BEER, Stanley G. King, ca. 1890-1939.

see KING BEER, Stanley G., ca. 1890-1939.

WBE:

BEERE, John, 1659-1703.

b. 1659, Weymouth, Dorset,

m. Children.

1693, minister, who did not travel far.

d. 5 Sept. 1703, Weymouth, aged 44, a minister ca. 10 years.

Piety Promoted, 1721, p. 400.

BEESLEY, Mary (1757-1814) aftw Lewis

[Mary Beesley, daughter of Thomas Beesley
and his wife Hannah (nee )
was married in 1803 to James Lewis

see LEWIS, Mary (1757-1814) born Beesley ]

BEESLEY, Samuel (1796-1843)

Samuel Beesley, the son of Thomas and Mary Beesley of Banbury in the county of Oxfordshire, was born there on 12 October 1796(1). In the year 1820 he married Ann Fardon(2), but the marriage was childless(3).

He was a deeply Christian man but the view he held of himself was a humble one and when he was asked to become an elder he felt that he was not worthy for such an office. He was careful to live in accordance with the principles he professed and was often able to offer good counsel to those who had need of it. To Friends travelling in the ministry he was always sympathetic and helpful.

He died at Banbury after a short illness on 20 November 1843(4), aged forty seven.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1843 pp 24-27

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father is described as a meslman
2 The marriage was at Shipston on 20 December 1820: he is described as a baker of Banbury in the county of Oxford, the son of Thomas and Mary Beesley; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Jane Fardon of Treddington in the county of Worcester (Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest)
3 No children are recorded in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a baker

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

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BEESLEY, Sarah (1697-1759) born Hawkins

Sarah Hawkins, the daughter of William Hawkins ( - ) and his wife Sarah (born ), was born on 4.vii.[September] 1697(1).

She was married in 1719 to Thomas Beesley (1683-1770 qv) of Alcester in Warwickshire and there were thirteen children(2). At the time of her marriage she was living at Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire.

Sarah Beesley died on 15 January 1759, at the age of sixty one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: her father's occupation and her place of birth are not given
2 For marriage and children see BEESLEY, Thomas (1683-1770)
3 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Thomas of Alcester

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

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WBE:

BEESLEY, Theophilus E., ca. 1796-1867.

b. ca. 1796.

Member of 12th St. Mo. Mtg., Phila. 1867, with Gilbert Latey Pinkham, visited Tenn. and N. C. with a supply of Bibles, tracts, spectacles and needles and distributed them in the mountainous parts of those states.

Author: A brief report of the visit. . . to Tenn. and N. C., 1867.

d. 17 Oct. 1867, Phila. (?) Pa., nearly 72.

Friends Review, 21(1867):204.

BEESLEY, Thomas (1683-1770)

Thomas Beesley, the son of Thomas Beesley ( - ) and his wife Martha (born ) of Alcester in Warwickshire, was born there on 12.vi.[August] 1683(1).

He was married in 1719 to Sarah Hawkins (1697-1759 qv) of Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire(2) and there were thirteen children(3).

He received a gift in the ministry when he was about thirty. His ministry was "not large but sound and Edifying." He was a diligent attender of meetings for worship and discipline and much concerned for the support of his own meeting. He also "Kept a steady eye on the Business of the day."

Thomas Beesley of Alcester died at his own home on 1 February 1770, at the age of eighty six(4) and was buried in Friends Burying ground at Alcester.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Evesham MM in TCMD vol 2, p 358

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest

2 The wedding was at Tewkesbury on 19.ii.[April] 1719: he is described as of Alcester in the county of Warwick; she is described as the daughter of William Hawkins of Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire (Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| William | b 27 xi 1719 [i.e. Jan 1719/20] | d 13 vii [Sept]1743 |
| Thomas | b 15 xi 1720 [i.e. Jan 1720/1] | m 1759 Hannah Ford |
| Samuel | b 18 xii 1722 [i.e. Feb 1722/3] | d 17 ii [April]1735 |
| Sarah | b 19 i 1725 [i.e. March 1725/6] | d 19 November 1753 |
| Benjamin | b 28 ix [Nov]1726 | d 27 xii 1745 [i.e.Feb 1745/6] |
| *Hannah | b 3 vii [Sept]1728 | |
| *Henry | b 30 i [March]1730 | |
| John | b 11 xi 173 [i.e. Jan 173 / ] | d 23 i 1738 [i.e.March 1738/9] aged 6 years and 10 months |
| Joseph | b 23 ix [Nov]1733 | m 1764 Sarah Ford |
| Martha | b 15 viii [Oct]1735 | d 4 ix [Nov]1737 |
| *Elizabeth | b 28 xii 1736 [i.e. Feb 1736/7] | |
| Mary | b 21 ix [Nov]1738 | |
| James | b 7 i 1741 [i.e. March 1741/2] | |

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

3 *No marriages are traced for these children in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest to 1800

4 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 10, p 86n

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BEESLEY, Thomas (1683-1770)

Thomas Beesley was born 12.vi[August] 1683, the son of Thomas and Martha Beesley of Alcester, Warwickshire (1). About the age of 30 he became a minister. His ministry was 'not large but sound and edifying'. cap. He was a diligent attender of meetings for worship and discipline and much concerned for the support of his own meeting. He also 'kept a steady Eye to the Business of the day'.

He married 19.ii[April] 1719, at Tewkesbury, Sarah Hawkins daughter of William and Sarah Hawkins of Tewkesbury (2).

He died at his house at Alcester on 1 February 1770 and was interred at Friends Burying Ground there on 7 February (3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES :

Testimony of Evesham M.M, in TCMD vol.2 p.358

NOTES AND REFERENCES :

1. Hereford, Worcs & Wales QM Births Digest

2. Hereford, Worcs & Wales QM Marriages Digest

Sarah Hawkins was born 4.vii[Sept] 1697. She died 15 January 1759
Gloucs & Wilts QM Births Digest
Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Burials Digest

Children:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| William | born 27.xi.1719 [Jan 1719/20] | Died 13.vii[Sept] 1743 |
| Thomas | born,15.xi.1720 [Jan 1720/21] | |
| Samuel | born 18.xii.1722 [Feb 1722/3] | Died 17.ii[Apl] 1735 |
| Benjamin | born 28.ix[Nov] 1726 | Died 27.xii 1745 [Feb 1745/6] |
| Hannah | born 3.vii[Sept] 1728 | |
| Henry | born 30.i[March] 1730 | |
| John | born 11.xi[Jan] 173 | Died 23.i.1738 [March 1738/9] aged 6 years 10 wk 1 day |
| Joseph | born 23.ix[Nov] 1733 | |
| Martha | born 15.viii[Oct] 1735 | Died 4.ix[Nov] 1737 |
| Elizabeth | born 28.xii.1736 [Feb.1736/7] | |
| Mary | born 21.ix[Nov] 1738 | Died 24.ix[Nov] 1739 |
| James | born 7.i.1741 [March 1741/2] | |
| Sarah | | Died 19 November 1753 |

Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Births Digest
Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Burials Digest

3. Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Burials Digest

WBE:a

BEESON, Edward, -c.1712.

b.

m. (1) , in England, Rachel Pennington (probably); four children, Edward, Richard, William, Ann Child.

(2) , Elizabeth Holme, nee Grubb, afterwards Rich; two daughters, Elizabeth and Rachel.

1682/1684, said to have come to America on one of William Penn's voyages from Stoke, Lancaster, England. Settled in New Castle, Delaware.

7 day 1 mo. 1701/02, obtained title to 980 acres of land in the southwestern corner of Chester County in Nottingham Township near the Maryland line.

Helped found Nottingham Mo. Mtg.

Will dated 6 mo. 20 day, 1712.

d. c.1712.

Beeson, Henry H., A Genealogy of the Beeson-Beason Family, pp. 1-4.
Bi-Centenniel of Brick Meeting-house, Calvert, Cecil County, Md.

WBE:a

BEESON, Henry, 1743-1819.

b. 19 May 1743, son of Richard and Ann Brown Beeson of Frederick Co., Virginia.

m. 1765, Mary Martin, daughter of William Martin of Loudon Co., Virginia; 13 children, Jesse, Jacob, Mary, William, Richard, Henry, Ann, Hannah, John, Rebecca, Phebe, Edward & Charity.

1768, moved from Berkeley County, Virginia to Red Stone Creek, Fayette Co., Pa. He built a grist mill and the community which formed around it was first known as Beesons Mill, then as Beesontown.

4 July 1796, Beesontown was incorporated with a neighboring settlement into Uniontown, now the Fayette County seat.

One night when Henry was absent, several groups of Indians were sulking around his house, apparently with hostile intentions. His wife, however, overheard an old Indian explain to the rest of the warriors that Mr. Beeson was one of the "broad brims" or "William Penn's people" and that his family ought not to be molested. Thereupon the Indians withdrew without doing any harm.

c.1804, moved to Mount Pleasant, Ohio.

d. 23 February 1819, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

Beeson, Henry H., A Genealogy of the Beeson-Beason Family (1968), pp. 14, 25.

Day, Sherman, Historical Collections (1843), p. 340.

BEDFORD, Marian (1781-1827) after 1804 Gilkes

[Marian Bedford, daughter of Isaac Bedford (1735-1797 qv) and his wife Mary (born Smith, 1744-1801 qv) of Plaistow in Essex, was married in 1804 to Benjamin Gilbert Gilkes (1783-1860 qv) of Devizes in Wiltshire and Nailsworth in Gloucestershire.

See GILKES, Marian (1781-1827) born Bedford ]

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BEHENNA Dorothy Annie ( 1899 - 1980 )

Dorothy Behenna was born in the year 1899.(1) She trained as a nurse and had experience in public health visiting. She seems to have joined the Society of Friends in the early thirties (2) and she then went to China for Friends Service Council in 1935. She worked at a school clinic at Chengdu and temporarily in the hospital at Santai,(Tungchwan). The war between China and Japan made her work difficult and early in 1940 she left for furlough but stayed in Shanghai at the Friends Centre to assist at the Childrens Receiving Home. Her journey home to England was then interrupted by the attack on Pearl Harbour and she spent the war years in Manilla. She was under Japanese detention but was given a pass and spent the first few months nursing Filipino bomb victims and then took charge of a childrens nursery. She herself had a major operation following which she cared for an aged woman missionary. On her return to England she recuperated at Woodbrooke. She then returned to Godalming where she lived with her sister Lucy and from where she served on Friends central committees.(3) Finally she moved to Ifield Park (4) where she spent her last year or so.

She died on April 4, 1980, aged 80.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 138 (1980) p. 494

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Date obtained from Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library
2. Sussex, Surrey & Hants QM printed lists of members record her as a member at Godalming in 1933.
3. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.

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|---|---|---|
| Meeting for Sufferings | 1953 | - 1964 |
| Friends Service Council | 1954 | - 1957 |

4. The same lists record her at Ifield in 1978.

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BELCH, Elizabeth (1780-1859) born Rees

Elizabeth Rees, the daughter of Evan Rees (1745-1816 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Williams, 1753-1836 qv) of Neath in South Wales, was born there on 3 June 1780(1).

She was married in 1803 to William Belch (1774-1847 qv), an ironmonger of Pontypool in the county of Monmouth, but the marriage was childless(2).

Elizabeth Belch of Neath died on 15 February 1859, at the age of seventy eight(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: her father is described as an ironmonger
2 For marriage see BELCH, William (1774-1847)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William

SEE ALSO:-
Annual Monitor 1860, p 32: 2 line entry for death

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

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BELCH, George

George Belch of Chorleywood, Bucks, belonged to the Chalfont Meeting (Jnl FHS xvi.70). Besse states that he had three Geldings worth £23 taken from him by distraint and that when he appealed to the Quarter Sessions, his appeal, not being in Latin, was rejected and treble costs were given against him for which his Horse and other goods were taken away to the value of £40 (Suff.i.83). His signature was attached to the letter sent to Samuel Boulton from Hunger Hill in 1687. Belch's son Thomas (d.1741) of Cheapside, London, linendraper and clothworker, married Ann Owen (1677-1743), of Co. Surrey, in 1713/14. They had eight children, one of whom, Susanna, married into the Vaux family (Jnl FHS i.75);

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.380

BELCH, William (1774-1847)

William Belch, the son of William and Elizabeth Belch of London, was born in the year 1774(1).

He became an ironmonger at Pontypool in the county of Monmouth(2) and was married in 1803 to Elizabeth Rees (1780-1859 qv) of Neath in the county of Glamorgan(3), but the marriage was childless(4).

William Belch of Neath died on 28 April 1847, at the age of seventy four(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Binns Notebook, Friends House Library MS vol S 494, p 56: his birth is not traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Neath on 18 August 1803: he is described as an ironmonger of Pontypool in the county of Monmouth, the son of William and Elizabeth Belch (both deceased) late of the city of London; she is described as the daughter of Evan and Elizabeth Rees of Neath in the county of Glamorgan (Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest)
4 No children are traced in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest or given in the Binns Notebook, loc cit
5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as formerly an engineer

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1848, p 27: 1 line entry for death

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

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BELDEN, Albert D ( 1883? - 1964 )

Albert Belden was a Christian theologian who was respected as one of the foremost of his day. He was an orator and a writer, both of scholarly works and of articles in popular journalism. For over 25 years he wrote weekly religious articles for the Manchester Evening News, broadcast until shortly before his death and was one of the leading figures in the pacifist movement.

He created the Pax Christi League in 1942, and travelled widely on lecture tours in its interest, but the League failed to realise his hopes partly because it was too ambitious. He was a revolutionary thinker, courageous yet humble and a jovial, generous personality ever ready to help any in trouble.

He died on December 14, 1964 at the age of 81.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend. Vol. 123 (1965) p. 15.

SGJ OCT.'79

BELL, Albert Henry (1864?-1912)

Albert Henry Bell, of Waterford, was born about 1861 (1). He was brought up in the influence of a Quaker home and early gave evidence of divine leadings in his life. As a young man he entered the family business founded by his father, Henry Bell, in which his brothers were also engaged. In 1866 he felt it right to adopt the dress and language of a plain Quaker - a unique practice at this time. In spite of his strong Quaker convictions he had wide sympathies, including a great interest in the Salvation Army.

In 1892, under strong concern, he opened a dining-room for the poor of his native town where, 'for the price of one penny well-cooked food could be obtained and he succeeded in making the business pay for itself'. He subsequently started lodging houses which also became self-supporting. He published pamphlets (2) describing his methods and also spoke on the subject during YM in Dublin, where his ideas were also put into practice. He handed over his active interest~~s~~ in the business to his brother and gave his whole time to philanthropic and religious work. He travelled in the ministry in Ireland, Scotland and England. His chief concern was for more frequent meetings for worship, and this concern he also set forth in the form of a printed letter.

In 1912, after visiting Weymouth and Torquay for health reasons, he went on to Brighton where he died suddenly on 4 November 1912. He was buried in the Friends burial ground, Newtown, Waterford, with that simplicity which his life had exemplified. The streets were lined with mourners to whom he had been such a great benefactor, and a large company gathered at the graveside, including prominent clergy of the Church of Ireland and many Roman Catholics.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1914, p.8

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 Age at death not quite 48 - Ann.mon.

2 How to start a Dining Rooms and Soup Kitchen or Coffee Stand for the working classes (London [1912] )

SEE ALSO

The Friend n.s. vol.53 (1913) p.10

WBE:
Additional information:

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BELL, Albert Henry, ca. 1865-1912.

ca. 1886, adopted "plain dress" and "plain speech."

Also travelled in Wales.

[no additional references given]

BELL, Amy (1724-1792) born Newman

Amy Newman, the daughter of Paul Newman ( - ) and his wife Elizabeth (born ) of Melksham in Wiltshire, was born there on 29.i.[March] 1724(1).

She was married in 1753 to John Bell (1706/7-1780 qv), a draper of Melksham, but the marriage was apparently childless(2). About 1760 John and Amy Bell left Melksham to return to John Bell's estate in Cumberland, where they lived for some years until John Bell's health necessitated his removal to Carlisle(3).

After her husband's death she apparently returned to Melksham, where she died on 18 May 1792, at the age of sixty eight(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 For marriage see BELL, John (1706/7-1780)
3 See entry for BELL, John (1706/7-1780)
4 Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of John

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

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BELL, Anita afterwards Sambu, 1942/3-1971.

See SAMBU, Anita nee Bell, 1942/3-1971.

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BELL, Ann Mercy (1706?-1775) born Ellwood 

Ann Mercy Ellwood, the daughter of Martin and Ann Ellwood of London, was born about the year 1706(1). She was educated at the Friends School and Workhouse, Clerkenwell, being admitted soon after its establishment, ad afterwards was a schoolmistress there "for many years"(2).

She was married in 1731 to Nathaniel Bell (1703-1778 qv), a schoolmaster of York(3) and there were six children(4). She went to live at York, where her husband subsequently became a bookseller(5).

About the year 1745 she received a gift in the ministry and exercised her gift in places near home for some years, later travelling extensively into most parts of south and south-west England, as far as Land's End. When engaged in family visits she was concerned not to overlook those under the censure of Friends and her ministry was directed not only to Friends, but to those of other denominations as well. While on her travels she held meetings in several places where none was settled.

When in London in 1753 she was liberated by the proper meeting(6) to embark on what Joseph Phipps termed "the most general religious visit that, perhaps, this capital ever received, by any one person"(7). This lasted from August to November, during which time she spoke on many occasions in the streets, parks, markets and public-houses of the City, Westminster and Southwark. She preached "the necessity of repentance and amendment" (8), also "the essential baptism administered by Christ himself, without the unnecessary aid of symbols and ceremonies, by the living water of that spiritual river which purifies the soul, and refreshes the spirit of every citizen of the new Jerusalem."(9) She foresaw a time of trial in which the Almighty would thin the multitudes of the metropolis and "also expressed a furher sight, she was then favoured with, of the wide-spreading of the light and spirit of the LAMB, the flourishing state of the true and living church, and the holy Sabbath that should ensue"(10).

In later years she was prevented by asthma from travelling much.

Ann Mercy Bell of York died of an apoplectic fit on 30 December 1775, and was buried in the Friends burial ground at York(11).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of York MM in TCMD vol 3, p 65

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 69 at death. Her birth is not traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest
2 Piety Promoted (1854 ed) vol 3, p 105
3 See entry for BELL, Nathaniel (1703-1778): her husband subsequently became a bookseller
4 For marriage and children see BELL, Nathaniel (1703-1778)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

5 See entry for BELL, Nathaniel (1703-1778)

6 Joseph Phipps, A summary account of an extraordinary visit to this metropolis, in the year 1753, by the ministry of Ann Mercy Bell London 1754, pp 3-4 ~~vol.246/4~~

7 Joseph Phipps, op cit, p 3

8 Ibid, p4

9 Ibid, p 12

10 Ibid, p 13

11 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Nathaniel, a bookseller

N.B. Edward Pease records in his diary s.a.1839, that while he was staying at Bristol he met Gawen Ball, who "recalled an account he had from Thomas Shillitoe of a Friend, Mercy Bell, having a religious opportunity in the House of Lords".

A.E.Pease (ed): The diaries of Edward Pease the father of English Railways, London 1907, pp 155-6 ~~092.3 PEA/PEA~~

The Mercy Bell in question may not be Ann Mercy, but Mercy Ransom (1728-1811) formerly Bland, born Bell. So far no other reference to the incident has been traced.

SEE ALSO:-

Gawen Ball (ed): Premonitory extracts &c, Bristol 1819, p 230 ~~s.013.1 BAL~~

Friends Hist. Library, Swarthmore, BX7795, B42P5 9947

The Friend (Phila.) vol 11, p 350; 367: vol 16, p 390: vol 81, p 331

Walton, Incidents illustrating the doctrine and history of the Society of Friends, p 318

J Barclay (ed): Some account of the lives and religious labours of Samuel Neale and Mary Neale &c, London 1845, p 33 ~~092.3 NEA~~

The American Friend, vol 15 (1908) p 523

Joseph Smith: A descriptive catalogue of Friends' books &c London 1867, vol 1, p 232

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 10, p 139

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BELL, Ann Mercy (1706?-1775) born Ellwood

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Ann Mercy Ellwood was born about 1706 (1) the daughter of Martin and Ann Ellwood of London. She was educated at the Friends School and Workhouse, Clerkenwell, being admitted soon after its establishment, and afterwards was schoolmistress there 'for many years'. (2)

She married on 4.xi.1731 [Jan 1731/2] at Ratcliff, Nathaniel Bell, Schoolmaster, son of John and Mary Bell of Pickering, Yorks (3), and came to live at York.

About 1745 she became a minister, exercising her ministry in places near home for some years, and later travelling extensively into most parts of S. & S.W.England, as far as Land's End. When engaged in family visits she was concerned not to overlook those under the censure of Friends, and her ministry was directed not only to Friends but to those of other denominations. While on her travels she held meetings in several places where none was settled. When in London in 1753 she was liberated by the proper meeting (4) to embark on what Joseph Phipps termed 'the most general religious visit that, perhaps, this capital ever received, by any one person' (5). This lasted from August to November, during which time she spoke on many occasions in the streets, parks, markets and public-houses of the City, Westminster and Southwark. She preached 'the necessity of repentance and amendment' (6) also 'the essential baptism administered by Christ himself, without the unnecessary aid of symbols and ceremonies, by the living water of that spiritual river which purifies the soul, and refreshes the spirit of every citizen of the new Jerusalem'. (7) She foresaw a time of trial in which the Almighty would thin the multitudes of the metropolis, and 'also expressed a further sight, she was then favoured with, of the wide-spreading of the light and spirit of the LAMB, the flourishing state of the true and living church, and the holy Sabbath that should ensue' (8).

In later years she was prevented by asthma from travelling much.

She died of an apoplectic fit on 30 December 1775, and was buried in Friends Burial Ground, York, on 4 January 1776 (9)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of York MM in TCMD vol.3 p.65

NOTES AND REFERENCES :

1. Not in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest
   Age at death 69 - in TCMD
2. Piety promoted (1854 ed) vol.3 p.105

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3. London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest
Nathaniel Bell was born on 19 iv[June] 1703. He died 16 August 1778 and is then described as 'Bookseller'

- Yorks QM Births Digest 1578-1776
  Yorks QM Burials Digest 1776-1837

Children:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| John | born 26.ix[Nov] 1732 | Died 27.viii[Oct] 1740 |
| Mary | born 20.vii[Sept] 1734 | Died 24.viii[Oct] 1740 |
| Nathaniel | born 4.v.[July] 1736 | |
| Sarah | born 21.viii[Oct] 1738 | Died 15.ix[Nov] 1740 |
| Rachel | born 9.vi[Aug] 1740 | |
| Sarah | born 1.vii[Sept] 1742 | Died 30.v[July] 1746 |

- Yorks QM Births Digest 1578-1776
  Yorks QM Burials Digest 1570-1776

4. J[oseph] P[hipps] A summary account of an extraordinary visit to this metropolis in the year 1753, by the ministry of Ann Mercy Bell (London 1754) pp.3-4 ~~vol.248/4~~ 5/
There is no record of such a liberation in the minutes of the Morning Meeting for 1753

5. J[oseph] P[hipps], op.cit., p.3

6. ibid, p.4

7. ibid, p.12

8. ibid, p.13

9. Yorks QM Burials Digest, 1570-1776
Edward Pease records in his diary s.a. 1839, that while he was staying at Bristol he met Gawen Ball who 'recalled an account he had from Thomas Shillitoe of a Friend, Mercy Bell, having a religious opportunity in the House of Lords.'
- A.E.Pease (ed): The diaries of Edward Pease the father of English Railways (London 1907) pp.155-6 ~~092.3 PEA/PEA~~ 5/
The Mercy Bell in question may not be Ann Mercy, but Mercy Ransom (1728-1811) formerly Bland, born Bell. So far no other reference to the incident has been traced.

SEE ALSO :

[Gawen Ball (ed)]: Premonitory extracts,&c (Bristol, pr.pr.[1819]) p.230 ~~s.013.1 BAL~~ 5/

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BELL, Ann Mercy (1706?-1775) born Ellwood contd.

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J.Barclay (ed): Some account of the lives and religious labours of Samuel Neale and Mary Neale &c. (London 1845) p.33 ~~092.3 NEA~~ 9/

The American Friend, vol.15 (1908) p.523 ~~L.005.47~~ 9/

J.Smith: A descriptive catalogue of Friends' books &c.(London 1867) vol.1 p.232

WBE:
Additional information:

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BELL, Ann Mercy (Ellwood), ca. 1706-1775 or 1776.

During her preaching in London streets, her auditors generally behaved commendably, and some were reached.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX7795, B42P5 9947.

The Friend (Phila.), 11:350, 367; 16:390; 81:331.

Walton, Incidents illus. the doct. and hist. of the Soc. of Friends, p. 318.

BELL, Anna (1850-1894)

Anna Bell was born at Basingstoke on 11 September 1850, the youngest daughter of Sheppard and Eliza Bell. Though made lame through a crippling disease at the age of five, she bore her trial with fortitude and patience, adapting herself to her disability and being able to walk quite easily with the aid of crutches.

Despite troubles when young, she became warmly attached to the Society of Friends, speaking for the first time in meeting for worship at the age of about 24 or 25, taking a deep interest in the meeting at Newport (Isle of Wight), and being appointed a Minister in March 1882.

Anna Bell had a class of girls at a gospel hall in a village and, after moving to Alton following the death of her mother in 1875, in the family's own house, taking part also in children's meetings in the meeting house at Alton. She was particularly fond of young people, and her young cousins had a very warm place in her heart. She took a great interest in foreign mission work, especially in India where a friend of hers, Anna L. Evens, was working.

Her father died in 1885 - this being the cause of great spiritual distress for Anna Bell - and for some time she and her sister Sarah then made their home with an aunt and cousin in Reigate, later moving to Ashford in Kent. Shortly after moving there she was forced to give up all active work, and on 7 October 1894 she died at the age of 44.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1895 p.37.

BELL, Annas (  -1702/3)  after 1669 Pearson

[Annas Bell, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced, was married in 1669 to Thomas Pearson (  -1709/10 qv).

See PEARSON, Annas (  -1702/3)  born Bell ]

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BELL, Catherine (1811- ) after 1840 Fardon

[Catherine Bell, daughter of Sheppard Bell ( - )
and his wife Elizabeth (born )
of London, was married in 1840 to Joseph Ashby Fardon
(1812-1876 qv) of Tredington in Worcestershire.

See FARDON, Catherine (1811- ) born Bell ]

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BELL, Daniel (1685/6 - 1758) 4 5

Daniel Bell was born 12.xii.1685 [i.e. Feb.1685/6] the son of Jonathan and Rebecca Bell, of Cockermouth, Cumberland, both Friends. In the year 1703 he was apprenticed in London, and in 1705 'came forth in the Ministry'.

About 1708, with the encouragement of his Meeting and the permission of his Master, he set out for Cumberland, holding meetings at various places on the way, including a burial at Uxbridge. At Q.M. in Cumberland he met John Bell, and with him travelled back to London, holding meetings on the way. In 1710 he visited in Kent, Sussex, Hampshire and Surrey, and from 1711 to 1713 he travelled in 'most parts of England, Scotland and Ireland. In 1713 he visited Western and Northern Counties; in 1715, South and West Parts, in 1744, the North and East, in 1748 a general visit to Northern and Midland Counties, and again in 1750, his last visit being in 1755.

'He was sound and edifying in his Testimony, often drawn forth in Points of Doctrine with great Clearness, which tended to the opening the Understanding into the Doctrine of the Christian Faith and Practice. He was very affedtionate for the Youth, and often engaged for their Good; his Counsel to them was weighty and of Great Importance, delivered in so tender and affectionate Manner, as made him truly aimable in their View: in short, we believe him to have been a sanctified Vessel for the Lord's Use.'

Daniel Bell died 24 February 1758, aged seventy two years, a Minister fifty three years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Tottenham MM in TCMD vol.1 p.464, printed in 'A collection of testimonies' 1760, p.342

WBE:
Additional information:

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BELL, Daniel, 1685-1758.

On 1708 trip, called on James Dickinson and wife.

m., ca. 1717, Elizabeth (d. 1740).

m. (2nd), 1741, Rebecca Havers (d. 1742).

d. Tottenham, Middlesex.

John Smith's ms., 1:180.

Bells of Tottenham, included (p. 6) under title The Bells of Embleton, in a typed copy of a ms. at Haverford Coll. (cataloged).

BELL, Deborah (1686/7?-1738) born Winn

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Deborah Winn was born 17.i.1686 /i.e. March 1686/7 /, the daughter of John and Deborah Winn of Bradford. (1)

In 1707 she accompanied Susannah Saunders, who came on a visit, to several meetings in the area. In 1708 she accompanied Elizabeth Richardson into Cumberland, and in the course of this journey was first called into the ministry. She also on this journey first met John Bell, whom she subsequently married. She travelled extensively in the ministry, despite frequent bodily weakness, into most parts of England and Scotland, in company with her husband on several occasions. She twice visited Ireland, in 1716 and 1720, attending many meetings, including the National Half-Year's Meeting. (2)

She married 31.iii./May/1710, at Bradford, John Bell (1681-1761 q.v.) of London. (3) They lived in Bradford until vii./Sept./ 1715, when they removed to London. (4) In 1736 they removed to Bromley.

She was 'of a Sound Judgement in Spiritual things, of quick discerning & a ready utterance', and sharply reproved 'that libertine Spirit now so much prevailing amongst us'. (5) cap.

She died of pleurisy and fever, 2.ix./Nov./1738, and was buried from Gracechurch St. meeting in Bunhill Fields, 7.ix./Nov./. (6)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Ratcliff MM in TCMD vol.1 p.135

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 Yorks QM Births digest./ Note: The Bradford Registers,as transcribed in H.R. Hodgson, The Society of Friends in Bradford (Bradford 1926) p.90, gives her date of birth as '17.5.1685/6' /presumably = July 1685/. TCMD gives her age at death as about 49, which would give a date of birth about 1689, but gives no details of parentage.

2 v. A short journal of the labours and travels...of...Deborah Bell (London 1762) repr. in W. Evans and T. Evans (ed) The Friends Library (Philadelphia 1841) vol.5 pp.1-23, for a memoir of her, the testimony of her husband concerning her, the text of her journal, and a supplement to it by her husband. These give full details of her various journeys.

3 Yorks QM Marriages digest, 1642-1719./ No children recorded in Yorks QM or London & Middx QM Births digests

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BELL, Deborah (1686/7?-1738) born Winn contd.

4 Piety promoted (1854 ed) vol.3 p.205
5 cf. John Barclay (ed) Some account of the life of Joseph Pike... also a journal of...Joseph Oxley &c (London 1837) pp.171-179, for texts of letters written to Joseph Pike, of Cork, in 1717-19, bewailing the poor condition of the church and its ministry.
6 London & Middx QM Burials digest 1700-1749

SEE ALSO
Piety promoted (1854 ed) vol.2 p.258

WBE:
Additional information:

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BELL, Deborah (Wynn), ca. 1689-1738.

b. ca. 1689 (London says 1686/7).

Also visited most parts of Wales. 1738, took her last journey in Hartfordshire, as far as Huntington.

"I now feel that which my soul has longed for."

d. Bromley, Eng., aged ca. 49 years, a minister for more than 30 years.

Piety Promoted, 7th part, p.258.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX7795.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:232.

Walton, Incidents illus. the doct. and hist. of the Soc. of Friends.

BELL, Deborah (1824-1877) after 1868 Wright

[Deborah Bell, daughter of Isaac and Jane Bell of Tromora, county Antrim in Ireland, became in 1868 the third wife of Francis Ellington Wright (1810-1903 qv).

See WRIGHT, Deborah (1824-1877) born Bell ]

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BELL, Elizabeth (1731?-1771) after 1754 Oxley

[Elizabeth Bell, daughter of Benjamin and Mercy Bell of London, was married in 1754 to John Oxley (1720-1773 qv) of Norwich.

See OXLEY, Elizabeth (1731?-1771) born Bell ]

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BELL, Isaac (1727-1803)

Isaac Bell, the son of Jane Bell ( - ) of Highbackhous in Cumberland, was born there on 1.iii.[May] 1727(1).

He became a shopkeeper at Cockermouth in Cumberland(2) and was married in 1779 to Mary Pearson (1745-1820 qv) of Little Broughton in Cumberland(3); there were two children(4).

Isaac Bell of Cockermouth died on 1 May 1803, at the age of about seventy six(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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

2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3 and in the birth entries for his children

3 The wedding was at Little Broughton on 26 December 1779: he is described as a shopkeeper of Cockermouth in Cumberland; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Jane Pearson of Little Broughton in Cumberland (Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digest)

4 Listed in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest as follows:-

Mary b 15 Oct 1781
John b 7 May 1784

No marriages are traced for these children in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1850

5 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 1-53

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BELL, Isaac (1738- )

Isaac Bell, the son of Jacob and Margaret Bell of Lombard Street in London, was born there on 30.x.(December)1738(1).

He became a tin plate worker and a citizen of London(2) and was married in 1762 to Hannah Purver, the daughter of Anthony Purver (1702-1777 qv) of Andover in Hampshire(3); there were apparently three or four children(4).

The date of his death is not at present (1979) traced(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given

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

3 The wedding was at Andover on 21 September 1762: he is described as a citizen and tin plate worker of London, the son of Jacob and Margaret Bell of London; she is described as the daughter of Anthony and Rachel of Andover in the county of Southampton (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)

4 Listed in Sussex & Surrey QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Rachel | b 20 Jan 1765 | d 24 April 1766 |
| Isaac | b 20 Aug 1766 | d 17 March 1767 |

N.B. Sussex & Surrey Burials Digest also lists Hannah Bell, who died 20 Oct 1766. It is unlikely that this is the wife of Isaac Bell, as Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest lists John Purver Bell, who married Hester Bonner and was born about the year 1769; it is more probable that Hannah Bell was the eldest daughter

5 His death is not traced in London & Middlesex QM, Dorset & Hants QM, Bristol & Somerset QM or Sussex & Surrey QM Burials Digests

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 24, p 32

MEG Dec 1979

BELL, Isaac John (1852?-1935)

'Waterford Meeting has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Isaac John Bell, already announced in the issue of The Friend of February 2, (1935). Both in his own Meeting, which he attended for almost 50 years, and in regular attendance at Dublin Yearly Meeting, he was distinguished for his ardent advocacy of a modernisation of method in the presentation of Friends' views, while anxious for the retention at all costs of fundamental principals.

'He was the eldest of the family of Edward and Jane Bell, and life on a farm on the harsh soil of Co. Antrim did little to lessen that passion for growing things which on later occasions served him as both recreation and livelihood. Despite the somewhat narrow orthodoxy in which he was schooled, "Isaac John" as he was known was later in life to become an exponent of the Liberal tendency by advancing a plea for live religion against dead authority.

'When his education at Lisburn School was completed, he "went into linen" at Bessbrook, where Quaker industry under the Richardsons became a synonym for prosperity and public spirit.

'Changes of scene and occupation ensued, until finally I. J. Bell was to be found conducting an outfitting business in Waterford at premises he occupied till his death, although his active connection with business ceased some seven years earlier.

'He was unremittingly active both in the work of the Society and in local clubs of a literary and educative character, where he always commanded a hearing. He drew largely on the happenings of the day and natural objects by way of illustration, and was especially happy in his treatment of the aesthetic approach to worship. Scenic beauty he revelled in, and the perfect pleasure of a love of Nature was his constant resort.

'I. J. Bell was rich in the quality of his friendships; his generosity even anticipated hidden yet urgent needs of others, so far as his means permitted. As an Elder, he was unwearying. He had the warmest interest in the welfare of all members down to the youngest. He was beloved by humble folk of all classes and creeds, who looked up to him as a kind of spiritual father.

'His married life was a partnership of mutual and unfailing helpfulness for upwards of 50 years. He married a daughter of John Orr Green, well known for his extensive travels in the ministry. Their elder son was "killed in action." Their surviving son saw service with the F.A.U. and the F.W.V.R.C.

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'Civil conflict found I. J. Bell no moreaccomodating to terrorism than his doughty father had been when confronted with Land League victimisation. He was, however, strictly averse to strife. Zest for all that made for a fullfamily and corporate life was the keynote of I. J. Bell's character. His offerings in Meetings for Worship were faithfully maintained to the last.'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.93 (1935) p.138

WBE:

BELL, Isaac John, ca. 1852-1935. 3

b. ca. 1852, Ire., s. Edward and Jane Bell. Farm life in Co. Antrim, Ire.

ed. Lisburn School.

m. Green. Two sons.

Worked with the Richardsons at Bessbrook, in the linen industry. Later, conducted an outfitting business at Waterford.

Elder, who also spoke in the ministry. Rich in the quality of friendship.

d. 2 Feb. 1935, Waterford, Ire., aged 83.

The Friend (London), 93(1935):138 (portrait).

BELL, Jacob (1737-1806)

Jacob Bell, the son of Jacob Bell ( - ) and his wife Margaret (born Collinson ) of Lombard Street in the parish of St Mary Woolnoth, London, was born there on 17.iv.[June] 1737(1). He became a hosier.

He was married in 1771 to Sarah Sheppard (1748-1809 qv) of the parish of St Pauls, Shadwell(2) and there were eleven children(3). The family lived at Fish Street Hill in the parish of St Leonard's, Eastcheap and later at Plaistow in Essex; they also lived for short periods at Wapping and at Ilford in Essex(4).

In his thirty seventh year Jacob Bell received a gift in the ministry, which he accepted with reluctance due to a diffident nature, but he ultimately became "an acceptable and diligent Labourer." During the last ten years of his life, when he had retired from business, he visited with certificates many meetings in England, part of Wales, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands and in addition had meetings with those of other denominations. His last such journey was undertaken in his sixty ninth year "from a sense of Duty, under the pressure of deep affliction in his family by the loss of hopeful Children." He greatly valued quietness and retirement.

Jacob Bell of Plaisow died on 19 December 1806 at the age of seventy(5) and was buried at Winchmore Hill.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Barking MM in TCMD vol 4, p 236

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given

Jacob Bell senior, youngest son of Jonathan Bell (1654-1721 ) of Cockermouth, was probably in partnership with his elder brother John. His wife Margaret was the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Collinson of Hugal Heights, Stavely, Westmorland and sister to Peter Collinson, a friend of Linnaeus and patron of Benjamin Franklin (The Bell Family, Friends House Library typescript, p 5)

2 The wedding was at Devonshire House FMH on 12 September 1771: he is described as of Fish Street Hill, a citizen, hosier and long bow string maker of London, the son of Jacob and Margaret Bell, late of Lombard Street; she is described as the daughter of James and Anna Sheppard, late of the parish of Paul's, Shadwell (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Anna | b 30 Sept 1772 | d 23 May 1773 |
| *James | b 21 Sept 1773 | |
| John | b 4 Dec 1774 | m 1802 Eliza Smith |
| *Sheppard | b 1 April 1776 | |
| Sarah Sheppard | b 16 July 1777 | m 1801 John De Horne |
| Margaret Collinson | b 4 Oct 1778 | d 17 Oct 1778 |
| Martha Collinson | b 21 July 1780 | d 30 Jan 1783 |
| Peter Collinson | b 12 Nov 1781 | d 4 Jan 1783 |
| Jacob | b 14 Aug 1783 | d 27 Oct 1805 |
| *Katharine | b 14 Nov 1785 | |
| Rebecca | b 13 July 1788 | d 7 Dec 1790 |

*No marriages traced in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest to 1837

4 The first 6 children were born at Fish Street Hill: the following three were born at Plaistow; Katharine was born at Wapping Wall and Rebecca at Great Ilford, Barking
See also Piety Promoted (1854 ed.) vol 3, p 382

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

SEE ALSO:-

A diary of the religious experience of Mary Waring &c, London 1809, p 182
J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 110n, where he is described as a mastmaker, later a hosier
Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 11, p 15n:
Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 104

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BELL, Jacob (1737-1806)

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Jacob Bell was born in Lombard Street, parish of St.Mary Woolnoth, London, on 17 iv[June] 1737 (1), the son of Jacob Bell, hosier, of Lombard Street and Margaret (nee Collinson) (2). He became a hosier.

He married on 12 Sept.1771 at Devonshire House, Sarah Shepparde, daughter of James and Anna Sheppard of the parish of St.Paul's Shadwell (3). They lived at Fish Street Hill, parish of St.Leonard's Eastcheap, and later at Plaistow, Essex. They also lived for short periods at Wapping and at Ilford, Essex (4).

In his 37th year he became a minister, with reluctance due to a diffident nature, but ultimately became 'an acceptable and diligent Labourer'. During the last ten years of his life, when he had retired from business, He visited with certificates many meetings in England, part of Wales, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands, and in addition had meetings with those of other denominations. His last such journey was undertaken in his 69th year 'from a sense of Duty, under the pressure of deep affliction in his family by the loss of hopeful Children.' He greatly valued quietness and retirement.

He died at Plaistow on 19 December 1806, and was buried at Winchmore Hill 26 December (5)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Barking MM in TCMD vol.4 p.236

NOTES AND REFERENCES :

1. London & Middlesex QM Births Digest 1720-1837

2. Jacob Bell Senior, youngest son of Jonathan Bell (1654-1721) of Cockermouth, was probably in partnership as a hosier with his elder brother John.
   His wife Margaret was the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Collinson of Hugal Heights, Stavely, Westmoreland, sister to Peter Collinson, a friend of Linnaeus and patron of Benjamin Franklin.
   - The Bell Family (typescript in Friends House Library) p.5
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3. London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest 1720-1837
   He is described as 'Hosier, Citizen and Longbow-Stringmaker'
   Sarah Sheppard was born at Wapping Wall, parish of St.Paul's Shadwell on 20.viii[Oct] 1748. She died 27 March 1809
   - London & Middlesex QM Births Digest 1720-1837
     London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest 1750-1837

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BELL, Jacob (1737-1806) contd.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Children: | Anna | born 30 Sept 1772 | died 23 May 1773 |
| | James | born 21 Sept 1773 | |
| | John | born 4 Dec 1774 | |
| | Sheppard | born 1 April 1776 | |
| | Sarah Sheppard | born 16 July 1777 | |
| 12 | Margaret Collinson | born 4 Oct 1778 | died 17 Oct 1778 |
| 12 | Martha Collinson | born 21 July 1780 | died 30 Jan 1783 } OF MEASLES i.e. |
| 1783 | Peter Collinson | born 12 Nov.1781 | died 4 Jan. 1783 } |
| | Jacob | born 14 Aug.1783 | died 27 Oct.1805 } |
| | Katharine | born 14 Nov.1785 | |
| | Rebecca | born 13 July 1788 | died 7 Dec.1790 |

- London & Middx QM Births Digest 1720-1837
  London & Middx QM Burials Digest 1750-1837

4. The first 6 children were born at Fish Street Hill. The next 3 were born at Plaistow. Katharine was born at Wapping Wall, and Rebecca at Great Ilford, Barking

   - London & Middx QM Births Digest 1720-1837

6. cf. Piety Promoted (1854 ed) vol.3 p.382 ~~092.1~~ 19

5. London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest 1750-1837

SEE ALSO :

A diary of the religious experience of Mary Waring &c (London, 1809) p.182 ~~092.1 WAR~~ 19

BELL, Jacob (1737-1806)

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Jacob Bell, son of Jacob and Margaret Bell, was a mast-maker of Wapping, and later he became a hosier. 'He was a Friend much known and beloved' a non-Friend wrote of him, 'the serenity of his temper, the mildness of his disposition, his benevolence, his goodness of heart, his love of vurtue, claimed in no common degree our regard and esteem' (quotation from Note Book 2, Friends House Library)

Testimony
James Jenkins: Records

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.110

see also
previous sheets

WBE:

BELL, Jacob, 1810-1859.

Artist and chemist.

b. 5 Mar. 1810, London (?) Eng., s. John and Elizabeth (or Eliza) (Smith) Bell.

1822, ed. at Darlington, School of Art.

Entered his father's business. 1840, visited the continent in company with Edwin Landseer. 1841, launched The Parmaceutical Soc. of Gt. Brit. and The Pharmaceutical Journal.

His collection of art objects was in part bequeathed to the nation.

Author: List of the founders of the Pharmaceutical Soc. of Gt. Brit.

Editor: Pharmaceutical Journal and Transactions, vols. I to XI, incl., 1841-2, 1851-2.

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

d. 12 June 1859, Tunbridge Wells, aged 49.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 22:87.

The Friend (London), 17:137.

Biog. Cat., 71.

Jos. Smith's Cat., suppl.:52.

WBE:

BELL, James Stroud, 1847-1915.

b. 1847, s. Samuel and Bell.

m. Son was James Ford Bell.

1888, came from Phila. to Minneapolis, Minn. Was partner of Wm. H. Dunwoody. Became president of Washburn Crosby Mills, manufacturing Gold Medal Flour. 1903, established mill at Buffalo, N. Y. Was called "The greatest merchandiser."

Became seriously ill in 1913. d. 5 Apr. 1915, aged ca. 68.

Gray, Business without boundary, p. 51 (portrait before p. 51).

BELL, John (1681-1761)

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John Bell was born in or about 1681 at Gill, parish of Kirklinton, Cumberland, the son of Reynold Bell (1), who brought him up a member of the Church of England. About the age of 12 he became convinced that Friends were 'the Chosen People' and at about 15 he joined the Society.

About 1702 he removed to London. After some five years of 'Great Fear' he became a minister. In 1708 he was a member of Savoy meeting and had its certificate to visit Holland as a minister (2), which in 1709 he did, visiting Friends in Holland and Germany in company with Thomas Chalkley. Soon after this journey he married, on 31.iii[May] 1710 Deborah Winn (1689?-1738 q.v.), daughter of John Winn of Bradford, Yorks (3) and lived there for some years. They removed to London in 1715 and lived for a while at Clements Lane (4), and later at Gracechurch Street (5). They were both certified as ministers from Bull & Mouth MM, pursuant to the direction of YM of 1723. He travelled extensively in the ministry. About 1736 he removed to Bromley.

He was appointed to collect the dying sayings of Friends, and published one volume (6)

He married secondly on 6.viii[Oct] 1741 Margaret Ollive (1686-1759 q.v.), daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Ollive of Tottenham (7).

In the course of his last illness his second wife died, in 1759, which was a'near Tryal' as she had nursed him. He died on 2 February 1761, and was buried at Ratcliff on 8 February, being the Sunday following (8)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Ratcliff MM in TCMD vol.2 p.133

NOTES AND REFERENCES :

1. Piety Promoted (1854 ed.) vol.3 p.205 ~~092.1~~ 1 P
2. ibid
3. Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest 1642-1719.
   He is described as of the parish of St.Martins in the Fields, London
   91 ~~See under BELL, Deborah (1689?-1738) born Winn~~
   No children recorded in Yorkshire QM Births Digest, or London & Middlesex QM Births Digest

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BELL, John (1681-1761) contd. 4

4. Piety promoted (1854 ed) vol.2 p.205 ~~092.1~~ / 9

5. ibid vol.2 p.258 (life of Deborah Bell)

6. This was Piety promoted, in a collection of dying sayings of divers of the people called Quakers: with someaccount of their sufferings and virtuous lives. The 7th part (London 1740)

Services, 91

7. London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest 1720-1837
~~See under BELL, Margaret (1686-1759) born Ollive~~
No children recorded in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest

8. London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest

WBE:
Additional information: 4

BELL, John, ca. 1681-1761.

Author: Epistles, 1741-43.

Testimony to the memory of James Dickinson, 1745.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:233.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX7615.

BELL, John (1706/7-1780)

John Bell, the son of Reynold Bell ( - ) and his wife Jane (born ) of Gill in Kirklinton, Cumberland, was born there on 2.i.[March] 1706/7(1). His mother died when he was about nine years old(2). On the death of his father he inherited a small estate, some of which (although not legally bound to do so) he spent in paying off his father's debts, which diminished his fortune.

To acquire a knowledge of business he "went to place" with a Friend at Scarborough. While at Scarborough, in about his twenty sixth year, he received a gift in the ministry. Some time afterwards, he left Scarborough and settled for a year in Newcastle; he then returned to Gill and a little later began business in Carlisle as a mercer and draper.

In 1753 he moved to Melksham in Wiltshire, where he continued in business. He was married in the same year to Amy Newman (1724-1792 qv) of Melksham(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4). He prospered in business there until, about 1760, he decided to retire to his patrimonial estate in Cumberland. After his return, although he had visited several of the northern and western counties of England and had visited Ireland with John Irwin ( - ), he did not travel much on account of the state of his health.

In 1772 his health induced him to move to Carlisle, where he remained for the rest of his life. John Bell of St Mary's, Carlisle, died on 25 October 1780, aged about seventy three(5) and was buried at Hatherside in Kirklinton.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Carlisle MM in TCMD vol 3, p 199

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
2 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest: she was buried 6.i.[March] 1715/6
3 The wedding was at Melksham on 13 September 1753: he is described as a draper of Melksham in Wiltshire, late of Carlisle in Cumberland; she is described as the daughter of Paul Newman of Melksham in Wiltshire (Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digest)
4 No children are traced in Gloucester & Wilts QM or in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digests
5 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest: he is described as a statesman

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

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BELL, John (1706/7 - 1780)

John Bell was born at Gill, in Kirklinton, Cumberland, 2.i [March] 1706/7, the son of Reynold and Jane Bell (1). His mother died when he was young (2). Upon the death of his father (3) he inherited a small estate, some of which (though not legally bound to do so) he spent in paying off his father's debts, which diminished his fortune. To acquire a knowledge of business he 'went to place' with a Friend at Scarborough. While at Scarborough, about his 26th year, he became a minister. Some time after he left Scarborough, and settled for a year in Newcastle; he then returned to Gill, and a little after began business in Carlisle as a mercer and draper. In 1753 he removed to Melksham, Wilts, where he continued in business. There he married on 13 Sept.1753, Amy Newman, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Newman of Melksham (4). He prospered in business there until, about 1760, he decided to retire to his patrimonial estate in Cumberland. After his return, although he had visited several of the Northern and Western Counties of England, and visited Ireland with John Irwin, he did not travel much on account of the state of his health. In 1772 his health induced him to remove to Carlisle, where he remained for the rest of his life.

He died on 25 October 1780, and was buried 29 October at Hetherside in Kirklinton (5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

Testimony of Carlisle MM, in TCMD vol.3 p.199

NOTES AND REFERENCES :

1. Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest
2. In 1715/6 Bur 6.i[Mar] 1715/6 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest
3. Not in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest
4. Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digest. He is described as 'Draper'
   Amy Newman was born 29.i[March] 1724. She died in Wiltshire 18 May 1792
   Gloucs & Wilts Births Digest
   Gloucs & Wilts Burials Digest
   No children are recorded in Gloucs & Wilts Births Digest, or in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest
5. Cumberland & Northumberland Burials Digest

BELL, John (1774-1849)

John Bell was the son of Jacob and Sarah (Shippard)* Bell of Plaistow, Essex, and was born in London in 1774. He was at the school of Thomas Cour at Tottenham* (*) of the Haymarket, chemist.

He served an apprenticeship to Frederick Smith, and in 1802 married his eldest daughter, Elizabeth Smith, who died in 1839. He was a noted chemist of Oxford Street. Jacob Bell (1810-1859) founder of the Pharmaceutical Society, was his son. *

He visited Great Britain and Scotland and had a concern, at an advanced age to visit Australia, but as no fellow labourer appeared, his Monthly Meeting released him from this.

He died on January 14 1849 and was buried at Croydon, aged 74, a minister 51 years.

Testimony of Kingston M.M. in Testimonies 1849, p.28

The passages marked * derive from a note by Norman Penney in Pen pictures, 1939, p.111.

WBE:
Additional information:

BELL, JOHN, 1774-1849. 3

b. 4 Dec. 1774, Fish St. Hill, London, Eng. His father was a mast-maker, who gave up that business at the time of the Am. Revolution, and became a hosier.

1819, retired from active business.

1797, first spoke in meeting. 1838 and again in 1840, proposed a visit to Australia. Friends did not encourage it, and his burden of concern ceased.

Short illness, about one month. d. Wandsworth.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 8(1850):4.

The Friend (London), 7(1849):38.

Biog. Cat., p. 67.

BELL, John (1800- )

John Bell was born in Liverpool on or about 20 July 1800

SOURCE OF INFORMATION :

Frederick A. Bell of Bournemouth, on whose behalf a search was undertaken in 1965.

ACTION TAKEN BY LIBRARY :

No entry for him was found in the Lancashire Births Digest, but the name Bell does appear for a family in the Liverpool area

BELL, John Purver (1769?-1824)

John Purver Bell, the son of Isaac Bell (1738- qv) and his wife Hannah, born Purver, of London and Dorking in Surrey, was probably born in London about the year 1769(1). His mother died when he was a child and he was brought up by his grandfather Anthony Purver (1702-1777 qv) at Andover in Hampshire(2).

He became a hosier at Bristol(3) and was married in 1788 to Hester Bonner of Bristol(4); there was one child(5).

John Purver Bell of Sidcot in Somerset died on 11 January 1824, at the age of fifty five(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 55 at death. His birth is not traced in London & Middlesex QM, Sussex & Surrey QM, Dorset & Hants QM or Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest

2 J Friends Hist Soc vol 24, p 32

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

4 The wedding was at Bristol on 28 February 1788: he is described as a hosier of Bristol, the son of Isaac and Hannah Bell, late of Dorking in Surrey; she is described as the daughter of Samuel and Sarah Bonner of Bristol (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)

5 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest as follows:-
Isaac b 16 May 1793
N.B. No marriage is traced for him in Bristol & Somerset QM, Gloucester & Wilts QM, Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digests or in the Digest of Marriages to 1860

6 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: he is described as formerly a hosier

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BELL, Margaret (1686-1759) born Ollive

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Margaret Ollive was born 23.ix[Nov] 1686, the daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Ollive of Tottenham (1). She married 6.viii[Oct] 1741, as his second wife, John Bell of Bromley, Middlesex (q.v.) the son of Reynold and Ann Bell of Camsgill, Cumberland (2).

1681-1761

About her 33rd year she became a minister. She visited Friends in various parts of England and also in Ireland, and became an 'Able Minister', particularly concerned for the young. Her attendance at meetings for worship, both Sunday and weekday, was exemplary, and she steadily attended Bromley evening meeting from its setting up almost until her death.

She died 12 January 1759 (3) aged 72, and was interred at Friends Burial Ground, Ratcliffe, 17 January

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Ratcliff MM in TCMD vol.2 p.15

NOTES & REFERENCES :

1. London & Middlesex QM Births Digest, 1644-1719
2. London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest, 1720-1837
   London & Middlesex QM Burial Digest, 1750-1857; ~~see under Bell, John (1681-1761)~~
3. London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest (1750-1837) 'Died of Age'

BELL, Mary (1745-1820) born Pearson

Mary Pearson, the daughter of Thomas Pearson (1704/5-1785 qv) and his wife Jane (born 1715?-1784 qv) of Little Broughton in Cumberland, was born there on 4.x.[December] 1745(1).

She was married in 1779 to Isaac Bell (1727-1803 qv), a shopkeeper of

BELL, Margaret (1707/8-1777) born Falconar

Margaret Falconar was born 13.xii[Feb]1707/8, the daughter of John and Anna Falconar of London, at Prescott Street, Goodmans Fields, parish of Whitechapel (1). About her 19th year she went to reside with a relation in the North of England in the course of which she experienced many 'deep Baptisms'. In 1742 she returned to London. She married on 17.xii[Feb] 1742/3 at Gracechurch Street, Robert Bell of Gracechurch Street, Hosier, son of Reynold and Jane Bell of Gill, Cumberland (2). In 1758 she became a minister, appearing in the ministry for the first time at a meeting in Melksham, Wilts, when on a visit to relations. She was diligent in attending meetings for worship and discipline. She died on 13 April 1777, and was buried from Devonshire House, in Bunhill Fields 22 April (3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Devonshire House MM in TCMD vol.3 p.114

NOTES AND REFERENCES :

1. London & Middlesex QM Births Digest 1644-1719. John Falconar (also spelt Falconer) is described as 'merchant'

2. London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest 1720-1837

Robert Bell was also described as Citizen and Long Bow String Maker He was born 3.v.[July] 1708, and died of consumpton on 15 April 1776. His residence was then given as parish of Christ Church, Middlesex.

Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest
London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest 1750-1837

Children:

Robert, born 27.xii.1743 [Feb 1743/4]
John born 15.xi [Jan] 1746/7
Reynold, born 5.iv[June] 1748

London & Middlesex Births Digest 1720-1837

3. London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest (1750-1837) 'Died of Consumption' Her residence given as Bishopsgate Street, par. of St.Botolph.

BELL, Mary (1826-1907) born Smith

Mary Bell was born 23 November 1826 (1). 'Although but little known in the Society of Friends beyond her own immediate circle, the death of Mary Bell, in her 81st year, which we recorded in our issue of the 15th inst. (March 1907), has been the occasion of a striking expression of feeling at her loss in the ancient little borough of Maldon in Essex, where the last thirty-five years of her lifewere spent, and near which place she had lived from her birth. She was the daughter of Thomas Smith, of Wickham Hall, Essex. Her ancestors were amongst the early followers of George Fox in Essex, and she inherited a full share of their independenceof thought and bearing. She had a sadly too short experience of a married life of rare happiness in losing her husband, the late Frederic J. Bell, after a union of only nine years, and for more than fifty years she cherished his memory with touching fidelity. Hewas a member of a family of varied gifts, and his brother Jacob Bell, the early friend and patron of Edwin Landseer, has earned the national gratitude by his bequest of the great artist's finest pictures to the National Gallery. Mary Bell enjoyed in many ways in increased breadth of view and cultivation to which sh e was introduced, but never sacrificed her love and sympathy with the poor and needy and suffering. An old friend of hers described her as "like an aristocrat with a tender heart." She was liberal beyond the common in her unostentatious gifts to the poor and in support of institutions for their welfare, although her name was rarely found in public lists of subscriptions. She greatly loved her garden, whcih was a beautiful one, and would constantly send a poor neighbour a present of fruit and vegetables out of her abundance, which perhaps they enjoyed more than greater gifts, as a token of remembrance.

'When she died, although she had not been able for two years to appear amongst her neighbours, a heartfelt throb of sorrow passed over the whole town, and at her funeral there was a large concourse of attached friends, poorer and richer, in grief that "they would see her face no more."

'The Mayor of Maldon officially stated the loss which the death of this good woman and citizen had brought on the community in the following letter. "I am very sorry that my engagement on Monday makes it impossible for me to be present at Mrs. Bell's funeral. Had it been otherwise, I should have considered it my duty to render the last tribute of respect to the memory of one who had for many years occupied a unique position in the borough. Though she led a very retired life, her name was a household word in the town for true liberality and charity, and her loss will be greatly felt, not only by those who received her benefactions, but by many

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others who knew that she was always ready and willing to support any project that would really benefit the people of the borough."

'At the funeral, which took place in the Friends' burial ground, Maldon, there was a very large and representative gathering. H. S. Corder, of Chelmsford, engaged in prayer. Samuel Bryant (Congregational minister) said: "'In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.' The Friend whom God has taken from our midst proved the truth of these sacred words, and exemplified it in her life and character. When the solemn change came to which we must all look forward, she was not afraid, because she trusted in God and believed in our Saviour Jesus Christ. As one sympathising very deeply with the principles and practice of the Society of Friends, may I say that we who belong to other Christian communions know that your loss is very serious, but we trust and pray that this meeting-house, standing amidst the dust and memorial of the sainted dead, may be preserved, and that there you and many more may meet week by week to worship God in the pure faith and simple primitive ways of the early Church. 'Where two or three are met together in My name there am I in the midst,' said our Divine Father, whose blessing we pray and trust shall be upon us all."'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.47 (1907) p.202

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

(1) Essex QM Births Digest

BELL, Mary (1832?-1876)

Mary Bell, the youngest of the large family of children of Isaac and Frances Bell of Tromera House, Moira in the province of Ulster, was born about the year 1832(1).

Her health was delicate and being advised to try a change of air she gave up her business in Lurgan and moved in August 1875 to Kettering in Northamptonshire, to the home of her sister Deborah who had married Francis Ellington Wright (1810-1903 qv)(2). The change appeared for a time to be beneficial, but during the winter she became seriously ill.

Mary Bell of Kettering died on 10 February 1876, at the age of forty four(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1877, pp 19-24

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 44 at death
2 See WRIGHT, Francis Ellington (1810-1903)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the daughter of Isaac and Frances

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

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WBE:

BELL, Mercy, afterwards Bland, later Ransom, 1728-1811

see

RANSOM, Mercy, nee Bell, afterwards Bland, 1728-1811

BELL, Mercy (1728-1811) after 1757 Bland, after 1765 Ransom

(Mercy Bell, daughter of Benjamin and Mercy Bell of Leadenhall Street in London, was married in 1757 to Stamper Bland. After his death she was married in 1765 to John Ransom (1716-1779 qv)

See RANSOM, Mercy (1728-1811) formerly Bland, born Bell )

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BELL, Nathaniel (1703-1778)

Nathaniel Bell, the son of John Bell ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ), was born on 19.iv.[June] 1703(1).

He was married in 1731 to Ann Mercy Ellwood (1706?-1775 qv) of London(2) and there were six children(3).

He was a schoolmaster(4), but in 1739 he started in business as a bookseller at Pavement in York(5). He was elected one of the City chamberlains in 1757(6).

Nathaniel Bell of York died on 16 August 1778, at the age of seventy five(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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

2 The wedding was at Ratcliff on 29.ii.[April] 1731: he is described as a schoolmaster of the city of York, the son of John and Mary Bell, late of Pickering in Yorkshire; she is described as the daughter of Martin and Ann Ellwood of London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

| | | |
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| John | b 26 ix [Nov]1732 | d 27 viii [Oct]1740 |
| Mary | b 20 vii [Sept]1734 | d 24 viii [Oct]1740 |
| *Nathaniel | b 4 v [July]1736 | |
| Sarah | b 21 viii [Oct]1738 | d 15 ix [Nov]1740 |
| *Rachel | b 9 vi [Aug]1740 | |
| Sarah | b 1 vii [Sept]1742 | d 30 v [July]1746 |

*No marriages traced in Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest to 1800

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

5 J Friends Hist Soc vol 41, p 80

6 J Friends Hist Soc vol 5, p 60

7 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a bookseller

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 34, p 4

MEG April 1981

WBE:

BELL, Priscilla, afterwards Wakefield, 1750-1832.

see

Wakefield, Priscilla nee Bell

WBE:

BELL, R

Of London.

Author: Remarks on a pamphlet entitled Infidelity scourged or Christianity vindicated...,London, 1746. In his pamphlet R. B. vindicates the Quakers and combats the arguments of James Bate, of St. Pauls, Deptford.

Smith, Bibliotheca Anti-Quakeriana, p. 58.

BELL, Robert (1708-1776)

Robert Bell, the son of Reynold Bell ( - ) and his wife Jane (born ), was born on 3.v.[July] 1708(1).

He was a citizen of London and a hosier and long bow string maker(2) and was married in 1742/3 to Margaret Falconer (1707/8-1777 qv) of London(3); there were three children(4). He was Recording Clerk to the Society from 1757 to 1759(5).

Robert Bell of Princes Street in the parish of Christchurch, Middlesex, died on 15 April 1776, at the age of sixty eight(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest: his father's occupation and his place of birth are not given, but siblings were born at Gill in Cumberland.
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Gracechurch Street FMH on 17.xii.1742 [i.e.February 1742/3]: he is described as of Gracechurch Street, London, a citizen, hosier and long bow string maker, the son of Robert and Jane Bell, late of Gill in Cumberland; she is described as the daughter of John and Ann Falconer, late of London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

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| Robert | b 27 xii 1743 [i.e. Feb 1743/4] | m 1769 Miriam Umfreville |
| *John | b 15 xi 1746 [i.e. Jan 1746/7] | |
| *Reynold | b 5 iv [June] 1748 | |

*No marriages traced in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest
5 J Friends Hist Soc vol 28 (1931) pp 32-34: article on his clerkship
6 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he died of consumption; no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 1, p 12: vol 10, p 50 and note

MEG April 1981

BELL, Samuel (1878-1963)

'By the death of Samuel Bell we are all the poorer, not only in Bournemouth Meeting but throughout the Society as a whole. There can have been few men whose lives have expressed so completely the very spirit of Quakerism.

'He was born at Waterford in 1878, the ninth child of Henry and Anna Jane Bell, who still wore the traditional Quaker dress and whose family used the Quaker manner of speech. He was educated at Newtown and Bootham Schools. There were wide connections and much coming and going between the Bells in Ireland and Friends in America, and it was no innovation when Sam accompanied his parents to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in 1911. Here he met, at Westtown School, Grace Bromley Allen, an American Friend. Two years later they were married in Philadelphia and returned to live in Waterford, where Sam was engaged in the family business. Their daughter Ruth was born in 1917. Following a strong Quaker tradition, Sam retired early in life (in 1922), wishing to devote more time to Friends' work. With this in mind he spent ayear at Woodbrooke.

'For many years he was an appointed member of Meeting for Sufferings and served on the Friends Service Council, being particularly interested in the Personal Service and Pemba Committees. After a journey as a Representative to the first Yearly Meeting at Ramallah he became a keen member of the Syria and Palestine Committee. Moving to Bournemouth in 1926, he became Clerk of the Monthly Meeting (from 1928 to 1935), an Elder from 1927 to his death, Clerk to the Bournemouth Elders, Registering Officer for Marriages for about nine years, and an energetic member of the Monthly Meeting Education Committee. In Bournemouth he served on the Case Committee of the Personal Service Association, worked for old people's hostels, and during the depression, was among those who regularly served breakfast to the unemployed in the undercroft of a Roman Catholic Church. While on the Quarterly Meeting Extension Committee he frequently helped to arrange study week-ends for attenders and newly-joined Friends.

'He clothed these tasks with the warmth of human insight and sensitive care. Those who went to him in trouble not only received the assistance of an active intelligence but made a lifelong friend. With this tender and gentle approach went unflinching strength of character, founded upon absolute faith.

'The Irishman in Sam was the source of two other qualities, wit and charm. Wit is often wounding, but his was as delightful to the object of his comments as to his hearers. His chairmanship

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and votes of thanks always contributed to the gaiety of meetings, and those who experienced his charm never forgot it.

'His hobbies were gardening and sketching and he left many pictures illustrating his travels. The serenity of his family life was an inspiration to those who had the good fortune to know it. Alan G. Thomas'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol. 121 (1963) p.219

SEE ALSO:

Bootham School Register (1935) p.46

WBE:

BELL, Samuel A., ca. 1864-1936.

b. ca. 1864, s. Samuel A. Bell and

ed. Newtown School, Waterford, Ire., and Bootham School.

m., ca. 1910, Richardson (d. ca. 1932).

In cambric handkerchief business.

Was influenced by ministry of John T. Dorland.

Promoted evangelical meetings.

Magistrate. High Sheriff of the County. Kept weather reports at Lurgan for 50 years. Loved his garden, ferns and his birds. Naturally retiring.

d. 23 July 1936, "Belle Vue," Lurgan, Co. Armagh, Ire., aged 72.

The Friend (London), 94(1936):742 (portrait).

BELL, Sarah (1679-1751) after 1706 Woodvill

[Sarah Bell, daughter of John Bell ( - ) of High Barkhouse in Cumberland, was married in 1706 to William Woodvill ( -1747/8 qv).

See WOODVILL, Sarah (1679-1751) born Bell ]

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BELL, Sarah (1748-1809) born Sheppard

Sarah Sheppard, the daughter of James Sheppard ( - ) and his wife Anna (born ) of Wapping Wall in the parish of Shadwell in Middlesex, was born there on 20.viii.[October] 1748(1).

She was married in 1771 to Jacob Bell (1737-1806 qv), a hosier of Fish Street Hill in London and there were eleven children(2). The family moved to Plaistow in Essex, then to Wapping and for a period to Ilford, but at the time of her husband's death in 1806 they were back in Plaistow(3).

Sarah Bell of Cumming Street, Pentonville in Middlesex died on 27 March 1809, at the age of sixty(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 For marriage and children see BELL, Jacob (1737-1806)
3 See entry for BELL, Jacob (1737-1806)
4 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Jacob, late of Plaistow

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

MEG April 1981

BELL, Sarah (1767- ) after 1798 Osborne

[Sarah Bell, daughter of Benjamin Bell ( - )
and his wife Mary (born )
of Beckfoot and Lowsey in Cumberland, was married in
1798 to John Osborne (1762-1826 qv).

See OSBORNE, Sarah (1767- ) born Bell ]

MEG Oct 1981

BELL, Sarah (  -1863)

Sarah Bell, who lived at Prospect Hill Cottage, was a recorded minister of the Society for about 28 years. She died on 16 July 1863, and was buried in Friends burial ground at Lisburn on 19th July

Brief minute,

~~Testimony~~ of Ulster Q.M. in Y M.Proc. 1864, p.xvi

BELL, Sarah Sheppard (1847?-1930)

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'"He that winneth souls is wise," or, as the Revised Version translates it, "He that is wise winneth souls." Our dear friend, Sarah Bell, possessed this heavenly wisdom in large measure.

'When still very young she heard a request for prayer that the Lord would send an evangelist to carry the Gospel message to the neglected districts of the New Forest. It came to her as a direct call to service, and though of a very gentle and retiring nature she obeyed the call. The lady who sent the request for prayer was disappointed that the response came from a woman instead of a man. But the result showed that the choice was of the Lord.

'An older Friend was willing to accompany Sarah Bell as she stepped out in faith with, as she said, only one sermon on her heart to begin with--the healing of Blind Bartimaeus. But messages were quickly given her as she came in contact with the people in their great ignorance and need; and in due time men and women were brought to the Saviour in such numbers that it resulted in a mission hall being built at Winsor in the New Forest, which continued under the care of Friends for many years, though later it passed into other hands.

'Other opportunities opened out for our friend in various directions, at Long Sutton, and other villages of Somersetshire, at Weston-super-Mare, and various parts of England; most remarkably perhaps in Western Quarterly Meeting, where at that time there was a widespread awakening among Friends. Into the warmglow of this service she entered heartily, and the quickening power of the Holy Spirit was experienced in one meeting-house after another. Missions were held among the hills of Radnorshire, in the old thatched meeting-house at Pales, and at Penybont. The country people flocked to the meetings and many souls were won for Christ.

'Another scene of Sarah Bell's labours was around Rowlands Castle in Hampshire, where she had supported a colporteur for many years up to the time of her death. In the neighbouring village of West Marden she bought a cottage and turned it into a little Mission Room, for a long time keeping the care of the oversight in her own hands, till at last it seemed best to hand it over to others.

'Always a diligent Bible student, it was from the store house of Scripture that she "brought forth treasure new and old," and the great secret of her successful ministry was her life of prayer. This also, no doubt, caused that calm, peaceful influence which has endeared her to so many. Her later years were spent quietly at Ashford in Kent, where the fragrance of her life will be sorely missed.

'They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." A.M.H.'

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BELL, Sarah Sheppard (1847?-1930) continued

'Our late Friend Sarah Sheppard Bell came to Kent some thirty-six years ago from Alton. For many years previously she had been active in evangelistic work, and besides the mission in the New Forest, which was her special charge, she associated herself with Frederick Sessions, Harriet Green and others, who frequently united with one or other of the earlier workers of the Home Mission Committee in holding series of meetings and missions in many parts of the country.

'Already rich in experience, she visited Ashford at a time when the meeting there, having reached a low ebb, had begun to revive, and seemed full of new life and growth. The needs and possibilities of this work, with its interesting developments in many directions so laid hold of S. S. Bell that it led eventually to herself and her sister Anna giving up their home in Alton and coming to reside in Ashford.

'Several years before this Ashford Friends had started mission work at Aldington, a village some seven miles away, and Sarah Bell and her sister first stayed there for some time in a farmhouse, in order to help the work. The insight and interest thus gained extended over many years, showing itself in practical ways, including frequent visits to the commodious hall which was built later on to house the work when it outgrew the simple cottage in which it had started. In Ashford itself S. S. Bell threw herself most earnestly and wholeheartedly into the work which centred round the meeting-house. In a few years the number grew from ten to close on one hundred. A large Band of Hope was gathered and Adult School work started. Later a children's Sunday School was added, Sarah Bell and her sister opening a room in their house so that Anna Bell, who only get about on crutches, could help in it. Simultaneously Sarah Bell kept up her work in the New Forest with the aid of a colporteur--a well-known and trusted friend, herself paying frequent visits there over many years. The Foreign Mission work of the Society and the British and Foreign Bible Society claimed her warm interest, and she was for long a keen and helpful member of the Board of the former.

'Although of a very quiet and retiring nature, S. S. Bell markedly possessed the gift of winning the affection and confidence of those around her. Her loving sympathy, wise counsel, and timely generosity were never lacking, and meant much alike to young and old, while her home was always open to local or visiting Friends. Her tender and beautiful ministry was continued up till her last illness. When the tired body was laid to rest in the beautiful little burial

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ground at Kennington, near Ashford, on February 20th (1930), a large gathering witnessed to the love and esteem in which she was held by all who knew her. Many of the old members of the Sunday Afternoon Women's School had driven out to pay this last tribute of affectionate respect to a life manifestly filled with the love of Christ. F.M.H.'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.70 (1930) p.203

SEE ALSO:

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

WBE:

BELL, Sarah Sheppard, ca. 1847-1930.

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b. ca. 1847.

Lived at Alton, from which she carried on religious work in the New Forest and in other neighborhoods, as at Pales, Penybont, and elsewhere. ca. 1894, came to Ashford. Always a diligent Bible student, she brought forth treasure new and old.

d. 15 Feb. 1930, Amery, Ashford, Kent, age 83.

The Friend (London), 70(1930):172, 203 (portrait).

WBE:

BELL, Walter G., ca. 1857-1925.

b. ca. 1857.

ed. City of London School; 1875, came to Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Was Eighth Wrangler in 1879, and elected to a Fellowship in the same year. Became lecturer in Math. Was Steward to the College.

m.

Joined Friends. Minister, who spoke briefly.

To Cambridge men he was known as an unflinching supporter of unpopular causes.

ca. 1921, removed to Jordans.

d. 9 May 1925, Calvert's Cross, Jordans, aged 68.

The Friend (London), 65(1925):561, 577 (portrait), 434.

BELLAMY, Adey (1739-1810)

Adey Bellamy, the son of Joseph and Judith Bellamy of Framlingham in Suffolk, was born on 15.vii.[September] 1739(1). At about the age of eleven he was placed with a relative in London and was subsequently apprenticed to him. He became a cutler and a citizen of London(2).

He was married firstly in 1774 to Martha Spriggs (1739?-1786 qv) of Old Fish Street in London(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4). His sister Anna (1745?-1785 qv) was married in 1776 to Joseph Savory (1745?-1785 qv).

He continued in trade in London for many years, conducting himself with integrity and uprightness, but not allowing his business to hinder him from being an active member of the Society. His first appearance in the ministry was in his forty first year. He paid two religious visits to Guernsey(5) and one to the south of France in company with George Dillwyn (1738-1820 qv) and his wife Sarah (1738?-1826 qv), Robert Grubb (1743-1797 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Tuke, 1756-1790 qv), Mary Dudley (1750-1823 qv) and John Eliot (1734/5-1813 qv), where they visited the small group of Friends at Congenies (Gard) and its neighbourhood in 1788(6).

He married secondly in 1789 Judith Whiting (1750/1-1801 qv) of London(7), but this second marriage was also childless(8).

In the same year he moved to Wycombe in Buckinghamshire, where he was sound in his ministry and diligent in his attendance at meetings for worship and discipline. "Though encompassed with trials of flesh and spirit, he acted as one whose mind was influenced by the love of God to labour after, and keep a steady eye upon, an inheritance in his blessed kingdom."(9).

After an illness of some two years he died on 29 Marbh 1810 and was buried in Friends burial ground at Wycombe(10).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Upperside MM in TCMD vol 4, p 301

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 His birth is not traced in Suffolk QM Births Digest
2 He is so described in his first marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 6 December 1774: he is described as of Poultry, a citizen and cutler of London, the son of Joseph and Judith Bellamy, late of Framlingham in the county of Suffolk; she is described as of Old Fish Street, the daughter of William and Martha Spriggs of Chelmsford in Essex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
4 No children are traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

1854 ed 5 Piety Promoted, vol 4, p 14
6 Martha Braithwaite: Memorials of Christine Majolier Alsop, London 1881, p7
7 The wedding was at Barking on 19 February 1789: he is described as of London, the son of Joseph and Judith Bellamy of Framlingham in Suffolk; she is described as of Cheapside, London, the daughter of John and Judith Whiting of Cheapside, London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
8 No children are traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest
1854 ed 9 Piety Promoted, vol 4, p 12
10 Bucks QM Burials Digest: he is described as of Chipping Wycombe

SEE ALSO:-

W.J.Allinson: Memorials of Rebecca Jones, Philadelphia & London, 1849, p 69
Journal of the life and gospel labours of David Sands &c, London 1848 p 160
The Friend (Phila.) vol 39, p 211
Piety Promoted (1809 ed.) part 11, p 17 ; 1854 ed vol 4 pp 11-15
J Friends Hist Soc vol 7, p 151: letter from J.Majolier
vol 15, pp 52-54, 88: letters from J.de Marsillac
Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 15, pp 51, 56, 91-93: vol 16, p 88: vol 18, pp 93, 108: vol 26, p 67: Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) pp 16, 19, 24, 92: Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) pp 213, 214

His surname is sometimes spelt Ballamy

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BELLAMY, Adey (1739-1810)

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Adey Bellamy was born on 15.vii[Sept] 1739, the son of Joseph and Judith Bellamy of Framlingham, Suffolk (1). At about the age of 11 he was placed with a relative in London, and subsequently apprenticed to him. He was a cutler (2).

He married, firstly on 6 December 1774, at Devonshire House, Martha Spriggs of Old Fish Street, daughter of William and Martha Spriggs of Chelmsford, Essex (3).

He continued in trade in London for many years, conducting himself with integrity and uprightness and not allowing it to hinder him from being an active member of the Society. His first appearance in the ministry was in his 41st year. He paid two religious visits to Guernsey (4) and one to the south of France in company with George and Sarah Dillwyn, Robert and Sarah Grubb, Mary Dudley and John Eliot, where they visited the small group of Friends at Congénies (Gard) and neighbourhood in 1788 (5).

He married secondly on 19 Feb.1789 at Barking, Judith Whiting, daughter of John and Judith Whiting of Cheapside (6)

In 1789 he removed to Wycombe, Bucks, where he was sound in his ministry and diligent in his attendance of meetings for worship and discipline. 'Though encompassed with trials of flesh and spirit, he acted as one whose mind was influenced by the love of God to labour after, and keep a steady eye upon, an inheritance in his blessed kingdom' (7)

After an illness of some two years he died on 29 March 1810, and was buried in Friends Burial Ground, Wycombe, 4 April (8)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Upperside MM in TCMD vol.4 p.301

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1. Not in Suffolk QM Births Digest
2. London & Middlesex Marriages Digest 1720-1837
3. ibid. He lived at Poultry, London.

   Martha Spriggs's birth not in Essex QM Births Digest. She died of asthma on 6 Dec.1786, aged 47

   London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest 1750-1837

   No children recorded in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest 1720-1837

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BELLAMY, Adey (1739-1810) contd.

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4. Piety promoted, vol.4 p.14 - ~~092.1~~ 91

5. Martha Braithwaite: Memorials of Christine Majolier Alsop (London, 1881) p.7 - ~~092.4 ALS/BRA~~ 91

6. London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest 1720-1837

   Judith Whiting was born 8.i.1750 [March 1750/1] She died at Chipping Wycombe 11 July 1801

   London & Middlesex QM Births Digest 1720-1837

   Bucks QM Burials Digest

7. Piety Promoted, vol.4 p.12

8. Bucks QM Burials Digest. Described as of Chipping Wycombe

SEE ALSO :

W.J.Allinson: Memorials of Rebecca Jones (Philadelphia & London 1849) p.69 - ~~092.4 JON/ALL~~ 91

Journal of the life and gospel labours of David Sands &c (London 1848) p.160 - ~~092.3 SAN~~ 91

see also next sheet.

BELLAMY, Adey (1739-1810)



Adey Bellamy was a son of Joseph and Judith Bellamy of Framlingham, Suffolk. He became a "citizen and cutler" of London, living in the Poultry. In 1774 he married Martha Spriggs, and in 1789 he married Judith Whiting who died in 1801 aged 51. He was much interested in Friends in France and in the Channel Islands. (*) In 1789 he retired from business and resided at High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire. J. Jenkins states that he had a small gift in the ministry, and gives this word-picture: "He was a short, thick-set man, with manners mild and generally pleasing. He wore a drab-coloured wig and suit." His sister Anna married Joseph Savory in 1776.

Piety promoted
~~J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 7, [illegible]~~
MSS in Friends House

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) pp.24-5

see also previous sheets

* For an account of his ~~acquaintance~~ connection with Jean de Marsillac see J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 15 (1918) pp. 51-6, 88, 91-3; vol. 16 (1919) p.88; vol. 18 (1921) p.93. He visited Nicholas Naftel on his application for membership about 1786 - see J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 18 (1921) p.108. Part of a letter from Louis Majolier to Adey Bellamy in 1793 on the Chambord school of industry project is printed in J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 7 (1910) p.157

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Additional information:

BELLAMY, Adey, 1739-1810.

Endowed with a good natural capacity and an ingenious mind.

Indulged himself in reading plays, and found them harmful to his best life.

Piety Promoted, 11th part, p. 11.

The Friend (Phila.), 39:211.

BELLAMY, Anna (1745?-1785) after 1776 Savory

[Anna Bellamy, daughter of Joseph and Judith Bellamy of Framlingham, Suffolk, was married in 1776 to Joseph Savory (1745-1821 qv) of London.

see SAVORY, Anna (1745?-1785) born Bellamy ]

**BELLAMY, Edward** (1882-1967)

Edward Bellamy was born on 28 March 1882. During the first world war he worked with the YMCA, and then served for eight years in an epileptic colony in Surrey. In 1924 he went to the Friends Bedford Institute at Hoxton, where he remained for the next twenty years. A nervous breakdown in 1944, brought on by the strain of war conditions, made it necessary for Edward to leave London. After convalescing he continued his support of Quaker concerns until increasing ill health made it necessary for him to enter a home for the elderly at the Dales, Upper Sheringham, Norfolk

He died on 16 March 1967 in Kelling Hospital.

PRINCIPALSOURCE:

Testimony of Norwich & Lynn MM in YM Proc. 1968 p.169

BELLAMY, Judith (1750/1-1801) born Whiting

Judith Whiting, the daughter of John Whiting ( - ) and his wife Judith (born ) of Cheapside in the parish of St Mary le Bow in London, was born there on 8.i.1750 [March 1750/1] (1).

She became in 1789 the second wife of Adey Bellamy (1739-1810 qv), a cutler of London, but the marriage was apparently childless(2). On her marriage she and her husband moved to Wycombe in Buckinghamshire(3).

Judith Bellamy of Chipping Wycombe died on 11 July 1801, at the age of fifty one(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a linen draper
2 For marriage see BELLAMY, Adey (1739-1810)
3 See entry for BELLAMY, Adey (1739-1810)
4 Bucks QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Adey

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 24n

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BELLAMY, Martha (1739?-1786) born Spriggs

Martha Spriggs, the daughter of William and Martha Spriggs of Chelmsford in Essex, was born about the year 1739(1).

She was married to Adey Bellamy (1739-1810 qv), a cutler of London, in 1774, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

Martha Bellamy of the parish of St Mildred in Poultry, London, died on 6 December 1786, at the age of forty seven(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 47 at death. Her birth is not traced in Essex QM or London & Middlesex QM Births Digests
2 For marriage see BELLAMY, Adey (1739-1810)
3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Adey; she died of asthma

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 24n

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BELLANGEE, James, 1788-1853.

b. 20 Aug. 1788, Little Egg Harbor, Burlington Co., N. J., s. Thomas and Mary Bellangee.

m.

1818, removed to eastern Ohio. Kept with Hicksite Friends. 1829, recommended as a minister at Plainfield, Ohio. 1838, removed to Fulton Co., Ill. Travelled extensively in Ohio, Illinois, N. J. and perhaps elsewhere. He felt that Hannah Barnard was sinned against. He wrote (p. 227), "We have no evidence that Jesus, by his death or by his life, in the land of Judea, did ever a tone for the sins of the wicked."

d. 8 Nov. 1853, near Ipava, Ill., aged 65.

Bellangee, Journal and essays on religious subjects, 1854.

BELLERS, Francis (1616?-1679)

Francis Bellers was a well-to-do grocer and merchant (1). He was active in the early gatherings of the Meeting for Sufferings, where his name appears as a county correspondents and as a representative of Wheeler St (Devonshire House) Monthly Meeting in 1676 (2).

The Digests of births and marriages for London & Middlesex QM contain no record of his marriage, nor of any children, but it is clear from another source (3) that he was married to Mary, who probably outlived him, and that they had four children surviving in 1678. One of these was John Bellers (1654-1725) qv.

Francis Bellers died of a fever in 1679 (4).

NOTES & REFERENCES

1 W. C. Braithwaite: Second period of Quakerism, 2nd ed, p 571

2 "First settling of the Meeting for Sufferings" (Gibson MSS 3/1) shows his appointment in these two capacities on 12 iv [June] 1676, and the Meeting's early minutes record his attendance on at least one occasion during its first year.

3 Information from the transcript of his will made in 1678 in the Six Weeks Meeting's volume "Clauses of wills" pp 86-93. His wife is mentioned several times by name; children recorded there are (in apparent order of descending age) Jonathan, John, Mary, Elizabeth.

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BELLERS, John, 1654-1725.

b. 1654, s. Francis Bellers, a well-to-do grocer and a prominent Friend, and his wife Mary.

Apprenticed to a cloth merchant.

m., 1686, Frances Fettiplace (d. 1716). Six children.

Came to London. 1690-1701, lived at Chalfont St. Peter, near Jordans.

1702, at J. B.'s suggestion, an institution was established at Clerkenwell, with the double function of workhouse and school for children. 1879, this institution had evolved into Saffron Walden, well-known Quaker school.

Social pioneer and economist. Fellow of Royal Society.

Author of many publications advocating betterments in education, social conditions, elections, prison discipline, medical care, as well as articles of a purely religious nature. He even proposed a League of Nations in 1710.

d. 8 or 28 Apr. 1725, St. Stephens, Walbrook, London, Eng., aged 71.

Raistrick, Qu. in science and industry, pp. 82-87.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX7614, BX7619.

Fry, John Bellers.

Braithwaite, Second period of Qu., p. 205.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 12:117.

Friends Quart. Exam., 67(1933):283.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:235.

Seipp, John Bellers, ein vertreter des frühen Quäkertums.

BELLMAN, Grace (1793-1867) born

Grace Bellman, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1977) traced, was born at Kendal in Westmorland in the year 1793. As a young woman she moved to Bentham in Yorkshire, where she helped in teaching in a First-day School established there by Charles Parker, a minister of the Society of Friends. Her parents were Independents, but when she moved to Bentham she joined the Wesleyans.

She married early, but her husband died shortly after the marriage. In the course of time she felt herself drawn towards the Society and after attending meetings for some years she was admitted into membership in her middle age. She was a devoted worker in the Home Mission field and would often walk long distances to give spiritual consolation and practical help to the sick. She was not by any means a wealthy woman, but she shared what she had with those in need and was liberal to the poor, often denying herself things she needed so that she might have the more to give. She read her Bible regularly and was a constant attender at the small meeting to which she belonged and where she frequently spoke in exhortation and prayer.

She led an active and useful life until a few months before her death and her mental faculties remained unimpaired until the end of her life. She died at Bentham on 16 June 1867, at the age of seventy four(1).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1868, pp 17-21

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a widow of Bentham

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

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BELLOWS, Elizabeth (1841-1932) born Earnshaw

Elizabeth Bellows was born on the 1st December 1841. She married John Bellows (one of their sons was Max Bellows, compiler of German-English Dictionary).

She began attending Gloucester Meeting when her children were young and later became a Friend, serving as an Elder and a member of the Ministry and Oversight Committee.

She had a wide outlook on life and interested herself in may directions, entering into her husbands concern for service abroad. In 1896 she accompanied him to Constantinople for the relief of the helpless survivors of the Armenian massacres.

Though of later yaers ill health and great age prevented her from attending Meeting she was always keenly interested and was a wise and sympathetic counsellor to other in their difficulties,

She died on 29th November 1932.

Testimony of Gloucester & Nailsworth M.M. in Y.M. Proc. 1933, p.192

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Additional information:

BELLOWS, ELIZABETH, ca. 1841-1932.

b. Clitheroe, dau. Mark Earnshaw. Church of England. [see Bellows, John, 1831-1902] Ten children.

Enjoyed gardening at Upton Knoll. 1901, came with her husband to U. S.A., where Harvard Univ. granted him a degree. After her husband's death, removed to Tuffley Lawn, in Gloucester City. Member of Gloucester Board of Guardians. Her hands not idle.

Edited Life of John Bellows, 1904.

d. Tuffley Lawn, Gloucester.

The Friend (London), 90(1932):859(portrait).

BELLOWS, John (1831-1902)

John Bellows was born at Liskeard, Cornwall, in the year 1831. He was apprenticed to a printer at Camborne, and after a few months in London became a printer in Gloucester.

In 1869 he married Elizabeth Earnshaw of Clitheroe.

In 1870 John Bellows went to France with other Friends to help relief work for victims of the Franco-Prussian war; in 1892 he visited Russia with Joseph James Neave, who had a concern to get the authorities there to ameliorate the condition of the Stundists; whilst on this journey he first met with the Dukhobors in the Trans-Caucasus. In 1896, with his wife, John Bellows visited Constantinople on behalf of the oppressed Armenians, and in 1899 he went again to Russia, this time with Edmund Wright Brooks to endeavour to get the release of about one hundred and twenty Dukhobours exiled in Siberia. He was a delegate to the Peace Conference at the Hague; and later went to Sweden to try to obtain the release of Norwegians imprisoned for refusal of military service.

John Bellows was an Elder of the Society and a member of Meeting for Sufferings, at one time his strong conviction of what he believed to be the right work of the Society led him to resign his membership, but later he rejoined.

'His allegiance to personal conviction led him frequently to differ from those he loved and respected, causing at times pain both to himself and to others; but his honesty, humility, and unfailing courtesy led even those who differed from him to respect him, and endeared him to all who knew him'.

John Bellows died 5 May 1902, aged seventy one years.

Testimony of Gloucester & Nailsworth MM in YM Proc. 1903, p.233

BELLOWS, John (1831-1902) 9/86
add: Thomas [Bellows, John Thomas]
ref: Digest of births, Q.N.Cornwall in Frds Hse Lib., Lond.

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Additional information:

BELLOWS, JOHN, 1831-1902.

b. 18 Jan. 1831, s. William Lamb and Hannah Strickland Bellows.

Apprenticed 1845.

1851, removed to London, and worked with Harrisons.

[see Bellows, Elizabeth (Earnshaw), 1841-1932]

Became interested in archeology, particularly Roman remains. Opposed home rule in Ireland.

Feeling that Friends were lax in supporting the Truth, he left the Society for some years, but returned.

1901, visited the U. S. Given an honorary degree at Harvard Univ.

Author: Bellows' French and English Dictionary. It received immediate recognition, and its sale exceeded all expectations.

"Ritualism" or "Quakerism"? 1870, a reply to a pamphlet by John W. Cudworth, who left Friends to join the Anglican Church. Signed J. B: the author may have been John Bellows, though the work was printed in London and not Gloucester.

The track of the war around Metz, ca. 1871.

d. near Gloucester.

The Friend (London), 44(1904):331 (portrait).

An. Mon. (N. S.), 61, p. 2.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:240, suppl .:53.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX7616.

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BELLOWS, JOHN, 1831-1902. (Page 2)

Bellows, John Bellows letters and memoir, 1904.

Emden, Quakers in Commerce, London, 1939, p. 172.

BELLOWS, Max (1870-1932)

Max Bellows, eldest son of John and Elizabeth Bellows, was born at Churcham, near Gloucester on 19th June 1870.

He was educated at Bussage House School in the Cotteswoldsand in Edinburgh. Later he went to Leipzig and Kaiserslautern to study in preparation for compiling his German-English Dictionary. He married Rose Fox at Gloucester, where he spent most of his life in the family printing business.

He was active in the work of Western Quarterly Meeting and on retirement to London in 1923 wider openings for service came to him, his greatest service being in the field of International friendship and Peace. Max Bellows experience of Germany enabled him to take a leading part in the relief of war victims there (as his father had previously done in France). As an outcome of this work Quaker Relief Centres and several German Meetings were established.

At home he and his wife continued this international interest in the work of the Friends Service Council, the Save the Children movement and the "Chevaliers de la Paix". Much of his time was spent helping foreign visitors in this country,

Though not given much to vocal expression of his spiritual experience his unobtrusive kindness and warm friendship made an outstanding contribution to peace. His life of deeds rather then words ended suddenly on 24th February 1932.

Testimony of Gloucester & Nailsworth M.M. in Y.M. Proc. 1932, p.220

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BELLOWS, MAX, 1870-1932.

Spent some time at Constables, Edinburgh, printers.

One son.

Was worn down by overwork and underfeeding.

d. South Norwood Park.

The Friend (London), 90:204, 215 (portrait).

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BELLOWS, WILLIAM LAMB, 1802-1877.

b. 1802. Of Tavistock, Pool, near Redruth, later, Gloucester, Eng.

m. Hannah Stickland. One son was John Bellows, Quaker printer.

Joined Friends with his wife and children.

Author: Memoir of John Stickland, and various articles upon the testimonies peculiar to the Society of Friends, 1838 to 1865.

The unchangeable testimony of faithful Friends against Tithe and Tithe-Rent-Charge, 1868.

Barclay vindicated, 1868.

The Friends' Foundation Principle, 1869.

Also other publications.

d. 2 Dec. 1877, Gloucester, aged 75.

The Friend (London), 18(1878):24.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 33:11, 37:55.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:239, suppl.:53.

BENBRICKE, Robert

Robert Benbricke was a London Friend in whose house in The Borough meeting for worship was held (cf. B.Q., 379 f., correcting Benbucke to Benbricke in F.P.T., 166; read Benbricke for Benburke in Beck & Ball, L.F.M., 215).

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.51

BENBUCKE, Robert

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BENCE, Elizabeth (1697 or 1700/1701-1771) ~~born Bence~~ after 1725 Neave

[Elizabeth Bence, daughter of James Bence ( - )
and his wife Mary (born )
of Longham in Hampshire, or daughter of Joseph Bence
( - ), was married in 1725 to Josiah Neave
(1705?-1785 qv).

See NEAVE, Elizabeth (1697 or 1700/1701-1771) born Bence ]

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BENEZET, Anthony (1713-1784)

Born at St. Quentin, France, son of a French Protestant John Stephen Benezet. His parents took him to Holland when he was two years old, and then via Rotterdam, to London, to escape persecution. Here, at the age of fourteen, he became a Quaker, and the family removed in 1731 to Philadelphia, where in 1736 he married Joyce Marriott. In 1739 he tried manufacturing at Wilmington, but returned to his teaching shortly, which throughout his active life was his chosen profession. He taught the Friends' School in Germantown, and in the Friends' Public School in Philadelphia, finally establishing a very successful school for girls in the latter town. For a time, in 1766, possibly because of frail health, he gave up his school and retired to his wife's former home in Burlington, N.J. but within a year or so, he was back at his teaching, which occupied him for the rest of his days. His great interest in the coloured race and his association with John Woolman in his anti-slavery efforts caused him to devote the last two years of his life to teaching coloured children. He was known and respected by all classes of his townspeople, and kept up a vast correspondence abroad with important persons in England and his native France. His death occurred 1784, at the age of 71. He was followed to his grave by an enormous concourse of rich and poor.

Anthony Benezet wrote and circulated a large volume of papers, tracts, and books upon philanthropic subjects, chiefly, however, on slavery, which he opposed in every possible way. He distributed these writings gratis to the rich and poor, He and John Woolman were intimate and congenial friends, their philanthropies directed toward the same ends. In the writings of each may be seen the influence of the other. His small fortune was left to the Friends in charge of the Educational Funds, for the benefit of the School for Coloured Children, founded in 1770, in which he had taught, and which is today engaged in that benevolent work, and known as the Anthony Benezet School. It is now located, with several other charities, in Benezet House, 918 Locust Street, Philadelphia.

Benezet's writings are worth the effort of collecting them into the edition which still awaits publication He is well deserving also of an adequate biography.

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922, pp. 513-4

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BENEZET, ANTHONY, 1713-1784.

b. 31 I (or II) 1713.

Wife a minister. Nearly 48 years of married life. Children d. in infancy. Home on north side of Chestnut St. above 3rd st.

Taught in Germantown 2 yrs., Wm. Penn Charter School 12 yrs. Evening school for Negro children. 1782, relinquished his school and its profits and taught colored people till near his death. Instructed the grandchildren of his earlier pupils.

Elder. Left no known journal.

Assisted banished Acadians. A humble, meek, yet able and energetic Christian. Generally wore plush clothes, which he later gave to the poor.

1759-1784, published numerous pleas on behalf of negroes, Indians and the poor, as well as warnings against the use of intoxicants, and indulging in luxury and pride. Roused John Wesley on slavery. Influenced Franklin.

Author: Observations on the enslaving. . . of negroes. . ., Germantown, 1760.

A short account of that part of Africa, inhabited by negroes. . ., Phila., 1762.

A caution and warning to Great Britain and her colonies. . ., Phila., 1766.

Thoughts on the nature of war., Phila., 1766 (another place says 1776).

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Additional information:

BENEZET, ANTHONY, 1713-1784. (Page 2)

Some historical account of Guinea. . ., Phila., 1771.

The mighty destroyer displayed. . . spirituous liquors. . ., Phila., 1774.

Notes on the slave trade. . ., Phila., 1781.

The plainness and innocent simplicity of the Christian religion. . ., Phila., 1782.

A serious address to the rulers of America. . ., 1783.

Some observations on the situation. . . of the Indian natives of this continent. . ., Phila., 1784.

The emptiness and vanity of a life spent in . . . pleasure. . ., 1797.

The Pensylvania [sic] spelling-book. . ., 6th ed., 1800.

Observations sur l'origine, les principles, et l'etablissement en Amérique, de la Société des Amis. . ., New York, 1816.

The plain path to Christian perfection. . ., Dublin; Phila., from the French, 1837.

d. 3 May 1784, Phila.

NW corner of Hood

John Stephen and Judith Benezet (parents) buried in Cemetery at Logan and Germantown Ave (NE corner) EPB 7/10/00

[see one unheaded sheet in WBE's manuscript on Anthony Benezet for related notes on A. B., his background and times, not copied here.]

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Additional information:

BENEZET, ANTHONY, 1713-1784. (Page 3)

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Comly, Friends Misc., 3:107.

Woolman, Journal, Gummere ed., p. 513.

Phila. Y. Mtg., Col. of memorials, p. 411.

An. Mon., 1813, p. 9.

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Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:240.

Dic. Am. Biog., 2:177.

The Friend (Phila.), 11:169.

Friends Quart. Exam., 17(1883):396.

Brooks, Friend Anthony Benezet, 1937.

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Friends Biog., 6.

Drake, Friends and Slavery, index.

BENEZET, Daniel ( )

Daniel Benezet of Philadelphia, was the brother of Anthony Benezet.

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

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BENEZET, John Stephen ( )

John Stephen Benezet of Philadelphia, was a French Huguenot, who removed first to Rotterdam (1715) then to London (1716) and later to Philadelphia (1731) in search of religious toleration. He was the father of Anthony Benezet and a friend of David Barclay, Sr., who greatly befriended him. He was a prosperous merchant.

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

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BENINGTON, George (1796-1850)

George Benington, the son of Robert and Rachel Benington of Skefling in Yorkshire, was born there on 25 August 1796(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1809 to 1810(2).

He became a draper at Wakefield in Yorkshire(3) and was married in 1830 to Sarah Yarwood(4); there were four children(5). Sarah Benington died in 1837(6) and in 1840 he married Mary Bragg (1795-1850 qv) of Sheffield(7); the second marriage was apparently childless(8).

He was an elder(9) and served for a time on the Country Committee for Ackworth School(10).

George Benington of Wakefield died on 3 October 1850, at the age of fifty four(11).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 68
3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
4 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 13 April 1830: he is described as a draper of Wakefield in Yorkshire, the son of Robert and Rachel Benington, late of Skefling in Yorkshire; she is described as the daughter of Richard and Frances Yarwood of Hull (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
5 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Rachel | b 24 Feb 1831 | m 1859 James Wood |
| *Henry | b 23 Nov 1832 | |
| Isabel | b 20 July 1834 | m 1871 John Binks |
| Edmund | b 11 Feb 1836 | m 1868 Eliza Robinson |

*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
6 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she d 29 April 1837, aged 37
7 The wedding was at Sheffield on 19 March 1840: he is described as a widower, a draper of Wakefield, the son of Robert Benington, a farmer; she is described as a spinster of Hall Carr Wood near Sheffield, the daughter of Joseph Bragg, a saddler (Digest of Marriages)
8 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
9 Annual Monitor 1852, p 5: 2 line entry for death
10 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
11 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a draper; his name is spelt Bennington

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

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BENINGTON, George (1836-1916)

George Benington, the son of William Benington ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Stockton, was born there on 9 February 1836(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1847 to 1851 and after leaving school he went into business, becoming a wholesale tea and produce merchant and a paper manufacturer(2).

He was married firstly in 1864 to Mary Hannah Wilson (1842-1875 qv) of Ulverston(3) and there were seven children(4). He took part in the public affairs of his native town, becoming a member of the Town Council, until, a few years after the death os his wife, he moved to London in 1880. He married secondly in that year Helena Miller, a widow and the daughter of Richard White, a ship owner(5), but she was not a member of the Society and there is at present (1981) no trace that she ever became one(6); there was apparently one child(7).

As a Friend George Benington occupied many useful positions. His wide range of reading made his service on the committee of the Friends' Institute very valuable. In later years he was a member of the Meeting for Sufferings and a regular attender at its sittings, and he gave useful service on other central committees of the Society(8). He had a great interest in the Friends Historical Society, of which he was treasurer in 1909(9) and only relinquished his membership a few months before his death. As a member of Tottenham Monthly Meeting his help in business matters, his wisdom in counsel and his generous financial help were greatly valued. He also served as treasurer, clerk to the ministry and oversight committee, as an elder and as an overseer. He did not speak much in meetings for worship, but in the evening meetings at Winchmore Hill he prepared and read carefully and powerfully various papers on biblical subjects.

To his interest in literature were added travelling abroad, mountain climbing and gardening, especially rose growing. Courtesy and kindness marked his intercourse with his fellows and his influence was that of a truly Christian gentleman.

George Benington of The Glade, Bush Hill Park, Enfield died on 26 July 1916, at the age of eighty(10).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend Vol 56 (1916) p 633
Testimony of Tottenham MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1917, p 218

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BENINGTON, George (1836 - 1916)

George Benington was born 9 February 1836, the second son of William and Mary Benington of Stockton-on-Tees.

He was at Bootham School from 1847 to 1851, leaving there to enter upon a business career. Later he became a member of the town council. In 1880 he removed to Enfield and established himself as a wholesale tea-merchant.

In 1864 he married ~~Mary~~ Hannah Wilson, who died in 1875; in 1880 he married Helena Miller.

He gave service to the London Friends' Institute, the Library and Printing Committee, and the Friends Historical Society. In his monthly meeting, he served as treasurer, clerk to the ministry and oversight committee, as elder and as overseer. He did not take much part in vocal exercise in meetings for worship. In the evening meetings at Winchmore Hill he prepared and read carefully and powerfully various papers on biblical subjects.

He was a great traveller and an enthusiastic rose-grower. He died 26.July.1916.

Testimony of Tottenham MM in YM Proc. 1917, p. 218

BENINGTON, George Mair (1870-1933) 3

'The strength of George Mair Benington, who died at his home at Liverpool on January 21, (1933), lay primarily in his clarity of vision and in his unswerving pursuit of high ideals. These qualities shone through in all his work.

'George Benington was born on October 5, 1870, at Wakefield, and was the second son of Edmond and Eliza Benington. He was educated at Mr. James Wood's School (Alderley Edge and later Colwyn Bay) and at Ackworth. After serving his printing trade apprehticeship at Nottingham and working for a time in London, he went to Liverpool in 1893, and for the rest of his life he remained a member of that Meeting. He became a director of E. Benington & Son, Ltd., the Liverpool printing firm, and in this capacity he showed a Quakerly consistency, sometimes by declining orders for work which conflicted with his principles. Employees of the firm speak very highly of his relations with them.

'George Benington soon became a very active member of the Meeting. He was always a great reader and frequently contributed essays to the Literary Society (then mainly composed of young Friends) which met monthly in members' homes. The Adult School Movement did not reach Liverpool until 1896, when George Benington, with several other young men, decided to open a school in connection with Hunter Street Meeting. He became a president of one of these classes.

'His school contacts aroused his interest in social problems. He also became connected with the Friends' Mission, Richmond Row, in one of Liverpool's worst slums, which afterwards became the St. Anne's Citizens' Institute. This connection lasted throughout a period of 38 years, and at the time of his death he was chairman of the committee.

'His deep concern for the welfare of boys attracted him to the Boys' Brigade, but he did not feel easy about its militaristic tendencies. In 1897, therefore, he founded the Boys' Life Brigade, this work being ultimately taken up by the Sunday School Union. For many years George Benington spent two or three nights each week with the B.L.B., in addition to attending the Brigade Bible Class on Sunday mornings.

'George Benington became a leading personality in Peace work, and when the Great War came he was outstanding in the personal help which he gave to the C.O.'s who shortly came to know him as a Quaker Chaplain at Walton Gaol. When he himself was called up for military service he took up an uncompromising attitude, but as the Armistice followed he never served a sentence.

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BENINGTON, George Mair (1870-1933)

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George Mair Benington, second son of Edmond and Eliza Benington, was born at Wakefield on the 5th October 1870.

He was educated at his uncle James Wood's School and at Ackworth. He entered the family printing business in Liverpool and was loved by his employees to whom he was a personal friend and respected for his integrity exemplified in his declining orders where these conflicted with his principles.

George Benington gave much time to the service of the Meeting, as Clerk to the P.M., to Hardshaw West M.M., and Lancashire & Cheshire Q.M. He was a member of Meeting for Sufferings and the Industrial & Social Order Council. His first hand knowledge for the latter came from his work at the Friends Mission, Richmond Row, one of Liverpools poorer quarters.

He was also concerned for Peace and to further this cause he set up a Boy's Life Brigade as an answer to the glorification of militarism. This idea of his was taken up by the Sunday School Union and spread over the country. He was Chaplain at Walton Gaol during the First World War.

Whether in Adult School or night school or morning Bible Class for "his lads" or in Conferences or study circles his quiet manner, sound judgement, conscientious and indefatigable labours showed how closely he followed His master who he would say" prompted others to good actions, giving strength in temptation and adversity and companionship always."

He died on the 21st January 1933.

Testimony of Hardshaw West M.M. in Y.M. Proc. 1933 p.192

BENINGTON, Isabel (1834-1919) after 1871 Binks

[Isabel Benington, daughter of George Benington (1796-1850 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Yarwood, ) of Sandal Magna in Yorkshire, was married in 1871 to John Binks (1826-1890 qv).

See BINKS, Isabel (1834-1919) born Benington ]

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BENINGTON, JOHN, 1800-1901.

b. 21 July 1800, Skeffling or Skefling, Yorkshire, Eng.

ed. Ackworth School, 1810-1813. Apprenticed to grocer in Wakefield. Came to America and learned farming.

m., 1824, Phebe Pierce. Settled at London Grove, Pa.

Farmer at Westtown School. 1877, moved to Media.

Elder.

Was at his death the oldest living alumnus of Ackworth.

d. 16 June 1901, Media, Pa., in his 101st year.

Ackworth School, List of the boys and girls admitted, p. 71.

The Friend (Phila.), 74:14, 18, 351.

BENINGTON, Mary (1795-1850) born Bragg

Mary Bragg, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Bragg of Lancaster, was born there on 7 May 1795(1).

She was recorded a minister about 1840(2) and became in that year the second wife of George Benington(1796-1850 qv), a draper of Wakefield in Yorkshire; the marriage was apparently childless(3).

Mary Benington of Wakefield died on 8 June 1850 at the age of fifty five(4), a few months before her husband.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a saddler
2 Testimony of Pontefract MM (brief minute) in TCMD vol 7, p 19
3 For marriage see BENINGTON, George (1796-1850)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of George

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1851, p 6: 2 line entry for death
Sandys B.Foster: The Pedigree of Wilson of High Wray and Kendal and the families connected with them, 2nd ed. 1890, p 148

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

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BENNELL, Mary (1806-1854) after 1839 Wright

[Mary Bennell, daughter of Joseph and Mary Bennell of Houghton, Bedfordshire, was married in 1839 to Thomas Wright (1801-1850 qv) of Sutton, Cambs.

see WRIGHT, Mary (1806-1854) born Bennell ]

BENINGTON, Mary Hannah (1842-1875) born Wilson

Mary Hannah Wilson, the daughter of William Wilson (1807-1889 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Binns, 1809-1880 qv) of High Wray in the parish of Hawkshead, Lancaster, was born there on 9 June 1842(1).

She was married in 1864 to George Benington (1836-1916 qv), a wholesale tea and produce merchant and paper manufacturer of Stockton-on-Tees and there were seven children(2).

Mary Hannah Benington of Stockton died on 2 April 1875, at the age of thirty three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a land steward
2 For marriage and children see BENINGTON, George (1836-1916)
3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of George; her name is given as Hannah Bennington

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1876, p 3: 2 line entry for death, where she is given as Mary Hannah Benington

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

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BENNET, Sarah

see BENNETT, Sarah

WBE:

BENNET, William, 1634-1684.

b. 1634, Kirthy. 4

Apprenticed at Yarmouth.

Met with the Independents. Convinced 1654.

Moved to Woodbridge in Suffolk.

m. ca. 1672.

Minister, who travelled in many parts of England. 1660 or 1661, imprisoned at Blyborough. 1662, taken out of a meeting at Yarmouth, and imprisoned. 1664, being arrested at a meeting, for refusal to swear, was put into Norwich Castle. 1665, confined in the jail at Edmundsbury, much of the time among felons, for the greater part of eight years. 1683, he was seized, while upon his knees, and carried to Melton jail; later to Ipswich, where he died.

He was a faithful and patient sufferer.

1664 to 1675, published epistles and testimonies for the Truth.

d. 23 June 1684, Ipswich jail, aged ca. 50.

Friends Library, 11:443.

Gough, Hist. of the people called Qu., 3:30.

Besse, 1:682.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:248.

The Friend (Phila.), 13:86.

BENNETT, Alfred William (1833-1902)

Alfred W. Bennett, son of William and Elizabeth Bennett, was born at Clapham, Surrey, on 24 June 1833 (1). His family were friends of William and Mary Howitt and known to Wordsworth and Hartley Coleridge. He was educated for a while in Switzerland where he learned German, and then at University College, London, where in 1855 he took his MA in mental and moral philosophy. For a while he was tutor to the elder sons of J. Gurney Barclay. In 1868 he took his BSc and became a Fellow of the Linnaean Society.

In 1858 he married Katharine Richardson of Sunderland (2). He took over Charles Gilpin's bookselling and publishing business at 5 Bishopsgate Without. At this time he was proprietor and editor of The Friend.

Alfred Bennett took great interest in higher education for women. He and his wife accommodated a number of women students in their house in Park Village East, Regents Park, and helped to open to women the degrees of London University. He himself became lecturer in botany at Bedford College for women. He translated a number of botanical books from the German. He edited the Journal of the Royal Microscopical Society from 1879 till his death. His Quaker principles and freedom from religious orthodoxy made it easier for him than for many of his generation to accept the new discoveries of science, especially evolutionary theory, without finding them incompatible with Christianity.

He belonged to Westminster Meeting. His influence on younger people and among members of the Society was marked. He was unswerving in upholding the cause of Peace. He wrote much in Friends' periodicals on educational and other topics, including the importance of the religious home-training of children.

He died on 23 January 1902, and was buried at Isleworth.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1903 p.12

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as tea-dealer and his parents' abode as 'of the City of London'. They were members of Gracechurch Street MM. He was born, however, at 2 Malcolm Place, Larkhall Lane, Clapham.

2 The wedding was at Ives, Hunts, on 2 November 1858; he is described as bachelor, bookseller and publisher, of 5 Bishopgate Without, London, son of William Bennett, gentleman; she is described as spinster, of Sunderland, daughter of William Richardson, tanner (Digest of Marriage Registers). No children of the marriage have been traced in Digest of Birth Notes

SEE ALSO: Obituary by J. Gilbert Baker (Friends House vol. 468/13)

BENNETT, Alfred William (1833 - 1902) 3

Alfred William Bennett was born on 24 June 1833, the son of William Bennett (1804 - 1873 qv) and Elizabeth (born Trusted, 1798 - 1891 qv) Bennett of 2, Malcolm Place, Lark Hall Lane, Clapham (1).

His parents were liberal minded Friends with a great interest in education. They moved to Switzerland so that their children could be educated by one of Pestalozzi's disciples. Alfred Bennett's education was also influenced by his father's friendship with Edward Newman (1801 - 1876), the botanist and Isaac Brown (1803 - 1895 qv). He took various degrees at London University.

He was a tutor to J. Gurney Barclay's children; during this period he fell of a horse and received injuries to his head.

In 1858 he married Katharine Richardson (2) and he took over Charles Gilpin's (1815 - 1874 qv) bookselling and publishing firm at 5, Bishopsgate Without. The transaction included the ownership and editorship of The Friend (1843 - ) a monthly journal. He was one of the first publishers to use photography as a method of book illustration.

In 1868 he was elected a member of the Linnaean Society and in 1869 gave up his printing and publishing business. He threw open his house as a hostel for women students and campaigned vigourously until London University permitted Women took take degrees. He was a lecturer in botany at the Westminster Hospital and later at St. Thomas's Hospital and at Bedford College for Women. He was editorially engaged in the Journal of the Royal Microscopical Society of which he was a member from 1879.

As a member of Westminster meeting, he was a founder of the Portfolio Society, a literary club for young Friends.

He died on the 23 January 1902 aged 68 (3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1903 p.12 - 18

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 London & Middlesex QM Birth Digest.

2 Digest of Marriage Registers- the marriage was at Ives, Hunts on 2 April 1858: he is described as Bachelor, Bookseller and publisher of 5, Bishopsgate without, son of William, Gentleman; she is described as spinster of Sunderland, daughter of William Richardson, tanner.

3 Digest of Burial Notes.

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BENNETT, Alfred William (1833 - 1902) continued

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Articles in the Friends Quarterly Examiner.

1867 p.60 The divine principle in man.
1867 p.359 Yearly Meeting
1869 p.371 Higher education of women.
1870 p.374 Social politics
1871 p.259 Louis Napoleon
1871 p.583 Religion and Science
1877 p.328 Should boys and girls be taught together?
1879 p.156 Singing in Meetings for Worship.
1889 p.200 Technical education versus General Education.
1889 p.408 The problem of poverty
1889 p.538 Four sonnets
1893 p.333 Pre-Foxite Quakerism
1894 p.391 Promulgation of the views of Friends.
1896 p.239,267 Birthright membership(Symposium).

Other publications -

Books relating to the Society of Friends.1858.
List of old Friends Books ... now in stock at A.W.Bennett's. n.d. Box 146.
Tintagel (Tracts Vol. 500.).

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BENNETT, Alfred William, ca. 1834-1902.

b. ca. 1834, Clapham, s. William and Elizabeth (Trusted) Bennett.

Studied at a Pestalozzi School in Switzerland, and so learned German; also, Univ. College, London.

Acted as tutor for elder sons of J. Gurney Barclay.

m., 1858, Katharine Richardson.

Bookseller and publisher. Lecturer in botany.

Proprietor and editor of The Friend (London).

Successful in opening to women the degrees of the Univ. of London.

Founder of the Portfolio Society. 1868, Fellow of Linnaean Society.

Was able to reconcile religion and science, including evolution.

Publications: Trans. and ed. The tourists' guide to the flora of the Alps, by W. K. Dalla Torre, 1886.

A Handbook to cryptogamic botany, 1889.

An introduction to the study of flowerless plants, 1891.

Ed. Alpine plants, painted from nature, by Joseph Leboth. 4 Vols. 400 illus.

d. 23 Jan. 1902, Park Village East, Regents Park, aged 68.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 61(1903):12.

The Friend (London), 42(1902):80.

Jos. Smith's Cat., suppl.:56.

WBE:

BENNETT, EDWARD TRUSTED, 1831-1908.

b. 1831, London, Eng., s. William and Elizabeth (Trusted) Bennett.

ed. University College, London. Farm pupil of John Sargeant, Bregsell Farm.

Acquainted with William Wordsworth and Hartley Coleridge. Interested in botany. Loved what was pure, true and of good report.

d. 16 Nov. 1908, "The Rock," Port Isaac, Cornwall, aged 77.

The Friend (London), 48(1908):810.

Friends Quart. Exam., 43(1909):95.

BENNETT, Elizabeth ( 1798 - 1891) born Trusted

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Elizabeth Trusted was born on 23 February 1798, youngest daughter of Imm and Mary Trusted of Cowbrey, in the parish of Walford, Herefordshire (1).

After the completion of her school education, Elizabeth Trusted resided at home and, whilst closely occupied by family claims, she diligently availed herself of such opportunities for mental improvement as were within her reach. She subsequently gave considerable attention to painting, for which she possessed a decided talent. Poetry and the beauties of nature had great attractions for her.

The family moved to Ross in about 1816 and she devoted herself to the establishment of an infant school. Her father died in 1819 (2).

In 1828 she was married to William Bennett ( - 1873 qv ) of London (3). They had four children (4). They visited Switzerland in the winter of 1841 - 2 for educational purposes and later the United States.

About the year 1860, when the family were living in Brockham, Surrey, Elizabeth Bennett opened a mothers' meeting in her own house and in 1863 wrote a small book about the work (5) in which she was associated with Mary Sewell (1820 - 1915 qv) and Mary Bailey.

In 1870 the family returned to London and lived at Springfield Lodge, Park Village East, Regents Park where they were, among other things engaged in setting up a subscription library of Early Friends and Theological books with Joseph Smith (1819 - 1896 qv) as librarian (6).

William Bennett died in 1873, and Elizabeth lived on to the age of 92 years when she died on 9 January 1891 (7). The Annual Monitor gives a detailed description of her last years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1892. Pages 14 - 20.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Herefordshire, Worcester & Wales GM Birth Digest - her father is described as a grazier.

2 Herefordshire, Worcester & Wales GM Burial Digest - he died at Ross on 20 Dec 1819 aged 73 (Annual Monitor says he died about 1816 and that the family moved to Ross after his death).

3 Herefordshire, Worcester & Wales GM Marriage Digest - the marriage was at Ross on 31 October 1828; she is described as the daughter of Imm Trusted (deceased) and Mary his wife, surviving; he is described as of Cannon Street, London, tea dealer, son of William and Hannah Bennett (both deceased) late of Cheapside, London.

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BENNETT, Elizabeth ( 1798 - 1891) born Trusted continued

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~~NOTES AND~~ REFERENCES AND NOTES

4 Children as listed in the London & Middlesex QM Birth Digest and the Digest of Birth Notes :-

| | |
|---|---|
| Edward Trusted | born 1 July 1831- 1908 qv |
| Alfred William | born 24 June 1833 at 2, Malcolm Place, Lark Hall Lane, Clapham. |
| Mary Beatrice Elizabeth | born 1 July 1835 - 1928 qv |
| George Arthur XXXXXXX | born 13 Feb 1839 at 21, King St., City of London |

5 BENNETT, Elizabeth

My Mothers' meetings : being familiar conversations with my cottage neighbours. London: Alfred W. Bennett, 5, Bishopsgate Without. Foolscap 8vo. 1863.

053/BEN (Missing 5/8/67).

Joseph Smith Catalogue Vol I page 248.

6 Letters of William Bennett (26 Dec 1872) and Elizabeth Bennett (21 Feb 1873) Box L 3

7 Death not recorded in the Digest of Burial Notes.

SEE ALSO Friends Quarterly Vol 9 p 108 (1955)
Journal of Elizabeth Trusted ed. Evelyn Southall Whiting

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Additional information

BENNETT, Elizabeth, nee **Trusted**, c.1799-1891

b. c.1799, Cowbrey, near Ross, Herefordshire, Eng., daughter of Imm and Mary Trusted.

m., 1828, William Bennett of London (d.1873). They had several children.

c.1824 before her marriage she kept schoool for children of the poor.

1841-42 spent the winter in Switzerland. Also visited America. She wrote a journal.

She was not a leading Friend yet she is one to whom the Society owes much.

d. Jan. 9, 1891 at Regent's Park, London, aged 92 years.

Frds. Quarterly, 9(1955): 108-119 (Whiting)

An. Mon. (N.S.), 50(1892):14

BENNETT, Lilian (fl 1888-1896) after 1888 Hicks

[Lilian Bennett, details of whose parentage are not at present (1985) traced, was married in 1888 to Edward Hicks (1865-1916 qv)

BENNETT, Hannah Marishall (1798-1874) after 1827 Bevan

[Hannah Marishall Bennett, eldest child of William (1762?-1818 qv) and Hannah (born Fossick, ) Bennett of London, was married in 1827 to Thomas Bevan (1805?-1847 qv).

see BEVAN, Hannah Marishall (1798-1874) born Bennett ]

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BENNETT, Martha Louisa (1867?-1933) after 1896 Stansfield

[Martha Louisa (Pattie) Bennett, the daughter of John Bennett of London, was married in 1896 to Charles Edward Stansfield (1865-1945 qv).

See STANSFIELD, Martha Louisa (1867?-1933) born Bennett ]

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BENNETT, Mary Elizabeth (1835?-1928)

Mary Elizabeth Bennett was born 1 July 1835 (1).
'The old-fashioned cheerful figure of the dear friend we have recently lost at the age of 93 has been a familiar one to London Friends during lifetime of all of us now living. Her mother lived to the same age and was born in 1798--one hundred and thirty years ago, when Napoleon was a young Commander. Mary Elizabeth Bennett knew Wordsworth and had his signature on a picture of Rydal Mount. Her family took his cottage for three months, and Dorothy used to come into the garden and recite her poems to the three children in a sing-song voice. "She seemed rather childish." "Hartley Coleridge was a rather mad looking man who went about whirling his stick and reciting poetry." They were close friends and neighbours of William and Mary Howitt at Park Village, Regent's Park. An early reminiscence of our Friends was sitting on a hassock in Yearly Meeting and listening to Elizabeth Fry.

'On making her acquaintance, one found that under the old-fashioned bonnet was an unexpected store of learning and a fine intelligence well trained. At the Scarborough Summer School of 1897 it fell to me to teach the Greek Testament class for those who knew some Greek. Among the thirty or more rather young members of the class there was only one who could read her Greek Testament at sight--the one old lady among them. She had been taught it by her father, William Bennett. In the days when girls were not sent to college, but the practice of women's education lived in a few Quaker families, he retired early from business to devote himself to the education of his three children,--the boys both now long deceased without family.

'The elder brother Edward was the victim of the last heresy hunt in the Society, closing with his appeal to the Yearly Meeting in the sixties. He lived for many years a kindly and beautiful life as Secretary to the Society for Psychical Research. Alfred, the other brother, was a well known and influential London Friend, a lecturer on Botany and translator of German books on that subject, and his house a centre of hospitality to young Friends at 6, Park Village East. He founded the Portfolio Society, still alive among Westminster Friends, and died in 1902. For ten years in his earlier life he was the Quaker bookseller and publisher, and the proprietor and editor of the monthly Friend. But he found, as others have done, that that calling does not produce a livelihood. The story of the university training taken by Friends like the Bennetts in those days seventy or eighty years ago, shows that it led to no regular prospect of a career. The family, when the children were young, went to Switzerland to study Pestalozzi's methods from his earliest pupil, whose grandson remained a life-long correspondent. Mary Elizabeth Bennett actually spent two

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years as a student at Dresden, and was the earliest girl Friend to venture alone to Bedford College, London.

'Though she lived so long, she was delicate in youth, and the family went to Palestine partly for her health, in the first party Thomas Cook ever organised there.

'She was utterly devoted to the Society. Round it centred all her thoughts, and meetings were with her a chief joy, though she rarely spoke. She was "mother" of Hammersmith meeting, to which she was taken in a bath chair of late years. At her house on Sunday evenings met a quiet little gathering for worship, where it was been (sic) sometimes my privilege to be present. Scattered Friends in many places might do something like this if they had the mind. The faith which made her so large-hearted and so broad-minded was that she had no exaggerating eye for trifles, but held that nothing matters but the knowledge and friendship of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. So she always welcomed new aspects of truth, and was utterly undismayed when people did not understand or agree with her. Her power of assimilating truth was life-long. She was for ever bringing together people of kindred interests, in her weekly Reading Meetings particularly.

'Her specialised interests lay in work for Peace, for kindness to animals, including earnest Anti-Vivisection efforts, and in work among children. I remember her as a teacher of a class of ragged little boys at Westminster First-day School close on fifty years ago, and she kept up a class till the last few years. In these ways she filled up the loneliness left by the absence of any near relatives. Her scholars were her boys and girls for life.

'An intimate friend writes: "Under a quiet and placid exterior there was a good deal of 'Sturm und Drang' in her life, and she may truly be described as 'one who overcame.'"' John W. Graham'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.68, (1928) p.1169

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

(1) London & Middlesex Births Digest

WBE:

BENNETT, MARY ELIZABETH, ca. 1835-1928.

b. ca. 1835.

Was taught by her father to read the Greek Testament. Knew the poet Wordsworth. Spent two years as student at Dresden. Family went to Palestine, the first Cooks' party to go there. 1897, attended Scarborough Summer School.

The "mother" of Hammersmith Mtg.

d. 4 Nov. 1928, Hammersmith, aged 93.

The Friend (London), 68(1928):1020 and 1169 (portrait).

WBE:

BENNETT, Rebecca (Fincher) (sp.?), 1708-1757.

b. 6 Nov. 1708, ~~Yoch~~ Uch land (sp.?) Township, Chester Co., Pa., dau. John Fincher (sp.?) Sen.

m., 1723, Joseph Bennett, of Kennett, Pa.

1737, removed to west side of Susquehanna River, now York Co., Warrington Mo. Mtg.

1738, spoke as a minister.

d. 6 Nov. 1757, aged ca. 49, a minister ca. 19 years.

John Smith's ms., 1:141.

BENNETT, Rebecca (1790-1840) after 1826 Shipley

(Rebecca Bennett, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Bennett of Over Haddon, Bakewell, Derbyshire, was married in 1826 to Joseph Shipley (1792-1875 qv).

See SHIPLEY, Rebecca (1790-1840) born Bennett )

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BENNETT, Sarah

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Sarah Bennett was the travelling companion of Mary Prince. If, like her, of Bristol, presumably the 'Sara Bennet of Bristol' mentioned in Letter 355, G.F. Nuttall, Early quaker letters, 1952 and by Morford, C.O., 18; and with the 'Sarah Bennet' mentioned by Anon. Sufferings in Bristol, 67, as having had her shop in Bristol shut up by authority on Christmas Day, 1663 (q.v. 109, 122, followed by Besse, for further sufferings); and to be distinguised from woman of same name in Besse, i.67,683,687; ii.461. These suggestions I owe to E. Russell Mortimer.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.52

BENNET, Sarah ( ? -1690) after 1686 Dickson

(Sarah Bennet or Bennett, daughter of Robert Bennett, late of Brislington, and granddaughter of James Cole of Bristol, was the first wife of Thomas Dickson, to whom she was married in 1686.

see DICKSON, Sarah ( ? -1690) born Bennet)

BENNETT, Thomas (1630?-1705)

Thomas Bennett of Waltham Abbey, appears frequently in the Itinerary Journal. Fox was often at his house and in attendance at the weekly meeting at Waltham, held on a Wednesday. There is an entry in the Marriage Registers: 'Bennett, Thomas, of Ratcliff, Baker, and Elizabeth Constable of Ratcliffe, 11.xi.1671'. For Elizabeth Bennett see 162.2. A certain Mary Bennett 'devised to Edward Mann for the use of Friends as a burial ground, an orchard situated in East Street, Waltham Holy Cross, for a thousand years at a pepper corn rent, if demanded' (London Friends' Meetings, pp. 296, 297).

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, p1318

BENNETT, William (1762?-1818)

William Bennett, the son of Richard and Mary Bennett of Donnington in Shropshire, was born about the year 1762(1).

He became a tea dealer at Cheapside in London(2) and was married in 1797 to Hannah Fossick of London(3); there were four children(4).

Hannah Bennett died in 1814(5) and William Bennett of Wandsworth Road, Surrey died on 21 February 1818 at the age of fifty six(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 56 at death. His birth is not traced in Hereford, Worcester & Wales QM Births Digest
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Gracechurch Street on 15 February 1797: he is described as a tea dealer of Cheapside in London, the son of Richard and Mary Bennett of Donnington in Shropshire; she is described as the daughter of Samuel and Sarah Fossick of Cannon Street, London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

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| Hannah Marishall qv | b 1 Feb 1798 | m 1827 Thomas Bevan (1805?-1847 qv) |
| *Samuel | b 1 Sept 1799 | |
| William | b 7 Aug 1802 | d 26 Feb 1803 |
| William qv | b 29 Feb 1804 | m 1828 Elizabeth Trusted (1798-1891 qv) (Hereford, Worcester & Wales QM Marriages) |

5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she died 6 Dec 1814, aged 51
6 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 22, p 17

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WBE:

BENNETT, William, 1804-1873.

b. 1804, London (?) Eng. Later of Betchworth, near Reigate, Surrey.

m., 1828, Elizabeth Trusted (d. 1891).

Visited the U. S. A.

A true Friend with liberal views on education. A friend of the botanist Edward Newman, and had personal acquaintance with the Howitts, Wordsworth and Hartley Coleridge.

Author: Extracts from the Spirit of prayer of William Law. . ., London, 1836.

Narrative of a recent journey of six weeks in Ireland, 1847. (Describes famine conditions.)

Joint-Stock companies and other associations. . ., 1861.

Barclay and his assailants. . ., 1872.

d. 7 Feb. 1873, Springfield Lodge, Park Village East, Westminster, London, aged 69.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 32(1874):5, 50:14.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:247, suppl.:56.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX7616, 7795.

The Friend (London) (N. S.), 13(1873):69.

BENNIS, Ernest Henry (1869?-1956)

'Ernest Henry Bennis, who died in Limerick on May 3, (1956), was nearly 87 years of age. He was the son of Joseph Fisher and Emilie F. Bennis.

'Except for a few years' apprenticeship in Dublin he spent all his life in Limerick, and less than two years ago sold the grocery business which had been in his family for almost 100 years. He was much respected in the city and one of its best-known citizens. He shared in its cultural and other activities, being especially interested in local archaeology, history and botany. As a young man he roamed far afield on his bicycle, and on it he would cross Ireland to attend a Quarterly Meeting. His life as a citizen was closely bound up with his Quakerism. He seldom spoke of the foundation on which his Christianity rested, but showed it in his life. Yet he was not slow in speaking out if occasion called.

'He was a very keen Friend, but saw Limerick Meeting dwindle from a fair sized Meeting to a few members. He saw value in the everyday contributions of individual families of Friends to their communities, and from this aspect wrote a history of the Malcolmson family, and an account of the families connected with Limerick Meeting. He loved to show visitors the various houses in Limerick in which these families had lived.

'Whenever he could he urged Friends to collect material for Quaker history. One of the first members of the Irish Yearly Meeting Historical Committee, he maintainedhis active interest in it to the last.

'In 1901 he married Helen M. Pike, who died in 1926. He and his daughter Emilie always welcomed Friend visitors to Limerick, whether arriving by air from America, or coming from England or Ireland.'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.114 (1956) p.591

WBE:

BENNIS, Ernest Henry, ca. 1869-1956.

b. ca. 1869, Limerick, Ire., s. Joseph Fisher and Emilie F. Bennis.

m., 1901, Helen M. Pike (d. 1926). Dau. Emilie.

Grocery business, in the family for nearly 100 years.

He was a keen Friend, much interested in Friends' history.

Author: Brief account of the Malcomson family and their association with Limerick, by Alexander Malcomson and E. H. Bennis, typewritten copy, Haverford Coll.

Some reminiscences of Limerick Friends, typewritten copy, 1930, Haverford Coll.

["Extracts from 'Reminiscences of Limerick Friends,'" Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 28(1931):59-65.]

d. 3 May 1956, Limerick, Ire., aged ca. 87.

The Friend (London), 114(1956):591.

WBE:

BENNIS, George Geary, 1790-1866.

b. 1790, Limerick, Ireland.

First removed to England, then to Paris, France, where he ceased to belong to the Society of Friends, but always professed himself attached to their principles. Published a number of works in the French language. His valuable library was in part destroyed by fire but 10,000 volumes were given to aid in founding a free library in his native city of Limerick.

d. 1 Jan 1866, Paris, France, aged 76.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:246.

BENNIT, William, 1634-1684.

see BENNET, William, 1634-1684.