

ALLEN, Charlotte (1817-1891) after 1846 Sturge

(Charlotte Allen, the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Allen of Maidenhead in Berkshire, was married in 1846 to William Sturge (1820-1905 qv).)

See STURGE, Charlotte (1817-1891) born Allen)

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ALLEN, Deborah Sandham (1781?-1858)

Deborah Sandham Allen, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1976) traced, was born about the year 1781(1). About the year 1826 she became female superintendent of Newtown School, where she continued for twenty eight years to discharge with conscientious uprightness the various duties which devolved upon her. She was tender and affectionate towards the children in her care and meek and gentle in her way of life. She was also much concerned for the poor of the neighbourhood, to whom she was very liberal.

She died at Waterford on 24 November 1858, at the age of seventy seven.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1860, pp 2-3

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 77 at death

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

ALLEN, Edith Mary (1850-1894) after 1873 Maw

(Edith Mary Allen, daughter of Stafford Allen (1806-1889 qv) and his wife Hannah Hunton (born Ransome, 1813-1880 qv) of Stoke Newington, was married in 1873 to Samuel Alexander Maw (1846-1909 qv).

See MAW, Edith Mary (1850-1894) born Allen)

ALLEN, Edward Ransome (1841-1916) ✓

Edward Ransome Allen was born on 17 November 1841 at 7 Cowper Street, Finsbury, the second son of Stafford (1806-1889, qv) and Hannah Hunton Allen (born Ransome) (1). His Quaker ancestry on both sides went back to the early years of the Society of Friends. He went to school at Folkestone and Bootham, and after an apprenticeship at Ipswich returned to Stoke Newington where he entered his father's business, Stafford Allen and Sons, drug grinders, - later Stafford Allen and Sons Ltd., manufacturing chemists. He remained in the business for 55½ years and at the time of his death was still Chairman of the Company, and taking an active part in the business.

In 1864 he married Ellen, second daughter of John Dawson and Ann Watlock of Wandsworth (2). There were five children (3). They celebrated their golden wedding in 1914.

He was very active in the service of Friends, being Clerk of London and Middlesex Quarterly Meeting for several years, serving on many committees, and giving valued service in the administration of Trusts and Trust property. He was an Elder and an Overseer.

In spite of his active business life he had wide interests. He took a keen interest in nature, enjoyed fishing, and was a good shot. In the early days of cycling he rode a "boneshaker", which he continued to use for many years.

He died on 6 December 1916, aged 75 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE : Annual Monitor 1918 p.2

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes. Annual Monitor erroneously gives her second name as HUNTER
- 2 The marriage was at Wandsworth on 17 November 1864. He is described as a bachelor, drug grinder, of Stoke Newington, son of Stafford Allen, drug grinder; she is described as spinster of Wandsworth Common, daughter of John Dawson Watlock, chemist.
*Annual Monitor erroneously gives her name as WHITLOCK
(Digest of Marriage Registers)*

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ALLEN, Edward Ransome (1841-1916) Contd.



REFERENCES AND NOTES Contd.

3 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows :-

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Mary	born 6 August 1865
Edward Watlock	born 24 May 1867 qv
Hannah Mabel	born 3 August 1869
George Stafford	born 2 June 1871 qv
Douglas	born 16 May 1873

SEE ALSO: Obituary by Isaac Sharp, Friend, vol.56, 1916 p.1001

WBE:

ALLEN, Edward Ransome, 1841-1916.

b. November 17, 1841, Finsbury, England, son of Stafford and Hannah (Hunter) Allen.

ed. Folkestone, later at Bootham, apprenticed at Ipswich.

Family moved to Stoke Newington, ca. 1849. Associated with Stafford Allen & Sons, drug-grinders.

m. 1864, Ellen Watlock (dau. John Dawson and Ann Watlock), of Wandsworth.

Much used in Society concerns, Elder, Overseer; bicycled to visit meetings.

Enjoyed rod and gun.

d. December 6, 1916, Stoke Newington, aged 75.

The Friend, London, 56, p. 992, 1001 (portarait).

An. Mon N.S., 106, p. 2 (portrait). (1918)

WBE:

ALLEN, Eliza, afterwards Southall, 1823-1851

see

Southall, Eliza, nee Allen, 1823-1851

ALLEN, Elizabeth (1756 or 1757-1810) born Fox

Elizabeth Fox, daughter of Joseph (1729/30-1785 qv) and Elizabeth (born Hingston, 1733-1802 qv) Fox of Falmouth, Cornwall, was born in about 1756 or 1757 (1).

She was married in 1784 to John Allen (1758-1791 qv) of Liskeard, Cornwall: there were 2 children (2).

Elizabeth Allen died 9 May 1810, aged about 53½ years: her body was interred in Halbathick FBG on 14 May (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Birth not traced in Cornwall J Births Digest, where all her siblings are recorded. But see Joseph Foster, Pedigree of Francis Fox of St Germans, 1872, p 13: she was born after Anna (1755) and, from the age at death, presumably before Joseph (1758)
- 2 For details of the marriage and children, see ALLEN, John (1758-1791)
- 3 Cornwall J Burials Digest: she is described as widow of John Allen of Liskeard, Cornwall

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

ALLEN, Elizabeth (1787-1871) born Wright

Elizabeth Wright was the daughter of Matthew and Mary Wright and was born at Bristol in 1787. She received a careful religious upbringing and at the age of 18 had dedicated her life to Christian service. By her marriage to John Allen in 1820, she became a member of East Cornwall Monthly Meeting, which recorded her as a minister in 1829. She and her husband consistently upheld the principles of the Society and 'exercised an important influence for good, not only in their own family circle and the Christian church, but in the town and neighbourhood where they resided'. Her ministry was mainly confined to her own and neighbouring meetings, and though 'her words were few, they were faithful and loving and often sank deep into the heart'. She cared intensely for the spiritual welfare of those who worshipped with her. She was a great source of strength to her husband in his religious work and cheerfully bore the long separation from him during his visit to America on an appointment from Yearly Meeting.

Towards the end of her life she had a long illness, accompanied by much physical suffering, but her faith never wavered and her spirit remained cheerful. She died on 29 August, 1871, at the age of 84.

Testimony of East Cornwall MM in YM Proc. 1872, p.ix

ALLEN, Elizabeth (1823-1851) after 1851 Southall

[Elizabeth Allen, daughter of John Allen (1790-1859 qv)
and his wife Elizabeth (born Wright, 1787-1871 qv) of
Liskeard in Cornwall, was married in 1851 to William
Southall (1825-1886 qv) of Birmingham.

See SOUTHALL, Elizabeth (1823-1851) born Allen]

WBE:

ALLEN, Ellen, 1828-1870.

b. 1829, Blackrock, Dublin, Ireland.

Following war of 1870, went to France to nurse her brother, Henry John Allen, who had small pox. She took the disease.

d. December 21, 1870, Metz, France, of small-pox, aged 42.

An. Mon. N.S., 30, p. 36.

The Friend, London, 11, p. 22.

Quakers in Peace and War, p. 270.

Life of Richard Allen, p. 173.

ALLEN, Ellen Agnes (1873-1937) after 1898 Wigham

[Ellen Agnes Allen, daughter of Henry John Alleh of Dublin, was married in 1898 to William Reginald Wigham (1865-1955 qv).]

See WIGHAM, Ellen Agnes (1873-1937) born Allen]

WBE:

ALLEN, Ephraim, 1827 or 8-1916.

Farmer.

b. 1827 or 8.

School 1838 at Lisburn for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years; then returned to his father's farm.

Became buyer for Webb Brothers.

Returned to farm labour.

Married ca. 1861 to Ann Eliza Robinson (d. 1905).

Elder for 40 years. Clerk of Mo. Mtg. for 15 years.

Justice of Peace.

Worked for land reform and rights of tenant farmers.

Wrote verses.

An early riser. Never had a doctor till he was over 87.

d. 20 January 1916, Grange Cottage near Portadown, Ireland, age 88.

An. Mon., N.S., 1917, 105: 2.

The Friend (London) 1912, 52: 785, (portrait).

Additional Information

ALLEN, Ephraim (1828-1916)

Ephraim Allen was born in 1828, of Quaker parentage. When he was 10 years old he went to Lisburn School for 2½ years, but was of too sensitive a nature to stand the rigorous life there.

For the next 6 years he worked on his father's farm, and from there went to the old Friends' firm of Webb Bros in Dublin, rising to a responsible post as a buyer. Eventually, however, he returned to the farm and settled there for the remainder of his life.

When he was 33 he married Anne Eliza Robinson, who died in 1905.

He was a true Friend of the old school, his ancestry dating back almost to the beginning of Quakerism in Ireland. He was a regular and punctual member of Richhill Meeting, serving as an elder for 40 years and as Monthly Meeting clerk for 15 years. He never contributed to the vocal ministry but his life bore witness to the depth of his spiritual experience. He carried his principles into every department of his life and gained the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

In 1895 he was made a justice of the peace, and he carried out his duties with scrupulous fairness, trying always to temper justice with mercy. He took an active part in the Irish farmers' fight to obtain their rights. He was a poet of some merit, and had a great love of nature and the countryside.

He died on 20 September 1916, aged 88.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Annual Monitor 1917 p.2

ALLEN, Frances (1788-1816) born Fox

Frances Fox, the daughter of George Fox (1746-1816 qv) and his second wife Frances (born James, 1748-1817 qv) of Perran Wharf in the parish of Perran Arworthal in Cornwall, was born there on 20 October 1788(1).

She was married in 1812 to John Allen (1790-1859 qv) and there were two children(2).

Frances Allen of Liskeard in Cornwall died on 7 April 1816, at the age of twenty seven(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see ALLEN, John (1790-1859)
- 3 Cornwall QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of John Allen, a woolstapler

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

ALLEN, Frances (1816-1904) after 1847 Tregelles

(1790-1859 qv) (born Fox)

(Frances Allen, daughter of John and Frances Allen of Liskeard in Cornwall, was married in 1847 to Nathaniel Tregelles (1803-1887 qv).)

See TREGELLES, Frances (1816-1904) born Allen)

ALLEN, Frances (1816-1904) aftw. Tregelles

[Frances Allen, daughter of John (1790-1859,qv) and
Frances Allen of Liskeard, Cornwall, was married in
1847 to Nathaniel Tregelles

see TREGELLES, Frances (1816-1904) born Allen]

ALLEN, Hannah (1783-1867)

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Hannah Allen, daughter of John and Elizabeth Allen of Ratcliff, was born on 14 December 1783. As a child she exercised a remarkable influence for good among the large circle of young people among whom she grew up. For many years she laboured devotedly in a number of good causes and stimulated others by her example. She was one of the earliest and most active promoters of the London Orphanage Asylum and of the Female Anti-Slavery Society.

She was about 40 years old when she first spoke as a minister in her own meeting at Ratcliff, and in 1831 she was recorded by Ratcliff and Barking Monthly Meeting. In 1855 she received a minute liberating her to attend Yearly Meeting in Dublin, the Quarterly Meeting of Munster, and some other smaller meetings in Ireland. Mostly, however, her ministry was confined to her own Quarterly Meeting.

During the last year of her life she was seriously ill and she died on 12 April 1867, and was buried in Friends burial ground at Stoke Newington on 16th April.

Testimony of Devonshire House M.M. in Y M.Proc. 1868, p.vi.

WBE:

Additional Information

ALLEN, Hannah, 1783-1867.

Wrote A Compendium of History from the Creation to the
Commencement of the Christian Era, 1862.

d. 1867, at 9, the Terrace, Albion Road, Stoke Newington,
aged 84.

The Friend, London, 7, p. 177.

Smith, suppl., p. 5.

An. Mon. N.S., 26. p. 5.

WBE:

ALLEN, Hannah (Hunter) Stafford, 1814-1880.

b. 14 March 1814, Ipswich, Eng., eldest dau. James and Hannah J. Ransome, (one of ten children).

Began a journal 1831. Visited among the poor.

m. Stafford Allen 1839 and moved to London.

Had six children.

Was an elder. Influenced Theophilus Waldmeier.

Suffered from gradually increasing deafness.

d. 6 June 1880, West Drayton, age 66.

ALLEN, Hannah Hunter Stafford (1814-1880)

correct: b. 20 March 1813, Hannah Hunton Ransome daughter of James & Hannah at Ipswich.

ref: Digest of Births: Q M Suffolk in Frds Hse Lib., Lond.

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Friends of Half a Century, p. 1, portrait.

An. Mon., N.S., 1881, 39: 1.

The Friend, (London), (1880), 20: 240.

A beloved mother. Life of H.S.A., London, 1884. (portrait).

Henry John Allen, the youngest son of Henry and Eleanor (born Wright) Allen, was born at Ballitore in Ireland on 30 November 1838. At the age of thirteen he was sent to the school established by Henry Luscombe at Derry Cappagh, Mountmellick and two years later he left school to enter the business of his uncle Richard Allen (1803-1886 qv) in Dublin(1).

Despite the shortness of his school life, Henry John Allen was essentially a well educated man. Throughout his life he continued his education by a wide range of reading and this and his constant study made him a valuable contributor to the lectures and discussions at the Dublin Friends' Institute. He used his intellectual power freely in the service of the Society of Friends.

When a young man he travelled much on the Continent and gained an extensive knowledge of the language and people of France. His sympathy with the non-combatant inhabitants during the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 led to his being one of the first Friends to volunteer for relief service, but his activities were cut short by a severe attack of small-pox.

He was married in 1871 to Agnes Marriage (1847-1904 qv) of Chelmsford in Essex(2) and there were eight children(3). The first twenty years of their happy married life were spent at Ferndale, Blackrock near Dublin, where all their children were born.

His interests in public affairs were many and varied. He was a keen temperance reformer and was one of the first members of the executive committee of the Irish Association for the Prevention of Intemperance. Later he served it as chairman, honorary secretary and vice-president. As a magistrate he did useful work on the licensing sessions. He took an active interest in education and was a member of the committee of Mountmellick School for thirty three years, for twenty of which he acted as secretary to the committee.

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He felt strongly the need for young men and women in the Society to be thoroughly acquainted not only with Quaker practice and principles, but with the history of the early Friends and for several winters he held classes on this subject before meetings for worship on Sunday mornings. He kept in touch with the trend of thought of his time and fearlessly faced criticism of his own beliefs. He was left with a deeper and stronger faith in God and belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures, which enabled him to help young people who were in difficulties on the subject. [see ** on next page]

His chief interest centred on the work of the Society of Friends and he gave unsparingly of his time and thought to further it. He was a regular attender at monthly, quarterly and yearly meetings and his counsel and experience were a great help when decisions were necessary. He acted as clerk to Dublin Monthly Meeting from 1884 to 1893 and from 1895 to 1903. He held the office of elder for several years and was always ready to help those who sought his counsel and advice on spiritual matters. He was recorded a minister of the Society in 1905; his ministry was of deep and lasting value and showed that he had given much prayer and thought to the subject on which he spoke. His addresses were fresh and inspiring and he often alluded to current events. He spoke and prayed as one who had close communion with God and was enabled in consequence to do much in helping and building up the spiritual life of others.

During the latter part of his life he suffered a good deal from ill health and for a year or so before his death he was seldom able to get to meeting. His strength gradually ebbed and Henry John Allen of Dublin died on 31 May 1918, at the age of seventy nine.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 58 (1918) p 424

Annual Monitor 1919-20, p 6

Testimony of Dublin MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1919, p 318

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The information given in the Annual Monitor, loc cit, makes it quite clear that his uncle is to be identified with Richard Allen (1803-1886 qv)
- 2 The wedding was at Chelmsford on 4 October 1871; he is described as a bachelor, a clothier of Dublin, the son of Henry Allen, a gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Chelmsford, the daughter of John Marriage, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Given in Dublin QM printed list of members, 1891, Monkstown Meeting, as follows:-

Ellen Agnes qv	b 1873	m 1898 William Reginald Wigham (1865-1955 qv)
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Margaret Marriage

Edward Weston	b 11 June 1879	m 1905 Julia Sennett [Bootham reg] *
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Richard Henry

b 5 Nov 1880

d q 1899 [Sidcot reg]

Emily Constance

Dora Kathleen

m 1915 O Reeves [Mount 1931 reg]

Herbert Victor

m 1915 Herbert Victor Allen +

The eighth child is not traced in Dublin QM printed list of members and

may have died young

* see also Sidcot reg

+ Mary Parrer Watson (1889-

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

** He attended the Manchester Conference in 1895 and the Scarborough Summer School in 1897. For several years he was a member of the Woodbrooke Council (Testimony; Typescript committee list, LSF. He was on the Summer School Continuation Committee and the Woodbrooke Council for the years 1897-1915)

ALLEN, Herbert Victor [Pat] (1887-1956)

Pat Allen, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the son of Henry John Allen and was born in Dublin in the year 1887. He was educated at first at Newtown School, Waterford, from 1896 to 1900; he went to Ackworth School from 1900 to 1903(1) and after leaving Ackworth was at St. Cragg's School, Kendal in Westmorland, from 1903 to 1905.

On leaving school he was articled to E. and S. Davis, Quaker flour millers of Enniscorthy, county Wexford and later went to Brown Brothers mills at Luton in Bedfordshire. He was then offered a post as traveller with E. Marriage & Son, millers of Colchester and Felixstowe.

He was married in 1913 to Mary Farrer Watson (1889-1946 qv) of Kendal(2) and there were five children(3). They lived at first at Colchester, but later Pat Allen became associated with the Felixstowe mill, of which he was soon appointed a director and the family moved to Ipswich in Suffolk.

He was an active Freemason and was Worshipful Master of his Lodge. He enjoyed life to the full, radiating fun, good will and fellowship wherever he went. His great interest was in gardening and in his schooldays he had supervised the boys' garden plots.

His wife died suddenly in 1946 and in 1949 he married again(4).

Pat Allen of Ballitore, Hadleigh Road, Ipswich, died on 29 May 1956, at the age of sixty eight(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 75 (1956) pp 62-63

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 43, entry 11282: from Dublin
- 2 The wedding was at Kendal on 21 May 1913: he is described as a bachelor, a miller of 46 Crouch Hill, Colchester, the son of Henry John Allen, a clothier; she is described as a spinster of Ellen Mount, Kendal, the daughter of John Watson, a newspaper proprietor (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

*Phyllis Margaret	b 25 March 1915	
Mary Marriage	b 17 Feb 1918	d 18 Feb 1918
John Watson	b 20 April 1920	d 20 April 1920
*Elizabeth Marriage	b 19 July 1921	
Patrick Watson	b 13 April 1925	m 1951 Susie Pallett
- 4 *No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages nor in The Friend to 1982
- 5 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a company director, Marriage & Sons, flour millers

ALLEN, Jane (1845-1904) after 1869 Bastin

[Jane Allen, daughter of Stafford (1806-1889, qv)
and Hannah Hunton (1813-1880, born Ransome) Allen
was married in 1869 to Edward Philip Bastin (1842
-1921)

see BASTIN, Jane (1845-1904) born Allen]

WBE:

ALLEN, Jedidiah, -1710.

Eminent minister.

Representative from Shrewsbury at Phila Y. Mtg., 1685.

With George Keith and Samuel Jennings visited New England,
Rhode Island, & Can., 1688. Signed testimony against
George Keith, 1692. Was at Lynn, Mass., 1699. With
John Adams, 1703, had extensive service along sea-coast
of New Jersey.

d. near close of 1710, Shrewsbury (?), New Jersey.

John Smith's ms., p. 41.

The Friend, Phila., 28: 268.

ALLEN, Job (1734-1800)

Job Allen, the youngest son of John Allin or Allen and his first wife Elizabeth, born Wildsmith, of Thorpe Salvin in Yorkshire, was born in 1734 and was baptised on 15 October 1734; his father was reputed to be a Roman Catholic and his mother came of a Roman Catholic family. Thorpe Salvin lies on the border with Nottinghamshire, about three miles from Sheffield. It contains a beautiful church with fine Norman work, in which Job Allen and his forbears were baptised; many of them lie buried in the churchyard. Job was a convinced Friend, but the date of his convincement is not at present (1977) traced.

He came to London and became a silk weaver at Spitalfields. He was married in 1769 to Margaret Stafford (1748-1830 qv) of London(1) and there were six children(2). His brother William (1730-1803 qv) had also left Yorkshire and set up in business as a brewer at Ratcliff and there was much coming and going between the two families. It was apparently the custom for one of his nephews to take over to him a load of copper every week, which may have been used in the dying of silk. Job Allen's parents remained at Thorpe Salvin and family journeys were organised to visit them.

He died in London on 17 September 1800, at the age of sixty six(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Leaves from The Past, The Diary of John Allen, 1777, and pedigree
ed. Clement Young Sturge, 1905

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 7 December 1769: he is described as a weaver of London, the son of John and Elizabeth Allen of Thorpsolvian in the county of York; she is described as the daughter of John and Ann Stafford, late of the parish of St Mary, Whitechapel (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 2 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

William qv b 29 Aug 1770

who m (1)1796 Mary Hamilton
(2)1806 Charlotte Hanbury
(3)1827 Grizell Birkbeck

Samuel qv b 15 Nov 1771

who m 1803 Phebe Lucas
(1769-1856 qv)

Joseph b 24 June 1774

who m 1803 Anna Impey
(Essex QM Marriages)

*Jonathan b 4 Oct 1776

b 12 April 1785 agd 22 --

*Job b 29 June 1773

who m 1810 Ann Woodgate

Benjamin b 12 Nov 1787

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ALLEN, Job (1734-1800)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a weaver
of Steward Street, Old Artillery Ground

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 2, p 66: vol 25,
p 50n: Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 48n: Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 148n

WBE:

ALLEN, John, 1757-1808.

A brewer.

b. 1757, Wapping, London.

Kept a diary, 1777.

m. 1782.

Smallish in stature.

d. 20 March 1808. Buried Ratcliff. Age ca. 51.

Leaves from the past. (Silhouette 55.)

ALLEN, John (1758-1791)

John Allen, the son of John Allen (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Liskeard in Cornwall, was born there on 13 September 1758(1).

He was married in 1784 to Elizabeth Fox (1756 or 1757-~~1770~~ qv) of Falmouth in Cornwall(2) and there were two children(3).

John Allen died on 23 December 1791(4).

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Falmouth on 15 October 1784: he is described as of the boro' of Liskeard, the son of John and Mary of Liskeard; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Fox of Falmouth in Cornwall (Cornwall QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Cornwall QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Mary qv	b 10 Nov 1788	m 1811 John Elliott (1784-1841 qv)
John qv	b 26 Sept 1790	m (1)1811 Frances Fox (2)1820 Elizabeth Wright (1787-1871 qv)
- 4 Cornwall QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

WBE:

ALLEN, John, 1790-1859.

b. 26 September 1790 , Liskeard, Cornwall, Eng.

Educated at Milverton and at Southgate near London.

1812 m. Frances Fox of Perran. 1820 m. (2d) Elizabeth Wright, Bristol, Eng.

Relinquished business 1830.

An elder; in 1845 visited U.S.A. with other Friends in the hope of reconciling some who separated from Indiana Y. Mtg. on the question of slavery.

Wrote Cursory view of some of the obstacles to ...

Christianity, 1840; Christian baptism, 1850, London; tracts on taxation, war and peace, tithes, baptism, spiritual nature of Christianity, the duty of Christian simplicity, and a history of Liskeard.

Ill for 6 weeks with erysipeles.

d. 15 Feb. 1859, Liskeard, Cornwall, England. Age 68.

An. Mon., N.S., 18: 3.

Smith's Cat. I: 16.

The Friend, London, 1859, 18: 58.

F.H.L. Swarth. BX 7616.

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ALLEN, John (1790-1859)

John Allen, the son of John and Elizabeth Allen of Liskeard in Cornwall, was born there on 26 September 1790(1). His father died when he was very young and John and his only sister were brought up by their mother and their uncle, Samuel Rundell. John's mother was a deeply religious woman, whose life and example had a profound effect on her son and often in her presence he was sensible of the influence of the Holy Spirit and of the love of God.

(1763-
1848)
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He was educated at Milverton and Southgate and the intercourse with Friends which the neighbourhood of London made possible was a blessing to him. The friendships he formed with intelligent and serious young Friends helped to compensate for the limitations of his home life and strengthened his attachment to the Society. Soon after leaving school he was apprenticed to a wool stapler and although he was very fully occupied, he found time for solitary walks and rides, when his mind could be turned to religious contemplation.

He was married in 1812 to Frances Fox, the daughter of George Fox of Perran in Cornwall(2) and there were two children(3). But this happy union was destined to be a short one; his only son died in 1814 and in 1816 his wife also died(4), leaving him with an infant daughter. His years as a widower were cheered by the care of his little girl and four years later, in 1820, he was married to Elizabeth Wright of Bristol(5); there were five children(6) and his second marriage endured for the remainder of his life.

He became an elder of his meeting and in this as well as in other services to the Society he was a bright example of wisdom and uprightness in defending what he believed to be the truth. He gave up his business in 1830, partly to have more time to devote to the education of his children, but he also found time to take a more active part in local affairs. For twenty years he filled the office of Poor Law Guardian and was a useful member of the Bible, Anti-Slavery and Peace Societies, maintaining in all his intercourse with the outside world the character of a consistent Friend. He was deeply interested in education and in the British Schools in his own town, but it was the school he conducted in his own house which had the greater share of his attention. His ready sympathy with the children under his care and his unremitting concern for their well being gave him a great influence over them.

The firmness of his Christian principles and the deliberate calmness of his judgment, combined with his gentleness of spirit and the manner in which he was accustomed, after having freely expressed

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his opinion, to leave the outcome to those with whom he acted, had given him an important standing among Friends. He was an elder and was for many years a regular attender at London Yearly Meeting; he was several times appointed to serve on committees for visiting the quarterly meetings and in the year 1845 he was sent with a deputation to Indiana, where a separation had taken place over the question of slavery. The subject occupied him for a number of years and led to the publication in 1853 of his work on State Churches and the kingdom of Christ, which had an extensive circulation.

After a six weeks' illness with erysipelas, he

~~had~~/died at Liskeard in Cornwall on 15 February 1859, at the age of sixty eight(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1860, pp 3-26

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Perran Wharf in Cornwall on 26 October 1812: he is described as a woolstapler of Liskeard in Cornwall, the son of John and Elizabeth of Liskeard; she is described as the daughter of George and Frances Fox of Perranarwothale (Cornwall QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Cornwall QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

John	b 10 August 1813	who d 10 April 1814
Frances qv	b 19 Feb 1816	who m 1847 Nathaniel Tregelles
- 4 Cornwall QM Burials Digest: she d 7 April 1816, the wife of John
- 5 The wedding was at Bristol on 9 May 1820: he is described as a woolstapler of Liskeard in Cornwall, the son of John and Elizabeth Allen, late of Liskeard; she is described as the daughter of Matthew and Mary Wright, late of Bristol (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 6 Listed in Cornwall QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

John	b 28 Feb 1821	who d 27 Feb 1822
Mary qv	b 2 April 1822	who d unmarried 11 July 1903
Elizabeth qv	b 9 June 1823	who m 1861 William Southall (1825-1886 qv)
Rebecca qv	b 15 Jan 1825	who m 1861 William Matthews (1808-1904 qv)
Louisa qv	b 13 July 1827	who d unmarried 25 Dec 1894

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

7 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 43 (1951) p 81: notice of biography by
Edwin Spurway, J.P.; John Allen the man; Cornish Times 1951

^{way} Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 7, p 90; vol 12,
p 71; vol 34, p 40:

Biographical Catalogue, London Friends Institute, 1888, pp 3-6

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Dress and behaviour 1858

Jos. Smith's Catalogue, vol 1, p 16

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ALLEN, Joseph (1774-1849)

Joseph Allen was a son of Job and Margaret Allen
and brother of William Allen, F.R.S. He married
Anna Impey. They lived and died at Dunmow, in Essex

[or Testimony]
Minutes of Essex Q.M. in MS Test vol. 6 p 405
Diary of John Allen, by Sturge 1905 (where a
silhouette is reproduced)

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930 (p.148)

He died aged 75, having been a minister for
40 years. He asked that no minute should
be written about his life (1).

(1) Testimony

WBE:

Additional Information

ALLEN, Joseph, 1774-1849.

Mfr. of silk.

b. Kelvedon, in Essex.

Had silk manufactory at Spitalfields, London.

Employed Peter Bedford, who ultimately became sole proprietor of this silk factory.

d. 21 Sept. 1849, age 75.

The Friend, London, 1849, 7: 217.

An. Mon., N.S., 9 (1851): 1.

Friends in half a century, p. 74.

Story of Q. (Emmott), p. 214.

ALLEN, Louisa (1827-1894)

Louisa Allen, daughter of John (1790-1859 q.v.) and Elizabeth Allen of Liskeard, was born on 13 July 1827 (1) into a staunch Quaker family and there is little to record of her early years beyond a happy childhood in a guarded Christian family.

Louisa Allen was of an intelligent and powerful mind and sought opportunities within her reach to cultivate it to the utmost. Attendance at Quarterly Meeting and Yearly Meeting had an influence in the formation of character, fostering an earnest desire that life should be lived to some purpose. In her 26th year she wrote 'I exceedingly wish that my life ... may be like ~~the~~, growth and expansion - and not a series of performances'.
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She lived a quiet life of gentle service and in due course was recorded as a Minister - there was much freshness and depth in her ministry. Though in later life there was much physical suffering, her interest in schools, classes and the Band of Hope never abated and she rose in a beautiful manner above depressing circumstances, entering with a lively interest into the joys and sorrows of others.

Louisa Allen died on 25 December 1894, aged 67.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1896 p.4

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Cornwall Q.M. Births Digest: her father is described as a woolstapler.

ALLEN, Loveday (1750?-1823) born

Loveday Allen was born about 1750, the daughter of

She married Richard Allen, of Cork, an elder.

She became a minister about 1793. She diligently attended meetings while her health permitted.

'She was clothed with a meek and quiet spirit - frequently engaged in reverent silent waiting in her family... Solid and weighty in her deportment, and an earnest travailler in Spirit for the cause of Truth on earth... Setting forth in her own person and family a striking example of plainness and consistency'.

She died 6 March 1823, aged 73, and was buried at Friends Burial Ground near Cork, 10 March.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Cork MM in TCMD vol.5, p.171

ALLEN, Lydia (1755-1844) after 1776 Sargent

(Lydia Allen, daughter of Thomas and Joanna Allen of Bradford in Wiltshire, was married in 1776 to Isaac Sargent.

See SARGENT, Lydia (1755-1844) born Allen)

ALLEN, Malcolm Watlock (1872-1903)

'To the Editor of The Friend. Dear Friend,—May we through thy columns express the gratitude that we feel to our numberless friends, who have sent us expressions of their sympathy in the heavy sorrow that has come to us by the sudden death of our dear son Malcolm in the Isle of Skye. The very number of these makes it impossible to deal with them personally as we should desire, but they have proved truly a source of comfort at a time of deep trial. As there were several inaccuracies in the earlier reports of the accident, and many inquiries have reached us, we are glad to give our friends the facts as far as they are known to us.

'Our dear son had had a very enjoyable week in Scotland with a congenial companion, Mark Leicester, junr., and on Saturday, July 25th, they crossed to the Isle of Skye, stopping at Sliachan, ten miles from Portree. On Monday (27th), they started after breakfast for a ramble on the Cuchulin Hills. A delightful morning had been passed, and in the course of their walk, they had gone over part of the "Pinnacle Route." They had not attempted ground that necessitated anything beyond a scramble, with good footing. About mid-day it was debated whether they should ascend to the highest point. Malcolm, however, inclined to return to the hotel to arrange some matters previous to a long cycle ride which they contemplated in the evening. It was therefore decided that his companion should go on alone, and they parted, intending to meet at 5 o'clock at the hotel. After successfully carrying out his intention, Mark Leicester returned as arranged, and was surprised to find that he was the first back.

'At first it was supposed that some little change of route had caused delay, but after tea, uneasiness was felt, and his friend started out to seek him.

After an hour with no success, a search party was organised. Visitors staying at the hotel assisted with the greatest kindness, and the search was continued till nearly midnight. In their anxious efforts, the seekers remained out on the hills till dawn enabled them to renew the search. Fresh help was secured, and all day the unwearying efforts were continued. It was not, however, until 11:30 on the following morning (Wednesday, 29th) that the worst fears were realised, by the discovery of the body of our dear son. It appears that in returning he must have slipped (probably on a loose stone, as the ground presented no special difficulty) and in falling struck his head on a rock, with instantly fatal result. It is a comfort in our deep sorrow to feel satisfied our son was attempting nothing that

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ALLEN, Malcolm Watlock (1872-1903) continued

involved undue risk; and we can only bow to the Divine will of Him, and we can trustfully believe has called our loved one to the higher service of Heaven.

'We wish to record our warm appreciation of the devoted efforts of his friend, and all those who so nobly shared his sad and difficult task.—Thine sincerely,

William C. Allen.
M.A. Allen

Medmenham, 26, Highbury Quadrant, N.,
August 2nd, 1903'

Malcolm Watlock Allen ~~that~~ was born 5 October 1872 (1).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol. 43 (1903) p. 519

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- (1) Digest of Birth Notes

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ALLEN, Margaret (1748-1830) born Stafford

Margaret Allen was born in 1748, the daughter of John and Ann Stafford, formerly of Cork, afterwards of Spitalfields, London (1). Her father died when she was very young (2), and her mother when she was 20. She was the only survivor of nine children (3).

She married 7 Dec. 1769, at Devonshire House, Job Allen of London, son of John and Elizabeth Allen of Thorpsalvin, Yorks. He was a weaver (4).

She was a loving and solicitous wife and mother.

She diligently attended meetings for worship and discipline while her health permitted and for some years served as an Overseer. 'She was truly desirous to strengthen the weak, to encourage the tender, to caution the unwary, and to warn the careless or disobedient'. She was especially concerned for the youth of the Society. In 1790 she was acknowledged a minister by Devonshire House MM, and she visited at various times the meetings in Surrey, Kent, Essex, Sussex, Bedfordshire, and Hertfordshire, and twice visited the families of Devonshire House MM. After the "apoleonic War, she employed for a short time one of the group of Norwegian prisoners of war who had become convinced, Lars Larsen, in whose home at Stavanger the first meeting for worship in Norway is said to have been held (5).

For the last ten years of her life she was almost entirely confined to her room, as a result of a paralytic stroke which she suffered in 1819. She died at her home in Stoke Newington, 15 Jan. 1830, and was interred in the Friends Burial Ground there (6). d/

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Devonshire House MM in TCMD vol.5 p.343

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 S. Corder Memorials of deceased members of the Society of Friends &c (6th ed. London 1845 /) p.151.
- 2 Not in London & Middx QM Births digest
- 2 For an account of her parents, written by Margaret Allen in 1809
(W. & M. Allen (ed.) The fear of God, true riches (Leominster 1883))
- 3 S. Corder, op.cit. p.153
- 4 London & Middx Marriages digest 1720-1837
Job Allen was a convinced Friend. At the time of his marriage he lived in Duke St., Old Artillery Ground, London; at his death he

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ALLEN, Margaret (1748-1830) born Stafford contd.

lived at Steward St., Old Artillery Ground, Middx. He died
17 Sept. 1800 aged about 66 - C.V. Sturge, Leaves from the
past: the diary of John Allen &c (Bristol 1905) pedigree at back.
London & Middx QM Marriages digest 1720-1837
" " " Burials digest 1750-1837

Children:

William born 29 Aug. 1770
Samuel born 15 Nov. 1771
Joseph born 24 June 1774
Jonathan born 4 Oct. 1776
9/ Job born 28 June 1783 died 12 April 1785
Benjamin born 12 Nov. 1787
- London & Middx QM Births digest
" " " Burials digest

- 5 H.J. Cadbury, 'The Quaker sleepers of 1825' in Fds. Quart. Exam.
vol. 59 (1925) p.307
6 London & Middx QM Burials digest

SEE ALSO

R.B. Anderson, '"Restaurationen" - the Norse Mayflower' in
The American Scandinavian Review vol. (1925) p.349
C.Y. Sturge, op.cit.

see also next sheet

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ALLEN, Margaret (1747-1830) born Stafford ✓

Margaret Allen, nee Stafford, was the wife of Job Allen (1734-1800) and mother of William Allen, FRS.
"A valuable minister, full of good works among the poor and afflicted" (Stephen Grellet)

Sturge: Letters from the past. 1905
J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 25

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.48

see also previous sheets

WBE:
Additional Information

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ALLEN, Margaret, 1748-1830

Her husband, Job Allen d. 1800. They had had 6 sons.

In 1800 threatened by a mob who supposed Friends
had caused rise in the price of bread. No damage was
done.

Memorials, Corder, p. 165.

ALLEN, Margaret (1837?-1917) after 1866 Wells

[Margaret Allen of Chelmsford in Essex, the daughter of Joshua Allen, was married in 1866 to Alfred Wells (1841-1912 qv) of Kettering in Northamptonshire.

See WELLS, Margaret (1837?-1917) born Allen]

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ALLEN, Martha (1840?-1918) born

W/ Martha Allen, widow of William Allen, lived with her children at "Hobson's" on one of the slopes of Whernside, where she managed a small farm, turning out in all weathers to mild, feed the calves and care for the poultry. Though poor she was ever ready to share what little she had, and was a real help to any sick or needy neighbour. Visitors were assured of a generous welcome, with all the delights of a lavish Yorkshire tea. Her grandfather, William Dinsdale, did remarkable pioneer work for Friends in Garsdale, but Martha Allen did not join the Society until after her removal to "Broadfield", Dent, on the death of Joseph Drewitt (1836-1898) (1) "All Friends who enjoyed the hospitality of Broadfield left it with regret - invigorated by the beautiful scenery, the good fare and the cheerful presence of the hostess". For several years she was caretaker of Briggflatts Meeting House. She died on 31 October 1918, aged 78.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual Monitor 1919/20 p.80

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1 Westmorland QM List of Members

From 1890 entered as attender, of Hobsons, Dent.

In 1900 entered as a member of Leayett PM, Sedbergh MM of Broadfield, Dent
She is probably the daughter of John Dinsdale (1804-1886) who died
at Hobsons, Dent, on 18 November 1886 (Digest of Burial Notes) and
lived there from 1881 - 1886 (Westmorland QM Lists of Members, 1879-1886)
SEE Annual Monitor 1888 p.44, but there is a discrepancy because his
daughter is referred to as Margaret Allen

ALLEN, Mary (1724?-1788) born Kendall Eliot

Mary Kendall, the daughter of Moses and Ann Kendall of Burford in Oxfordshire, was born about the year 1724(1).

She became in 1770 the second wife of William Allen (1730-1808 qv), a brewer of London, but the marriage was apparently childless(2). At the time of her marriage she was living in Southwark.

Mary Allen of New Road in the parish of St George, Middlesex, died of dropsy on 6 January 1788, at the age of sixty four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 64 at death. Her birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM, Essex QM or Lancashire QM Births Digests
- 2 For marriage see ALLEN, William (1730-1808)
- 3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of William

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

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ALLEN, Mary (1797-1823) after Hanbury

[Mary Allen, daughter of William (1770-1843, qv) and Mary Allen, was married in 1822 to Cornelius Hanbury (1796-1869, qv).

SEE HANBURY, Mary (1797-1823) born Allen]

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ALLEN, Mary, afterwards Hanbury, 1797-1823

see HANBURY, Mary, née Allen

ALLEN, Mary Amelia (1863-1950) aftw. Moginie

[Mary A. Allen, daughter of Alfred Allen was
married to William Moginie

see MOGINIE, Mary Amelia (1863-1950) born Allen]

ALLEN, Mary Ann [Marriage] (1837-1923) born Marriage ✓

Mary Ann Marriage, the daughter of John Marriage (1810-1880 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Marriage, 1809-1874 qv) of Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford in Essex, was born there on 8 July 1837(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1850-1852(2).

As a young woman Mary Ann Marriage threw herself with extraordinary energy and skill into work for the Ragged Schools in the heart of the very poorest part of London. Her concern did not stop with teaching; with the helpers she gathered round her she visited the children in their homes, collected clothes for them, organised soup kitchens and started mission work for their parents. School after school was founded, until she had at least eight hundred children under her care. When the schools were taken over by the London School Board a prominent member of the committee was much struck by their attractive character and the methods used for retaining the attention of the smaller children, which were an innovation for the period.

The taking over of the schools left Mary Anne Marriage free for extensive work all over the world. Her first service was after the Franco German War, when in addition to much other work she and Christine Alsop (1837-1903 qv) and Justine Delancourt (1838-1928 qv) founded a series of mothers' meetings and Bible classes in about twenty centres in France.

She was married in 1873 to Richard Allen (1803-1886 qv)(3) and was soon participating in philanthropic work in Ireland. During a time of great scarcity in Connaught and other parts of the country she organised a great knitting centre from her home at Brooklawn, near Dublin.

In 1885, with her husband, she paid the first of seven visits to the United States. She shared her husband's interest in the cause of anti-slavery, especially in the education of the freed negroes, and for seven winters she was active in this concern in the southern states of America.

After her husband's death she returned to America for a longer period and worked very hard in founding Bible reading and temperance societies, Bands of Hope, mothers' meetings and sewing classes for girls. Between her visits to America she was still active in the East End of London and also undertook relief work in Japan, India and Armenia, in Bourgas, in Broussa, in Smyrna, Jerusalem and Athens and many other places in the near East.

She was recorded a minister of the Society by Devonshire House Monthly Meeting on 17 October 1889(4). Her ministry was simple and forceful and her words lingered in the memory.

Mary A. Marriage Allen of Sunnylea, Mildmay Road, Chelmsford, died on 2 August 1923, at the age of eighty six(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 63 (1923) pp 652-653

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 157, entry 7099: from Chelmsford
- 3 For marriage see ALLEN, Richard (1803-1886)
- 4 Friends House Library index of recorded ministers
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Richard

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 8, p 34: reference to book Simple Sketches of Christian Work and Travel

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| Funeral, Essex Weekly News, 10 August 1923 | LSF News 092-4 MAR |

ALLEN, Mary Farrer (1889-1946) born Watson

Mary Farrer Watson, the daughter of John Watson (1858?-1928 qv) and his wife Emily (born Farrer, 1866-1944 qv) of Kendal in Westmorland, was born there on 12 August 1889(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1903 to 1906(2). On leaving Ackworth she spent some time in Switzerland and later with Dr Bevan Lean (1865-1947 qv) and his family at Sidcot.

She was married in 1913 to Herbert Victor [Pat] Allen (1887-1956 qv), a miller of Colchester and there were five children, two of whom died at birth(3).

Mary Allen's rich personality and warm friendliness were qualities which immediately attracted all who knew her. She had an immense love of Ackworth and old scholars were always welcome at her home, but she loved best of all to serve her family and all those outside its circle who needed her help. She was secretary of the Women's Institute, a member of the Ipswich International Friendship Council and in charge of her local Civil Defence Rest Centre throughout the years of the second world war.

Mary Farrer Allen of Ballitore, Hadleigh Road, Ipswich, died suddenly on 15 January 1946, at the age of fifty seven(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 65 (1946) p 64

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as an actuary
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 49, entry 11528: from Kendal
- 3 For marriage and children see ALLEN, Herbert Victor [Pat] (1887-1956)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Herbert Victor

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

ALLEN, Pat (1887-1956)

See ALLEN, Herbert Victor [Pat] (1887-1956)

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ALLEN, Phebe (1769-1856) born Lucas

Phebe Allen was the daughter of William and Sarah Lucas and was born at Hitchin, 4 December 1769.

Her mother died when she was young and she was brought up by her father and stepmother. Gifted with lively conversation, she was ever watchful to avoid personal remarks, or anything that might wound the feelings or detract from the character of others.

Having first spoken in the ministry in 1797 she was acknowledged a minister in 1800, three years before her marriage to Samuel Allen.

Declining health and increasing infirmities precluded her from reading, writing and the enjoyment of the society of her friends. This deeply felt trial was born with Christian fortitude and resignation.

Her last illness was short; she died on 2 October 1856 and was buried in Friends Burial Ground, Hitchin. Aged nearly 87 years, she was a minister 59 years.

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ALLEN, Phebe (1769-1856) born Lucas

Phebe Lucas, the daughter of William and Sarah Lucas of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, was born there on 4 December 1769(1). Her mother died before she was two years old and for a few years her father, a man of diffident and retiring spirit but a humble, watchful Christian, looked after her himself; his second marriage after a few years once again provided her with a mother's care.

She was a girl with superior tastes and powers of mind, a very lively disposition and open and engaging manners, but she had had the advantage of a guarded and religious education and even in early life she was drawn from the temptations of earthly things to seek for the love of God. In September 1794 she went to Yorkshire with her brother William Lucas, a journey which gave her much pleasure, and in 1798, after her first appearance in the ministry in 1797, she accompanied a Friend on a general visit to most of the meetings of her own quarterly meeting. From 1801 to 1803 she filled the office of Clerk to the Women's Yearly Meeting and continued in this office in 1804 and 1805(2), after her marriage in 1803 to Samuel Allen of Witham(3); there were five children(4). She was again Clerk to the Women's Yearly Meeting in 1809(5).

The Allens lived for about five years at Witham, when way opened unexpectedly for a return to Hitchin; this step, in view of the condition of Friends at Hitchin, they felt to be in right ordering and were happy in the prospect. Phebe Allen made several ministerial journeys in the years which followed, sometimes accompanied by her husband, and in the long course of her Christian life her only trials were the occasional illness of her husband and her sense of her own shortcomings.

To a late period of her life her society was a pleasure both to young and old and her active and vigorous mind was ever ready to suggest something to the instruction or gratification of those around her. Originality and genuineness, "not eloquence, but earnestness," marked her conversation and for the young she often had a word of encouragement. Eventually, declining health and increasing infirmities precluded her from reading, writing and the enjoyment of the society of her friends. This deeply felt trial was born with Christian fortitude and resignation.

Her last illness was short. She died on 2 October 1856(6) and was buried in Friends' burial ground at Hitchin. She was nearly eighty seven and had been a minister for fifty nine years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1858, pp 5-26

Testimony of Hitchin Monthly Meeting in Testimonies 1857, p 3

(1) She was acknowledged a minister in 1800.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: her father is described as a brewer
- 2 London Yearly Meeting during 250 Years, London 1919, p 136
- 3 The wedding was at Hitchin on 1 September 1803: he is described as a mealman of Woodham Walter in Essex, the son of Job and Margaret Allen; she is described as the daughter of William and Sarah Lucas of Hitchin in Hertfordshire (Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Essex QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:
 Joshua b 18 Feb 1805 no marriage recorded to 1890
 Stafford b 15 March 1806 who m (1) 1839 Hannah Hunton
 Ransome (1813-1880) ✓
 (2) 1862 Emma Heatyard
- and in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest as follows:-
 William b 16 April 1808 no marriage recorded to 1890
 Joseph b 2 Sept 1810 no marriage recorded to 1890
 George b 28 Aug 1813 no marriage recorded to 1890
- 5 London Yearly Meeting during 250 Years, p 136
- 6 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Samuel of Hitchin

SEE ALSO:-

- J Friends Hist Soc vol 16 (1919), p 62: poem on Thomas Ellwood
 Beck, Family Fragments (1897) p 76
 Reg.L.Hine, A Mirror for the Society of Friends
 The Friend (London) 1856, vol 14, p 214

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ALLEN, Phoebe (1769-1856) born Lucas

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Beds & Herts Q.M Births Digest: her father is described as a brewer
- 2 London Yearly Meeting during 250 Years, London 1919, p 136
- 3 and 4 For marriage and children see ALLEN, Samuel (1771-1868)
- 5 London Yearly Meeting during 250 Years, p 136
- 6 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Samuel of Hitchin

SEE ALSO:-

- J Friends Hist Soc vol 16 (1919) p 62: poem on Thomas Ellwood
William Beck, Family Fragments (1897) p 76
Reginald L.Hine, A Mirror for the Society of Friends
The Friend vol 14 (1856) p 214

WBE:

Additional Information

ALLEN, Phebe née Lucas, 1769-1856.

Acted as Clerk of Women's Y. Mtg., 1801.

After m. removed to Witham, in Essex.

Had 5 sons.

Returned to Hitchin.

The Friend, London, 1856, 14: 214.

An. Mon., 1858, N.S., 16: 5.

ALLEN, Rebecca (1825-1905) aftw. Matthews

[Rebecca Allen, the third daughter of John and
Elizabeth Allen married William Matthews in 1861.]

see MATTHEWS, Rebecca (1825-1905) born Allen]

ALLEN, Richard (1786-1873) ✓

Richard Allen was born at Cork in 1786 and was one of the first pupils at Newtown School, where he afterwards remained as an apprentice. Later he returned to the School as teacher and superintendent, and many young people in his Quarterly Meeting had the privilege of growing up under his devoted care. Whilst still quite a young man he felt the call to be a minister and he was recorded by Waterford Monthly Meeting in 1822. He travelled widely in the ministry in Ireland, and also visited Friends in England and Scotland, including the Friends Schools. In 1854 he visited Friends Meetings in Canada and continued to maintain a lively interest in Friends there.

He died on 5 January 1873.

Testimony by Waterford MM in YM Proc. 1873, p.ix

WBE:
Additional Information

ALLEN, Richard, 1786-1873.

Teacher.

Made Head Master and Superintendent, 1809.

Author: A catechism of religious faith and practice
... (several editions).

"When I die, I shall die in love unfeigned to all
the human family, and particularly to my dear friends."

d. at Newtown, Waterford, Ire., age 86.

The Friend, London, 13: 46.

An. Mon., N.S., 32: 1.

ALLEN, Richard (1803-1886) ✓

Richard Allen, the son of Edward and Ellen Allen of Dublin, was born in the year 1803, the fourth child and second son of a family of fifteen. His mother died when he was about sixteen and this was a great grief to the affectionate boy.

When he was about seventeen he joined his father in the family business of linen and cambric manufacturers and very soon showed signs of the strong good sense and energy which characterised him throughout his life. But although he was actively and successfully engaged in business, he regarded his possessions as talents entrusted to him for the glory of God.

(-1868)

He was married firstly in 1828 to Anne Webb, who shared to the full the philanthropic interests dear to his heart. The temperance cause was one in which he took a deep interest, as was also the anti-slavery movement, of which he was an active member in Dublin. He and his wife went to an anti-slavery conference in London in 1835, where Anne Allen gave a lively account to the wives of the delegates of the way in which the cause was being won. He twice visited Palestine, at first in 1869 with Eli Jones (1807-1890 qv) and his wife Sybil (1805-1873 qv) and all his life continued to feel a deep interest in the spread of the gospel in Palestine and Syria. In 1870 he received the Cross of the Legion of Honour given for the War Victims work of Irish Friends in Metz in that year(1).

He married secondly in 1873 Mary Ann Marriage (1837-1923 qv) of Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford in Essex(2), but the marriage was apparently childless. There was a great difference in age, but the marriage was a very happy one and in 1876 he took his wife to the East, to show her the places where his own feelings had been so deeply stirred.

In 1883, when he was about eighty years of age, he and his wife went to America, attending the Yearly Meetings of Indiana and Baltimore, the largest and the smallest of the American Yearly Meetings. They also spent a month in the southern states, visiting colleges and schools for coloured people and holding gospel meetings for them. This tour, after the years he had spent in anti-slavery work, gave him great pleasure, providing as it did an opportunity to see at first hand the progress of the coloured people to a fuller life.

Richard Allen was a member of Dublin Meeting all his life and an elder for many years. From the year 1860 he had been a minister of the Society. His ministry was affectionate and persuasive and was grounded on the love of Jesus. "It seemed above all to be his special delight to speak of the love of God in Jesus Christ, not only in private conversation or in social gatherings in his own house or elsewhere, but also in our meetings for worship, and on these occasions his heart seemed so filled with the sense of God's goodness that he might well have adopted for himself the words - 'Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.'" (Testimony)

In 1885 he and his wife attended London Yearly Meeting, his head bowed with age and his hair and beard frosted with many winters. They then

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ALLEN, Richard (1803-1886) ✓

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spent a few weeks at Bournemouth, but on his return to Dublin he was taken ill. Richard Allen died on 19 January 1886, at Brooklands, Blackrock, Dublin, at the age of eighty three.

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PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 26 (1886) pp 232-233

Annual Monitor 1887, pp 4-16

Testimony of Dublin MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1886, p v

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 J Friends Hist Soc vol 34, p 31

2 The wedding was at Holloway on 14 May 1873: he is described as a widower, a woollen merchant of 312, Camden Road, the son of Edward Weston Allen, a linen merchant; she is described as a spinster of Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford, the daughter of John Marriage, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc Sup 23 (Slavery & "The Womann Question") p 23n, 34, 34n, 63, 64

Friends Quarterly Examiner 1886, pp 20, 58

PUBLICATIONS

Rambles in Egypt and Syria, No 5

Rambles in Egypt and Palestine, No 9-11

Letters from Egypt, Syria and Greece - 1869

A Brief Sketch of the last days of Richard Allen - 1886

A Christian Philanthropist of Dublin

Joseph Smith's Catalogue, Sup p 6

WBE:

Additional Information

ALLEN, Richard, 1803-1886.

Linen and muslin business of his father.

b. at Harold's Cross, near Dublin, Ire., s. Edward and Ellen Allen.

m. Anne Webb (d. 1868) 1828.

m. Mary Ann Marriage 1873.

Elder. Visiting Friend. On 1869 visit to Palestine accompanied by Eli and Sibil Jones. With his wife journeyed to the East 1876. Visited Switzerland and northern Italy 1882.

Wrote 1869 Rambles in Egypt and Syria, No. 5.

Rambles in Egypt and Palestine, No. 9-11.

Letters from Egypt, Syria and Greece.

1886 A Brief Sketch of the last days of Richard Allen.

A Christian Philanthropist of Dublin.

Suffered loss of one eye through erysipelas contracted at mtg.

Attended London Y. Mtg. 1885, his head bowed with age and his hair and beard frosted with many winters,

d. Brooklawn, Blackrock, Dublin, age 83.

Smith, Suppl., p. 6.

The Friend, London, 26: 50, 232.

An. Mon., N.S., 45: 4.

Memoir of R. A., 1886, (portrait)

WBE:

Additional Information

ALLEN, Richard, 1803-1886. (Page 2) ✓

Frds. Quar. Exam., 1886, 20: 58.

Friends of half a century, p.8 (portrait).

WBE:

ALLEN, Rowland Hussey

Author: The New-England tragedies in prose. . . , Boston,
1869.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX7648.

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ALLEN, Samuel (1771-1863)

Samuel Allen, the son of Job Allen (1734-1800 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Stafford, 1748-1830 qv) of Spitalfields in London, was born in Duke Street in the precincts of the Old Artillery Ground on 15 November 1771(1). His father was a convinced Friend and both he and his wife were anxious that their children should grow up with a sound knowledge and understanding of the principles of the Society. Quite early in life Samuel's interest was directed towards commerce and he became an assistant in the brewery of his uncle William Allen (1730-1808 qv) at Ratcliff in the east end of London. Here he was exposed to evil and temptation, but he maintained his integrity and won the respect and regard of his associates.

Eventually he left the brewery and settled in Essex, entering into partnership with Robert Marriage of Hoe Mill, near Malden. He was married in 1803 to Phebe Lucas (1769-1856 qv) of Hitchin in Hertfordshire(2) and there were five children(3). It was a singularly long and happy marriage, full of comfort and blessing for them both, and lasted for fifty three years. Samuel felt his wife's loss deeply and cherished her memory, to the extent of the almost religious care with which he maintained her arrangements and views of things during the twelve years which remained to him.

The Allens had moved to Hitchin in 1807 and were at that time recorded ministers, but Samuel never travelled far in the service of the ministry, limiting his visits to Friends in their own neighbourhood and occasionally, with his wife, going further afield. He was reticent in religious matters, preferring to act out the Christian character in his life and had a wholesome dread of anything which appeared sentimental or meretricious. His standard of right, alike in religion, social and commercial affairs, was a high one and his stern unbending integrity very marked. Although his calls to others to conform to his standards were made in a spirit of love, they were not always free from human frailty and at times appeared to lack charity. He was a staunch supporter of good causes, especially of the Peace Society.

He lived to the ripe old age of ninety six, but after the death of his wife his health began to fail and towards the end of his life he was rarely able to attend meetings, but he retained a lively interest in the welfare of the Society. His bodily suffering, acting on a sensitive mind, often induced periods of depression when he felt himself forsaken by God, but he died at peace on 22 October 1868(4), shortly before his ninety seventh birthday.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1870 pp 2-6

Testimony of Hertford & Hitchin MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings
1869, p xv

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a weaver
- 2 The wedding was at Hitchin on 1 September 1803: he is described as a mealman of Woodham Walter in Essex, the son of Job and Margaret Allen; she is described as the daughter of William and Sarah Lucas of Hitchin in Hertfordshire (Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Essex QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-
 *Joshua b 18 Feb 1805
 Stafford qv b 15 March 1806 who m (1) 1839 Hannah Hunton Ransome (1813-1880 qv)
 (2) 1882 Emma Meatyard
- and in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest as follows:-
 *William b 16 April 1808
 *Joseph b 2 Sept 1810
 *George b 28 Aug 1813
 *No marriages recorded to 1890
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of Hitchin

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 16, p 62: vol 19,
 p 48: vol 34, pp 21, 22 and note
 Herald of Peace vol 10, p 132: obituary
 William Beck, Family Fragments (1897) pp 76,77
 Reginald L.Hine, A Mirror for the Society of Friends
 " " Hitchin Worthies, 1932

ALLEN, Samuel (1771-1868)

Samuel Allen was the son of Job and Margaret Allen and was born in Steward Street, Spitalfields, London, on 15th November, 1771. In 1803, he married Phoebe Lucas of Hitchin, and after living for a few years in Essex, moved to Hitchin in 1807. At that time both he and his wife were recorded ministers, and together they occasionally visited Friends in different parts of the country, though mainly in their own neighbourhood. Samuel Allen was a staunch supporter of various good causes, and especially of the Peace Society. He lived to the ripe age of 97 but after the death of his wife in 1856, his health began to fail and towards the end of his life he was rarely able to attend Meetings, though he retained a lively interest in the welfare of his Friends. He died on 22nd October, 1868, and was buried in Friends burial ground at Hitchin on 28th October.

Testimony of Hertford & Hitchin MM in YM Proc. 1968, p.xv

WBE:

ALLEN, Samuel Leeds, 1841-1918.

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Farmer, inventor-manufacturer.

b. 5 May 1841, Phila., Pa., s. John Casdorp and Rebecca (Leeds) Allen. Descended from Nathaniel Allen, sent to Pa., in 1681, by William Penn, as a commissioner to purchase lands from the Indians, and to assist in laying out the city of Phila.

Select School, Phila., 1849. Westtown School, Pa., 1852. Later returned to Select School.

m. Sarah Hootene Roberts of Moorestown, N.J., 1866. Had 4 children.

As early as 1866 S. L. A. had experimented with two tin wash basins attached by a metal clasp. These rotating, when pushed by handles and mounted on a carriage, spread fertilizer, or distributed seed evenly. The device was named "Planet Jr." Cultivators, and other machines, followed. Later a sled, "The Flexible Flyer" was patented. The manufacturing plant grew to considerable size.

S.L.A. was generous with his ample means. A favorite couplet often quoted by S.L.A.:

Spend your time loitering? Seize this very
minute!
What you can do,--or think you can-- Begin it!

d. 28 March 1918, Miami Beach, Fla., aged 77.
The Friend, Phila., 91: 686.

Samuel L. Allen, Intimate Recollections, by E. R. Allen.

ALLEN, Sarah (1773-1850)

Sarah Allen, the daughter of Joseph and Ann Allen,
lived in Bristol. She died in 1850 at the age of 78,
having been a minister for 20 years.

Testimony of Bristol M.M. in MS Test. vol.7 p.3

ALLEN, Sarah (1782?-1866) born Ridgway

Sarah Ridgway, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Ridgway of Blenheim near Waterford, was born about the year 1782(1). She was early trained in the principles of the Society, to which she remained faithful all her life.

She was a valuable and useful member of her meeting and in 1820 she was appointed an overseer. She was retiring and diffident, but she carried out her duties faithfully and a few years later was appointed an elder; her great concern was that those who occupied a position of authority should exercise it with due humility and love. In 1826, at the age of forty four, she was married to Richard Allen.

Her health was good until her final illness and she died at Waterford on 1 July 1866, at the age of eighty four.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1867, pp 6-8

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 84 at death

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

WBE:a

ALLEN, Solomon, 1796-1891.

b. 20 Oct. 1796, Shenandoah Co., Va., s. of

ed. limited.

Moved to Ohio.

m. Amy Moody (d. 1871) when he was 22. She was not a Friend, and so he was disowned. Soon afterwards they both joined Friends. (children)

1826, they decided to find a new home, and ended their search in Parke Co., Indiana.

1827, assisted in establishing a meeting at Bloomfield. 1832, helped establish Rocky Run Meeting which was nearer his home. He was its clerk for over 50 years.

One of the pioneers in establishing Friends' Bloomingdale Academy as it was later called.

1872, m. Peggy Lewis (d. 1889.)

d. 1 Dec. 1891, near Colomo, Parke Co., Indiana, aged 95,

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ALLEN, Stafford (1806-1889)

Stafford Allen was a member of Devonshire House Monthly Meeting for fifty-six years. Throughout a long and active business career he was regular in attendance at meetings both for worship and for Church affairs. For about six years he was Clerk to the Monthly Meeting, for nearly ten one of the Overseers, and for the last twenty-eight years of his life he was an Elder.

He was keenly interested in the cause of Peace, for which he was prepared to suffer imprisonment when drawn for the militia; he was a supporter of popular education and the freedom of all religion from State control, as also of the Emancipation movement, being always ready with personal or financial aid to assist those who were or had been in the bondage of slavery.

His house was a hospitable home, always open to messengers of the Gospel, many of whom came from the American continent and received great assistance from him.

As we remember this long and varied service in the family circle, in our own community and society in general, we are conscious of its having been the fruit of Christian principle and obedience to the dictates of duty, which were qualities that marked the character of our late friend throughout his life, from its early years to its close.

Stafford Allen died 14 October 1889, aged eighty-three years.

WBE:

Additional Information



ALLEN, Stafford, 1806-1889.

business-man, drugs.

b. 13 May 1806, Hoe-Mill, near Witham, Essex, Eng.,
s. of Samuel and Phoebe (Lucas) Allen. Family removed,
1808, to West Mill near Hitchin.

Taught by tutors, obtained a good knowledge of French.
Collected and stuffed birds. Went to London, 1834, to
learn the drug business. Declined to adulterate drugs,
which in the end proved an asset.

m. 1839, Hannah H. Ransome, of Rushmere (d. 1880.)

m. 1882 Emma Meatyard, of Basingstoke. His home was
a haven for travelling Friends.

Began in business by assisting his father, 1820.

An elder. Worked against slavery. Visited U.S.A.
to observe conditions, 1869. Visited Egypt and Palestine,
1870. Met Theophilus Waldmeier and invited him to Eng-
land. T. W. became a Friend.

d. at Parkfield, Upper Clapton, London, Eng.

The Friend, London, 29: 304, 300.

An. Mon., N.S., 48, p. 3.

Friends of Half a Century, p. 13; (portrait).

WBE:

ALLEN, Stanley Farmer, F. C. A.

Sydney, Australia, 88 Pitt St., N. S. W.

Author: Futility of relief systems under a debt policy.

The great conspiracy.

Other works.

ALLEN, Susanna (1759-1839) after 1794 Swaine

[Susanna Allen, daughter of Samuel Allen (-)
and his wife Mary (born) of Banbury
and Adderbury in Oxfordshire, was married in 1794 to
Edward Swaine (1758-1841 qv).]

See SWAINE, Susanna (1759-1839) born Allen]

ALLEN, Sybil (1880-1947) born Robson

Sybil Allen was born 25 January 1880 (1). 'Sybil Allen, who died on October 9, (1947), at the age of 67, was the youngest of the six children of Walter and Christine Robson of Saffron Walden. She was educated at the Friends School, Saffron Walden, and afterwards at The Mount, York.

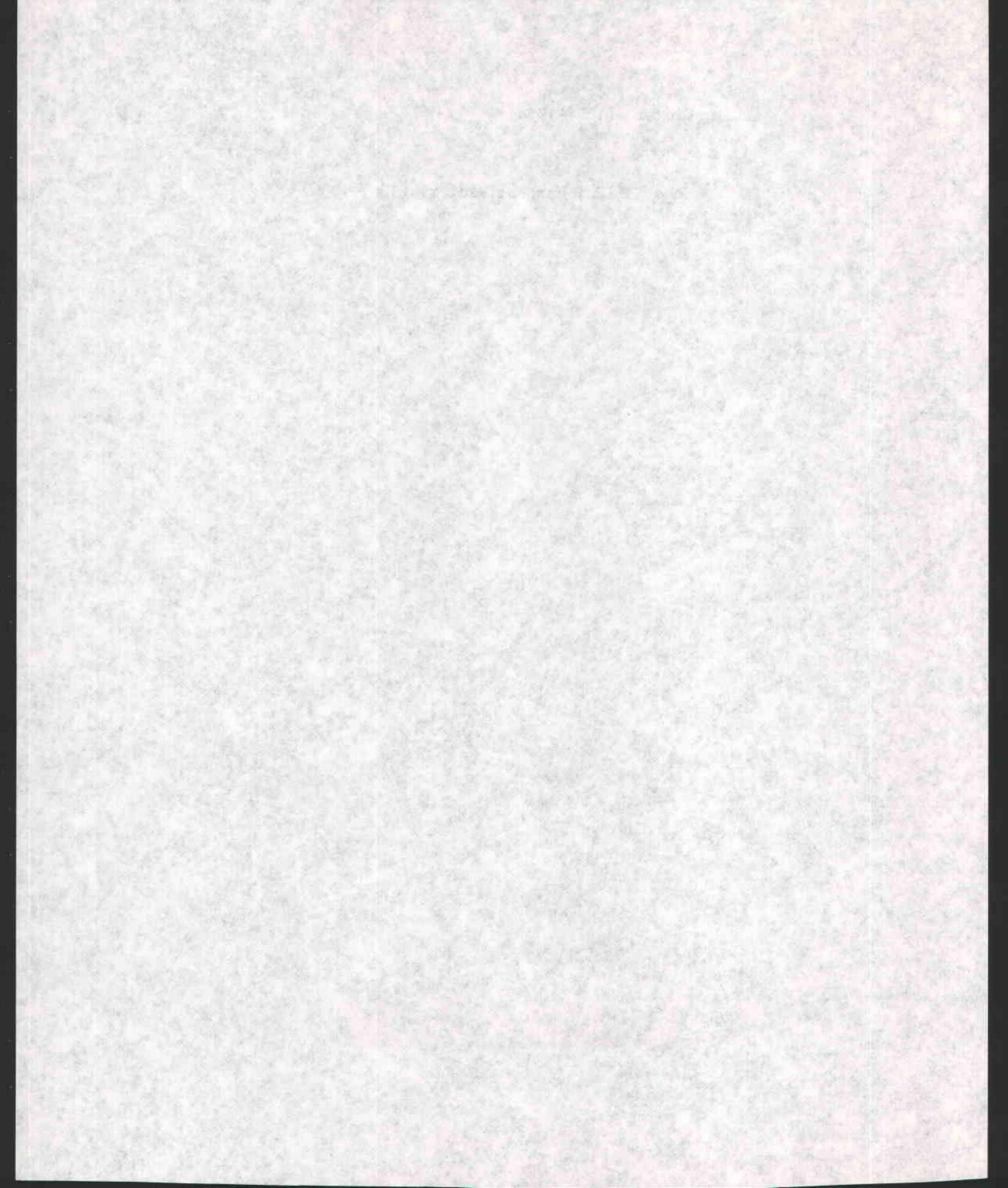
'In 1906 she married Kenneth C. Allen, son of William C. and Mary Allen of Stoke Newington. They settled first at Croydon, and later moved to Broxbourne, when they and their family attended Hoddesdon Meeting. Sybil Allen and her husband were a great help to the rather small Meeting there, and became familiar figures at Monthly and Quarterly Meetings. She took a great interest in education locally and served on several committees. When they moved to Stanstead Abbotts she became closely associated with the Women's Institute. At Friends House she gave valuable help as a member of the Premises Committee and also served as Chairman of the House Committee, in which capacity she had the responsibility for the catering arrangements. In recent years she was an appointed member of Meeting for Sufferings for Bedfordshire Q.M. She was a very active woman, always ready to help anyone in trouble, and she will be widely missed.'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol. 105 (1947) p.846

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- (1) Digest of Birth Notes



WBE:

ALLEN, William, ca. 1616-1679.

b. ca. 1616. at Earles- Colne, Essex, England.

m. Martha

Convinced as Friend 1654. Minister. Laboured chiefly in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge and Essex. Was imprisoned in Colchester Castle, April 1658, at Ely and Lynn, Norfolk, also at Cambridge Many were turned to God by his ministry. He was severe on such as made a mere profession of Truth.

With Robert Ludgater and others, wrote, 1669, The Glory of Christ's Light within expelling darkness, etc.

d. 21 January 1679, at Earles Colne, Essex, England, aged ca. 63.

John Smith's MS., p. 65

Smith's Cat., 1: 18.

Besse, 1, 87, 192, 338.

Piety Prom. 2nd part, p. 210.

Penney, N., First Pub. of Truth, pp. 98-99

ALLEN, William (1730-1808)

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William Allen was born in the parish of Thorpsalvin near Rotherham in the West Riding of Yorkshire in the year 1730, the son of John and Elizabeth Allen, who were not members of the Society of Friends.

In 1749 he moved to London, where he became a brewer(1). His life was endangered there, causing him to query 'how unfit he was to appear before a righteous Judge,' in which state of mind he secretly covenanted with the Almighty that if his life were spared he would forsake the company he was with. He afterwards attended meetings of various religious bodies and at Westminster Meeting 'his State was reached' through the ministry of David Coulson (1713-1765 qv). Soon afterwards, in 1751, he joined the Society.

He married firstly in 1752 Ann Birkhead (1722?-1759 qv) of London(2) and there were four children(3). Some little time after he moved to Betts Street near Ratcliff highway, in the parish of St George, Middlesex and within the compass of Ratcliff Monthly Meeting(4). He married secondly in 1770 Ann Kendall (1724?-1788 qv) of Grange, Southwark(5), but the marriage was apparently childless(6).

He came forth in the ministry in 1783 and in June 1795 visited the meetings of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and the families of Mansfield Monthly Meeting. 'His appearance in the Ministry was mostly short, yet was edifying, being in the demonstration of the Spirit.' He was exemplary in conduct and in attendance at meetings for worship and discipline, in which latter he was useful. He was an affectionate husband and father, a good master and charitable to the poor.

In 1799 he retired from business and moved to Ware in Hertfordshire.

William Allen of Ware died suddenly on 15 October 1808 and was buried at Friends' burial ground, Ware(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Hertford MM in TCMD vol 4, p 259

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 He is so described in his marriage entries, notes 2 and 5
- 2 The wedding was at Savoy in the Strand on 12 October 1752: he is described as a brewer of the parish of St James in Westminster, the son of John and Elizabeth Allen of Thorpsalvin in Yorkshire; she is described as the daughter of William and Ann Birkhead, late of St Sepulchre (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Priscilla	b 4 October 1753	m 1782 William Knight (1756-1814)
Ann qv	b 28 Jan 1755	m 1777 John Miller (1742-1808 qv)
still-born son		buried 24 June 1756
John	b 14 Dec 1757	m 1782 Elizabeth Marsh
- 4 Priscilla and Ann, and also probably John, were all born there

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ALLEN, William (1770-1843)

William Allen was the son of Job and Margaret Allen of Spitalfields. He was born in August 1770. He entered a chemical establishment at Plough Court, Lombard St., and eventually became a principal in the concern.

In 1796 he married Mary Hamilton, but in less than eleven months she died after the birth of a daughter.

For many years he was a public lecturer in chemistry at the Royal Institution.

In 1806 he married Charlotte Hanbury and divided his time between Plough Court and Stoke Newington the latter becoming his usual residence. He became an elder in 1813. In 1816 his wife died in Geneva which he was visiting with other Friends for religious services. Next year he visited the South of France. In 1817 he preached to female prisoners at Newgate at the request of Elizabeth Fry.

In 1818 with Stephen Grellet he visited Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. When visiting military schools in Russia, he saw that the reading lessons were extracted from infidel writers and compiled Scripture lessons for them. He also visited other parts of Europe, pleading against the African slave trade and gaining increased liberties for oppressed Greeks and persecuted Haldenses. He was one of the founders of the British & Foreign School Society. In 1827 he married Grizell Birkbeck whom he survived. In 1840 he toured Europe with Elizabeth Fry. He established Schools of Industry in Sussex. He died at Lindfield on 30th Dec. 1843 and was buried at Stoke Newington, aged 73. A minister for about 25 years.

WBE:

Additional Information

ALLEN, William, 1770-1843.

Lecturer in Chemistry.

b. 29 August 1770, Spitalfields, London, s. of Job Allen, a manufacturer of silk.

Sent to Alexander's School at Rochester, Eng.

Entered upon a chemical career in 1791 at Plough Court, Lombard St., London, under Joseph Gurney Bevan. (Samuel Emlen from America spent 6 mos. at Plough-court.)

m. Mary Hamilton of Redruth; Mary Allen died 1797.

m. Charlotte Hanbury of Stoke Newington.

m. Grizette Birbeck, (Hoare) (d. 1835).

Business partnership with Luke Howard began 1797.

1804 public lecturer. 1807, Fellow of Royal Society.

Ca. 1820 a minister. With John Barry worked for abolition of capital punishment. "Colonies at Home" started to give factory people a plot of land, near Lindfield, Sussex, 1821. Went, 1818-19, with S. Grellet to Norway and Sweden, Greece, Russia, Turkey and Italy. Many other travels. Worked for abolition of slavery, 1806. Worked at Latin, French and German. Interested in geology, mineralogy and astronomy. Visited, 1816, Pestalozzi at Berne, Switzerland. With others helped lift Joseph Lancaster (educator) out of debt. Friend of Clarkson & Wilberforce.

First published, 1811, "The Philanthropist", an influential quarterly. Wrote numerous works on chemistry, economics & morality, and religion, (translated into foreign tongues). Edited Friends' Library, 1832-1837

WBE:

ALLEN, William, -1898.

Minister and evangelist.

b. Tennessee, s. of a white man of Irish extraction.

His mother was a full-blooded Negro slave; William a slave to his own father. Twice sold on the block. Freed by his master's will on his 21st. birthday. Went to Indiana.

Attended school when over 29 yrs. old. Learned to read and write.

Never married.

An ordained minister, Wesleyan Methodist, and evangelist. Travelled in Canada. Received as member of Friends, before 1882, and recommended as a minister. Usually travelled in ministry with a young white man as companion. Fred Ryon a travelling companion. Said to be teamster in underground railroad.

Man of great physical powers, 6 ft. tall and at least 250 lbs. Had a powerful voice and a natural flow of picturesque language.

d. 21 May 1898, Haffa [Jesse M. Walton] or Hibbert [Fred Ryon], near Mitchell, Perth Co., Ontario.

Bull. Friends Historical Assn., 47, 1958: 94.

Life of William Allan, Jesse M. Walton, 1938. (portrait).

WBE:

Additional Information

ALLEN, William, 1770-1843. (Page 2)

Quaker Biog. Series 1, 5: 7. (portrait). ✓

Life of William Allen by Sherman, 1851.

Smith's Cat. 1: 18.

An. Mon., N.S. 3: 1.

F.H.L. BX7616.

Biog. Cat. 7

Qu. Col. Hav. 988. (portrait).

J.F.H.S., 18: 29.

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Charles
ALLEN, William (1857-1938)

'William C. Allen, a recorded minister in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, who died in Philadelphia on November 14, ~~1938~~ (1938), was born in 1857 at Westtown, Pennsylvania. He was a descendant of Nathaniel Allen, one of William Penn's first Commissioners.

'He possessed an eager, questing spirit, a great devotion to his Lord, and the ability to make his own the joys and sorrows of those with whom he mingled.

'He had little school education after the age of 14, owing to ill-health. "I cared little about religious matters until the age of 21," he once wrote, "when my heart was mightily affected by remembrance of the love of Jesus Christ for mankind, and I suddenly resolved to follow Him, to be led by Him and serve Him as best I could, wherever I believed myself to be led."

'In 1883 he married Elizabeth C. Bromley, of Philadelphia. Towards the end of the century he was recorded a minister of the Society. His direct work for Friends was limited by distance from Quaker centres, but he did much speaking to other denominations, and founded the Peace Committee of Churches of the Pacific Coast. After 1907, when he retired from active business, he was able to travel more extensively.

'Accompanied by his wife he paid several visits to isolated Friends and Meetings in South Africa and Australasia, as well as holding meetings in Japan, China, Java, etc. Sufferers from leprosy particularly called forth his sympathy, and he addressed them in their isolated settlements whenever possible. A Meeting for Worship was started in Durban as a result of William Allen's visit there 14 years ago. In the service of world peace, and as a representative of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, he addressed church councils and rotary clubs in his own and distant lands; and often sought and obtained interviews with men prominent in government circles. The most recent of these were with General Smuts and General Hertzog in Pretoria in 1936, when he spoke on behalf of conscientious objectors and of Natives in South Africa. William C. Allen often said that "obedience to the spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ constitutes the only way out of our international troubles."

'During the later years of his life he wrote for many church periodicals in America, and in this way found channels for the message of peace so dear to his heart. Of one of his books, War.' Behind the Smoke Screen, he commented that it "had more use among groups of university and college students than anticipated. Friends did not seem to take much interest in it at first; probably it did not indulge in the presentation of facts in the weighty verbiage so esteemed by Friends and to which they are accustomed."

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Charles
ALLEN, William ~~✓~~(1857-1938) continued

'William C. Allen and his wife often visited England and Ireland, and formed many friendships there.'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol. 96 (1938) p.1112

WBE:

ALLEN, William Charles, 1857-1938.

b. 9 March 1857, Westtown School, Pa. s. Richard J. and Mary (Dutton) Allen.

An attack of whooping-cough enfeebled him. Little school education.

m. Elizabeth C. Bromley, one daughter.

Recorded minister ca. 1898. Frequent contributor to newspapers and Friends' journals.

Wrote A son of the morning (Richard Davies), 1894; Real war as seen in South Africa, 1900; A Quaker Diary in the Orient, 1915; A free ministry; War! behind the Smoke Screen.

Moorestown, N.J., and, for health reasons, Colorado Springs, Colo., his home. Travelled widely: crossed the Atlantic about 34 times, two visits to the Orient, four to Australia, and New Zealand, and three to South Africa.

Frail health and in his later years, an almost constant sufferer. He possessed an eager, questioning spirit.

d. 14 March 1938, Phila., Pa., age 81.

The Friend, Phila., 112: 220, 407.

The Friend, London, 1938, 96: 1112.

F. H. L., Swar., BXu616.

Friends' Intelligencer, 95: 832.

ALLETSON, Alice Marion (1868-1929) born Brown

Alice Marion Brown, the eldest daughter of Henry Brown (1844-1926 qv) and his wife Emma Jemima (born Arkinson, 1839-1916 qv), was born in Paris on 30 December 1868(1), where her father was in business. Owing to the Franco-German war they had to leave Paris just before the siege, losing all their belongings. The family settled at Stechford, Birmingham and Alice was educated at Ackworth School from 1880 to 1884(2). She maintained throughout her life the friendships she had made there.

She was married in 1895 to William Alletson (1867?-1950 qv), a clerk of Northop in Flintshire and there were four children, born between the years 1897 and 1907(3).

Although always of a home loving disposition, her cheerful and kindly nature endeared her to those among whom she lived and she was never too busy to give a helping hand to a neighbour. Her life might be described as one of unassuming usefulness.

Alice Marion Alletson of Okenhurst, Flint, died on 27 December 1929, at the age of sixty(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 49 (1930) pp 75-76

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a commission agent
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 4, entry 9602: from Stechford
- 3 For marriage and children see ALLETSON, William (1867?-1950)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of William

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

ALLETSON, Florence Mary (1864-1943) born Barratt

Florence Mary Barratt, the daughter of Samuel H.Barratt () and his wife Ellen (born) of Willingham by Stow in Lincolnshire, was born there on 13 March 1864(1).

She was married in 1893 to Thomas Alletson (fl 1893-1919 qv), an accountant of Waterford in Ireland, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

Florence Mary Alletson of 27 Baldock Park, Letchworth in Hertfordshire, died at The Old Forge, Aldeburgh in Suffolk on 7 August 1943, at the age of seventy nine(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 For marriage see ALLETSON, Thomas (fl 1893-1919)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Thomas

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

ALLETSON, George Herbert (1841-1922)

George Herbert Alletson, the son of Thomas Alletson () and his wife Priscilla (born) of North Birkenhead, was born there on 6 January 1841(1).

He became at first a clerk at Chester(2) and was twice married. He married firstly in 1864 Mary Glover of Chester(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4). He married secondly in 1869 Margaret Sarah Fowler (1838-1920 qv) of Gloucester(5) and there were two children(6). By the time of his second marriage he was a brick manufacturer at Hawardine in Flintshire(7).

George Herbert Alletson of Ewloe Wood, Northop, Flint, died on 21 November 1922, at the age of eighty one(8).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a dry salter
- 2 He is so described in his first marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Chester on 10 August 1864: he is described as a bachelor, a clerk of Boughton Grange, Chester, the son of Thomas, out of business; she is described as not in membership, a spinster of 14 Devon Terrace, Chester, the daughter of William Haywood, an oil refiner (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 5 The wedding was at Gloucester on 27 October 1869: he is described as a widower, a brick manufacturer of Hawardine, Flint, the son of Thomas, a gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Clarence Street, Gloucester, the daughter of John, an hotel proprietor (Digest of Marriages)
- 6 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-
Herbert John b 24 July 1870 d unmarried 19 April 1935, aged 64
*George Coventry b 5 April 1874
- *No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920
- 7 He is so described in his second marriage entry, note 5
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a brick manufacturer

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

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ALLETSON, Leslie George (1897-1980)

Leslie G. Alletson, the son of William Alletson (1867?-1950 qv) and his wife Alice Marion (born Brown, 1868?-1929 qv) of Springfield House, Connah's Quay in Flintshire, was born there on 11 September 1897(1).

He became a commercial traveller of Bristol(2) and was twice married. He married firstly in 1927 Emma Amelia Ford (born Mithell) of Bristol(3) and there was one child(4). His first wife never became a member of the Society of Friends(5). He married secondly in 1961 Madeline Winifred Walker (1904-1974 qv) of Salisbury(6), but the marriage was childless(7).

He and his second wife developed their home as the setting for regular study and worship weekends. Madeline had been interested in this kind of work before her marriage and in the next ten years, as a service to Bristol & Somerset General Meeting, about sixty weekends were held, which were a great source of inspiration and which also helped to form the nucleus of the meeting which later developed at Bradford on Avon. Leslie Alletson also served on the Meeting for Sufferings from 1961 to 1964(8).

After his wife's death he spent his remaining years at Weston-super-Mare.

Leslie G. Alletson died peacefully at Crosby Hall Nursing Home, Weston-super-Mare, on 2 September 1980, at the age of eighty two(9).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 138 (1980) p 1164

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a book-keeper
- 2 He is so described in his first marriage entry, note 3: by the time of his second marriage he had moved to Clevedon, near Bristol, still as a commercial traveller
- 3 The wedding was at Bristol on 4 June 1927: he is described as a bachelor, a commercial traveller of Westbury Park, Bristol, the son of William, a clerk; she is described as not in membership, a widow, of 11 Dundonald Road, Bristol, the daughter of George Mitchell (deceased) an accountant
(Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Given in Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 3: the birth is not traced in the Digest of Births:-
Peter George b 6 June 1928 m 1952 Janet Lilian "einze
The marriage is recorded in the Digest of Marriages
- 5 Bristol & Somerset QM printed list of members: she is shown as an attender of Redland Meeting in 1929 and 1930, but not in 1931
- 6 The wedding was at Shaftesbury on 25 March 1961: he is described as a widower, a commercial traveller of Penketh, Edward Road, Clevedon in Somerset, the son of William Alletson, a clerk; she is described as a spinster, a school teacher (retired) of 23 Moberly Road, Salisbury, the daughter of Benjamin Walker, a commercial traveller
(Digest of Marriages)
- 7 Wife over 50 on marriage
- 8 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
- 9 The Friend vol 138 (1980) p 1164: he is described as a much loved father and grandfather

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

ALLETSON, Leslie George (1897 - 1980)

Leslie Alletson was born at Connah's Quay, Flintshire, on September 11, 1897, the son of William and Alice Marian Alletson.(1) We have no details of his early life but in 1927 he married Amy Ford at Bristol.(2) His wife seems not to have been a member. We have no details of his life afterwards but his wife died and in 1961 he married again. His second wife was Madeline Winifred Walker (1904 - 1974 qv)(3) and together they developed their home as the setting for regular study and worship week ends. Madeline had been engaged in developing this kind of project before her marriage and in the next ten years as a service to Bristol & Somerset G.M. some sixty week ends were held which were a great source of inspiration and which also helped to form a nucleus from which Bradford-on-Avon Meeting later developed. During the early years of his second marriage he served on Meeting for Sufferings.(4) Madeline died in 1974 and afterwards he spent his remaining years at Weston-Super-Mare.

He died in a nursing home there on September 2, 1980, aged 82.(5)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend. Vol. 138 (1980) p. 1164.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Birth Digest.
2. The marriage took place at Redlands FMH on June 4, 1927.
The Friend Vol. 67 (1927) p. 560.
3. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Salisbury FMH on March 25, 1961.
4. Typescript Committee Index. Friends Ho. Library.
Meeting for Sufferings 1961 - 1964.
5. See also DQB entry - Alletson, Madeline Winifred (1904-1974)
b. Walker.

Madeline Winifred Walker, the younger daughter of Benjamin Walker (1875-1941 qv) and his wife Mabel Susah (born Hall, 1878-1949 qv) of Lewisham near London, was born there on 1 January 1904(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1914 to 1920(2) and went on to The Mount, York, from 1920 to 1922(3). From The Mount she went to London University, where she took her B.Sc degree. She was remembered at Ackworth with great affection as a quiet, gentle and unassuming girl.

She returned to The Mount in 1926 to teach mathematics and chemistry and proved to be a gifted and sympathetic teacher. In 1939 she moved to the Girls Grammar School at Salisbury, where she met Kathleen Sanders, with whom she formed a lifelong friendship. Kathleen was a member of the Congregational Church and had had missionary experience in South India before coming to Salisbury to teach religious knowledge. Together they visited prisoners of war on Salisbury Plain and invited them to their home. Madeline also gave considerable support to the local Friends' meeting, helping with the purchase of a meeting house.

The two friends were members of a group in Salisbury who formed devotional weekends for worship, study and fellowship. This came to mean so much to Madeline that she decided to retire from teaching so that she could give her whole time to the movement and she went to Woodbrooke for a year of preparation. It was at this point in her life that she met Leslie George Alletson (1897-1980 qv), whom she married as his second wife in 1961; the marriage was childless(4).

Leslie Alletson shared her interest in the devotional weekends and together with Kathleen Sanders they bought a large house called The Croft at Bradford on Avon. It became known throughout the Society of Friends as a place of friendliness, refreshment and peace, where Madeline and Leslie, together with Kathleen, arranged worship-fellowship weekends. Much careful preparation was made for each weekend and Madeline sometimes acted as leader, sharing her knowledge and appreciation of spiritual insights, old and new, from many sources. Her readings after meals were particularly memorable and she could make good use of the riches of Christian Faith and Practice. To these were added much that she had come to treasure from other sources, particularly the writings of Mother Julian of Norwich.

In 1971 Madeline felt it right to lay down the arduous work of running The Croft and she and Leslie and Kathleen moved into two small adjoining houses in Bradford on Avon. In the same year Trowbridge Preparative Meeting moved to Bradford and found there new life, owing largely to the efforts of Leslie and Madeline.

Madeline had served on the Meeting for Sufferings from 1961 to 1962(5) and she continued to give loving service to the Society even when her health began to fail and speaking in the ministry became difficult.

Madeline Winifred Alletson of 53 Leigh Park Road, Bradford on Avon, died peacefully in hospital on 6 November 1974, at the age of seventy(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 94 (1975) pp 66-67

Testimony of North Somerset & Wiltshire MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings

1976, p 178

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ALLETSON, Madeline Winifred (1904-1974) born Walker

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a traveller
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 72, entry 12491: from London
- 3 Register of Mount Old Scholars 1931, p 119, entry 2136
- 4 For marriage see ALLETSON, Leslie George (1897-1980)
- 5 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library: she also served on the Home Service Committee
- 6 The Friend vol 132 (1974) p 1380: no description of her is given

N.B. She also served as clerk to Salisbury PM from 1947 to 1949 (Index of Clerks, Friends House Library)

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

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ALLETSON, Madeline Winifred (1904 - 1974) b. Walker

Madeline Walker was born on January 1, 1904, at Lewisham, the younger daughter of Benjamin () and Mabel Susan (b Hall) Walker.(1)

She was educated at Ackworth School from 1914 - 1920 and at The Mount, then took a degree at London University returning to The Mount in 1926 to teach mathematics and chemistry. In 1939 she moved to the Girls Grammar School at Salisbury where she met Kathleen Saunders, a member of the Congregational church, with whom she formed a life-long friendship. Kathleen Saunders had been a missionary before taking up her post at the school and together they visited prisoners of war on Salisbury Plain and invited them to their home. Madeline Walker spent twenty years at Salisbury during which time she gave considerable support to the local meeting, helping in the purchase of a property for a meeting house. She was an active member of the Quarterly Meeting Extension Committee and was interested in the development of worship-fellowship groups in the west country. She decided to retire early from teaching and she and Kathleen planned to provide a place in which such groups could be held regularly, in preparation for this she spent a year at Woodbrooke.

In 1961 she married Leslie Alletson, also a former Ackworth scholar, (2) and in the same year, she, Leslie and Kathleen together bought The Croft, Bradford-on-Avon, where they made a lovely garden, and where for ten years they welcomed Friends and others to their home and developed the worship-fellowship groups for which they had planned. These were most valuable occasions, many received new understanding and strength from them and very careful preparation was made for each week end. In 1971 it was felt that the arduous work of running The Croft must be given up and she and Leslie, and Kathleen moved to two small adjoining houses in Bradford. In the same year Trowbridge Meeting moved into Bradford-on-Avon finding new life there and the hard working support of Madeline and Leslie.

Madeline had served on Meeting for Sufferings and on the Home Service Committee⁽³⁾ and she continued to give loving service in spite of signs of increasing ill-health, even when speech became difficult she did not let this prevent her from obeying the call to minister.

She died on November 2, 1974 aged 70.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Testimony of North Somerset & Wiltshire MM
Y.M.Proc. 1976. p. 178.

Ackworth Old Scholars' Association Vol. 94 1975 pp 66/7
Annual Report.

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ALLETSON, Madeline Winifred (1904 - 1974) b. Walker

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Birth Digest. The father is recorded as a traveller
2. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Salisbury FMH on March 25, 1961. She is described as spinster, schoolteacher (retired) and he as Leslie George Alletson, widower and commercial traveller.
3. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library. This records her membership of Committees as follows:-

Meeting for Sufferings rep. Bristol & Somerset QM 1961/2.
Home Service Committee

SGJ. 1977

ALLETSON, Margaret Sarah (1838-1920) born Fowler

Margaret Sarah Fowler, the daughter of John Fowler () and his wife Deborah (born) of Gloucester, was born there on 16 June 1838(1).

She was educated at Ackworth School from 1850 to 1853(2). After leaving school she lived for a time in Paris and was there at the outbreak of the Franco-German war, but left the city before the Germans surrounded it.

She became in 1869 the second wife of George Herbert Alletson (1841-1922 qv), a brick manufacturer of Hawardine in Flintshire and there were two children(3).

The family lived at Northop in Flint, where she spent the whole of her happy married life and celebrated her golden wedding in October 1919.

Margaret Sarah Alletson of Northop died on 16 November 1920, at the age of eighty two(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 40 (1921) p 67

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a shoe seller
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 159, entry 7184: from Gloucester
- 3 For marriage and children see ALLETSON, George Herbert (1841-1922)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of George Herbert

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

ALLETSON, Priscilla (1834-1868) after 1865 Fowler

[Priscilla Alletson, daughter of Thomas Alletson
() and his wife Priscilla (born
of West Derby near Liverpool, was
married in 1865 to Robert John Fowler (1834-1870 qv)
of Gloucester and Paris.

See FOWLER, Priscilla (1834-1868) born Alletson]

ALLETSON, Thomas (fl 1893-1919)

Thomas Alletson, details of whose birth are not at present (1985) traced(1), was the son of George Herbert Alletson (1841-1922 qv) and his second wife Margaret Sarah (born Fowler, 1838-1920 qv).

He became an accountant at Waterford in Ireland(2) and was married in 1893 to Florence Mary Barratt (1864-1943 qv) of Muskham in Nottinghamshire(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

The date of his death is not at present (1985) traced(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 His birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Brant Broughton on 4 August 1893: he is described as a bachelor, an accountant of 3 Percy Terrace, Waterford, the son of George Herbert, a brick manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of South Muskham, Nottinghamshire, the daughter of Samuel Horner Barratt, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 No children are traced in the Digest of Births nor given in Munster QM printed lists of members, Waterford Meeting, 1893-1919
- 5 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths, but he was a member of Waterford Meeting in 1919 - see Munster QM printed lists of members

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

ALLETSON, William (1867?-1950)

William Alletson, details of whose birth are not at present (1985) traced, was the son of George Herbert Alletson and was born about the year 1867(1).

He became a clerk at Northop in Flintshire(2) and was married in 1895 to Alice Marion Brown (1868-1929 qv) of Birmingham(3); there were four children, born between the years 1897 and 1907(4).

William Alletson of 6 Abbey Place, Jedburgh near Hawick, died on 21 February 1950, at the age of eighty three(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 83 at death: his birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Bull Street FMH, Birmingham, on 2 October 1895: he is described as a bachelor, a clerk of Ewloe Wood, Northop, the son of George Herbert, a brick manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of Wellesley House, Stechford, Birmingham, the daughter of Henry Brown, a provision merchant (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-
Leslie George qv b 11 Sept 1897 m (1) 1927 Emily Amelia Ford
(born Mitchell)
(2) 1961 Madeline Winifred Walker (1904-1974 qv)

*Reginald William b 13 Sept 1902
*Phyllis Mary b 15 Jan 1905
*Marjorie Isabel b 11 Jan 1907
*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1960
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an office manager (retired)

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

ALEXANDER, Alfred Tuke (1842-1920), continued.

Alfred Tuke Alexander was born ~~in~~ on 7 December 1842(1). 'The passing of Alfred Tuke Alexander breaks a link with the past in the social and religious work of the Society in London. Born at Ipswich in 1842 at the Old Bank House, he was the youngest child of William Henry and Sophia Alexander. When ten years old he was sent to Bootham School and after leaving there he went, for reasons of health, to work on a seed farm in Essex. At the age of 22 he came to London and entered the Insurance business of Joseph Hingston Fox. He found Quakerism stirred to fresh life by the Evangelical movement and feeling after an expression of it by striving to get into touch with those living in the East End of the great city.

'For fifty years, with unflagging energy and with a mind always open to receive new impressions of truth, he was one of the leaders in the effort the Society made through the Bedford Institute Association to grapple with the religious and social needs of the people. Had he been a man who laid too much stress on old methods and clung too closely to the well-trodden paths of the Quakerism of his time, he would never have done the work he did. But he combined with an unwavering loyalty to Christ the great gift of being able to recognise the difference between essentials and non-essentials. He faced the theological problems of his day, and if he did not embrace advanced views, he was always ready to right up to the end in a spirit of real sympathy to hear and discuss the new problems, both religious and social, that were stirring the minds of men, especially of the young. He exercised the same broad toleration in regard to methods of work; if he felt the spirit was right he was ever ready to give sympathetic advice rather than to provide hostile criticism. These things were the secret of his influence, combined as they were with organising ability and great devotion to the work.

'He joined the General Committee of the Bedford Institute Association on its formation in 1867 and for thirty years acted as Honorary Secretary, seeing the Association grow from the one Institute in Spitalfields to nine branches in various districts of London. To-day a large part of the membership of the Society of Friends in London is due to the Association's work.

'The Evangelical movement, with which A. T. Alexander was so closely connected, laid its chief stress on the conversion of the individual, but he and others soon recognised that the physical needs of man must be met as well as the spiritual and from that belief the social work of the Association sprang. He was closely connected with the attempt made in the eighties by the Yearly Meeting to grapple with the poverty of London. In the larger interests of the Society he was a member of the Home Mission Committee as well as the Friends' Foreign Mission Association. He lived to see the end of a period in the life of the nation, sharing with his country the long years of war and suffering, ~~elping~~, as President, to hold together the work of the Association when so

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many others were away on various duties.

'He had only relinquished the position a few weeks when the call came suddenly to leave the earthly service, to leave to others the fresh problems awaiting solution in a new age. Those who follow may feel that the social evils of London will have to be grappled with by new methods; that during the next fifty years the Christian Church must not rest content to assist the wounded in life's struggle but strive to remove the causes that brought suffering to so many.'

'In "Fifty Years Story of the Bedford Institute," written by A. T. Alexander in 1915, he gives an account of the various activities of the Association from the earliest days when in 1866 it grappled with the cholera epidemic. At the close he says:—

"Looking back over the past there are two impressions with me. One is the uplift in the standard of life that has resulted. The other is the great advance in education and educational methods from the time when it was thought necessary to teach writing in the Sunday School and the Bible lesson was to many scholars also a reading lesson, to the modern graded system which has found its way with advantage into many of our Schools. The past has yielded good fruit in abundance and the future is full of promise. Yet in these days of increased activity and advance in equipment we may need the reminder 'Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit.'"

When it is remembered that it was only some years after A. T. Alexander had started his work that the Education Act of 1870 was passed and consider, imperfect as it is, the great educational system with its medical treatment centres that sees to the needs of the children of London to-day, some idea is obtained of the kind of changes that have been in progress.

'Rendel Harris, in a 'Foreword' to A. T. Alexander's pamphlet, closed with words that form a fitting summary of the life that has just ended:—

"God bless those who have the courage to climb to the top of the mountain of Transfiguration and who will equally have the courage to come down to the needy people at the foot of the holy mountain. For us Friends, our work in the East End furnishes the place where we may say with Tagore: 'Here is Thy footstool and there rest Thy feet, where live the poorest and lowliest and lost.' G.M.G."

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

ALEXANDER, Alfred Tuke (1842-1920), continued. ✓

SEE ALSO:

The Friend, vol.60 (1920) p.137, 147, 232.

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

(1) Digest of Birth Notes

ALEXANDER, Alice (1812 - 1898) formerly Wright, born Taylor.

Alice Taylor was born on 6 August 1812, the daughter of Peter and Alice ~~KIMMEL~~ Taylor of Manchester, both devoted Friends. She was throughout her life a consistent Friend. She was a monitor at Ackworth School.

In 1853 she married David Wright of Kettering (1) a brother of Elizabeth Comstock. Her husband died on 7 May 1854, ~~XXXXXX~~ two years after their marriage and after a few months she also lost her little daughter (2). Alice Wright's faith in God's goodness held firm throughout her troubles.

In 1861 she married again to Samuel Alexander of Leominster (3). She outlived him and died at the age of 86 years on 9 March 1898. She was a recorded minister and her life was gentle and loving and trustful to the end.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1900 p.1.

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 The marriage was at Manchester on 7 April 1853: she is described as spinster, of Cheetham, daughter of Peter Taylor, machinist; he is described as bachelor, ironmonger, of Kettering, son of Francis Wright, yeoman. (Digest of Marriage Registers).
- 2 Phebe Ellen Wright born 7 Feb 1854 died 3 May 1855
(Digests of Birth and Burial Notes.)
- 3 The marriage was at Kettering on 18 Dec 1861:-she is described as widow, of Cheetham, daughter of Peter Taylor, Twine Manufacturer; he is described as widower, ironmonger, of Leominster, son of William Alexander, Bill Broker. (Digest of Marriage Registers.)

~~Samuel~~ William Alexander died on 26 May 1884, (Digest of Burial Notes.)

NOTE She was in Ireland in 1858. See list printed in Journal of the Friends Historical Society Vol 16 (1919) p.24.

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ALEXANDER, Ann (1767-1849) born Tuke

Ann Tuke, the daughter of William Tuke (1732/3-1822 qv) and his wife Esther (1727?-1794 qv), was born at York on 16 May 1767(1). Her mind was early inclined towards religion and at the age of seven she derived much comfort and benefit from reading John Woolman's Journal. She was not altogether averse to normal childish games, but was of a serious disposition and took more pleasure in the company of those older than herself, especially if the conversation turned towards religious subjects. Her parents were careful and watchful of the young mind committed to their care and she felt their occasional displeasure, for what she describes as "stubbornness of temper," very severely.

Her education was very limited. She attended a day school in York for sometime and subsequently one kept by a friend at Sheffield; at twelve years of age she was sent to Ackworth, but was able to spend only a year there. In 1784, when she was about seventeen, her parents became superintendents of a school in York designed for thirty girls, which had originated in a concern of her mother. Ann assisted in the school, in association with her friend Jane Taylor, afterwards Jane Jacob (1767-1851 qv), but felt herself very ill qualified for the work.

About this time she became aware that work in the ministry might be required of her and she made her first appearance in the year 1786, shortly before her nineteenth birthday.* Thereafter she made several journeys in the ministry with her brother Henry Tuke, going to Scotland in 1788 and in 1790 to Ireland, where they visited the school on Suir Island established by her sister Sarah (Robert) Grubb (1756-1790 qv), whose death shortly before their visit was a great grief to her. In 1791 she returned to Ireland to assist in the running of Suir Island School, of which her friend Jane Taylor was then superintendent, and she remained in Ireland until 1794.

In the two years following her return she made several ministerial journeys in England and in 1796 she married William Alexander (1768-1841 qv) of Needham Market in Suffolk(2). She enjoyed the move to the quiet retirement of the Suffolk countryside and the care of her husband and the two sons born to them(3), but was often called away from home in the Lord's service, visiting various parts of England and Wales. In 1803 she laid before her friends a concern which had long been on her mind to go to America; during the next two years she visited most of the meetings of Friends throughout the United States and attended several Yearly Meetings. In her ministerial services she was led chiefly to dwell on the great truths of the Gospel; her testimony met with a good reception amongst Friends and left an impression which the lapse of years was not able to efface.

She continued her ministerial work after her return to England and in 1808 she and her husband moved from Suffolk to take over the school in York

* She was recorded by York MM n 1788.

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ALEXANDER, Ann (1767-1849) born Tuke

established by her mother. But the hardships imposed by her long journeys in the ministry had affected her health and she was unable to take a very active part in the conduct of the school; the death of her younger son was a severe blow to her and in 1812 the school was relinquished to two Friends.

About 1811 she started the Annual Monitor, first published in 1813; at first it met with much discouragement, but gradually its sales increased. Some years later she was able to resume her journeys in the ministry and in 1826 with Hannah and Maria Middleton (afterwards Maria Fox) travelled among Friends in Holland and Germany. In January 1827 she had a severe attack of illness, but notwithstanding its enfeeblement she was still at times engaged in the work of the ministry until the death of her husband in 1841, when she moved to a small house at Ipswich, to be near her son and his family. She was able for a time to pay family visits within Suffolk Quarterly Meeting, but for the last six years of her life was unable to exercise her ministerial gifts. Among other infirmities she suffered the partial decay of her mental powers.

She died at Ipswich on 19 September 1849(4), aged eighty two years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1850 pp 124-145

Testimony of Woodbridge MN in Testimonies 1850 p 25

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 and 3 For details of marriage and children see ALEXANDER, William (1768-1841 qv)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William

SEE ALSO:- J Friends Hist Soc vol 15 p 20
Penney, N (ed.) Pen Pictures (1930)

For a listing of publications, see Joseph Smith's
Catalog, Vol. I, pp. 7-8.

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ALEXANDER, Ann (1767-1849) born Tuke

Ann Alexander was the daughter of William and Esther Tuke of York where she was born on 16 May 1767. She was educated at Ackworth School and on leaving assisted in the school for girls at York of which her parents were superintendents. In 1786, soon before she was 19, she first appeared in the ministry, being recorded by York M.M. in 1788. She paid religious visits in several parts of Great Britain and Ireland, and from 1791 until 1794 settled at Suir Island, Clonmel, assisting in the school established by her late sister Sarah Robert Grubb.

In September 1796 she married William Alexander of Needham Market. Notwithstanding the claims of maternal duties she paid a number of religious visits and from 1803 until 1805 travelled extensively in America.

In 1808 she and her husband removed to York. About this time her health became much impaired, though later she was able to resume some service in visiting and in 1826 with Hannah and Maria Middleton (after Maria Fox) travelled among Friends in Holland and Germany. In January 1827 she had a severe attack of illness but notwithstanding enfeeblement she was still engaged at times in the work of the ministry until the death of her husband in 1841 when she removed to Ipswich to ~~her~~ be near her son and his family. She was able soon after to pay family visits within Suffolk Q.M. but for the last 6 years of her life was unable to exercise her ministerial gifts. Among other infirmities she suffered the partial decay of her mental powers. She died on 19 September 1849 aged 82 years. Her body was interred at Ipswich.

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Additional Information

ALEXANDER, Ann (Tuke), 1767-1849.

dau. of William and Esther (Mand) Tuke. The reading of John Woolman's Journal impressed her. 1784 her parents undertook the superintendence of York school for girls. Author of A Selection of Hymns, pleas for peace, morality, and fair treatment for chimney sweeps. 1811 appears to have been the originator of The Annual Monitor. ("A hardy annual") 1816 to 1825, much occupied in visiting meetings in Yorkshire. 1819, Warrior and Pacificus 1805, An address to the inhabitants of Charleston, South Carolina. (Phila.)

An.Mon. 1850, N.S., 8, p.124.

Smith, I, p.7.

Frds. Qu. Exam., XLII (1908), p.310.

J.F.H.S., XV, p.15.

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The Friend (Phila.) LXXXV (1911), p.118.

ALEXANDER, Ann (1774?-1861) born Barber

Ann Barber, daughter of William and Mary Barber, was born about 1774 (1). In 1801 she married William Alexander (1769-1819, qv) (2). In 1819, on her husband's death, she became principal in his bill broking firm, now styled A.M. Alexander (3) and from 1824 A. & G.W. Alexander (4).

She died at Reigate on 15 January 1861 aged 87 years (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 87 at death. Birth not traced in Yorkshire or in Derby & Notts QM Births Digests
- 2 For details of the marriage and children see ALEXANDER, William (1769-1819)
- 3 'The Alexander family's discount company' by Muriel F. Lloyd Prichard, in J. Friends hist soc vol 49 (1959-61) p.159
- 4 ibid p.160. For the various financial arrangements until her death see pp.160-1
- 5 Digest of Burial Notes

ALEXANDER, Ann (1784?-1868) born Dillwyn

(1743-1824qv) (born Weston, -1815)

Ann Dillwyn, the daughter of William and Sarah Dillwyn of Walthamstow in Essex, was born about the year 1784(1). She was married in 1810 to Richard Dykes Alexander (1783-1866 qv) of Ipswich, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

She was a minister and lived a very busy life, finding plenty to do among the poor people of the district. She was a great believer in the value of wholesome food and considered treacle to be important as an article of diet. She once frightened a little grocer by giving an order for one hundred and twenty gallons, a quantity far beyond what he had ever stocked in his life.

She died at Ipswich on 3 April 1868, at the age of eighty four(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Friends Quarterly Examiner vol 42 (1908) p 312

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 84 at death. There is no entry in London & Middlesex QM or Essex QM Births Digests
- 2 For marriage see ALEXANDER, Richard Dykes (1783-1866)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Richard Dykes

SEE ALSO:-

- Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 24, p 43
John Jay Smith, Recollections (1892) pp 34, 308, 330
Annual Monitor 1869, p 1: 1 line entry for death
The Friend vol 8 (1868) p 141: 2 line entry for death

For a listing of publications, see Joseph Smith's
Catalog, Vol. I, pp. 8-9.

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ALEXANDER, Ann (Dillwyn), 1784-1868.

b. ca. 1784, Walthamstow, Eng., dau. of William Dillwyn. m. Richard Dykes Alexander of Ipswich, Eng., minister.. 1833, The Shrubbery; 1836-1858, author of The Wheatsheaf, composed of gleanings from pious authors; Hints for a Sick Chamber; Gathered Fragments etc., illustrative of the life of George Dillwyn; 1862, supposed author of The Golden Cord of Love, Ipswich. d. 3 April 1868, Ipswich, age 84.

An. Mon., N.S. (1869) XXVII, p.1.

Frds' Qu. Exam., XLII (1908), p.312.

The Friend (London) VIII (1868), p.141.

Smith, I, p.8, p.120.

Smith, Joseph. Catalogue of Friends' Books Vol I p 8-9

Smith I: 8-9, 120.

ALEXANDER, Bernard Barton (1849-1879)

Bernard Barton Alexander, the son of John Biddle Alexander (1812-1862 qv) and his wife Anna Sophia, born Phillips, of Ipswich in Suffolk, was born there on 9 October 1849(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1862 to 1866(2) and on leaving school he went into the branch bank at Woodbridge in Suffolk, where his mother and sisters were living. He soon showed so much business ability that he became part manager and by his frank and genial manner he won the respect and regard of all with whom he came in contact.

He was a vigorous and animated young man, with a keen sense of humour, but he had a serious side to his nature which showed itself in his readiness to promote projects calculated to benefit his fellows. Among his philanthropic pursuits was the establishment and superintending of a reading and club room for young men and he also formed a Band of Hope; he was a warm supporter of temperance, to which he devoted much of his leisure. He became a teacher in a Sunday school and gained the affection and respect of his scholars, to whom he became much attached. On the establishment of a fire brigade in the town he worked hard to make it efficient.

In the autumn of 1876 a cough which had troubled him for some time developed more serious symptoms and he was advised to try a long sea voyage. He went to Australia and for a time a cure seemed within sight. He spent the greater part of 1877 visiting friends in New South Wales and Victoria and in 1878 he arrived in Adelaide. His cough returned and he was advised to return home by sailing ship, but he became so ill that he could not leave Adelaide and died there on 4 April 1879, at the age of twenty nine(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1880, pp 1-8

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a banker
- 2 Bootham Register 1935, p 15
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

ALEXANDER, Catherine (1787-1849) after 1819 Fox

[Catherine Alexander, daughter of Dykes Alexander
(1763-1849 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Brewster,
(1758-1820 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk, was married
in 1819 to Thomas Fox (1786-~~1849 or later~~, qv).]

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See FOX, Catherine (1787-1849) born Alexander]

ALEXANDER, Catherine (1806-1878) born Horsnaill

Catherine Horsnaill, daughter of William and Elizabeth (born Baker) Horsnaill of Dover, Kent, was born there on 25 December 1806 (1). In 1845 she married, as his second wife, George William Alexander (1802-1890, qv) (2). In 1849-50 she accompanied her husband and John and Maria Candler on a visit to the West Indies (3). In 1853 G.W. and Catherine Alexander and their family removed to Reigate (4). She died at Paradise Row, Stoke Newington, on 8 June 1878, aged 72 years (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 *Digest of Kent QM Births Digest*: her father is described as brazier, perhaps in confusion for John Hall who is properly so described
- 2 For details of the marriage and child, see ALEXANDER, George William (1802-1890)
- 3 Her MS diary of this journey is at Friends House, London (MS vol S 124). It is incorrectly described inside the cover as by Ann Alexander. No Ann has been found who could have been the diarist
- 3 A certificate of removal to Dorking Horsham & Guildford MM was authorised by Devonshire House MM in November 1853
- 4 *Digest of Burial Notes*

ALEXANDER, Christopher Edward (1929-1953) ✓

Christopher Edward Alexander was born 25 January 1929 (1). 'Christopher Alexander came up to Oxford to study politics, philosophy and economics, and quickly became a leading member of the University Friends Society, becoming Clerk in his second year. While playing an invaluable part in furthering the worship and thought of the group, he also emphasised the importance of other types of activity. He therefore originated the interdenominational hockey and tennis matches, helped to organise parties and Christmas socials, and took a large share in establishing week-end work camps in Oxford. He entered fully into the life of his College, and earned the respect and friendship of many of its members.'

'Besides participating in work camps during his vacations, he helped in a camp for French borstal boys, and assisted in organising a mountaineering camp in the Lakes he loved, after the Young Friends International Gathering last summer. He took an active part in the Reading Conference itself, and was responsible for its work project.'

'After leaving Bootham, Christopher worked for two and a half years with the Friends Ambulance Unit International Service, serving as quartermaster, and as its representative upon the Young Friends Central Committee. He then chose to do five months at the coal face before coming up to Oxford, and made lasting friendships with the miners with whom he worked.'

'He felt personally concerned in world problems. He saw the projected work camp between Russians and British Young Friends as one means of tackling the world tensions, and made an important contribution to its preparations, both in Oxford in the early stages and as a member of the subcommittee now responsible. He had decided to work in Kenya after leaving Oxford, and had been provisionally accepted by the Colonial Office.'

'He will be greatly missed in Oxford. We will long remember his cheerfulness, his consideration for others, and his courage. He was slow to reach decisions, carefully exercising his judgment before committing himself, but, once he had seen a course to be right, he entered it wholeheartedly, with an infectious enthusiasm, directness and sincerity. Although his life has been so tragically short, few can have given themselves to others so fully in the service of God.' He died 24 April 1953 (2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol. lll (1953) p. 472

SEE ALSO:

The Friend, vol. lll (1953) p. 414

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

(1) Digest of Birth Notes

(2) The Friend, vol. lll

p. 414

The Friend, vol. lll (1953) p. 414

ALEXANDER, Dykes (1724?-1786)

Dykes Alexander, the son of Samuel and Martha Alexander of Needham Market in Suffolk, was born about the year 1724(1). He was a shopkeeper and mealman of Needham Market(2) and in 1747/8 he was married to Martha Biddle (1726/7-1775 qv) of Esher in Surrey(3); there were eight children(4).

He died at Needham Market on 10 April 1786, aged about sixty two(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged about 62 at death. There is no entry in Suffolk QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Kingston on 18.xii.1747 (i.e. February 1747/8): he is described as a shopkeeper and mealman of Needham Market in Suffolk, the son of Samuel and Martha Alexander of Needham Market; she is described as a spinster, the daughter of John and Abigail Biddle of Esher in the county of Surrey (Surrey & Sussex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Suffolk QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Samuel qv	b 7 viii(Oct)1749	who m 1772 Elizabeth Gurney
Martha	b 18 Jan 1753	who m 1774 Benjamin Jesup
Mary qv	b 7 Feb 1760	who d unmarried 4 Dec 1809
Sarah	b 28 Nov 1761	who d 29 June 1767
Dykes qv	b 14 July 1763	who m 1786 Hannah Brewster (1758-1820 qv)
William	b 8 April 1765	who d 12 Feb 1766
Abigail	b 19 June 1766	who d 10 Feb 1767
William qv	b 3 Jan 1768	who m 1796 Ann Tuke (1767-1849 qv)
- 5 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

ALEXANDER, Dykes (1763-1849) ✓

Dykes Alexander, the son of Dykes Alexander (1724?-1786 qv) and his wife Martha (born Biddle, 1726/7-1775 qv) of Needham Market in Suffolk, was born there on 14 July 1763(1). He was the nephew of Samuel Alexander of Needham Market, who founded the banking business of Alexander & Co and on the death of their uncle, who had remained a bachelor all his life, Dykes and his brother Samuel (1749-1824 qv) succeeded him(2). This involved his removal to Ipswich at the age of about twenty one and the management of an extensive and growing business. He was married in 1786 to Hannah Brewster (1758-1820 qv) of Edmund's Bury(3) and there were seven children(4).

He lived at Ipswich "in a comfortable old-fashioned house, situated in extensive grounds."(5) He was recorded as a minister in 1791 by Woodbridge Monthly Meeting and at various times travelled in the service of the ministry in Great Britain and Ireland. His communications were usually short and during his latter years he was seldom engaged in the ministry. He served as assistant clerk to London Yearly Meeting in 1807(6).

His wife died in 1820(7) and one of his daughters kept house for him for the remaining twenty nine years of his life(8). He died at Ipswich on 27 February 1849(9) after an illness of about twelve weeks. He was eighty five years old and was buried in Friends' burial ground at Ipswich.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Woodbridge MM in Testimonies 1850, p 6

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 P.W. Matthews and Anthony W. Tuke, History of Barclays Bank, London 1926, p 146
- 3 The wedding was at Brandon in Suffolk on 5 July 1786: he is described as a merchant of Ipswich in the county of Suffolk, the son of Dykes and Martha Alexander of Needham Market in Suffolk; she is described as of Edmund's Bury, the daughter of Richard and Catherine Brewster of Edmund's Bury (Suffolk QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 Listed in Suffolk QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Deaths as follows:-
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| *Catherine | b 13 Aug 1787 | |
| Richard Dykes qv | b 15 Aug 1788 | who m 1810 Ann Dillwyn |
| | | (1784-1868 qv) |
| | | (London & Addx QM) |
| *Henry | b 24 Aug 1789 | |
| *Hannah | b 4 May 1793 | |
| Martha | b 18 Aug 1799 | who d unmarried 18 June 1871 |
| Mary | b 18 Aug 1799 | who d 20 Aug 1800 |
| *Friscilla | b 5 Jan 1803 | |
| *No marriages traced to 1863 | | |
| 5 J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 110: source of quotation not at present (1977) to me | | |
| 6 Ibid, p 103 | | |
| 7 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: she died 4 Feb 1820, of Ipswich | | |
| 8 J Friends Hist Soc vol 23 (1926) p 91 | | |
| 9 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a banker of Ipswich | | |

SEE ALSO:-

- J Friends Hist Soc vol 27 (1930) p 14: letter from Thomas Shillitoe
 Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 13, p 116: vol 15,
 p 58: vol 16, p 125: vol 23, p 54
 Rebecca Jones
 British Folks and India, 1892
 Memoirs of Stephen Grellet, 1860, vol 1, p 308: vol 2, pp 465, 475
~~Friends Quarterly Examiner vol 42 (1908) p 310~~
~~The Friend vol 7 (1849) p 79: 1 line entry for death~~
~~Annual Monitor 1850, p 1: account of his death~~
~~Testimonies of Deceased Ministers, 15: 6~~

Additional information

Visited in 1832 by John Wilbur
~~sitting at head of Ipswich Meeting~~

note 5 (cont)

quotation from "Bygone Ipswich Friends" by Edwin R. Ransome, in Friends quart exam vol 42 (1908) p 310, which also refers to him "sitting at the head of the meeting, where his reverent and devotional mien was truly patriarchal". The writer also mentions Edward Pease, John Pease and William Forster as among those at his funeral

ALEXANDER, Edward (1788-1836)

Edward Alexander was born in Limerick in 1788, the eldest son of Samuel and Deborah Alexander, Friends.

In 1817 he married Joseph Fisher of Youghall, but it was not until 1831 that he became a minister. He now became strongly evangelical, holding many public meetings; when the cholera epidemic visited Limerick he held two meetings, charging the populace to repent and implying that the epidemic was their responsibility. The Quarterly Meeting then printed a large number of notices repeating this.

He made a prolonged visit to England and Scotland in 1835.

He died in 1836, aged 47.

Testimony of Limerick MM. in MS Test. vol.6 p.138

WBE:

Additional Information

ALEXANDER, Edward, 1788-1836.

b. April 5, 1788.

m. 1817, Jenepher Fisher, of Youghal.

Minister, 1829; acknowledged, 1831. Attended London Y.M. 1835. Diligent in attending meetings as they came in course.

d. October 9, 1836, Limerick, Ire., aged ca. 49, served as a minister for about five years.

Memorials (1843), p. 102.

An. Mon. 25, p. 3.

A Memoir of Edward Alexander, London, 1849.

Testimonies 1831-1847. No. 10.

ALEXANDER, Eliza Winifred (1874-1909) aftw Harden

[Eliza Winifred Alexander, daughter of William and Maria
Alexander of Cirencester, was married in 1901 to Petrus
Harden.

see HARDEN, Eliza Winifred (1874-1909) born Alexander]

ALEXANDER, Elizabeth (1747-1786) born Gurney

Elizabeth Gurney, the only daughter of John Gurney (1718-1779 qv) and his wife Lucy (born Gurney, 1722?-1749 qv) of Norwich, was born there on 22.ix.[November] 1747(1).

She was married in 1772 to Samuel Alexander (1749-1824 qv), a banker of Needham Market and Ipswich in Suffolk and there were six children(2). She herself came from a banking family, as her father had inherited his father's banking interests in Norwich(3).

Elizabeth Alexander of Needham Market died on 12 June 1786, at the age of thirty eight(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see ALEXANDER, Samuel (1749-1824)
- 3 See entry for GURNEY, John (1718-1779)
- 4 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Samuel

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 13, p 72: vol 23, p 87n:
Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 134

ALEXANDER, Elizabeth (1807-1846)

Elizabeth Alexander, the daughter of Samuel Alexander (1773-1838 qv) and his wife Rebecca, born Biddle, of Needham Market in Suffolk, was born there on 27 February 1807(1). In the fashion of the time she kept a lengthy journal, recording her spiritual progress and the trials she had to undergo. She died at Goldrood, near Ipswich, on 16 July 1846(2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father is described as a banker
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the daughter of Samuel

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1847, pp 1-10: lengthy description of her last illness and spiritual trials

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

ALEXANDER, Frederick (1814-1883)

Frederick Alexander, the son of Samuel Alexander (1773-1838 qv) and his wife Rebecca, born Biddle, of Ipswich in Suffolk, was born there on 17 August 1814(1). He was a member of the banking firm of Alexanders, established at Needham Market in Suffolk in 1744 and became a partner in the firm in 1845, in succession to his mother. He retired in 1882.

He was married in 1847 to Lydia Burtt Sims of Manchester(2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3). He lived for most of his life at Woodbridge in Suffolk, but he died at Ipswich on 19 September 1883, at the age of sixty nine(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

P.W. Matthews and Anthony W. Tuke, History of Barclay's Bank, London 1926, p 147

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: his father is described as a banker
- 2 The marriage was at Manchester on 2 September 1847: he is described as a bachelor, a banker of Woodbridge, the son of Samuel Alexander, a banker; she is described as a spinster of Moss Side near Manchester, the daughter of Smauel Sims, a chemist and druggist (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of Ipswich

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

ALEXANDER, George William (1802-1890) ✓

George William Alexander, son of William (1769-1819, qv) and Ann (born Barber, 1774?-1861, qv) Alexander of Bunhill Row, London, was born there on 25 April 1802 (1). He was at school at Rochester (2). When he was nearly 14 he entered the family bill-brokering business; he was 17 years old when, in 1819, his father died and in 1824 he entered into partnership in the business with his mother (3).

He married in 1835 Sarah Cleverly Horsnaill (4); there were 4 children (5). His wife died in 1843 and he married, secondly, in 1845, Catherine Horsnaill (6); there was one child (7).

He was concerned for the abolition of slavery and the slave trade and published, among other works, Letters on the slave trade, slavery and emancipation (8). He was treasurer of the British & Foreign Anti-slavery Society (9) and among his visits abroad was one in 1849-50 to the West Indies accompanied by his wife and John and Maria Candler (10).

He was one of the founders, in 1848, of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest (Victoria Park Hospital) (11).

In 1853 he moved with his family to Reigate (12). He died at Woodhatch, Reigate, on 24 November 1890, aged 88 years (13).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dondon & Middlesex QM Births Digest; his father is described as accountant
- 2 'The Alexander family's discount company' by Muriel F. Lloyd Frichard, in J. Friends hist soc vol 49 (1959-61) p.160
- 3 ibid. The article describes the development of the firm during his lifetime
- 4 The wedding was at Rochester on 5 February 1835; he is described as of Stoke Newington, Middlesex, bill broker, son of William and Ann Alexander of London; she is described as daughter of Robert and Sarah Horsnaill of Strood, Kent (Kent QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest and Digest of Birth Notes as follows:-

Mary Ann	b 29 May 1836
Robert Henry	b 2 May 1838
William Cleverly	b 21 April 1840
Henrietta	b 25 Jan 1843
- 6 The wedding was at Dover on 16 July 1845; he is described as widower, bill broker, of Church Street, Stoke Newington; she is described as spinster, of Snargate Street, Dover, daughter of William Horsnaill, cabinet maker (Digest of Marriage Registers, spelling her name wrongly as Catharine).

ALEXANDER, George William (1802-1890) continued

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REFERENCES AND NOTES (continued)

- 7 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows:-
Priscilla b 2 July 1853
- 8 Joseph Smith, A descriptive catalogue, 1867, vol 1, pp.9-10, lists his publications
- 9 see The Friendx(Load) no vol 58 (1918) p.60, which contains a few further recollections of GWA. James Sherman, Memoir of William Allen, 1851, p.409, records a conversation between P. Elout, a judge at the Hague, and GWA on the influence effected by William Allen on the subject of slavery
- 10 For further information on this visit see ALEXANDER, Catherine (1806-1878)
- 11 See appeal brochure in Friends House Library, box 210
- 12 A certificate of removal ~~MM~~ to Dorking Horsham & Guildford MM was authorised by Devonshire House MM in November 1853
- 13 Digest of Burial Notes: he is described as banker

ALEXANDER, George (1813-)

George Alexander, the son of Samuel Alexander (1773-1838 qv) and his wife Rebecca, born Diddle, of Ipswich, was born there on 19 April 1813(1). He was a member of the banking firm of Alexander, founded in Needham Market in 1774 and was admitted into partnership in 1845, with his brother Frederick (1814-1883 qv) in succession to their mother.

He was married in 1848 to Anna Olivia Sims of Ipswich(2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3). The date of his death is not at present (1977) traced(4) and he may have left the Society.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

P.W. Matthews and Anthony W. Tuke, History of Barclay's Bank,
London 1926, p 147

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: his father is described as a banker
- 2 The wedding was at Ipswich on 9 March 1848: he is described as a bachelor, a banker of Ipswich, the son of Samuel Alexander, a banker; she is described as a spinster of Ipswich, the daughter of John Sims, a physician (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 4 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

He "went to live at Sidmouth, where, for amusement, he polished pebbles from the beach, making thereof, amongst other things, a very nicely inlaid table" (E.R. Ransome, "Bygone Ipswich Friends" in Friends quart exam vol 42 (1908) p 311)

ALEXANDER, Hannah (1758-1820) born Brewster

Hannah Brewster, the daughter of Richard Brewster (1719?-1796 qv) and his wife Catherine of Edmund's Bury in Suffolk, was born there on 30 December 1758(1). She was married in 1786 to Dykes Alexander (1763-1849 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk and there were seven children(2).

For many years before her death she was kept much indoors by ill health and at times had to spend the entire day lying down. She bore her affliction cheerfully, with fortitude and resignation and died at Ipswich on 4 February 1820 at the age of sixty one(3). Some verses were written on her death.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1822, pp 131-132

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see ALEXANDER, Dykes (1763-1849)
- 3 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Dykes

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 19, p 139

ALEXANDER, Hannah (1793-1875) after 1816 Fox

[Hannah Alexander, daughter of Dykes Alexander (1763-1849 qv)
and his wife Hannah (born Brewster, 1758-1820 qv) of Ipswich
in Suffolk, was married in 1816 to Edward Fox (1789-1845 qv).]

See FOX, Hannah (1793-1875) born Alexander]

ALEXANDER, Harriette (1855-1937) born Brown

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Harriette Brown was born on 31 May 1855. Before her marriage with William H.F. Alexander in 1890 she was a governess.

She and her husband visited South Africa, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand where their visits were much appreciated by the scattered families who were drawn into a wider fellowship.

Harriette Alexander had the gift of simple understanding friendship which will be remembered by the Friends of Brighton, Worthing and Reigate Meetings as well as by those on the other side of the Equator.

She was an Elder, and an Overseer, and took an active part in any work for Temperance connected with Friends, the British Womens' Temperance Association, and the World Womens' Association.

She died on 25 January 1937

Testimony of Lewes & Chichester MM in YM Proc. 1937 p.278

ALEXANDER, Harriette (1855-1937) born Brown

Harriette Brown, the daughter of William Edward Brown (-) and his wife Abigail (born) of Halstead in Essex, was born there on 31 May 1855(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1866 to 1870(2). After leaving Ackworth she went as a pupil teacher to Sidcot School from 1871 to 1876(3), interrupted by a year spent at The Mount in York from 1872 to 1873(4). Then followed twelve or more busy years as a governess in private families.

She was married in 1890 to William Henry Fisher Alexander (1855-1941 qv), but the marriage was apparently childless(5). Her husband moved about a great deal and she was called upon to make a happy home for him in a variety of places. Holloway, Brighton, Reigate, Sidcot and Worthing in Sussex all furnished opportunities for her outgoing friendship and she served her meeting as overseer and elder.

She accompanied her husband three times on long visits to the southern hemisphere. From 1912 to 1914 they went on peace service to Australia and New Zealand. From 1920 to 1922 they were in South Africa and helped to draw together people of different race and colour, both within and without the Society. From 1926 to 1931 they gathered up the threads of previous contacts, lastly revisiting New Zealand. In all these visits Harriette Alexander was a welcome guest in many homes. She went straight into the busy life of her hostess and shared in the mending or the washing-up and in the fun and anxieties of all the family, old and young. She could speak well, but public work was not her concern, which was always with the individual.

Harriette Alexander of 26 Twitten Way, Worthing died on 25 January 1937, at the age of eighty one(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 95 (1937) p 127

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 188, entry 8454: she is entered as Henrietta
- 3 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 29
- 4 York Schools, Teachers and Scholars, p 45
- 5 For marriage see ALEXANDER, William Henry Fisher (1855-1941)
- 6 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of William Henry Fisher

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 33, p 26

WBE:

ALEXANDER, Isaac, 1680-1705.

b. 1680, Bendrig, in Killington, Westm., Eng., son of Thomas and Alice Alexander.

Convinced, 1694; became a minister, 1697; travelled into Yorkshire, 1698, and so to London. After returning home, went to Scotland, visiting all the meetings of Friends in that nation. Then to South and West England. After three years, visited all the meetings in Ireland, and most of those in England and Wales. Health soon deteriorated,

d. December 12, 1805 or 1809, Aba, near Kendal, aged ca. 25.

Piety Pro. 3rd Pt., p. 315.

John Smith's ms., p. 71.

ALEXANDER, Isabella (1821-1901) born Fisher



Isabella Fisher was born in Limerick in the year 1821
the daughter of Benjamin Clark and Mary Fisher.

In 1842 she married Samuel Alexander of Limerick, in
which town they lived for over twenty years. She was recorded
a Minister in 1866, and the next year removed with her family
to London, where they lived for a few years in the compass of
Westminster and Longford Monthly Meeting before settling at
Peckham.

In 1872 Isabella Alexander visited Meetings in Ireland
in company with her husband, and again in 1877 went to the
North of that country. In 1876 she travelled with him through
Bristol and Somerset Quarterly Meeting.

Isabella Alexander took a deep interest in the work of
the Bible Society and was particularly concerned for the wel-
fare of young people and little children.

'Her offerings in the ministry, though not long, showed
her fervent love and childlike trust in her Heavenly Father,
and were often felt to be words in season, and very helpful to
the meetings. The purity of her life was such, that it could
not fail to exercise a leavening influence upon those with whom
she was brought into contact, and the exercise of that charity
which "thinketh no evil" was one of her marked characteristics'.

Isabella Alexander died 17 February 1901, aged seventy
nine years.

Testimony of Southwark MM in YM Proc. 1902, p.195

ALEXANDER, James (1731?-1794)

James Alexander, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the son of William and Ann Alexander of Reading in Berkshire and was born about the year 1731(1).

He became a mealman at Reading(2) and was married in 1761 to Lydia Townsend (1729-1798 qv) of Reading(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

James Alexander of Reading died on 23 May 1794, at the age of sixty three(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 63 at death: his birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM or Essex QM Births Digests
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Reading on 8 September 1761: he is described as a mealman of Reading, the son of William and Ann Alexander of Reading; she is described as the daughter of William and Mary Townsend of Reading (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 No children are traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
- 5 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: he is described as a mealman

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

ALEXANDER, John (1762? - 1834)

John Alexander of Earl's Colne was born about 1762 (1). No details of parentage are given in the testimony. He became a minister about 1804.

He died on 16 February 1834 aged 72 years, and was buried at Friends Burial Ground, Earl's Colne on 21 February (2)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Coggeshall MM., in TCMD vol.6 p.75

NOTES AND REFERENCES :

1. Not in Essex QM Births Digest (Age at death, 72 - TCMD) 9/
 Not in Essex QM Marriages Digest
2. Essex QM Burials Digest

ALEXANDER, John Biddle (1812-1862)

John Biddle Alexander, the son of Samuel Alexander (1773-1838 qv) and his wife Rebecca, born Biddle, of Needham Market in Suffolk, was born there on 18 February 1812(1). As a child he had an amiable, frank and generous disposition, but he was easily led and unsuitable companions caused him to abandon for a time the principles of Quakerism in which he had been brought up.

As he grew older he saw that the practices of the world were incompatible with true religion and from this time it became his wish to regulate his conduct in conformity with Christian standards. He was a member of the banking firm of Alexander, founded in Needham Market in 1774 and was for many years an active representative of his widowed mother's interest, eventually becoming senior partner(2).

In 1836 he was married to Anna Sophia Phillips(3) and there were eleven children(4). He "resided in a fine old mansion in Northgate Street" and had a large family of sons and daughters. At the time of the assizes he vacated his residence to enable the judges to occupy it(5). He was a faithful Friend and his religion was deeply felt. Being concerned that the Reading Meetings, which had been established some time before 1861, should be the means of instructing young people in the doctrines of the Society, he compiled during the winters of 1859 and 1860 some papers which he hoped would prove helpful to spiritual growth.

It was the last service he rendered the Society. He fell ill shortly afterwards and died at Ipswich on 29 June 1862, at the age of fifty(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1863, pp 1-17

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: his father is described as a banker
- 2 P.W. Matthews and Anthony W. Tuke, History of Barclay's Bank, London 1926, p 146
- 3 The wedding was at Wandsworth on 2 June 1836: he is described as a banker of Ipswich in the county of Suffolk, the son of Samuel and Rebecca Alexander of Ipswich; she is described as the daughter of John and Ann Phillips of Vauxhall in the county of Surrey (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

4 Listed in Suffolk QM Births Digest as follows:-

*Charlotte b 5 May 1837

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

*Anna Louisa b 24 May 1838

Samuel b 18 Sept 1839 who m 1866 Mary Jane Binyon

*Albert John b 27 Dec 1840

*Emily b 6 Feb 1843

*Agnes Maria b 29 March 1844

Nelen b 17 Aug 1845 who m 1868 George Binyon

*Edith Elizabeth b 3 Feb 1847

*Mary b 25 April 1848

*Bernard Barton b 9 Oct 1849

*Constance b 2 March 1851

*Alice Olivia b 7 April 1852

*No marriages traced to 1903

5 "Bygone Ipswich Friends" in Friends quart exam vol 42 (1908) p 311

6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a banker of Ipswich

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

ALEXANDER, Joseph (1831-1912) ✓

Joseph Alexander, the son of William Henry Alexander (1799-1864 qv) and his wife Sophia (born Alexander, 1806-1865 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk, was born there on 19 December 1831(1). He was a member of a well-known Ipswich banking family. He was educated at Lawrence Street and Bootham School, York from 1844 to 1848(2).

In 1848 he began his career as a clerk in the bank and after a few years at Hadleigh he moved to Sudbury, Suffolk, in 1857. He was married in 1860 to Mercy Elizabeth Robson (1830-1893 qv) of Saffron Walden in Essex(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

In 1878 he retired from banking upon the amalgamation of Alexander's bank (of which he had become a partner in 1865(5)) with Gurney's bank of Norwich and he left Sudbury for a few years. However, he retained many links with the town, especially his connection with the Building Society. He returned in 1886 and lived in Newton Road until about 1906, at 'Northleigh', Melford Road until about 1909 and finally at 58 Friars Street(6).

He was recorded a minister in 1887(7). He was a regular attender at all meetings and his gift of expounding the Scriptures was much appreciated. The Adult School at Sudbury owed much to his interest and support(8). He was also an ardent supporter of the temperance movement; he was president of the Sudbury Temperance League, a member of the United Kingdom Alliance, a past Chief Templar and founder member of the Independent Order of Good Templars. He was a member of the local Free Church Council from its inception and in 1905 he was elected President. He was for many years local secretary of the Bible Society.

He played an active part in civic affairs, although he was never elected to the Town Council. In 1868, with a number of other citizens and Councillors, he was instrumental in securing piped water for the town as a result of a petition to the Home Office. In 1873 he was borough treasurer. He was a member of the Board of Guardians, secretary to the trustees of Municipal Charities (and a trustee) and clerk to the Common Lands Trustees. He was a justice of the peace and a commissioner of income and property taxes. An active member of the Sudbury Liberal Association, he was opposed to the Education Act of 1902 and was president of the local Passive Resisters' Committee.

He was one of the original trustees of St Leonard's Hospital in 1868 and in 1886 he became its secretary, a position which he retained until about two years before his death, when a joint honorary secretary was appointed to assist him. He was also for many years secretary and accountant to the Sudbury Permanent Benefit Building Society and secretary

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to another benefit society, the Stoke and Melford Club. He served as treasurer to many bodies and institutions, including among others the Free Church Council, the Suffolk District Lodge of Good Templars, the Literary Institute, the Station Road Penny Bank and the British Schools. "Few men have for so long a period taken such an active part in the official, religious, political and philanthropic work of a community." (Testimony)

His interests included astronomy, meteorology, conchology and fern collecting.

Joseph Alexander of 58 Friars Street, Sudbury died there on 28 January 1912, at the age of eighty and was buried at Sudbury(9).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Brief testimony of Colchester MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1912, p 247
 Obituary: Essex & Suffolk News, 3 February 1912 (Friends House vol VV/47)

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: his father is described as a banker
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 16
- 3 The wedding was at Saffron Walden on 8 August 1860: he is described as a bachelor, a banker of Sudbury, the son of William Henry Alexander, a banker; she is described as a spinster of Saffron Walden, the daughter of John Stephenson Robson, a grocer and draper (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 5 W.H.Bidwell: Annals of an East Anglian bank (Norwich, 1900) pp 381-2
- 6 Essex & Suffolk QM printed Lists of Members, 1887-1912
- 7 Friends House Library Index of recorded ministers: he was recorded on 11 May 1887 by Colchester MM
- 8 Brief testimony of Colchester MM in Y.M.Proc. 1912, p 247
- 9 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an accountant

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-~~45~~ 53

ALEXANDER, Joseph (1831-1912)

Joseph Alexander was born at Ipswich, Suffolk on 19 December 1831, ¹⁸/ the son of William Henry and Sophia Alexander (1). He was a member of the well-known Ipswich banking family.

He was educated at Lawrence St. and Bootham School York, from 1844 to 1848 (2). In 1848 he began his career as a clerk in the bank. After a few years at Hadleigh he removed to Sudbury, Suffolk, in 1857.

He married on 8 August 1860, at Saffron Walden, Mercy Elizabeth Robson, daughter of John Stephenson Robson, Grocer and Draper, of Saffron Walden, Essex (3).

In 1878 he retired from banking upon the amalgamation of Alexanders' bank (of which he had become a partner in 1865 (4)) with Gurney's bank of Norwich, and left Sudbury for a few years. However he retained many links with the town, especially his connection with the Building Society. He returned in 1886 and resided in Newton Road until about 1906/ at 'Northleigh' / Melford Road until about 1909, and finally at 58 Friars Street (5).

He was recorded a minister in 1887. He was a regular attender at all meetings, and his gift of expounding the Scriptures was much appreciated. The Adult School at Sudbury owed much to his interest and support (6). He was also an ardent supporter of the temperance movement: president of the Sudbury Temperance League: a member of the U. K. Alliance: and a Past Chief Templar and founder member of the Independent Order of Good Templars. He was a member of the local Free Church Council from its inception, and in 1905 was elected President. He was for many years local secretary of the Bible Society.

He played an active part in civic affairs, although never elected to the Town Council. In 1868, with a number of other citizens and Councillors, he was instrumental in securing piped water for the town as a result of a petition to the Home Office. In 1873 he was borough treasurer. He was a member of the Board of Guardians. He was secretary to the Trustees of Municipal Charities (and a trustee), and Clerk to the Common Lands Trustees. He was a justice of the peace. He was a commissioner of income and property taxes. An active member of the Sudbury Liberal Association, he was opposed to the Education Act of 1902, and was president of the local Passive Resisters' Committee.

He was one of the original trustees of St. Leonard's Hospital (in 1868) and in 1886 became its secretary, - a position which he retained until about two years before his death, when a joint hon.sec. was appointed to assist him. He was also for many years secretary and accountant to the Sudbury Permanent Benefit Building Society, and secretary to another benefit society, the Stoke and Melford Club. He served as treasurer to many bodies and institutions, including among others the Free Church Council, the Suffolk District Lodge of Good Templars, the Literary Institute, the Station Road Penny Bank and the British Schools.

ALEXANDER, Joseph (1831-1912) contd.

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His interests included astronomy, meteorology, conchology and fern-collecting.

'Few men have for so long a period taken such an active part in the official, religious, political and philanthropic work of a community.'

He died at 58 Friars Street on 28 January 1912, aged 80, and was buried at Sudbury on 31 January (7)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Obituary: Essex & Suffolk News, 3 Feb. 1912

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OTHER PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Brief testimony of Colchester MM in Y.M.Proc. 1912, p.247

NOTES AND REFERENCES :

1. Suffolk QM Births Digest
2. Bootham School register (York & London 1914) p.8
3. Digest of marriage registers
Mercy Elizabeth Robson was born on 3 April 1830, at Saffron Walden.
She died on 12 October 1893, aged 63
- Essex Births Digest
Digest of burial notes
No children are recorded in Digest of birth notes
4. W.H.Bidwell: Annals of an East Anglian bank (Norwich, 1900) pp.381-2
5. Essex & Suffolk QM lists of members, 1887-1912
6. Brief testimony of Colchester MM in Y.M.Proc. 1912, p.247
7. Digest of burial notes

ALEXANDER, Joseph Gundry (1848-1918)

Joseph Gundry Alexander was born on 20 April 1848, the youngest son of Samuel and Sarah (Gundry) Alexander.

When he was 15 years old he left school to assist in his father's business, but at 21 he began to study law - in particular international law - under J.Bevan Braithwaite, and subsequently took the LL.B.degree and was called to the Bar.

When quite young he interested himself in the Adult School movement, and in the Band of Hope; and later, feeling a call to promote Christian welfare in France he lived for a time in Paris. During this time he worked with the McCall Mission, and visited the Vaudois Valleys, Switzerland, Belgium and Brittany. He also visited the Channel Islands, in connection with Friends Quarterly Meeting.

He later visited France again several times, in 1908, 1915 and 1916.

He worked with enthusiasm for the abolition of opium traffic between India and China, and in 1893-4, as Secretary of the Anti-Opium Society he visited India and China with a government commission of enquiry; and he was for 25 years the Editor of 'The Friend of China'.

He was deeply concerned in the matter of peace between nations, and was a member of the International Law Society for 40 years, attending as its delegate many conferences in Europe. He was a member of the Berne Peace Bureau, and of the National Peace Council, as well as his own local Peace Union.

In 1897 J.G.Alexander was recorded a minister. He was diligent in the work of the Society, and was a member of the Friends Foreign Mission Board.

He died on 26 February 1918.

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Additional Information

ALEXANDER, Joseph Gundry, 1848-1918.

b. 1848, Bath, Eng.

ed. Frederick Taylor's School Brighton; later, Till Adam Smith's at Weston-on-Super-Mare; studied law at the Sorbonne, Paris, 1872.

m. 1881, Josephine Crosfield of Reigate; had 4 sons.

Entered father's iron-mongery business at Leominster at age 15. Lawyer. Made two visits to China in an effort to destroy the Indo-Chinese opium trade. Travelled around the world as a minister for peace and anti-opium causes. Visited Norwegian, Danish and American Friends. Removed from Croydon to Tunbridge Wells, 1896. Publication: Let No Man Depise Thy Youth: Our objection to the Opium Trade, London, 1872. Shook hands with Pope Pius X in Rome, 1907.

d. 1918, at Tunbridge Wells, aged 69.

An. Mon. 107-108, p. 2, 71 (portrait). 2. 72 (obituary).

Smith, Suppl., p. 3

The Friend, London, 58, p. 171.

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Joseph Gundry Alexander (Life of) by Horace G. Alexander, London, 1920.

ALEXANDER, Josephine (1851-1940) born Crosfield

Josephine Alexander was born 20 January 1851 (1). Josephine Alexander, who died at Reigate on December 21, (1940) in her 90th year, was born at Liverpool in January, 1851. Her father, Joseph Crosfield, was at one time Clerk of London Yearly Meeting, and took an active part in Quaker relief work after the Irish potato famine of 1846 and during the Franco-German war of 1870.

'The family moved to Reigate in 1855, and Josephine Alexander's long life was lived largely there; but during the thirty-five years of her married life the home was first at Croydon and then at Tunbridge Wells.

'When the claims of her family of four sons allowed it, she actively helped her husband, Joseph Gunary Alexander, in his Christian journeys in France.

'For some years she had been in failing health, but her overflowing love for a wide circle of family and friends, to the third and fourth generation, expressed itself especially in letters written at times of anniversaries, both joyful and sad, which showed an understanding love that was always up to date. Though she was very sensitive and timid by nature, her faith was strong and enabled her to see beyond the sin and sorrow of the times through which she lived.'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.99 (1941) p.8

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- (1) Digest of Birth Notes

ALEXANDER, Lucy (1774-1856) aftw. Maw

[Lucy Alexander, daughter of Samuel
Alexander of Needham Market, and his
wife Elizabeth (nee)
was married in 1804 to Thomas Maw]

see MAW, Lucy (1774-1856) born Alexander]

ALEXANDER, Lydia (1729-1798) born Townsend

Lydia Townsend, the youngest child of William Townsend (1686-1740 qv) and his wife Mary (born Planner, 1686-1751 qv) of Reading in Berkshire, was born there on 2.vi.[August] 1729(1).

She was married in 1761 to James Alexander (1731?-1794 qv), a mealman of Reading, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

Lydia Alexander of Reading died on 25 January 1798, at the age of sixty eight(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage see ALEXANDER, James (1731?-1794)
- 3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she is described as a widow

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

ALEXANDER, Martha (1726/7-1775) born Biddle

Martha Biddle, the daughter of John and Abigail Biddle of Esher in Surrey, was born there on 13.xi.1726 (i.e. January 1726/7)(1). She was married in 1747/8 to Dykes Alexander (1724?-1786 qv) of Needham Market in Suffolk and there were eight children(2).

She was called to the ministry about the year 1750. In 1752, with Mary Kirby, she visited Friends in London and its neighbourhood; in 1753, with Margaret Marsham, she visited the Isle of Ely; in 1771, with Mary Gurney, she visited Norfolk and in 1774, with the same Friend, she attended the quarterly meetings of Lincoln and York, taking in several other meetings on the way. "She was not usually large in her Testimony but very tender solid and weighty."

She died "at her Daughter Jesups in Woodbridge" on 18 September 1775 and was buried at Needham Market(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Ipswich MM in TCMD vol 3, p 62

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given. The Testimony gives the date of her birth as 13.xii.1726 (i.e. February 1726/7)
- 2 For marriage and children see ALEXANDER, Dykes (1724?-1786)
- 3 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Dykes

SEE ALSO:- Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 71

Samuel Stansfield: Memoirs of Ruth Follows &c (Liverpool 1829) p 65

ALEXANDER, Martha (1799-1871)

Martha Alexander, the twin daughter of Dykes Alexander (1763-1849 qv) and his wife Hannah, born Brewster, of Ipswich, was born there on 18 August 1799(1). She was a worthy woman and a faithful Friend, living in a house with a shrubbed garden opposite to the Meeting House. She was always bright and cheerful and her countenance was indicative of that "peace of God which passeth understanding." There was for many years in Felixstowe a pretty little house known as "Cousin Martha's Cottage" which in its seaside garden looked as if it had long been the abode of peace.

She died at Ipswich on 18 June 1871, at the age of seventy one(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Friends Quarterly Examiner vol 42 (1908) p 313

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the daughter of Dykes and Hannah

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

ALEXANDER, Mary (1758-1833)

Mary Alexander lived at Tottenham and later in Essex. She was the daughter of James and Priscilla Alexander of Tottenham. She travelled in the ministry with Mary Proud, Rebecca Byrd, and others.

Corder: Memorials. 1845

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.98

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ALEXANDER, Mary (1758-1833)

Mary Alexander was born in Tottenham in 1750, the daughter of Friends.

In 1781 she moved to Coggeshall, and in 1782 became a minister. From 1798 she had certificates to visit many counties. She died in 1833 aged 75.

Testimony of Coggeshall M.M., in MS Test.vol.6 p.53

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Additional Information

ALEXANDER, Mary, 1758-1833.

b. September 13, 1758, Tottenham, Eng.

Moved to Coggeshall Mo. Mtg., 1781. Called to the ministry, 1790. Visited Surry, Sussex and Kent, 1798. Resided with Mary Proud. Travelled with Rebecca Byrd in Dorset and Hants Quarters. Kind to the poor.

d. November 17, 1833 at Kelvedon, Essex.

Am. Mon. Sup., 22, p. 140.

Memorials, 1843, p. 276.

ALEXANDER, Mary (1760-1809)

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1726/7 - 1775/ Mary Alexander was born on 7 Feb. 1760, the daughter of Dykes and Martha (q.v.) Alexander of Needham Market (1). Before she had attained her 17th year she was clear that, if she was faithful to the many/festations i/ of truth, she would in due time be called to the ministry. Despite a certain amount of backsliding, and deep conflicts of spirit following the death of her last surviving parent in 1786, she was weightily called to the ministry in 1789, and entered upon it in June of that year. At various times she visited many of the counties of England, Wales, the Isle of Man and Scotland, exercising her gifts not only within the Society but among those of different persuasions. 'In the discharge of her more private duties she manifested a Heart expanded by Benevolence.'

She died on 4 December 1809 at the home of her nephew Thomas Burlingham of Worcester, of smallpox contracted after a visit to Friends, and some public meetings, in Worcester and adjacent parts. The last of these was held at Alcester on 13 Nov. 1809. She was interred at Sansom Field, Worcester 7 December (2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Woodbridge MM in TCMD, vol.4 p.292

OTHER PRINCIPAL SOURCE TO BE EXAMINED :

'Some account of Mary Alexander' in W.Evans & T.Evans (ed.): The Friends Library (Philadelphia 1849) vol.13, pp.50-93

NOTES AND REFERENCES :

1. Suffolk QM Births Digest
2. Hereford, Worcestershire & Wales QM Burials Digest: 'Spinster'

SEE ALSO :

Piety promoted (1854 ed.) vol.3 p.443

A diary of the religious experience of Mary Waring, &c. (London, 1809)
pp. 153, 220

WBE:

Additional Information

ALEXANDER, Mary, 1760-1809.

b. 1760. Mother's maiden name was Biddle.

Had a heavenly vision, 1789, and heard the words "Thou art appointed to preach the gospel." Went to Wales for about eight weeks, 1797. With Elizabeth Coggeshall visited several counties in England. Visited Scotland, 1804. Spent much of the years of her ministry in travel. Ann (Tuke) Alexander, another minister, was her sister-in-law.

d. 1809, aged 50, was a minister ca. 21 years.

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ALEXANDER, Mary Ann (1815-1913) after 1850 Corder

[Mary Ann Alexander, daughter of Samuel Alexander (1773-1838 qv) and his wife Rebecca (born Biddle) of Ipswich in Suffolk, was married in 1850 to Henry Shewell Corder (1814-1912 qv) of Writtle and Chelmsford in Essex.

See CORDER, Mary Ann (1815-1913) born Alexander]

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ALEXANDER, Mary Ann (1815-1913) after 1850 Corder

(Mary Ann Alexander, daughter of Samuel Alexander (1773-1838 qv) and his wife Rebecca, born Biddle, became in 1850 the second wife of Henry Shewell Corder (1814-1912 qv).)

See CORDER, Mary Ann (1815- 1913) born Alexander)

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ALEXANDER, Mary Barber, ca. 1804-1907.

b. 1804, London (?), Eng., dau. William and Ann (Barber) Alexander.

Accompanied Elizabeth Fry to Newgate Prison.

Her sister, Elizabeth Alexander, died on February 22, 1907, aged near 94. The sisters were buried in the same grave.

d. February 25, 1907, Reigate, aged 103.

The Friend, London, 47, p. 146, 189 (portrait). (break)

ALEXANDER, Mary Jane (1844-1911) born Binyon

cah/ MARY JANE BINYON was born on 17 April 1844. She was the daughter of Edward and Jane Binyon of Manchester. After her father's death in 1852, her mother travelled with the family in Italy, Switzerland and Germany, an experience which gave them an opportunity to learn Continental languages. On the return of the family to England, she was educated at the Mount School, York.

She married Samuel Alexander of Ipswich in 1866 where they resided for many years before finally settling at Felixstowe in whose small meeting she possessed a rarely receptive mind and gave scrupulous attention to any task in hand. She brought with her the sense of having a hold on spiritual things and an influence that rebuked over-anxiety about things of this world.

tk/ It is a beautiful result of Christ's teaching, when a nature so keenly critical as hers was, gradually becomes tempered with gentle tolerance and broad sympathy and ability to enjoy the simplest pleasures with the poor of his world.

She was President of Walton Womens Adult School and also President of British Womens Temperance Association and was on the Committee of Felixstowe Cottage Hospital.

Her loss was keenly felt in the struggling Meeting of her town where her life flowed along in service to others. Her life was more and more endowed with the power of the Holy Spirit.

She died on 12 January 1911, aged 66 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1912 p.1

ALEXANDER, Mercy Elizabeth (1830-1893) born Robson

Mercy Elizabeth Robson, the daughter of John Stephenson Robson (1802-1888 qv) and his wife Rachel (born Green, 1804-1890 qv) of Saffron Walden in Essex, was born there on 3 April 1830(1).

She was married in 1860 to Joseph Alexander (1831-1912 qv), a bank clerk of Sudbury in Suffolk, but the marriage was apparently childless(2). Her husband became a partner in Alexanders' bank in Sudbury and was a recorded minister(3).

Mercy Elizabeth Alexander of Newton Road, Sudbury died on 12 October 1893, at the age of sixty three(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a grocer
Her mother was the daughter of Joseph Markes Green (1771-1840 qv)
of Saffron Walden
- 2 For marriage see ALEXANDER, Joseph (1831-1912)
- 3 See entry for ALEXANDER, Joseph (1831-1912)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Joseph

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

ALEXANDER, Olive (1892-1942) born Graham



Olive Graham was born 27 April 1892 (1). 'Olive Graham...who died on January 14, (1942), was the eldest child of John William and Margaret Graham of Dalton Hall. In her school days at Sidcot and The Mount, and at Somerville College, her abundant vitality, intellectual perception and unfailing humour gathered round her a wide circle of friends. The same qualities marked her history teaching at The Mount and her work with young Friends.

'In 1919, soon after her marriage to Horace Alexander, they both joined the Woodbrooke staff. Numbers of old students in every continent link the names Woodbrooke and Olive Alexander. Each term she gave a talk to new students on the origins of Woodbrooke, and did this as usual only three days before she died. Woodbrookers were welcomed into her home, and collection or (sic) the flowers in the garden opened up wider worlds for shy new students. She edited the journal which keeps them still united Owing to her invalid condition, which increased from 1919 onwards, she could never attend the annual reunions when held abroad, but she made the arrangements just as if she expected to be present.

'On the last evening of term there was always by her wheeled chair a queue of leavers waiting for a last word, confident that she would never forget them; so too with the members of Cotteridge Meeting. We can be sure that her valiant spirit will still bless those who were so dear to her. A Woodbrooke colleague writes "I am grateful to God that I have seen physical disability and frustration accepted by two people and turned into an instrument for His service and His glory."

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.100 (1942) p.36

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- (1) Digest of Birth Notes

ALEXANDER, Priscilla (1848-1926)

*after 1881 Smith
Priscilla Alexander*

[Priscilla Alexander, daughter of Samuel and Isabella (1821-1901, born Fisher, qv) Alexander of Limerick was married in 1881 to James Albright Smith]

see SMITH, Priscilla [Alexander] (1848-1926) born Alexander.

ALEXANDER, Rachel (1809-1899) after 1841 Maw

(Rachel Alexander, daughter of Samuel Alexander (1773-1838 qv)
and his wife Rebecca, born Biddle, of Ipswich, was married
in 1841 to Samuel Alexander Maw (1807-1884 qv).

See MAW, Rachel (1809-1899) born Alexander)

ALEXANDER, Rebecca Biddle (1817-1887) ✓

Rebecca Biddle Alexander, the daughter of Samuel Alexander (1773-1838 ^{qv}) and his wife Rebecca, born Biddle, of Needham Market in Suffolk, was born there on 11 February 1817(1).

She suffered from extreme deafness, which often impeded her work, but her warm social qualities endeared her to a large circle of friends. At her home in Essex she tried to influence people for good by holding cottage meetings, classes for girls and particularly an evening school for boys, which proved to have encouraging and lasting results. Her love for the young was a striking feature of her character and she often kept in touch with her former pupils; a further bond of union was established between them by the formation of a Bible Union.

She was deeply interested in the cause of temperance and in her later years at Dover she kept up a large Band of Hope, which met weekly in the Friends' Meeting House. Many of her boys and girls were very rough, but she dealt with them with energy and perseverance and performed many acts of kindness towards them, in the form of social gatherings and useful gifts. She frequently visited the homes of her children, where she distributed tracts and tried to awaken in their parents a concern for the life of the spirit. Her concern for the small meeting to which she belonged was unremitting and was much appreciated by its members.

She died quite suddenly at Dover on 15 April 1887, at the age of seventy(2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

~~RECORDED IN INDEX~~

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father is described as a banker
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Belgrave Gardens, Dover, the daughter of Samuel and Rebecca of Goldrood, Ipswich

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

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1888 pp 1-4

ALEXANDER, Richard Dykes (1788-1866)

Richard Dykes Alexander, the son of Dykes Alexander (1763-1849 qv) and his wife Hannah, born Brewster, of Ipswich in Suffolk, was born there on 15 August 1788(1). He was married in 1810 to Ann Dillwyn (1784-1868 qv) of Walthamstow(2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3).

He was a member of the banking firm of Alexander established in Needham Market in 1744 and lived in a large house at the far end of St Matthews or Westgate Street, which had a large garden and a conservatory. On the front door there was a huge brass knocker, which was periodically wrenched off by some of the bright sparks of the town. He had a lifelong interest in temperance and published and kept large numbers of the Ipswich series of temperance tracts; he also built a temperance hall not far from his house and in other ways promoted the cause of temperance. During the early 1850s the temperance hall was used for a remarkable series of weekly lectures delivered by the Astronomer Royal, Professor George Airey.

Richard Dykes Alexander was an elder and occupied a leading position in Ipswich Meeting. Through his influence a visit was paid to Friends at Ipswich by Samuel Bowly (1802-1884 qv) and Edward Smith of Sheffield, who so impressed some Friends that they became total abstainers. At about this time he was also instrumental in organising relief for the survivors of the wreck of the Burgundy, carrying passengers from Germany to America; they were supplied with clothes and money in order to be able to continue their journey.

He died at Ipswich on 24 February 1866, at the age of seventy seven(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Friends Quarterly Examiner vol 42 (1908) pp 311-312

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: his father is described as a merchant
- 2 The wedding was at Tottenham on 27 September 1810: he is described as a banker of Ipswich in the county of Suffolk, the son of Dykes and Hannah Alexander; she is described as the daughter of William and Sarah Dillwyn of Walthamstow in Essex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 No children are traced in Suffolk QM Births Digest
- 4 Annual Monitor 1867, p 6: 1 line entry for death. His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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PUBLICATIONS

Observations on the subject of war
The Ipswich series of Temperance Tracts

Jos. Smith's Catalogue, Sup pp 3-4

SEE ALSO:-

- Borwick, Reminiscences, p 66
Herald of Peace, vol 9 (1866-67) p 12
John L. Eddy, A Memoir, p 121
John Jay Smith, Recollections, pp 308, 330
Life of William Lloyd Garrison, vol 4
British folk and India, 1892 (not traced in Friends House Library,
July 1977)
Memoirs of Stephen Grellet, 1860 vol 1, pp 307-308; vol 2, p 474
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 18, p 45

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ALEXANDER, Samuel (1749-1824)

Of Needham Market, Suffolk. James Jenkins contrasts his manner of preaching "words poured forth with irresistible impetuosity" with that of Thomas Colley's "sluggish delivery, words given as if with grudging and reluctance".

Piety promoted

Fennell
Note by Norman Fennell: Pen pictures (1930) p.26

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ALEXANDER, Samuel (1749-1824)

Samuel Alexander, the son of Dykes Alexander (1724?-1786 qv) and his wife Martha (born Biddle, 1726/7-1775 qv) of Needham Market in Suffolk, was born there on 7.viii.[October] 1749(1). He received a guarded education, but gay and worldly business associates led him to some deviation from Quaker simplicity in dress and manners when a young man. However, he always maintained a sincere regard for members of the Society and ministers and his house and heart were open to their service.

He was married in 1771 to Elizabeth Gurney (1747-1786 qv) of Norwich(2) and there were six children(3). The shock of her death fourteen years later led him to see the vanity of this world and the insufficiency of temporal enjoyments. About 1789 he came forth in the ministry and became an example 'in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.' He visited frequently within his quarterly meeting and in several other parts of England. He constantly attended London Yearly Meeting, repeatedly visited Wales Half-Year's Meeting and twice visited Scotland. He wrote a number of pamphlets on various subjects.

He was a nephew of Samuel Alexander, the founder of Alexanders' bank of Needham Market and Ipswich and with his brother Dykes (1763-1849 qv) he succeeded his uncle in its management(4). He retired at an early age, However, to devote much of his income to hospitality and benevolence and his time to the service of the Society. At the onset of his last illness (a 'spasmodic affection of the chest') he was engaged in devising means for the employment of the children of the poor in his own neighbourhood.

Samuel Alexander of Needham Market died on 15 December 1824, at the age of seventy five and was buried at Needham Market(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Woodbridge MM in TCMD vol 5, p 213

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Gregory's parish, Norwich, on 14 July 1772: he is described as a merchant of Needham Market, the son of Dykes and Martha Alexander of Needham Market in Suffolk; she is described as the daughter of John and Lucy Gurney of Norwich (Norfolk & Norwich QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 3 Listed in Suffolk QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Samuel qv	b 16 June 1773	m 1805 Rebecca Biddle (London & Mddx QM Marriages)
Lucy qv	b 18 May 1774	m 1804 Thomas Maw
*Martha	b 16 Oct 1775	
John Gurney	b 18 Jan 1778	d 16 May 1778
John Gurney	b 14 Jan 1781	d 16 June 1781
*Elizabeth	b 17 July 1782	

*No marriages traced in Suffolk QM Marriages Digest to 1837

4 W.H.Bidwell, Annals of an East Anglian bank (Norwich 1900) p 374

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

SEE ALSO:

- Piety Promoted (1854 ed.) vol 4, p 239
Memoirs of the life, and travels, in the service of the gospel of Sarah Stephenson (London 1844) p 221
J. Evans (ed.), A journal of the life, travels and religious labours of William Savery, &c (London 1844) p 221
A diary of the religious experience of Mary Waring &c (London 1809) p 157
Notice of death, 1824 Vol SS/90
Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 13, p 72: vol 16, p 13:
vol 22, p 28: vol 23, pp 82, 87n: vol 30, pp 27n, 86: vol 35, p 52:
Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) pp 20, 26n, 38n, 56n, 59, 75, 85, 96, 106:
Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) pp 134, 148, 211

PUBLICATIONS

An address to the members of the two Monthly Meetings constituting the Quarterly Meeting of Friends of the county of Suffolk	1812
Serious thoughts on the fall and restoration of man: with some remarks on the doctrine of predestination and original sin	1814
Remarks on the Loan Fund	1814
Tender caution and counsel to such as join the Society of Friends through convincement	1816
Brief remarks on the discipline among Friends, particularly as it relates to Tythes and to those who pay them	1818
Remarks on Dr. Adam Clarke's Discourse on the nature, institution and design of the holy eucharist &c	1819
A letter to Friends of Great Britain	1820

Joseph Smith's Catalogue, vol 1, p 11

ALEXANDER, Samuel (1749-1824)

Samuel Alexander was born at Needham Market, Suffolk, 7.viii.^[Oct.] 1749, the son of Dykes and Martha Alexander (1). He had a 'guarded' education, but 'gay and worldly' business associates led him to some deviation from Quaker simplicity in dress and manners when a young man. However, he always maintained a sincere regard for members and ministers, and his house and heart were open to their service.

He married 14 July 1772 at Norwich, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Lucy Gurney of Norwich (2).

The shock of her death 14 years later led him to see the vanity of this world and the insufficiency of temporal enjoyments. About 1789 he came forth in the ministry and became an example 'in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity'. He visited frequently within his QM and in several other parts of England. He constantly attended London YM, repeatedly visited Wales Half-Year's Meeting, and twice visited Scotland. He wrote a number of pamphlets on various subjects (3).

He was a nephew of Samuel Alexander, the founder of Alexander's bank ^{9/5/} of Needham Market and Ipswich, and with his brother Dykes he succeeded his uncle in its management (4). He retired at an early age, however, to devote much of his income to hospitality and benevolence, and his time to the service of the Society. At the onset of his last illness (a 'spasmodic affection of the chest') he was engaged in devising means for the employment of the children of the poor in his own neighbourhood.

He died 15 December 1824, and was buried at Needham Market 22 Dec. (4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Woodbridge MM in TCMD vol.5 p.213

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 Suffolk QM Births digest

2 Norfolk & Norwich QM Marriages digest

Elizabeth Gurney was born 22.ix.^[Nov.] 1747. She died 12 June

1786 - Norfolk & Norwich Births digest

Suffolk QM Burials digest

Cont. on next sheet.

Children:

Samuel	born 16 June 1773
Lucy	born 18 May 1774
Martha	born 16 Oct. 1775
John Gurney	born 18 Jan. 1778
John Gurney	died 16 May 1778
Elizabeth	born 14 Jan. 1781
	died 16 June 1781
	born 17 July 1782
- Suffolk QM Births digest	
Suffolk QM Burials digest	

3 These were:

An address to the Members of the two Monthly Meetings constituting the Quarterly Meeting of Friends of the county of Suffolk (Ipswich 1812)

Serious thoughts on the fall and restoration of man: with some remarks on the doctrines of predestination and original sin by Aquila (London 1814)

Remarks on the Loan Fund (Needham 1814)

Tender caution and counsel to such as join the Society of Friends through convincement (York 1818)

Brief remarks on the discipline among Friends, particularly as it related to Tythes, and to those who pay them (York 1818)

Remarks on Dr. Adam Clarke's Discourse on the nature, institution and design of the holy eucharist, commonly called the sacrament of the lord's supper by Verax (Stockport 1819)

A letter to Friends of Great Britain (London 1820)

- J. Smith, A descriptive catalogue of Friends' books &c
xvi (London 1867) vol.1 p.11.

4 W.H. Bidwell, Annals of an East Anglian bank (Norwich 1900/ p.374)/

5 Suffolk QM Burials digest

SEE ALSO

Piety promoted (1854 ed) vol.4 p.239

Memoirs of the life, and travels, in the service of the gospel of Sarah Stephenson (London 1807) p.110

9/ J. Evans (ed), A journal of the life, travels, and religious labours of William Savery, &c (London 1844) p.221

9/ A diary of the religious experience of Mary Waring &c (London 1809)
p.157. Vol. SS (90).

Notice of death, 1824

vol 55/90

See also next sheet

WBE:

Additional information:

ALEXANDER, Samuel, 17⁴⁹-1824.

Withdrew early from business.

ca. 1789, minister.

Skillful in adjusting differences, and a peacemaker.

1812-1820, author of treatises on doctrine, discipline, loan fund, tythes, etc.

Author: Serious thoughts on the fall and restauration of man . . ., by Aquila, York, 1818.

d. suddenly, 15 Dec., 1824, Needham Market, Suffolk, aged 75, a minister about 35 years.

An. Mon., 14:2.

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

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:11.

WBE

ALEXANDER, Samuel, ca. 1763-1826.

b. 1763.

Oversher. Strict integrity in his transactions.

d. May 28, 1826, Limerick, Ire., aged 63.

Corder, Memorials, p. 83.

ALEXANDER, Samuel (1773-1838)

Samuel Alexander, the son of Samuel Alexander (1749-1824 qv) and his wife Elizabeth, born Gurney, of Needham Market in Suffolk, was born there on 16 June 1773(1). He was married in 1805 to Rebecca Biddle of Esher in Surrey(2) and there were twelve children(3).

He was a partner in the banking firm established at Needham Market in 1744 by Samuel Alexander, who was descended from William Alexander, the first of the family to join the Society of Friends; a connection was established with the Gurneys, who were bankers in Norwich. At the time when Samuel Alexander (1773-1838) was active in the banking world one of his partners was Richard Dykes Alexander (1788-1866 qv), who retired in 1827 and after Samuel's death in 1838 his interest was maintained by his widow Rebecca.

Samuel Alexander was described by one who knew him in later life as a striking illustration of a fine old ancient Friend; tall, well-proportioned, erect and with a commanding look which assured respect. He lived at Goldrood, a fine house on high ground which commanded extensive views of the river Orwell and the surrounding countryside. Some of the members of his family were interested in collecting fossil shells from Suffolk Crag and on one occasion they assisted in entertaining Mr Brown of Stanway, a prominent local geologist who was interested in their collection; Mr Brown presented to the British Museum Natural History Department a fine collection, which was known as the "Brown Collection."

Samuel Alexander died at Ipswich on 3 May 1838(4), at the age of sixty four.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Philip W. Matthews, History of Barclays Bank, ed. Anthony W. Tuke
London 1926, pp 145-146
Friends Quarterly Examiner, vol 42 (1908) p 311

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Esher on 28 February 1805: he is described as a banker of Ipswich in Suffolk, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Alexander of Needham Market in Suffolk; she is described as the daughter of John and Rebecca Biddle of Esher in Surrey (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

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

Sophia qv	b 18 Feb 1806	who m 1830 William Henry Alexander (1799-1864 qv)
*Elizabeth	b 27 Feb 1807	
Ellen Maria qv	b 5 April 1808	who m 1850 William Norton
*Rachel	b 19 Nov 1809	
*Samuel	b 4 Nov 1810	
*John Biddle	b 18 Feb 1812	
George	b 19 April 1813	who m 1848 Anna Olivia Sims
Frederick	b 17 Aug 1814	who m 1847 Lydia Burtt Sims
Mary Ann	b 20 Nov 1815	who m 1850 Henry Shewell Corder (1814-1912 qv)
*Rebecca Biddle	b 2 Nov 1817	
*Charlotte	b 29 June 1818	
*Gurney	b 7 Sept 1819	

*No marriages traced to 1880

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a banker of Ipswich; his age at death is given as 65

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 49 (1959-1961) p 160: The Alexander family's discount Company, by Muriel F. Lloyd Prichard
Annual Monitor 1839, p 3: 1 line entry for death

ALEXANDER, Samuel (1809-1884)

Samuel Alexander, son of William (1769-1819, qv) and Ann (born Barber, 1774?-1861, qv) Alexander of Kennington Place, Lambeth, London, was born there on 26 August 1809 (1). ✓

(2):

He married in 1835 Sarah Gundry (1809-1860, qv); there were 7 children (3).

At the time of his marriage he was an ironmonger in Gloucester: between 1837 and 1839 the family moved to Cirencester and between 1841 and 1843 to Bath (4). He was a strict Friend and an abolitionist and superintended a free-labour depot in Bath for the sale of such goods as sugar and cotton which had not been produced by slave labour (5).

In 1855 the family removed to Leominster where Samuel Alexander took an ironmongery business (6). He died there on 26 May 1884, aged 74 years (7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as accomptant
- 2 The wedding was at Calne on 30 September 1835: he is described as of Gloucester, ironmonger, son of William and Ann Alexander of London; she is described as daughter of Joseph Fry and Martha Gundry of Calne (Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Gloucester & Wilts Births Digest and in Digests of Birth and of Burial Notes as follows:

Anna Maria	b 10 April 1837	d 8 Feb 1856 aged 18 yrs
Edward	b 26 Jan 1839	
Samuel Joseph, qv	b 23 July 1841	
George William	b 12 Aug 1843	d 28 July 1855 aged 12 yrs
Henry	b 25 Nov 1845	d 8 Sept 1846 aged 1 yr
Joseph Gundry, qv	b 20 April 1848	
Sarah Ann	b 22 Jan 1851	d 30 Nov 1858 aged 8 yrs

The eldest child was born at Gloucester, the next two at Cirencester and the youngest four at Bath
- 4 See notes 2 and 3 above. He is described as ironmonger in the entry concerning the birth of his eldest child, ~~and~~ as gentleman in that relating to the second. No description is given in the entries relating to the remaining children
- 5 Horace G. Alexander, Joseph Gundry Alexander, [1920], p.21
- 6 ibid p.22
- 7 Digest of Burial Notes: he is described as gentleman

ALEXANDER, Samuel (1810-)

Samuel Alexander, the son of Samuel Alexander (1773-1838 qv) and his wife Rebecca, born Biddle, of Needham Market in Suffolk, was born there on 4 November 1810(1).

He was apparently unmarried(2) and the date of his death is not at present (1977) traced(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: his father is described as a banker
- 2 No marriage is traced in the Digest of Marriages, or in Suffolk QM Marriages Digest
- 3 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

ALEXANDER, Samuel (1818-1907)

(1788-1836qv)

Samuel Alexander was the eldest child of Edward Alexander and Jenepher (born Fisher) and was born in Limerick on 10 December 1818. He was educated at Newtown School, Waterford.

Fisher
(1821-
1901qv)

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In 1841 he started in business on his own account and the following year he married Isabella, the daughter of Benjamin Clark and Mary Fisher; there were apparently ~~one~~ children(1). In 1867 the business in Limerick was given up and the Alexanders, with their three youngest children, moved to London. During the next five years Samuel Alexander found himself in an environment of low moral and religious standards, but his perseverance in well-doing won him life-long friends among his fellow employees and he found invaluable help in the Wednesday evening meetings at Devonshire House.

His father had been a recorded minister and as a schoolboy Samuel had hoped for grace one day to be a minister also. But the circumstances of his early married life hindered him and it was only in meetings for discipline that he had served the Society in Ireland. In 1868, however, experience had deepened his nature and he again felt the call to the ministry. He visited different meetings in and around London, as well as Sunday Schools and mission meetings and in February 1872 he was recorded a minister by Westminster & Longford Monthly Meeting. In that year also he moved to Peckham, where he lived the rest of his life.

During the next thirteen years he travelled repeatedly under minutes, visiting meetings in seven quarterly meetings in England, as well as in Ireland and Scotland; he also visited Friends' schools. His ministry was marked by clearness of testimony to Christ as a living personal Saviour and he had ever a loving word for the young.

As the years passed his wife's quiet, loving nature and deep, simple faith powerfully influenced his more eager, hasty disposition and those who knew him personally were much impressed by the softening of his spirit in later life.

Samuel Alexander of 28 Erlanger Road, New Cross, London died on 1 March 1907, at the age of eighty eight(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Southwark MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1907, p 211

SEE ALSO

Annual monitor 1908 p 1

continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The children are listed in London & Middlesex QM printed lists of members, at Westminster & Longford MM and Southwark MM, as follows:-
 - Mary Jane
 - *Priscilla qv b 17 Aug 1848 m 1881 James Albright Smith (1850-1919 qv)
 - *George Frederick
 - Edward [Fisher]
William Henry qv b 15 March 1855 m 1890 Harriette Brown (1855-1937 qv)
 - Charles Bewley qv b 29 Aug 1858 m 1887 Mary Haughton Haughton
 - ~~Joseph Cundey~~ m 1881 Josephine Crosfield
- *No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1925
- 2 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired accountant

SEE ALSO:-

- Annual Monitor 1831, p 47: poem on the death of Robert Fowler
J Friends Hist Soc vol 3, p 56: G.Fox's Watch Seal
vol 4, pp 87-98: Reminiscences of American Friends
Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 3, p 117: vol 4, pp 96n
159: vol 13, p 98n: vol 28, p 60: Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 204

ALEXANDER, Samuel Joseph (1841-1930)

Samuel Joseph Alexander was born 23 July 1841 (1). 'Samuel Joseph Alexander, of Bournemouth, who passed away on the 24th (April, 1930) at the advanced age of 88, was a son of Samuel Alexander, of Leominster, one of that remarkable family of eight, two of whom, Mary Barber and Sarah Ann Alexander, became centenarians, and whose average age was about 90 years. Samuel Alexander lived the shortest life of the eight, his death occurring at the age of 74 years 9 months. The family were descended from the founder, in 1810, of the well-known City banking firm of Alexanders, Discount Brokers. Samuel Joseph Alexander, brother of the later better known Joseph Gundry Alexander, married a sister of the late William Edward Turner, Editor of the British Friend. He was an acknowledged Minister, the Monthly Meeting recording him on the same day as it 'recorded' the ministry of the late Henry Stedley Newman. Up to within three weeks of his decease he had taken vocal part in the Bournemouth meeting.

'In middle life, accompanied by his wife, Samuel Joseph Alexander travelled a good deal abroad, visiting the Near East, including Syria and Palestine, and Italy, Algeria and Southern France. He was an artist in oil colour and brought back many landscapes and figure subjects executed by himself in those countries. His interests were wide, and those who knew him valued his kindly disposition, his shrewdness, his humour, and his sterling character.'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol. 70 (1930) p.377

SEE ALSO:

The Friend, vol. 70 (1930) p.415

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- (1) Digest of Birth Notes

ALEXANDER, Sarah Cleverly (1801-1843) born Horsnaill

Sarah Cleverly Horsnaill, daughter of Robert and Sarah Horsnaill of Strood, Kent, was born there on 28 June 1801 (1). She married in 1835 George W. Alexander (1802-1890, qv)(2). She died at Shorn, Kent, on 20 June 1843, aged 41 years (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- Kent QM Births
1 / Digest ~~of Birth Notes~~: no description of her father is given
2 For details of the marriage and children, see ALEXANDER, George William (1802-1890)
3 Digest of Burial Notes: she was a member of Gracechurch Street MM

ALEXANDER, Sarah (1809-1860) born Gundry

Sarah Gundry, daughter of Joseph Fry and Martha (born Naish, 1774-1845, qv) Gundry of Calne, Wilts, was born there on 14 January 1809 (1). She married in 1835 Samuel Alexander (1809-1884, qv) (2).

During the first 20 years of their marriage they lived successively in Gloucester, Cirencester and Bath (3). In 1855 they moved to Leominster and in 1857 she became a minister (4). Her ministerial journeys were confined to her own quarterly meeting.

She published in 1860 A voice from the wilderness (5).

She died at Leominster on 22 April 1860 aged 51 years (6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Hereford & Radnor MM in TCMD vol 7 p.217

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: her father is described as woolstapler
- 2 For details of the marriage and children see ALEXANDER, Samuel (1809-1884)
- 3 For details of the dates of the moves see ALEXANDER, Samuel (1809-1884)
- 4 Her first appearance in the ministry was at the funeral of her son George who was drowned while bathing in 1855 (Horace G. Alexander, Joseph Gundry Alexander, [1920] p.23)
- 5 Joseph Smith, A descriptive catalogue, 1867, vol 1 p.11: a letter from Sarah Alexander to William Hodgson, 5.iv.60, is printed in Selections from the correspondence of William Hodgson, 1886, pp.276-80
- 6 Digest of Burial Notes

WBE:
Additional Information

ALEXANDER, Sarah, 1809-1860.

1860, A voice in the wilderness ... (Gloucester). ✓

This is a protest, consisting largely of quotations from ancient faithful Friends against the leaven of "professionism" which had begun to transform London

Y. Mtg. d. 22 April 1860, Leominster.

An. Mon., N.S. No. 19, p. 1.

The Friend, London, XVIII, p. 100.

F.H.L. Sw. BX7632.

ALEXANDER, Sophia (1806-1865) ~~born Alexander~~ ✓

Sophia Alexander was born at Ipswich in 1806, the eldest child of Samuel and Rebecca Alexander. She first spoke as a minister in meeting for worship when she was about twenty-one years old, and from her journals it is evident that she spoke under a sense of deep concern. In 1830 she married William Henry Alexander and four years later was recorded a minister by Woodbridge Monthly Meeting. In 1837 she paid a visit to York Meeting and to families of Friends of that Meeting, and subsequently visited Friends in her own Quarterly Meeting and those of Essex, Kent, and Norfolk and Norwich. In 1856 she paid an extended visit to Lancashire and Cheshire Quarterly Meeting, accompanied by her friend Sarah Forster. Wherever she went, she frequently addressed meetings of those outside our Society, being concerned to demonstrate the practical nature of the Christian religion as held by the Society of Friends. Her husband died in 1864, and during a visit to his relatives shortly afterwards she visited the meetings of Pickering and Hull Monthly Meeting and the families of Friends in Hull Particular Meeting. She was diligent in the service of her own Quarterly Meeting and Monthly Meeting and for several years acted as Clerk of the Women's Monthly and Quarterly Meetings. Being blessed with considerable physical and mental energy she was a tower of strength to her friends and neighbours, particularly in times of illness or trial. Her interests were wide, and she took a prominent part in establishing the Friends First Day School in Ipswich, and in the work of the Ladies Bible Association. She cheerfully joined with others of different religious denominations in work for various philanthropic organizations in the town.

In March 1865 she visited London and Middlesex Quarterly Meeting and also held many public meetings, mainly in the poorest districts of the metropolis. She later attended Yearly Meeting and served as Clerk to the Women's Meeting, an office she had frequently filled. Returning home in June, she soon began to show the first symptoms of a serious illness which led to her death on 25 November 1865. She was in her sixtieth year, and had been a minister for about 38 years. She was buried in Ipswich Cemetery on 1st December.

ALEXANDER, Victor William (1887-1963) ✓

Victor W. Alexander, the son of Edward A. and Coralie Ida Casilda (Zwicker) Alexander, was born at Highgate on 6 April 1887 (1). He was destined to spend more than half his life in the North of England. He was a commemoration scholar at Bootham (2) and afterwards spent fourteen years as a teacher there. He then served for 10 years as a Housemaster at Leighton Park (3) spending the remaining twenty three years of his life at Low Park, Loweswater. His 'retirement' had coincided with the outbreak of war. He undertook teaching at Lancaster, and later at Cockermouth Grammar School. He had retired early to devote himself more fully to the service of the Meetings and Quaker Schools, especially to Brookfield School. He gave long service to Meeting for Sufferings and the Central Committees.

A Conscientious Objector in the first World War, he felt it right to take up part time service in the second World War by joining the Home Guard.

He married in 1927 Elisabeth Trefaine Cullen: there were two children (4).

Throughout his life he remained a faithful and active Friend, and it was very clear that all his many activities and concerns blossomed and bore abundant fruit because they were rooted in deep spiritual experience.

He died on 14 January 1963.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Pardshaw MM in YM Proc. 1963 p.62

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bootham school register, 1935, p.16. There is no entry in Digest of Birth Notes, his mother presumably being a non-Friend
- 2 Bootham commemoration scholarship fund 1879-1929 p.21 (Friends House Box L 3)
- 3 He was also senior French master: see Friend vol. (1930) p.272
- 4 Bootham school register which lists the children as:-

Christopher Edward	born 1929
Margaret Casilda Trefaine	born 1932

Christopher died while at Oxford University

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ALEXANDER, William (1768-1841)

William Alexander, bookseller, publisher and author, of York, was a native of Needham Market, son of Dykes and Martha Alexander. In 1796 he married Ann Tuke (1767-1849) of York, and in 1808 they took charge of the school for girls in York. The bookselling business was opened about the year 1811. In 1813 the publication began of The annual monitor.

Annual monitor 1842
J. Smith: Catalogue
J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 2, 11, 14, 15

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

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Additional Information

ALEXANDER, William, 1768-1841.

b. January 3, 1768, Needham Market, Suffolk, Eng., son of Dykes and Martha (Biddle) Alexander. *Schooled at Handsworth.*

ed. Schooled at Handsworth. Apprenticed at Luton, in corn and mealing trade.

Author ~~or~~ editor of numerous publications, 1811-1840, including the Annual Monitor, a catechism, prospectus for a revised edition of the King James version of the Bible (which for lack of support was only partially completed), suggestions for improving the constructions of Friends' Meeting Houses, biographies, and pleas for peace, sabbath observance, freedom for slaves, etc. Severely ill, 1830, Quakerism Unmasked, York (Amicus), 1839.

A more severe illness, 1841, during which time he was lovingly waited upon by his niece.

d. April 2, 1841, York, Eng., aged 73.

Smith, I, p. 12.

An. Mon. 30, pp. 1-14.

ALEXANDER, William (1769-1819)

William Alexander, son of William (1733-1785, qv) and Elizabeth (born Day) Alexander, was born at Stroud, Kent, on 31 January 1769 (1). After his father's death in 1785 the family was scattered and William Alexander was successively in Reading, Huntingdonshire and back in Kent before settling in London in 1792 (2).

His first post was that of a clerk in the banking house of Smith, Wright & Gay. He was later with Robarts & Curtis and in 1806 a partner in the firm of John Rickman & co. In 1810, having been doing business as a bill broker for some years, he set up for himself as Alexander & Co. (3).

He had married, in 1801, Ann Barber (1774?-1861, qv) (4); there were 9 children (5).

William Alexander died at Kennington Place, Lambeth, on 12 November 1819, aged 50 years (6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes: no description of his father is given
- 2 'The Alexander family's discount company' by Muriel F. Lloyd Prichard, in J. Friends hist soc vol 49 (1959-61) p.157, where details of the certificates of removal are given
- 3 ibid pp.158-9, where the financial position of the firm is outlined
- 4 The wedding was at Doncaster on 13 February 1801: he is described as of Bunhill Row, London, accountant, son of William (deceased) and Elizabeth Alexander of Rochester, Kent; she is described as daughter of William and Mary Barber of Eckington in Derbyshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

George William, qv	b 25 April 1802
Mary Barber	b 11 Sept 1803
William Dollin	b 24 June 1805
Ann	b 1 April 1807
Henry	b 6 June 1808
Samuel	b 26 Aug 1809
Frederick	b 15 April 1811
Elizabeth	b 13 April 1813
Sarah Ann, qv	b 15 Jan 1817

d 1 July 1807 aged 3 months

The Friend ns vol 57 (1917) p.83, in noting Sarah Ann Alexander's 100th birthday, calculated that at that date the average age of the 8 children surviving infancy was 89 years 6 months

- 6 Digest of Burial Notes: no description is given. He died after an illness of 10 weeks caused by a fall from a coach (Prichard loc cit p.159)

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ALEXANDER, William Henry, 1799-1864.

b. May 4, 1799, Needham Market, Yorks. son William D. (1768-1841) and Ann (Tuke) Alexander

ed. Aquainted with Greek, Latin, Botany, Geology.

m. Sophia Alexander (1806-1865), minister, in 1830.

Elder. Quiet Friend, learned beyond many of his contemporaries.

Publications: The Chronology of the Ancient World..., 1838;

The Book of Praises: being the Book of Psalms...with Notes...

(published posthumously after being edited by his family, 1867.)

An Alderman, member of the Town Council.

d. January 14, 1864, Bank House, Ipswich, aged 64, after a few days of illness.

The Friend, London, 4, p. 46. . . . b6 440

Memorials of William H. Alexander and Sophia Alexander of Ipswich,
London, 1867.

Smith, Supp. 1, p. 4.

An. Mon. N.S. 23, p. 1.

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ALEXANDER, William Henry (1799-1864)

William Henry Alexander, the son of William Alexander (1768-1841 qv) and his wife Ann (born Tuke, 1767-1849 qv) of Needham Market in Suffolk, was born there on 4 May 1799(1). He was a banker of Ipswich (2) and was married in 1830 to Sophia Alexander (1806-1865 qv) of Ipswich(3); there were six children(4).

He was a quiet man, learned beyond his compeers, and was acquainted with Greek, Latin, botany and geology. His thoughtful face, as he sat on an upper seat facing the meeting, had a power of influence in it and his judgment, modestly expressed in meetings for discipline, always commanded respect. He lived at Bank House, near the meeting house, and was an alderman and a member of the Town Council.

He died at Bank House after a brief illness on 14 January 1864, at the age of sixty four(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Friends' Quarterly Examiner vol 42 (1908) p 309

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his burial entry, note 5
- 3 The wedding was at Ipswich on 2 June 1830: he is described as of Ipswich in the county of Suffolk, the son of William and Ann Alexander of York; she is described as the daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Alexander of Ipswich (Suffolk QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Suffolk QM Births Digest and the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Joseph	b 19 Dec 1831	who m 1860 Mercy Elizabeth Robson
Mary	b 5 April 1833	who d 22 April 1848
*Anne Sophia	b 4 Nov 1834	
*William	b 24 Jan 1836	
*Elizabeth		
Rebecca	b 10 Jan 1838	
*Alfred Tuke	b 7 Dec 1842	
*No marriages traced to 1903		
5 Digest of Deaths:	he is described as a banker of Ipswich	

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

ALEXANDER, William Henry (1799-1864)

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PUBLICATIONS

The Book of Praises, being the Book of Psalms, ed. by his family . . . 1867

The Chronology of the Ancient World . . . 1838

Joseph Smith, Supplement, p 4

SEE ALSO:-

The Friend vol 4 (1864) p 46: notice of death only

Annual Monitor 1865, p 1: notice of death only

Friends Hist. Library, Swarthmore, PY7615

Memorials of William H. Alexander and Sophia Alexander of Ipswich, London 1867

ALEXANDER, William Henry Fisher (1855-1941)

Isabella / William Henry Fisher* Alexander, the son of Samuel Alexander (1818-1907 qv) and his wife Jemapher (born Fisher, 1821-1901 qv) of Limerick in Ireland and London, was born at Limerick on 15 March 1855. He was educated at Newtown School, Waterford and at Sidcot School from 1867 to 1870(1). He returned to teach at Newtown for a year, before coming back to Sidcot as a teacher from 1871 to 1878(2). He afterwards went to the Flounders Institute and to University College, London, where he took his B.A. and B.Sc. degrees.

He was married in 1890 to Harriette Brown (1855-1937 qv), a former pupil teacher at Sidcot(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4). His marriage was a very happy one and lasted nearly fifty years. Two years later he gave up teaching to join his brother Edward as an insurance broker in London and this gave him the opportunity to serve on central committees of the Society; he became chairman of the War & Social Order Committee. He was an elder and was recorded a minister by Pontefract Monthly Meeting on 8 November 1886(5). In 1898, on account of his wife's health, they went to live at Brighton.

His special contribution to the life of the Society of Friends was as a living link between Friends in South Africa, Australia and New Zealand with the main body of London Yearly Meeting. At the end of the Boer War in 1902 he and his wife visited the concentration camps in South Africa on behalf of Friends Relief Committee and were instrumental in allaying much bitterness by having many treasured Boer Bibles returned to their owners from British soldiers who had taken them as souvenirs.

From their new home at Reigate in 1912 and from Sidcot later they made many journeys linking Friends overseas with those at home. In 1912 to 1914 he and his wife were in New Zealand and Australia and he gave valued support to Friends in their opposition to the military training of schoolboys. Further visits were made to South Africa in 1920 to 1922 and in 1926 to 1929, followed by a two years' visit to Friends in Australia and New Zealand. William Alexander spent six months as head of Hobart School during the absence of the headmaster on a much needed furlough and he and his wife lived for some time in the area of Auckland Meeting.

In 1931 they settled at Worthing in Sussex. William Alexander had previously been clerk of Sussex, Surrey & Hants Quarterly Meeting and he entered once more into the life of the meeting. When, after his wife's death his own physical powers declined, Preparative Meetings and elders' meetings were held at his home and with an alert mind he shared in their deliberations. He was never afraid of new ideas and in political and religious thought loved to keep himself abreast of the times. He was always ready to help those who approached him with questions and his

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ALEXANDER, William Henry Fisher (1855-1941)

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gathered wisdom was shared by all in personal talk and through his ministry in meeting. He was spoken of as "a Beloved Brother, a Faithful Friend, a wise Elder and a helpful Minister." (Testimony)

William Henry Fisher Alexander of 26 Twitten Way, Worthing died on 15 June 1941, at the age of eighty six(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 119 (1941) pp 310-311

Testimony of Sussex, Surrey & Hants QM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1942, p 190

*He was named William Henry at his birth and appears so in his marriage entry; he apparently adopted 'Fisher' later in life

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 3
- 2 Ibid
- 3 The wedding was at Halstead on 27 March 1890: he is described as a bachelor, a tutor of Bolton, Lancashire, the son of Samuel Alexander, a book-keeper; she is described as a spinster of Halstead, Essex, the daughter of William Edward Brown, an outfitter (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 5 Friends House Library Index of recorded ministers
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired school-master

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 1, p 39: vol 2, p 42: vol 28, p 60

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Editor of Friends Christian Fellowship Union Circular for 1894-95
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dated Auckland, New Zealand Vol QQ (51)
The Friend vol 60 (1920) pp 415, 417 - visit to South Africa
see also 1921, 1922

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ALEXANDER, William Henry Fisher (1855-1941)

William Henry F. Alexander was born in Limerick on 15 March 1855. He was educated at New~~Town~~, Waterford, and returned there to teach after being at Sidcot from 1867-1870. After seven years he went to Flounders Institute, took his London B.A degree in 1880 and became a Tutor until going to University College for his London B.Sc.degree.

In 1890 he married Harriette Brown of Halstead, Essex, a former mistress at Sidcot, a happy partnership which lasted for nearly 50 years.

W.H.F.Alexander left the teaching profession to join his brother Edward as Insurance Broker in London and now had opportunity to serve on central Committees of the Society, becoming Chairman of the War & Social Order Committee. He was an Elder and Recorded Minister and from 1897 to 1905 Clerk of Westminster & Longford Monthly Meeting.

In 1898 on account of his wife's health they went to live in Brighton, bringing the blessing of their genius for friendship.

South /
At the end of the Boer War in 1902 he and his wife visited the Concentration Camps in ~~South~~ Africa on behalf of Friends Relief Committee, and were instrumental in allaying much bitterness by having many treasured Bibles returned to their owners from British soldiers who had taken them as souvenirs

South /
From their new home at Reigate in 1912 and from Sidcot later they made many journeys linking Friends overseas and those at home. One of these undertaken at the age of 71 lasted five years, taking them to ~~South~~ Africa, Australia and New Zealand, strengthening Meetings and sharing the home life of Friends. At Hobart W.H.F. Alexander took charge of the school for a year, giving the Headmaster a much-needed furlough.

In 1931 they settled at Worthing. W.H.F.Alexander had previously been Clerk of Sussex Surrey & Hants Q.M. and he now entered once more into the life of the meeting. When, after his wife's death in 1937, his own physical powers declined, Preparative Meetings & Elders Meetings were held at his home and with mind alert he shared in the deliberations. He was spoken of as a Beloved Brother, a Faithful Friend, a wise Elder and a helpful Minister.

He died on 15 June 1941

ALEXANDER, Winifred (1874-1909) aftw Harden

[E. Winifred Alexander, daughter of William and Maria
Alexander of Cirencester, was married in 1901 to Petrus
Harden.

see HARDEN, Eliza Winifred (1874-1909) born Alexander]

ALLAN, Janet (1810?-1900) born McPherson

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Janet McPherson was born in the Carse of Gowrie, her father, David McPhee son being the village blacksmith at Ninewells near Dundee: as a child she helped in the smithy. She owed much to the influence of a godly mother, and when at eight years of age she found her father deeply distressed about the illness of her little brother, it was natural for her to pray for him and to tell her father that God would answer her prayer. As her serious disposition caused concern for her health, the doctor recommended that she should be sent to dancing classes: the child tried to resist this, believing it to be wrong, but obeyed her father's wish in the matter and became skilled in dancing. When she was fourteen her mother died, and she took on responsibility for the family. She married at 18.

Her recovery from cholera changed her outlook on dancing, mirth and song, and she believed that God had granted her recovery so that she should work for him and for the good of mankind. She found useful fields for her work and was also an eager seeker after truth. Although brought up in the Church of Scotland, after a while she absented herself from services and waited on God in silence in her room at home, afterwards being joined in this practice by a few others. Finally she discovered that the principles she treasured were those of Quakers, and when a few Friends visited Dundee, she joined them. She founded Dundee Meeting and also started practical philanthropic and rescue work.

She also took a prominent part in the YWCA work, the British Women's Temperance Association, and in work for 'the fallen'. She was the first in Dundee to sign the total abstinence pledge and her husband started the Dundee Temperance Society. Despite a busy family life she took an active part in many philanthropic activities in the city.

She led many to think of the higher life and recommended 'faith in God as necessary in every condition of life'. She died at the age of 90 on 9 December 1900.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1902 p.148

SEE ALSO

Verses in memory of her by MMAS, 1901 (Friends House vol. 0/17)

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ALLAN, Janet, ca. 1810-1900.

b. ca. 1810, the Carse of Gowrie, Scotland; dau, of David McPherson, village blacksmith, at Ninewells.

ed. Taught to dance

Her mother died, 1824, she had to mother large family;
skilled in herbal remedies.

m. 1829, Bailie James Allan. "Diamond wedding," 1889, with
four generations present.

Brought up in Scots Church, was a seeker for about sixteen
years, sat in room to wait upon God. Some Friends held a meeting
in Dundee, she joined Society of Friends. Became founder of
Friends' Mtg. at Dundee. Joined in philanthropies; became a
minister ca. 1849, wore Quaker dress and experienced answers to
her prayers.

d. December 9, 1900, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, aged 90.
Was a minister for over 50 years.

An. Mon., N.S. 60 p. 148.

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The Friends, London, 40, p. 866; 41, 25 (portrait).

WBE:

ALLAN, William, -1898

See ALLEN sic . This spelling is preferred by the writer of the account in the Bulletin of Friends Historical Assn., 47, 1958: 94. Fred Ryon was a young man of about twenty years in 1882 when he traveled in ministry as companion to William Allen. Ryon was 97-99 years old at the time he consulted with T Canby Jones about publishing his article about William Allen, which finally came for publishing in 1958.

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ALLCARD, John (1779-1856)

John Allicard, the son of John and Sarah Allcard of Leek in Staffordshire, was born there on 22 February 1779(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1789 to 1791(2).

He was married some time before 1805 to Mary Ann(3) and there were eleven children(4).

He served for a time on the Country Committee for Ackworth School(5) and also as Assistant Recording Clerk to London Yearly Meeting(6).

John Allicard of Burton Closes, Bakewell in Derbyshire died on 9 April 1856 at the age of seventy seven(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 25
- 3 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests for England and Wales
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

*James	b 16 Sept 1805	
*William	b 30 June 1809	
Henry	b 23 Feb 1811	who d 24 April 1831
Maria	b 1 March 1813	who d 6 Dec 1829
Ellen	b 25 Dec 1814	who m 1840 William Maw Shillitoe
*Sarah	b 7 Feb 1817	
*Thomas	b 14 Dec 1818	
*Edward	b 8 Dec 1820	
*Robert	b 9 Sept 1823	
*Mary Ann	b 5 July 1825	
*George	b 25 March 1827	
- *No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 5 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
- 6 J Friends Hist Soc vol 28, p 36 and vol 29, p 44
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman; his age is given in error as 78

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WBE:

ALLEE, Marjorie (Hill), 1890-1945.

Writer.

b. 2 June, 1890, Carthage, Indiana, d. William B.
and Anna Mary (Elliott) Hill.

Earlham College 1906-08, University of Chicago, 1911.

m. Warder Clyde Allee. Three children.

Member 57th St. Meeting, Chicago.

Author of 14 stories for children, interpreting
"Quaker" ways of life.

d. 30 Apr., 1945, Chicago, Ill., in her 55th year.

The Am. Friend, 33:193.

Who was who in America, 21.

The Friend (Phila.), 118(1945):375.

Friends Intelligencer, 80 (1923):850; 112 (1955):197.

ALLEE, Warder Clyde, 1885-1955.

b. 5 June 1885, near Bloomington, Indiana; son of John W. and Mary Newlin Allee.

ed. 1902, graduated from Bloomington Academy (Ind.); B. S. 1908, LL.D. 1940, Earlham College; Ph.D. 1912, University of Chicago.

m. (1) 4 September 1912, Marjorie Hill (see ALLEE, Marjorie Hill, 1896-1945); three children, Warder, Molly and Barbara.

(2) June 1953, Ann Silver of Montreal, Canada.

Taught at the University of Illinois, Williams College, University of Oklahoma, Lake Forest College, University of California and National Summer School at Logan, Utah. He was instructor at the Woods Hole, Mass. laboratory in the summer from 1914 to 1921 and spent most of his summers there ever since.

1921-1950, on the University of Chicago faculty.

1925-1939, Trustee of Earlham College.

1930, struck with a rare spinal malady which finally left him completely dependent on a wheel chair.

1935-1954, managing editor of the journal Physiological Zoology.

1950, became head of the biology department of the University of Florida.

He was a charter member of 57th Street Mo. Mtg., Chicago and active for many years on the Executive Committee of the American Friends Service Committee in Chicago.

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ALLEGRANZA, Helen (1927?-1963)

Helen Allegranza was born in 1927? 'Helen Allegranza, who was known to many Friends for her active part in the nuclear disarmament movement, was found dead in bed at her home in London last Monday. She had complained at the weekend of feeling ill.'

'Helen Allegranza was Welfare Officer of the Committee of 100. She was released from Holloway Prison last September after serving eight months of a twelve months' sentence imposed upon her and five other members of the Committee of 100 for their part in a demonstration at the Wethersfield air base. During her imprisonment she went on hunger strike several times. She was 34 years of age.'

She died 21 ? January 1963.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol. 121 (1963) p.99

SEE ALSO:

The Friend, vol. 121 (1963) p. 164

ALLEN, Agnes (1847-1904) born Marriage

Agnes Marriage, the daughter of John Marriage (1810-1880 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Marriage, 1809-1874 qv) of Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford in Essex, was born there on 10 August 1847(1).

She was married in 1871 to Henry John Allen (1838-1918 qv) of Dublin and there were eight children(2).

Agnes Allen died in 1904(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children see ALLEN, Henry John (1838-1918)
- 3 Annual Monitor 1919/20, p 78

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

ALLEN, Alfred (1839-1917)

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Alfred Allen was born on 17 May 1839 at Belfast in Northern Ireland. He was the son of William Bell and Ruth Allen, and the family moved to Sydney, Australia, while he was still a child.

He was apprenticed to an Engineer, but had to give this up for health reasons. After that he took part in an attempt to found a Settlement in Queensland, but after illness and failure he returned to Sydney, and worked first in the printing trade, and later, - with some success - in the business of insurance. He became M.P. in the New South Wales Parliament.

In 1864 he married Amelia Petford, and she soon afterwards became a Friend.

A naturally serious-minded young man, he went through a time of much difficulty and perplexity, finding himself surrounded by an Evangelicalism which he could not accept. Finally, holding to the tenets of Quakerism as laid down in Barclay's 'Apology' he emerged a convinced Friend, but was disowned by his Meeting; thirty years later he was received back into membership.

He was the first Secretary of the Eight Hour Movement, and worked for the passing of the Early Closing Act.

In 1898 he went to live at Lawson in the Blue Mountains, ~~and~~ in 1910 returned to live in his old home at Waverley, where he died on 5 August 1917.

9/ Testimony of Sydney M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1918, p.312

see also next sheet

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ALLEN, Alfred (1839-1917)

Alfred Allen, the son of William Bell and Ruth Allen, was born in Belfast, Ireland on 17 May 1839. He was still quite young when he went out to Sydney with his mother, brother, sister and stepsister, his father having preceded the family by about three years and laid the foundation of a successful manufacturing business.

In 1864 he married Amelia Petford who soon after joined the Society of Friends, but the Society as then constituted in Sydney was too orthodox and too compromising for Alfred Allen. It had adopted the doctrines of the Evangelical Schools which Alfred Allen had discarded, having deliberately accepted the tenets of Quakerism as laid down by Barclay. He was disowned by his meeting, but thirty years later was taken back into membership. During this period, however, he was as uncompromising a Quaker as ever, and for two years gathered round him a group of young men for Bible study on Quaker lines.

Dissatisfied with things as they were among Friends in Sydney, Alfred Allen with a party of young men left for Queensland with a view of starting a Friends' settlement in the neighbourhood of Buderim Mountain. It was a hard struggle and after a serious illness, he worked his way back to Brisbane, going on to Sydney to start life afresh.

First in the printing trade and afterwards in insurance he met with some success and in 1889 was returned to the NSW Parliament as member for Paddington, a seat he held for ten years. His sympathies were always with the weak and downtrodden - he had been the first Secretary of the Eight Hour Movement and was largely instrumental in placing the Early Closing Act on the Statute Book of the Colony.

In 1898 he went to reside at Lawson in the Blue Mountains where he spent what were probably the most peaceful years of his life. He returned to his old home at Waverley in 1910 in failing health.

Alfred Allen died on 5 August 1917.

Testimony of Sydney MM in YM Proc.1919, p.312

see also previous page

WBE:
Additional Information

ALLEN, Alfred,

1868, A Vindication of the Truth, Etc. In answer to
a pamphlet by some members in Sydney dissenting from
doctrines in a Printed Epistle.

Smith, Suppl., p. 5.

ALLEN, Ann (1722?-1759) born Birkhead

Ann Birkhead, the daughter of William and Ann Birkhead of London, was born about the year 1722(1).

She was married in 1752 to William Allen (1730-1808 qv), a brewer of London and there were four children(2).

Ann Allen of the parish of St Georges, Middlesex, died of an apoplectic fit on 10 December 1759, at the age of thirty seven(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 37 at death. Her birth is not traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see ALLEN, William (1730-1808)
- 3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: no description of her is given

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

ALLEN, Ann (1755-1809) after 1777 Miller

[Ann Allen, daughter of William Allen (1730-1808 qv) and his first wife Ann (born Birkhead, 1722?-1759 qv) of Middlesex, was married in 1777 to John Miller (1743?-1808 qv).]

See MILLER, Ann (1755-1809) born Allen]

ALLEN, Ann (1764-1829) after 1792 Fry

[Ann Allen, daughter of Joseph and Anne Allen, was married in
1792 to Joseph Sterrs Fry (1767-1835, qv).]

SEE FRY, Ann (1764-1829) born Allen]

ALLEN, Ann (1764 -1829) after 1792 Fry

[Ann Allen, daughter of Joseph and Ann Allen of Barton Regis in Gloucestershire, was married in 1792 to Joseph Storrs Fry (1767-1835 qv).]

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WBE:

ALLEN, Anne, later FRY ca. 1764-1829

see Anne FRY

ALLEN, Catherine (1765-1844) after 1806 Jepson

(Catherine Allen, daughter of Samuel and Mary Allen of Banbury, was married in 1806 to George Jepson (1743-1836 qv).)

See JEPSON, Catherine (1765-1844) born Allen)

WBE:

ALLEN, Charles, ca. 1776-1843.

b. ca. 1776, Phila.(?) Pa.

ca. 1809, joined Friends. Overseer and elder.

Accompanied ministers on religious visits. Member of
Monthly Meeting of Friends for the Southern District
(Pine St.).

Had difficulty in breathing and loss of sleep.

Heart ailment with sudden departure.

d. 26 Jan., 1843, Phila., age ca. 67.

Piety promoted, 1890, p. 225.

Also: Quaker Necrology lists The Friend (Phila.),
16 (1843):164.

WBE:

ALLEN, Charles J., 1822-1887.

b. December 17, 1822, Phila., Pa., son of Charles and Rebecca (Jackson) Allen.

m. Martha D. House, 1854.

Elder. Very helpful in the interests of the Westtown School, and in its building program.

Frail health.

d. May 10, 1887, Phila. Pa., aged 6 $\frac{4}{5}$.

Piety promoted, 7, p. 469.

The Friend, Phila., 60, p. 368.

Hinshaw, 2, p. 698.

ALLEN, Charlotte (1815-1882)

Charlotte Allen was born in Dublin in 1815, the daughter of Edward and Eleanor Allen, and lived for the whole of her life within the compass of Dublin Monthly Meeting.

She was recorded a minister in 1856, and during the twenty years following she paid several visits in different parts of England and Ireland.

'Although of a meek and lowly spirit, she was yet endued with that holy boldness which becomes a Gospel minister. Her testimony was clear with respect to the love of our heavenly Father, the fulness and freeness of the Gospel, to the cleansing efficacy of the blood of Christ, and to the mighty power of the Holy Spirit in all his blessed work.'

Charlotte Allen died on 18 April 1882.

Testimony of Dublin MM in YM Proc. 1883, p.vii