ROBINSON, Agnes (1793-1891) **after 1817 Smithson**

[Agnes Robinson, daughter of George Robinson (-)
and his wife Elizabeth (born)
of Kirkby Kendal in Westmorland, was married in 1817 to
James Smithson (1786-1848 qv) of Burton in Kendal.

See SMITHSON, Agnes (1793-1891) born Robinson]

MEG June 1984

ROBINSON, Alfred (1859-1913)

Alfred Robinson, the eldest son of William (1832-1908 qv) and Mary Ann (1831-1901, born Brearey) Robinson, was born on 14 September 1859 at Croydon School, where his father was headmaster (1). He suffered a serious illness as a very young child (2).

In 1870 his family moved to Bradford, Yorkshire (3), and in 1871 he was sent to Ackworth School, but was removed after two years on account of ill-health. The remainder of his education took place at a day-school near Bradford, and, after his family moved to Scarborough in about 1873, at Thomas Walton's School at Oliver's Mount. On leaving School he was articled to Drawbridge & Rowntree, solicitors, of Scarborough, and while with them gained the London University LL.B. by hard private study in his spare time. A few years afterwards he was taken into partnership by a large Nottingham firm of solicitors and lived in that town for a number of years, during which he took part in many branches of philanthropic work, and 'was associated with a band of earnest and intellectual young men... who made themselves a power for good in the town' (4).

In 1891 he moved to London to build up a branch of his firm, in Lincolns Inn (5). He took a leading part in starting the work at Marchmont Hall in the field of adult education, which afterwards developed into the Passmore Edwards Settlement in Tavistock Place, and gave his time and professional services unstintingly. From 1897 until his death he was chairman of the Settlement, and rarely missed a meeting of its Council (6).

On 12 August 1893 Alfred Robinson married Rose Mary Howard Swain, a non-Friend, at the church of St James Norlands, Notting Hill (7). The couple settled at Bushey, and afterwards at Watford (8); there were five children of the marriage (9).

Alfred Robinson died on 15 March 1913 after a very short illness, at Watford (10). He remained a member of the Society of Friends to the end of his life, but "although his sympathies were with Quakerism, his energies found scope in civic life rather than in the work of the Society" (11).

NOTES AND REFERENCES:

1 Digest of Births, where his father is described as a schoolmaster; Ackworth OSA Report, 1913, pp.101-102. William Robinson had moved into the compass of Kingston MM in 1857, with a certificate from York MM (Kingston MM List of Members, 1860, with additions to 1870)

2 Ackworth OSA Report, 1913, loc cit

contd.

NOTES AND REFERENCES contd.

3 ibid: Kingston MM List of Members 1860, notes that the family were given a certificate to Brighouse MM in November 1870

4 Ackworth OSA Report 1913, loc cit. William Robinson had also been an Ackworth scholar, 1841-1846, and was later headmaster there in 1903 during Frederick Andrews' six months' leave. Elfrida Vipont, Ackworth School, 1959, p.141, writes that Henry Thompson took charge during Frederick Andrews' absence, with the help of William Robinson.

5 Ackworth OSA Report 1913, loc cit. On 12 November 1891 he brought a certificate from Nottingham & Mansfield MM to Devonshire House MM (Devonshire House MM Minutes, vol 23, p.422). The Lists of Members of London & Middlesex QM from 1892 to 1903 give his address as 8 Stone Buildings, Lincolns Inn.

6 Speech delivered by Mrs.Humphrey Ward, secretary of the Passmore Edwards Settlement, at the Settlement, on 19 March 1913, in Watford & West Herts Observer, 29 March 1913 (Friends House Library newspaper cuttings, vol QQ p.4); Ackworth OSA Report 1913, loc cit.

7 Devonshire House MM Minutes, vol 24 p.5, recorded the fact on 14 December 1893, as having been reported by one of the overseers, and concluded that no further action should be taken.

8 Devonshire House MM Minutes, vol 25 p.219, record the issue of a certificate to Luton & Leighton MM for Alfred Robinson, on his removal to Watford in 1903.

9 Not entered in Digest of Births; given in the List of Members of Bedfordshire QM, 1915, as follows :-

Beatrice Howard
Jessica Howard
Rosemary Howard
Dorothea Howard
Edward Howard

10 Digest of Deaths

11 Ackworth OSA Report 1913, loc cit; presumablythe reason for the absence of obituaries in The Friend and The British Friend

ROBINSON, Amos (1697-1775)

Amos Robinson, the son of John and Elizabeth Robinson of Somerdale near Countersett in Yorkshire, was born there on 24.vii.(September)1697.(1) His parents were well esteemed in the Society and he was carefully educated by them in the principles of Truth. As he grew older his religious life deepened, until in the thirty seventh year of his age he received a gift in the ministry, in which he "proved a faithful Labourer according to the Talent received. He travelled several times in the Service of Truth which we believe was to the Edification of the Churches, and peace to his own Mind, he was a diligent & constant attender of our Meetings for Worship & Discipline, in which his deportment was solid & Weighty, and zealously concerned to maintain good Order, Unity & Concord amongst us. A True Traveller for Sion's Welfare, and often while ability of Body permitted, engaged in that weighty and acceptable Service of visiting Families, in which he was enabled to Labour to the rousing of the Careless & negligent."

In 1746/7 or 1747/8 he married Jane Pratt(2) and there were four children of the marriage.(3)

He died after a long illness on 7 May 1775(4), aged seventy eight and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Bainbridge, a minister for about forty one years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Testimony of Richmond MM (Yorkshire) 7 March 1776 in TCND vol.3 pp.94-5

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given The Testimony gives the year of his birth as 1696

2 The wedding was at Countersett on 9.i.1747 (i.e.probably March 1746/7 but possibly March 1747/8): he is described as of Sumerdale in the parish of Aisgarth, Yorkshire: no description of her is given (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 18.i.(March)1748/9
John	b 6.v.(July)1750
Richard	b 30.vi.(August)1751
Hannah	b 4 January 1753

4 His death is not recorded in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest

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

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ROBINSON, Ann -1662.

Minister.

1660 imprisoned with Oswell Heritage in London.

1662 came with Heritage and John Taylor to Jamaica.

d. 1662 in Jamaica.

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 10 (1913):121

WBE:

ROBINSON, Ann

1751 wrote An epistle of tender caution and advice...

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:503

ROBINSON, Ann (1747-1797) after 1768 Binns

[Ann Robinson, daughter of John Robinson (-)
and his wife Margaret (born)
of Crawshawbooth in Lancashire, was married in 1768 to
David Binns (1740/1-1809 qv).

See BINNS, Ann (1747-1797) born Robinson]

ROBINSON, Ann (1818-1890) after 1852 Fearon

[Ann Robinson, daughter of John Robinson (-)
and his wife Mary (born)
of Eaglesfield in Cumberland, was married in 1852 to
Isaac Fearon (1803-1858 qv).

See FEARON, Ann (1818-1890) born Robinson]

ROBINSON, Bertha (1852-1878) after 1875 Gibbins

[Bertha Robinson, daughter of Martin Robinson (1813 - 1897) and his wife Maria (born) of Newtimber in Sussex, was married in 1875 to John Gibbins (1848-1931 qv).

See GIBBINS, Bertha (1852-1878) born Robinson]

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WBE:

ROBINSON, Clara, afterwards O'Brien, c.1862-1938

see

O'BRIEN, Clara, nee Robinson, c.1862-1938

ROBINSON, Deborah (1737/8-1809) after 1758 Pim

[Deborah Robinson, daughter of Anthony and Margaret (born Bewley) Robinson, was married in 1758 to James Pim (1732-1809 qv) of Rushin in Ireland.

See PIM, Deborah (1737/8-1809) born Robinson]

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ROBINSON, Elizabeth (1759-1789) after 1781 Swan

[Elizabeth Robinson, daughter of Thomas Robinson (-)
and his wife Ann (born

ROBINSON, Elihu (1734-1809)

Elihu Robinson lived at Eaglesfield, Cumberland.
He was a prominent meterologist. In 1757 he married
Ruth Mark.

Friends quart. exam. 1890-1893
Newcastle Friends. 1899. p.165
J. Friends hist. soc. vol.15,16
Lives of John Dalton
MSS at Friends House

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.68

ROBINSON, Elizabeth (1800?-1884) after 1846 Howitt

[Elizabeth Robinson of Sidcot in Somerset, the daughter

ROBINSON, Elizabeth (1794-1866) after 1820 Jackson

(Elizabeth Robinson, daughter of John and Eleanor Robinson, was married in 1820 to Jonathan Jackson.

See JACKSON, Elizabeth (1794-1866) born Robinson)

ROBINSON, Elizabeth (1828-1881) after 1854 Elgar

[Elizabeth Robinson, daughter of Isaac Robinson (1791-1875 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Collier, 1786-1857 qv) of Manchester and Maidstone in Kent, was married in 1854 to John Elgar (1787-1877 qv).

See ELGAR, Elizabeth (1828-1881) born Robinson]

MEG May 1981

ROBINSON, Elizabeth (1839-1931) born Greer

Elizabeth Robinson, daughter of Joseph Webb and Susannah (nee McDonnell) Greer of Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, Ireland, was born in 1839. She went to Melbourne, A Australia about 1858 and married Edward Gayner Robinson. They had seven sons, three dying in infancy.

On the early death of her husband, Elizabeth Robinson brought her four sons to be educated in England, returning to Australia in 1887.

They lived at Camberwell until 1912 and their home, shared by her sister Annie Greer, was a centre of warm hospitality and friendship.

A devoted mother, an unfailing friend, a cheeful disposition and a sympathetic understanding born of her own experiences, were qualities which made her a wise and helpful Overseer of Melbourne Meeting.

She died on 17th April 1931.

Testimony of Melbourne M.M. in Y.M. Proc. 1932, p.236

ROBINSON, Elizabeth (1729-1804) aftw. Gibson, born Hoyle

[Elizabeth Hoyle, daughter of John and Mary Hoyle of Burnley, Lancs, was married in 1754 to Joshua ~~Rabain~~ Robinson (-) of Wensleydale. In 1778 she married George Gibson.

see GIBSON, Elizabeth (1729-1804) formerly Robinson, born Hoyle

ROBINSON, Elizabeth (1729-1804) aftw. Gibson, born Hoyle

[Elizabeth Hoyle, the daughter of John Hoyle and
his wife Mary (nee) was married
in 1754 to Joshua Robinson
in 1778 to George Gibson

see GIBSON, Elizabeth (1729-1804) formerly Robinson
born Hoyle]

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Additional reference

ROBINSON, Elizabeth, nee Hoyle, afterwards Gibson, 1729-1804

see Elizabeth GIBSON

WBE:
Additional references

ROBINSON, Elizabeth, 1729-1804, nee Hoyle, afterwards Gibson

see Gibson, Elizabeth for biog.details.

Comly Frds. Misc., X:224

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 10:131; 21:64

Bowden, History, 2:292

ROBINSON, Elizabeth (1815-1899) born Sutton

Elizabeth Sutton, the daughter of Richard and Mary Sutton, was born on 20 October 1815 at Carlisle, where she spent her earlier years. She had a charming personality, alert, cheerful, bright, of a wide range of interests like her mother before her. She made her farmhouse home in the fells a centre of intellectual refinement and warm human interests. Her father died when she was young, and she and her mother became very united in thoughts and interests.

She married Wilson Robinson of Whinfell Hall (1): there were seven children (2). Although brought up in a town, she entered fully and practically into farmhouse life. She was a regular attender at Pardshaw Hall Meeting and at MMs and QMs, and was never too busy to give a warm welcome to her friends. She was throughout life a decided Friend by conviction, warmly interested in the Society. Her Christian faith was simple and expansive. At the end of her life she suffered much from lameness, cheerfully borne.

She died at the age of 84 on 5 October 1899.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Annual monitor, 1900, p.153.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. The wedding was at Broughton on 3 May 1849: he is described as bachelor, yeoman, of Whinfell Hall, son of Wilson Robinson, yeoman; she is described as spinster of Derwent Bank, daughter of Richard Sutton, wine merchant, (Digest of Marriage Registers).
2. Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows:-

Mary Elizabeth	born 16 November 1850
Jane	15 January 1852
John Wilson	5 August 1853
Emily	22 May 1855
Richard Sutton	29 January 1858
Edmund) Arthur)	15 January 1861

ROBINSON, Ellen (1840-1912)

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Ellen Robinson was a member of Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting, and was recorded a Minister in the year 1885

'She visited a large number of meetings under religious concerns. Her addresses, carefully thought out and clearly reasoned, and accompanied with deep personal experience and conviction, were calculated to inspire serious thought and create an enthusiasm for great moral causes in the hearts of those to whom she appealed. It was abundantly evident that her faith in and abiding sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit, with belief in the overshadowing love of her Heavenly Father, gave her strength and wisdom in setting forth the truths of the Gospel.'

Ellen Robinson was keenly interested in the Peace issue, and was for four years a member of the West Derby, Liverpool, Board of Guardians.

She died 6 March 1912

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Hardshaw West MM, in YM Proc. 1912, p.271

OTHER PRINCIPAL SOURCES TO BE EXAMINED :

Friend n.s.52 (1912) pp.158, 183
British Friend 1912 p.84
Friends quart.exam. 1912 p.147
Annual monitor 1913 p.108

SEE ALSO :

Opinions on vivisection (Box 135)
Addresses at Croydon during YM 1909 (vol. MM/52)
Christian world, 14.iii.1912 (vol. PP/110)

WBE:
Additional information

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ROBINSON, Ellen, 1840-1912

b. 14 March 1840 in Liverpool, England.

ed. liberally, including two years at a school at Neuwied on the Rhine in Germany.

With her sister Louisa kept a successful boarding school at Liverpool.

1886 began to give addresses regarding international peace. In 3 years made 116 speeches.

1894 became Secretary of the Peace Union. She was also an advocate of higher education for women.

d. March 6, 1912 in Liverpool, aged 71 years.

No new references

ROBINSON, Emily (1864-1948) after 1886 Harlock

[Emily Robinson, daughter of Alfred Robinson (1823-1876 qv) and his wife Mary (born Whitlow, 1824-1913 qv) of Lymm in Cheshire, was married in 1886 to Edward Baker Harlock (1859-1932 qv) of Middlewich in Cheshire and Grasmere.

See HARLOCK, Emily (1864-1948) born Robinson]

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ROBINSON, Erna Maylis (1895 - 1978) b. Bamford

Erna Bamford was born in Karelia, Finland on February 2, 1895, her father was an Englishman who had emigrated to Finland and her mother was a Finn. She was the third of six children and had a happy childhood, the family moved to Helsinki to solve schooling problems. She intended to train as a P.E. teacher but changing her mind began instead to train for nursing. Before she could qualify the Russian-Finnish war broke out and English families had to leave the country, they arrived in Hull and found refuge in the home of the Robinson family in Hull. The third son of the family, William Arthur and Erna fell in love and were married at Hull Presbyterian church on 20, August, 1921.(1) Arthur had been in contact with (? a member of) Friends Ambulance Units during the war and when they moved to N. Staffordshire where he obtained a teaching post in Newcastle they began to attend, and finally joined, Stoke meeting.(2)

Erna was an elder and an overseer of the meeting and was a great strength to it, offering generous hospitality to all. She also served on Meeting for Sufferings for a short period.(3) In 1961 the sudden death of her eldest daughter Thelma was a shock from which she never really recovered, and her health deteriorated. The last ten years or so of her life were also spent in looking after her husband.

She died peacefully in hospital on July 30, 1978 aged 83.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE Testimony of Staffordshire MM

Y.M.Procs. 1979 pp 163/4.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Silver wedding announcement - The Friend 1946 p. 679
2. Warwick/ Leics & Staffs QM printed lists of members record then as attenders at Stoke from 1922 - 1938, and as members in 1939.
3. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.
   Meeting for Sufferings - 1950/51.

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ROBINSON, George
Also WBE

George Robinson of London, a young man, is known only for his adventurous journey to Jerusalem. In his account of this, printed in A Brief History of the Voyage of Katharine Evans and Sarah Cheevers, 1715, pp.207 ad fin., he writes, 'In the year, 1657, about the beginning of the Seventh Month [Sept.] as I was waiting upon the Lord... did command me to go unto Jerusalem: And further said unto me, Thy Sufferings shall be great, but I will bear thee over them all'. How this was accomplished is told in much detail in his own account and by Croese (Hist. 1696, pt. ii. p.272), Sewel (Hist. 1722), Besse (Suff.ii.392), Hodgson (Select Historical Memoirs of Friends, 1868, chap.xiv), and others.

There was a travelling preacher named George Robinson, who visited Oliver Sansom, c.1660 (Oliver Sansom, 1710, p.17)

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.481

WBE:

ROBINSON, George, 1809-1874

b. 1809

Lived at Manchester, Eng.

m., Lucy Binyon

1852, partner in the firm Binyon, Robinson & Co.

He was an elder and occupied a prominent position among the Friends of Manchester Meeting.

d. Dec. 29, 1874 at Bowdon, Manchester, aged 65.

Biog. Cat., 574

An. Mon. (N.S.), 34(1876):151

ROBINSON, Hannah (1785-1872) after 1806 Simpson

[Hannah ~~Ro~~ Robinson, daughter of George and Elizabeth (born Fell) Robinson of Plumgarths, Westmorland, was married in 1806 to Joseph Simpson (1781-1857 qv).

see SIMPSON, Hannah (1785-1872) born Robinson)]

WBE:

ROBINSON, Henrietta Howland, afterwards Green, 1834-1916

see GREEN, Henrietta Howland Robinson

ROBINSON, Isaac (1791-1875)

Isaac Robinson, the son of George Robinson (-) and his wife Elizabeth (born) of Leeds, was born there on 23 January 1791(1).

He became a hatter at Hull in Yorkshire(2) and was married in 1824 to Sarah Collier (1786-1857 qv) of London(3); there were three children(4). Between 1825 and 1828 he moved to Manchester(5) and some time between 1837 and 1839 he settled as a grocer at Maidstone in Kent(6).

Isaac Robinson of Canterbury died on 18 December 1875, at the age of eighty five(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a clothier
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Maidstone on 18 August 1824: he is described as a hatter of Hull in Yorkshire, the son of George and Elizabeth, late of Maidstone in Kent; she is described as the daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah of London (Kent QM Marriages Digest)
4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

William Collier	b 29 Sept 1825	d 29 July 1826 (Lancs QM Burials Digest)

and in Lancashire QM Births Digest and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Elizabeth qv	b 19 Jan 1828	m 1854 John Elgar (1787-1877 qv)
Isaac	b 8 Oct 1829	d 17 Dec 1837, aged 8

5 His elder son was born in Yorkshire in 1825; his daughter Elizabeth was born at Cheetham in Manchester in 1828
6 See entry for ELGAR, Elizabeth (1828-1881)
7 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

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WBE:

ROBINSON, James, c.1801-1867

b. c.1801 at Colchester, England. He was the son of a non-commissioned officer of the army.

J.R. went to sea on a merchantman.

c.1823 entered the artillery service and was a member until 1837. He came to feel that the profession of arms was unchristian. By paying £25 he left the service. He also saw the unlawfulness of oaths.

Did tutoring for two years. Then went to work first under the Trent and Mersey Navigation Co. Later he was canal superintendent for the North Staffordshire Railway Company.

1857 received into membership with Friends. He spoke in meetings, but from humility preferred not to be recorded as a minister.

d. Sept. 20, 1867 at Stoke upon Trent, in his 67th year.

An. Mon. (N.S.), 27(1869):152

ROBINSON, Jane (1767-1850) born Rooke

Jane Rooke was born on 15 March 1767(1). She was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Rooke of Embleton in Cumberland (2).

She was married in 1803 to Wilson Robinson (1767-1856 qv), a yeoman of Whinfell

3).

ROBINSON, John

Unidentified. Perhaps father of Friends of this name mentioned by Edmondson, Journal, 210 as living in N. of Ireland or Friend of this name mentioned in letter 127, G.F. Nuttall, Early quaker letters, 1952.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p;71

ROBINSON, John (1745-)

John Robinson, the son of William Robinson (-) and his wife Sarah (born) of Mitcham in Surrey, was born there on 15.ii.[April] 1745(1).

He was married in 1779 to Mary Dann (1743/4 or 1744/5-1807 qv) of Nutfield in Surrey(2) and there were three children(3).

The date of his death is not at present (1981) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given, but he is described as a cordwainer in an entry for a sibling

2 The wedding was at Reigate on 8 September 1779: he is described as the son of Thomas and Mary Robinson of Charlwood in Surrey; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Mary Dann of Nutfield in Surrey (Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Sussex & Surrey QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

John qv	b 1 Jan 1781	m 1811 Sarah Pennifold (1787?-1875 qv)
Mary qv	b 1 May 1783	m 1804 Nathaniel Rickman (1775-1837 qv)
Sarah	b 13 Dec 1785	d 20 April 1788, aged 2

4 His death is not traced in Sussex & Surrey QM Burials Digest or in the Digest of Deaths

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

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ROBINSON, John (1781-1857)

John Robinson, the son of John Robinson (1745- qv) and his wife Mary (born Dann, 1743/4 or 1744/5-1807 qv) of Charlwood in Surrey, was born there on 1 January 1781(1).

Like his father, he became a farmer at Charlwood(2) and was married in 1811 to Sarah Pennifold (1787?-1875 qv) of Charlwood(3); there were ten children(4).

John Robinson of Crawley in Sussex died on 6 October 1857, at the age of seventy six(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Ifield on 19 June 1811: he is described as a farmer of Charlwood in Surrey, the son of John and Mary Robinson of Charlwood; she is described as the daughter of John and Mary Pennifold of Charlwood (Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest)
4 Listed in Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

*John	b 13 March 1812	
Martin qv	b 29 Aug 1813	m 1846 Maria Elgar (1817-1903 qv)
*Mary	b 1 July 1815	
Sarah	b 3 May 1817	d 9 Nov 1840, aged 23
*Joseph	b 17 June 1819	
Henry	b 13 Jan 1822	m 1863 Jane Love Colgate
Hannah	b 17 Feb 1824	m 1845 Daniel Peirson
*Frederick	b 10 Feb 1826	
*Jane	b 7 June 1827	
*Fanny	b 15 June 1829	

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1880
Sussex & Surrey QM printed Lists of members gives Mary, Joseph and Jane as being at home in 1874; they were members of Ifield Meeting and lived at the Manor House, Crawley

5 Digest of Deaths: he died at Crawley and is described as a farmer

SEE ALSO:-
Annual Monitor 1859, p 164: 1 line entry for death

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

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WBE:

ROBINSON, John Wilson, c.1853-1907

b. c.1853 at Whinfell Hall, Vale of Lorton, Eng. in Cumberland.

Helped introduce rock climbing as a sport in England. He was daring, but deplored foolhardiness. His powers in distance walking were great also. He enjoyed giving talks on climbing in Friends Schools.

1898 made a visit to the Alps for climbing and did not find it as exciting as he expected.

1900 settled at Brigham near Cockermouth. Loved to introduce novices to the Cumberland Fells. He was a man of great strength, big boned and splendidly built.

Served at Clerk to Pardshaw Monthly Meeting.

Had great suffering to endure during his last illness.

d. Aug. 20, 1907 at "Elderbank", Brigham, near Cockermouth, England, aged 54 years.

An. Mon. (N.S.), 66(1908):134

Frds. Qu. Exam., 41(1907):565

The Friend (London), 47(1907):592

ROBINSON, Joseph (1721?-1795)

Joseph Robinson, the son of Thomas Robinson (1676?-1764 qv) and his second wife Phebe, born Sergeant, of Birmingham, was born there about the year 1721(1). He was married in 1763 to Hannah Storer(2) and there were two children(3).

He lived in the centre of Birmingham, but he was fond of gardening and always had a garden; he also rented a field, where he kept a cow and where he used to take his daughters for walks. Although his principles were firm and undeviating, he was a tender and affectionate man and a devoted father. He was a devout member of the Society and was particularly concerned about the manufacture of firearms and of anything which was accessory to the destruction of his fellow creatures. He was for a number of years an elder and was truly worthy of the office; his religion was a great comfort to him and supported him to the end of his life.

He died at Birmingham, after a short but painful illness, on 26 August 1795, aged about seventy four(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Memorials of the Families of Shorthouse and Robinson, Birmingham 1902, pp 12-14

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged about 74 at death. There is no entry in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest

2 The wedding was at Nottingham on 2 December 1763: he is described as a cooper of Birmingham, the son of Thomas and Pheby Robinson of Birmingham; she is described as the daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca Storer (Derby & Notts QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Rebecca qv	b 21 July 1765	who m 1796 William Shorthouse (1768-1838 qv)
Sarah qv	b 13 Jan 1767	who m 1799 Samuel Smith

4 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 10, p 51n: vol 11, p 95

MEG Jan 1977

WBE:

ROBINSON, Louis Newton, 1880-1952

b. Nov. 3, 1880 at [Tunkhannock, Pa., son of John Marklin and Annie Elizabeth (Thacher) Robinson.

ed. A.B., 1905, Swarthmore where he was elected to P.B.K. Society. Did graduate study at Cornell and at Universities of Halle and Berlin, 1906-7. Received his Ph. D. from Cornell, 1911.

1909-13 Ass't prof. of economics, Swarthmore. From 1913-18 was professor there.

m. (1st), June 18, 1908, Caroline Hadley. They had 2 daughters and 4 sons.

1918-21, chief probation officer of Municipal Court, Phila., Pa.

1922-24 employed by Russell Sage Foundation to conduct a survey on the small loans business.] B.L.C.

Author, 1921, Penology in the United States; 1931, Should prisoners work? 1935, Regulation of small loan business...; 1944, Jails; the care and treatment of misdemeanant prisoners.

m., (2d), Aug. 30, 1947, Marylyn C. Wyse.

d. Nov. 25, 1952 at his home in Swarthmore, Pa.

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

[Who was who, 3(1951-60):737] B.C.

ROBINSON, Margaret (1838-1922) after 1865 Whitlow

(Margaret Robinson, daughter of William Strangman and Maria Robinson of Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire, was married in 1865 to Samuel Whitlow (1836-1907 qv).

See WHITLOW, Margaret (1838-1922) born Robinson)

MEC June 1980

ROBINSON, Margery (1675-1706) born Lower

Margery Lower.. married Benjamin Robinson of London in 1700/01. There are numerous references to her in Swarth. Account Book - a penny rattle was bought for her in 1676 - and to her marriage and after-life in Webbs' Fells of Swarthmoor Hall, 1863 - 'many great persons and some members of parliament' were present at the wedding. Her husband settled 'two hundred pounds yearly upon her in houses, groundrents and freehold'.

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.348

ROBINSON, Maria (1817-1903) born Elgar

Maria Elgar, the daughter of Thomas Elgar (-) and his wife Ann (born) of Reigate in Surrey, was born there on 27 September 1817(1).

She was married in 1846 to Martin Robinson (1813-1897 qv), a farmer of Horley in Sussex and there were nine children(2). About 1853 the family moved to Saddlescombe near Brighton in Sussex(3).

Maria Robinson of Saddlescombe died on 10 February 1903, at the age of eighty five(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: her father is described as a draper
2 For marriage and children see ROBINSON, Martin (1813-1897)
3 See entry for ROBINSON, Martin (1813-1897)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Martin

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

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ROBINSON, Mary (fl 1695/6-1697) born Fearon

Mary Fearon, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced, lived at Eaglesfield in Cumberland(1).

She was married in 1695/6 to Samuel Robinson (1668-1750 qv) of Eaglesfield

ROBINSON, Martin (1813-1897)

Martin Robinson, the second son of John Robinson (1781-1857 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Pennifold, 1787?-1875 qv) of Charlwood in Surrey, was born there on 29 August 1813(1).

He became a farmer at Horley in Sussex(2) and was married in 1846 to Maria Elgar (1817-1903 qv) of Reigate in Surrey(3); there were nine children(4). About 1853 the family left Horley and moved to Saddlescombe near Brighton in Sussex, where Martin Robinson became a yeoman(5).

Martin Robinson of Saddlescombe died on 30 April 1897, at the age of eighty three(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Reigate on 26 August 1846: he is described as a bachelor, a farmer of Horley, the son of John Robinson, a yeoman; she is described as a spinster of Reigate, the daughter of Thomas Elgar, a draper (Digest of Marriages)
4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

*Emily	b 16 June 1847	
Charles	b 8 Jan 1849	m 1885 Marguerita Head
*Frank	b 13 Aug 1850	
*Bertha	b 14 May 1852	
Ada	b 3 Dec 1853	m 1885 Charles Heath Clark
*Ernest	b 16 Sept 1855	
*Louis	b 8 Aug 1857	
Maude qv	b 30 May 1859	died sp 12 March 1950, aged 90
Wilfred	b 4 Feb 1862	d 21 Aug 1863, aged 18 months

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920

5 The four eldest children were born at Horley; Ada, born 1853 and the remaining children were born at Saddlescombe
6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a farmer

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

ROBINSON, Mary (1662-1722/3) aftw. Greenhow

[Mary Robinson, daughter of Edward Robinson (-)
of Brougby Sands Cumberland and his wife Elizabeth
nee (-) was married
in to Robinson

<u>see</u> GREENHOW, Mary (1662-1722/3) born Robinson]

ROBINSON, Mary (1711-1802)

Mary Robinson lived at Carlisle, Cumberland. She visited Ireland in 1775 and 1778.

Testimony.

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.88

ROBINSON, Mary (1783-1863) after 1804 Rickman, after 1843 Crews

[Mary Robinson, daughter of John Robinson (1745- qv) and his wife Mary (born Dann, 1743/4 or 1744/5-1807 qv) of Charlwood in Surrey, was married in 1804 to Nathaniel Rickman (1775-1837 qv). She married secondly in 1843 Samuel Crews (1787?-1855 qv).

See CREWS, Mary (1783-1863) formerly Rickman, born Robinson]

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ROBINSON, Mary (1824-1913) born Whitlow

Mary Whitlow, the daughter of John Whitlow (1799-1867 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Labrey, 1800-1878 qv) of Manchester, was born there on 2 July 1824(1).

She was married in 1852 to Alfred Robinson (1823-1876 qv), a cotton manufacturer of Broughton near Manchester and there were eight children(2).

About 1855 the family moved to Lymm in Cheshire(3).

Mary Robinson of Higher Broughton died on 12 December 1913, at the age of eighty nine(4), a widow for over thirty five years.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a linen draper
2 For marriage and children see ROBINSON, Alfred (1823-1876)
3 See entry for ROBINSON, Alfred (1823-1876)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Alfred

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

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ROBINSON, Mary Ann (1831-1901) born Brearey

Mary Ann Brearey was the daughter of Jonathan and Rhoda Brearey of Dewsbury, Yorkshire. In 1841 when she was ten, she went with her mother for four years to New York and Brooklyn, where Friends were good to them. Then on the death of her mother, she returned to England and went to school at Castlegate, York, where the wife of Benjamin Seebohm was her headmistress.

In York she was influenced by the ministry of Samuel Tuke and James Backhouse.

In 1849 she went to live with her uncle and there met William Robinson (1832-1908, qv), his adopted son. They were married in 1857 and in 1860 became Superintendents of Croydon School.

Her husband spent a year in America after which, in 1870, they moved north and settled in Scarborough for twenty one years. In 1894 they removed to Weston-super-Mare where she died on 5 November 1901.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1903 p.84

ROBINSON, Mary Anne (1781-1857) after 1800 Pim

[Mary Anne Robinson, daughter of John and Ann (born Duckett) Robinson of Dublin, was married in 1800 to Richard Pim (fl 1800-1806 qv).

See PIM, Mary Anne (1781-1857) born Robinson]

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ROBINSON, Matthew (-1697)

Matthew Robinson, the son of Matthew Robinson of Graysouthern in Cumberland, probably joined the Society of Friends by convincement; the date of his birth is not at present (1982) traced(1).

He was married in 1674 to Ann Pearson (fl 1674-1693/4 qv) of Withope in Cumberland(2) and there were eight children(3).

Matthew Robinson of Pardshaw in Cumberland was buried on 10.ix.[November] 1697(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 His birth is not traced in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest: his age at death is not given

2 The wedding was at John Fearon's house, Cragg near Eaglesfield, on 17.vii.[September] 1674: he is described as the son of Matthew Robinson of Graysouthern; she is described as of Withope. No further information is given (Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

John	b 29 xi 1675 [i.e. Jan 1675/6]	m (1)1703 Elizabeth Wilson (2)1709 Sarah Pattison
Joseph	b 20 iii [May] 1678	
Peter	b 21 xii 1679 [i.e. Feb 1679/80]	
Isabel	b 6 iv [June] 1683	
Joseph	b 15 vi [Aug] 1685	
William	b 27 ix [Nov] 1688	
Matthew	b 13 vi [Aug] 1691	
Anne	b 13 xi 1693 [i.e. Jan 1693/4]	

With the exception of John, no marriages are traced for any of these children in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digest

4 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

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ROBINSON, Maude (1859-1950)

Maude Robinson, the youngest surviving child of Martin Robinson (1813-1897 qv) and his wife Maria (born Elgar, 1817-1903 qv) of Horley and Saddlescombe near Brighton in Sussex, was born at Saddlescombe on 30 May 1859(1). Her father was a farmer and she lived at Saddlescombe for sixty seven years, with the exception of a few years spent at the school in Lewes kept by Mary Trusted (1818-1911 qv), Rachel Speciall (1825-1877 qv) and Catherine Speciall (1835-1891 qv).

Her early life was that of a busy farmer's daughter, the youngest of a large family. It was a quiet life, but not a dull one and there were many compensations to be had in exploring the Sussex countryside on horseback or on foot. Her mother and sisters made clothes for the American negroes and Maude helped with this work. She also sewed for war victims of the American Civil War, the Franco-Prussian War, the Boer War and the first world war. When she was over eighty she made over a thousand rag dolls, many of them in Quaker dress, which were sold to help Friends' Relief Service, the Friends Service Council or temperance work, which was always close to her heart.

She wrote many books, mainly stories of early Quakers, many of whom were her own ancestors. She also contributed articles to the Sussex County Magazine, the Sussex Daily News and the Friends Quarterly Examiner on the subjects of Sussex customs, antiquities, botany and natural history.

She was recorded a minister by Lewes & Chichester Monthly Meeting on 15 November 1916(2); her addresses in meeting were usually short and direct, but helpful and inspiring. She served as an elder and an overseer and had a particular interest in Friends' schools, to which she was a frequent visitor; she was always deeply interested in children and young people. For forty five years she was honorary secretary of the Sussex Band of Hope.

She attended Brighton Meeting from the age of four until old age made it impossible and for the last years of her life she lived at Albourne near Hassocks in Sussex. Maude Robinson of Albourne died on 12 March 1950, at the age of ninety(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 108 (1950) pp 213-4
Testimony of Lewes & Chichester MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings, 1951, p 220

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a farmer
2 Friends House Library List of recorded ministers, 1861-1924
3 Digest of Deaths: no description of her is given

SEE ALSO:-

References to her books in J Friends Hist Soc vol 17, p 34: vol 19, p 138: vol 22, p 64: vol 23, p 102: vol 32, p 77: vol 35, p 109

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ROBINSON, Maude (1859-1950) 2+

Maude Robinson was born 30 May 1859 at Saddlescombe, the daughter of Martin and Maria Robinson. She was educated at Miss Trusted's School in Lewes and was a life member of Brighton Meeting, where she was an Overseer and Elder and also one of the last Recorded Ministers.

She was a frequent visitor to Friends' Schools, being deeply interested in children and young people. For forty-five years she was Hon. Sec. of the Sussex Band of Hope Union.

During War periods, even as early as the Franco-Prussian War of the Seventies, Maude Robinson made many garments for Friends' Relief Service and did much to assist alien women in the Brighton district.

She wrote many books, mainly stories of early Quakers, many of whom were her own ancestors: 'The Time of her Life', 'Wedded in Prison', 'A King's Ransom' and 'A South Down Farm in the Sixties', and she contributed articles to the Sussex County Magazine, the Sussex Daily News and the Friends Quarterly Examiner on the subjects of Sussex customs, antiquities, botany and natural history.

'Her addresses in Meeting were usually short and direct but always helpful and inspiring.'

She died 12 March 1950, in her 91st year.

Testimony of Lewes & Chichester MM in YM Proc. 1951, p.220

ROBINSON, Maude (1859-1950)

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LIST OF SEPARATELY PRINTED WORKS AND THOSE FROM PERIODICALS OTHER THAN FQE

Child life on the south downs in the sixties
reprinted from Sussex county magazine 1935 pp.25ff

Dawn on the south downs
reprinted from Sussex county magazine vol 9 ( ) pp.414-5

Girls school at Lewes
reprinted from Sussex county magazine, 1934

The goose that was not very young
The Friend (Phila) 6 mo 1921 and following issues

A king's reward and other quaker stories
London: Allenson & co, 1938
pp.216, 8vo.

Lest we forget: a memory of the Society of Friends in the war years, 1914-1918
London: Peace committee, 1932
pp.28, 8vo.
Reprinted from Friends quart. exam

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London: Friends book centre, 1940
pp.31, 8vo.

The lonely lady of Warminghurst
[in typescript], [nd]
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Love your enemies
London: Friends book centre, 1928
pp.27, 8vo.

Nicholas the weaver and other quaker stories. Illustrated by J. Walter West
London: Swarthmore press, [1922]
pp.224, 8vo.

Ohne falsch wie die Tauben: eine Quakergeschichte für kinder
Berlin: Quäkerverlag, 1922
being a translation of 'As harmless as doves'

Simeon the sheep shearer. (Friends temperance union, Life stories series)
London: Friends temperance union, [1919]
pp.11, sm 8vo

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ROBINSON, Maude (1859-1950)

LIST OF SEPARATELY PRINTED WORKS AND THOSE FROM PERIODICALS OTHER THAN FQE (continued)

A south down farm in the sixties
London: J.M. Dent, 1938
pp.x,78, 8vo.

Sussex band of hope union: appeal to Sussex abstainers [Last appeal signed by Maude Robinson as secretary]
1946
p.[1]

The time of her life and other stories
London: Swarthmore press, [1919]
8vo

Three hundred empty gin bottles
London: United kingdom band of hope union, 1946
pp.[2], 8vo

Wedded in prison and other quaker stories
London: Swarthmore press, 1925
pp.206, 8vo.

ADDITIONS

A stop in her mind
Friend (Phila) vol 96 (1923) p.595

No such governors nowadays (1699).
Friend (Phila) vol 97 (1924) p.510

ROBINSON, Maude (1859-1950) 2+

LIST OF ARTICLES IN FRIENDS QUARTERLY EXAMINER

This provisional list is not arranged in precise chronological order

A ministering Friend of a bygone generation [Sarah Charman of Reigate] reprinted in Friend (Phila) vol 88 (1915) pp.363, 378	FQE vol	(1914) p.347
Jordans in July	FQE vol	(1915) p.497
Harmless as doves, 1798: a tale of the Irish rebellion	FQE vol	(1921) p.402
Abraham's oak	FQE vol	(1917) p.425
Wedded in prison, 1662	FQE vol	(1922) p.163
Account books and journals of the time of Queen Anne	FQE vol	(1927) p.151
Flower friends of half a season	FQE vol	(1928) p.46
Within living memory	FQE vol	(1929) p.78
Alone with midsummer dawn	FQE vol	(1929) p.205
Was it high treason? 1797	FQE vol	(1924) p.53
Early history of Sussex Surrey & Hants QM	FQE vol	(1926) p.193
Wild neighbours on the south downs	FQE vol	(1930) p.160
Bird neighbours on the south downs	FQE vol	(1930) p.332
By high road and country lane	FQE vol	(1931) p.211
Lest we forget [also separately printed]	FQE vol 158	(1932) pp.91,
By high road and country lane	FQE vol	(1932) p.305
Gardening in the seventeenth century	FQE vol	(1933) p.137
Wandering weeds	FQE vol	(1933) p.363
Children's books of long ago	FQE vol	(1934) p.360

ROBINSON, Maude (1859-1950)

LIST OF ARTICLES IN FRIENDS QUARTERLY EXAMINER (cont)

Garden memories	FQE vol	(1935)	p.310
A child of the south downs in the sixties	FQE vol vol	(1936) (1937)	p.334 pp.292,123
A pioneer	FQE vol	(1937)	p.259
The magic lantern	FQE vol	(1938)	p.41
The message of two ancient handkerchiefs	FQE vol	(1938)	p.250
My friends the wild flowers	FQE vol	(1939)	p.59
Deceitfulness of riches	FQE vol	(1940)	pp.75-88
As others see us	FQE vol	(1941)	pp.42-48
The valleys also are covered over with corn	FQE vol	(1941)	pp.264-268
A present day dragon	FQE vol	(1942)	pp.263-270
Appreciation of Gulielma Crosfield	FQE vol	(1945)	pp.179-183
A Friends' meeting eighty years ago	FQE vol	(1946)	pp.37-42

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ROBINSON, Maude, 1859-1950

b. 1859 at Saddlescombe, Sussex, England, daughter of Martin and Maria Robinson. She was youngest of a large family and brought up on a farm.

ed, school at Lewes.

She was an elder of her meeting and one of the last recorded ministers in England. Her messages were usually short and direct.

During war she sewed for relief of war victims.

She was author of several books, including, Lest we forget; 1922, The time of her life...; 1922, Nicholas, the weaver...; 1925, Wedded in prison...; 1938, A South Down farm in the sixties.

Member of Bright meeting for about 80 years. Was interested in schools. She suffered with the suffering.

d. March 12, 1950 at Albourne near Hassocks, aged 90 years.

The Friend (London), 108(1950):213

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth, BX 7617

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ROBINSON, Patrick, -1701.

b.

Quaker from Scotland; merchant and lawyer.

1668, in County Armagh, Ireland, lost about £ 1. 6 s. for tithes.

m. Elizabeth (she later married Griffith Jones (see biog.)).

One of William Penn's proprietary officials; appointed to the Provincial Council; became Secretary of Council; served as Attorney General and Clerk of the Court for Phila. County.

1685, faced impeachment attempt with Nicholas More; was supporter of George Keith and of John Blackwell.

Oct. 1692, replaced as Attorney General by David Lloyd under Jenning's government.

ca.1693-1700, member of Provincial Council and Secretary of Province of Penna., under rule of Gov. Fletcher of New York.

d. 1701.

Buried 8th mo. 22, 1701, Phila. Monthly Meeting.

Pomfret, J. E., The Province of West New Jersey, 1609-1702, 142.
Myers, Immigration of Irish Quakers, index.
Besse, II:475.
Nash, Quakers and Politics, index.
Hinshaw II:638

ROBINSON, Rebecca (1765-1858) after 1796 Shorthouse

(Rebecca Robinson, daughter of Joseph Robinson (1721?-1795 qv) and his wife Hannah, born Storer, of Birmingham, was married in 1796 to William Shorthouse (1768-1838 qv)

See SHORTHOUSE, Rebecca (1765-1858) born Robinson)

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ROBINSON, Richard (-1673)
also WBE

Richard Robinson of Brigflatts, is to be distinguished from Richard Robinson of Counterside, mentioned later in Ell. edd. Among Swarth. MSS (i. 124) is a letter to M. Fell from 'The common Jaylle att Carllyle', 1658, which was probably written by the first named R.R.

Westmorland Quaker Records, 1902
F.P.T.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.403

ROBINSON, Richard (-1693)

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'Richard Robinson, of Countersett in Wenslaydale, who was born at Preston, in the said dale, in the year 1628, was the first person that was convinced... in those parts' (FPT). He travelled in the ministry in many places in his home district and spoke in 'many Steeplehouses & in Markit places'. There is a record in the State Papers (Cal. S.P. Dom. 1663-4, p.338) of a business visit to London. His house is still standing on the edge of the beautiful lake of Semerwater. He deceased in 1693. He wrote a useful pamphlet on local persecutions named A Blast blown out of the North... 1680, and also wrote A Warning to the inhabitants of the whole Earth, 1679. For a view of Counterside meetinghouse see Early Friends in the North, by John William Steel, 1905.

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.354

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Additional references

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ROBINSON, Richard, -1693

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:504

Frds. Lib. (Phila.), 1:149

Hirst, Qu. in peace & War, 55,72

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth, Bx 7614

WBE:

ROBINSON, Rowland Evans, 1833-1900

B. May 14, 1833, at Ferrisburg, Vermont, son of Rowland Thomas and Rachel (Gilpin) Robinson.

ed. local schools. Had a gift for drawing, but first injured his eyes by night work.

A farmer.

m., 1870, Anna Stevens. 3 children.

Contributed articles to Scribners Magazine, Forest and Stream, and Atlantic Monthly. He was an essayist and humorist, rather than a novelist.

1893 became totally blind, but continued to write.

d. Oct. 15, 1900 at Ferrisburg, Vt. of inoperable cancer, borne with patience, at age 67.

DAB, 16:50

Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 28 (1939):No. 1, 56

ROBINSON, Samuel (1668-1750)

Samuel Robinson, the son of John Robinson (-) of Longborough in Cumberland, was born there on 3.viii.[October] 1668(1).

He was married in 1695/6 to Mary Fearon (fl 1695/6-1697 qv) of Eaglesfield in Cumberland(2), where he was then living, and there was one child(3).

Samuel Robinson of Kirkby in Cumberland was buried on 31.viii.[October] 1750(4).

ROBINSON, Ruth (1702-1765) after 1734 Jenkinson

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest: his mother's name and his father's occupation are not given

2 The [illegible] Fearon [illegible] February 1695/6] [illegible] they [illegible] Eaglesfield and [illegible]) [illegible] given [illegible]

3 Listed in Cumberland [illegible] Northumberland QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Jonathan b 23 x [Dec] 1697 buried 26 iii [May] 1742

No reading is found for this child in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest

4 Cumberland & Northumberland 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

[Ruth Robinson, daughter of John Robinson (-) and his wife Jennet (born) of Yealand Conyers in Lancashire, was married in 1734 to Michael Jenkinson (-1757 qv).

See JENKINSON, Ruth (1702-1765) born Robinson]

ROBINSON, Sarah (1746-1805) after 1769 Pim

[Sarah Robinson, daughter of Anthony and Margaret (born Bewley) Robinson, was married in 1769 to Jonathan Pim (1741-1824 qv).

See PIM, Sarah (1746-1805) born Robinson]

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ROBINSON, Sarah (1786-1857) born Collier

Sarah Collier, the daughter of Jeremiah Collier (-) and his wife Sarah (born) of Blossom Street in the Liberty of Norton Folgate in Middlesex. was born there on 14 May 1786(1).

ROBINSON, Sarah (1767-1845) after 1799 Smith

(Sarah Robinson, daughter of Joseph and Hannah Robinson of Birmingham, was married in 1799 to Samuel Smith.

See SMITH, Sarah (1767-1845) born Robinson)

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ROBINSON, Sarah Frances (1864-1943) after 1895 Theobald

[Sarah Frances Robinson, daughter of Christopher Robinson

ROBINSON, Sarah (1787?-1875) born Pennifold

Sarah Pennifold, the daughter of John and Mary Pennifold of Charlwood in Surrey, was born about the year 1787(1).

She was married in 1811 to John Robinson (1781-1857 qv), a farmer of Charlwood and there were ten children(2). At some time after the birth of their children the family moved to the Manor House at Crawley in Sussex, where John Robinson continued to farm(3).

Sarah Robinson of Crawley died on 1 March 1875, at the age of eighty eight(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 88 at death. Her birth is not traced in Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest
2 For marriage and children see ROBINSON, John (1781-1857)
3 See entry for ROBINSON, John (1781-1857)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of John

SEE ALSO:-
Annual Monitor 1876, p 152: 2 line entry for death

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

ROBINSON, Susanna (1779-1846) after 1811 Dann

[Susanna Robinson, daughter of William Robinson (-)
and his wife Susannah (born) of
Charlwood in Surrey, was married in 1811 to Thomas Dann
(1769-1835 qv).

See DANN, Susanna (1779-1846) born Robinson]

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WBE: 3

ROBINSON, Thomas (Jr.), c.1655-1678
(Robertson?)

b. c.1655 son of Thomas and Robinson (Robertson?)

c.1668 convinced when but 13 years old.

c.1675 a minister. He discoursed much with priests and others. Travelled in northern counties of England and also in Scotland.

d. Oct. 2, 1678 after an illness of about 17 weeks, aged about 23 years.

John Smith's Ms., 3:21

ROBINSON, Thomas (1676?-1764)

Thomas Robinson, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1977) traced, was born about the year 1676(1) and was one of the three sons of a widow of Austrey in Warwickshire. She had a small farm and an orchard and appears to have been a conscientious Friend in rather low circumstances.

Thomas went to Birmingham while he was still a young man and took land from the Free Grammar School trustees, on which he built two houses. In one of these he lived and died and carried on the business of a cooper. He was married in 1704 to Sarah Laken(2), but she died a year after the marriage(3) and left no children(4). Thomas was married again in 1709, to Phebe Sergeant(5) and there were seven sons and three daughters of the second marriage(6).

He died at Birmingham on 13 July 1764, at the age of eighty eight(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Memorials of the Families of Shorthouse and Robinson, Birmingham 1902, pp 10-11

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 88 at death. There is no entry in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest

2 The wedding was on 7 iv (June)1704: he is described as of Ostrey in the county of Warwick; she is described as the daughter of Richard Laken of Dorden (Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest)

3 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Burials Digest: she was buried on 30 vi (August)1705

4 No children are traced in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest

5 The wedding was at Fulford heath on 28 vii(September)1709: he is described as a cooper of Birmingham in the county of Warwick; she is described as the daughter of Mary Sergeant, a widow of Tamworth in Warwickshire (Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

6 No children are traced in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest, but the following are given in Memorials of the Families of Shorthouse and Robinson, pp 10-11:-

Mary		who d young
Thomas		who m ---- Lloyd, a widow
Phebe	b 1714	who m Thomas Juxon
Richard		who m -----
Sarah		who d young
Joseph qv	b 1721?	who m 1763 Hannah Storer
George		who d aged 20
Samuel		who d young
Benjamin		
Joshua		who went abroad

7 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

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ROBINSON, Thomas (-1695)

see ROBERTSON, Thomas (-1695)

WBE:

ROBINSON, Thomas, 1731-1817

b. 1731 at Newport, R.I., son of William and Abigail (Hazard) Robinson.

1752 made a journey to England.

1753 became a commission merchant in Newport, R.I. Had an interest in a distillary and a part in the slave trade. Distressed by what he saw in this venture he became an ardent opponent of the slave trade and eventually promoted the idea of freedom for all slaves.

He was one of the founders, together with his cousin, Thomas Hazard, of a school in Warren, R.I. out of which eventually grew Brown University.

m., 1754, Sarah Richardson (d.1817) [They had 6 sons and 3 daughters.]

1761 changed his business interests to that of merchandizing sperm oil after the loss of several ships in which he had substantial interests. The ships were seized in the West Indies in violation of a truce.

1780-81 was of Tory sympathies during the War years. In 1780-81 when the French fleet came to Newport he had French officers and staff quartered on his place.

d. 1817 in Newport within a few months of his wife's death.] B.C.

[Hazard, T. Recollections of Olden Times, 34-58, also Index

Wood, A.W.,"The Robinson family and their correspondence" in Bull. Newport Historical Society, 42(1922):1-35] B.C.

ROBINSON, William (-1659)

William Robinson is described as a London merchant by Bishop and Besse (New England Judge, 1661, p.93; Suff. ii.198) - Alexander Parker writes of him, 'a Cumberland youth, I think'(Swarth. MSS.i. 169). He was imprisoned in London in 1655 (Biog. Memoirs, iv. 569). His father was evidently often in the City (p.6.). On the eve of his departure for the New World, he wrote a letter from Southampton to Margaret Fell, dated 6.iv.1657 (preserved in Friends House). From New Amsterdam (New York) he passed to Boston, in the summer of 1659 and was at once arrested. On the 20th Oct. he was condemned to die and seven days later he was hanged on Boston Common. A letter is in Friends House which was written to Fox from Boston Gaol some three months before he suffered.

Stevenson, A Call from Death to Life, 1660
Robinson and Leddra, Several Epistles, 1669
Tuke, Biographical Notices, 1815
Bowden, Hist. i.1850
Holders of Holderness, 1902

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.~~11~~ 2 p.378

see also next sheet

WBE:
Additional references

ROBINSON, William, -1659

In 1841 John Harrison of Manchester, Eng., printed and published Narrative of the Martyrdom at Boston of William Robinson, &c. (See. Jos. Smith's Cat.,Sup.,292)

Quaker Biog., Ser. I, 2:217

Weeks, So. Qu. and slavery, 15-16

Evans, Frds. in the 17th cent., 188

Jos, Smith's Cat., 2:504; Sup., 292

Sewel, History, 1:402

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ROBINSON, William (1832-1908)
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William Robinson was of Quaker ancestry, not born a Friend but admitted at his own request when a little boy just going to Ackworth School. His love of the Society was great and real, prompted by a firm belief that the great truths of Christianity are by it best conveyed to mankind.

He trained as a teacher under John Ford of Bootham and Isaac Brown at the Flounders. He was appointed Headmaster of the Friends' School at Croydon in 1860, developed a close association with Peter Bedford and was recorded d/ as a minister at the age of forty.

He laid aside his teaching career to enter more fully into ministerial labours. He travelled widely and his visits were most welcome whether they were to settlers in the Western States of America, Friends in Philadelphia (1), Yorkshire dalesmen, cottagers at Claverham, Friends in Kent, Devon and Cornwall and other parts of England.

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For several years he took a leading part in a Standing Committee to assist small Meetings and was warmly interested in his Quarterly Meeting's Extension Committee. He regularly attended the Meeting for Sufferings and heartily entered into the administration of discipline and social duties of his Monthly Meeting. He was an ardent advocate of Peace and Temperence, his lectures on some Early Friends were much appreciated and for thirty years he edited the Annual Monitor. a/

His faith was strong in the reality of direct guidance in the ministry and he fully valued the importance of Bible study as a means essential to preparation of heart and mind for the habitual exercise of the ministry.

After long and faithful service W. Robinson died in November 1908.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of North Somerset & Wilts. MM in YM Proc. 1909 p.274

OTHER PRINCIPAL SOURCES TO BE EXAMINED

The Friend 1908 p.629
British Friend 1908 p.288
Annual monitor 1909 p.118

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. For references to his visit to the United States see Joseph Walton, Memoirs of John S. Stokes, pp.63, 64, 66

ROBINSON, Wilson (1767-1856)

Wilson Robinson, the son of John Robinson (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Greysouthern in Cumberland, was born on 30 December 1767(1).

He became a yeoman at Whinfell Hall in the parish of Brigham in Cumberland(2) and was married in 1803 to Jane Rooke (1767-1850 qv) of Embleton in Cumberland (3); there was one child(4).

Wilson Robinson of Whinfell Hall died on 4 September 1856, at the age of eighty eight(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest: his place of birth and his father's occupation are not given
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Cockermouth on 24 November 1803: he is described as a yeoman of Whinfell hall in the parish of Brigham in Cumberland, the son of John and Mary Robinson of Greysouthern in the parish of Brigham; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Mary Rooke of the parish of Embleton in Cumberland (Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digest)
4 Listed in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest as follows:-
Wilson b 22 Jan 1810
No marriage traced in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digests nor in the Digest of Marriages to 1870
5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a yeoman

SEE ALSO:-
Annual Monitor 1857, p 105: 2 line entry for death

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

ROBSON, Alice (1799?-1853) after 1831 Chipchase

(Alice Robson, daughter of Richard and Catherine Robson of Auckland in Durham, was married in 1831 to John Chipchase.

See CHIPCHASE, Alice (1799?-1853) born Robson)

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ROBSON, Alice (1881 - 1975)

Alice Robson was born on May 27, 1881, in Huddersfield, the youngest of the seven children of Joshua Wheeler (1831 - 1917 qv.) and Elizabeth (b. Rowntree) Robson. It was a close knit Quaker family, all active in Friends' and adult school work. The Adult School held on the meeting house premises at Church St, Paddock, was their great responsibility, and it was the custom for the family to spend their entire Sunday there, from Meeting for Worship in the morning until after the evening meeting at 6 o'clock, including school in the afternoon. Eventually Alice Robson alone carried on the Paddock Adult School until after her 90th birthday.

She was educated privately at first, attending some classes at Huddersfield Technical College, until in 1896 she went to the Mount School at York. From there she went to Royal Holloway College, University of London, from which she graduated in 1902 with an hons, B.Sc. degree in Botany. A period of twenty three years part time work as an analytical chemmist in the family dye works followed. In 1921 she spent a term at Woodbrooke being greatly influenced by Rendel Harris (1852 - 1941 qv.) and by H. G. Wood.(1879 - 1963 qv.).

She served the members (1) and the Society of Friends greatly, she had a lively mind, a good sense of wit and humour and was a clear and fluent speaker all her life. She was, at various times, clerk of her local meeting at Huddersfield, of Brighouse MM and of Yorkshire QM, she served on the school committees of the former Friends School at Rawdon, on the York Schools Committee for eight years and on the Ackworth School committee for twenty eight years. She was president of the Mount Old Scholars Assoc. in 1939-40 Alice Robson also served on Meeting for Sufferings for many years, and on the Friends Education Council and on the task of revising the Books of Discipline.(2)

Outside the Society, as recorded above, she was deeply involved with the Adult School Union, was president of the Union on two occasions, with an interval of twenty five years between and for twenty eight years served with others in preparing the annual study handbook.

In 1949/50 in her late sixties, she visited Australia and New Zealand with her brother John H. Robson (1875 - 1965 qv.) and their visit was greatly appreciated by the many isolated Friends whom they met.

She died on March 19, 1975, in hospital in Huddersfield aged 93.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES. The Friend Vol 133 (1975) p. 374

Testimony of Brighouse MM
Y.M. Proc. 1976. p. 191.

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ROBSON, Alice (1881 - 1975) continued.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. The Testimony cited above is identical with the Obituary in The Friend except that it adds that Friends warmly accepted the Testimony " expressing their sense of her care and friendship for each individual ".

2. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library. This records her service on central committees as follows:-

Meeting for Sufferings as Rep. for Yorkshire QM from 1942 - 1958/9. During the period she also represented Australia GM from 1950/1 - 1963.

Friends Education Council Rep.	Ackworth School	1938 - 1953
"	Yorks. QM	1953 - 1960
	Co-opted	1960 - 1967

Committee on Books of Christian Discipline from 1955 - 1959

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ROBSON, Caroline (1841-1923) born Thompson

Caroline Thompson, daughter of Richard (1811-1888 qv) and Mary Maw (born Palian, 1812-1897 qv) Thompson of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, was born there on 26 February 1841 (1).

She married, in 1865, as his second wife, Joseph John Robson (1828-1914 qv): there were four children - on her marriage she had settled in Saffron Walden, Essex (2).

She was recorded a minister by Thaxted Monthly Meeting 26 September 1882 (3).

Caroline Robson of Saffron Walden died 27 November 1923 aged 82 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: no description of her father is given
2 For details of the marriage and children, see ROBSON, Joseph John (1828-1914)
3 Typescript index, "Ministers recorded" (Friends House Library)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as widow of Joseph J.

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

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ROBSON, Constance Mary (1873-1963) after 1903 Crosland

[Constance Mary Robson, daughter of Joshua Wheeler Robson (1831-1917 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Rowntree, 1839-1914 qv) of Huddersfield, was married in 1903 to James Robert Crosland (1874-1949 qv) of Sheffield, Manchester and Australia.

See CROSLAND, Constance Mary [Robson] (1873-1963) born Robson]

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ROBSON, Edgar Mann (1879-1960)

Edgar Mann Robson, the youngest of the seven children of Thomas Robson (1836-1920 qv) and his wife Ellen (born Mann, 1838-1885 qv) of Dalton near Huddersfield, was born there on 6 January 1836(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1889 to 1895; he stayed on as office boy for six months and then filled a gap in the teaching staff for about eighteen months.

In 1897 he was apprenticed to Adams, Sanitary Engineers, of Leeds. During this period he pursued his keen interest in games, especially soccer and played for Bradford City and later for the Yorkshire College, now Leeds University. Following his initial training with Adams, the firm sent him to Birmingham in 1900. There he helped in a Boys' Club and played soccer for Swarthmore; later he moved to London and played for the Foxes. He was married in 1906 to Marie Broadhead (1879-1963 qv) of Leeds(2) and there were two children(3). He first met his wife at Ackworth and the school remained very dear to him throughout his life.

In 1910 he joined the newly formed partnership of James Edward Tuke of Bradford and C.W.Bell in London. In 1912 he was appointed a director and secretary, holding the latter appointment until shortly before his eightieth birthday. He was also a director of the Lichfield Foundry Co.Ltd.

During the early days of Tuke & Bell, Edgar Robson was constantly moving about the country and lived in several parts of London and also in the Midlands and Cheshire, settling in Reading in 1924. Wherever he lived he became a member of the local meeting and while in Cheshire helped by ministry the small meeting at Stockport. In Reading he took a quietly active part on many Friends' committees where so often his business knowledge was of value. He took a firm stand on pacifism and spoke on behalf of one conscientious objector at a tribunal.

In 1946 he moved to Winscombe in Somerset, where he had a brother and sister living and which to him was a centre of Quaker associations. He took a great interest in local affairs not necessarily connected with Friends and was one of those who helped to start the Mendip Housing Association, which established a Home for Old Pepple at Badgworth. He was a valued member of the Committee of Management and was respected for his absolute integrity. He retained his interest in games for many years and when he could no longer play football he played tennis for local clubs wherever he might be.

Edgar Mann Robson of The Orchard, Winscombe, Somerset died peacefully on 19 December 1960, at the age of eighty one(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 80 (1961) p 68

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: hsi father is described as a dyer

2 The wedding was at Leeds on 12 April 1906: he is described as a bachelor, a sanitary engineer of 99 Jerningham Road, New Cross, London, the son of Thomas Robson, an insurance agent; she is described as a spinster of Cleveland House, Malvern, the daughter of Joseph Broadhead, a debt collector (Digest of Marriages)

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

Thomas Raymond b 20 Aug 1908 m 1937 Barbara Mildred Burrell NM

*Sarah Barbara b 15 Jan 1911

*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1963

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an engineer

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

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ROBSON, Edward (1763-1813)

Edward Robson, the eldest son of Thomas Robson (1736/7-1812 qv) and his wife Margaret, born Pease, of Darlington, was born there on 17 October 1763(1). He was married in 1788 to Elisabeth Dearman (1771-1843 qv) of Thorne in Yorkshire(2) and there were four children(3).

He was an accomplished botanist and contributed to a number of botanical publications; he was elected one of the first associates of the Linnean Society in 1789(4). He has been described as "a discriminating companion, of liberal sentiments; diffident, prudent and discriminating, of sound religious principles and of exemplary life and conversation; of superior mental endowments; partial to science generally, to natural history in particular, and as a Botanist attained to considerable eminence."(5)

He died at Darlington on 21 May 1813, at the age of forty nine(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Durham QM Births Digest: his father is described as a weaver

2 The wedding was at Thorne on 4 July 1788: he is described as the son of Thomas, a linen manufacturer, and Margaret of Darlington; she is described as the daughter of Nathan and Mary Dearman of Thorne in Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Durham QM Births and Marriages Digest as follows:-

Mary	b 14 July 1789	who m 1807 Edward Backhouse (1781-1860 qv)
Edward qv	b 29 Dec 1791	who m 1815 Jane Backhouse
Dearman	b 13 May 1794	who m 1826 Rebecca Robson
Ann	b 24 July 1797	who m 1827 Jonathan Richardson

4 Dictionary of National Biography, vol 49, p 62

5 Family Memoirs, quoted by Henry Boroyd Smith in Annals of Smith of Cantley, Sunderland 1878, p 149

6 Durham QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 14, p 44:

Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 77

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ROBSON, Edward (1791-1819)

Edward Robson, the son of Edward Robson (1763-1813 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Dearman, 1770-1843 qv) of Darlington, was born there on 29 December 1791(1). Like his father, he became a draper in Darlington(2) and was married in 1815 to Jane Backhouse (1787-1873 qv) of Darlington(3); there was an only daughter(4).

His material prospects were good and he had married happily and well, but his health was delicate. He went to Exmouth to see if a milder climate would benefit him, but he died there on 26 February 1819, at the age of twenty seven(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1820, p 34

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Durham QM Births Digest: his father is described as a linen and woollen draper

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

3 The wedding was at Darlington on 3 August 1815: he is described as a draper of Darlington in county Durham, the son of Edward and Elizabeth Robson of Darlington; she is described as the daughter of Jonathan and Ann Backhouse of Darlington (Durham QM Marriages Digest)

4 Listed in Durham QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Ann Backhouse b 14 March 1817 who m (1)1840 Henry Whitwell (1718-1848 qv)
(2)1853 Sir David Dale (1829-1906 qv)

5 Durham QM Burials Digest: he is described as a draper of Darlington

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

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ROBSON, Edward (1831-1900)

Edward Robson, the son of John Stephenson Robson (1802-1888 qv) and his wife Rachel (born Green, 1804-1890) of Saffron Walden in Essex, was born there on 17 December 1831(1).

He became an upholsterer at Saffron Walden(2) and was married in 1855 to Katherine Bayes of Stoke Newington(3); there were five children(4). Katherine Robson died in 1871(5) and in 1873 he married Mary Ellen Augusta Harker(6); there were seven children of the second marriage(7). By the time of his second marriage he had become an accountant at Hurworth-on-Tees(8) and was finally a share broker(9).

His second wife died in 1893(10) and Edward Robson of Coatham near Redcar died on 6 March 1900, at the age of sixty eight(11).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer His mother was the daughter of Joseph Markes Green (1771-1840 qv)

2 He is so described in his first marriage entry, note 3

3 The wedding was at Stoke Newington on 15 November 1855: he is described as a bachelor, an upholsterer of Saffron Walden, the son of John Stephenson Robson, a grocer; she is described as a spinster of Albion Road, Stoke Newington, the daughter of James Kirbel Bayes (deceased) (Digest of Marriages)

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

Emily Katherine	b 27 Oct 1856	d 14 May 1874
Edward John	b 17 Sept 1858	m 1916 Margery Evelyn Jennings
Edith Mary	b 19 Nov 1860	d 2 Jan 1879 (Pease Family, p 62)
Alfred Ernest Albert	b 17 Jan 1862	d 29 Oct 1882
*Anna Cordelia	b 8 Oct 1863	

*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1941

5 Digest of Deaths: she died 10 Sept 1871, aged 45

6 The wedding was at Newcastle-on-Tyne on 11 September 1873: he is described as a widower, an accountant of Hurworth-on-Tees, the son of John Stephenson Robson, a wholesale grocer; she is described as not in membership, a spinster of Newcastle-on-Tyne, the daughter of Benjamin Willis Harker, a newspaper proprietor (Digest of Marriages)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

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

Rachel Ellen	b 25 Oct 1874	m 1911 George Frank Page NM
*Algernon Harker	b 18 Dec 1875	
Reginald Herbert qv	b 28 June 1877	m 1908 Mary Eliott Thorp (1884-1953 qv)
*Florence Augusta	b 2 Aug 1879	
*Arthur Stephenson	b 13 Nov 1881	
Margaret Pease	b 4 April 1883	m 1909 Percy Barritt
*Elsie Priscilla	b 25 Aug 1887	

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1941

8 He is so described in his second marriage entry, note 6

9 He is so described in his burial entry, note 11

10 Digest of Deaths: she died 12 Aug 1893, aged 48

11 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a share broker

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

MEG Aug 1979

ROBSON, Edward Capper (1812-1893)

Edward C Robson, son of Thomas (1779-1853 qv) and Anne (born Capper, 1784-1850 qv) of Sunderland, co Durham, was born there on 12 September 1812 (1).

He was, like his father, a draper at Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, until about 1844, after which he was a miller (2).

He married, firstly, in 1842, Hannah Garbutt Mennell (1817-1846 qv) (3): there were 2 children (4). He married, secondly, in 1852, Priscilla Tuke (1817-1879 qv) (5): there were 5 children (6).

He was a trustee for Bishopwearmouth (High street) burial ground and for Sunderland (Nile street) meeting house and burial grounds, as well as for other properties (7). He was a justice of the peace (8).

He died at 2 The Esplanade, Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, on 10 May 1893, aged 80 years (9).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Durham QM Births Digest: his father is described as draper

2 Described as of Bishopwearmouth in the entries relating to his marriages, the births of all his children, and his death: in those relating to his 2nd marriage and the 2 eldest children of it he is described as of John Street (1852-4); in those relating to the 2 youngest children (1857-9) he is described as of Esplanade. He is described as draper in the entries relating to his 1st marriage and the birth of the elder son (1842-3); as miller in all later entries (1844-1859) and as corn miller in that at his death

3 The marriage was at Scarborough FMH on 23 March 1842: he is described as bachelor, of Bishopwearmouth, son of Thomas Robson, draper; she is described as spinster, of Scarborough, daughter of Isaac Mennell, draper (Digest of Marriages)

4 Listed in Digest of Births as follows:-

Thomas	b 28 Jan 1843	d 30 July 1868, unmarried
Emma Dorothy	b 7 July 1844	

Children listed (with information that Thomas was unmarried) in H E Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley, 1878, p 164; Joseph Foster, Pease of Darlington, 1894, p 50, / the latter's index showing the marriage as to Hannah Garbutt (pp 73, 76) with no entry under Mennell

5 The marriage was at York FMH on 15 April 1852: he is described as widower, corn miller, of 14 John St, Bishopwearmouth, son of Thomas Robson, gentleman; she is described as spinster, of Lawrence St, York, daughter of Samuel Tuke, gentleman (Digest of Marriages)

6 Listed in Digest of Births as follows:-

Stephen Edward	b 11 May 1853	m 1883 Mary Louisa Trewhitt
Priscilla Maria	b 29 July 1854	
Florence	b 15 April 1856	d 14 Jan 1863
Frank	b 30 May 1857	m Hannah Isabella Watson
Arnold Henry	b 31 March 1859	

Dates of birth as in Smith, loc cit, and in Foster, loc cit, agree: information on marriages of Stephen Edward and of Frank in Foster

ROBSON, Edward Capper (1812-1893) continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES (cont)

7 Durham QM, An account of charitable trusts, 1886, pp 38, 40, 41
8 So described in the death notice in The Friend
9 The Friend ns vol 33 (1893) p 320; Digest of Deaths: he is described as corn miller

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

ROBSON, Ellen (1838-1885) born Mann

Ellen Mann, the daughter of T. and E.Mann of Truro in Cornwall, was born there on 23 January 1838(1).

She was married in 1866 to Thomas Robson (1836-1920 qv), a dyer of Dalton near Huddersfield and there were seven children(2). At the time of her marriage she was living at Plymouth(3).

Ellen Robson of Dalton died on 28 December 1885, at the age of forty seven(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a carpenter; her name is given as Helen
2 For marriage and children see ROBSON, Thomas (1836-1920)
3 See entry for ROBSON, Thomas (1836-1920)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Thomas

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

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ROBSON, Elizabeth (1770-1852) born Dearman

Elizabeth Dearman, the daughter of Nathan and Mary Dearman of Thorne in Yorkshire, was born there on 27 May 1770(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1780 to 1783(2) and was married in 1788, in her nineteenth year, to Edward Robson (1763-1813 qv) of Darlington; there were four children(3).

She was recorded a minister in 1819 and the following year the family moved to Sunderland. She undertook religious visits within her own monthly meeting and in Yorkshire, Lancashire and some of the Midland counties.

On 31 December 1851 she felt unwell and after a short illness died on 8 January 1852, at the age of eighty one(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Newcastle MM in Testimonies 1852, p 50

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 5
3 For marriage and children see ROBSON, Edward (1763-1813)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Bishopwearmouth, the widow of Edward

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 14 (1917) p 44: Mabel Wigham's Journals
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 15, p 59

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Additional reference

ROBSON, Elizabeth, nee Dearman, 1770-1852

An. Mon. (N.S.), 11(1853):172

Corder, Memorials, 6th ed., 415

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:505

ROBSON, Elizabeth (1771-1843) born Stephenson

Elizabeth Robson was the youngest daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Stephenson of Bridlington Quay in Yorkshire, and was born there, June 26th 1771.

After her parents death, she resided with her brother Isaac until her marriage to Thomas Robson of Darlington in 1796.

In 1810 she was recorded as a minister and in 1811 moved with her family to Sunderland. In 1813 with her brother, she visited Ireland. In 1816 she, and Elizabeth Fry daughter of W.M. Fry and William Allen and his wife visited part of the Netherlands, Holland, Germany and Switzerland. At Geneva Charlotte Allen died.

For the next five years she visited Scotland, the Orkneyx, Southern England, Wales and Ireland.

In 1821 she moved with her family to Liverpool, and in 1824 visited North America. In 1831 she and her husband held meetings in Germany, Switzerland, and the South of France, embarking again for America in 1838.

On November 11 1843 she died, aged 73, having been a minister about 36 years, and was buried in the Friends Burial Ground in Liverpool.

Testimony of Hardshaw West M.M. in Testimonies 1844, p.9

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ROBSON, Elizabeth, nee Stephenson, 1771-1843

1827, while on a religious visit with her husband to Friends' meetings in North America, she came early into the Men's meeting in Philadelphia during the eventual sessions of Yearly Meeting preceding the Separation.

An. Mon. (N.S.), 3(1845):116
Nodal, List of Ackworth Scholars
Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:506
Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 14(1917):75
The Friend (London), 2(1844):23
The Friend (Phila.), 1(1827):328; 4(1830):352,360
Evans, Jonathan Evans and his time, 52, 146, 172

ROBSON, Elizabeth (1817-1909) formerly Bryan born Bragg

Elizabeth Bragg, daughter of Thomas Bragg (1789-) was born at Whitehaven on 28 April 1817. She married on 12 November 1841 William Josiah Bryan of New Orleans. After his death (on 7 May 1847) she returned to England with her three daughters (1). On 3 February 1864 she married Henry Ellythorp Robson (1802-1888, qv). After living for several years at Windermere they moved to Reigate a few years before his death (2). By 1900 she had settled at Cambridge (3) where she spent the last years of her life. She died on 24 May 1909 at the age of 92. Her ministry was "greatly valued, as coming from a deep source", and was of "almost prophetic character". Throughout her long life of "varying perplexities and difficulties", she always looked to God for sustaining strength.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual monitor 1910 p.137 (Ten line memoir)
S.B. Foster, The pedigrees of Beakbane of Lancaster, [etc], 1890, pp.148-9

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Listed in Foster, op.cit. as follows:-

Anne	who married in 1864 W.E. Turner
Mary Anne	who married in 1869 Frederick Burgess
Elizabeth	who married in 1872 Richard Binns

2 Annual monitor 1889 p.103
3 Shown there in printed Norfolk Cambs and Hunts QM list of members for 1900

ROBSON, Elizabeth (1839-1914) born Rowntree

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Elizabeth Rowntree, eldest child of John and Jane (Priestman) Rowntree (1) was born on 1 July 1839. She married on 22 April 1868 Joshua Wheeler Robson (1831-1917, qv) (2)

A recorded Minister of the Society of Friends, she occupied several public positions of influence including that of a Poor Law Guardian, Lady Superintendent under the Public Health Union, Membership of the Ackworth & York Schools Committee, the Clerkship of the Women's Quarterly Meeting.

With her husband, Joshua Robson, she contributed much to the local meeting, and Elizabeth Robson's infirmity of lameness, instead of being an excuse to liberate her from service, attracted others to help. A Recorded Minister, she did her service in 'that spirit which helped us to feel so like a family.'

'The many lives helped and encouraged; the lasting impression made on one small meeting by the loving spirit of its one recorded minister of recent years, and her constant thought for its welfare; the faith and courage handed on to a group of Adult School women ... above all, the firmer hold on God which she helped some, perhaps many, souls to attain - all these are among the treasures which remain to be counted and prized.'

Elizabeth Robson died on 21 September 1914 aged seventy five years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Brighouse MM in YM Proc. 1917, p.237

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 The Rowntrees of Riseborough, 1940, p.41

2 ibid p.48

WBE:
Additional references

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ROBSON, Elizabeth, nee Rowntree, 1839-1914

An. Mon. (N.S.), 103(1915):160 (portrait)

The Friend (London), 54 (1914):718, 749, (portrait)

Ackworth School, List of the boys and girls admitted, 154

[Joseph John]

ROBSON, Elizabeth / ~~(J.J.)~~ (1828-1859) born Bayes

Elizabeth Bayes, the daughter of James Kirbell and Cordelia Bayes of King's Lynn in Norfolk, was born there on 20 April 1828(1). She had a religious education and as she grew up it became clear that she was very talented; she became highly cultivated and, possessing a determined will, the conflict between duty and inclination was often severe. She did not find it easy to bend her neck to the yoke of Christ, but her parents' example and her early training stood her in good stead and she retained her faith, learning to walk humbly with her God.

In 1848 the family moved to Dorking in Surrey, where Elizabeth and her mother, with other members of the family, started a boarding school for girls. In 1851, shortly after her mother left to pay a religious visit to Friends in America, Elizabeth became a governess in a Friend's family at Ipswich. She was naturally fond of teaching and invariably won the confidence of her pupils, whether in her situation as governess or in the Ragged School, in which she took great interest and was delighted to be allowed to teach.

She was married in 1853 to Joseph John Robson(2) and went to live at Saffron Walden; there were no children of the marriage(3). She soon resumed useful work and joined the committee for visiting the Girls' British School; she also hoped to carry out some Bible visiting when a suitable district offered.

In 1854, during her first pregnancy, she had a severe attack of apoplexy and paralysis, which threatened her life and cost her her baby. She never fully recovered from the effects of this illness, although her health improved and she was able to attend to her ordinary duties. Her natural energy overcame bodily weakness and she spent much of her time in the study of languages and other literary pursuits. She resumed her visits to the poor, in whom she never lost interest, and on her frequent rides abroad she distributed tracts. During the winter of 1854-1855 she helped a Friend in teaching a class of girls, consisting chiefly of young servants, on one evening a week and in the early part of the following winter she carried on this work by herself.

In December 1856, during her second confinement, she had a second seizure and lost her child. At first there appeared no hope of her recovery and although she did to some extent recover she was thereafter increasingly subject to distressing attacks of illness. During the summer of 1859 her health appeared much improved and gave ground for renewed hope, but she died quite suddenly at Saffron Walden on 15 October 1859, at the age of thirty one(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1861 pp 73-98

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest: her father is described as a druggist

2 The marriage was at Stoke Newington on 23 June 1853: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer and draper of Saffron Walden, the son of John Stephenson Robson, a grocer; she is described as a spinster of Stoke Newington, the daughter of James Kirbel Bayes (deceased) (Digest of Marriages)

3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births

4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Joseph

SEE ALSO:-

The Friend vol 17, (1859), p 211

A memoir of Elizabeth J.J.Robson

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

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WBE:

ROBSON, Elizabeth J.J., nee Bayes, 1828-1859

b. April 20, 1828 at Lyon Regis, Eng., daughter of James Kirbell and Cordelia Bayes.

ed. possessed of a strong mind.

m. Joseph John Robson of Saffron Walden in June, 1853. They lost two infants at birth.

1848 with her mother and other family members started a boarding school for girls in Dorking.

1851 became governess-tutor in a Friends family. Also engaged in teaching in a Ragged School near Ipswich.

1854 suffered her first serious illness, a stroke, which cost the life of her prematurely born son.

d. Oct. 15, 1859 at Saffron Walden, aged 31 years.

The Friend (London), 17(O.S.)(1859):211

An. Mon. (N.S.), 19(1861):73

A memoir of Elizabeth J.J.Robson

ROBSON, Ethel (1873-1953) after 1900 Brown

[Ethel Robson, daughter of Walter (1842-1929, qv) and M. Christina (born Cox) Robson of Saffron Walden, was married in 1900 to Wilfred Henry Brown (1869-1952, qv).

see BROWN, Ethel (1873-1953) born Robson]

ROBSON, Ethel Marian (1876-1942) born Burtt

Ethel Marian Burtt, the daughter of Edward Henry Burtt (1849-1922 qv) and his wife Annie (born Pickard, 1849-1917 qv) of Winney Bank, New Mill near Huddersfield, was born there on 3 February 1876(1).

She was married in 1901 to John Herbert Robson (1875-1965 qv), a master cotton dyer and there was one child(2).

Ethel Marian Robson of Hawthorn Road, Silverdale in Lancashire, died on 2 January 1942, at the age of sixty five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a worsted spinner
2 For marriage and issue see ROBSON, John Herbert (1875-1965)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of John H.

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

She was educated at the Mount School, York, from 1891 to 1893 (*)

* Mount register 1931-2 p 40 (admission no 1213), where she is described as "interested in adult school work"

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ROBSON, Hannah Garbutt (1817-1846) born Mennell

Hannah G Mennell, daughter of Isaac (1770-1829 qv) and Martha (born Dearman, 1777-1860 qv) Mennell of Scarborough, was born there on 27 February 1817 (1). She was educated at Castlegate School (later, the Mount) York from 1831 to 1832 (2).

She married in 1842 Edward Capper Robson (1812-1893 qv) of Sunderland: there were 2 children (3).

Hannah G Robson of Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, died 7 December 1846, aged 29 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as draper
2 Mount School York, List of teachers and scholars, 1906, pt 2, p 7 [admission no 16, omitting "Garbutt": of Scarboro']
3 For particulars of the marriage and children, see ROBSON, Edward Capper (1812-1893)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as wife of Edward Capper. Notice of death is not traced in The Friend or British Friend

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

ROBSON, Hilda Mallerson (1874 - 1968) b. Rowntree

Hilda Rowntree was born in 1874, the daughter of John Stephenson (1834 - 1907 qv.) and Elizabeth (b. Hotham 1834 - 1875 qv.) Rowntree of York.

She qualified as a doctor and then went out to the Central Provinces of India under the auspices of the Friends Foreign Mission Association and immediately on her arrival in 1903 had to cope with a plague epidemic. In 1904 she took charge of a hospital opened for women and children at Hashangabad.

In 1905 she married Henry Isaac Robson at Hoshangabad (1) and they worked on in India for twenty years during which time Hilda Robson taught the wives of students at the Bible College, as well as undertaking medical work at various places. They returned to England in 1926 first to Yorkshire(2) and then in 1938 to Somerset,(3). She was a member of the Friends Service Council for about twenty years and later also served on Meeting for Sufferings.(4).

She died at Weston super Mare on February 10, 1968 aged 93.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 126 (1968) p. 268.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. They were married at F.M.H. Hoshangabad, on 18, January 1905. She is decribed as M.B. Notice in The Friend 1905 Vol. 45 p. 64
2. Yorks QM printed list of members for 1926 records them at Rawdon, the last entry appears in 1938.
3. Bristol & Somerset QM printed list of members for 1939 shows them as members at Sidcot.
4. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library -

Friends Service Council	1933 - 1954
Meeting for Sufferings	1948/9 - 1950/1.

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ROBSON, Isaac (1800-1885)

Isaac Robson, the second son of Thomas Robson (1768-1852 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Stephenson, 1771-1843 qv) of Darlington, was born there on 2 October 1800(1). He was educated at Darlington, at Thomas Taylor's school and later at that conducted by Joseph Sams. On leaving school he joined his brother at Saffron Walden to learn the grocery business from Richard Day.

He left Saffron Walden about 1820 and settled in Liverpool as a tea dealer, remaining there until about 1838, when he moved to Huddersfield. He was married in 1830 to Sarah Wheeler (1799-1885 qv) of Hitchin in Hertfordshire(2), a happy union which lasted fifty four years and there were three children(3). While he lived in Liverpool he was very much occupied with his business and family, but he had been trained to give first place to things of the spirit and for several years he closed his shop for week-day meetings.

Later on, when the pressure of business lifted, he was able to take a fuller share in the life of the community. He was a keen supporter of temperance and was president of the local society at Dalton near Huddersfield for some years before his death. He was interested in the work of the Bible and Peace Societies and in tract distribution and took a very active part in the management of the British and Infant Schools, until they were handed over to the School Board. He also worked to promote Protestant education in Italy. He was for someyears a member of the Town Council and of the Board of Guardians and believed that all good men should play their part in local affairs.

He was recorded a minister in 1844 and thereafter travelled at various times in the service of the Gospel. He visited meetings in Great Britain, in Ireland in 1847 with John Hodgkin (1800-1875 qv), among the Protestant churches in Italy with Charles Fox (1797-1878 qv) in 1864 and the Mennonites and some other bodies of Christians in the south of Russia with Thomas Harvey (1812-1884 qv). He also attended the Yearly Meetings of Friends in America.

"He was frequently led to speak of the work of the Holy Spirit not only as convincing of sin and drawing to the Saviour, but also as dwelling in the heart of the believer, - his Teacher, his Guide and his Comforter. His ministry was of a practical kind, and as he advanced in years and christian experience, it was increasingly attended with heavenly unction, reaching the witness for truth in the hearts of the hearers. In prayer he was humble, reverent and fervent."(Testimony)

The American visit was the last of his long journeys, but he was always ready to undertake work for the Society to which he was so warmly

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attached. He was a very regular attender at London Yearly Meeting and for many years acted as one of the Yorkshire representatives at the Meeting for Sufferings.

A strongly marked feature of his character was his kindly cheerfulness. He was very sociable and enjoyed receiving visits from his friends, especially those travelling in the ministry. When his health began to fail he welcomed these visits all the more and only a few weeks before his death a meeting was held at his house. In the autumn of 1884 he began to be subject to heart attacks, although he was able to take short walks for a little while longer. Isaac Robson of Dalton, Huddersfield died on 25 May 1885, at the age of eighty four(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1886, pp 126-135
Testimony of Yorkshire QM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1885, p xiii

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Durham QM Births Digest: his father is described as a linen manufacturer
2 The wedding was at Hitchin on 8 October 1830: he is described as a tea dealer of Liverpool, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Robson; she is described as the daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Wheeler of Hitchin (Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest)
3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest, the Digest of Marriages and in J.Foster, Pease of Darlington, 1891, p 61, as follows:-

Joshua Wheeler qv	b 1 Nov 1831	m 1868 Elizabeth Rowntree (1839-1944 qv)
Mary qv	b 6 July 1834	m 1855 James Backhouse (1825-1890 qv)
Thomas qv	b 6 Jan 1836	m 1866 Ellen Mann (1838-1885 qv)

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman, a minister

SEE ALSO:-

Margaret E.Hirst, Quakers in Peace & War, p 33
William Robinson, Friends of a half century, p 273 (portrait)
Friends Hist. Library, Swarthmore, BX 7616
The Friend vol 25 (1885) p 194: 3 line entry for death
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 8, p6

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PUBLICATIONS

Music and its influence - - - - - - - - - -	1845
Thoughts on Christian Worship - - - - - - - -	1858
Instrumental music in Worship - - - - - - - -	1859
The True Remedy - - - - - - - - - - - -	1867
The Mennonites of South Russia - - - - - - - -	1872

Joseph Smith's Catalogue, vol 2, p 506,
Sup p 293

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ROBSON, Isaac (1800-188~~6~~5)

Isaac Robson was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Robson, his father being an Elder of the Society, and his mother a recorded Minister.

Isaac Robson was himself acknowledged a minister in 1844, and thereafter travelled at various times in the service of the Gospel in Great Britain and Ireland and among the Protestant churches in Italy, visiting in gospel love the Mennonites and some other bodies of Christians in the South of Russia, as well as the Yearly Meetings of Friends in America.

'He was frequently led to speak of the work of the Holy Spirit not only as convincing of sin and drawing to the Saviour, but also as dwelling in the heart of the believer, - his Teacher, his Guide and his Comforter. His ministry was of a practical kind, and as he advanced in years and christian experience, it was increasingly attended with heavenly unction, reaching the witness for truth in the hearts of the hearers. In prayer he was humble, reverent and fervent'.

Isaac Robson died 25 May 188~~6~~5.

Testimony of Yorkshire QM in YM Proc. 1886, p.xiii

WBE:
Additional information

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ROBSON, Isaac, 1800-1885

b. c.1800 at Darlington, England, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Robson.

ed. Darlington schools, later at Joseph Sam's.

m., 1830, Sarah Wheeler (d. 1885) children.

1838 moved to Huddersfield and began to be active in Friends work. In 1844 he was recorded a minister. He made a journey to Ireland with John Hodgkin.

1845 wrote Music and its influence; 1858, Thoughts on Christian Worship; 1859, Instrumental music in Worship; 1867, The True Remedy; 1872, The Mennonites of South Russia.

1864 with Charles Fox visited Friends on the Continent. In 1867 went with Thomas Harvey to visit the south of Russia. In 1870-71 visited Friends in the United States and attended many different Yearly Meetings.

d. May 25, 1885 at Dalton, Huddersfield, only 4 days apart from his wife's death, at the age of 84 years.

Hirst, Qu. in Peace & War, 33

Robinson, Frds. of a half century, 273 (portrait)

The Friend (London), 25 (1885):194

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:506; Sup.:293

An. Mon. (.S.), 44(1886):126

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7616

ROBSON, Jane (1787-1873) born Backhouse

Jane Backhouse, the daughter of Jonathan Backhouse (1747-1826 qv) and his wife Ann (born Pease, 1746-1826 qv) of Darlington, was born there on 3 May 1787(1). She was married in 1815 to Edward Robson (1791-1819 qv) and there was an only daughter(2).

She died at Darlington on 6 August 1873 at the age of eighty six(3), after a long widowhood of fifty four years.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Durham QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given, but the birth entry for her elder sister describes him as a banker
2 For marriage and child see ROBSON, Edward (1791-1819)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Edward

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1874, p 192: 1 line entry for death

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

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ROBSON, John Herbert (1875-1965)

John H. Robson, the son of Joshua Wheeler (1831-1917,qv) and Elizabeth (born Rowntree) Robson of Dalton, Yorks, was born on 21 December 1875 (1). In 1901 he married Ethel Marion Burtt (2): there was one child (3). His wife died in 1942, and in 1951 he went to live with his daughter and son-in-law at Bentham.

The greater part of his active life was spent in Huddersfield, where he was engaged in the family textile business. He participated enthusiastically in community affairs, and during the depression his power and drive helped to bring the allotments scheme initiated by the Friends in South Wales into successful fruition. He was for many years an inspiring leader in the Adult School movement.

He became a member of Bentham Meeting and Settle Monthly Meeting in 1951, coming from Yealand Meeting, which he attended while living in Silverdale. He served on many committees, but it was especially in intervisitations among nearby meetings that he concerned himself, and established a custom which has become part of the life of the Bentham Meeting.

He died on 3 August 1965.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Settle MM in YM Proc. 1966 p.82

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1 Digest of Birth Notes; his father is described as dyer

2 The wedding was at Wooldale on 12 June 1901; he is described as bachelor, cotton dyer Master, of Little Carr, Green Lane, Dalton, son of Joshua Wheeler Robson, cotton dyer; she is described as spinster, of Winney Bank, Thongsbridge, daughter of Edward Henry Burtt, knitting wool spinner. (Digest of Marriage Registers)

3 Listed in The Rowntrees of Riseborough, 1940, p.A9 as :-

Elizabeth Burtt born 3 Feb.1903 who m.in 1930 T.Leslie Dowell

ROBSON, John Stephenson (1802-1888)

John Stephenson Robson, son of Thomas (1768-1852 qv) and Elizabeth (born Stephenson, 1771-1843 qv) Robson of Darlington, was born there on 1 March 1802 (1). In 1811 the family moved to Sunderland and in 1822 to Liverpool (2).

By 1827 J.S. Robson had settled as a grocer in Saffron Walden (3). He married in that year Rachel Green (1804-1890 qv) (4), and the union lasted for over sixty years: there were 6 children (5). Rachel Robson was a daughter of Joseph Markes Green (1771-1840 qv).

In 1844, after undertaking a stock valuation at Bishops Stortford, he wrote in his journal:- "On looking back at my last week's employment, that of valuing stocks, which I have frequently been engaged in, I have a doubt as to the propriety of ever undertaking another, although it is a lucrative business; but I feel it to be an overcharge of business, to a hindrance of a growth in the truth" (6).

It had been a visit from the American Friend Nathan Hunt (1758-1853 qv) in 1821 which resulted in J.S. Robson's fuller dedication of heart. In August 1843 he was appointed an elder. In 1850 he travelled on the continent of Europe as companion to Thomas Arnett (1791-1877 qv) of Indiana Yearly Meeting (7).

He is described as "possessed of a naturally sunshiny spirit" characterised by a "humility and child-like disposition" (8).

In 1857 the family moved from the business premises in Saffron Walden to Linden Lodge (9). In 1881 he suffered a painful illness which lasted for several months. In 1887 J.S. Robson's health failed on the day of the Queen's jubilee, when for the last time he walked out. After 10 months' illness he died at Linden Lodge, Saffron Walden, on 22 April 1888, aged 86 years (10).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1889 pp 104-115

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Durham QM Births Digest: his father is described as linen manufacturer
2 see ROBSON, Thomas (1768-1852)
3 So described in his marriage entry. In the entries for the births of his children he is described as grocer and draper, grocer, or grocer &c
4 The marriage was at Saffron Walden FMH on 15 June 1827: his second name is spelt "Stevenson" and he is described as of Saffron Walden, Co of Essex, grocer &c, son of Thomas & Elizabeth Robson of Liverpool, Co of Lancaster; she is described as daughter of Joseph Markes & Mercy Green of Littlebury, Co of Essex (Essex QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES (cont)

5 Listed in Essex QM Births Digest, Digests of Births and of Deaths, and elsewhere as follows:-

Joseph John qv	b 2 May 1828	
Mercy Elizabeth	b 3 April 1830	m 1860 Joseph Alexander (1831-1912 qv)
Edward qv	b 17 Dec 1831	
Alfred	b 4 April 1835	d 4 May 1838 aged 3 yrs
Rachel Priscilla	b 6 Aug 1839	
Walter qv	b 30 March 1842	

The children, except for Alfred, are listed in Joseph Foster, Pease of Darlington, 1891, pp 61-2. Rachel Priscilla is not entered in Digest of Births

6 Quoted in Annual monitor 1889 p 107

7 Not "Arnott" as in Annual monitor 1889 p 110, and in some other places. For an account of the journey, see Journal of the life, travels and gospel labours of Thomas Arnett, Chicago, 1884, pp 242 ff

8 Annual monitor 1889 p 104

9 Annual monitor 1891 p 128, in a notice of Rachel Robson

10 The Friend ns vol 28 (1888) p 188. Digest of Deaths, where he is described as merchant

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

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ROBSON, Joseph John (1828-1914)

Joseph J. Robson, son of John Stephenson (1802-1888 qv) and Rachel (born Green, 1804-1890 qv) Robson of Saffron Walden, Essex, was born there on 2 May 1828 (1).

He followed his father as a grocer and draper in Saffron Walden (2).

He married in 1853 Elizabeth Bayes (1828-1859 qv) (3): there was one child who survived only one day (4). He married, secondly, in 1865, Caroline Thompson (1841-1923 qv) (5): there were 4 children (6).

Joseph John Robson of Saffron Walden died 1 April 1914, aged 85 years (7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father's name is spelt John Stevenson and he is desc ibed as grocer and draper
2 So described (or as grocer alone) in the entries relating to his marriages and to the births of his children
3 The marriage was at Stoke Newington FMH on 23 June 1853: he is described as bachelor, grocer & draper, of Saffron Walden, son of John Stephenson Robson, grocer; she is described as spinster, of Stoke Newington, daughter of James Kirbel Bayes (dec'd) (Digest of Marriages)
4 Listed in Digest of Births and Digest of Deaths as follows:-

Richard Day	b 27 March 1854	d 28 March 1854 aged 1 day

5 The marriage was at Gainsborough FMH on 29 June 1865: he is described as widower, grocer & draper, of Saffron Walden, son of John S. Robson, grocer; she is described as spinster, of Gainsborough, daughter of Richard Thompson, grocer (Digest of Marriages)
6 Listed in Digest of Births as follows:-

Francis John	b 30 March 1866	
Mary Adelaide qv	b 9 Aug 1867	who m 1895 Harold J. Morland
Charles Edward	b 27 Dec 1868	(1869-1939 qv)
Caroline Josephine	b 1 May 1872	

7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as gentleman

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

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ROBSON, Joshua Wheeler (1831-1917)

Joshua Wheeler Robson was born on 1 November 1831. He married on 22 April 1868 Elizabeth Rowntree; they had seven children (1)

In his adopted town, Huddersfield, he not only took an interest in the affairs of the Society, but worked on many public bodies as well. He was a valued Elder, and for a time Clerk of the Ackworth School Committee. He was one of the Founders of the Huddersfield Adult School where he taught for more than sixty years. He took a special interest in the duties of the School Board and in its successor, the Education Committee. He was a staunch Liberal but resigned his membership of the local Association as a protest against the introduction of Conscription. He was also a magistrate.

Of his partnership in work with his wife, Elizabeth Robson, it was said 'it is impossible to say where this began and where it ended; but no visitor to Huddersfield could fail to see and feel that "first they gave their own selves to the work" ! Every First-day Joshua Robson began his service at Paddock at 8.30 a.m. with his Adult School Class, and Elizabeth Robson with the Meeting for Worship at 10.30. They continued at Paddock through the afternoon until the close of the evening meeting at 7.0 p.m. 'Their sense of humour, and the way they shared the thoughts and interests of the young, endeared them to many.... At Paddock as in their home at Carr End our dear Friends were continually forming friendships which re-created Huddersfield Meeting. Without knowing it, they became "focus points of light and power"'.

Joshua Wheeler Robson died on 26 January 1917 aged eight five years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Brighouse MM in YM Proc.1917, p.237

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 The Rowntrees of Riseborough, 1940, pp.48-49, where the children are listed as follows :-

Jane	born 16 June 1869, died in infancy 4 Sept.1870
Julia	born 5 Nov 1870, who married 1898 Henry Glaisyer
Constance Mary	born 4 April 1873, who m. 1903 J.Herbert Crosland
John Herbert	born 21 Nov. 1875, unmarried
Sarah Elizabeth	born 14 July 1877, died unmarried 17 Oct. 1920
William Tuke	born 1 Feb. 1879, died 18 Jan. 1937, having had issue
Alice	born 26 May 1881

WBE:
Additional references

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ROBSON, Joshua Wheeler, 1831-1917

The Friend (London), 57(1917):92, 123(portrait)

An. Mon., (N.S.), 106(1918):117 (portrait)

ROBSON, Margaret (1739-1803) born Pease

Margaret Pease, the daughter of Edward Pease (1711-1785 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Coates, 1715-1783 qv) of Darlington in county Durham, was born there on 4.ii.[April] 1739(1).

She was married in 1763 to Thomas Robson (1736/7-1812 qv) [illegible] manufacturer of Darlington and there were eleven children(2).

Margaret Robson of Darlington died on 30 April 1803, at the age of sixty four(3).

ROBSON, Julia (1870-1951) after 1898 Glaisyer

(Julia Robson, daughter of Joshua Wheeler and Elizabeth Robson, married Henry Glaisyer in 1898.

see GLAISYER, Julia (Robson) (1870-1951) born Robson)

ROBSON, Margaret (1775-1858) aftw. Richardson

[Margaret Robson, daughter of Thomas Robson and his wife Margaret (nee) was married in 1817 to William Richardson

see RICHARDSON, Margaret (1775-1858) born Robson]

ROBSON, Margaret (1803-1862) after 1832 Crewdson

(Margaret Robson, daughter of Thomas Robson (1768-1852 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Stephenson, 1771-1843 qv) of Sunderland and Liverpool, was married in 1832 to Wilson Crewdson.

See CREWDSON, Margaret (1803-1862) born Robson)

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ROBSON, Maria (1800-1862) after 1819 Smith

(Maria Robson, daughter of Stephen Robson (1773-1802 qv) and his wife Sarah, born Waterhouse, of Staindrop in Durham, was married in 1819 to Henry Smith (1793-1866 qv).

See SMITH, Maria (1800-1862) born Robson)

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ROBSON, Mary (1834-1897) after Backhouse

[Mary Robson, daughter of Isaac (1800-1885 qv) and Sarah Robson (1799-1855 qv) , born in Liverpool, was married in 1855 to James Backhouse of York.

see B ACKHOUSE, Mary (1834-1897) born Robson]

[Broadhead]

ROBSON, Marie (1879-1963) born Broadhead

Marie, or Maria*, Broadhead, the daughter of Joseph Broadhead (1843-1933 qv) and his wife Sarah Jane (born Mason, 1842?-1879 qv) of Leeds, was born there on 19 July 1879(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1892 to 1894.

She was married in 1906 to Edgar Mann Robson (1879-1960 qv), whom she met at Ackworth and there were two children(2).

She was always a staunch supporter of Friends' activities and in the many places in which she and her husband lived she kept open house for Friends and old scholars of Ackworth. For many years she served as an overseer of Reading Meeting and was also a representative to the Meeting for Sufferings. When she and her husband moved to Winscombe in Somerset in 1946(3) she became an overseer of Sidcot Meeting.

Marie Robson of The Orchard, Winscombe, Somerset died peacefully at York on 20 November 1963, at the age of eighty four(4).

*Her name is given as Maria in her birth and marriage entries

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 83 (1964) p 68

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a corn miller
2 For marriage and children see ROBSON, Edgar Mann (1879-1960)
3 See entry for ROBSON, Edgar Mann (1879-1960), which also gives details of the other places in which she lived
4 The Friend

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

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ROBSON, Mary (1789-1860) after 1807 Backhouse

(Mary Robson, daughter of Edward Robson (1763-1813 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Dearman, 1770-1843 qv) of Darlington, was married in 1807 to Edward Backhouse (1781-1860 qv).

See BACKHOUSE, Mary (1789-1860) born Robson)

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WBE:

ROBSON, Mary Adelaide, afterwards Morland, 1867-1933

see

MORLAND, Mary Adelaide, nee Robson

ROBSON, Mary Eliott (1884-1953) born Thorp

Mary Eliott Thorp, the daughter of James Herbert Thorp (1855-1919 qv) and his wife Anne Sturge (born Eliott, 1860-1931 qv) of Shaw Street, Liverpool, was born at Liskeard in Cornwall on 11 November 1884(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1895 to 1899. She taught at Saffron Walden School from 1907 to 1908, but left on her marriage to Reginald Herbert Robson (1877-1951 qv) in the latter year; there were four children(2). She sang beautifully and enjoyed going to concerts in London.

The family moved to Reading about 1912, when Reginald Robson became senior history master at Leighton Park School and remained there until he retired from teaching in 1937. In 1940 she and her husband became wardens of the Penn Club and saw it through the difficult years of the second world war. Later they moved to Essex, where Reginald Robson died in 1951. After a long period of ill health she died peacefully at Midhurst in Sussex on 10 March 1963, at the age of seventy eight(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Reports 82, p 68

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a doctor of medicine
2 For marriage and children see ROBSON, Reginald Herbert (1877-1951)
3 Ackworth Old Scholars Reports: her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

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ROBSON, Mercy Elizabeth (1830-1893) after 1860 Alexander

[Mercy Elizabeth Robson, daughter of John Stephenson Robson (1802-1888 qv) and his wife Rachel (born Green, 1804-1890 qv) of Saffron Walden in Essex, was married in 1860 to Joseph Alexander (1831-1912 qv).

See ALEXANDER, Mercy Elizabeth (1830-1893) born Robson]

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ROBSON, Priscilla (1817-1879) born Tuke

Priscilla Tuke, daughter of Samuel (1784-1857 qv) and Priscilla (born Hack, 1786-1828) Tuke of the parish of St Saviour's, York, was born there on 31 January 1817 (1). She was educated at Castlegate School (later, the Mount) York from 1831 to 1833 (2).

She married in 1852, as his second wife, Edward Capper Robson (1812-1893) qv, a corn miller of Sunderland: there were 5 children (3).

Priscilla Robson of the Esplanade, Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, died 23 October 1879, aged 62 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as tea dealer

2 Mount School York, List of teachers and scholars, 1906, pt 2, p 6 [admission no 1: of York]

3 For particulars of the marriage and children, see ROBSON, Edward Capper (1812-1893)

4 The Friend ns vol 19 (1879) p 308; Digest of Deaths: she is described as wife of Edward Capper

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

ROBSON, Reginald Herbert (1877-1951)

Reginald H.Robson, the son of Edward Robson (1831-1900 qv) and his second wife Mary Ellen Augusta, born Harker, of Darlington, was born there on 28 June 1877(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1888 to 1892(2) and at the Flounders Institute and took a degree in history at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge. The first years of his teaching career were spent at Saffron Walden, a school to which he often referred with affection.

He was married in 1908 to Mary Eliott Thorp (1884-1953 qv), the daughter of James Herbert Thorp (1855-1919 qv) of Liverpool(3) and there were four children(4). Four years later they moved to Reading, where he became senior history master at Leighton Park School, a post he held until his retirement in 1937. He had the gift of passing on his learning and his enthusiasm, especially to the older boys, and his close personal interest was responsible for many successes in university scholarship examinations. He took an active share in all the school's activities and his influence as a housemaster was widely felt.

He was a devoted family man, very proud of his four sons even when they rejected the pacifism and liberalism which meant so much to him, and the family bond was deepened and strengthened by the death of two of his sons, who were killed in the second world war.

While in Reading he brought new life to Friends at Maidenhead and promoted the building of their Meeting House. He served as monthly meeting clerk and in other official capacities, always showing a profound and Quakerly respect for the minority view. He joined Friends Library Committee in 1938, served on it until his death and was its able clerk from 1947 to 1950.

In 1940 Reginald and Mary Robson became wardens of the Penn Club, giving faithful service for ten years and seeing it through the difficult period of the war. They showed a quiet and tenacious fortitude and created in the Club a contented community of people from all parts of the world.

Reginald H.Robson of 1 Sutton Road, Southend-on-Sea died on 31 December 1951, at the age of seventy three(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 110 (1952), p 63

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: his father is described as an iron founder

2 Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 82, p 68

3 The wedding was at Liverpool on 1 August 1908: he is described as a bachelor, a school master of Saffron Walden in Essex, the son of Edward Robson, a stock and share broker; she is described as a spinster of 55 Shaw Street, Liverpool, the daughter of James Herbert Thorp, a physician and surgeon (Digest of Marriages)

4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-

Edward Herbert	b 3 July 1912	d 23 Oct 1944 (The Leightonian)
John Eliott	b 25 July 1917	d Oct 1944 in Italy
Peter Thorp	b 15 Sept 1920	
Patrick Hastings	b 27 Sept 1923	resigned his membership 1949*

*Hampstead MM minutes 13 October 1949

N.B. No marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1963

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as the husband of Mary E.

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

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ROBSON, Sarah (1799-1885) born Wheeler

Sarah Wheeler, the daughter of Joshua Wheeler (1755-1803 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Tuke, 1760-1826 qv) of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, was born there on 28 December 1799(1). She was educated at home, supplementing her studies by reading and writing.

She was married in 1830 to Isaac Robson (1800-1885 qv), a tea dealer of Liverpool and there were three children(2). Her marriage introduced her into a very wide circle of truly kind friends in Liverpool, of whom she always spoke with grateful affection. She and her husband left Liverpool in 1838, when their children were very young and went to live at Dalton near Huddersfield, where Sarah Robson had charge of a very large household, including the young men employed by her husband.

Although her household cares were heavy, they never prevented her from taking a warm interest in the welfare of her friends and of the meeting to which she belonged. Her husband was a minister and for fifty five years she was a true and faithful helpmeet to him , ever ready to encourage him in the work to which he was called. She always took a deep interest in the Society and for many years she held and wisely exercised the office of elder. On one or two occasions she acted as companion to Friends travelling in the ministry and for several years she was at the table of London Yearly Meeting, first as reader and then in 1853 as clerk to the Womens Meeting(3). In the various meetings for business she took an active part and her judgment was always valued by her friends. She was one of the originators of the Women's First-day School at Huddersfield and was a teacher from its commencement in 1862 until failing health forced her to give up her class of middle-aged women, when she was in her seventies.

"In meetings for church affairs her wise judgment was often very helpful to her friends, whilst in the social circle her loving brightness and ready sympathy had a powerfully attractive influence over young and old."(Testimony)

During the last year of her life her health had been gradually failing, but she was only confined to her bed for a fortnight and died peacefully at Dalton on 29 May 1885, at the age of eighty five(4), only four days after the death of her beloved husband.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1886, pp 135-141

Testimony of Yorkshire QM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings, 1886, p xiii

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 For marriage and children see ROBSON, Isaac (1800-1885)
3 London Yearly Meeting during 250 Years, p 137
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Isaac; an elder

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 8, p 6

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ROBSON, Sarah (1799-188~~6~~5) born Wheeler

Sarah Robson was wife of Isaac Robson for fifty-five years being a true and faithful helpmeet to him, ever ready to encourage him for the work to which he felt called. She was strongly attached to the Society and for many years filled the office of Elder.

'In meetings for church affairs her wise judgment was often very helpful to her friends, whilst in the social circle her loving brightness and ready sympathy had a powerfully attractive influence over young and old'.

Sarah Robson died 29 May 188~~6~~5.

Testimony of Yorkshire QM in YM Proc. 1886, p.xiii

ROBSON, Stephen (1741-1779)

Stephen Robson, the younger son of Thomas Robson (1690/1 or 1691/2-1771 qv) and his third wife Mary, born Hedley, of Darlington, was born there on 13.iv.(June)1741(1). He was married in 1771 to Ann Awmack of Seamere in Yorkshire(2) and there were three children(3).

He entered the linen manufactory of his father, at whose death he inherited the business, together with a freehold house and a shop in Northgate, Darlington; here he extended his activities to include a grocery business. Although very much occupied with his business, he found time to devote to scientific pursuits, more especially botany, astronomy and heraldry. He had a high reputation both in literature and science, combining with his accomplishments a cheerful disposition, meekness and piety.

As a botanist he compiled the earliest general work on the flora of the British Isles(4), a work of considerable importance upon which later well known botanists based some of their work. This was no mean achievement for a young man of thirty six, self taught both as regards the classics and science, and confined to his counter. He also wrote poetry, but apparently burned it all and none has survived.

He developed consumption, perhaps partly due to the sedentary life he had to lead in his shop, and died on 16 May 1779, at the early age of thirty eight(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Henry Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley, Sunderland 1878, pp 163-164

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Durham QM Births Supplement 1628-1837: his father's occupation is not given

2 The wedding was at Darlington on 16 May 1771: he is described as a weaver of Darlington in the county of Durham, the son of Thomas and Mary Robson of Darlington; she is described as of Durham, the daughter of William and Hannah Awmack of Seamere in the county of York (Durham QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Durham QM Births Digest as follows:-

Hannah	b 31 Aug 1774	
Mary	b 4 July 1776	
Thomas	b 20 Jan 1779	who m 1803 Anne Capper*

*Given in Henry Ecroyd Smith, op cit, p 164; no marriages for these children are traced in Durham QM Marriages Digest to 1837

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

4 Jos.Smith's Catalogue vol 2 p 506 The British Flora 1777
5 Durham QM Burials Digest: he is described as a shopkeeper of Darlington

SEE ALSO:-

Friends Quarterly Examiner, vol 51 (1917) pp 14, 265: principally correspondence about The British Flora
Dictionary of National Biography, vol 49, p 62
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 14, p 176

MEG May 1977
replacement

WBE:

ROBSON, Stephen, 1741-1779

b.Aug. 13, 1741 at Darlington, England, son of Thomas and Mary (Hedley) Robson.

ed. received a plain education. Had an early interest in botany and astronomy, and also in heraldry. Learned sufficient Latin and Greek to read botanical authors.

1771, entered the linen weaving business and also carried on a grocery business.

m., 1771 Ann Awmack. 3 children.

1777, published The British Flora..., a work of considerable importance, notable for its accuracy and neatness.

His interests caused him to lead a sedentary life and this may have led to his falling ill with pulmonary consumption.

d. May 16, 1779 at Darlington, aged 38 years.

Frds. Mu. Exam., 51(1917):14, 265

D.N.B., 49:62

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:506

ROBSON, Stephen (1773-1802)

Stephen Robson, the son of Thomas Robson (1736/7-1812 qv) and his wife Margaret, born Pease, of Darlington, was born there on 21 January 1773(1). He settled at Staindrop as a mercer, woollen draper and tea dealer and in 1799 he was married to Sarah Waterhouse, the daughter of Ellythorp Waterhouse of Liverpool(2); there were two children(3).

Stephen Robson had a talent for drawing and an inherited interest in botany. Both these pursuits were cultivated as time allowed and he was particularly notable for his beautiful flower paintings; he also enjoyed using Indian ink and sepia and made a series of drawings of Raby Castle and its chief outbuildings, including the church.

He died at Staindrop on 14 November 1802(4), at the early age of twenty nine.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Henry Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley, 1878, pp 157-158

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Durham QM Births Digest: his father is described as a weaver

2 The wedding was at Liverpool on 18 September 1799: he is described as a draper of Staindrop, Durham, the son of Thomas, a linen manufacturer, and Margaret; she is described as the daughter of Ellythorp, a woollen draper, and Sarah Waterhouse of Liverpool, both deceased (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Durham QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Maria qv	b 29 Nov 1800	who m 1819 Henry Smith (1793-1866 qv) (Lancs. QM Marriages Digest)
Henry Ellythorp	b 9 Jan 1802	who m (1)1830 Mary Binns (2)1864 Elizabeth Bryan (1817-1909 qv)

4 Durham QM Burials Digest: he is described as a draper

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

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ROBSON, Sybil (1880-1947) after 1906 Allen

[Sybil Robson, daughter of Walter and Christine Robson, married Kenneth C. Allen in 1906.

see ALLEN, Sybil (1880-1947) born Robson]

ROBSON, Thomas (1690/1 or 1691/2-1771)

Thomas Robson, the son of Stephen and Jane Robson of Darlington, was born there on 1.i.1691 (i.e.probably March 1690/1 but possibly March 1691/2). He was bred to the local manufacture of linen weaving, but he had a restless disposition and when he was about twenty he went to northern Ireland. He practised his skill in Ireland with great success and his manufacture of the authentic Darlington huckaback brought him to the notice of a local judge, who became his patron.

He married while he was in Ireland and had four children. Shortly after the marriage his wife joined the Society of Friends, which so angered and annoyed him that he threatened to drag her out of meeting. But on attempting to carry out his threat he was himself converted to Quakerism and joined the Society. His wife died early and he decided to take his four young children back to Darlington.

He set sail for a Cumbrian port, there purchased an ass and panniers for his children and in this manner entered Darlington. He was there recognised by two young women who had known him in his youth and were surprised to find him now a co-religionist. They kindly took charge of his young family, but three of the children died and only a daughter, Dorothy, survived.

Thomas Robson married in turn each of the young women who had befriended him. In 1726 he was married to Mary Hunter, but she did not long survive the union and died childless(1). In 1728 he married her friend Mary Hedley, the eldest daughter of Thomas Hedley of Hedley-on-the-Hill and his second wife Margaret(2); there were two children(3).

He died at Darlington on 17 February 1771(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Henry Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley, 1878, pp 147-149

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 The marriage is not traced in Durham QM Marriages Digest and no children are traced in Durham QM Births Digest
2 The marriage is not traced in Durham QM Marriages Digest
3 Listed in Durham QM Births Supplement 1628-1837 as follows:-
Thomas qv b 8 x (Dec)1736 who m 1763 Margaret Pease
Stephen b 13 iv (June)1741 who m Ann Awmack
4 Durham QM Burials Digest: he is described as a shopkeeper of Darlington

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ROBSON, Thomas (1690/1 or 1691/2-1771) continued

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 16 (1919) pp 46-47: extract from Smith of Cantley

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 19, pp 105,106

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ROBSON, Thomas (1736/7-1812)

Thomas Robson, the son of Thomas Robson (1690/1 or 1691/2-1771 qv) and his third wife Mary, born Hedley of Darlington, was born there on 19.xii.1736 (i.e.February 1736/7). He started a linen manufacturing business in Darlington about the year 1758 and from small beginnings the business grew into a thriving concern. He was described as a man of strikingly upright character, highly respected both in civil and religious society.

He was married on 20 January 1763 to Margaret Pease, the eldest daughter of Edward Pease (1711-1783 qv) of Darlington; she had been his early playmate and school-fellow and there were eleven children(1).

He died at Darlington on 29 April 1812(2), aged about seventy five.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Henry Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley, 1878, p 149

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Listed in Durham QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Edward	b 17 Oct 1763	who m 1788 Elizabeth Dearman (1770-1852 qv) (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
Mary	b 5 Jan 1765	who m 1788 Thomas Ellerby
Elizabeth	b 9 Sept 1766	who d unmarried 28 Oct 1785
Thomas	b 25 Nov 1768	who m 1796 Elizabeth Stephenson (1771-1843 qv)
Ann	b 28 April 1770	who m 1791 John Mounsey
Nathan	b 16 Feb 1772	who m 1794 Rachel Brady
Stephen qv	b 21 Jan 1773	who m 1799 Sarah Waterhouse (Lancs. QM Marriages Digest)
Margaret	b 19 Aug 1775	who m 1817 William Richardson
John Pease	b 20 Aug 1776	who d 14 Nov 1776
Joseph	b 7 May 1779	who d 26 May 1779
Pease	b 3 Feb 1781	who d 25 April 1781

2 Durham QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:- Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 14, p 761: vol 17, pp 75,76: vol 23, p 90

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ROBSON, Thomas (1768-1852)

Thomas Robson, the son of Thomas and Margaret Robson of Darlington, was born there on 25 November 1768 (1). He settled in Sunderland. He married in 1796 Elizabeth Stephenson (1771-1843 qv) (2) there were seven children (3)

By 1821 the family had removed to Liverpool.

Thomas Robson died at Huddersfield on 19 May 1852

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 His father is described as a linen weaver.
Durham QM Births Digest

2 The wedding was at Stockton on 22 December ~~xxx~~ 1796.
She is described as of Stockton on Tees, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Stephenson of Bridlington Quay, Yorkshire.
He is described as son of Thomas and Margaret Robson of Darlington, linen maker.
Digest of marriage registers.

3 Listed in J. Foster, Pease of Darlington, 1891 pp. 60-65 as follows:

Henry	born 17 Oct	1798	died unmarried 12 Aug 1850
Isaac	born 20 Aug	1800	qv
John Stephenson	born 1 Mar	1802	qv
Margaret	born 22 Dec	1803	who married 1832 William Crewdson
Thomas	born 27 Apr	1805	
Elizabeth	born 2 Oct	1815	who married 1843 Joshua Green
Mary Charlotte	born 27 Nov	1816	died 14 Jan 1829

SEE ALSO

Pen Pictures p. 193
Christine M Alsop. p. 77

WBE:
Additional reference

ROBSON, Thomas, 1768-1852

An. Mon. (N.S.), 11(1853):172

ROBSON, Thomas (1768-1852)

Thomas Robson, the son of Thomas Robson and his wife Margaret (born Read) of Darlington, was born there on 25 November 1768.(1) He was educated at a day school, which he left at the age of thirteen. He was a volatile and exuberant boy, his associates were not always desirable and he caused his parents much uneasiness, but the death of an elder sister when he was seventeen made a deep impression on him and resulted in a marked change in his character. From being rough and wayward he became steadily more seriously inclined; his sober earnestness won him the esteem of Friends and he was appointed an elder at the age of twenty eight.

In 1796 he married Elizabeth Stephenson (1771-1843 qv)(2) and they had seven children.(3) In 1811 the family moved to Sunderland and in 1822 to Liverpool. Elizabeth Robson appeared in the ministry in 1808 and the story of their marriage is one of many partings accepted with fortitude for the sake of her ministerial work. On some of these journeys Thomas Robson was able to accompany his wife; he was with her during a visit to Europe and on one of her journeys to Friends in America. He spent four years on this latter visit and became well acquainted with American Friends and with the condition of the Society in America. As an elder he also accompanied other Friends travelling in the ministry, including George Robinson (1773-1862 qv) and William Flanner from America (1766-1837 qv), and his help and advice were always welcome.

His wife died in 1843 and in 1844 he moved to Huddersfield, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was very diligent in attending meetings, even at an advanced age, and continued to take a lively interest in the affairs of the Society. He was well versed in its history and widely read in the works of Friends and on religious subjects in general. He was naturally sociable and took great pleasure in the company of his friends.

He died rather suddenly at Huddersfield after a brief illness, on 19 May 1852.(4)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Annual Monitor 1853 pp.172-183

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Durham QM Births Digest: his father is described as a linen weaver

2 The wedding was at Stockton on 22 December 1796: he is described as a linen manufacturer, the son of Thomas and Margaret Robson of Darlington; she is described as of Stockton on Tees, the daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Stephenson of Bridlington Quay, Yorkshire (Durham QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Durham QM Births Digest as follows:-

Henry	b 7 October 1798	
Isaac qv	b 2 August 1800	
John Stephenson qv	b 1 March 1802	
Margaret	b 22 December 1803	she m 1832 William Crewdson
Thomas	b 27 April 1805	
Elizabeth	b 2 October 1815	she m 1843 Joshua Green
Mary Charlotte	b 27 November 1816	d 14 Jan 1829

In J.Foster, Pease of Darlington, 1891 pp.60-65 the date of Isaac's birth is given as 20 August 1800

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

SEE ALSO: mentions in J.Friends Hist.Soc. XI 202, XIV 62, 70 & 76, XIX 106 & 121, XXI 40 & 84, Supp.17 193
Christine M.Alsop, p.77

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ROBSON, Thomas (1836-1920)

Thomas Robson, the son of Isaac Robson (1800-1885 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Wheeler, 1799-1885 qv) of Everton in the parish of Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire, was born there on 6 January 1836(1).

He became a dyer at Dalton near Huddersfield(2) and was married in 1866 to Ellen Mann (1838-1885 qv) of Plymouth(3); there were seven children(4).

Thomas Robson of Sidcot in Somerset died on 27 December 1920, at the age of eighty four(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a tea dealer

2 He is so described in his marriage entry, and in the birth entries of all his children

3 The wedding was at Plymouth on 3 October 1866: he is described as a bachelor, a dyer of Dalton near Huddersfield, the son of Isaac Robson, a dyer; she is described as a spinster of Trafalgar House, Plymouth, the daughter of Thomas Mann (deceased), a builder (Digest of Marriages)

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

Esther Wheeler	b 1 Dec 1867	
Mabel	b 10 Feb 1869	
Gertrude Mary	b 23 Oct 1870	
Ernest	b 24 Nov 1871	
Henry Isaac	b 19 July 1873	
Wilfrid	b 23 May 1875	
Edgar Mann qv	b 5 Nov 1879	m 1906 Marie Broadhead (1879-1963 qv)

With the exception of Edgar Mann, no marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1935

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired cotton warp dyer and bleacher

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

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ROBSON, Thomas Binns (1843-1925)

Thomas Binns Robson, the son of Henry Ellythorp and Mary Robson, was born at Liscard Vale Cheshire on 21 September 1853 (1). In 1871 he married Henrietta Watson and they went to live in Australia (2), where he was clerk of 'two months meeting' in Australia for 44 years.

His 'labour of love' brought great benefit to the Society both internally and externally, through cooperation with other Christian bodies. His concern as a citizen and a Christian for the welfare of mankind earned him couresy and respect, so that newspapers were willing to give space to his writings, even when he was advocating unpopular causes.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of South Australia Two Months Meeting in YM Proc 1926 p. 209

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Birth Notes

2 The wedding was at Liscard on 1 March 1871. He is described as bachelor, cotton broker of New Brighton, son of Henry Ellythorp Robson, cotton Broker.
She is described as N.M., spinster of Southport, daughter of Henry Watson, chemist. (Digest of marriage registers)

SEE ALSO

Obituary Notice The Friend vol (1925) p. 644
Obituary Notice Australian Friend vol (1925) p. 1899

WBE:

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ROBSON, Walter, 1842 - 1929

B. March 30, 1842 at Saffron Walden, Eng., son of John Stephenson and Rachel (Green) Robson.

ed. at School of Till Adam Smith at Weston-supre-Mare, then was apprenticed in the family grocery business of Robson, Green & Co.

1867 accompanied Joseph James Neave, his cousin, on a journey to Australasia.

m., Nov. 5, 1869, M. Christina Cox of Woolongong, near Sydney, Australia. children.

1870 upon his return with his bride was made a partner in the family business in Saffron Walden.

1878 visited U.S.A. attending seven Yearly Meetings and addressing many open-air assemblies.

1876-1929 served on the committee for Saffron Walden School, auditing of accounts his special service.

Served his city government as Magistrate and as Treasurer for many years. Also served the Society of Friends. His ministry would be considered "evangelical".

d. c. Dec. 15, 1929 at Saffron Walden, aged nearly 88 years.

The Friend (London), 70(1930):35 (portrait)

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ROGERS, William (1738?-1789)

William Rogers was born in 1738 in Johnstown, County Donegal, Ireland. His parents were presbyterians, but when he was about 8 his father became convinced of the Truth, and he was brought up in the principles of Friends. Later, being 'desirous to have a nearer acquaintance & Fellowship with that People whose Principles he had embraced in the Love of Truth, entered into voluntary Engagement at the Expiration of his first Apprenticeship about the 19th Year of his Age to bind himself a second time as a Servant for the term of 7 Years in the Family of a Friend: & in this humble Situation his Love to the Society encreased... And altho his beginning (with regard to worldly Circumstances) was but small, yet being engaged to keep in the Simplicity & to be commendably diligent & Industrious in the management of his outward affairs, it pleased the Lord to prosper his honest Endeavours'.

He appeared in the ministry when he was about ~~22~~ 27 and made many visits to meetings in Ulster Province; in 1783 he made more extensive visits in Ireland.

He died on 10 February 1789, aged 57 years, a minister about 26 years. He was interred in Friends Burial Ground, Lisburn.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Abstract of testimony from Lisburn MM as approved by Ireland Half Years' Meeting 5 v 1789, in TCMD vol 3 pp 359-361

WBE:

RODES, (Sir) John (or Rhodes), 1667-1743

1670? EBB

b. 1667, at Barlborough Hall, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire, England, son of (Sir) Francis and Martha (Thornton) Rodes.

Never married and lived a life somewhat withdrawn from the world.

1726 wrote Preface to William Penn's "Fruits of a father's love."

The baronetcy lapsed with his death without issue.

d. December 1743, Barlbrough Hall, Derbyshire, aged about 76 years.

Locker-Lampson, A Quaker post-bag... (miniature portrait)

Moore, Travelling with Thos. Story..., 136,269

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:479

Thos. Story's Journal, 465 (folio)

~~2 Haines, Clovercroft Chronicles, 309-313~~ 3 B.C. wrong family

Birthdate questioned by Penn Papers project, v.3.

RODGER, Donald (1901 ? - 1982)

Donald Rodger was born in about the year 1901.(1) We have no knowledge of his early life except that he took up a job in a steelworks which on the outbreak of war he found incompatible with his beliefs as a pacifist and as a member of P.P.U. and he gave up the work to become involved in the Pacifist Service Units. He worked in one such unit with his wife Betty in Stepney during the war after a period in prison for failing to comply with the conditions of exemption from military service - i.e. to do land work. Donald and his wife returned to Sheffield after the war and became involved in work with the Family Service Units and opened the first unit there. They joined the Society of Friends in the fifties and for some thirty years were members of Hartshead meeting. They had two daughters Faith and Margaret. He retired in 1966 and his wife subsequently suffered severe disablement, but although as a result he could not go far afield he made work for peace his major concern, he built up a strong movement in Sheffield and stimulated MMs to investigate the conditions of workers in South Africa. He also developed a club for the disabled at Hartshead meeting. He was a modest and unassuming man but a ' light in the lives of many who encountered him in work or in friendship '.(2)

He died on November 30, 1982 aged about 81. No exact age is given.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 141 (1983) p. 68

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged about 81 at death.

2. This is a quotation from the obituary cited above.

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WBE:

RODMAN, Hannah later Fisher 1764-1819

See Hannah Fisher

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WBE:

RODMAN, John

Long Island, N.Y.

1702 a minister, he visited Maryland, Virginia, and Carolina, accompanied by Vincent Caldwell.

1720 present at Yearly Meeting held in Burlington, New Jersey.

John Smith's Ms.3:45

WBE:

RODMAN, Samuel, 1792-1876

b. March 24, 1792 at Nantucket, Mass., son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Rotch) Rodman.

ed. at school of Enoch Lewis at New Garden, Pa.

Had a cotton mill at Shirley, Mass. Moved to live at New Bedford, Mass.

m., 1819 Hannah Haydock Prior of Cow Neck, L.I., New York.

1821-1859 kept a diary which shows him to have been in sympathy with Elias Hicks and with Mary Newhall of the "New Lighters" in Mass. The diary contains meteorological records for many years (1812-1876)

Met with financial difficulties.

d. Aug. 1, 1876 at New Bedford, Mass., aged 84.

Diary of Samuel Rodman, portraits op. 238 & frontispiece
(Reprinted from Morning Mercury, New Bedford, Mass.

RODWELL, Dorothy (1888-1951) born Holmes

Dorothy Rodwell was born 6 August 1888. After studying at Westfield College, London, she trained at Woodbrooke and Westhill for missionary service in China, where she arrived in 1915, having married John P. Rodwell earlier that year. They returned to England in 1926 and settled in Derby in 1928.

Dorothy and John Rodwell should be remembered as a team, labouring together in missionary work in China, in service with Friends in Derby, on Committees at Friends House, in Monthly and Quarterly Meetings and for many good causes in Derby.

Dorothy was a giver of good counsel whether to Chinese women in her work as an Overseer, in her work for the Derby Marriage Guidance Counsil and in her care of the children of the Meeting. She was much in request as a speaker on China and gave long and acceptable service as a member of the China Committee of Friends Service Council.

She was Clerk to the Monthly Meeting of Overseers for many years and she became Chairman of the Derby Refugee Committee. She was a member of the New Education Fellowship and became Chairman of the Derby Branch.

'Her care was ever for individuals first because they were God's children, and to them she gave of her wealth of wisdom, confidence, courage and experience, and whatever help, whether spiritual intellectual or material, it was in her power to render; an outpouring of love that ended only with her life'.

She died 9 November 1951.

Testimony of Notts & Derby MM in YM Proc. 1952, p.177

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RODWELL, John Porter (1885-1949)

John P. Rodwell was born 19 March 1885 and was educated at Penketh School, then training as a pharmaceutical chemist. However, he felt called to a wider service and joined the Adult School Movement in Manchester. He later moved to Birmingham to train with the Friends Foreign Missionary Association for service overseas.

He was accepted in 1908 by the FFMA for service in West China and went there the same year, settling first in Tungchwan: His work there was interrupted by the revolution of 1911 and he spent some time in Chungking and Chengtu before returning to Tungchwan. After his first furlough in 1914 he was accompanied back to China by his bride, Dorothy Holmes, and together they tried to show what a Christian home should be. John Porter Rodwell mastered the Chinese language thoroughly which made it possible for him to teach in Government Schools whilst his pharmaceutical knowledge came in useful in connection with running a dispensary. Both in public and in private he consistently upheld Friends' Peace Testimony and at times mediated between opposing armies.

The needs of the young family caused a return to England in 1926 and they settled in Derby, where his ministry did much to revitalise the Meeting. He helped and encouraged the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the New Education Fellowship and the Peace Pledge Union. He was for some time chairman of the Midland district of the Institute of British Launderers, serving on its National Council.

'John Rodwell's outstanding quality was his gift for friendship. His optimism and his sense of humour never failed him. Above all we have been conscious that the great passion of his life was to further Christ's kingdom on earth, to spread His message and to serve Him with single-minded devotion.'

He died 15 October 1949.

Testimony of Notts & Derby MM in YM Proc. 1950, p.176

WBE:

ROE, Daniel, fl. 1664-8

b. Northamptonshire

Convinced and joined Friends. In 1664 he was imprisoned in the Castle at Warwick for refusal to swear. He was held for about a month.

1668 wrote God's judgments still threat'ned against Thee, O England...

Besse, 1:765

Jos.Smith's Cat., 2:506

ROELOFFS, Jan

Jan Roeloffs was the son of a Mennonite preacher in Hamburg. He became a Friend in 1659 and was prominent in Dutch Quakerism. His wife was Deborah. They were in England in 1686 and lodged at the house of William Crouch (pp.135-137). Roeloffs was one of the trustees of the Amsterdam property in 1682. He wrote in Dutch A Looking-Glass for the City of Embden. He is mentioned in Ell. Text (ii.285,483).

Pennsylvania Magazine, vol.ii (1878) p.250
Fell-Smith, Steven Crisp, 1892
MSS in Friends House

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.333

WBE:
Additional reference

ROELOFSZ (or Roeloffs), Jan (or John)

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:507

WBE:

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ROFE, George, -1664

A glazier of Halstead, Essex, England.

c. 1655 convinced and joined Friends and preached in England and Holland.

Suffered imprisonment at Bury St. Edmonds, where he spent time in a foul dungeon

1656-1658 wrote a number of tracts defending the Truth.

1658 came to America. In 1661 he wrote while in Virginia, A true believer's Testimony of the work of True Faith...; and, A Visitation. He then went to Barbadoes and wrote Cherubims, cherubims. In 1663 with Edward Burroughs wrote A demonstration...

d. 1664, "cast away in a little boat upon Maryland or Virginia river, in a storm."

Frds. Intel., 110(1953):455

The Friend (Phila.) 12(1838):455; 65(1892):77,82

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:507; Sup.:293

Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 35, No.1, 17

Besse, 1:192,289

ROGERS, Ann (1764-1837) after 1790 Waterhouse

For Ann, daughter of Daniel (1725?-1804) and Mary Rogers (c1752-1778 born Cooke) of Manchester, who married in 1790 Nicholas Waterhouse (1768-1823 qv) of Liverpool

see WATERHOUSE, Ann (1764-1837) born Rogers

ROGERS, Audrey (1926 - 1975)

Audrey Rogers was born on March 1, 1926, in East Bristol, where she was brought up as an only child. At the age of 4½ years a congenital hip malformation brought her into hospital and to the later determination never to let pain and bodily disabilities dominate her life. At Bristol University she joined the women's hockey team as goalkeeper and became its captain, and was outstanding as an honours student in zoology from 1943 to 1946. After a year in the education department at Bristol she set out to gain experience in a variety of state schools and in 1966 she returned to Worcester College of Education as senior tutor for women students and with a vice-principal's responsibility for administration. She had developed a gift for skilled counselling in which she was of great help to many. Her father died in 1968 and shortly afterwards she brought her mother to live in her home at Worcester.

For many years she had been interested in the Society of Friends and had found Meeting for Worship essential but feeling that membership involved service, and that she was already stretched to the limit, she refrained from applying for membership until 1973, when she was accepted into membership at Worcester.(1) Her permenent disability developed into cancer, which although admitted was still not allowed to prevent her from carrying out her obligations, but gradually her illness increased and the last few months were spent in hospital, but even there her love and care for others found expression.

She died on December 10, 1975 aged 49.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE Testimony of Worcester & Shropshire MM
Y.M. Proc. 1976 pp 203/4/5.

REFERENCES AND NOTES.

1. This is a statement from the Testimony cited above. The latest list of members for Western GM,ie, that for 1973 still records her as an attender at Worcester.

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ROGERS, Dorothy Kathleen Shaw (1893 - 1976) born (1)

Dorothy Rogers was born in 1893 (2) in Ireland, the youngest of five sisters, all of whom became pacifists and of whom four joined the Society.

She was educated at the North London Collegiate school and then took a degree in history at London University. While teaching in Peterborough she met James Rogers, also a teacher and they were married, setting up home first at Kingswinford, Staffs and then at Dudley.(3) They had two daughters.

Following a visit to Yearly Meeting in the early 1920s,(3a) Dorothy returned home with enthusiasm to begin work for the unemployed and with helpers began a club for self-help, finding the necessary accommodation and materials. Later when that need had been met she turned to old people's welfare work and in the early years of the second world war served in W.V.S.Civil Defence, helping to serve meals to the survivors of bombing raids in Coventry. She also helped to start the Citizen's Advice Bureau in Dudley.Her husband James supported her in her social work and later when he had retired they moved to Epsom,(4) where they both undertook further voluntary work for the community.

She was an elder of her meeting at Epsom and her lively mind and shrewd insight into character were reflected in her ministry in meeting. In later years she was unable to attend meeting because of illness and would welcome visits from Friends at her flat, and then at the home for the elderly in Southgate to which she had to move.

She died on August 31, 1976, aged about 83.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE Testimony of Purley & Sutton MM

Y.M.Procs. 1977 pp 152/3

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. We have no record of her maiden name.
2. We have no date of birth other than the year, which the Testimony cited above gives.
3. Warwicks, Leics & Staffs QM printed list of members for 1930 records them as members under Stourbridge. The 1931 list as at Kingswinford. The 1930 entry is the first so far (1977) traced. The next paragraph of the Testimony would seem to be inaccurate.

3a. Extract from Testimony cited above - see note 3 above.

4. London & Middlesex QM printed list of members for 1954 records them as members at Epsom.

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ROGERS, Ella Rogers (1866-1949) after 1894 Firth

[Ella Rogers Rogers, daughter of Samuel and Achsah Cody
( ) Rogers, was married to William P. Firth ( )
in 1894.

see FIRTH, Ella Rogers (1866-1949) born Rogers]

ROGERS, John (1798-1870)

John Rogers, the son of James Rogers, was born in county Tyrone in Ireland in the year 1798; his parents were both members of the Irish branch of the Established Church and his father was much respected by those who knew him for his kind, neighbourly disposition, intelligence and moral uprightness. John's mother died when he was only seven and he had very vague recollections of her.

From his childhood he was of a studious and retiring disposition and his father kept him much at home, not even allowing him to attend school, in order to protect him from evil influences. On Sundays he read the Bible and other good books and this engendered in him, while still quite young, a predilection for retiring into lonely places to read the Scriptures. His father was a small farmer, but John had no taste for farming and was bound apprentice as a gardener in the employ of a local landowner. He still lived at home with his father and only sister and this family life counteracted the influence of the head gardener under whom he worked, who was irreligious and given to drinking. At the close of his seven years' apprenticeship he returned to farming for a while, to help his father whose health was failing.

On his father's death he obtained another situation as a gardener, but this soon terminated when he was ordered to work on Sunday. He went to church as usual, having refused to work, and on the following day he was given a letter to take to the neighbouring town, which proved to be an order committing him to prison. He was roughly treated while in gaol, but was released after about twenty four hours. His next situation was with a Unitarian Minister at Crumlin, who kept a school to prepare young men for the learned professions, and here he was well treated.

When he was about twenty five he married Agnes Loughridge, whose father was an elder among the Covenanters and they had three children. He took a farm of about nineteen acres, he and his wife were industrious and frugal and they enjoyed about seven years of happiness together, until his wife died on 22 February 1830; his youngest child, a baby, died a few months after its mother.

After this double bereavement he remained a widower for about twelve years. He gave up his farm and was for seven yearsa Scripture reader with Dr Thomas Drew, travelling all over the country holding prayer meetings and visiting the poor and distributing tracts and portions of the Scriptures. He was married again in 1842, to Sarah

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Neill of Portadown, a member of the Wesleyan church, by whom he had a large family. He was by this time himself a Methodist by conviction and worked hard for his church. But one day he heard the town crier of Portadown announcing the sale of Friends' goods by auction and this circumstance so awakened his curiosity about those who were ready to endure so much for conscience' sake that he determined to find out more about them. He went to a Friends' meeting at Moyallen and borrowed books from Friends in the neighbourhood and was gradually led to an awareness that the principles taught by Friends were in accordance with the New Testament.

Soon after his second marriage he obtained a situation in Belfast as a land-steward and gardener, which he held for eighteen years. Here he began to attend Friends' meetings, his wife and children remaining Wesleyans. He moved to Moyallen in 1860, where he was employed by John Grubb Richardson and where he persuaded his master to let him re-open the Friends' First-day School. He was admitted into membership of the Society in 1862 and although he was not a minister he went on religious visits to the ministers, both Protestant and Catholic, of the neighbouring towns of Gilford and Portadown.

For the last two years of his life he lived at Bessbrook near Newry, where there was a considerable meeting of Friends. Here he continued to work as a gardener as long as he was able, but he was in very straitened circumstances and had much to trouble him; the departure of some of his sons to America and one into the Navy made him feel very despondent. He maintained his religious faith, however, exchanging views with his Roman Catholic neighbours, and was a regular attender at meetings of the Society of Friends. His spirit ripened and mellowed as he neared his end and he died after a very brief illness on 3 June 1870.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1872, pp 171-181

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

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

ROGERS, Joseph Pearson, 1856-1922

b. 1856, North York, Canada, son of Samuel and Achsah Rogers.

Birthright member of Younge St. Mo. Mtg. of Friends.

ed., Public Schools of Newmarket, Ontario; Earlham Coll.; Union Springs, New York.

Went with father to Toronto, Can. at age 20; helped found Queen City Oil Co.

m., Jessie Carlyle. 4 children.

1916 Clerk, Can. Y. Mtg.

Chairman, Home Mission Bd. for 16 years.

Pres. Carlton Men's Adult Sch. for 14 years.

Dir. of the Bureau of Municipal Research and of the East End Day Nursery, Toronto.

Dir. of Imperial Oil Co., Toronto, at death.

d. 28 Apr. 1922

Elliott, Errol T., Quakers on the Am. Frontier, 390.

The Canadian Friend, 17 (June 1922), 8-9.

ROGERS, May Emma (1891 ? - 1965)

May Rogers was born in about the year 1891.(1) We have little knowledge of her early life, but she trained as a teacher at Darlington Training College, after which she taught in Durham and in Barrow. During the first world war she volunteered for service as a V.A.D. nurse and worked in Brighton. After the war she became a student at the London College of Medicine qualifying in 1925/6. For some time she worked at the Royal Free Hospital and at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital and during this period it seems she became attracted to and joined the Society of Friends at Westminster.(2) Finally she took up general practice at Stoke Newington. She had a concern to heal and a great interest in spiritual healing, but backed by all that was available in modern science. She did not enter the Health Service but continued to serve an increasing number of people from far and wide including the West Indian population, with her surgery open from 8.30 a.m. until midnight.

She died at her home in Stoke Newington, London, on November 22, 1965. Aged 74.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 124 (1966) p. 161

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 74 at death.
2. London & Middlesex QM printed list of members for 1927 records her as a member at Westminster.

Her application was received by Westminster & Longford MM 14 October 1926, Anna L. Littleboy and Richenda Gillett being appointed visitors: their report was received by MM 18 November 1926, when she was admitted into membership (Westminster & Longford MM minutes vol 32 pp 186, 194)

SGJ. SEPT'79

WBE:

ROGERS, Samuel, 1835-1903

b. 1835 at West Gwillimburg, Ont. Canada, son of Elias and Sarah (Pearson) Rogers.

Family removed first to Mariposa Township and then to Yonge Street, near Newmarket.

m., 1855, Achsah Cody of Newmarket, 2 sons, 4 daus.

1865, removed to Louisville, Ky. and seven years later to Cincinatti, Ohio where S.R. had a sewing machine business.

He was an Elder who often took vocal part in meetings. Much influenced by Henry Moorhouse.

Was influential in the re-opening of Pickering College in Ontario, Canada.

1890 visited England.

d. Sept. 27, 1903 in Toronto, Canada, aged 68 years.

The Friend (London), 43 (1903):700, 711 (portrait)

Am. Friend, 10 (1903):722

ROGERS, Sarah (1776-1815) after 1806 Merrick

[Sarah Rogers, daughter of Daniel Rogers (-)
and his wife Mary (born)
of Manchester, was married in 1806 to Roger Merrick
(1767-1842 qv) of Manchester.

See MERRICK, Sarah (1776-1815) born Rogers]

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ROGERS, William

William Rogers, merchant of Bristol, Separatist, raised a controversy, fourteen years later, over Fox's action in being present at a part only of this meeting at Broadmead, and in arriving and departing by the back-stairs to avoid capture, while desiring Friends present to keep the meeting going. Fox says, in reply, 'I did not know which was Fore-stairs, and which was Back-stairs, but went as I was guided, and Friends say since, The one was as common as the other' (Rogers, Christian Quaker, 1680, pt.v p.55).

The alterations made in this letter, see notes a and b, are no doubt connected with this charge of Rogers.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.~~1~~2 p.384

WBE:

ROGERS, William, -1709

Merchant of Bristol, England.

Convinced and joined Friends and was a helpful member in the early days. He signed the Fox-Fell wedding certificate.

He was moderately learned and immoderately convinced of his own abilities.

m. Elizabeth

c.1676 joined in the Wilkinson-Story conflict and preached the doctrine of individual freedom, as opposed to corporate authority.

1680 published The Christian Quaker distinguished from the apostate and innovator (8 parts) This was later answered by Thos. Ellwood.

1683-1708 he published other controversial works. He was a rich man in the world, who became poor, grew dark and lost almost all sense of religion. He was eventually disowned by Friends.

d. 1709.

Penney, ed., Short Journal of Geo. Fox, 360

Frds. Lib., 11:364 Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:509

Ellwood, the hist. of the life...,234

Gough, History, 3:17 Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 1(1903):59; 4(1907):119; 9(1912):103

Braithwaite, Sec. Per. of Qu., Index

ROOKE, Ann (1773?-1837) after 1819 Brantingham

[Ann Rooke, daughter of Joseph and Mary Rooke of Stanger in Cumberland, was married in 1819 to

ROGERS, William Reuben (1903 ? - 1963)

William Rogers was born in about the year 1903.(1) He was educated at King Charles Grammar School, Kidderminster, where he gained the accolade of 'Victor Ludorum ' for several years. He also served as a choir boy at Worcester Cathedral. He was appointed to the staff of Ackworth school in 1922 and served the school for the rest of his life. He was an outstanding gymnast, passing with distinction a course in physical training at Solkeborg, Denmark in 1926 and he trained the boys in all forms of athletics including swimming. He excelled in all games and his gymnastic displays at school functions and on open days were a great attraction. In 1932 he injured his back and this was to take its toll in later life. In 1932 he married Mary Hadfield who also took up duties at the school and in 1945 he was forced to give up his gymnastic work to undertake the easier task of Master on Duty. But his condition continued to deteriorate and later still he had to take over the duties of school librarian from his wife.

In addition to his physical prowess he was a competent violinist, an excellent photographer and a keen bee keeper.

He died on May 5, 1963, aged 60.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend Vol. 121 (1963) pp 715, 993.

~~Ackworth School Register~~.

Ackworth old scholars assoc rep 82 (1963) pp 68-9

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 60 at death.

SGJ. APR.'81

ROOKE, Jane (1767-1850) after 1803 Robinson

ROOKE, George (1652-1742/43) 3
also WBE

George Rooke was born at Bolton, Cumberland in 1652, the son of Thomas Rooke; he was brought up as an Anglican, but about his twentieth year was convinced of the Truth by John Graves, and joined the Society, becoming a Minister when he was about twentyfive.

He travelled widely in the Ministry, visiting Scotland with Peter Fearon in 1679 and again in 1681; later this year he visited Ireland and went there a second time in 1684. He later visited Westmorland and Durham, and at Stockton, refusing to take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, he was committed to Durham Gaol for two months. In 1685 he went to Ireland again, accompanied by John Bowstead and on his fourth visit, in 1689, he married Joan Cooke and settled at Limerick (1). In 1691, before the second siege of that city, he removed to Cumberland, and the next year visited Scotland again. In 1693 he returned to Ireland and settled in Dublin (2). He frequently attended London Yearly Meeting, and was a diligent attender at all Meetings for Worship and for Discipline.

'In the Exercise of his Gift he was clear, solid and lively, even unto extream old Age. In Prayer, living, reverent, weighty and concise; a diligent Reader of the holy Scriptures, and, in his Preaching, a faithful Quoter of them'.

He died 7.xii.1742 [February 1742/3] (3), and was interred in Friends Burying Place in Dolphin's Barn-Lane, Dublin, aged ninety years and a Minister about sixty seven years.

Principal source

Testimony of Leinster QM, Ireland, in TCMD vol.1 p.202, printed in A Collection of Testimonies 1760, p.170. The notice in John Gough, A history of the people called Quakers, 1790, vol.4 p.433-435, is an almost verbatim transcript of the testimony.

References and notes

1 cf. note by Norman Penney, in J. Friends hist. soc. vol.20 (1923) p.47: 'In 1686 he married, in Limerick, Joan Clark (d.1737) and Settled there'.

2 'From the time of his wife's death, his only daughter, Rachel Carleton,

ROOKE, John (1802-1879)

John Rooke, the son of Joseph Rooke (-) and his wife Margaret (born) of Manchester, was born there on 24 April 1802(1).

He became a manufacturing chemist at Manchester(2) and was married in 1828 to Mary Wilson (1801-1864 qv) of Greysouthern in Cumberland(3); there were three children(4).

John Rooke of Rusholme near Manchester died on 1 September 1879, at the age of seventy seven(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a shoemaker
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3 and in the birth entries for his children
3 The wedding was at Manchester on 17 January 1828: he is described as a manufacturing chemist of Manchester in Lancashire, the son of Joseph, a yeoman and Margaret Rooke; she is described as the daughter of Joseph, a yeoman and Sarah Wilson (deceased) of Greysouthern in Cumberland (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
4 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

*George	b 17 Nov 1828	
Sarah qv	b 15 Aug 1830	m 1853 Joseph Harrison King (1827-1914 qv)
Margaret qv	b 28 June 1835	m 1860 Thomas Barrow King (1832-1900 qv)

*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1880

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a manufacturing chemist

SEE ALSO:-
Annual Monitor 1880, p 142: 1 line entry for death
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vols 5, p 20

ROOKE, Margaret (1835-1868) after 1860 King

[Margaret Rooke, daughter of John Rooke (1802-1879 qv) and his wife Mary (born Wilson, 1801-1864 qv) of Cheetham, Manchester, was married in 1860 to Thomas Barrow King (1832-1900 qv) of Manchester.

See KING, Margaret (1835-1868) born Rooke]

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ROOKE, Mary (1801-1864) born Wilson

Mary Wilson, the daughter of Joseph Wilson (-) and his wife Sarah (born) of Greysouthern in the parish of Brigham in Cumberland, was born there on 13 December 1801(1).

She was married in 1828 to John Rooke (1802-1879 qv), a manufacturing chemist of Manchester and there were three children(2).

Mary Rooke of Manchester died on 31 January 1864, at the age of sixty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest: her father is described as a farmer
2 For marriage and children see ROOKE, John (1802-1879)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of John

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1865, p 152: 2 line entry for death, the wife of John Rooke

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

ROOKE, Sarah (1830-1910) after 1853 King

[Sarah Rooke, daughter of John Rooke (1802-1879 qv) and his wife Mary (born Wilson, 1801-1864 qv) of Cheetham, Manchester, was married in 1853 to Joseph Harrison King (1827-1914 qv) of Manchester.

See KING, Sarah (1830-1910) born Rooke]

MEG Aug 1984

WBE:a

ROOT, Edward Merrill (1895-1973).

b. 1895

ed. Amherst College

m. , Dorothy McNab; one daughter, Georgiana Merrill.

1920-1960, professor of English at Earlham College. c.1930 received Faculty Recognition Award.

E. Merrill was a nationally recognized poet, once described by Robert Frost as "the second best poet in America." He published eleven volumes of poetry, as well as numerous individual poems in various periodicals, including The Friends Intelligencer and The Friend. He served as poetry editor of Quaker Life.

He drew much attention when his book Brainwashing in the high schools; an examination of eleven American history textbooks was published, though he was criticized by The New York Times Book Review for using a line count of the indexes to show that the textbooks distorted American history and were "anti-Republican and effusively Democratic" in their interpretations.

At his death E. Merrill was an associate editor of American Opinion, the John Birch Society monthly magazine. Explaining Root's conservatism, Opal Thornburg writes: "In time Professor Root amazed his older friends by the contrast between his early liberalism and his late conservatism in political matters, but always he retained a sensitive spirit, a richly imaginative mind, and colorful phrases that bubbled

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ROOT, Edward Merrill (1895-1973), page two.

over in his classes ... As to his conservatism, he held that his vigorous and consistent championship of the rights of the individual which labeled him a liberal in the 1920's placed him thirty years later in the opposing camp."

Author: 1927, Lost Eden, and other poems.

1929, Bow of burning gold.

1938, Dawn is forever.

1940, The way of all spirit.

1947, Frank Harris

1947, Before the swallow dares.

195-, The light wind over.

1950, The seeds of time.

1951, Ulysses to Penelope.

1955, Collectivism on the campus; the battle for the mind in American colleges.

1956, Out of our winter.

1959, Brainwashing in the high schools; an examination of eleven American history textbooks.

1961, Shoulder the sky.

1964, Of perilous seas.

1969, Like white birds flying.

d. 26 October 1973, at the Maine Medical Center, Portland, Me.

Thornburg, Opal, Earlham; The Story of the College 1847-1962, pp.290

The Earlhamite 94.4 (Fall 1973), p. 27.

New York Times, Monday October 29, 1973.

Quaker Life 14.12 (1973), p. 37.