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DICKS, Roger, ca. 1752-1808.

b. ca. 1752, s. Peter and Sarah Dicks.

ca. 1780, appeared in the ministry. Visited in families.

Member of Chester Mo. Mtg., Pa.

d. 29 Dec. 1808, Providence? Pa., in his 56th year.

Comly, Friends Misc., 9:12.

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DICKS, Zachariah, -ca. 1810.

b. Pa.

1754, came to N. C. Lived at New Garden?

Visited Gt. Brit. 1787, returned to U. S. A. 1787,
at Phila. Y. Mtg. 1803, 1804, passed through S. C., warning
Friends to come out of slavery.

Came to Centre, Ohio (on the Wabash). Died in a few
months after he arrived there.

d. ca. 1810, Centre, Ohio?

Comly, Friends Misc., 5:139, 7:287-88, 9:236, 10:247, 12:146.

Lindley, Qu. in the old northwest, p. 5.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 10:108.

Kersey, Qu. Migration from S. C.

DICKSON, Sarah (? -1690) born Bennet

Sarah Bennet, or Bennett, was the daughter of Robert Bennett, late of Brislington, and granddaughter of James Cole of Bristol.(1) In 1686 she was married to Thomas Dickson or Dixon of Bristol(2) to whom she bore a daughter(3), but she died in 1690 shortly after the child's birth.(4)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Bristol Men's Meeting Minutes 1667-1686 ed. Russell Mortimer pp.185 and 199

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her birth is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM, Herefordshire, Worcestershire & Wales QM or Gloucester & Wiltshire QM Births Digests
- 2 and 3 For marriage and children see DICKSON, Thomas (1662-1733 qv)
- 4 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she was buried on 26.viii. (October) 1690, the wife of Thomas; the date of her death and her age at death are not given

DICKSON, Sarah (1663-1731) born Reynolds

Sarah Reynolds, the daughter of Edward and Margery Reynolds, was born on 14.vi.(August)1663.(1) She was the second wife of Thomas Dickson (1662-1733 qv), to whom she was married in 1696;(2) there were nine or eleven children of the marriage.(3) The Dicksons lived first in Bristol, where Thomas Dickson was a linen draper and mercer, removing to Worcester some time after the birth of their son Elias in 1709. Sarah Dickson is described as having "good Conversations . . . Diligence in Attending Meetings . . . Watchfulness over young friends . . . and Zeal for promoting Piety and Virtue."(4)

She died at Worcester in 1731.(5)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Bristol Men's Meeting Minutes 1667-1686 ed.Russell Mortimer p.199

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Herefordshire, Worcestershire & Wales Births Digest: she was born on 14.vi.(August)1663, the daughter of Edward and Mary
- 2 and 3 For marriage and children see DICKSON, Thomas (1662-1733 qv)
- 4 Testimony of Worcester QM 10.iii.(May)1732 in TCMB vol.1 p.57
- 5 Herefordshire, Worcestershire & Wales QM Burials Digest: she was buried on 26.x.(December)1731, the wife of Thomas; the date of her death is not given

DICKSON, Thomas (1662-1733)

Thomas Dickson, Dixson or Dixon, the son of Miles and Joan Dixson of Bristol, was born there on 13.iv.(April)1662.(1) He became a linen draper and later a mercer, living at various addresses in the city; in 1690 he lived in the parish of Trinity, in Wine Street in 1690 and 1696, in the parish of Philips in 1696 and 1698 and in Old Market in 1705. He suffered persecution for his beliefs, but details of this are not at present available.

He was married twice. His first marriage was in 1686 to Sarah Bennet or Bennett, the daughter of Robert Bennett and granddaughter of James Cole of Bristol(2); there was one daughter of the marriage(3) and her mother died in 1690(4), a few months after her birth. Thomas Dickson was married for the second time in 1696 to Sarah Reynolds (1663-1731 qv) (5), who bore him nine or eleven children.(6)

Some time after the birth of his son Elias in 1709 he moved to Worcester, where his wife died in 1731.(7) Following her death he apparently returned to Bristol, where he died on 7.vii.(September)1733.(8)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Bristol Men's Meeting Minutes 1667-1686 ed. Russell Mortimer pp.185 and 199.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: he was born on 13.iv.(June)1662, the son of Miles and Joan of Bristol
- 2 The wedding was at Bristol on 1.ii.(April)1686. No details of their parentage are given and there is no description of them, but Russell Mortimer in Bristol Men's Meeting Minutes gives her father as Robert Bennett, late of Brislington (p.199), and his mother as Joan Dixson (p.185)
- 3 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest as follows:-
Bridget b 2.v.(July)1690
- 4 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she was buried on 26.viii.(October) 1690, the wife of Thomas; the date of her death is not given
- 5 The wedding is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM, Herefordshire, Worcestershire & Wales QM or Gloucester & Wiltshire QM Digests of Marriages, but is noted in Russell Mortimer, Bristol Men's Meeting Minutes, p.199

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6 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest as follows:-

Ruth	b 6.xii.(February)1696/7
Mills	b 4.iii.(May)1698
Thomas	b 7.i.(March)1699/70
Samuel	b 28.iv.(June)1701
Joseph	b 15.x.(December)1703
Benjamin	b 15.x.(December)1703
James	b 30.x.(December)1707
John	b 30.x.(December)1707
Eliza	b 2.vii.(September)1709

R.B. Russell Mortimer in Bristol Men's Meeting Minutes p.199 gives ten sons, but the remaining two are not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM or Herefordshire, Worcestershire & Malvern QM Births Digests

7 Herefordshire, Worcestershire & Malvern Burials Digest: she was buried on 26.x.(December)1731, the wife of Thomas; the date of her death is not given

8 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: he is almost certainly identified with Thomas Dickson who died on 7.vii.(September)1733. Russell Mortimer in Bristol Men's Meeting Minutes gives the year of his death as 1733

DIEPPE, Deborah (1784-1859) born Reckitt

Deborah Reckitt, the daughter of Thomas Reckitt (1741-1819 qv) and his wife Katharine (born Massey, 1752-1818 qv) of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, was born there on 24 May 1784(1). She was married in 1823 to Thomas Dieppe (1789?-1859 qv) and there were two children, who did not survive infancy(2).

She died at Brantingham in Yorkshire on 4 January 1859(3), at the age of seventy four.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a grazier
- 2 For marriage and children see DIEPPE, Thomas (1789?-1859)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Thomas

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

DIEPPE, Thomas (1739?-1859)

Thomas Dieppe, the son of George and Sarah Dieppe of Spalding in Lincolnshire, was born about the year 1739(1). He was a woollen draper of Spalding(2) and in 1823 he was married to Deborah Reckitt (1784-1859 qv), the daughter of Thomas Reckitt (1741-1819 qv) of Wainfleet(3); there were two children(4), who did not survive infancy.

He died at Brantingham in Yorkshire on 6 February 1859(5), a month after his wife, at the age of seventy.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 70 at death. There is no entry in Lincolnshire QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Wainfleet on 16 October 1823: he is described as a woollen draper of Spalding, Lincs, the son of George and Sarah Dieppe of Spalding, Lincs; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Catharine Reckitt of Wainfleet, Lincs. (Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Lincolnshire QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-
Reckitt b 30 Dec 1824 who d 1 Jan 1825
Catherine b 15 Oct 1826 who d 18 March 1827
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as late of Brantingham, Yorkshire

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

DIGGENS, Grace Lilian Wright- (1888?-1973) after 1918 Leonard

[G. Lilian Wright-Diggens, daughter of Joseph Hazel Wright-Diggens, was married in 1918 to Percy Albert Leonard.

see LEONARD, Grace Lilian (1888?-1973) born Wright-Diggens]

DILKS, Agnes Isabel (1876?-1923) born Thompson

A. Isabel Thompson was born about 1876, the youngest daughter of William Thompson of Brent Lodge, Bridgwater (1).

She was married on 27 June 1901 to Thomas Bruce Dilks (1865-1949,qv) at Bridgwater.

She was a JP for the borough and the county, and she was the first woman to take her seat on the local bench. She served for several years on the Bridgwater Education Committee, and gave time to other branches of public work.

She was an overseer of Bridgwater Meeting.

Her work in all these spheres was marked by her sympathetic ability to comprehend the difficulties of others.

She died on 18 June 1923, aged about 47.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

The Friend, vol 65 [ns] (1923) p.528

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Marriage entry, the Friend, vol 41 [ns] (1901) p.450 gives parentage and information of marriage. No entry traced in Digest of Birth Notes

DILKS, Isabel (1876?-1923) born Thompson

see DILKS, Agnes Isabel (1876?-1923) born Thompson

DILKS, Thomas Bruce (1865-1949)

Thomas Bruce Dilks, the son of a Methodist minister, was born in Penrith on 5 March 1865, and was brought up in a strict religious atmosphere where God was essentially a personal God. In 1888 his father was appointed to a church in Bridgwater and here Thomas Dilks met the Thompson and Corder families and came into contact with Quakerism. Its wider and more genial interpretation of religion as a way of life appealed to him.

His health was delicate and after two years on the staff of Queen's College, Taunton, he gave up teaching and became established as a printer and bookseller in Bridgwater. In 1898 he was admitted into the Society of Friends, having grown naturally into this faith. In 1901 he married Agnes Isabel Thompson; she died in 1923.

Soon after his marriage his nervous disorder developed into agoraphobia, and he was confined indoors for the rest of his life, but he made the great offering of acceptance and turned it into an imprisonment of the body only. His mind ranged freely through many fields of knowledge and he kept abreast of what was happening in the world. As a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society he did valuable research work which benefited the Borough of Bridgwater. One of his greatest joys lay in the study of Mysticism.

He died 7 February 1949

Testimony of West Somerset MM in YM Proc. 1949, p.253

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DILLINGHAM, Amy (Tucker), 1775-1856.

b. 15 Sept. 1775, Shappaqua, N. Y., dau. Abram and
Deborah Tucker.

m., 1794, Stephen Dillingham. Removed to Granville,
becoming members of Danby Mo. Mtg.

1810, acknowledged a minister. Visited neighboring
meetings.

Paralysis.

d. 18 June 1856, Granville? aged ca. 81.

New York, Memorials concerning deceased Friends, 1859.

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DILLINGHAM, Lydia J., afterwards Mosher, 1857-1922

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MOSHER, Lydia J.^m nee Dillingham, 1857-1922

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DILLINGHAM, Richard, 18 -1850.

Morrow Co., Ohio, s. Micajah and Elizabeth (Williams)
Dillingham.

Was engaged to a young woman.

1849, attempted to conduct three coloured persons from slavery, and to take them to Canada. Arrested on Cumberland Bridge. Tried and imprisoned in Nashville, Tenn., jail (three years). Was made steward in the prison hospital. 1850, cholera broke out among the prisoners, whom R. D. assiduously nursed. He took the disease, and promptly died. Buried the same day.

Character frank and firm, and became a favourite with his jailers.

d. Aug? 1850, jail, Nashville, Tenn.

Benedict, Memoir of Richard Dillingham, with an introductory poem by J. G. Whittier, 1852.

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DILLON, Mary, afterwards, Price, c.1781-1844

see

Price, Mary, nee Dillon, c.1781-1844.

DILLWORTH, Cicely (1748-1814) after 1774 Crewdson

(Cicely Dillworth, daughter of William and Esther Dillworth of Lancaster, was married in 1774 to Thomas Crewdson (1737-1795 qv).

See CREWDSON, Cicely (1748-1814) born Dillworth)

DILLWORTH, John (1691-1747)

John Dillworth was the eldest son of Thomas (-1726, qv) and Mary (Townson) Dillworth. He became a freeman of Lancaster 1721-1722, and was then described as a flaxman; he took apprentices as flaxdressers (1). He married 18.ix. [November] 1712, at Coulthouse, parish of Hawkshead, Lancashire, Cicelie or Cecily Satterthwaite, daughter of William Satterthwaite of Beckside in Coulthouse (2). She was born 24.xii. [February] 1682/3 and died 31 January 1758 (3). There were four children of the marriage, including Thomas (1713-1786, qv) and William (1716-1789, qv) (4). John Dillworth had wide business interests. By 1745 he had taken his sons Thomas and William into partnership, and they were described variously as merchants, flaxdressers, and shipowners, trading particularly to the West Indies, and were closely linked in these ventures with other prominent Lancaster Quaker families, the Townsons, Rawlinsons and Satterthwaites (5).

John Dillworth died at Lancaster 11.ix. [November] 1747 (6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 M.M. Schofield, 'The letter book of Benjamin Satterthwaite of Lancaster 1737-1744', Trans Hist Soc Lancs & Chesh CXIII (1961) p 127 n 3
- 2 Lancashire QM Marriages Digest
- 3 Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digests
- 4 Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digests list them as follows:

Thomas	b 28.iv. [June] 1713	d 27 April 1786
Mary	b 7.xii. [Feb] 1714 [1715]	d 23 March 1786
William	b 10.viii. [Oct] 1716	d 23 April 1789
Sarah	b 8.x. [Dec] 1718	d 6.x. [Dec] 1725
- 5 Schofield, op.cit p 127 n 3 and passim
- 6 Lancashire QM Burials Digest

DILLWORTH, John (1745-1830)

John Dillworth was born 15.v. [July] 1745, the son of Thomas (1713-1786, qv) and Sarah (1706-1794, born Shiers, qv) Dillworth. He married at Bradford, 1 June 1776, Sarah Arthington, the daughter of John Arthington, banker of Leeds, and his wife Mary. Sarah Dillworth, who was born 4 June 1750, died 4 November 1820 (1). There were three children of the marriage (2).

John Dillworth was described at the time of his marriage as 'merchant' (3). In 1791 he was a member of the committee appointed by a meeting at Lancaster to forward the projected Lancaster Canal (4). Together with a Lancaster family of sugar bakers he formed a Lancaster bank in 1794, which he remained in charge of until its failure in 1826 (5).

John Dillworth died 7 January 1850, by which time he had moved to Yealand Conyers (6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births and Marriages Digests
- 2 Lancashire QM Births Digest lists them as follows:

Mary	b 22 April 1777	
Sarah	b 27 April 1780	d 15 May 1868
Elizabeth	b 2 Feb 1782	d 3 April 1851
- 3 Yorkshire Marriages Digest
- 4 L.S. Pressnell, Country banking in the Industrial Revolution, 1956 p 377
- 5 M.M. Schofield, 'The letter book of Benjamin Satterthwaite of Lancaster 1737-1744' Trans Hist Soc Lancs & Chesh, CXIII (1961) p 127 n 3.
Pressnell, op.cit p 236, quoting the Morning Chronicle of 25 Feb 1826, says that Dillworth & Co had little to offer their creditors
- 6 Lancashire QM Burials Digest. He is recorded as of Yealand, late of Lancaster, banker

DILLWORTH, Mary (1753-1830) aftw. Birkbeck

[Mary Dillworth, daughter of William Dillworth
of Lancaster and his wife Esther (nee
) was married in ? 1779? to
John Birkbeck

see BIRKBECK, Mary (1753-1830) born Dillworth]

DILLWORTH, Sarah (1754-1788) after 1779 Wilson

(Sarah Dillworth, daughter of William Dillworth (1716-1789 qv) and his wife Esther, born Shiers, of Lancaster, was married in 1779 to John Wilson (1748-1801 qv).

See WILSON, Sarah (1754-1788) born Dillworth)

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DILLWORTH, Thomas (1713-1786)

Thomas Dillworth was born 28.iv. [June] 1713, the eldest son of John (1691-1747, qv) and Cicely (1683-1758, born Satterthwaite) Dillworth of Lancaster. He became a freeman of Lancaster in the 1730s, as a merchant, and before 1745 he and his brother William (1716-1789, qv) had entered into partnership with their father as flaxdressers, merchants and shipowners, trading particularly to the West Indies, in company with other Quaker families of Lancaster and the surrounding area, such as the Rawlinsons, Townsons, Mosses and Satterthwaites (1). He married 19.xii. [February] 1740 [1741] at Bradford, Sarah Shiers, one of the daughters of William and Sarah Shiers of Manningham, parish of Bradford. His brother William married another of William Shiers' daughters, Esther, in the following year (2). Sarah Dillworth, who was born 30.ix. [November] 1706, died 7 January 1794 (3). There were eight children of the marriage, including John (1745-1830, qv) but few survived infancy (4). Thomas Dillworth was a prominent member of Lancaster Meeting. He died 27 April 1786 (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 M.M. Schofield, 'The letter book of Benjamin Satterthwaite of Lancaster 1734-1744', Trans Hist Soc Lancs & Chesh., CXIII (1961) p 127 n 3, and passim
- 2 Yorkshire QM Marriages and Births Digests
- 3 Yorkshire QM Births Digest; Lancashire QM Burials Digest
- 4 Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digests list them as follows:

William	b 20.xii. [Feb] 1741 [1742]	d 22.xii. [Feb] 1741/2
Sarah	b 26.xii. [Feb] 1742 [1743]	d 6.v. [July] 1753
William	b 23.iv. [June] 1744	d 27.iv. [June] 1759
John	b 15.v. [July] 1745	d 7 Jan 1830
Lydia	b 14.viii. [Oct] 1746	d 5 Jan 1826
Thomas	b 18.x. [Dec] 1747	d 29 April 1759
Joseph	b 26.v. [July] 1749	d 4 Oct 1773
Tabitha	b 13.vii. [Sept] 1750	d 29.viii [Oct] 1750

The death of Joseph is recorded in the Digest as an accidental one, by a fowling piece. Lydia married 7 Feb 1797, at Yealand, William Jepson, sailcloth manufacturer of Lancaster; he, who was born 20.vi. [Aug] 1736, the son of Robert, Yeoman, and Mary Jepson, of Borrow, or Burrow, Lancashire, who were non-members at the time of his birth, married firstly, in 1761, Hannah Fothergill of Lancaster, by whom he had issue and who died 1792. William Jepson died 16 Jan 1816

- 5 Lancashire QM Burials Digest

DILLWORTH,
~~DILLWORTH~~, William (1716-1789)

William Dilworth (Dillworth) was born at Lancaster 10.viii.
[Oct.] 1716, the son of John and Cicily Dillworth (1), and was brought up as a Friend. He married [at] 19.ix. [Nov.] 1742, at Bradford, Yorks, Esther Shiers, daughter of William Shiers of Manningham, Bradford parish (2). At the age of 30 he was appointed an Elder, taking the appointment with the utmost care, and attending regularly at meetings for worship, for discipline, and both at the circular YM for the northern counties, ~~at~~ and at London YM. He was clerk of London YM in 1753 and 1773 (3) and clerk of Meeting for Sufferings 'for some time' (4).

He was a good neighbour and a generous contributor to charities, and given to hospitality to all.

'... he was at seasons favoured with access to the Father & fountain of all Mercies, in supplication; which he performed in much solemnity and awfull filial fear; in some of which seasons divers of our minds have been humbly bowed, and our spirits prostrated in reverent adoration and worship of the universal Father and Friend of "ankind".

William Dilworth died on 23 April 1789, and was interred in Friends Burying Ground, Lancaster, 26 April (5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Lancaster MM in TCMD vol.3 p.385

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 Lancs QM Births digest
- 2 Yorks QM Marriages digest. Esther Shiers (Shires) was born 11.iii. [May] 1709, the daughter of William and Sarah Shires. She died 10. Dec. [1767] - Yorks QM Births digest
Lancs QM Burials digest

Children:

John	born 17.x. [Dec.] 1743	died 14.x. [Dec.] 1744
Mary	born 2.vi. [Aug.] 1745	died 20.ic. [June] 1751
Esther	born 18.xii. 1746 [Feb. 1746/7]	
Cicily	born 11.v. [July] 1748	
James	born 30.ic. [June] 1750	died 15 Apr. 1753
Mary	born 11 Mar. 1753	
Sarah	born 13 May 1754 - Lancs QM Births digest Lancs QM Burials digest	

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DILLWORTH,

~~DILLWORTH~~, William (1716-1789) contd.

- 3 London Yearly Meeting during 250 years (London 1919)
pp.132-3
- 4 D. Abbott, Quaker annals of Preston and the Fylde 1653-1900
(London 1931) p.45
- 5 Lancs QM Burials digest

DILLWORTH, family of

[The Dillworth family of Lancaster and
Yealand Conyers spell their names with
'll' and are here so entered.

The family of Thomas Dilworth (who
removed in 1689 into Wyresdale) usually
spell their names with 'l' and are here
so entered.

See D. Abbatt, Quaker annals of Preston
and the Fylde, [1931], pp.45ff]

DILLWIN, Ann (1784?-1868) after 1810 Alexander

[Ann Dillwyn, daughter of William Dillwyn (1743-1824 qv)
by his second wife, ~~and~~ Sarah (born Weston, -1815),
was married in 1810 to Richard Dykes Alexander (1788-
1866 qv) of Ipswich.

see ALEXANDER, Ann (1784?-1868) born Dillwyn]

DILLWYN, George (1738-1821)

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of Philadelphia

George Dillwyn was in England on his first visit about seven years, beginning 1784, and his second lasted nine years: in 1802 he returned to his home in Burlington, N.J.

Gathered fragments 1858

J. Friends hist. soc.

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.8

He was a merchant interested in trade with North Carolina, the West Indies and England (A.T. Gary. *The political and economic relations*, 1935, p. 457)

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Additional information:

DILLWYN, George, 1738-1820.

b. 26 Apr. 1738, Phila., Pa. His father died early.

As a youth indulged in fine dress and was a great whistler. Played a flute, which he later broke to pieces. Was influenced by A. Benezet.

Engaged unsuccessfully in business. Paid off all his indebtedness.

m., 1759, Sarah Hill, of Phila., Pa.

ca. 1766, minister.

1784, his wife accompanied him to Eng. 1788, with Sarah Grubb, Mary Dudley, Sarah Dillwyn and Robert Grubb visited the continent of Europe. 1791, returned to Am. 1792, with other Friends, welcomed a deputation of Cherokee Indians to Phila. 1793, with his wife visited Gt. Britain, remaining nine years.

Visited some of the southern states with Samuel Emlen and Thomas Scattergood.

About five ft. nine in. in height, and tended to be corpulent. Complexion very rosy. Usually dressed in drab.

Published: Occasional reflections, &c., 1815 or 1818. It was published in Latin by Edwin A. Atlee, Phila., 1823.

ca. 1820, had a fall upon ice, which caused much pain and injury.

d. 23 June 1820, Burlington, N. J., in his 82d year.

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Additional information:

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Biog. Cat., p. 170.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:531, suppl.:101.

Quaker Biog., Ser. 1, 3:(portrait op. p. 147).

An. Mon., 9:14.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 15:11.

Comly, Friends Misc., 8:365.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7615, BX 7616.

Hinshaw's Encyclopedia, 2:172.

Kite, Biographical sketches and anecdotes of Friends, p. 182.

Gathered fragments; briefly illustrative of the life of
George Dillwyn, 1858.

DILLWYN, Judith Nicholls (1781-1868) after 1831 Bevan

(Judith Nicholls Dillwyn, daughter of William Dillwyn (1743-1824 qv) and his wife Sarah, born Weston, of Walthamstow, was married in 1831 to Paul Bevan (1783-1868 qv).)

See BEVAN, Judith Nicholls (1781-1868) born Dillwyn)

DILLWYN, Lewis Weston (1778-1855)

Lewis Weston Dillwyn was born on 21 August 1778, at St Thomas' Square in the parish of St John, Hackney, Middlesex, the eldest child of William (1743-1824 qv) and Sarah Dillwyn (1751-1815 born Weston), his second wife (1). He was educated at Tottenham, where he was a fellow-pupil of Joseph Woods (1776-1864 qv), his life-long friend and fellow-naturalist. In 1798 he went to Dover, Kent, and there began his studies of plants in the neighbourhood. In 1800 he was elected a Fellow of the Linnean Society, and in 1804 of the Royal Society. In 1802 he began to issue The natural history of British concretae, completed in 1809; in 1805 he produced, with Dawson Turner (1775-1858) of Yarmouth The botanist's guide through England and Wales. Later works included A descriptive catalogue of recent shells, arranged according to the Linnaean method (1819) and An index to the Historia conchyliorum of Lister (1823). (2)

His father bought the Cambrian Pottery at Swansea, Glamorgan, about 1802; in that year Lewis Weston Dillwyn was placed in charge of it and settled at Swansea, where for nearly fifteen years china of high quality, decorated with paintings from nature, was produced, until about 1814, after which output was once again confined to earthenware (3).

In 1807 he married Mary Llewelyn, daughter of John Llewelyn of Penllergaer, Glamorgan, and as a result of marrying out was disowned by Carmarthen & Glamorgan MM on 13 August 1807 (4). There appear to have been six children of the marriage (5).

He was a magistrate for Glamorgan (occasionally acting as chairman of quarter sessions), and high sheriff of the county in 1818; in 1832 he was returned as one of the MPs for Glamorgan, without a contest, and sat until 1841. He also served as alderman and mayor of Swansea. When the British Association for the Advancement of Science held its meeting at Swansea in 1848, he was elected a vice-president, and president of the Zoology and Natural History Section; for the occasion he produced Materials for the fauna and flora of Swansea and neighbourhood.

For some years before his death, ill-health resulted in his withdrawal from public life. He died at Sketty Hall, Swansea, on 31 August 1855, aged seventy-seven, and was buried at Penllergaer church. (6)

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest; no description of his father is given. DNB vol 15 pp 90-91, Biographical catalogue pp 176-179 and Ray Desmond, Dictionary of British and Irish botanists (1977) p 187 all give the place of birth as Ipswich, Suffolk, perhaps following the Gentleman's magazine vol 44 ns (1855) p 542. The membership of William Dillwyn and his family, by then living at Higham Lodge, Walthamstow, was transferred in 1791 from Ratcliff MM to Tottenham MM (Ratcliff MM MS register of members 1784-1821, which notes the recommendation on 6 January 1791).
- 2 DNB, loc cit; Desmond, loc cit; Smith, Descriptive catalogue vol 1 pp 532-533. Lewis Weston Dillwyn botanised with William Allen (1770-1843 qv), introducing him to Dryander in 1802 (Life of William Allen, 1846, vol 1 pp 53, 55, 61).
- 3 DNB, loc cit; Biographical catalogue, loc cit. Carmarthen & Glamorgan MM minutes, 13 January 1803 (Glamorgan CRO D/DSF/335), record the receipt of a certificate of removal for him, 'being removed to Swansea', from Tottenham MM, dated 9 December 1802.
- 4 'Dillwyn genealogical notes' [compiled by William Dillwyn, 1809, with additions, 1825], Pennsylvania magazine vol 28 (1904) pp 248-249, which (like Biographical catalogue) gives 13 July as the date of the marriage. Carmarthen & Glamorgan MM minutes, 30 April, 16 July and 13 August 1807 record his intention of marrying a non-member and the disownment.

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DILLWYN, Lewis Weston (1778-1855) cont

- 5 Biographical catalogue, loc cit, following the Gentleman's magazine, states that he had two sons and two daughters; DNB, loc cit, that he died 'leaving two sons and two daughters'. 'Dillwyn genealogical notes', p 249 gives the children as follows (though giving 'Llewellyn'):
- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| Fanny Llewelyn | b 19 May 1808 |
| John | b 12 Jan 1810 |
| William | b 11 July 1812 |
| Lewis Llewelyn | b 19 May 1814 |
| Mary | b 8 March 1816 |
| Sarah Llewelyn | b 9 Aug 1818 |
- 6 DNB, loc cit; Biographical catalogue, loc cit; Desmond, loc cit.

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T. Mardy Rees, The history of the Quakers in Wales, p 89
Recollections of John Jay Smith, Philadelphia, 1892, pp 17, 34, 328
The Friend vol 44 ns (1904) p 818

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DILLWYN, Lewis Weston, 1778-1855.

b. 1778, Walthamstow, Eng., s. William and Sarah (Weston) Dillwyn.

m., 1807, Mary Llewelyn. Two sons, two daughters.

Married "out."

Had extensive china manufactory at Swansea.

1832-41, was member of Parliament.

1804, Fellow of Royal Society. Fellow Linnaean Society.

Author: Synopsis of British Confervae (Algae), 1802-1809.

With Dawson Turner, Botanist's Guide through England and Wales (2 vols.), 1805.

A descriptive catalogue of recent shells, &c., (2 vols.), 1817.

d. 31 Aug. 1855, Sketty Hall, near Swansea, aged 77.

Biog. Cat., p. 176.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:532, suppl.:102.

Bull. Friends Hist. Assn., 37, no. 2:64.

Lippincott's Biog. Dictionary, p. 824.

DILLWYN, Lydia (1785-1830) after 1823 Sims

[Lydia Dillwyn, daughter of William (1743-1824 qv)
and Sarah (born Weston, 1751-1815 qv) Dillwyn of
Walthamstow, Essex, was married in 1823 to John
Sims (1792-1838 qv), MD, of Cavendish Square,
London.

see SIMS, Lydia (1785-1830) born Dillwyn]

DILLWYN, Sarah (1738?-1826 s.p.) born Hill

Sarah Dillwyn was the daughter of Dr. Richard and Deborah Hill; and "was the well-beloved consort of one of the loveliest of human characters, George Dillwyn."

Hill Family, 1854, p.19 and many other ref.
Gummere "Quaker" 1901, pp.137,166,220
Pa.Mag: 17.

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930, p.216

DILLWYN, William (1743-1824)

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William Dillwyn was a son of John Dillwyn of America and brother of George. His first wife was Sarah, daughter of John Smith of Burlington, N.J., and their only child Susanna married Samuel Emlen jr. After settling in England William Dillwyn married in 1777 Sarah, daughter of Lewis Weston. His English residence was Higham Lodge, Walthamstow, Essex.

Smith: Catalogue

J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 6, 22, 23

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Gummere: John Woolman

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p. 73

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DILLWYN, William, 1743-1824.

s. John and Susanna Painter Dillwyn.

m. Sarah Logan Smith.

m. (2d) Sarah Weston, at Tottenham. One son, four daughters.

1772, sent by A. Benezet to Carolina, to observe slavery.

Visited Charleston. Wrote a diary of this journey.

1774 or 1775? moved to Eng.

1794, accompanied John Pemberton on a visit to Europe.

Was with him at the time of his death at Bad Pyrmont, Germany. Passing the battle lines, W. D. was abused by a German officer. Passed the French lines and received kindness from General Moreau.

Formed a committee for the suppression of slavery, before the subject had been thought of by Clarkson.

Of venerable and benign appearance.

Published: With Samuel Allinson, An introductory preface to Granville Sharp's "Essay on slavery," Burlington, N. J., 1773.

With Richard Smith and Daniel Wells,
On the civilization of the Indians of North America, 1809.

d. 20 or 28 Sept. 1824, Walthamstow, Eng., aged 81.

Dillwyn, Diary of William Dillwyn during a visit to Charles Town in 1772, taken from S. C. historical and genealogical magazine, v. 36, no. 1 - no. 4.

Wharton, The Parrish family, pp. 328-329.

William Dillwyn was born on 2.x. [December] 1743, the son of John Dillwyn (1693-1748) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by his second wife Susanna (- , after 1756 Worrall , born Painter) (1). He was educated at the Public School (afterwards the William Penn Charter School), Philadelphia, under Anthony Benezet (1713-1784 qv), 'who took pains very early to interest his feelings on the subject of slavery and the slave trade.' In 1772 he visited Carolina with letters of recommendation from Benezet to inquire into slavery there. In 1773, with Richard Smith () and Daniel Wells (), he published Brief considerations on slavery and the expediency of its abolition, and was one of the deputation to the Assembly of New Jersey for more equitable manumission of slaves in that province. (2)

He had removed from Philadelphia in 1764, becoming a member of Burlington MM, New Jersey. On 19 May 1768, at Burlington, he married Sarah Logan (-1769) Smith, daughter of John Smith () of Burlington; their only child Susanna (1769-1819) married Samuel Emlen (1766-1837 qv). (3)

In 1774 William Dillwyn visited England, returning in the following year to Burlington (4). He settled in England in 1777, and in that year married Sarah (1751-1815) Weston, daughter of Lewis (1708?-1783) and Judith Weston (1715-1800 , born Nickolls) (5). Eight children of the marriage are recorded; the family was established by 1787 at Higham Lodge, Walthamstow, Essex (6).

William Dillwyn continued to take an active part in the anti-slave trade and anti-slavery movement; as members of Meeting for Sufferings Committee on the Slave Trade, he and John Lloyd (1750/1-1811 qv) drafted The case of our fellow-creatures, the oppressed Africans in 1783. He was one of the informal committee of six London Friends who first met in that year, and who offered to finance the printing of Thomas Clarkson's essay on the slave trade in 1786; he was also one of the original members of the London Abolition Committee in 1787. (7)

He was an active Friend, serving as representative to London Yearly Meeting for London QM (1779 and 1782), and London & Middlesex QM (1791-2 and 1794) (8). He was also a member of London Six Weeks Meeting (9). In 1778 he became one of Meeting for Sufferings' correspondents for Bristol, in 1781 for Barbadoes and in 1783 for Pennsylvania (10). He was frequently host to visiting American Friends such as Thomas Scattergood (1748-1814 qv) and John Pemberton (1727-1795 qv), accompanying the latter on his visit to the Netherlands and Germany in 1795 (11). Henry Hull (1765-1834 qv) visited him in 1811 and noted that he 'having numerous correspondents in America, gave me more recent intelligence respecting my native country, than I had received. He appears glad to receive his friends from our land; and though his health is declining, yet his mind, who had long been usefully engaged for the good of his fellow men, is still alive to the cause of humanity. Having lived to see the labours for the abolition of the slave trade, in which he bore a considerable share, crowned with success, he is now exerting himself with others for bettering the condition of the slaves in the West India Islands, and for ameliorating the sanguinary laws of Great Britain, by which the lives of so many human beings are annually taken, for stealing...' (12)

William Dillwyn died on 28 September 1824, and was buried at Tottenham, Middlesex (13).

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 'Genealogical memoranda of the ancestors of William & Sarah Dillwyn & their families' compiled by William Dillwyn, 1809 (LSF MS Box W 1/2, copy, 1891); printed in part from another copy in Pennsylvania magazine vol 28 (1904), pp 248-249.
- 2 George S. Brookes, Friend Anthony Benezet, Philadelphia, 1937, pp 28-34,

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- 43; his father, John Dillwyn, was one of the overseers of the school; Biographical catalogue ... of ... London Friends' Institute, 1888, pp 174-176; Smith vol 1 p 533.
- 3 Hinshaw, Encyclopaedia of American Quaker genealogy, vol 2 pp 172, 215, 262, citing records of Burlington MM. Susanna Dillwyn was born on 31 March and Sarah Logan Dillwyn died on 23 April 1769.
- 4 Brookes, op cit, p 318, which prints Benezet's letter to John Wesley, 23 May 1774, referring to 'the bearer, my friend and old pupil, William Dillwyn, a valuable, religiously minded person, who is going on a voyage to your country'; London Two Weeks Meeting minutes vol 9 (1765-1779) p 325, which records the signing of a certificate for William Dillwyn, after inquiry by Friends of Gracechurch Street MM, on 13 March 1775, 'he being about to embark for America'; Hinshaw, vol 2, p 215.
- 5 The acceptance of his certificate of removal (dated 7 April 1777) from Burlington MM on 30 July 1777 is noted in Ratcliff MM minutes vol G (1776-1787) p 24. The marriage took place on 27 November 1777 at Tottenham FMH, when he was described as a merchant, of the parish of (St) John, Wapping, Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest). In London Two Weeks minutes vol 9 (1765-1779), p 418, on 3 November 1777 the couple were entered as William Dillwyn, son of John Dillwyn, late of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania, merchant, deceased, and Susanna his wife, now wife of Peter Worrall; and Sarah Weston, daughter of Lewis Weston of Wapping, cooper, and Judith his wife.
- 6 The children are given as follows in London & Middlesex QM Births and Marriages Digests:
- | | | | |
|-----------------|----|-----------------|---|
| Lewis Weston | qv | b 21 Aug 1778 | |
| John Crook | | b 18 July 1780 | |
| Judith Nickolls | qv | b 26 Aug 1781 | m 12 May 1831 Paul Bevan (1783-1868 qv) |
| Ann | qv | b 11 Sept 1783 | m 27 Sept 1810 Richard Dykes Alexander (1788-1866 qv) |
| Lydia | qv | b 11 April 1785 | m 16 April 1823 John Sims (1792-1838 qv) |
| George | | b 1 Feb 1787 | |
| Sarah Musgrave | | b 14 March 1790 | |
| Gulielma | | b 16 Aug 1792 | |
- The places of birth are given as follows: (St) Thomas' Square, parish of (St) Johns, Hackney (1778), Bartholomew Close, parish of (St) Bartholomew the Great, City of London (1780), Wapping High Street, parish of (St) John, Wapping, Middlesex (1781, 1783), Clapton, parish of (St) John at Hackney, Middlesex (1785), and Higham Lodge, parish of Walthamstow, Essex (1787-1792). Biographical catalogue, 1888, p 175, notes William Dillwyn had his town lodgings in the Poultry. Until January 1791 the family were members of Ratcliff MM; in that month they received a certificate of removal directed to Tottenham FM (Ratcliff MM register of members 1784-1821).
- 7 Judith G. Jennings, 'The campaign for the abolition of the British slave trade: the Quaker contribution, 1757-1807' (Ph.D. thesis, University of Kentucky, 1975), pp 61-95. For the authorship of The case, see Patrick C. Lipscomb III and Edward H. Milligan, 'A note on the authorship of The case of our fellow-creatures', Quaker history vol 55 (1966) pp 47-51.
- 8 LSF typescript index to YM representatives.
- 9 Six Weeks Meeting minutes vol 15 (1779-1785) p 275 notes his appointment by Ratcliff MM, in place of Lewis Weston, in November 1782
- 10 Yearly Meeting minutes vol 16 (1778-1781), pp 122, 588 and vol 17 (1782-1785) p 283.
- 11 Memoirs of Thomas Scattergood, 1845, pp 139, 143, 165, 167, 168, 310, 320; The life and travels of John Pemberton, 1844, pp 119, 123-124, 332.
- 12 Memoir of the life ... of Henry Hull, Philadelphia, 1873, pp 210-211
- 13 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest, where he is described as aged about 81, of Higham Lodge, Walthamstow, Essex.

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Additional information:

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DILLWYN, William, 1743-1824. Page 2.

Friends Library, (Phila.), 6:267.

Sutcliff, Travels in some parts of North America, p. 217.

(This reference does not check. Page no. is apparently
incorrect. F. T.)

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:533, suppl.:102.

Biog. Cat., p. 174.

WBE:

DILWORTH, Ann

England.

m., 1681, James Dilworth (d. 1699).

1682, removed to Bucks Co., Pa.

1685, travelled in New Eng. 1699, visited Gt. Brit.

1701, wrote a testimony to her late husband. 1705, again visited New Eng.

John Smith's ms., 1:552.

DILWORTH, Cicely (1748-1814) aftw. Crewdson

[Cicely Dilworth, daughter of William
Dilworth of Lancaster and his wife
Esther (nee) was
married in 1774 to Thomas Crewdson

see CREWDSON, Cicely (174801814) born Dilworth]

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DILWORTH, James (-1699)

James Dilworth (-1699) was the eldest of three brothers, the others being John (-1691, qv) and Thomas (-1726, qv) of Chipping, Lancashire, who all joined the Society early in the 1670s. He is described in the MM Registers as a flaxman, living at Thornley, close to Chipping. On 13 December 1676 he had two oxen, value £9, taken from him for holding a meeting at his house (1). Elizabeth Dilworth of Thornley, wife of James, was buried in August 1675 (2).

On 9.v. [July] 1680, at Nicholas Waln's house, Chappel croft, James Dilworth of Bradley hall, Lancashire, Flaxman, married Ann Waln, spinster (3) born 1654, the daughter of Richard and Jane Waln and sister of Nicholas (4). There was at least one child of the marriage, William, born 15.iv. [June] 1681, or 24.v. [July] 1681 (5). James and Ann Dilworth sailed for Pennsylvania in 1682. Both were ministers in the Society and travelled on religious service. In 1688 James Dilworth visited Friends in Maryland, and in 1698 New England, which his wife had already visited. In 1698 Ann Dilworth returned to England on a religious journey, probably by way of Barbadoes. In her absence James Dilworth died of yellow fever at Philadelphia, about September 1699 (6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dilworth Abbatt: Quaker annals of Preston and the Fylde 1931 p 45
- 2 Lancashire QM Burials Digest. Probably though not certainly the wife of the subject of this entry; no trace of the marriage discovered in Lancashire QM Marriages Digest
- 3 Lancashire QM Marriages Digest
- 4 Abbatt, op.cit pp 47 ff
- 5 Lancashire QM Births Digest gives two entries, under Dillworth and Dilworth, for the birth of William, son of James, of Thornley. A letter of Nicholas Waln to William Ellis of 22.vii. [Sept] 1699 (quoted in Abbatt, op.cit p 49) speaks of letting his sister 'know that her dear children are well'
- 6 Abbatt, op.cit pp 48-50

SOURCES

- Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests
D. Abbatt Quaker annals....
W.B.E. sub Dilworth, Ann and Dilworth, James

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DILWORTH, James, -1699.

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Of Chipping Mtg., Lancashire, Eng., or Thornby, Yorkshire.

1676, two oxen taken from him in lieu of payment of a fine.

m., 1681, Ann Waln, a minister.

1682, removed to Bucks Co., Pa.

1685, represented his neighbors in the Assembly.

1689, visited in New Eng. 1697, J. and A. D. visited Friends in Md., Va., and Carolina. 1698, with John Simcock visited New Eng. 1699, Ann Dilworth paid a religious visit to Gt. Brit.

1699, J. D. took yellow fever and died. As with Mary Penington, it was also given A. D. to see her husband "safe in his mansion."

d. Sept. 1699, bur. 8 or 15 Sept. 1699, Bristol township.

The Friend (Phila.), 27:398.

Bull. Friends Hist. Soc., 4:147.

John Smith's ms., 1:552.

DILWORTH, James (1717-1786)

James Dilworth was born 5.i. [April] 1717, the son of Thomas Dilworth (d 1726, qv), originally of Chipping, Lancashire, then of Moreshead in Wyresdale, afterwards of Lancaster, by his third wife, Ann (d 1759, born Corless, formerly Driver) (1). James Dilworth married, at some period before 1740, Elizabeth (d 31 January 1794) (2). There were nine children of the marriage (3).

James Dilworth and his wife appear in the Lancashire QM Births Digest as 'of Wyersdale' at the birth of all their children, 1740-1761, except in 1746 at the birth of James, when they appear as 'of Wray'. They also appear as living in Wyresdale at the marriage of their son James in 1769 and William in 1785. At James Dilworth's death, 2 May 1786, he was entered as living at Quarmore, parish of Lancaster. He was buried at Wyresdale, as was his wife (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest
- 2 Lancashire QM Burials Digest. No marriage traced (1971) in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Northumberland, Durham, Cheshire and Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Nottingham, or London and Middlesex QM Marriages Digests. The birth of their first child was in Dec. 1740
- 3 Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digests give the following list:

Thomas	b 16 or 17.x. [Dec]	1740	d 31 May 1803
Ann	b 4.iv. [June]	1743	
James	b 12.ix. [Nov]	1746	
James	b 11.xii. [Feb]	1747 [1748]	
Elizabeth	b 16.vi. [Aug]	1750	
William	b 6 April	1753	
Lidia	b 7 April	1756	m Richard Birket, felt-maker of Wyresdale (nm) 10 children 1777-1801
William)	b 10 Jan	1761	
Sarah)	b 10 Jan	1761	
- 4 Lancashire QM Births Marriages and Deaths Digests. Wray, parish of Melling, 11 miles north-east of Lancaster, in the Lune valley, also appears as the place of marriage of Thomas Dilworth and Elizabeth Cocking, 12 July 1770. Neither are identified further, but it seems probable from the date of marriage and the naming of their eldest son as James, as well as from their living at Wray after their marriage, that this Thomas Dilworth was James Dilworth's eldest son.

DILWORTH, John (-1691)

John Dilworth was the second of three brothers of Chipping, Lancashire, the others being James (-1699, qv) and Thomas (-1726, qv), who all joined the Society early in the 1670s (1). He married 2.iii. [May] 1675, at Edward Comeing's (or Cuming's) house, Moss-side (or Hilderstone), Warton, Lancashire, Ellin Hadwen of Arnside in Bettham parish, Westmorland. Among the witnesses was Thomas Dockwray (qv) of Silverdale (2). There were three children of the marriage; all died in infancy (3). Ellin Dilworth died in 1683 (4).

John Dilworth married secondly, at his own house in Chipping parish, 4 or 14.ii. [April] 1689, Jenet Ringill (or Jennett Raingill) of Chipping parish (5). He died in February 1691, and was buried at Newton-in-Bowland (6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dilworth Abbatt: Quaker annals of Preston and the Fylde 1931 p 45
- 2 ibid; Lancashire QM Marriages Digest
- 3 Abbatt, op.cit p 47; Lancashire QM Births Digest list them as follows:

Alice	b 20.xi. [Jan] 1675 [1676]	d Nov 1680?
John	b 5.vii. [Sept] 1679	d Feb 1691?
Thomas	b 9.iv. [June] 1683	d 13.iv. [June] 1683

Ales, parents of Chipping, daughter of John, is recorded in Lancashire QM Burials Digest as buried 12.ix. [Nov] 1680; an Allis of Chipping, also as buried 28.i. [March] 1683. Thomas, son of John of Chipping, was buried 13.iv. [June] 1683, and John probably either two days before or after his father, 24.xii. [Feb] 1690 [1691] or 26.xii. [Feb] 1690 [1691]
- 4 Lancashire QM Burials Digest gives 23.i. [March] 1683 and 23.v. [July] 1683 for the burial of Elin of Chipping and Ellin of Chipping, both described as the wife of John
- 5 Both dates and forms are given in Lancashire QM Marriages Digest, in a double entry under each name; in the second entry John Dilworth is described as 'Cordwainer'. No children of the marriage are recorded, nor is any further information of Jennet Dilworth
- 6 Abbatt, op.cit p 47; Lancashire QM Burials Digest gives either a date of 24 or 26 Feb 1691 (see note 3)

DILWORTH, Mary (1753-1830) aftw. Birkbeck

[Mary Dilworth, daughter of William Dilworth
of Lancaster and his wife Esther (nee
) was married in
to John Birkbeck

see BIRKBECK, Mary (1753-1830) born Dilworth]

Thomas Dilworth was the youngest of three brothers, the others being James (-1699, qv) and John (-1691, qv), of Chipping, Lancashire, who all joined the Society in the early 1670s. He was a carrier and lived at Bradley Hall, about a mile to the south of Chipping village. The Hall was used as a meeting house, and licensed under his name after 1689 (1).

He married firstly, 23.v. [July] 1680, at John Reade's house, Laughthwaite, parish of Wigton, Cumberland, Sarah Pearson, spinster of Diffenthwaite, Wigton (2). There were two children of the marriage (3). Sarah Dilworth was buried 16.iv. [June] 1687, at Newton-in-Bowland (4). Thomas Dilworth married secondly Mary Townson, of Morehead in Wyresdale, at Jennet Bond's house, Woodaker, 7.iii. [May] 1689. Mary Dilworth died 24.xii. [February] 1699 [1700] and was buried at Lancaster (5). There were four children of this marriage, including John Dilworth (1691-1747, qv) of Lancaster (6). By 15.i. [March] 1704 [1705] Thomas Dilworth had moved to Morehead. On that date he married as his third wife Ann Driver, widow of Wyersdale, at John Bond's house, Dunishaw (7). There were nine children of this marriage (8).

Thomas Dilworth, 'late of Wyersdale', died at Lancaster 23.iii. [May] 1726, and was buried there. His widow Ann died 1 November 1759 (9).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dilworth Abbatt, Quaker annals of Preston and the Fylde, 1931 pp 44-5
- 2 Lancashire QM Marriages Digest
- 3 Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digest list them as follows:

Hannah	b 26.v. [July] 1681	d 3.iv. [June] 1705
Jennet	b 27.i. [March] 1684	d 13.v. [July] 1699
(or Jennet)		
- 4 Lancashire QM Burials Digest
- 5 Lancashire QM Marriages Digest; he was then described as carrier of Bradley in Chipping. Mary Townson was the daughter of John Townson of Wyresdale (Abbatt, op.cit p 45) Lancashire QM Burials Digest
- 6 Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digest list them as follows:

John	b 16.xi. [Jan] 1690 [1691]	d 11 Dec 1747
Mary	b 1.ix. [Dec] 1694	d 13 May 1772
Dorothy	b 25.xi. [Jan] 1696 (1697)	d
Lydia	b 4.v. [July] 1699	d 24 May 1763

DILWORTH, Thomas (-1726) contd

7 Lancashire QM Marriages Digest. Ann Driver, born Corlas or Corless, of Wyresdale, married James Driver, whitesmith of Bowland, Yorkshire, at Henry Townson's house of Morehead in Wyresdale, 17.ix. [Nov] 1698. James Driver, 'late of Root' (probably his parents' home, Crabtree root, Yorkshire) died 29.vii. [Sept] 1700 and was buried at Newton-in-Bowland (Yorkshire QM Births and Burials Digests). There was one son of the marriage, John Driver, born 19.x. [Dec] 1699, 'son of James of Bolland Meeting'. He is likely, in view of the Dilworths' flax-dressing interests, to be the John Driver, flaxdresser of Lancaster, who married Mary Chapman, of Mill Dam, Yorkshire, in 1726 (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)

8 Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digest list them as follows (all as children of Thomas and Ann Dilworth of Morehead in Wyresdale):

William	b 10.x. [Dec] 1705	d 22.iii. [May] 1707
Hannah	b 9.iii. [May] 1707	d 17 Jan 1773
Jennet	b 26.ii. [April] 1708	d 19.xi. [Jan] 1712/3
Elizabeth	b 4.vii. [Sept] 1710	d 24.iii. [May] 1712
Ann	b 14.iii. [May] 1712	d 10 Nov 1793
Thomas	b 16.viii. [Oct] 1713	d 12.iii. [May] 1716
James	b 2.iii. [May] 1716	d 2 May 1786
James	b 5.ii. [April] 1717	
Ann	b 15.iv. [June] 1719	

9 Lancashire QM Burials Digest

DILWORTH, Thomas (1713-1793)

Thomas Dilworth was born 16.viii. [October] 1713, the son of Thomas Dilworth (d 1726, qv) originally of Chipping, then of Moreshead in Wyresdale, later of Lancaster, by his third wife Ann (died 1759, born Corless, formerly Driver) (1). He married, 14.ix. [November] 1738, at Wyresdale, Elizabeth Birket, also of Wyresdale. She was born c 1715 and died 7 December 1800, and was buried at Lancaster (2). There were four children of the marriage (3).

Thomas Dilworth remained in Wyresdale at least until mid-1754 (when his youngest child, Elizabeth, was born), but at his death, 10 February 1793, he was described as sailcloth manufacturer of Lancaster, and was buried there (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest
- 2 Lancashire QM Marriages and Burials Digests; Elizabeth Dilworth is recorded as about 85 at her death; no birth traced in Lancashire QM Births Digest (1971)
- 3 At the date of his marriage Thomas Dilworth was described as of Wyresdale
- 3 Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digests list them as follows:

Mary	b 10.v. [July] 1741	d 6.iii. [May] 1748
William	b 30.x. [Dec] 1746	
Ann	b 25.vii. [Sept] 1750	d 2.vi. [Aug] 1769
Elizabeth	b 23.v. [July] 1754	d 26.v. [July] 1766
- 4 Lancashire QM Burials Digest

DILWORTH, Thomas (1740-1803)

Thomas Dilworth was born 16 or 17.x. [December] 1740, the son of James (1717-1786, qv) and Elizabeth Dilworth (c1720-1794), of Wyresdale and later of Quarmore, in the parish of Lancaster. He married, 12 July 1770, at Wray, Elizabeth Cocking, the daughter of Edward and Ruth Cocking of Wray. Elizabeth Dilworth, who was born 17.xi. [January] 1749 [1750], died 8 February 1832 and was buried at Lancaster (1). There were twelve children of the marriage (2).

Thomas Dilworth appears as a feltmaker when his occupation is first recorded in 1782, living in Wray, parish of Melling, in the Lune valley about 11 miles north-east of Lancaster. At his death, 31 May 1803, he appears as hatter of Wiersdale, and he is so described at the death of his wife (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests
- 2 Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digests give the following list:

Ruth	b 28 May 1771	
Sarah	b 15 Oct 1772	
James	b 25 April 1774	
James	b 23 March 1776	d 26 May 1795
Thomas	b 21 Nov 1777	d 8 May 1835 nm
Edward	b 11 Nov 1779	
Elizabeth	b 25 July 1782	
William	b 16 April 1784	d 30 July 1852, hat-maker of Lancaster, formerly of Wray
Ann	b 22 June 1785	d 26 Oct 1844
John	b 20 July 1787	d 21 Aug 1788
Mary	b 4 Oct 1789	
Eleanor	b 24 April 1791	d 14 Dec 1857

Mary Dilworth (b 1789) married Benjamin Barton (d 1836) chemist and druggist of Blackburn, 13 Sept 1825; there were three children of the marriage, of whom at least two died in infancy (Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests). Ann Dilworth (b 1785) married, 12 Feb 1829, William Birkett of Lancaster, yeoman (d 9 March 1840, late grocer) (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest). No marriage of Thomas Dilworth (1777-1835) is recorded in the Digest, but the birth of nine children to him and his wife Elizabeth is accompanied by a note of his non-membership of the Society.

- 3 Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digests

DILWORTH, family of

[The Dillworth family of Lancaster usually spell their names with 'll' and are here so entered.

The family of Thomas Dilworth (who removed in 1689 into Wyresdale) usually spell their names with 'l' and are here so entered.

See D. Abbatt, Quaker annals of Preston and the Fylde, [1931], pp.45 ff]

WBE:

DIMSDALE, Robert, ca. 1633-1733.

Doctor, of Hertfordshire, at Bishop's Stortford.

1663, imprisoned for several years.

1684, accompanied William Penn to America, and settled near what is now Lumberton, N. J. Returned to Eng. and settled near Epping, Essex.

m. (2d), ca. 1713, while on a short visit to Am., Sarah Collins, of Ratcliff (d. 1739).

Published: Robert Dimsdale's Advice How to use his medicines, &c., 1684.

d. 1733, aged ca. 100.

Besse, 1:244, 250.

Bull. Friends Hist. Assn., 28, no. 1:55.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:533, suppl.:102.

WBE:

DIMSDALE, Thomas, 1711 or 1712-1800.

b. 1711 or 1712, Essex, Eng., s. Sir John and Susan
(Bowyer) Dimsdale.

M. D.; practiced at Hertford, Eng. Fellow of the Royal Society.

m., 1744, Brassy.

m. (2d), 1746, Ann Ives (d. 1779).

m. (3d), 1781, Elizabeth Dimsdale.

1768, was invited to Russia, by the empress Catharine, who rewarded his professional services by the title of baron and first physician, and gave him a pension of 500 ~~pds~~ (?) per annum. 1780, 1784, was a member of two parliaments.

Published: The present method of inoculating for the small-pox, 1767.

A tribute of friendship to the memory of the late Dr. Fothergill, 1783.

d. 30 Dec. 1800, Hertford, Eng., aged ca. 88.

Was at some time disunited from the Society of Friends, and is not known to have returned.

Dic. Nat. Biog., 15:92.

Lippincott's Biog. Dictionary, p. 825.

Biog. Cat., p. 179.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:534.

DINGLE, Julian (1929 - 1979) after 1954 Fitzgerald

Jilian Dingle, daughter of Charles Frederick () and Florence (b.) Dingle married Peter Fitzgerald on 18, December 1954 at Wanstead Friends Meeting House.

SEE

FITZGERALD, Julian (1929 - 1979) b. Dingle

SGJ July 1979

DINHAM, Sarah (1762-1848) after 1782 Phelps

(Sarah Dinham, daughter of William and Elizabeth Dinham of Bristol, was married in 1782 to Wilcocks Phelps of Dublin.

See PHELPS, Sarah (1762-1848) born Dinham)

DINSDALE, Ann (1829?-1907) born

Ann Dinsdale was born about 1829

She married John Dinsdale in about 1847 (1). They celebrated their golden wedding: John Dinsdale died 7 March 1898, aged 81 (2).

They were members of Hawes Meeting, Wensleydale, and Ann Dinsdale had what was called the Friends' House there, where she gave much hospitality. Her chief characteristic was her extreme straightforwardness, in blunt Yorkshire.

The reminiscences of her by Irwin Sharp contain several stories about her, mostly revealing this bluntness of speech.

She died 29 January 1907, aged 78, at Padiham, Lancashire (3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

The Friend, vol 47 [n.s] (1907) p.105

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Marriage not traced in Digest of Marriage Registers, 1840 to 1860
- 2 John Dinsdale's death, the Friend, vol 38 [n.s] (1898) p.174
- 3 Date and place of death, the Friend, vol 47 [n.s] (1907) p.96

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DIRKIN, Alexander (1792-1860)

Alexander Dirkin was born in Manchester in 1792, the youngest of 13 children. His Father who was a devout Roman Catholic, was very poor, and at the age of ten he worked from 5 a.m. to 8.p.m. in the cotton mill. When he was 19 he went to America, and finally moved to Wilmington, Delaware, where he became a Methodist. This did not fully satisfy him; and reading the Journal of John Richardson 'whose life was like an answering face in the glass' he decided to adopt the dress and speech of Friends. After he joined Friends in Frankfurt he gradually became uneasy about his dependence on the cotton trade, and - having become a recorded minister in 1826 - he decided to move to England in 1830.

He settled first in Manchester, from where he made journeys to most parts of Great Britain. In 1839 he married Sarah Taylor, an esteemed Friend, and the pair settled at Wigton.

A 'zealous advocate of the cause of temperance', it is said of him that 'his communications were not clothed in the enticing words of man's wisdom'

He died in 1860 aged 68

Testimony of H^olm M.M. in MS Test. vol.7 p.207

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DIRKIN, Sarah (1798-1872) born Taylor

Sarah Taylor was the daughter of Jonathan and Mary Taylor and was born at Maryport on 30 June 1798. She married Alexander Dirkin and, with the exception of a brief residence at Wilmington Delaware, U.S.A., was throughout her life a member of Holm Monthly Meeting. In 1834 she was appointed an elder and an overseer, and in the following year first spoke as a minister. She was recorded in 1837 and during the next 20 years received from her Monthly Meeting minutes to visit meetings in all parts of the British Isles.

The later years of her life were marked by increasing feebleness and she was unable to get to meetings, though she maintained a lively interest in all matters relating to them. She died on 12 January 1872 and was buried in Friends burial ground at Wigton on 16 January.

Testimony of Holm MM in YM Proc. 1872, p.xv

DIRRECKS, Geertruyde Niessen, 1629?-1687.

see CRISP, Gertrud (Deriks) van Loeveelt, 1629?-1687.

DIRRECKS, Gertrud (1629?-1687) aftw. van Loseveld, aftw. Crisp

[Gertrud Deriks (Dericks, Derils, Derricks, Dirrecks)
was married in to Adrian van Loseveld, and in
1685 to Stephen Crisp.

^{GERTRUD}
see CRISP, Stephen (1629?-1687) formerly van Loseveld,
born Deriks]

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DITZLER, "illiam Uhrich (1821-1897)

William Ulrich Ditzler, the son of Christian and Christine Ditzler, was born near Lebanon in Pennsylvania on 3 March 1821. His father, a tailor, served at times as minister in the Lutheran church; he was descended from the early German immigrants to Pennsylvania. His mother died when William was only three years old. As a boy he was lame and his confinement to the house gave him much time for thought and meditation. Religious influences were strong in his youth; at 15 he attended meetings of a Methodist body called Evangelical Friends, where his sensitive spirit suffered a strange sense of sin and guilt from which he was liberated by an inward expression of Christ's redemptive power, and subsequently by a vision of his own calling to a life of ministry. It was not until he saw the Quakers and heard of their simple faith and worship, uncomplicated by ritual, that he found the path he was to follow despite his father's opposition. When he first attended Friends Meeting in Philadelphia at 19 years of age he was so much impressed by their silent waiting that he knew that he had found his spiritual home. From this time onwards he worshipped with Friends and after he had prayed in Meeting in his own language Elders interested themselves in his guidance and instruction and at 24 he was accepted into membership. His innocent earnest and devout character endeared him to his elders, and in the home of one of them he was introduced to Stephen Grellet who encouraged him to go forward in the ministry. He was a devoted visitor to the poor, the distressed and to prisoners. In 1867 at 46 years of age he became a recorded minister; his ministry was never frequent but was singularly impressive. IN 1868 he travelled in the ministry in Pennsylvania and New Jersey among all sorts and conditions of men, redeeming many hearts and being careful to follow his inward guide. His quickness to heed the constraints and restraints of inward instruction served him better than worldly wisdom in much of his daily walk and conversation and his firm confidence in the clear openings of truth on his mind seemed one of his strongest traits. He must see a truth for himself before he would adopt it, and that which the witness for truth in his heart had once shown him, was invincible by argument and persuasion. Many came to him for help and encouragement. In 1874 he moved to the neighbourhood of Downington and in 1887, although he continued to live at Downington his membership was moved back again to Philadelphia from where in 1889 he revisited meetings in New Jersey.

He died at his home near Downington on January 2 1897 aged nearly 76 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1899 p 160

WBE:

DITZLER, William Uhrich, 1821-1897.

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b. 3 Jan. 1821, near Lebanon, Pa., s. Christian and Christina Ditzler, Lutherans.

Afflicted by lameness, of which he was healed.

Joined the Evangelical Methodists. His father tried to keep him a Lutheran. ca. 1840, found his way to Phila., Pa., and followed Friends into their meetings, which thereafter he constantly frequented.

Found work in a tailor shop.

Made a prayer in German. 1867, acknowledged a minister.

Spent much of his time in visiting the poor and going to prisons to labour for reform of their inmates. 1868, travelled in Pa. and New Jersey. Later, he went farther from home. Was remarkably led and directed to address individuals with suitable messages.

Never married. 1874, moved to Downingtown, Pa. 1887, returned his membership to Phila.

Took pneumonia.

d. 2 Jan 1897, near Downingtown, Pa., aged ca. 76.

Quaker Biog., Ser. 1, 5:226 (portrait).

An. Mon. (N. S.), 57:160.

Matlack col. (Haverford ms. col.), Book 18, (portrait p. 6).

Phila. Mo. Mtg. Western district, Memorial of Wm. U. Ditzler.

DIX, Ann (1806-1886) born Osmond

Ann Osmond, daughter of John (1773-1829, qv) and Ann (born Bracher, 1778?-1870, qv) Osmond of Claverham, was born there on 13 June 1806 (1). She married in 1840 James Dix of Bristol (1807-1880, qv). She died at Congersbury on 3 September 1886 (2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest
- 2 Annual monitor 1887 p.78: no entry found in Digest of Burial notes

DIX, Dorothy Knight (1909 - 1970) after 1947 Waddy.

Dorothy Dix, daughter of William Knight (1872-1950 ,)
and Jane (b. I'Anson, /) Dix married / 1873-1930
Bently Herbert Waddy at Friends Ho. London on
Sept. 18, 1947.

SEE

WADDY, Dorothy Knight (1909 - 1970) b. Dix

SGJ. July 1978

DIX, Eliza (1809-1858) after 1838 France

[Eliza Dix, daughter of James Dix (1757-1840 qv)
and his wife Mary (born Bellis,
of Stone in Staffordshire, was married in 1838
to Peter France (1810-1883 qv) of Handsworth
Woodhouse in Yorkshire.

See FRANCE, Eliza (1809-1858) born Dix]

DIX, Elizabeth Shipley (1800-1891)

Elizabeth Shipley Dix was born on 7 November 1800 at Dickleburgh in Norfolk, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Dix and brother of James Dix (1807-1880 qv) and Francis Dix (1814-1902 qv). After being in the care of her grandfather, Richard Shipley of Tivetshall, she was sent to a Friends school in Ipswich. On leaving school, her grandfather took her to the Yearly Meeting in London which she attended regularly ever after.

The health of her brother at Ackworth school failed, forcing her return home at the age of twenty-two to nurse him. Thus she entered upon her life's work of caring for the sick including her chronic invalid sister and such members of her Monthly Meeting as needed it. Eventually the two sisters left Dickleburgh to settle permanently at Tivetshall.

She was recorded as Minister in 1860 at Tivetshall MM. She was very modest and, though frequently heard in the testimony or prayer, her addresses were of Scriptural simplicity and practical.

In 1865 she visited the General Meeting for the South Wales division, having a minute from the monthly meeting for that service. In her seventieth year she journeyed to north of England, visiting Swarthmore and other places associated with George Fox.

For some years she was the only member of the Tivetshall Meeting; some of the neighbours generally joined her. She continued this to the end of her life. She was buried in the Friends Burial Ground on 16 February 1891 aged ninety.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1892 p.42

DIX, Francis (1814-1902)

Francis Dix was born at Dickleborough, Norfolk on 20 April 1814, the son of Robert and Elizabeth Dix (1). For many years he attended the meeting at Tivetshall; on First-day evenings he held a devotional meeting in his large kitchen at which not only Scripture but works connected with early Friends, were read and much appreciated by his neighbours.

In 1875 Francis Dix moved to Norwich.

'Although not a recorded minister, nor holding office, his voice was frequently heard in our meetings for worship, as well as in those for discipline. Heartfelt expression has been given to the helpfulness and blessing received, not only from the word spoken, but from his solemn and reverent manner of delivery'.

Francis Dix died 22 July 1902 aged eighty nine years.

Testimony of Norwich MM in YM Proc. 1903, p.236

References and notes

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest

DIX, Hannah (1809-1864)

Hannah Dix, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Dix of Dickleburgh in Norfolk, was born there on 23 January 1809(1). In her youth and early womanhood she was of a very lively turn of mind and the delights of the world were to her a source of continued and joyous attraction.

But in the year 1834, when she was about twenty four, she had a serious accident and injured her spine, so that she had to spend the rest of her life either in bed or on a couch. Her former habits and pleasures were necessarily cut off by this affliction, but she came through it to an awareness of the love of God, which sustained her spirit. She occupied her time by reading and cultivating her mind, by writing to her numerous correspondents and in knitting. She greatly enjoyed receiving visits from her friends, who found her remarkable for the sweetness of her mind and her complete absence of any sense of bitterness at her lot. Her equanimity was not achieved without periods of severe inward struggle, but her faith was strong and unwavering.

She died very peacefully at Tivetshall in Norfolk on 17 January 1864, at the age of fifty four(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1865, pp 57-61

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the daughter of Robert, deceased

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

DIX, James (1757-1840)

James Dix, the son of James and Mary Dix of Chorlton, was born there on 3 May 1757(1). He was married in 1798 to Mary Bellis(2) and there were seven children of the marriage(3).

He was a regular attender at meetings for worship, concerned consistently to maintain the Society's testimonies, and in spite of some irregularity in his financial affairs(4) was for many years an overseer and an elder.

He died at Leek in Staffordshire, after a short but severe illness, on 1 April 1840, at the age of eighty three(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1841, p 17

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Newton near Middlewich on 9 April 1798: he is described as a flint miller of Stone, Staffordshire, the son of James and Mary Dix of Uttoxeter; she is described as the daughter of Edward and Mary Bellis of Street in Cheshire (Cheshire & Staffs QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Cheshire & Staffs QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

John	b 7 Oct 1799	who d 21 Nov 1801
Thomas	b 23 Feb 1801	who d 11 Dec 1806
Martha	b 14 Feb 1803	who m 1835 William France
Sarah	b 19 July 1805	who d 26 Jan 1807
Samuel	b 25 Nov 1807	who d 15 Nov 1820
Eliza	b 3 Sept 1809	who m 1838 Peter France
Ann	b 19 Oct 1814	who d unmarried 8 May 1879
- 4 J Friends Hist Soc vol 14 (1917) pp 64, 65
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 14, pp 67, 68, 70

DIX, James (1807-1880)

James Dix, the son of Robert and Elizabeth Dix of Dickleburgh, Norfolk, was born there on 10 June 1807 (1). He moved to Bristol and was a chocolate manufacturer (2). In 1840 he married Ann Osmond (1806-1886, qv) (3). In 1876 he presented the Library at Devonshire House with about 300 MSS illustrative of 17th and 18th century Quakerism (4). He died on 22 August 1880 aged 73 years (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest: in Digest of Marriage Registers (1840) recording his marriage his father is described as Yeoman
- 2 Digest of Marriage Registers
- 3 The wedding was at Bristol on 14 July 1840: she is described as of Union Street, Bristol, daughter of John Osmond, farmer (Digest of Marriage Registers). No children of the marriage are recorded in Digest of Birth Notes.
- 4 G. Fox, Journal, ed. N. Penney, 1911, vol.1 p.392
- 5 Digest of Burial Notes. He is described as of Fernbank Road, Redland, Bristol, gentleman

DIX, Martha (1803-1857) after 1835 France

[Martha Dix, daughter of James Dix (1757-1840 qv)
and his wife Mary (1770-1840 qv)]

DIX, James Derry (1813-1860)

James Derry Dix, the son of Francis and Hannah Dix of Lemmas in Norfolk, was born there on 25 November 1813(1). In his childhood his religious convictions were strong, but as he grew older their grip upon his mind weakened; he had a powerful intellect and a grasping understanding and he devoted his youth and early manhood to the pursuit of material gain. It was not until after years of suffering that he was brought back into the fold of Christianity and saw his life for what it was.

He was in business as a merchant(2), but his health was very delicate and about the winter of 1849 he went to Egypt, hoping that a warmer climate might help him. But his pulmonary infection was too well established and he gradually declined into an invalid. He died, apparently unmarried(3), on 1 November 1860 at the age of forty seven(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Annual Monitor 1862, pp 57-75

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest: his father is described as a yeoman
- 2 He is so described in the entry for his death, note 4
- 3 There is no trace of a marriage in Norfolk & Norwich QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of Clapham Rise, a merchant

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

DIX, Mary (1777-1839) after 1825 Holmes

[Mary Dix, daughter of Robert Dix (-) and
his wife Hannah (born) of
Tivetshall in Norfolk, was married in 1825 to Benjamin
Holmes (1777-1858 qv).]

See HOLMES, Mary (1777-1839) born Dix]

DIX, Mary (1830-1917) after 1856 Impey

[Mary Dix, daughter of Charles Dix (-)
and his wife Elizabeth (born
of Haverhill in Suffolk, was married in 1856 to
William Impey (1821-1901 qv) of Broomfield near
Chelmsford in Essex.

See IMPEY, Mary (1830-1917) born Dix]

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DIX, Robert (1775-1842)

Robert Dix, the son of Robert and Hannah Dix, was born at Tivetshall in 1775. He died in 1842 at the age of 67, having been a minister for 14 years

Testimony of Tivetshall M.M., in MS Test. vol.6 p.262

DIXON, Alexander (-1658)

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There is a letter written by this Friend to M. Fell, c.1656
(Swarth. MSS.i.11), but the only biographical touch is the endorsement by G. Fox, 'he died in the truth at grarig in westmerland'. He is referred to in the 'Petition of Divers Ministers' to the Justices of Westmorland, in 1653 (Several Petitions Answered, 1653, p.2; Blome, Fanatick Hist. 1660, p.197). Jnl. F. Hist. Soc. xxiv, 52.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.416

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DIXON, Alexander (-1658)

Alexander Dixon was of Thurstgill, Grayrigg, Westmorland; the house, now called Thrushgill, still stands. Convicted by Fox near Sedbergh in 1652. Among 'the first recievers of those first Messingrs & Ministers of truth into their houses' at Grayrigg (F.P.T., 247) bur. 24 Sept. 1658 (Q.M. Bur. Reg. for Westmorland, with residence as above). Fox's endorsement of Letter 350, G.F. Nuttall, Early quaker letters, 1952, 'died in the truth at Grayrigg in Westmorland' confirms identification.

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Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.58

DIXON, Barbara (1707/8-1755) after 1729/30 Raylton

(Barbara Dixon, daughter of Ralph Dixon III (1673-1743 qv) and his wife Susannah, born Watson, of Raby and later of Henknowle near Bishop Auckland, was married in 1729/30 to John Raylton II (1706-1784 qv).

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DIXON, Alice (1840-1918) aftw Fox

[Alice Dixon, daughter of George Dixon and his wife
(nee) was married in 1865
to David Fox

see FOX, Alice (1840-1918) born Dixon]

DIXON, Eleanor (1885 ? - 1976)

Eleanor Dixon was born in about the year 1885.(1)

She was educated at Great Ayton School and spoke often in later years of the depth of the Quaker influence there. At school her love of music developed and after further training she first joined the staff at Ackworth School teaching the piano. She ^{may have} joined the Society ~~in~~ 1918.(2)

In 1919 she joined the staff of Polam School, Darlington, where she was responsible for the teaching of music. She was also in charge of one of the boarding houses of the school. She retired in 1933 and moved to a flat in Darlington.

For a period she was clerk to Darlington MM and represented Durham QM on Meeting for Sufferings from 1947 to 1953 and on Friends Education Council from 1947 to 1950. She also served on Friends Education Council as a representative from Ayton School from 1950 to 1953. (3)

She also served as Librarian to the Meeting House in Skinnergate, as Secretary to the Institute Committee and as an overseer.

She died in hospital at Darlington on 21, January 1976 aged 91 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol 134 (1976) p.381

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. We have no date of birth. She was aged 91 at death.
2. Durham Q.M. Printed list of members shows her as a member at Darlington in 1918.
3. She appears to have been clerk of Darlington MM for the one year 1945 (Administrative guide to QMs and MMs, typescript, Friends House Library); for committee service see typescript committee index, Friends House Library

DIXON, Eliza (1802-1877) after 1825 Hartland

For Eliza Dixon, daughter of Thomas (1770-1833 qv) and Sarah Dixon (1773?-1836 qv born Carby) of Kings Lynn, Norfolk, and afterwards of Worcester, Worcestershire, who in 1825 married Nathaniel Hartland (1791-1866 qv) of Evesham, Worcestershire, as his second wife

see HARTLAND, Eliza (1802-1877) born Dixon

DIXON, Ann (1654-)

The Registers record the birth, in 1654, of Ann, daughter of Robert (d.1682) and Jennet Dixon, of Old House Beck in Cartmel. 'Ann Dixson' left the employ of Mrs Fox in 1674, when she received a shilling from Mary Lower, which was borrowed of Sarah Fell. There have been Dixons among the Quakers throughout their history. (See Longstaff, Langstaffs of Teesdale and Weardale, London, 1906). 'This is a widely spread name. There are at least three "Dixon-grounds" in Furness, one at Coniston, one at Dalton and one near Hawkshead' (Satterthwaite, Colthouse, p.30, quoting Cowper, Hawkshead).

Note by Norman Penney in 'The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell'
1920, p.547

DIXON, Elizabeth (1810-1875) born Stansfield

Elizabeth Stansfield, the daughter of Caleb Stansfield (1784-1854 qv) and his wife Mary (born Hall, 1790-1821 qv) of Springfield in the parish of Halifax in Yorkshire, was born there on 27 March 1810(1).

She became in 1841 the second wife of James Dixon (1810-1900 qv), a weaver, draper and grocer in Yorkshire and there were three children, born between the years 1842-1850.

DIXON, Elizabeth (1810-1875) after 1829 Stansfield, after 1849 Ecroyd (5).
Elizabeth Dixon of Bradford died on 20 December 1875, as did her husband.

[Elizabeth Dixon, daughter of Edward Dixon (-) and his wife Sarah (born -) of Swarbeck in the parish of Giggleswick in Yorkshire, was married in 1829 to Richard Stansfield (1803-1836 qv). After his death she became in 1849 the third wife of William Ecroyd (1796-1876 qv).]

See ECROYD, Elizabeth (1810-1875) formerly Stansfield, born Dixon]

N.B. There is no reference to her in J. Friend's List (no. vol. 1-55)

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DIXON, Elizabeth (1834-1914) born Fox

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Elizabeth Fox, daughter of David and Rebecca Fox, was born at Dewsbury on 10 July 1834. She was educated at a private school and at Ackworth. From the age of seventeen to twenty-one she taught at Ayton School, then spent some years at home till she returned to Ayton in 1858 as the wife of Ralph Dixon (1836-1916, qv) who succeeded his father, George Dixon, as Superintendent.

Elizabeth Dixon took a keen interest in questions of Peace and Temperance, the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society and the welfare of the village. Helped by other Friends, she also conducted Mothers' Meetings at Ayton and at Castleton. She gave loving ministry at the Meeting held once a month in the old Meeting House in Bilsdale and gladly helped Richmond Monthly Meeting with its Particular Meetings at Hawes and Bainbridge. Those who heard her evangelical addresses were struck by her well-stored memory of Scripture and sacred poetry.

Those who knew her remembered always the abiding sense of peace and calm she created by her presence. 'She had great joy in life'.

She died on 6 May 1914. This was the fifty-sixth anniversary of her wedding day. Eight of her nine children were with her in her last illness: her two daughters, Katharine Dixon and Gulielma Clark were both on furlough from missionary work in India.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Guisborough MM in YM Proc. 1915 p.339

SEE ALSO

The Friend n.s. vol. (1914) p.344
Annual monitor 1915 p.57

WBE:

DIXON, Emma Needles, 1860-1953.

1865, presented Abraham Lincoln with a bunch of roses,
and received from him a letter.

m. William Dixon.

Devoted much time to the interests of Sheppard-Pratt
Hospital.

Member of Md. Hist. Soc. Member of Amateur Garden Club
of Baltimore. Member of the Royal Chrysanthemum Society of
Japan.

A lover of the beautiful.

d. 31 July 1953, Baltimore, Md., aged 93.

Friends Intelligencer, 110(1953):457.

DIXON, Francis (1761-1839)

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Francis Dixon was born in 1761 at Kirby Wirk near Thirsk. His father was a member of the society, but he died young. In 1824 he was acknowledged a minister, and he died in 1839 aged 77.

Testimony of Gainsborough (in fact, Guisborough) M.M.
in MS Test. vol.6 p.196

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DIXON, George (1636-1707/8) George Dixon I

George Dixon I, the son of Ralph Dixon and his wife Susanna of Raby in the county of Durham, was baptised there on 31 July 1636. About the time that he became a member of the Society of Friends he was married to Barbara(1) and there were four children(2).

Before his marriage he appears to have lived for a while at Troutbeck near Windermere and was the subject of a letter on anti-Quaker activities in Westmorland, written by Daniel Fleming in 1664. The following is an extract from this letter:-

"And at my returne hope, I mett with a Letter from S^r John Lowther & other Justices in y^e Countrey, concerning one Geo.Dixon of Troutbeck in Windermere Parish (not farr from hence) whom I sent for y^e next day & examined, y^e copy of my Letter & examination I have here inclosed sent you. This Dixon, tho' he's a young man unmarried, & can write something, yet I am halfe of opinion y^e some or other hath a bused him in this Letter; since hee lives in a very well affected Towne, both to y^e church & State, & is therein generally esteemed by his Neighbours to bee one farr from Plotting, and (if I bee not much mistaken) not of parts for y^e writing of such a Letter. However since there is so much smoke there may phaps bee some fire . . . "(3)

Daniel Fleming was mistaken and George suffered both fining and imprisonment for his now found faith.

He died at Raby on 9.xi.1707 (i.e. January 1707/8)(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, p 185

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

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 There is no record of his marriage in Durham QM, Westmorland QM or Yorkshire QM Marriages Digests
- 2 Listed in Durham QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Abigail	b 27 i (March) 1666	who m 1688 Thomas Wrighton
Isabell	b 21 ix(Nov) 1669	who m 1690 Henry Granger
George II qv	b 25 xi 1671(i.e. Jan 1671/2)	who m Sarah Greenwood (Norman Penney, op cit)
Ralph III qv	b 6 iv(June) 1673	who m (1)1699 Susannah Watson (2)1720 Elizabeth Hunter (N. Penney, op cit)
- 3 Extracts from State Papers, p 213
- 4 Durham QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

WBE:

DIXON, George, 1671-1752.

b. 1671, s. George and Barbara Dixon.

m. Sarah Four sons, six daughters.

House steward and butler at Raby Castle to Gilbert Vane, second Baron Barnard. When George thought the guests at the castle had taken sufficient wine, he used to refuse to send up more! Used "thou" and "thee" to his master.

His great nephew, Jeremiah Dixon, a self-taught mathematician, helped to lay out "the Mason and Dixon Line," separating Pa. from Md.

d. 1752, bur. Old Raby, aged ca. 81.

The Friend (Phila.), 54:250.

DIXON, George (1671/2-1752) George Dixon II

George Dixon II, the son of George Dixon I (1636-1707/8 qv) and his wife Barbara, of Raby in the county of Durham, was born there on 25.xi.1671 (i.e. January 1671/2)(1). He was married in 1704 to Sarah Greenwood of York(2) and there were ten children(3).

For many years George II was house steward to Sir Gilbert Vane, the second Baron Barnard, at Raby Castle. In fulfilment of what he considered to be his conscientious duty, when guests at Raby Castle had taken sufficient wine he would refuse to send up more from the cellar, which caused great annoyance at the time, although on the following morning Lord Barnard never failed to thank him. On one occasion Lord Barnard, amused at his guests' incredulity as to George's Quaker plainness of speech, made a bet of £200. George was summoned, but no attention was paid to his presence for some time, until he said "Pray, what didst thou want with me?" The bet being won, the money was spent on an oil painting of this highly esteemed servant in his simple dress; the portrait was surrounded by the inscription "An Israelite indeed in whom is no guile," with two lines from Horace which translated read "Strong to restrain immoderate desires, lightly esteeming public honours, a self-reliant and courteous man."

George Dixon II died at Raby on 26 April 1752, aged eighty(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, pp 185-186

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

SEE ALSO:- The Friend (Phila.) 54, 250

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Durham QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given

2 There is no record of the marriage in Durham QM or Yorkshire QM
Marriages Digests

3 Listed in Durham QM Births Digest as follows:-

John	b 3 vii(Sept)1705
Isabell	b 24 xi 1707 (i.e. Jan 1707/8)
Elizabeth	b 31 i (March)1710
George	b 29 vii(Sept)1711
James	b 17 iv(June)1714
Mary	b 14 xi 1716 (i.e. Jan 1716/7)
Ralph	b 29 x(Dec)1719
Sarah	b 16 ii(April)1723
Rachell	b 23 iii(May)1726
Barbary	b 8 vi(Aug)1728

H.B. No marriages within the Society are recorded for any of these
children

4 Durham QM Burials Digest: he is described as of Raby

DIXON, George (1701-1755) George Dixon III

George Dixon III, the son of Ralph Dixon III (1673-1743 qv) and his first wife Susannah, born Watson, of Raby and later of Henknowle near Bishop Auckland, was born at Raby on 13.x.(December)1701(1). He was married on 28.ii.(April)1724 to Mary Hunter of Newcastle(2) and there were eight children(3).

He became the first of several generations of coal owners at Cockfield in county Durham and inherited from his father tenements at Bishop Auckland and Cockton Hill(4). There is a charming legend in the family as to the manner in which he met his future wife:-

"Riding to a Friend's house to a Quarterly Meeting, he arrived late in the evening when other guests had retired, but walking early next morning in the garden, he saw the man cleaning the shoes of the family and visitors. One pair of ladies' shoes, by their small size, neatness and charm, attracted his attention, and the introduction to the owner at breakfast proving her mind and person to be as charming as her shoes, he wooed and won the lady for his wife." (Reminiscences, by A.A.Richardson)

George Dixon III died on 3 December 1755, in his fifty fourth year(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, pp 187-188

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Durham QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 There is no record of his marriage in Durham QM Marriages Digest
- 3 Listed in Durham QM Births and Burials Digests, with additional information from George Blundell Longstaff, The Langstiffs of Teesdale & Weardale, London 1906, Pedigree 9:-

Ralph	b 13 ii(April)1725	who d 13 ix(Nov)1726
Hannah	b 4 iii(May)1727	who m 1756 Benjamin Chapman (Longstaff)
Mary	b 27 iii(May)1729	who d 1 June 1753
George IV qv	b 18 xi 1731(i.e. Jan 1731/2)	who m 1753 Sarah Rayton
Thomas	b 8 vii(Sept)1737	who d unmarried (Longstaff)
Elizabeth	b 2 x(Dec)1738	who d unmarried (Longstaff)

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DIXON, George (1701-1755)

George Dixon III

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 3 The following two children are not recorded in Durham QM Births Digest, but are given in George Blundell Longstaff, op cit, Pedigree 9:-
 Jeremiah qv b 27 viii(Oct)1733
 Ralph b 25 viii(Oct)1735 who d 10 March 1816
4 George Blundell Longstaff, op cit Pedigree 9
5 His death is not recorded in Durham QM Burials Digest

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

WBE:

DIXON, George (IV), 1731/32-1785.

b. 18 XI 1731/2, Bishop Auckland, s. George III and
Mary (Hunter) Dixon.

Attended school of John Kipling, but largely self-educated.

Spent some time in London, and painted china.

m., 1753, his cousin Sarah Raylton. Issue.

Resided at Cockfield, Co. Durham, Eng.

Said to have been first to use coal gas for illuminating purposes.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 19:52.

Penney, My ancestors, p. 189.

DIXON, George (1731/2-1785) George Dixon IV

George Dixon IV, the son of George Dixon III (1701-1755 qv) and his wife Mary, born Hunter, of Cockfield in the county of Durham, was born at Bishop Auckland on 18.xi.1731/2(1). With his brother Jeremiah (1733-1779 qv) he was educated for a time at a school kept by John Kipling at Barnard Castle and his mother's nephew John Bailey of Chillingham also acted as tutor to her children, but much of his knowledge was self acquired. He was married to his first cousin Sarah Rayton, the daughter of John Rayton II (1706-1784 qv) and his wife Barbara (born Dixon, 1707/8-1755 qv), in Coniscliffe parish church on 11 September 1753; there were eight children(2).

George Dixon IV was a very remarkable man. As a young man he went to London and running short of money took employment painting china at the Chelsea China works. At first he earned very little, but as he became more adept his wages increased to several guineas a week and in 1796 a coffee pot painted by him was still in existence. In 1779, on his return to the north, he established a coal tar works, but in 1783 it was abandoned in consequence of the heavy cost of carriage to Sunderland, where the tar was used by ship building workers. He claimed to have been the first to use coal gas for illumination, but he was a quiet, retiring man and did not press his discovery to a practical result, although it is said that his own garden wall on the edge of Cockfield Fell was the first place ever thus lighted. He is also said to have been a good mathematician and learned in mineralogy, engraving, chemistry and hydraulics.

Although he was married in church and his children were not recorded with the Society, he died in membership on 29 September 1785(3), at the age of about fifty four.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, pp 188-191

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Durham QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 No children are recorded in Durham QM Births Digest, but George Blundell Longstaff, The Longstafes of Teesdale & Weardale, London 1906 Pedigree 9 gives the following:-

George		who d young
Jeremiah		who d young
Mary	b 27 May 1758	who d unmarried 4 July 1780
George qv	b 9 May 1760	who m 1791 Rachel Coates
John qv	b 25 March 1762	who m about 1782 Elizabeth Graham
Thomas	b 6 June 1773 (?1763)	who m Tace Alder
Sarah	b 22 Nov 1765	who m (1) John Greenwell

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DIXON, George (1731/2-1795)

George Dixon IV

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

(Sarah)

who m (2) 1794 Matthew Langstaff

(3) Thomas Langstaff

Elizabeth b 19 Oct 1767

who m 1788 George Langstaff

and d 19 May 1839

3 Durham Q.M Burials Digest: he is described as of Cockfield, co. Durham

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends His Soc vol 19, p 52

DIXON, George (1760-1842)

George Dixon V

George Dixon V, the son of George Dixon IV (1731/2-1785 qv) and his wife Sarah, born Raylton, of Cockfield in county Durham, was born there on 9 May 1760(1). He was married in 1791 to Rachel Coates of Lynesack(2) and there were eight children(3).

He was a wealthy man. He had inherited the Coates' Lynesack estate from his uncle John Raylton (1706-1784 qv)(4) and with his brother John (1762-1816 qv) was a lessee of the Black Boy Colliery at Bishop Auckland. But the brothers left the running of the colliery to a manager who (unknown to them) carried the workings under another man's land. A Chancery suit followed, which they lost, and they never recovered from the excessive damages they had to pay.

The brothers were known locally as 'Maister George' and 'Maister Jackie' and were great arguers. They used to argue so vehemently even when riding on horseback that a servant had to ride with them to prevent accidents.

George Dixon V died at Stockton on 11 February 1842(5), in his eighty second year.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, p 193

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 There is no entry in Durham QM Births Digest, but see George Blundell Longstaff, The Langstafis of Teesdale & Weardale, London 1906, Pedigree 9
- 2 The wedding was at Staindrop on 30 November 1791: he is described as a yeoman of Cockfield in Durham, the son of George and Sarah Dixon, late of Cockfield; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Coates of West Pitts, county Durham (Durham QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Durham QM Births and Marriages Digests, with additional information on marriages from George Blundell Longstaff, op cit, Pedigree 11:-

Hannah	b 30 Aug 1792	who m John William Sherlock
George	b 11 Feb 1794	who m (1) 1820 Mary Bell (2) 1839 Grace Greenwell
Sarah	b 27 Oct 1795	who m 1821 John Richardson and d 5 Feb 1860
Margaret	b 1 Feb 1798	who m 1826 John Allison
William Henry	b 23 March 1800	who m 1821 Hannah Coates and d 5 March 1874

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 3 Joseph b 14 Aug 1802 who d unmarried 27 Jan 1875
Michael b 27 Sept 1805 who m Elizabeth Wilks and d
27 Feb 1869
Rachel b 1 Feb 1809 who m 1836 Samuel Walker and
d 27 July 1885
- 4 George Blundell Longstaff, op cit, Pedigree 9
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a coal owner of Stockton, late
of Cockfield

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

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DIXON, George (1812-1904)

George Dixon, the second son of Ralph Dixon of Staindrop, was born there on 10 February 1813 (1). He was descended from a family of Friends who were known as the Raby Dixons. His father had enlisted early in life as a soldier and had served under Wellington, but his soldier life only lasted a short time as he was wounded and invalided home; an account of his life was embodied in a pamphlet, the 'Converted soldier', published by the Peace Committee. George himself was apprenticed to a farmer, but his love of learning soon showed itself and he determined to train himself as a schoolmaster, first teaching at the Skinnergate school, Darlington, then at Shildon, Bishop Auckland, both schools under Friend management. About 1840 Friends became greatly concerned for the better education of children connected with the Society but not members and when Great Ayton school was started George Dixon was appointed superintendent, starting his duties in 1841. Thomas Richardson, John Pease and Isaac Sharp were all helpful to him in many ways. George's energy seemed unbounded; natural history, especially botany and conchology were vigorously pursued, the boys becoming familiar with all the plants, mosses, lichens and shells of the district, George Dixon published a 'Handbook to the Herbarium' at about this time.

He had married Alice Swinburn (2) who died on 25 March 1865 aged 60 (3). There were 4 children (4)

In 1866, after his wife's death, he resigned his post and went out to North America to help 'the labours of Friends on behalf of the destitute Freedmen'. He stayed there for 20 years, most of the time superintending schools for the education of emancipated slaves and their families. He afterwards settled at Hampton, Virginia, and identified himself with the Normal College there. Because of the resentment of the planters in the Southern States against Lincoln's Proclamation of Freedom, George Dixon often went about in great danger. In this work he met his second wife, Eunice Congdon. One of the negroes in whom they took special interest was Booker Washington. George and his wife paid two visits to England to beg for help for the destitute freedmen.

In 1884 he finally left America and came back to Great Ayton and to his earlier pursuit of natural history, and during the summer months he kept the boys and girls of the school (where his son Ralph had succeeded him as superintendent) supplied with wild plants duly mounted and labelled. In 1891 he wrote the 'History of Ayton school'. He was, like so many other Friends of his time, a great distributor of tracts, especially those on the use of narcotics and intoxicating drinks.

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DIXON, George (1812-1904) Cont.

He was a regular attender at Friends Meetings, and frequently took part vocally at Ayton, speaking of God's beauty and quoting verse to illustrate this theme. He always quoted the Bible and hymns correctly and he served as an Elder in his monthly meeting.

He died at the age of 92 of 16 May 1904.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1905 p. 43

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The Friend (London) xliv. 413
Birth not traced in Durham QM Births Digest
- 2 G. Alston Watson: Ayton school centenary history 1841-1941
p. 42
Marriage not traced in Digest of Marriage Registers
- 3 Digest of Burial Notes
- 4 Listed in Durham QM Births Digest and Digest of Birth Notes as follows

John	born	8 Dec	1934
Ralph	born	4 Jan	1836 QV
Sarah Ann	born	7 Dec	1844
George	born	5 July	1846

SEE ALSO

History of Ayton School, 1891 o44,06
Art: on Old Middlesborough in Temp: visitors May 1898
Sketch in "Beacon Light" May 1898
Joseph Morris, p. 101 092.3
Stanley Humphrey 299 p 165 092.3

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WBE:

DIXON, George, ca. 1812-1904.

b. ca. 1812, Staindrop? Eng., s. Ralph Dixon.

Had typhus fever.

Apprenticed to a farmer. Learned his lessons, as he plowed, and spent spare time in study. Went to Skinnergate School, Darlington. Later taught at Shilton and at Bishop Auckland, both Friends Schools.

m. Alice Swinburn.

ca. 1841, appointed superintendent of the recently established school at Great Ayton. 1866, resigned from his post and went to the U. S. A. to help the Freedmen. He remained in Am. for twenty years. Spent some time at Hampton, Va.

m. (2d), Eunice Congdon. They took an especial interest in a young negro, Booker T. Washington. 1884, returned to Eng.

Gave much time to tract distribution.

Author: Hand-book to the Herbarium.

Homes for the Freedmen in the U. S. of Am., 1870.

History of Ayton School, 1891.

d. 16 May 1904, Great Ayton, aged 92.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 63:43.

Jos. Smith's Cat., suppl.:102.

Ayton Friends School, History of Great Ayton School, (portrait op. p. 4).

DIXON, Hannah (1699-) born Osborn

Hannah Osborn, the daughter of Timothy Osborn (-1736/7 qv) and his wife Susanna of Ilminster Meeting, was born on 16.iv.[June] 1699(1).

She was married in 1722 to Thomas Dixon (fl 1722 qv) of Turley in Wiltshire, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

The date of death of Hannah Dixon is not at present (1981) traced(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage see DIXON, Thomas (fl 1722)
- 3 Her death is not traced in Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digest

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

DIXON, Hannah (1773-1842) born Simpson

Hannah Simpson, the daughter of James and Margaret Simpson of Kirkbymoor-side in Yorkshire, was born there on 19 June 1773(1).

She was married in 1795 to Joseph Dixon (1765-1851 qv), a grocer and draper of Stockton in county Durham and there were seven children(2).

Hannah Dixon of Stockton died on 30 January 1842, at the age of sixty eight(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see DIXON, Joseph (1765-1851)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Joseph

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1843, p 21: 2 line entry for death

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

DIXON, Helen Walker (1865-1939)

Helen W. Dixon born on 22 January 1865, joined the Society at Streatham where she helped to make it possible to have a Meeting House. Her unfailing concern for the Meeting was a constant source of strength to Friends. Her house and garden were used extensively for social gatherings and meetings of all kinds.

Her most outstanding service was for Germany. From 1918 she worked for the relief of War victims, for refugees and for the Home of Rest which was one of her inspirations. She did much to build up German Quakerism.

There and in Streatham Meeting Helen Dixon's calm presence, wise counsels and gracious utterances brought comfort, healing and encouragement.

She died on 13 April 1939.

Testimony of Kingston MM in YM Proc. 1940, p.206

WBE:

Additional information:

DIXON, Helen Walker, 1865-1939.

b. 1865, near Witham, Essex, Eng., dau. of a Congregational minister.

Keen skater and cyclist.

Joined Friends in middle life. An elder.

1920, began work in Germany for innocent enemy aliens, especially at Frankfurt-am-Main.

Had sense of humour.

d. Streatham, Eng., aged ca. 74.

The Friend (London), 97:314 (portrait).

The Wayfarer, 18:116.

DIXON, James (1812-1900)

James Dixon, the son of Edward Dixon () and his wife Sarah (born) of Swarbeck in the parish of Cigglewick in Yorkshire, was born there on 30 March 1812(1).

He was a woollen draper at Horton, Bradford in Yorkshire(2) and was twice married, but his first marriage is not at present (1985) traced(3). He married secondly in 1843 Elizabeth Stansfield (1818-1873 qv) of Halifax in Yorkshire(4) and there were three children, born between the years 1844 and 1850(5).

James Dixon of North Rock, Lidgett Green, Bradford, died on 4 February 1900, at the age of eighty seven(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 He is so described in the entry for his second marriage, note 4 and in the birth entries for his children
- 3 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales nor in the Digest of Marriages to 1842
- 4 The wedding was at Halifax on 14 June 1843: he is described as a widower, a woollen draper of Westbrook Place, Horton, Bradford, the son of Edward Dixon, a gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Springfield, Halifax, the daughter of Caleb Stansfield, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-

Margaret Eliza	b 8 April 1844
Sarah	b 23 Aug 1845
Caleb Stansfield	b 16 Jan 1850

No marriages traced for these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1920
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired master tailor

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

WBE:

DIXON, Jeremiah, 1733-1785.

b. 1733, Cockfield, Co. Durham, Eng.

Self-educated.

1761, went with other observers to the Cape of Good Hope to witness the transit of Venus. Also to Sumatra, and in 1769, to Hammerfest for the same purpose.

1763-1767, with Charles Mason laid down the boundary known as the "Mason-Dixon Line." Hence, the name "Dixie," for the southern U. S. A.

Fellow of the Royal Society.

d. 1785, aged 52.

Raistrick, Quakers in Science and Industry, p. 241.

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DIXON, John (1724-1766)

John Dixon was born at Croftend in North Lancashire and was brought up in the Church of England⁽¹⁾. At the age of 24 he was 'made sensible of the formality' of church worship and became a seeker, and in 1749 attended Swarthmore Friends meeting, where he recognised that he had found his spiritual home and joined Friends. He attended meetings constantly from that time onwards and became a minister of the gospel, visiting meetings in Cumberland, Yorkshire and Durham. His teaching was sound and instructive and he was fervent in prayer.

He died on 3 April 1766 aged 42 years, a minister for 14 years, and was buried in Friends Burial Ground, Swarthmore.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Swarthmore MM in TCMD, vol.2, pp.298-300

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 No marriage traced in Lancashire QM Marriages digest

DIXON, John (1762-1816)

John Dixon, the son of George Dixon IV (1731/2-1785 qv) and his wife Sarah, born Rayton, of Cockfield in county Durham, was born there on 25 March 1762(1). He was married about 1782 to Elizabeth Graham(2) and there were five children(3); his two eldest children were recorded as non-members, which suggests that Elizabeth Graham was not a Quaker at the time of her marriage. Elizabeth Dixon probably died in child-birth about 1791(4) and some time before 1795 John took as his second wife Elisabeth Weyman(5); there were twelve children of this second marriage(6).

John Dixon with his brother George (1760-1842 qv) was a lessee of the Black Boy Colliery at Bishop Auckland and was a wealthy man, but the brothers left the running of the colliery to a manager who (unknown to them) carried the workings under another man's land. A Chancery suit followed, which they lost, and they never recovered from the excessive damages they had to pay. They were known locally as 'Maister George' and 'Maister Jackie' and were great arguers; they used to argue so vehemently even when travelling on horseback that a servant had to ride with them to prevent accidents.

John Dixon died at Cockfield on 24 March 1816(7), at the age of fifty four.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, pp 193-195

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 There is no entry in Durham QM Births Digest, but see George Blundell Longstaff, The Langstatts of Teesdale & Weardale, London 1906, Pedigree 9
- 2 There is no record of his marriage in Durham QM Marriages Digest
- 3 Listed in Durham QM Births Digest as follows:-

Mary	nm	b 14 Nov 1783
Sarah	nm	b 2 Aug 1785
Ann		b 8 July 1787 who m 1810 Joshua I'Anson (1787-1842 qv)
George		b 7 Dec 1789
Elizabeth		b 15 Oct 1791
- 4 Her death is not recorded in Durham QM Burials Digest

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 5 There is no record of the marriage in Durham QM Marriages Digest
- 6 Listed in Durham QM Births Digest, with additional information from George Blundell Longstaff, op cit Pedigree 9:-
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| Elizabeth | b 3 July 1795 | |
| John | b 25 Nov 1796 | who m Tace Yarrow and d 10 Oct 1865 |
| Grace | b 3 April 1798 | who m 1821 Gideon Duck and d 1833 |
| Robert | b 4 April 1800 | who emigrated to Tasmania and m Margaret Sibley of Sidney |
| Thomas | b 14 May 1801 | who m Ellen or Helen Brownlow and emigrated to Sydney; d 1858 |
| Jane | b 15 Jan 1803 | who d in infancy |
| Jeremiah | b 6 April 1804 | who m 1833 Mary Frank and d 1867 |
| Henry | b 11 Nov 1805 | who d 18 Jan 1824 |
| Jane | b 24 April 1807 | who d unmarried 7 Nov 1859 |
| Edward | b 13 July 1809 | who m 1849 Sarah Wood, b Blundell and d 18 Nov 1877 |
| James | b 26 Oct 1810 | who d unmarried 6 March 1833 |
| Frederick | b 13 May 1812 | who d 24 May 1814 |
- 7 Durham QM Burials Digest: he is described as a coal owner of Cockfield

SEE ALSO:- Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 3, p 90:
vol 19, p 54:

DIXON, John (1842-1911)

John Dixon was born at Staindrop in 1842, the son of John and Isabella Dixon (1). After some years in medical practice he took charge, with John Wilkinson, of the Mildmay Medical Mission to the Jews in Whitechapel, for whom he had a deep concern.

He was also concerned for Foreign Missions, and travelled widely in Friends' service in India, in 1886, and, with Isaac Sharp, to India, Japan, the United States and Syria in 1891 and again in 1895. He also visited Bulgaria with Walter Morice.

'He was a diligent worker, ready to seize opportunities of usefulness when they came in his way, and extending many acts of kindness to those whom he met casually.' He was an Elder of Westminster and Longford Monthly Meeting.

John Dixon died 15 August 1911 aged sixty nine years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Westminster & Longford MM, in YM Proc. 1912, p.259

OTHER PRINCIPAL SOURCES TO BE EXAMINED :

The Friend n.s. vol.51 (1911) p.593
Annual monitor 1912, p.47
Ayton Old Scholars Assoc. report 1911 p.24

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1. There is no entry in the Digest of Births Notes

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Additional information:

DIXON, John, 1842-1911.

Ed. at Ayton School. Worked for a time in his father's mills. Worked at offices of Joseph Pease, at Darlington. Studied medicine at Edinburgh. 1872, took degrees of M. B. and C. M.

Filled post at Royal Infirmary, under Simpson and Lister.

m., 1874, M. (or H.) Edith Gurney, who became a Friend.

Settled in N. E. London. Prospered. Devoted 30 years to the Medical Mission for the Jews. Took 6 months to study in Vienna.

Visited Brummana, also Constantinople, and went to Palestine.

d. suddenly, Arisaig, N. B., Scot.

An. Mon. includes a portrait.

The Friend (London), 51(1911):593, includes a portrait; see also p. 568.

DIXON, Joseph (1765-1851)

Joseph Dixon, the son of William and Sarah Dixon of Raby in county Durham, was born there on 10 July 1765(1).

He was a grocer and draper at Stockton in county Durham(2) and was married in 1795 to Hannah Simpson (1773-1842 qv) of Kirkbymoorside in Yorkshire(3); there were seven children(4).

Joseph Dixon of Stockton died on 19 November 1851, at the age of eighty six(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Durham 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 Pickering in Yorkshire on 17 June 1795: he is described as a grocer and draper of Stockton in Durham, the son of William and Sarah Dixon of Staindrop in Durham; she is described as the daughter of James and Margaret Simpson of Kirkbymoorside in Yorkshire (Durham QM Marriages Digest)
4 Listed in Durham QM Births and Burials Digest as follows:-
Rachel b 5 June 1796 m 1822 Joseph Awmack (1780-1836 qv)
(Ann. Mon. 1879, p 3)

Hannah	b 3 Sept 1797	
Sarah	b 2 Dec 1798	d 16 Jan 1799
Joseph	b 22 Oct 1800	
Margaret	b 20 Sept 1803	
William	b 27 Feb 1809	
Simpson	b 18 March 1812	

N.B. No marriages are traced for any of these children in Durham QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1880

- 5 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

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DIXON, Joshua, 1702-1782.

b. 1702, Raby, Durham, Eng., s. Christopher and
Elizabeth (Grainger) Dixon.

| Minister.

m., 1729, Hannah Parking (d. 1776).

1751, visited Ire. 1754, visited Am.

d. 1782, aged ca. 80.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 10:129.

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DIXON, Katharine (1859-1947)

Katharine Dixon was born 30 June 1859, the eldest of the seven daughters of Ralph and Elizabeth Dixon (1). Her father was headmaster of Friends School, Ayton.

She was educated at Ackworth School, and then studied in Germany; she then returned to Ackworth as senior mistress. She was a successful and popular teacher. On leaving Ackworth she started a preparatory school for boys in Weston-super-Mare, where A. Stanley Eddington, the ~~astionamer~~, was one of her pupils.

Feeling called to foreign service she was accepted by the Friends Foreign Mission Association, and for 21 years helped Anna Evans in India, succeeding her in the charge of the Girls' Orphanage at Hoshangabad. During a time of plague and famine she showed great courage, endurance and capability. Many of the girls under her care became Christians. She returned from India in 1914.

When she was 60 she went to Ceylon for a few years as temporary headmistress of a girls' boarding school. She also went to New Zealand to visit her youngest sister.

The latter years of her life were spent with her married sisters at Weston-super-Mare and Scarborough. She was consistently cheerful, contended, kind-hearted and generous, and had racy tales to tell of travel and adventure. She was a tireless worker for the Friends Service Council.

She died 9 May 1947, aged nearly 88.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.105 (1947) p 462

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes

DIXON, Louisa Anne (1867-1937)

Louisa Anne Dixon was born 28 May 1867 at Woodville, Great Ayton, Yorkshire, the eldest daughter of John and Louisa Dixon.

From 1871 she was at Ackworth school, first as scholar and then as trainee. She then began training as a nurse, at the suggestion of her cousin, Dr John Dixon. After working at the North-eastern Children's Hospital she was for 10 years at St Mary's Hospital, London. She then took up mental work at Cane Hill.

She worked at Gainsborough House, Scarborough, a branch of The Retreat, and then went to Scotland to organise and supervise a new mental hospital at Cartloch. After a short time in a nursing hospital in Glasgow she took up private work, and during this time twice visited America.

From 1911 to 1918 she lived at Pilmuir, Torquay, where she was able to exercise her gift for gardening. Later she lived with one of her sisters at Fingringhoe, Essex, and at Great Ayton.

She was intensely interested in the work of the Society, and was an elder of the meeting at Great Ayton. With her sister, she carried on the women's meeting at Castleton.

She died 13 February 1937, aged 70.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend vol 95 (1937) p.191

DIXON, Mary (1706-1782) after 1763 Dodshon

(Mary Dixon, daughter of John and Isabel Dixon of West Allendale in Northumberland, was married in 1763 to John Dodshon.

See DODSHON, Mary (1706-1782) born Dixon)

DIXON, Mary (1783-1874) after 1806 Backhouse

(Mary Dixon, daughter of John Dixon (1762-1816 qv) and his wife Elizabeth of Cockfield in county Durham, was married in 1806 to William Backhouse (1779-1844 qv).

See BACKHOUSE, Mary (1783-1874) born Dixon)

DIXON, Rachel (1796-1876) after 1822 Awmack

[Rachel Dixon, daughter of Joseph Dixon (1765-1851 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Simpson, 1773-1842 qv) of Stockton in Durham, was married in 1822 to Joseph Awmack (1780-1836 qv).]

See AWMACK, Rachel (1796-1876) born Dixon]

DIXON, Ralph (1673-1743) Ralph Dixon III

Ralph Dixon III, the son of George Dixon I (1636-1707/8 qv) and his wife Barbara of Raby in the county of Durham, was born there on 6.iv.(June) 1673(1). He was a yeoman of Raby in 1699(2) and in that year was married to Susannah Watson(3); there were ten children(4). Susannah Dixon died some time after 1717(5). It was perhaps at this time that Ralph removed to Monkwearmouth near Bishop Auckland, where in 1720 he married Elizabeth, the widow of Thomas Hunter (1653-1712 qv)(6). He voted as a freeholder in 1722.(7)

He died in 1743, at the age of about seventy(8).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, *My Ancestors*, London 1920, pp 186-187

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Durham QN Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 George Blundell Longstaff, The Langstafss of Teesdale & Weardale, London 1906, Pedigree 9 and notes
- 3 There is no record of the marriage in Durham QN Marriages Digest
- 4 Listed in Durham QN Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Hannah	b 8 iv(Juno)1700	who m (1)Richard Robinson (2)George Moody
George III qvb	13 x(Dec)1701	who m 1724 Mary Hunter
James	b 15 vii(Sept)1703	who m 1730 Alice Haswell
Susanna	b 24 ii(April)1705	who m 1728 Robert Briggs
Ralph	b 20 xii 1706 (i.e. Feb 1706/7)	who d 4 i 1707 (i.e.March 1706/7) (age at death 2 months)
Barbary qv	b 7 xii 1707 (i.e. Feb 1707/8)	who m 1730 John Rayton
Elisabeth	b 18 ii(April)1710	who m 1733 Robert Studholm
Ralph	b 12 iv(June)1712	who m 1748 Sarah Coates
Abigail	b 20 xi 1714/5	who m 1740 Thomas Detchen
William	b 25 vi(Aug)1717	who d 6 vii(Sept)1717
N.B. All the marriages listed for these children are given in George Blundell Longstaff, op cit; none are recorded in Durham QN Marriages Digest		
5	Her death is not recorded in Durham QN Burials Digest	

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DIXON, Ralph (1673-1743)

Ralph Dixon III

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 6 There is no record of the marriage in Durham QM Marriages Digest
- 7 George Blundell Longstaff, op cit
- 8 There is no record of his death in Durham QM Burials Digest

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

WBE:

DIXON, Ralph, ca. 1786-1854.

b. ca. 1786, Staindrop, Eng. His father "married out."

ca. 1798, apprenticed to a shoemaker, where he had
evil examples.

Enlisted as a soldier in war with the French.

M. in Ire. Went to Portugal and Spain under Sir Arthur
Wellesley, later the Duke of Wellington. At Talavera,
Spain, severely wounded. Invalided to Chelsea Hospital,
London.

Resumed shoemaking, although lame. Opened a little
shop for provisions and drugs at Staindrop.

Joined the Methodists. Began attending Friends meetings.
Adopted the dress and address of Friends. Gave up his
pension. Received as a member. Elder.

Erected a small steam corn mill.

Kind to the poor.

d. 20 Mar. 1854, Staindrop, Eng., aged 68.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 13(1855):28.

DIXON, Ralph (1786?-1854)

Ralph Dixon was the son of George Dixon of Staindrop (1759-), who was disowned on 29 July 1783 for his marriage before a priest to Mary, daughter of Ralph Brown(1); their son Ralph was born about the year 1786(2). Although his father had married out of the Society, his mother was a serious minded woman and Ralph was early made to feel conscious of boyhood misdemeanours. As he grew up he suffered much from evil influences. His parents, through business losses, were in very reduced circumstances and in order to lessen their expenses Ralph was bound apprentice at the age of twelve to a shoemaker of Staindrop. He found his companions to be men of very loose morals and was a ready learner in the school of vice and immorality.

When his apprenticeship expired he went to Leeds in search of work, but found it so difficult to obtain that he determined to enlist in the army for service in the war with France. He regretted his decision as soon as it had become effective, but finding himself in a situation from which there was no escape, he resolved to make the best of it. His regiment was sent to Ireland and there he married, but details of the wedding are not at present (1976) traced.

Shortly after his marriage he was sent on active service in Spain and Portugal and was severely wounded. He was discharged from the army as a Chelsea pensioner with one shilling a day and returned with his wife and son to his native village. He was lame from the after effects of the wound he had received, shoe making was difficult and the wages he earned were low; so he opened a small shop for the sale of provisions and drugs and this business he gradually extended. But his army service had severely undermined his health and he remained more or less an invalid for the rest of his life.

Soon after he settled down he and his wife joined the Methodists, but he was not wholly satisfied with their form of worship and became a regular attender at Friends' meetings. His wife followed him shortly afterwards, but he found that his Chelsea pension and the oath he was obliged to swear in order to receive it stood in the way of his full acceptance of the principles of the Society. Not even the fact that he was allowed to affirm cleared his mind of doubt and after much soul searching he resolved to give up the pension, a considerable sacrifice for a man in his position. He and his wife and six children(3) were received into membership of the Society by Darlington Monthly Meeting and there were eight more children born into the Society(4).

Even then his mind was not wholly at ease. He wished to send two of his children to Ackworth and feared he would not be able to meet the expense, but help he received from a friend convinced him of a benevolent Providence.

After he was received into membership he grew in grace and was very regular in his attendance at meetings for worship and discipline. He was often called upon to explain to others the principles of the Society, which he did with great clearness and a sound application to the Scriptures. He had for some time a depository of Friends' tracts in his shop and used to lend them to customers who were interested in the Society. At one time he extended his business to include drapery, but found that to sell articles of apparel which he could not allow his own children to wear was a burden to his conscience, so he gave it up. But he erected a small corn mill, which added to his income and gave employment to some of his numerous family.

The poor always found him a kind and sympathising friend and to the utmost of his ability he met their needs. His skill in medicine often enabled him to alleviate their bodily suffering and his neighbours often sought his advice and counsel, which was sometimes given from a bed of sickness. He served as an elder of his meeting.

He died at Staindrop on 20 March 1854(5), at the age of sixty eight. He was a Quaker.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1855 pp 28-46

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 George Blundell Longstaff, The Langstoffs of Teesdale & Weardale, London 1906, Pedigree 16 and notes
- 2 Aged 68 at death
- 3 Given in George Blundell Longstaff, op cit, as follows:-

John	b about 1809	who m (1) Isabella Leybourn (2) Mary Ann Hodgson and d 19 Sept 1882
George qv	b 10 Feb 1812	who m (1) Alice Swinburn (2) Unice Congdon
William II		
Mary		who d in infancy
- 4 Listed in Durham QM Births Digest and the Digest of Deaths as follows:-

Sarah	b 7 Aug 1818	who d unmarried 7 Oct 1878
William	b 26 April 1820	
Elizabeth	b 6 May 1822	who d unmarried 20 June 1887
Eleanor	b 9 June 1824	
Robert	b 6 June 1826	
Mary	b 28 Dec 1828	who d unmarried 4 Sept 1849
Ann	b 5 March 1831	
Joseph	b 24 April 1833	

DIXON, Ralph (1786?-1854)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

N.B. No marriages within the Society are recorded for any of the
children listed in Durham Q^uB Births Digest

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a grocer of Staindrop

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

DIXON, Ralph (1836 - 1916) 3

Ralph Dixon was born 4 January 1836.

At the age of five years he went to Great Ayton, where his father, George Dixon, was to be superintendent of the newly-formed school. After his schooldays in Ackworth and some training for teaching at 'The Flounders', he returned to Ayton and remained there for the rest of his life.

Upon his father's retirement in 1865, Ralph Dixon became headmaster of the Friends school at Ayton in which position he remained until 1891. Outside the school, he carried on classes in agriculture for farmers and was the hon. sec. of the local British School; he wrote books on shell and was keenly interested in bird- and plant-life. For fifty years he was secretary to the British and Foreign Bible Society's auxiliary; peace and temperance also found a place in his concerns.

He travelled a great deal on the continent, especially in Germany and Norway, but as a minister his activities were chiefly confined to service within his own quarterly meeting, visiting particularly the small, isolated meetings.

In 1858 he had married Elizabeth Fox, of Dewsbury, who he studied with him at Ackworth and taught with him at Ayton; she died fifty-six years later, on their wedding anniversary.

He died 1 July 1916.

Testimony of Guisborough MM & YM Proc. 1917, p. 220

WBE:

Additional information:

DIXON, Ralph, 1836-1916.

b. Bishop Auckland, Durham, Eng., s. George and Alice
(Swinburne) Dixon.

Nine children.

Was superintendent at Ayton for 30 years, 1865 or '66 to
1895 (London says, headmaster until 1891).

Built a residence, Highfield.

1885, visited Friends in Minden and Pyrmont. 1902,
a second visit to Norway.

Introduced many reforms and improvements at Ayton School.

d. Highfield, Great Ayton, aged 80.

An. Mon., 105:49 (portrait).

The Friend (London), 56(1916):534.

Ayton School, The Centenary History (portrait op. p. 64).

DIXON, Sarah (1663-1731) born Reynolds

see DICKSON, Sarah (1663-1731) born Reynolds

DIXON, Sarah (1694/5-1733, born Wilson

Sarah Wilson was born on 21 xi. [January] 1694/5 (1), the eldest daughter of Friends John and Anne Wilson of Graythwait, and grew up in the Truth, "becoming truly religious about her twentieth year".

About her thirtieth year she married William Dixon of Lowsewater, and thereafter visited Friends in neighbouring Counties.

"When at Home she was diligent in attending Meetings; earnest and careful for the Maintenance of Discipline and good Order in the Church; and that Elders, and those engaged therein, might stand fast in, and keep close to, the Testimony of Truth."

Sarah Dixon died 11.vii. [September] 1733, and was buried in the Friends Burying Ground in Eaglesfield. Aged about thirty three years, a Minister about ten years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :-

Testimony of Cumberland Quarterly-meeting (Wigton) in TCMD vol.1 p.74,
printed in A collection of testimonies, 1760, p.73

REFERENCES AND NOTES :-

- 1 Cumberland QM Births Digest. This date is difficult to reconcile with the age of Sarah Dixon at the time of her death, as given in the testimony. There may be an error of transcript of 33 for 38 in the Testimony. No marriage entry has been traced, nor is her age at the time of death given in the Cumberland QM Burial Digest.

WBE:

Additional information:

DIXON, Sarah, 1694/5-1733.

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b. Graythwaite, Cumberland.

ca. 1723, minister.

Grave and sober. Kind to rich and poor.

Consumption.

John Smith's ms., 1:541.

DIXON, Sarah (1711/12-1755) after Reay

(Sarah Dixon, daughter of John and Isabell Dixon of Whiteleeshele
in Allendale, was married to John Reay, but the date of her
marriage is at present (1975) unknown.

See REAY, Sarah (1711/12-1755) born Dixon)

DIXON, Thomas (1662-1733)

see DICKSON, Thomas (1662-1733)

DIXON, Thomas (fl 1722)

Thomas Dixon of Turley in Wiltshire(1), details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced(2), was married in 1722 to Hannah Osborn (1699- qv) (3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

The date of his death is not at present (1981) traced(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 2 His birth is not traced in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: his age at death is not known
- 3 The wedding was at Chard on 17.viii.[October] 1722: he is described as of Turley in Wiltshire; she is described as the daughter of Timothy Osborn. No further information is given (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 No children are traced in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest
- 5 His death is not traced in Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digest

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

DIXON, William (1697-1734)

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William Dixon, the son of John and Anne Dixon of Waterend, was born on 21.iii [May] 1697 (1). He was a member of Pardshaw Meeting, Cumberland, and lived at Waterend in Lowsewater.

He began his public Testimony about the age of twenty one, and travelled in most neighbouring counties, and also into Cornwall and other Western Counties. He was not strong, and 'father backward in appearance', but his ministry was attended with a Spring of Life and Sweetness.

About his thirtieth year he was married to Sarah Wilson, the eldest daughter of John Wilson, of Graythwait.

William Dixon died 24.i [March] 1734, and was buried in Friends Burying Ground at Eaglesfield, aged near thirty seven, a Minister about fifteen years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Cumberland QM (Wigton) in TCMD vol.1, p.76, printed in 'A collection of testimonies', 1760, p.75

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cumberland QM Births Digest

WBE:

Additional information:

DIXON, William, ca. 1697-1734.

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Became very serviceable in the ministry.

ca. 1733, fell into a decline.

"I rejoice that I die in unity with my Friends."

d. Waterend, Cumberland.

Friends Library (Phila.), 12:468.

John Smith's ms., 1:542.

DIXON, William (1883?-1956)

William Dixon was born about 1883(1).

He was a member of Sunderland Meeting, and had joined the Society about 1911, having been influenced by Friends whom he had met in the Adult School movement - Arthur Pearman, Herbert Corder and others.

He succeeded Herbert Corder as president of Sunderland Men's Adult School in 1933, and continued in that office until his death.

He was unmarried

His interest centred mainly on the welfare of the Meeting. For more than 20 years he was clerk or assistant clerk to Preparative Meeting, and was treasurer from 1946. He was an elder for many years.

He was of a quiet and unassuming nature, but he exerted a strong influence over others. His advice was wise and was much sought after.

He died suddenly 30 January 1956, aged 73 (2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.114 (1956) p.250

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- 1 Digest of Burials gives age at death as 73 years
- 2 Digest of Burials: he is described as bank manager (retired)

DIXSON, Sarah (? -1690) born Bennet

see DICKSON, Sarah (? -1690) born Bennet

DIXSON, Thomas (1662-1733)

see DICKSON, Thomas (1662-1733)

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DOAN, Amos, ca. 1827-1892

b. ca. 1827

Beloved minister and member of Plainfield M^e. Mtg.

Held several positions in church work in dept. of Book and
Tract, Home and Foreign Missions, and Indian Christianization.

1867-74, 1878-84, Clerk, Western Y. Mtg.

d. 9 Oct. 1892 at his residence, Plainfield, Ind., aged 65 yrs.

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 400
Friends Review, 46 (1892), 238

WBE:

DOAN, Enos L., ca. 1834-1866.

Taught French and Latin, and became principal of
Friends School, Wilmington, Del.

A creative educator whose career was cut short by death.

Last illness short and severe.

d. 14 July 1866, New London, Ind., aged 32.

Friends Review, 19(1866):826.

Jones, The trail of life in college, p. 138.

WBE: a

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DOAN, Martha, 1872-1960.

b. June 6, 1872 d. of Abel and Phoebe MacPherson Lindley
Doan, at Westfield, Indiana and member of Westfield M.M.

Ed. B.L. Earlham College, 1892; B.S & M.S. Perdue University, 1891, 1893; D.Sc. Cornell University, 1896;

1896-1900 Taught Chemistry in Indianapolis Manual Training High School.

1900-1914 Taught Chemistry Vassar College, and Head Resident Raymond House.

1915-1926 Dean of Women and Professor of Chemistry, Earlham College.

1929-37 Dean and Professor of Chemistry, Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.

1937 retired to an active life in the Westfield community and Monthly Meeting and Western Y.M. During these years she was chiefly concerned with the encouragement, training and recording of young Ministers.

d. 15 April 1960, Franklin, Indiana, aged 87 years.

The American Friend N.S. 48(1960), p.172.

1731|32?| DOBSON, Thomas (1731-1807)

Thomas Dobson was a minister for about thirty five years and was "a good example of Humility and self denial." He died at his own house at Walton on 23 October 1807 and was buried at Friends' burying ground at Scotby.(1) He was seventy five.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Carlisle MM 18 March 1808 in TCMD vol.4 pp.244-45

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Digest of Burials: Thomas Dobson died on 23 October 1807; his age is given as about seventy eight

WBE:

DOBSON, William, -1677.

Of Brightwell, Berkshire, Eng. (Gough), or Slade-End,
Eng. (Smith).

Imprisoned for the most of 13 years for tithes. Had
goods to the value of 156£ taken from him.

d. 31 July 1677, Reading Jail, Eng.

Besse, 1:27, 32 also 178, 180, 185, 186. These refer
apparently to another William Dobson, of Durham.
Gough, Hist. of the people called Qu., 2:428.
Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:538.

DOCKERY, Thomas, ca. 1632-1711.

see DOCKRAY, Thomas, ca. 1632-1711.

DOCKRAY, Abigail (1783-1842) born Benson

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Abigail Dockray was the daughter of Robert and Sarah Benson and was born at Kendal on July 26 1783. Her family moved to Liverpool when she was about 4.

In 1805 she married David Dockray at Manchester. In 1822 she was recorded as a minister - she also attended meetings in Ireland.

In 1842 she attended the Manchester meeting and then went on a visit to her son-in-law at Aigburth, near Liverpool. She died on the 24th December 1842 aged about 59, having been a Minister about 20 years. She was buried in the Friends Burial Ground, Hunter Street, Liverpool.

Testimony of Hardshaw East M.M. in Testimonies 1843, p.12

WBE:

Additional information:

DOCKRAY, Abigail (Benson), 1783-1842.

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ca. 1802, felt it right to dress more plainly than she had done.

1817, overseer. Elder.

Travelled twice to Ire., and once to Wales, as well as to many English counties.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 2(1844):23.

WBE:

DOCKRAY, Benjamin, 1786-1861.

b. ca. 1786, Manchester.

Removed to Lancaster.

Author: Remarks on Catholic emancipation . . ., Liverpool, ca. 1829.

On mutual tolerance, and the ultimate test of truth . . ., London, 1835. Intended to make peace between "Beaconites" and others.

Several other works.

d. 4 Nov. 1861, Lancaster, aged 75.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 21(1863):32.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:538.

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

DOCKRAY, David (1778-1853)

David Dockray was born on 10 September 1778, the son of David (1732-1807) and Esther Dockray (1746/7-1801 born Dillworth) of Lancaster, Lancashire (1). In 1794 his membership was transferred to Hardshaw MM; by 1805 he was a cotton manufacturer at Manchester, Lancashire. In that year he married Abigail (1783-1842 qv) Benson; ten children of the marriage are recorded.(2) He appears to have suffered some reverses in business about 1827, when the family moved from Chapelfield, Ardwick, Manchester (3).

He was an active member of Hardshaw and (after 1817) Hardshaw East MM, and of Lancashire QM, of which he was representative to London YM on a number of occasions between 1811 and 1849 (4). From 1839 he was one of the Lancashire correspondents of Meeting for Sufferings (5).

In Manchester meeting the Dockrays and the Crewdsons appear to have been at odds for a number of years before the Beacon controversy (6); in this David Dockray, as might have been expected, opposed the Crewdson party, but appears to have done so in a moderate way. He was one of the new overseers for Manchester meeting, appointed by Hardshaw East MM, in conjunction with the Yearly Meeting's committee, in October 1836, and as a result came under attack by the more extreme evangelicals within the monthly meeting, such as William Fowden (), Peter Clare (1781-1851) and Benjamin Pearson (-1857), who declared that the 'sentiments he had heard David Dockray express, on the doctrine which was the very keystone of Christianity -Justification by Faith - were such as to disable him from advising any one who thought of joining the Society...' He was supported by a number of other Friends, and the appointment was confirmed, after which he stated that 'he thought Friends might misunderstand each other; he had heard Benjamin Pearson express opinions on the doctrine of justification different from his, but he did not hold any opinions which he believed, upon solid conviction, were not in accordance with the New Testament.' (7)

David Dockray moved from Manchester to the Liverpool area shortly after the death of his wife in 1842 (8). He died on 24 November 1853 (9).

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest; the place of birth is given as Lancaster, parish of Lancaster; no description of his father is given
- 2 Hardshaw West MM chronological register of members p 7, which records his becoming a member of Hardshaw MM as it then was, on 19 August 1794, by certificate from Lancaster MM; Lancashire QM Marriages Digest, where he is entered as a cotton manufacturer of Manchester, son of David (merchant) and Esther (deceased) Dockray of Lancaster, and she as the daughter of Robert (merchant, deceased) and Sarah Benson of Liverpool. The marriage took place on 29 August 1805 at Liverpool. The children are given as follows in Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and in Digests of Marriages and Deaths:

Rachel Benson b 7 July 1806 m 14 Nov 1832 Theodore Waterhouse (1805-1835) d 31 July 1833

William	b 1 April 1808	
David	b 3 March 1810	d 13 Nov 1843
Robert Benson	b 13 Nov 1811	
Sarah	b 31 May 1814 m 21 Jan 1836 Rogers Waterhouse (1807-1868) d 20 Feb 1873	

Benjamin	b 13 Jan 1817	
Margaret	b 30 Jan 1819	d 11 June 1817
Mary	b 24 June 1822	
John	b 8 Feb 1824	
Thomas	b 4 Dec 1825	

At these births, David Dockray was entered as a cotton manufacturer of Manchester in 1806, as a woollen and cotton manufacturer of Manchester, parish of Manchester, and as a woollen and cotton manufacturer of Ardwick,

parish of Manchester, between 1810 and 1825. At the marriages of his daughters in 1832 and 1836 he is described as a yeoman, of Manchester. Sandys B. Foster, in The pedigree of Wilson of High Wray (privately printed, 1890, 2nd ed.) pp 113-115, records that William died unmarried (no date is given); that Robert B. Dockray married, 15 August 1838, at Birmingham, Mary Caroline Pearson (niece of Anna Braithwaite, 1788-1859 qv, born Lloyd), and died on 8 September 1871; that John (referred to as John David) married on 6 March 1852 Elizabeth Mayne and died 25 July 1857; that Thomas Dockray 'of Canada ... has issue'; that Margaret Dockray died in 1880 and Mary Dockray in 1868. None of these events are recorded in the Digests. The Hardshaw West MM chronological register of members records (p 86) that Margaret and Mary Dockray, members since 1843 by certificate from Hardshaw East MM, were disowned in the 1840s.

- 3 He appears in Edward Baines' History, directory and gazetteer of the county palatine of Lancaster (Liverpool, [etc]: William Wales, 1825) vol 2 p 191, under Manchester, as 'Dockray, David, win[dow] cord, cassinet, union cloth &c m[anu]f[acture]r, 1 Duke s[tree]t & Chapel field, Ardwick'. Abigail Dockray wrote to Anna Braithwaite on 6 July 1827, from the house of her brother Robert Benson (1785-1846 qv), at Lodge Lane, Liverpool that 'we have left it [Chapelfield] as a place of residence ... it is ... uncertain when my dear D.D. will have quitted the works [where he remains] ... with J. Cropper's advice & my brother's permission'. A tenant was installed in their former home; 'if there was an equally good offer for the mill whilst it is in work, it would, I hope, be accepted - the more my D.D. looks at accepting of some department in C[ropper] B[enson] & Co's office, the better he likes it [although] ... very glad should I have been could he have been shielded in the bosom of his own family during his extremity - in which his mind became overwhelm'd with the prospect of being for an indefinite time dependant...' (Anna Braithwaite MSS, LSF Temp MSS 114/80). The family remained in the Manchester area; from 'Reminiscences of the Friends' meeting, Manchester' (JFHS vol 5 (1908), p 20) David Dockray 'formerly in the Manchester trade, lived at one time near Ardwick Green, and afterwards at Rusholme Road.'
- 4 LSF typescript index of YM representatives, which records him as a representative in 1811, 1818, 1820, 1822, 1825, 1826, 1837, 1838, 1840, 1843, 1845, 1848 and 1849.
- 5 Meeting for Sufferings minutes vol 44 (1831-1839) p 588 (7 June 1839).
- 6 There had been problems in 1823, when David Dockray and Thomas Hoyle (1765-1834), the Manchester calico-printer were at law; Abigail Dockray wrote to Anna Braithwaite, 'I never found it more or so difficult to act properly towards my cousin C[rewdson]s, who were never more profuse, especially Isaac, in expressions of satisfaction on my return - yet making an entire separation between David and me.... I am persuaded their proceeding, in this respect, is contrary to generosity and delicacy - they blind themselves by it, and satisfy themselves that in this way we have unjust cause of complaint against them and that they are thro' many difficulties treating us in a Christian manner...' (Temp MSS 114/74, 14 April 1823). The matter appears to have come under the care of the overseers at Manchester (Temp MSS 114/76, Abigail Dockray to Anna Braithwaite, 3 September 1823). Four years later Isaac Braithwaite (1781-1861 qv) wrote to his wife Anna that he 'could not gather that the atmosphere was any clearer than heretofore and though the families about Ardwick [where the Hoyles also lived] occasionally visit each other, yet they rarely make calls.' (Temp MSS 403/25, 10 February 1827).
- 7 [Thomas D. Crewdson], The crisis of the Quaker contest in Manchester (Manchester: William Simpson, parts 1 and 2, 1836, part 3, 1837), gives full notes on the conference, from the viewpoint of the Crewdson party; for David Dockray's part see pp35-36, 56, 131, 134, 144, 168, 182-187. He appealed for calm on a number of occasions: 'he felt anxious not to

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repeat what had been previously offered, for he thought that Friends often repeating what they had said before, caused great confusion and prevented a cool conclusion' (p 131). The Dockrays remained on good terms with John Wilbur (1774-1856 qv) after his visit to the British Isles in 1831; Abigail Dockray wrote to him in 1838: 'My beloved husband has, I think, been wonderfully delivered from a load of oppression which long pressed him down, and now seems to me and many of his friends, to have been hidden as in a cave, and thereby prepared to take his place in the midst of a little band, who, though in their own estimation but as a feeble few, have yet been favoured to stand faithfully, and bear the different assaults which have been permitted to try them' (13 September 1838, Journal of the life of John Wilbur, Providence, 1859, p 242).

- 8 In the Annual monitor 1844 p 23, Abigail Dockray is described as of Manchester. Hardshaw West MM chronological register of members, p 7, gives circa 1843 as the date of his transfer of membership.
- 9 Digest of Deaths, where he is entered as a gentleman, of Toxteth Park, aged about 75. The Annual monitor 1855 p 46 adds nothing to this; The Friend vol 12 (1st month 1854) p 18 and The British Friend vol 12 (1st month 1854) p 25, give the place as Aigburth, near Liverpool.

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Thomas Dockray was born near Portinscale, Cumberland. He was 'brought up a scholar and was reader at Withburne Chapel in that county' (Piety Promoted). His conversion took place c.1653 (F.P.E.) He travelled in the ministry in the three kingdoms. For some years he resided at Swarthmoor, where doubtless his work in connection with Fox's papers was done. In 1663, he settled in Silverdale, Lancs., in the compass of Yealand Meeting. The Dockray and Waithman families intermarried (Foster, Wilson of High Wray, 1890).

Webb, Fells, 1865, p.329

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.488

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Additional information:

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DOCKRAY, Thomas, ca. 1632-1711.

b. near Partinscale or Partinseall.

Went to places of formal worship and testified against forms. Returned wages he had received for reading. Visited Friends meetings in Eng. Went three times to Ire. and five times to Scot. Imprisoned in Aberdeen for ca. three months. Continued several years in Lancashire. Several times accompanied George Fox to London. 1667, fined £20 for preaching.

d. 6 Dec. 1711, bur. Yelland, Lancashire, aged ca. 80, a minister ca. 50 years.

Besse, 1:106, 242, 316.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:539.

Piety Promoted, 5th part, p. 63.

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