anna Maria | b 12 ix (Nov)1723 | m Thomas Tritton of Ashford |
| Henton | b 11 xi 1724 (i.e.Jan 1724/5) | d 2 xi 1726 (i.e.Jan 1726/7) |
| Sarah | b 19 i (March)1726/7 | d 27 i (March)1729/30 |
| Martha | b 22 ii (April)1728 | d 19 xi 1728(i.e.Jan 1728/9) |
| Henton | b 31 i (March)1730/1 | |
| Sarah | b 7 viii (Oct)1731 | d before December 1733 |
| Sarah | b 4 x (Dec)1733 | d Jan 1734/5 |
| *George | b 1734 | d 2 x (Dec)1736 |
| Sarah | b 8 iii (May)1736 | m Thomas Collinson in 1766 |

*These children do not appear in the Births Digest

6 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

PUBLICATIONS

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|---|---|
| An Examination of William Bromfield's Principles, | 1726 |
| A Vindication of Robert Barclay's Apology, | 1732 |
| The Divine & Human Nature united in the Person of Jesus Christ | No date |
| To Friends of the Monthly Meeting of Southwark | 1741 |

Jos Smith's Catalogue vol 1 p 325

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BROWN, Henton, ca. 1698-1775.

Author: A vindication of Robert Barclay's apology, &c., 1732.

The divine and human natures united in the person of Jesus Christ, &c.

An examination of William Notcutt's reply to H. B.'s vindication of Robert Barclay's Apology, &c., 1735.

To Friends belonging to the monthly meeting in Southwark . . . (London), 1741. (On their attendance of religious meeting.)

d. of dropsy, 23 Sept. 1775, London, Eng., aged ca. 77.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:325.

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BROWN, Isaac

Mount Pleasant, Ohio.

1843, wrote a letter to Mildred Ratcliff . . . , The Friend (Phila.), 45:357.

For five years lost hope in religion, as it concerned himself, and, feeling it would be a mockery, did not attend meetings. Came out of this despondency and never again lost faith.

The Friend (Phila.), 45:381 (1872).

BROWN, Isaac (1801-1876)

Isaac Brown, the son of William and Hannah Brown of Thirsk in Yorkshire, was born there on 31 July 1801(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1813 to 1815(2).

In his early life he was a shopkeeper at Great Ayton, Cleveland in Yorkshire(3) and it was while living there that he was married in 1844 to Priscilla Brown of Stamford Hill, Middlesex(4); the marriage was apparently childless(5). After his marriage he moved to Ackworth and later to Leeds, where he became a railway overlooker(6).

He was a plain, straightforward, practical and kind-hearted man, a willing and ready servant of the Society. He was an elder and was especially concerned for those just coming forth in the ministry and for the well-being of the sick, the poor and needy and any who might feel themselves in any way neglected. He took a warm interest in Rawdon School and followed the subsequent career of the pupils; he was also deeply interested in the history of the Society and of the meetings making up Brighouse Monthly Meeting and his retentive memory and knowledge of details of procedure was very useful at business meetings. His language was not always clear or forceful, but what he said was too important to be overlooked.

Isaac Brown of Leeds died on 28 February 1876, at the age of seventy four(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1877, pp 30-32

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a factor
2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 77, entry 3433
3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
4 The wedding was at Stoke Newington on 16 May 1844: he is described as a bachelor, a shopkeeper of Great Ayton, Cleveland, Yorkshire, the son of William Brown (deceased); she is described as a spinster of Stamford Hill, Middlesex, the daughter of John Brown (deceased). (Digest of Marriages)
5 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
6 He is so described in his burials entry, note 7
7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a railway overlooker

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

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BROWN, Isaac (1803-1895)

Isaac Brown, the eldest child of Stephen Brown (1768-1836 qv) and his wife Phebe (born Bass, 1778-1830 qv) of Amwell Bury in Hertfordshire and later of Brighton in Sussex, was born at Amwell Bury on 27 July 1803(1). At his birth his parents were living on a farm, which they left six years later and Isaac went to live with his uncle Isaac Bass at Brighton for two years. At the age of eight he was sent to the Friends' school at Islington for six years and then to the school conducted by Isaac Payne (1781?-1845 qv) at Epping for one year; during his childhood he was never at home with his parents for more than a few weeks at a time.

After he finished his schooldays at Epping he was apprenticed to Isaac Payne for six years; at the same time he had the offer of an appointment as junior clerk in the offices of Overend and Gurney in London, but on his mother's advice he chose a teaching career. At the close of his apprenticeship Isaac Payne offered him the post of teacher at a small salary; this coincided with an offer from his uncle Isaac Bass of a position in his counting house at double the amount, but he felt that teaching was to be his life's work and he remained with Isaac Payne for five years longer.

During these years he was an earnest student, studying Greek, Latin, French and mathematics; his love of the classics increased as he grew older and he became a notable Greek scholar. At the same time he passed through a period of great spiritual doubt, partly owing to the presence in the school of teachers who were atheists and also to the smallness of Epping Meeting, from which he felt he received little help. He did not receive a sudden opening into the light of belief in Christ and his spiritual journey was a slow and painful one.

In 1829, at the age of twenty six, he established his own school at Hitchin in Hertfordshire, which began with twenty boarders and some day scholars; the school flourished and he conducted it successfully for sixteen years. He was married in 1833 to Rebecca Marriage of Springfield in Essex(2) and there were six children(3). He was a warm supporter of the temperance movement and while at Hitchin he was instrumental in setting up a Total Abstinence Society. The school came to a sudden and unlooked for end; in 1845 a fire broke out in a neighbouring cabinet manufacturer's and spread to the school building, a considerable part of which was destroyed. This catastrophe brought his connection with Hitchin to a close and he moved to Dorking.

He had long felt that he would like to teach older boys and at Dorking he opened a school for this purpose. He had also had in his

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mind the desirability of establishing an institution for the training of teachers for Friends' schools and on the foundation of the Flounders Institute at Ackworth the opportunity occurred of putting his ideas into practice. He became the first Principal of the Flounders Institute when it was opened in 1848(4) and remained there for the next twenty two years. His wife died in 1849. This sudden blow and the deaths of two of his children tested his faith to the utmost, but he emerged with a gentler, deepened trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. After his wife's death his sister Lucy acted as his housekeeper, until in 1856 he married Elizabeth Thornhill(5), but this second marriage was apparently childless(6).

From the first he threw himself with enthusiasm into the intellectual life of the Institute. His classes were greatly enjoyed and his lectures were models of method and lucidity; he would often be in the lecture room by 6.30 in the morning. He was very gentle and patient with the dull and ignorant and would go to great lengths to explain a knotty problem. He cultivated the companionship of his students, who often accompanied him on walks which were made delightful by his wide and accurate knowledge of botany. He was also deeply concerned for their moral and spiritual welfare and spared no effort to help them in any way he would. It was during his period at the Flounders Institute that he began his services in the ministry and these were faithfully maintained until near the close of his life, for more than forty years.

In 1869 a serious outbreak of fever occurred at the Institute, due to contamination of the water supply and in 1870 he felt the time had come to resign his charge. He retired with his wife to Brentholme in Kendal, where he spent the last twenty five years of his life, surrounded by his extensive library and devoting much of his time to intellectual pursuits. He maintained a very wide correspondence with Friends in England, America and in the missionary stations in Syria, India, Madagascar and China and was in touch with American Friends' work in Mexico, the West Indies and Syria. "He was one who emphatically possessed the spirit of patience. In affliction and distress he was habitually calm, and his mental and spiritual faculties rose superior to the incidental and transitory."(Testimony)

Isaac Brown was especailly qualified to instruct the young and to help those who were discouraged by doubts or difficulties. By his geniality and love, which increased with the years, he made many firm friends and his ministry grew in depths and power. He wrote many

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papers upon subjects connected with the beliefs of Friends, published as separate pamphlets or in periodicals; he also wrote on Biblical exegesis and criticism. His mental faculties remained practically unimpaired until the close of his long life and his faith remained clear and strong until the end. As a friend said of him, he had lived so long on the confines of heaven that death held no terrors for him.

Isaac Brown of Brantholme, Kendal, died on 3 November 1895, at the age of ninety two(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 35 (1895) pp 741-742
Annual Monitor 1897, pp 4-27
Testimony of Kendal MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1896, p 150

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
2 The wedding was at Chelmsford on 19 June 1833: he is described as a schoolmaster of Hitchin in the county of Hertford, the son of Stephen and Phebe Brown of Brighthelmstone in Sussex; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Margaret Marriage of Springfield in Essex (Essex QM Marriages Digest)
3 Listed in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest and the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Phebe Sophia | b 4 June 1834 | d 28 July 1847, aged 13 |
| Charles | b 18 May 1835 | m 1865 Mary Eddington |
| Margaret | b 23 Feb 1837 | m 1863 William H. Longmaid (1835-1919 qv) |
| *William Henry qv | b 21 Oct 1838 | |
| *Edgar Marriage qv | b 1 Sept 1840 | |
| Alfred Bass | b 10 Oct 1844 | d 8 May 1845 |

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
4 J Friends Hist Soc vol 14, p 183
5 The wedding was at Ackworth on 23 July 1856: he is described as a widower, Principal of the Flounders Institute of Ackworth, the son of Stephen Brown, a wine merchant; she is described as a spinster of Ackworth, the daughter of Joseph Thornhill, a draper (Digest of Marriages)
6 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as formerly a schoolmaster

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The Lord's Supper, 1872 (2nd edition)
Joseph Smith's Catalogue, vol 1, p 326:
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Quakerities for 1838
R.L.Hine, A mirror for the Society of Friends
Richard Allen, pp 235, 243
Friends Beyond the Seas // reference in Friends Quarterly Examiner 1907, p 529
Vol N/179: reference to fire at Hitchin School

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BROWN, Isaac, 1803-1895.

b. 27 July 1803 on a farm called Amwellbury, s. Stephen and Phoebe Brown.

1809, lived with his uncle, Isaac Bass, at Brighton.

At school at Islington in 1811. At Isaac Payne's school ca. 1817; apprentice teacher for six years from 1818; stayed five years more.

m., 1833, Rebecca Marriage, of Springfield, near Chelmford (d. 1849). Six children, all born at Hitchin.

m. (2d), 1856, Elizabeth Thornhill, of Ackworth (d. 1893).

ca. 1848, a fire destroyed some buildings and this brought his connection with Hitchin to a close (London says 1845). Removed to Dorking, and opened a school for older students.

1848, became principal of Flounders (London says 1846). Was in the lecture room 6:30 a.m.

A notable Greek and Latin scholar, and a rare teacher.

Author: Published in The Old Banner, 1866: No. 4, Gospel Principles; No. 8, The Lord's Supper; No. 13, The Purposes of the Coming of Christ.

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An. Mon. (N. S.), 55:4.

The Friend (London), 35:741 (portrait).

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:326, suppl.:69.

BROWN, Henton (1698?-1775)

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Henton Brown 'appeared in a public testimony about the 25th year of his age... For several years he was measurably preserved in faithfulness' and on 28.ix [November] 1731, he was acknowledged as a minister by the Morning Meeting, agreeable to a minute from Horsleydown MM (4). He was the author of four works defending Friends' views against William Bromfield and William Notcutt, published between 1726 and 1735 (5). In 1744 he travelled, with a minute from Horsleydown MM, visiting Friends in Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and adjacent counties (6). However, 'being a man of strong natural parts, and having acquired reputation on this account, he became acquainted with several persons of considerable rank, and gradually fell into much business, and a variety of worldly engagements.'

By 1748, he was established as a London banker (7). In May 1750, he asked Horsleydown MM for a removal certificate for himself and his family to Gracechurch Street MM, within the compass of which they had for some time been living (8). He acquired, probably by 1754, a house on Clapham Common, Surrey, near the Mount Pond, as a country residence (9) and was 'for many years a pretty constant attender of ... [Wandsworth] meeting, as well as a benefactor to it'; but 'continued to the last a member of Gracechurch Street Monthly Meeting' (10). As a member of Horsleydown MM, he had served on the committee of Friends Workhouse (11); he may have been a member of the London Two Weeks Meeting for Gracechurch Street MM (12). He served as a representative of London QM to London YM in 1735, 1754 and 1759 (13). He was a prominent member of Meeting for Sufferings, and with dr John Fothergill (1712-1780 qv) was much engaged in correspondence with James Pemberton (1723-1809 qv) of Philadelphia on politics and legislation affecting Friends in America (14).

Henton Brown took his son James (1721-1781 qv) and his son-in-law, Thomas Collinson (1727-1803 qv) into partnership in his bank, which became first Henton Brown & Son, and after 1770 Brown & Collinson. By his will of 1773 he nominated John Henton Tritton (1755-1833 qv), his grandson, to a partnership in the firm, with a quarter share, after apprenticeship and coming of age.(15)

In 1764 Henton Brown paid a ministerial visit to some of the home counties, during which he lamented to a Friend having spent so much time in the acquisition of wealth, 'sorrowfully adding, "What end will it answer, what end will it answer? It may possibly find wings for my children to fly from the blessed truth." ' Although ill, he attended the yearly meeting of 1775 supported by two Friends, concerned to testify 'to the light of Christ in the conscience'.

Henton Brown died on 2 September 1775, at Clapham, and was buried at Long Lane FBG, Southwark (16).

BROWN, Henton (1698?-1775) cont

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Gracechurch Street MM, 18 April 1776, in TCMD vol 3 (1774-1791) pp 97-100.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1 Both the testimony and London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest give his age at death as about 77. No entry for his birth has been traced in London & Middlesex, Beds & Herts, Essex or Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digests.

2 When a birth note for their eldest child Hannah was brough in to Horsleydown MM on 30.vii [Sept] 1719, it was noted that they had been married by a priest, and visitors were appointed. They were kindly received by the couple, who appeared penitent, and on 20.xi.1719 [Jan 1719/20] the monthly meeting accepted their written acknowledgement of their offence. (Horsleydown MM minutes vol 5 (1713-1721); Southwark MM MSS 4/63.)

3 The children are given as follows in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests, and in Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hannah | b 2.vii [Sept] 1719 | | d 27.iii [May 1721 |
| James qv | b 11.v [July] 1721 | | |
| Anna Maria qv | b 12.ix [Nov] 1723 | m 1754 Thomas Tritton (1717-1786 | |
| Henton | b 11.xi [Jan] 1724/5 | | d 2.xi.1727 [Jan 1727/8] |
| Sarah | b 19.i [March] 1726 | | d 27.i [March] 1729/30 |
| Martha | b 22.ii [April] 1728 | | d 19.xi.1728 [Jan 1728/9] |
| Henton | b 31.i [March] 1730 | | |
| Sarah | b 7.viii [Oct] 1731 | | d 6.ii [April] 1732 |
| Sarah | b 4.x [Dec] 1733 | | d 27.xi.1734 [Jan 1734/5] |
| George | b 6.xi.1734 [Jan 1734/5] | | d 2.x [Dec] 1736 |
| Sarah qv | b 8.iii [May] 1736 | m 1766 Thomas Collinson (1727-1803 qv) | |

Up to andincluding 1724/5, the place of birth is given as the Maze, parish of [St] Olave's, Southwark, and from 1726 as the Borough, parish of [St] Saviour's, Southwark; no description of Henton Brown is given.

4 Morning Meeting minutes vol 4 (1711-1734), p 371. His performance as a minister is criticised in passing by William Gibson, in Saul's errand to Damascus, 1728, p 11.

5 Smith, Descriptive catalogue, vol 1 p 325. The works were An examination of William Bromfield's principles ... in a late pamphlet..., 1726; A vindication of Robert Barclay's Apology ... against the attempts of William Notcut..., 1732; The divine and human natures united in the person of Jesus Christ ... in a calm defence of an Examination of William Bromfield's principles, n.d.; and An examination of William Notcutt's reply to H.B.'s vindication..., 1735. He also signed a paper, as clerk, on attendance at meetings, To Friends belonging to the monthly meeting in Southwark, 1741. A manuscript submitted by Henton Brown to the Morning Meeting, in answer to William Bromfield, was rejected on 16.viii [Oct] 1727, the Meeting thinking it best not to enter the controversy 'after that manner'; presumably this was a draft of The divine and human natures, printed by T. Warner of Paternoster Row, who was printing for Friends until at least 1733 (R.S. Mortimer, 'Biographical notices of printers and publishers of Friends' books up to 1750 - a supplement to

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Plomer's Dictionary', Journal of documentation, vol 3 no 2 (Sept 1947), p 123).

6 Horsleydown MM Book of disorderly walkers &c vol 1 (1728-1783), p 49: the certificate was signed on 18.ii [April] 1744.

7 The firm was 'founded by Henton, Brown, and Son [sic], about 1748; at least, that is the earliest date that can be found for them' (F.G. Hilton Price, A handbook of London bankers, 1890-1891, p 24).

8 Horsleydown MM minutes vol 8 (1743/4-1758) pp 285, 294.

9 J. Herbert Tritton, Tritton: the place and the family, 1907, pp 123-125. A.T. Gary, in 'The political and economic relations of English and American Quakers (1750-1785)', D.Phil. thesis, University of Oxford, 1935, appendix A, pp 456-457, states that Brown entertained Archbishop Herring at his Clapham House on his daughter's marriage, and that he asked Herring to meet members of Meeting for Sufferings in 1754 to discuss religious questions. Tritton, however, states only that Herring refused an invitation 'to dine with you [Brown], and those noble Friends of yours' on 19 June 1754, and that he refused the invitation, by a letter on 24 July 1754, to attend the wedding (pp 124-125, 133).

10 London YM minutes vol 15 (1774-1777) p 352: Surrey QM's answer to the yearly meeting queries, referring the matter of a testimony to Gracechurch Street MM. Although not a member of Wandsworth MM, Henton Brown's signature is among those on a certificate of removal from Wandsworth MM, of 29 July 1759 (Wandsworth MM MSS 3/86).

11 Horsleydown MM minutes vol 7 (1728-1743/4) pp 154, 522. He was appointed on 11.viii [Oct] 1732 and released on 15.ii [April] 1741.

12 With other London Friends, he signs certificates of removal and clearness for marriage issued by London Two Weeks Meeting on a number of occasions between at least 26.xi.1746 [Jan 1746/7] and 19 February 1770 (Two Weeks Meeting Copies of certificates vol A (1716-1767) pp 157, 176, 220, 290, 320, 392, and Copies of certificates vol 1 (1767-1785) pp 38, 40, 42, 45).

13 LSF: Index of YM representatives, typescript.

14 Early in 1734/5, he and William Forster had delivered a verbal address of congratulation to the prince of Orange on his impending marriage with the princess royal. He had been among the Friends drafting, signing or presenting addresses to the Crown from Yearly Meeting or Meeting for Sufferings in March 1743/4 and 1746 (on the Jacobite rising), 1760 (on the accession of George III), 1762 (on the birth of a royal heir) and 1763 (on the peace with France). It was Henton Brown who proposed to Meeting for Sufferings on 2 October 1761 that it present an address to George III and queen Charlotte on their marriage, and he was among those appointed to draw it up. (Universal weekly pamphlet, 1734, pp 465-466, LSF Tract vol 00/139; J.J. Green, ed., Souvenir of the address to king Edward VII, 1901, pp 46-51; Meeting for Sufferings minutes vol 31 (1761-1766) pp 54, 62.) He had been appointed by Meeting for Sufferings on 21 March 1755, as one of the committee to report on the difficulties of Friends in Pennsylvania, together with David Barclay, Capel Hanbury, John Fothergill and others, and in May 1754 had been among those Friends who waited on the newly-appointed governor of Pennsylvania, Robert Hunter Morris, to solicit his interest (Meeting

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for Sufferings minutes vol 29 (1747-1756) pp 355, 357, 424. For his activities in this field see A.T. Gary's thesis cited above (n 9); Betsy C. Corner and Christopher C. Booth, eds., Chain of friendship: selected letters of dr John Fothergill, Cambridge, Mass, 1971, pp 252-262; Herman Wellenreuther, Glaube und Politik in Pennsylvania 1681-1776, Köln, 1972; Theodore Thayer, 'The library [of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania]: the Pemberton papers', Penna mag. vol 67 (1943) pp 280-286. Henton Brown & Son had acted as bankers to Benjamin Franklin during his first mission to England as provincial agent for Pennsylvania, in 1757-1762, and Brown and John Fothergill defended him against suggestions that he had not resisted the Stamp Act firmly enough in 1765 (George S. Eddy, ed., 'Account book of Benjamin Franklin, Penna mag. vol 55 (1931) pp 97-133; 'Notes and queries', Penna mag. vol 42 (1918) pp 285-286).

15 J. Herbert, Tritton, Tritton, pp 141-142; P.W. Matthews, History of Barclays Bank, 1926, pp 38-39; F.G. Hilton Price, A handbook of London bankers, p 24. The bank was in Lombard Street, near the forerunner of Barclays Bank; as Brown, Collinson & Tritton, the firm failed in March 1782.

16 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest, where he is described as of Lombard Street, a member of Gracechurch Street MM, died of dropsy, aged about 77. He had been ill and unable to attend meetings for some years before his death; for a description of his appearance at the yearly meeting of 1775 see a letter of William Forster. 6 July 1775, printed in JFHS vol 27 (1930) p 12.

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BROWN, Henton (1698-1775)

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Henton Brown was a banker of Lombard Street, London. He was for a long period a member of Grace Church Monthly Meeting but before of Southwark Monthly Meeting of which he was clerk in 1741. He had a large house in Clapham Common, The Mount Pound where he entertained Thomas Herring, Archbishop of Canterbury, at his daughter's wedding.

Brown was an active member of the committees of London Meeting for Sufferings and asked Archbishop Herring to meet with members of that Meeting to discuss religious questions in 1754. As a member of the Meeting for Sufferings' committee on American affairs, he and Dr. Fothergill wrote James Pemberton of Philadelphia on April 8, 1766, a refutation of Caspar Krebbs' charges that Benjamin Franklin had not exerted himself to obtain the repeal of the Stamp Act. Brown wrote several books in defense of Quakerism notably: 'An Examination of William Bromfield's Principles, with regard to the Conception and Mission of Jesus Christ which he hath published as the 'Faith of the Primitive Quakers! ...Wherein the People called Quakers are cleared from holding that Part of his Doctrine' (London 1726) and, 'A Vindication of Robert Barclay's Apology for the Principles of the people called Quakers, against the Attempts of William Natent' (London 1736) (Tritton, T.H., Tritton, the Place and the Family, (London, 1907) 124-5; Pennsylvania Magazine XLII, 285-6)

Note in 'The Political & Economic Relations' by A.T. Gary, 1935, pp. 456-7

BROWN, James (1729/30-1813)

James Brown, the son of James and Mary Brown of Stapleford in Hertfordshire, was born there on 21.xii.1729 (i.e. February 1729/30)(1).

He became a farmer at Bayford in Hertfordshire(2) and was married in 1760 to Elizabeth Crowther (1731-1778 qv) of Wormley in Hertfordshire(3); there were five children(4). After his marriage he an his wife moved to Amwellbury in Hertfordshire(5).

Elizabeth Brown died in 1778(6), but he did not apparently marry again(7).

James Brown died on 12 May 1813, at the age of eighty three(8).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Beds & Herts 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 Crosbrook Street on 11 September 1760: he is described as a farmer of Bayford in Hertfordshire, the son of James and Mary Brown of Bayford; she is described as of Wormley in Hertfordshire, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Crowther of Daventry in Northamptonshire (Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest)
4 Listed in Beds & Herts QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| James qv | b 6 June 1761 | m 1795 Elizabeth Gopsill (1775-1844 qv) (London & Mddx QM Marriages) |
| Thomas qv | b 5 June 1764 | m 1789 Lucretia Jefferys (Glos. & Wilts QM Marriages) |
| Mary | b 29 Nov 1765 | d aged 14 weeks: no date given |
| Stephen qv | b 11 May 1768 | m 1802 Phebe Bass (1778-1830 qv) |
| *Mary | b 3 March 1770 | |

*No marriage traced in Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest to 1837

5 All his children were born at Amwellbury
6 Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest: she died 24 Oct 1778, aged 46
7 No second marriage is traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests for England and Wales
8 Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

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BROWN, James (1761-1838)

James Brown, son of James (1730?-1813) and Elizabeth (born Crowther, 1732?-1778) Brown of Amwell Bury, Herts, was born there on 6 June 1761 (1).

He married in 1795 Elizabeth Gopsill (1775-1844 qv) (2): there were 3 children (3).

At some time after 1803 the family moved to within the compass of Witham Monthly Meeting, Essex, where James Brown was disowned "for failing to pay his just debts" (4). By 1815 they had, with the exception of the eldest son, returned to London and were within the compass of Southwark Monthly Meeting (5). There were a number of further moves before the family was settled within the compass of Gracechurch Street MM in 1822 (6). That monthly meeting on 4 July 1827 received from Witham MM information that it had received an application for reinstatement from "James Brown of Islington who was some years since disowned by this Meeting": Friends were appointed to visit him and Witham MM on 17 September 1827 reinstated him in membership (7). A certificate of removal from Witham MM was accepted by Gracechurch Street MM 4 June 1828, James Brown's address then being East Road, City Road (8).

On their removal to Peckham their membership, together with that of their son James (1796-1838 qv), who remained unmarried, was transferred from Gracechurch Street MM to Southwark MM in 1832 (9). James and Elizabeth Brown subsequently settled at Croydon, becoming members of Kingston MM in 1834 (10).

James Brown of Croydon died 18 December 1838, aged 77 years (11).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: no occupation for his father is given

2 The marriage was at Horsleydown FMH on 20 January 1795: he is described as seedsman, of Hertford, son of James and Elizabeth Brown of Amwell-bury; she is described as daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Gopsill of Church Street, Horsleydown (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| James qv | b 21 March 1796 | |
| Gopsill qv | b 8 Jan 1798 | |
| Margaret qv | b 17 July 1803 | who m 1824 William Grimshaw (1798-1853 qv) |

4 The children were all born at Hertford: no occupation for JB is given in their birth entries though he is described as seedsman in the marriage entry. Witham MM in 1827, while giving the reason for the disownment, offers no more precise date than "some years since" (Gracechurch Street MM minutes 1817-1829 p 674)

5 A certificate of removal for Elizabeth Brown with her two younger children was issued by Witham MM 8 June 1815 and received by Southwark MM 15 August 1815 (Southwark MM Certificates & Disorderly Walkers Book vol 3 p 209; Southwark MM minutes vol 17 p 471)

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BROWN, James (1761-1838) continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES (cont)

6 For details of the various transfers of membership, see BROWN, Elizabeth (1775-1844)

7 Gracechurch Street MM minutes 1817-1829, pp 673-4, 677, 686, 690

8 Gracechurch Street MM Removals Register 1827-1841 (Removals in, p 1)

9 ibid (Removals out, p 9): date of acceptance given as 5 September 1832

10 Kingston MM MS Register of Members 1826-1837: the date of acceptance is given as July 1834

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

WBE:

BROWN, James, 1773-1858.

b. 8 May 1773.

Of Chesterfield, N. J.

m. Lawrie Issue.

Minister, who made his communications short, but weighty. Remarkable for his industry.

1831, testified at the Camden Trial, on the side of Race St. Friends.

Moved to Byberry?

d. 8 May 1858, Byberry, Pa., aged 85.

Friends Intelligencer, 15(1858):200.

Shotwell, complainant, . . . Report of the testimony in a cause at issue . . . between Thomas L. Shotwell . . . and Joseph Hendrickson and Stacy DeCow . . . by Jeremiah J. Foster.

BROWN, James (1796-1838)

James Brown, son of James (1761-1838 qv) and Elizabeth (born Gopsill, 1775-1844 qv) Brown of Hertford, was born there on 21 March 1796 (1).

At some time after 1803 the family moved to within the compass of Witham Monthly Meeting, Essex, where his father was disowned (2). When in 1815 Southwark MM received from Witham MM a certificate of removal for his mother, brother and sister, his own name was not included and his movements have not (1978) been traced prior to the receipt by Gracechurch Street MM in 1822 of a certificate of removal for him from Lewes & Chichester MM (3).

On his removal with his parents to Peckham his membership was transferred to Southwark MM in 1832 (4). His parents moved to Croydon and in 1835 he became once again a member of Gracechurch Street MM, his address being given as 21 Brudenell Place, New North Road (5). In 1837 Gracechurch Street MM issued a certificate of removal for him to Gloucester MM (6).

James Brown jun of Norfolk Terrace, Gloucester, died 13 April 1838, aged 42 years (7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: no occupation for his father is given
2 No closer dating for the move has (1978) been established: for his father's disownment, see BROWN, James (1761-1838)
3 Gracechurch Street MM MS Register of Members 1822-1843, p 3: the date of acceptance is given as March 1822
4 Gracechurch Street MM Removals Register 1827-1841 (Removals Out p 9): date of acceptance given as 5 September 1832
5 ibid (Removals In p 16): date of acceptance given as 7 January 1835
6 ibid (Removals Out p 19): date of acceptance given as 9 May 1837
7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as coal and porter merchant

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

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BROWN, James (1807?-1862)

James Brown was born about the year 1807 (1).

James Brown of 3 Church Street, Stoke Newington, applied for membership in Gracechurch Street MM in 1833, being accepted on 10 April of that year (2).

In 1833, having moved to Bishopgate Street, his membership was transferred to Devonshire House MM (3). In 1836 Devonshire House MM was informed that he had removed to Dudley and on 3 May a certificate of removal to Warwickshire North MM was authorised (4).

James Brown of Dudley died 22 August 1862 aged 55 years (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 55 years at death
2 Gracechurch Street MM minutes 1829-1844, pp 189, 194, 196: the visitors were John Grubb and John Kitching
3 Minute of Gracechurch Street MM 12 June 1833 received by Devonshire House MM 9 July 1833, saying that "he resides with Elizabeth Batger". *
4 (Devonshire-House MM minutes vol 17 pp 246, 254
5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as commercial agent. His death does not appear to be noticed in The Friend or British Friend

* For the address see Gracechurch Street MM Removals Register 1827-1841 (Removals Out p 12): the date of acceptance is given as 7 August 1833

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

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BROWN, Jemima (1794-1839) born Joshua

Jemima Joshua, the daughter of Francis Joshua (1764?-1840 qv) and his wife Jemima (born Hewell, 1759?-1828 qv) of Swallow Street in the parish of St James, Westminster, was born there on 4 December 1794(1).

She was married in 1828 to Thomas Crowther Brown (1792-1883 qv), a wine merchant of Cirencester in Gloucestershire and there were two children(2). Her husband was a minister of the Society and a greatly respected townsman of Cirencester(3).

Jemima Brown of Cirencester died on 25 June 1839, at the age of forty four(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a grocer
2 For marriage and children see BROWN, Thomas Crowther (1792-1883)
3 See entry for BROWN, Thomas Crowther (1792-1883)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Thomas Crowther

SEE ALSO:-
Annual Monitor 1840, p 6: 1 line entry for death

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

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WBE:

BROWN, John, fl. 1678.

Included as an opponent of Quakerism.

Author: Quakerism the pathway to paganism . . . , Edinburgh, 1678. 564 pages. Indices and final word -

[No references given.]

BROWN, John (  -1684)

John Brown resided at Weston Turville, Bucks. When in Oct. 1658, Henry Scobell, the Clerk to the Council of State, sent down to the Jailers of various prisons a request for the causes of commitment of Quaker prisoners under their care, John Brown's name was given as detained in Aylesbury Gaol, but the jailer replied, 'I have noe such person in my Custodie as John Browne ' (Extracts from State Papers, 1910). But Besse states that Brown was in Aylesbury Gaol twelve weeks, in 1658, for refusing to swear when summoned to serve on a jury (Suff. i. 75).

Notes by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.410

WBE:

BROWN, John, -ca. 1719.

Barking, Eng.

ca. 1700, becoming involved in debt, he fled to America and with his wife settled in Pa. Friends of Barking Mo. Mtg. testified their disunity with his action. 1717, J. B. sent by Thomas Chalkley money to satisfy all claims, including interest. Thereupon Friends in England sent removal certificates.

J. B. left a legacy for the use of poor Friends.

d. ca. 1719, Phila.? Pa.

The Friend (Phila.), 32:307.

BROWN, John (1639-1722?)

John Brown was born at Laleham, Middlesex, i.vi.[Aug.]1639, and was one of the earliest convinced in that country. He became a member of Kingston-upon-Thames MM when the meeting house was built, and remained a member of it for 48 years. He was 'according to the Talent received a zealous Contender for the Faith', and was imprisoned many times, including 6 or 7 imprisonments in Newgate. One of these occurred before the Great Fire of London, and he was obliged to carry his bed out on his back when that prison was burnt down. He also often suffered the spoiling of his goods.

He was taken ill at his son-in-law Jacob Foster's, Blackmont St., ~~Smth~~ Southwark, and died 6.v.[July]1722? (1) in his 83rd year. He was buried at Kingston-on-Thames 9.v.[July].

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Kingston-upon-Thames MM in TCMD vol.2 p.108

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 Year not given in testimony, which is dated 3.iv.[June]1723; presumably therefore 1722, which agrees with age at death. Not in London & Middx QM Burials digest.
A John Brown of Sunbury was buried at Kingston 27.iv.[June] 1722 - Sussex & Surrey QM Burials digest.
<u>Piety promoted</u> (1854 ed.) vol.2 p.362, gives his date of death as 6th of the Fifth month, 1723.

WBE:
Additional information:

BROWN, John, 1639-1723.

Question: Was he the John Brown who visited New Eng. in 1679? said to be from Antigua.

John Smith's ms., 1:330.

Besse, 1:382, 453, 469, 483.

BROWN, John (1780-1857)

John Brown, the second son of Joseph Brown (1751-1803 qv) and his wife Lucy, of Lothersdale in Yorkshire, was born there on 26 June 1780(1). He was married to Isabel Tattersall(2) and there were seven children(3).

While other members of his family left the Dale, he remained at Lothersdale all his life, living at a house called Carlton Biggin(4) and probably farming the land round it. The meeting in the Dale was originally a large one, consisting of about a hundred people, scattered widely from each other in the various farms and houses. The meeting house was the only place of worship in the valley, apart from a small society of Wesleyans who met in a private room. The meeting was vigorous and in the year 1800 a First-day school was opened, one of the earliest undertakings of its kind.

John Brown saw this large meeting dwindle away to a few faithful Friends and its influence and usefulness diminish, yet as the years passed he became more and more attached to the Society and it was one of his most valued privileges to attend Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting. In his last illness he was troubled by doubts about his shortcomings in the service of his Lord, but he died quietly and peacefully at Lothersdale on 24 November 1857(5), at the age of seventy seven.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1859, pp 12-21

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a mason

2 Annual Monitor 1870, p 237. The marriage is not traced in Yorkshire QM, Lancashire QM, Durham QM, Cumberland & Northumberland QM, Westmorland QM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Hannah | b 5 Nov 1805 | who m 1826 James Lund |
| John | b 8 July 1807 | no marriage traced to 1875: he d 8 March 1853 |
| Charles | b 5 April 1809 | no marriage traced to 1875 |
| Maria qv | b 7 Feb 1811 | who m 1846 John Newby (1806-1877 qv) |
| Sophia | b 8 Dec 1812 | no marriage traced to 1875 |
| William | b 30 April 1815 | no marriage traced to 1875 |
| Isabella | b 25 Nov 1817 | who m 1862 Abner Townend |

4 Annual Monitor 1870, p 237

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of Dale End, Lothersdale, out of business his age at death is given as 78

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

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BROWN, Joseph (1751-1803)

Joseph Brown can almost certainly be identified with the twin son of Benjamin and Martha Brown, who lived within the compass of Knaresborough Monthly Meeting; he was born on 12.ii.(April)1751(1). He lived in Lothersdale in Yorkshire and was brought up by his father to follow the same trade, that of mason. He was naturally intelligent, but his education was limited and he was largely self-taught. He said of himself:-

> "As to school learning I have nothing to boast of, for a month or six weeks at most was all the time I ever spent there, and that was when I was very young, so that what I am now capable of performing in the Scholastic Science is what I have gained by private improvement. My early inclinations to poetry, appears from the following rhime which I made when I was very young:
>
> "Each man to something gives his eager mind,
> And mine to poetry is much inclined." (2)

He was married to Lucy(3) and it is said that there were ten children, but only nine have been traced as registered with the Society(4). He maintained his family by the trade of dry stone walling and also worked a small acreage of land, but with all his efforts was but little or scarcely above want. He was a man generally respected and when he was about thirty one he appeared in the ministry. In spite of his poverty he was a constant attender at his monthly and quarterly meetings, generally making the journey on foot. He twice attended London Yearly Meeting, where the simplicity of his manners and appearance was observed with pleasure.

With seven other Friends he was imprisoned in York Castle from 1795 to 1797 for refusing to pay tithe to the vicar of Carlton, ~~a man named~~ George Markham, who persecuted Friends with vigour and severity; the claim amounted to £15.4.0½d. Conditions in the Castle were not so harsh as early Quakers had to endure, but during their imprisonment one of their number, John Wilkinson, died. Their final discharge was brought about by a special clause in an Act of Parliament, which allowed them to return to their homes in October 1797, after an imprisonment of nearly two and a half years.

Joseph Brown's health suffered as a result of his imprisonment and he died at Lothersdale on 28 June 1803(5) at the age of fifty two. James Montgomery, imprisoned with him on a political charge, wrote an elegy on his death. (6)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Friends Quarterly Examiner 1878, pp 38-39

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation and place of residence are not given

2 J Friends Hist Soc vol 19 (1921) p 119

3 The marriage is not traced in Yorkshire QM, Lancashire QM, Durham QM or Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digests

4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Joseph | b 1 Oct 1772 | no marriage traced to 1850 |
| Lucy | b 26 Feb 1775 | no marriage traced to 1850 |
| Hannah | b 3 Sept 1777 | no marriage traced to 1850 |
| John qv | b 26 June 1780 | who m Isabel Tattersall |
| James | b 7 Sept 1782 | no marriage traced to 1850 |
| Mary | b 5 Nov 1784 | who m 1823 John Whalley |
| Patience | b 8 Feb 1787 | who m 1805 John Baldwin Duckworth |
| Esther | b 30 April 1791 | no marriage traced to 1850 |
| Benjamin | b 23 March 1794 | no marriage traced to 1850 |

5 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as of Brigstone House, Lothersdale

6 The lines begin "Spirit, leave thy house of clay": a copy is in Friends House Library (vol 453/2)

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 10, p 51n: Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) pp 54, 84, 88n
Biographical sketch in Herald of Truth, pp 33, 74
Life of Thomas Bulman
Signs, State of case (York Castle) 1795 (Friends House Library Vol C/69)
Piety Promoted vol 3, p 317
Walton, Incidents illustrating the doctrine and history of the Society of Friends, p 49
The Friend (Phila.) vol 13, p 60: vol 32, p 51
Jos. Smith's Catalogue, vol 1, p 327 sv Browne
Wormall Diary ~~xxx~~ (MS, Friends House Library)
Testimony of York QM in TCMD vol 4 p 202

N.B. J Friends Hist Soc vol 19 (1921) p 119 describes him as dying in York Castle, but this is incorrect

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WBE:

BROWN, Joshua, 1717-1798.

b. 5 July 1717, West Nottingham, Pa.

ca. 1733, had small-pox. Soon after, awakened by Elizabeth Levis.

m., ca. 1736, Hannah Gatchell, of East Nottingham (d. 1763). Eleven children.

m. (2d), 1767, Zilla (Walker) Maule, a widow of Radnor, Pa.

1744, appointed with John Churchman to visit families of West Nottingham Mo. Mtg. Service occupied three years. ca. 1747, minister. Extensive travel. 1756, visited Hopewell, va. 1759, removed to Little Britain, Pa. 1761, visited New Jersey. 1763, visited Pa. and N. J. 1770, New Eng. 1778, visited Va. exiles at Winchester. 1778, imprisoned in a small town called Ninety-six, in S. C. Kept prisoner nearly six months. 1790, visited New Eng.

Freed slaves which belonged to an estate, in which his first wife had an interest. Suffered distraints, rather than pay taxes for military purposes.

d. 15 Oct. 1798, Little Britain? in his 82nd year.

The Friend (Phila.) 20:341 (cont'd.), 34:36 (cont'd.), 35:28, 68:132 (cont'd.).

Comly, Friends Misc., 9:279.

Joseph Smith's Cat., 1:327.

BROWN, Josiah (1808-1877)

Josiah Brown, the son of Stephen Brown (1768-1836 qv) and his wife Phebe (born Bass, 1778-1830 qv) of Amwellbury near Ware in Hertfordshire, London and Brighton in Sussex, was born at Amwellbury on 31 March 1808(1). As a young man he lived in London and was accepted as a member of Gracechurch Street Monthly Meeting in 1829(2). In 1831 he went to Brighton, where his father was a grocer and wine merchant(3) and it was during his period in Brighton that he became firmly convinced of the truth of the principles help by the Society.

He returned to London in 1838, again becoming a member of Gracechurch Street Monthly Meeting(4) and went into business as a tea dealer(5). He was married in 1839 to Rachel Stackhouse (1817-1854 qv) of Staines in Middlesex(6) and there were three children(7).

The family moved subsequently to Edmonton, where Josiah Brown became a member of Winchmore Hill Meeting and was recorded a minister by Tottenham Monthly Meeting in 1865(8). "He was not naturally endowed with fluency of language, of which he was sensible; but the call being clear it was not disregarded; and the gradual growth of the inward life tended greatly to deepen and enlarge his gift. . . He was a man of prayer, and had a simple child-like dependence on the Lord's help and guidance; not only in his service for Him, but also in the varied needs of life." His ministry was strong in the support of historical Christianity, but he was not such a firm believer in the Inward Light.

The last few years of his life were spent at Norwich. His health was poor, but in spite of this handicap a minute was granted to him for several successive years for holding meetings in some of the villages on the north-east coast of Norfolk.

Josiah Brown of Norwich died on 22 September 1877 at the age of sixty nine(9), a minister for twelve years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Norwich MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1878, p x

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
2 Gracechurch Street MM minutes 4 March 1829
3 Gracechurch Street MM minutes 15 Jly 1831: see also BROWN, Stephen (1768-1836)
4 Gracechurch Street MM minutes 7 Nov 1838
5 He is so described in his marriage and burial entries, notes 6 and 9

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

6 The wedding was at Staines on 26 September 1839: he is described as a bachelor, a tea dealer of London, the son of Stephen Brown; she is described as a spinster of Staines, the daughter of Thomas Stackhouse (Digest of Marriages)

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Arthur Josiah | b 17 Dec 1843 | |
| Sarah Maria | b 26 Feb 1846 | m 1871 Alexander Eddington (1847-1929 qv) |
| *Alexander | b 1 Feb 1848 | |

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

8 Friends House Library Index of recorded ministers: recorded 9 March 1865

9 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired tea merchant

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

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BROWN, Josiah (1808-1877)

Josiah Brown was born at Amwellbury, near Ware, Herts, in 1808. As a young man he lived in London, but in 1830 went to reside in Brighton, and it was during his residence there that his conversion took place.

On returning to London be became a member of Gracechurch Street Monthly Meeting, and on removing to Edmonton, he attended Winchmore Hill meeting. The last few years of life he spent in poor health at Norwich; in spite of poor health a minute was granted him for several successive years for holding meetings in some of the villages on the north-east coast of Norfolk.

'He was not naturally endowed with fluency of language, of which he was very sensible; but the call being clear it was not disregarded; and the gradual growth of the inward life tended greatly to deepen and enlarge his gift.'

'He was a man of prayer, and had a simple child-like dependence on the Lord's help and guidance; not only in his service for Him, but also in the varied needs of life.'

Josiah Brown died 22 September 1877, a recorded minister twelve years.

Testimony of Norwich MM in YM Proc. 1878, p.x

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Additional information: 3

BROWN, Josiah, ca. 1808-1877.

Author: How readest thou? Christian truth as held by the Society of Friends. 2 editions.

Strong in the support of historical Christianity. Not so strong in support of the Inward Light.

d. Albemarle Rd., Norwich, bur. Warwick.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 36(1878):46.

The Friend (London), 17(1877):291.

Jos. Smith's Cat., suppl.:69.