

WBE:

COLLINS, Abel, ca. 1770-1834.

m.

Issue.

Minister.

Illness short and painful.

d. 17 Sept. 1834, North Stonington, Conn., aged ca. 64.

Hodgson, Soc. of Friends in the 19th Cent., 1:96.

The Friend(Phila.), 8(1835):20.

COLLINS, Charles William (1868-1943)

Charles William Collins was born of Quaker stock at Claydon near Banbury on 19 October 1868. He was educated at Ackworth School. In 1898 he entered the firm of J.S. Smith, brassfounders, of Nottingham and worked with them until his death.

In 1900 he married Marion Harris in Gloucester. There, too, he became interested in the Adult School movement, to which he devoted himself for 50 years. He took a leading part by acting as Secretary and Treasurer of the Nottingham Adult School Union for 40 years, and for a time he and his wife were Wardens of the Rest Room in Friar Lane.

He was one of the founders of the Nottingham Blind Helpers Society working for the general welfare of the blind and organizing fund-raising efforts to supply weekly pensions to the needy.

As an Overseer of Nottingham Meeting and convener of the Premises Committee he gave useful and valuable advice. Largely through the work of Charles William Collins the school buildings were used by various organizations serving the community life of the City. He was scrupulously careful about the spending of funds, but courageous enough to have faith that money would be forthcoming for worthy purposes.

His life of service was characterized, not by outbursts of enthusiasm, but by steadfastness and faithfulness in causes he felt to be of permanent value. In quietness and confidence he was strong: contented with his life, he spent himself unselfishly for others.

He died on 7 January 1943

Testimony of Notts and Derby M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1943, p.212

WBE:

COLLINS, Clarkson T., fl. 1863.

Baltimore, Md.

Proposed exemption from military service for the
Quakers. Was not himself a Friend.

Author: The proposed exemption of Friends from military
service, 1863.

〔No references given.〕

WBE:

COLLINS, Comfort (Hoag), ca. 1711-ca. 1813?

1756, received letter from Samuel Fothergill.

m. Collins.

ca. 1760, with Sarah Barney, of Nantucket, embarked to pay a religious visit to Europe. After being a while at sea, C. C. told her companion, "I believe the will is taken for the deed." "How is that?" said her companion, "We are now on our way." The vessel soon sprang a leak, and the captain returned to port.

1812, was 101 years, and eight months old. Had lost most of her faculties, but was full of religious sensibility in which she addressed visitors.

d. ca. 1813?

The Friend (Phila.), 74:357.

Lukens, Gleanings at Seventy-five, p. 125.

Friends Library, 9:174, 12; 428.

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COLLINS, Electa Jane, ca. 1818-1896.

b. ca. 1818, dau. of ^{Job} H.S. and Ruth Collins.

m. Abel F. Collins (d. 1886) (children.)

1856, organized the first Bible School in Hopkinton Mtg., R.I., which provided a great deal more interest in attendance of meeting. Her husband was clerk of the meeting many years, and both were elders.

| 1882, recognized as a minister.

1883, visited four Y.M.'s and later visited all the Y.M.'s on the continent except Calif. and Oregon.

Active in the W.C.T.U.

Cared for the sick, aged and poor.

Member of So. Kingston M.M.

d. 18 Oct. 1896, Great Barrington, Mass., 79th year.

Am. Friend, 4(1897):59.

Minutes of New England Y.M., 1897, p. 10; 1887, p. 5.

WBE:

COLLINS, Elizabeth (Ballinger) Mason, 1755-1831.

b. 4 Jan 1755, dau. Joshua and Naomi Ballinger. 1761, her father died, and Elizabeth had to "live out" from home, and had some "trying seasons."

m., 1773, John Mason (d. ca. 1777). Two children.

Acute illness.

m. (2d), 1778, Job Collins, of Upper Evesham, N. Y. (d. 1827).

| 1779, minister. 1793, attended Phila. Y. Mtg. at the time of the yellow fever epidemic. 1796, visited ca. 80 families, which had been disowned by the Society of Friends. Three of her children died. 1797, 1798, 1799, travelled as a minister. 1803, joined Richard Dell in visiting families in her own meeting. 1807, visited Friends in N. Y. and Long Island. Other visits. 1828, chose to keep with Arch St. Friends, and signed a statement to that effect.

The house in which E. C. lived has recently (now 1954) been renovated and is occupied by Albert and (Evans) Andrews, near the Medford home of Ezra and Lauretta (James) Evans.

d. 1 Feb. 1831, Near Medford, N. J., in her 77th year.

An. Mon., 22 (suppl.):99.

Friends Library, 11:449.

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

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:441.

The Friend (Phila.), 4(1831):151.

Collins, Elizabeth, Memoirs, 1833 (Also other editions).

COLLINS, Emma Ann (1866-1928) after ~~1888 or~~ 1889 Gregory

[Emma Ann Collins, daughter of William Collins (1825 - 1891 qv)
and his wife Jane (born Lamb, 1827-1899 qv
was married in ~~1888 or~~ 1889 to Maurice Gregory
(1859-1932 qv).]

See GREGORY, Emma Ann (1866-1928) born Collins]

WBE:

COLLINS, Esther (Roberts), Hunt, -1761-1820.

b. 1751, dau. Enoch and Rachel Roberts of Moorestown neighborhood.

m., 1778, Joshua Hunt, of Moorestown, N. J. (d. 1792).

Five sons and one daughter.

1790, moved to Redstone, Pa. 1804, with John Hunt and William Rogers went to Ohio.

m. (2d), 1807, John Collins (d. 1817).

Elder.

Drowned in the Delaware River (See account under Ann Edwards).

d. 5 Feb. 1820, bur. Moorestown, N. J., aged 68. Funeral at home of David Roberts, her son-in-law, 18 Feb. 1820.

Vast concourse of people present. Richard Jordan and several ministers present, but all shut up in silence, except that one spoke at the grave-side.

John Hunt's Journal (1820).*

The Friend (Phila.), 46:362, 371, 93:387.

*John Hunt's journal is published in Comly's Miscellany, and this reference may be found in v. 10:394-6. F. T.

WBE:

COLLINS, Francis, 1635-1720.

b. 6 Mar. 1635, Oxfordshire, Eng., s. Edward and Mary Collins.

Apprenticed to a brick-layer.

Moved to London, Ratcliffe Cross.

Convinced. Suffered for his faith. Offered to lie in prison to replace an imprisoned Quaker.

m., 1663, Sarah Mayham. Six children.

Beside bricklaying and building, he had a store.

Received share of land in New Jersey. ca. 1680, came to N. J. and settled "Mountwell," five miles from Newton, (Haddonfield) Gloucester Co. Appointed Justice and member of Council.

Built hexagonal meeting house at Burlington, N. J.

m. (2d), 1686, Mary (Budd) Gosling. Four children.

With two others, appointed to lay out highways.

d. ca. 1720, Northampton, aged 85.

Dallett, Francis Collins, Friend, 1949.

Besse, 1:431.

Clement, Sketches of the first settlers in Newton Township,
Index.

COLLINS, Frederic Arthur (1873-1920)

Frederic Arthur Collins, youngest of the six children of William (1825 -1891) and Jane (born Lamb, 1827-1899, qv) Collins, was born on 27 September 1873 at Claydon, 7 miles from Banbury, Oxfordshire (1). On both sides of his parentage he was descended from a long line of Quaker farmers, his mother's ancestry going back to George Fox's time. He was educated at Ackworth and on leaving was apprenticed to the grocery business under Thomas Petchell Baker of Cheltenham. Subsequently he was for twenty years with the firm of Armitage Brothers Ltd, of Nottingham, being secretary of the company for many years.

He was an active worker for the YMCA and Adult School Movement, and for several years was secretary of the Extension Committee of the Notts Adult School Union. He started quite a number of schools in the district, and in 1912 was one of the party which visited Germany in the hope of promoting friendly feeling between the two countries.

Later in life he identified himself particularly with work for the blind, and in 1919 represented the Nottingham Branch of the National League of the Blind on a deputation to the House of Commons.

During the first world war he was active in ambulance work and at the YMCA, and finally joined the Friends Ambulance Unit, being sent after training to the Star and Garter Hospital for Incurables at Richmond.

Early in 1920 he had to undergo an operation from which he did not recover. He died ~~at~~ in Nottingham on 8 January 1920 (2). It was said of him: 'Everyone who knew him would feel that he was living the Sermon on the Mount every day of his life.'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1919/20 p.98

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes: his father is described as farmer
- 2 Digest of Burial Notes

SEE ALSO

Ackworth old scholars assoc rep 1920 p.84

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

COLLINS, Harriette Dalton, 1830-1913

b. 1 Sept. 1830 in Readfield, Maine

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1866 joined Friends.

| 1868 recorded a minister.

Began teaching in New England at the age of 14.

Taught 6 yrs. at Georgetown Seminary in Kentucky.

Returned north at the outbreak of the Civil War.

for 6 yrs. connected with Oak Grove Seminary, in
Vassalboro, Maine.

Active in church work; teacher of a Bible Class;
a leader in the W.C.T.U. and missionary work.

d. in Montrose, Colorado, 1913

The Am. Fd., 1, (1913)

WBE:

COLLINS, Helen (Clark), 1896- .

Author: We discover lights . . ., Phila., Friends General Conf., 1936. Intended as a guide for First-day Schools.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7625.

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COLLINS, Isaac, 1746-1817.

Printer and publisher.

b. 16 Apr. 1746, near Brandywine Creek, two miles from Centre Mtg. House, New Castle Co., Del., s. Charles and Sarah (Hammond) Collins. C. C. came from Bristol, Eng.

Apprenticed to James Adams, printer, Wilmington, Del.

Removed to Phila. Partner with William Crukshank. 1770, printed for King George III.

m., 1771, Rachel Budd, of Phila. Fourteen children.

Removed to Burlington, N. J.

1771, began printing an almanac; continued 26 years. Printed Sewell's History, 2000 copies. 1776, Revised laws of New Jersey, 1000 copies. Printer of Provincial currency. Printed Baxter's Saints' everlasting rest A weekly newspaper, The New Jersey Gazette. Ramsey's History of So. Carolina

1778, removed to Trenton, N. J. 1791, printed first Bible printed in New Jersey, at Trenton. 5000 quarto, representing an investment of from £4000 to £5000 before he could receive any advantage. Founded an Academy, in Trenton.

1796, moved to New York. Beside printing, carried on business in sale of broadcloths. His savings largely vanished, and he devoted himself to printing, especially L. Murray's school books.

1808, retired to Burlington, N. J.

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COLLINS, Isaac, 1746-1817. Page 2.

m. (2d), 1809, Deborah Moore (Morris) Smith.

d. 21 Mar. 1817, Burlington, N. J., aged 71.

Jordan, Colonial families of Phila., p. 1410.

Pa. Mag. of Hist. and Biog., 24:153.

Memoir of the late Isaac Collins, 1848 (portrait).

Reminiscences of Isaac and Rachel (Budd) Collins, 1893.

An. Mon., 5:72.

Cresson, Caleb, Diary, p. 93 (portrait).

COLLINS, Jane (1827-1899) born Lamb

Jane Lamb, the daughter of Joseph and Ann Lamb of Sibford Gower and sister of Emma Lamb (1823-1893, qv) was born there on 24 July 1827 (1). She nursed her parents devotedly in their last illness, which lasted more than two years; they died within a year of each other.

In 1861 at the age of 34 she married William Collins (1825-1891) (2) who was the son of William Collins (1791-1876, qv) (3): there were six children (4). She was a Friend by birthright and also by strong conviction, treasuring the principles of the Society and warmly interested in its work and well-being. Her own work lay in the home-circle rather than in a wider sphere. She lived an active and useful life, ready to help by her sympathy and practical care those in her village who were ill or who suffered accidents. Her earliest childhood memories were of taking a book or some fruit to a little invalid girl or nourishing food to an old man. Her influence was a gentle one, attracting her children through example into a life of Christian faith and practice.

From the age of 56 onwards she suffered from chronic rheumatism and this in time affected her heart and rendered her a complete invalid. This she bore with patience.

She died 19 December 1899 at the age of 72.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1901 p.42

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
- 2 WC's birth not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest or ~~Digest of Birth Notes~~. He died 7 July 1891 (Digest of Burial Notes)
- 3 The wedding was at Sibford Gower on 13 September 1861: he is described as bachelor, farmer, of Claydon, son of William Collins, farmer; she is described as spinster, of Sibford Gower, daughter of Joseph Lamb, farmer
- 4 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows:

Jane Eliza	b 7 Oct 1862
William Joseph	b 3 Aug 1864
Emma Ann	b 12 Jan 1866
Charles William, qv	b 5 Oct 1868
Lucy Maria	b 24 Jan 1871
Frederick Arthur, qv	b 27 Sept 1873
	d 7 Jan 1943
	d 8 Jan 1920

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In 1861, at the age of thirty four, she was married to William Collins (1825-1891 ev), the son of William Collins (1791-1875 ev); there were six children(2). At the time of the marriage William was a farmer at Claydon in Oxfordshire, but later he moved to Banbury.

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From the age of fifty six onwards she suffered from chronic rheumatism, which in time affected her heart and she became a complete invalid, bearing her trials with patience. After the death of her husband in 1891 she moved to 46 Conway Street, Nottingham, where she died on 19 December 1899, at the age of seventy two(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1901, p 42

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Beds & Oxon Q.M. Births Digest: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 For marriage and children see COLLINS, William (1825-1891)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William

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

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COLLINS, John, 1814-1902.

b. 15 Mar. 1814, New York, N. Y., s. Thomas and Ann (Abbott) Collins, grandson of Isaac Collins (q. v.).

1818, family moved to Burlington, N. J.

1833, Haverford College; left 1835. 1833-1835, teacher at Haverford, preparatory department.

1835, taught and did lithographing.

m., 1839, Anna Baily.

1845, moved to Burlington, N. J. Taught at Samuel B. Gummere's school. Had a knowledge of Latin, Greek and Hebrew, and could converse in French and Spanish. 1859, visited Cuba. 1869, with his wife attended N. C. Y. Mtg. 1870-1879, was principal at the William Forster home and school in east Tennessee. 1879, returned to Phila.

Author: The art of engraving.

Voices of the dumb creation.

"1970," a vision of the coming age, Phila., 1896. Verse. (Portrait) (This "dream" was written in 1870.)

Left many sketches and paintings.

d. 17 Dec. 1902, Phila., Pa., in his 89th year.

Alumni Journal, Guilford Coll., N. C., Bulletin 45:1 (portrait).

Haverford Coll. matriculate catalogue, p. 9.

The Friend (Phila.) 76:218.

COLLINS, Mary (1755?-1831)

Mary Collins was a minister for 17 years at Northampton.
'Her gift for ministry was not large; her communications were
offered in Godly sincerity.'

She died on 28 January 1831.

Testimony of Northampton M.M. (brief minute) in MS Test. vol.6 p.10

COLLIUS, Mary (1755-1831) born Wells

Mary Wells, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Wells of Adderbury in Oxfordshire, was born on 10 February 1755(1). She was married in 1788 to Richard Collins (1744-1837 qv) and there was one child(2).

She was a minister for seventeen years at Northampton. "She was a diligent attender at our religious Meetings, and of those for Discipline, though her gift for the ministry was not large; her communications were offered . . . in Godly sincerity."

at Northampton

She died on 29 January 1831(3), at the age of nearly seventy six.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and child see COLLINS, Richard (1744-1837)
- 3 Northamptonshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Richard

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

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Northampton MM [brief minute] in TCMD vol 6 p 10

WBE:

COLLINS, Mary Forster

Phila? Pa.

Author: Some of the Titles of the Savior . . ., 1854.

A Mary F. Collins d. 14 Jan. 1882, Smyrna, N. Y. in
her 84th year.

The Friend (Phila.), 55(1882):224.

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

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COLLINS, Micajah, 1764-1827.

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b. 19 Apr. 1764, Lynn, Mass., s. Enoch and Rebecca Collins.

Was coltish in his youth. ca. 1786, went to reside in the family of Daniel Newhall, an Elder, who helped him.

| ca. 1791, minister.

Teacher in Friends School, Lynn, for many years.

Travelled as a minister in eastern, middle, southern and western states. 1824-25, visited middle and western states.

In a letter, 3 Jan. 1821, to Dr. John Moore, Phila., describes some of the beliefs of those claiming New Light. (Evans Collection.) Not found in Evans papers in Haverford collection, 3-22-1966. F. T.

1827, attended Quarterly Mtg. at Seabrook, and the weather being cold, he was much indisposed by it. Ill but two days.

d. 30 Jan. 1827, Lynn, Mass., in his 63rd year.

An. Mon., 16:9.

Piety Promoted, 12th part, p. 59.

The Friend (Phila.), 85(1911):125, 1(1828):160.

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COLLINS, Rebecca (Singer), ~~ca 1805~~^{1864 -} 1892.

b. ca. 1805, Phila., Pa., dau. Singer.

m., 1835, ~~Isaac~~^{Isaac} Collins, of N. Y. Children.

{ Minister of Twelfth St. Mtg., Phila. 1869, held
meetings among seamen in N. Y. Visited Eng. Minister for
over 50 years.

Author: Parents gift; or, reading book for little
children, Phila., 1856.

Editor: Treasured gems, N. Y., ca 1878? Collection
of quotations.

d. 1892, New York, N. Y., in her 88th year.

Friends Review, 45(1892):679.

Budge, Sketches of the lives of Sybil Jones and Rebecca
Collins, 1900^{p. 15.} / (Portrait.)

COLLINS, Richard (1744-1837)

Richard Collins, the son of Richard and Mary Collins of Quinton in Northamptonshire, was born there on 27 July 1744(1). He was a tailor of Northampton(2) and was married in 1788 to Mary Wells (1755-1831 qv) of Byfield in Northamptonshire(3); there was apparently an only son(4).

Mary Collins died in 1831 and Richard survived her for six years, dying at Northampton on 20 July 1837, at the age of ninety three(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Northampton 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 Eden in the county of Northampton on 19 November 1788: he is described as a tailor of Northampton, the son of Richard and Mary Collins, late of Quinton in Northampton; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Elisabeth Wells of Byfield in the county of Northampton (Northampton QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Northampton QM Births Digest as follows:-
William qv b 11 Dec 1791 who m 1835 Mary Messer (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Northampton QM Burials Digest: he is described as of Northampton

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

WBE:
~~(prepared by JB)~~

COLLINS, Walter Lansing, 1889-

b. Dec. 16, 1889, New Madison, Ohio, son of Charles Wesley and Alice (Addleman) Collins.

ed. Lebanon U., Wilmington College, U. of Cincinnati,
M.A. and Ph.D.

m. Mabel Reynolds, 1912. 3 children

teacher and superintendent of schools

Assoc. of Teachers' Colleges during his term.

1932-1940 pres. of Wilmington College.

1940-44, served on State Dept. of Education, Ohio.

Served in Army as Commander Major, 1943.

1945- Superintendent of schools at Renton, Ohio.

d.

Boyd, A History of Wilmington College, 12-13.

Who's Who In America (1938-39):601, (1948-49):413.

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COLLINS, William (1791-1876)

William Collins was born at Northampton in 1791, being a birthright friend. He began his service in the ministry in 1842 and was recorded a minister in 1848. He did not feel called to travel in the ministry, but was frequently engaged locally in short but lively testimony to the value of united public worship

He retired from trade in middle life, thus setting himself more at liberty to serve his fellow men.

He gave largely of both time and substance to ~~many~~ educational and philanthropic institutions; he was a distributor of books and tracts, furnishing many schools with Bibles and Testaments, preferring this way of helping the cause of Christ to giving money to places of worship. At his hospitable home many a servant of the Great Master has been helped by the cheerful piety which he exhibited.

'As a citizen our dear friend endeavoured to do his duty quietly, steering clear of party strife. In our own Society he was very useful, possessing a clear understanding, with a deep attachment to the spiritual views held by Friends'.

William Collins died 30 October 1876, aged eighty four years.

Testimony of Northampton & Wellingborough MM in YM Proc. 1877, p.xiv

Additional information

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COLLINS, William (1791-1876)

William Collins, the son of Richard and Mary Collins of Northampton, was married in 1835 to Mary Messer(1); the marriage was apparently childless(2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 21 April 1835: he is described as a yeoman of Northampton, the son of Richard and Mary Collins of Northampton; she is described as of Hackney, the daughter of John and Patience Messer of Hackney in the county of Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 2 No children are traced in Northants QM, London & Middlesex QM Births Digests or the Digest of Births

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

COLLINS, William (1825-1891)

William Collins, the son of William Collins (1791-1876 qv) and his wife Ann of Claydon in Oxfordshire, was born at Banbury on 5 May 1825(1). Details of his early life and education are not at present (1976) traced, but in 1861 he was married to Jane Lamb (1827-1899 qv), the daughter of Joseph and Ann Lamb of Sibford Gower(2); there were six children(3).

At the time of his marriage William Collins was a farmer at Claydon(4), but later in life he and his family moved to Neithrop, Banbury, where he became a gardener(5).

He died at Banbury on 7 July 1891 at the age of sixty six(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father is described as a yeoman
- 2 The wedding was at Sibford Gower on 13 September 1861: he is described as a bachelor, a farmer of Claydon, the son of William Collins, a farmer; she is described as a spinster of Sibford Gower, the daughter of Joseph Lamb, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-

Jane Eliza	b 7 Oct 1862	who d 30 Aug 1938
William Joseph	b 3 Aug 1864	
Emma Ann	b 12 Jan 1866	
Charles William qv	b 5 Oct 1868	who d 7 Jan 1943
Lucy Maria	b 24 Jan 1871	
Frederick Arthur qv	b 27 Sept 1873	who d 8 Jan 1920
- 4 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 2
- 5 He is so described in his burial entry, note 6
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gardener, formerly a farmer

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

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COLLINS, Zaccheus, 1764-1831.

Botanist.

Secretary of Academy of Natural Sciences, Phila., Pa.

Described as Quaker philanthropist.

His herbarium acquired by C. S. Rafinesque.

Bull. Friends Hist. Assn., 37(1948), no. 2:63.

COLLINSON, Abigail (1754-1831) born Hutchinson

Abigail Hutchinson, the daughter of Matthew Hutchinson (-) and his wife Lucy (born) of Newbold in Yorkshire, was born there on 15 September 1754(1).

She was married prior to 1794 to John Collinson (1769?-1851 qv), a shopkeeper and later a yeoman of North Cave in Yorkshire and there were two children(2).

Abigail Collinson of North Cave died on 28 September 1831, at the age of seventy six(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see COLLINSON, John (1769?-1851)
- 3 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of John

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

COLLINSON, Alice (1882?-1930) born Baily

Alice Baily, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1984) traced, was born about the year 1882(1).

She became in 1921 the third wife of Matthew Henry Collinson (1838-1930 qv), but the marriage was childless(2).

Alice Collinson of 51 Dovecote Lane, Beeston in Nottinghamshire, died on 20 August 1930, at the age of forty eight(3), six days after her husband.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 48 at death: her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 For information relating to her marriage see COLLINSON, Matthew Henry (1838-1930)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Matthew Henry
Her name is given as Alice B.Collinson

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

Surviving /
COLLINSON, Alice Blanche (1844-1927) born Lean

Alice Blanche Lean, the daughter of William Lean (1805-1876 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Scarnell, 1805-1891 qv) of Edgbaston, Birmingham, was born there on 11 August 1844(1). She was one of a family of seven children, of whom the best known was perhaps William Scarnell Lean (1853-1908 qv), for many years principal of the Flounders Institute.

She became in 1868 the second wife of Samuel Collinson (1836-1911 qv), a grocer of Ipswich in Suffolk and there were eleven children(2).

Alice Blanche Collinson was a woman of unbounded energy and was engaged in household duties to within two days of her death. She was vivacious and lovable and blessed with a keen sense of humour. She always took the greatest interest in the affairs and work of her family and friends and was keenly concerned for the welfare of the Society. Although she was never recorded a minister, she had a striking gift in the ministry and her beautiful delivery and wise words never failed to make a deep impression on those who heard her.

She attended monthly meeting at Ipswich only nine days before her death. Alice Blanche Collinson of Uplands, 13 Corder Road, Ipswich, died on 23 August 1927, at the age of eighty three(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 67 (1927) p 860

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a schoolmaster
- 2 For marriage and children see COLLINSON, Samuel (1836-1911)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Samuel

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

COLLINSON, Beatrice (1869-1918)

Beatrice Collinson, the younger daughter of Matthew Henry Collinson (1838-1930 qv) and his first wife Sophia (born Lean, 1843-1872 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk, was born there on 6 October 1869(1).

Beatrice Collinson died in 1918(2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a grocer
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 116: entry for Matthew Henry Collinson. Her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

COLLINSON, Beatrice (1869-1918) aftw. Smith

[Beatrice Collinson, daughter of Matthew Henry
and Sophia (Lean) Collinson, married John
Edgar Smith in 1902

see SMITH, Beatrice (1869-1918) born Collinson]

COLLINSON, Catherine (1869-1953) born Penney

see COLLINSON, Sarah Catherine (1869-1953) born Penney

COLLINSON, Frank (1884-1977)

Frank Collinson, the son of Samuel Collinson (1836-1911 qv) and his second wife Alice Blanche (born Lean, 1844-1927 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk, was born there on 28 October 1884(1).

He grew up in Ipswich(2), where he spent almost the whole of his life. He was employed by the Ipswich Permanent Building Society, of which he rose to be secretary, for seventeen years. He was married in 1923 to Edith Elizabeth Wright of Ipswich(3) and there were three children(4).

He was an active member of Ipswich Meeting and was for many years clerk of Woodbridge Monthly Meeting United Charities, an area of work in which his knowledge of Charity Commission procedure, of the management of meeting house property and his personal understanding of the needs and problems of local Friends were much valued.

He served on the Meeting for Sufferings from 1935 to 1937 and again from 1947 to 1956(5).

Frank Collinson died at Derby on 13 July 1977, at the age of ninety two(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 135 (1977) p 1316

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 Essex & Suffolk QM printed list of members for 1920 records him as living at Ipswich with his mother, his father being dead
- 3 The wedding was at Ipswich on 18 September 1923: he is described as a building society clerk of Uplands, 13 Corder Road, Ipswich, the son of Samuel Collinson (deceased), a retired grocer; she is described as a spinster of 58 Berners Street, Ipswich, the daughter of Edward Ingle Wright, a retired grocer (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Ruth Blanche b 11 Aug 1924	m 1947 Thomas George Thompson NM
David Wright b 16 July 1927	m 1973 Joan Macdonald Matheson (The Friend (1973) p 1368)
- *Elizabeth b 21 June 1931
- *No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages nor The Friend to 1980
- 5 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library, which also records the following service:-

Friends Education Council	- 1962-1963
Home Service Committee	
- 6 The Friend vol 135 (1977) p 876: dearly loved husband of Edith and father of Ruth, David and Elizabeth

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

COLLINSON, Frank (1884 - 1977)

Frank Collinson was born on October 28, 1884, the son of Samuel () and Alice Blanche () Collinson of Ipswich.(1)

He grew up in Ipswich (2) where he spent almost the whole of his life. He was employed by the Ipswich Permanent Building Society of which he rose to be secretary for seventeen years. He married in the early twenties, his wife's name was Edith Elizabeth, and they had a daughter Ruth Blanche.(3)

He was an active member of Ipswich meeting and was for many years clerk of Woodbridge MM United Charities, an area of work in which his knowledge of Charity Commission procedure, of the management of meeting house property and his personal understanding of the needs and problems of local Friends were much valued. He also served on several central committees of the Society.(4)

He died at Derby on July 13, 1977 at the age of 92.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol 135 (1977) p. 1316.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Birth Digest.
2. Essex & Suffolk QM printed list of members for 1920 records him as living at Ipswich with his mother, his father being dead.
3. The same list for 1923 records him at Ipswich with his wife Edith Elizabeth, a member, and daughter Ruth Blanche.
4. The Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library records his membership of committees as follows:-

Meeting for Sufferings	1935 - 1937, 1947 - 1956.
Friends Education Council	1962 - 1963
Home Service Committee	

WBE:

COLLINSON, Frederick Henry, ca. 1876-1936.

Came into contact with Friends at Staines. Elder.
Presided at Home Mission quarters in Devonshire House.
Later worked in the offices of the Home Service Committee
in Friends House.

Had a crippled arm and poor health. Had an infectious
smile.

d. 1 Feb. 1926, West Middlesex Hospital, Ilseworth, aged 60.

The Friend (London), 94(1936):140 (portrait).

COLLINSON, George

George Collinson was of Kendal. His daughter Ruth's burial at Kendal on 24 June 1658 is recorded in QM Bur. Reg. for Westmorland.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.56

COLLINSON, Howard (1870-1960)

see COLLINSON, John Howard (1870-1960)

COLLINSON, James (1695-1762)

James Collinson, son of Peter and Elizabeth Collinson of London, was born at Clements Lane, parish of St Clements, Eastcheap, on 8.iv.[June] 1695 (1). He was the brother of Peter Collinson (1693/4-1768, qv), the botanist and silk mercer (2). In 1725 he married Hannah Woods (3): there were three children (4). He was a partner of Henton Brown (1698-1775, qv) in the bank of Brown & Collinson (5). In 1755 he became a trustee of Yoakley's Charity (6). He died on 22 April 1762, aged 67 years (7).

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as citizen and haberdasher
- 2 See various references to JC in N.G. Brett-James, Life of Peter Collinson, 1925
- 3 The marriage was at Heathly alias Headley, Hants, on 3.iv.[June] 1725: he is described as of Gracechurch St, mercer, son of Peter and Elizabeth Collinson, late of Gracechurch Street; she is described as daughter of John Woods of Bramshot, Hants (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest as follows:-

John	born 14.iii.[May]	1726
Thomas	born 9.ii.[April]	1727
James	born 26.i.1732 [probably Jan 1732/3]	
- 5 A.T. Gary, 'The political and economic relationship of English and American Quakers', thesis, 1935, quoting from J.H. Tritton, Tritton, the place and the family, 1907, p.125. Their statements that JC was the son-in-law of Henton Brown appear questionable. A letter from JC to Thomas Tritton, 11 July 1753, is printed in Tritton pp.126-7
- 6 Trustees of Yoakley's charity (Friends House library, box 155)
- 7 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: his residence is given as parish of St Bennet, Gracechurch, and he is described as 'died of a paralytic disorder'. For a presscutting notice of his death see Friends House, vol 00/184

COLLINSON, John (1769?-1851)

John Collinson, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1983) traced, was born about the year 1769(1).

He was a shopkeeper at North Cave in Yorkshire(2) and was married prior to 1794 to Abigail Hutchinson (1754-1831 qv) (3); there were two children(4). Later he became a yeoman(5).

John Collinson of North Cave died on 29 May 1851, at the age of eighty two(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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

COLLINSON, John (1794-1853)

John Collinson, the elder son of John Collinson (1769?-1851 qv) and his wife Abigail (born Hutchinson, 1754-1831 qv) of North Cave in Yorkshire, was born there on 19 December 1794(1).

He became a grocer at North Cave(2) and was married in 1831 to Mary Barron (1806-1864 qv) of Cheapside in Yorkshire(3); there were ~~three~~ children(4).
at least 4

John Collinson of North Cave died on 5 March 1853, at the age of fifty eight(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a shopkeeper
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Beverley on 17 March 1831: he is described as a grocer of North Cave, Yorkshire, the son of John, a yeoman, and Abigail of North Cave; she is described as the daughter of Benjamin, a shopkeeper and Ann Barron of Cheapside (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Ann Abigail	b 23 Oct 1832	d 27 Dec 1863, aged 31
*John Benjamin	b 27 July 1834	[see note below]
Samuel qv	b 28 Feb 1836	m (1) 1862 Mary Jane Webster (1840-1865 qv) (2) 1868 Alice Blanche Lean (1844-1927 qv) [see also below]
- *No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a grocer and draper

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1854, p 37: 1 line entry for death

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

In addition to the children listed should be added:-

Matthew Henry b 1838

m (1) 1866 Sophia Lean (1843-1872); (2) 1901 Mary Elizabeth Impey (-1920); (3) 1921 Alice Baily

His name does not appear in Digest of Births

John Benjamin m (1) 1874 Alice Maud Skinner; (2) Philadelphia Cox [Information from Bootham register]

WBE:

COLLINSON, John, ca. 1838-1929.

b. ca. 1838, Manchester? Eng.

Became in a real sense the father of his meeting.

Wise friend and counsellor of the young.

d. 21 Apr. 1929, Cheetham Hill, Manchester, in his 91st
year.

The Friend (London), 69(1929):368, 429 (portrait).

COLLINSON, John Howard (1870-1960)

J.Howard Collinson, or 'JHC' as he was known to many, the eldest son of Samuel Collinson (1836-1911 qv) and his second wife Alice Blanche (born Lean, 1844-1927 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk, was born there on 1 December 1870(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1879 to 1884.

On leaving school he entered the office of the old Ipswich School Board. Apart from this, the whole of the remainder of his business life was spent in association with the Ipswich Permanent Building Society, of which he became secretary in 1909 and served on the Board of Directors from 1930 to 1947.

He was married in 1901 to Sarah Catherine Penney (1869-1953 qv) of Darlington in county Durham(2) and there were three children(3). It was a long and happy marriage, all three sons made their contribution to the work of the Society and their house was always open to visitors.

Howard Collinson was an expert on financial matters, with a gift for presenting figures in such a way as to make them easily grasped by the uninitiated, and while serving on the Meeting for Sufferings he was a member of the finance committee from 1931 to 1954(4). He was a member of the Board of Friends Trusts Ltd from 1931 to 1946. He was also chairman of the management committee of S.C.Witting Trust for nineteen years and this work brought him into touch with relief work amongst students and old people in Europe; shortly before the second world war he twice travelled to Germany and Poland to explore fresh fields for service. He was for many years an elder, held various offices in Woodbridge Monthly Meeting and was clerk to Ipswich Preparative Meeting from 1902 to 1915(5).

As a young man he was prominently associated with the Friends' Adult School at Ipswich and was also keenly interested in the work of the YMCA, then in its infancy. He was a keen gardener, specialising in roses and fruit trees and in his later years took up photography very successfully, having many records of his travels at home and abroad.

His life reflected his faith in the goodness of God and his deep conviction that the Society of Friends had a vital part to play in the coming of God's kingdom. He frequently read from the Bible in meetings for worship, usually at the commencement of the meeting, and his readings were always well chosen and clearly and beautifully read.

J.Howard Collinson of 36 Henley Road, Ipswich, died on 3 January 1960, at the age of eighty nine(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 118 (1960) p 141

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 79 (1960) p 67

Testimony of Woodbridge MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1960, p 128

SEE ALSO:-

East Anglian Daily Times 1 January 1931

Friends House
(NEWS 092.3 COL)

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 The wedding was at Darlington on 25 June 1901: he is described as a bachelor, an assistant secretary of a limited company, of 107 St Helen's Street, Ipswich, the son of Samuel Collinson, a retired grocer; she is described as a spinster of 16 Cleveland Parade, Darlington, the daughter of Harrison Fenney, a stationer and printer (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

*Edward Howard	b 15 Nov 1903	
Harold Norman	b 24 June 1907	m 1961 Janet Ellen Rimmer
Hugh	b 24 June 1909	m 1934 Muriel Marsden
- *No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1963
- 4 Lists of Committee members, Friends House Library:-

Meeting for Sufferings	- 1931-1947
Finance	- 1931-1954
Friends Trusts	- 1931-1954
Office arrangements	- 1939-1947
- 5 Index of Clerks, Friends House Library
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a company director (retired)

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

COLLINSON, John Howard (1870-1960)

L.C./ Howard Collinson, or 'JHC' as he was known to many, was the eldest son of Samuel and Alice Collinson (nee Lean) and was born on 1 December 1870. He was educated at Ackworth School, where came under the influence of his Uncle, Frederick Andrews, who was then headmaster.

On leaving School he entered the office of the old Ipswich School Board. Apart from this the whole of the remainder of his business life was spent in association with a well known Building Society, of which in due course he was appointed Secretary and subsequently a Director, retiring in 1947.

Howard Collinson was married to S. Catharine Penney of Darlington in 1901 who died in 1953. They had three sons, all of whom take an active part in the work of the Society.

He held various offices in the Preparative Meeting and in the Woodbridge Monthly Meeting, and was for many years an Elder.

He will chiefly be remembered for his Bible and other readings, usually at the commencement of the Meeting for Worship, always well chosen and clearly and beautifully read.

On financial matters Howard Collinson was an expert, and had a gift in presenting figures in such a way as to render them easily grasped by the uninitiated. From 1931 to 1954 he was a member of Meeting of Sufferings Finance Committee and a member of the Board of Friends Trust Ltd from 1931 to 1946. He was also Chairman of the Management Committee of S.C. Witting Trust for 19 years. He was particularly interested in the work of the latter, visiting Poland and Germany in the 1930s.

As a young man, he was prominently associated with the then Friends' Adult School at Ipswich, and was also keenly interested in the YMCA work which was then in its infancy.

'JHC' was a great lover of his garden, and knew much about the culture of roses and fruit trees. In his later years, he took up Photography as a hobby, making many records of his travels at home and abroad.

He died on 3 January 1960 at 89 years.

Principal source

Testimony of Woodbridge MM in YM Proc. 1960, p.128

COLLINSON, Margaret (1869-1940)

Margaret Collinson, the daughter of Samuel Collinson (1836-1911 qv) and his second wife Alice Blanche (born Lean, 1844-1927 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk, was born there on 12 February 1869(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1879 to 1884 and went on to The Mount, York. She showed her ability at school by the high place she always took in class.

On leaving The Mount she was engaged by Hannah and Rachel Lockwood to teach in their school, Thorney Hill, Kendal in Westmorland. When in 1888 they removed the school to Polam Hall, Darlington, Margaret Collinson went with them and remained there until her retirement in 1935, a pivot and support in every part of it, for her sense of justice and her impartiality gained the affectionate respect of the children and her common sense and unselfish service gained the affectionate adherence of her colleagues. Her school subjects were mathematics and history and in these her orderly and clear exposition gave her pupils a valuable grounding, which generally led to success in examinations.

She was president of the Polam Old Scholars Association at the jubilee of the school in 1930 and in her presidential address mentioned many of the outstanding events in the history of the school, in which she had shared. She enjoyed foreign travel and frequently spent her holidays abroad.

Margaret Collinson of 13 Corder Road, Ipswich, died on 28 February 1940, at the age of seventy one(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 98 (1940) p 176

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 59 (1940) pp 91-92

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a grocer
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster

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

COLLINSON, Mary (1806-1864) born Barron

Mary Barron, the daughter of Benjamin Barron () and his wife Ann (born) of Cheapside in the East Riding of Yorkshire, was born there on 28 February 1806(1).

She was married in 1831 to John Collinson (1794-1853 qv), a grocer of North Cave in Yorkshire and there were three children(2).

Mary Collinson of North Cave died on 12 May 1864, at the age of fifty eight(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a shopkeeper
- 2 For marriage and children see COLLINSON, John (1794-1853)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: no description of her is given

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1865, p 41: 2 line entry for death, the widow of John Collinson

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

COLLINSON, Mary Elizabeth (1851-1917) born Impey

Mary Elizabeth Impey, the daughter of Bedford Impey (1823-1902 qv) and his wife Priscilla (born Smith, 1823-1902 qv) of Feering in Essex, was born at Warren Feering on 15 May 1851(1).

She was educated at Sidcot School from 1861 to 1863(2).

She became in 1901 the second wife of Matthew Henry Collinson (1838-1930 qv), a manufacturer's cashier of Nottingham, but the marriage was childless(3).

Mary Elizabeth Collinson of Rylands Road, Beeston, Nottinghamshire, died on 8 July 1917(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 112
- 3 For marriage see COLLINSON, Matthew Henry (1838-1930)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Matthew Henry; her age at death is not given
Bootham School Register, 1935, p 116 gives the year of her death as 1920

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

COLLINSON, Mary Jane (1840-1865) born Webster

Mary Jane Webster, the daughter of William Webster (-) and his wife Alice (born) of Storthwaite in Yorkshire, was born there on 6 May 1840(1).

She was married in 1862 to Samuel Collinson (1836-1911 qv), a grocer and draper of North Cave in Yorkshire and there were two children, one of whom died in infancy(2).

Mary Jane Collinson of North Cave died on 14 July 1865, at the age of twenty five(3), six weeks after the birth of her daughter.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see COLLINSON, Samuel (1836-1911)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: no description of her is given

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

COLLINSON, Matthew Henry (1838-1930)

Matthew Henry Collinson, the son of John Collinson (1794-1853 qv) and his wife Mary (born Barron, 1806-1864 qv), was born at North Cave near Hull in the year 1838(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1851 to 1854.

After leaving school he was apprenticed to Joseph Rowntree & Sons, grocers of York. When his apprenticeship was finished he started a tea dealer's business at Ipswich in Suffolk. He moved successively to Scarborough, Leeds and Halifax and to Nottingham in 1884.

He was married three times. He married firstly in 1866 Sophia Lean (1843-1872 qv) of Edgbaston, Birmingham(2) and there were three children(3). He married secondly in 1901 Mary Elizabeth Impey (1851-1917 qv) of Birmingham (4), but the marriage was childless(5). He married thirdly in 1921 Alice Baily (1882?-1930 qv)(6), but this marriage was also childless(7).

He filled the office of elder in his meeting and was conservative in his views concerning the Society of Friends, as also in politics; he was in truth an old fashioned Quaker. He enjoyed walking, chess, draughts and whist and retained an interest in politics.

Matthew Henry Collinson of 51 Dovecote Lane, Beeston in Nottinghamshire, died on 14 August 1930, at the age of ninety two(8).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Bootham School Register 1935, p 116

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 His birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 The wedding was at Birmingham on 2 May 1866: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer of Westgate Street, Ipswich, the son of John Collinson, a grocer and draper; she is described as a spinster of 64 Francis Road, Edgbaston, the daughter of William Lean, an insurance agent (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths and given in Bootham School Register, loc cit, as follows:-

*Edith qv	b 20 May 1867	m 1894 William Edward Brown (1863-1940 qv)
Edgar Barron qv	b 7 Aug 1868	d 10 Jan 1956
Beatrice	b 4 Oct 1869	d 1918
- 4 She appears in future references as Edith Madeline The wedding was at Longbridge on 8 May 1901: he is described as a widower, a manufacturer's cashier of 90 Goldsworth Street, Nottingham, the son of John Collinson (deceased) a bank manager; she is described as a spinster of 47 Trafalgar Road, Moseley, Birmingham, the daughter of Bedford Impey, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 6 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 7 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired cashier

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

COLLINSON, Nicholas (-1708)

(Collison)

Nicholas Collinson of Ulverston was a tinker. He sold loads of peats to the Grange. His name appears frequently in the Record-in 1699 & me Friends were appointed 'to see Nicholas Collissons hously goods, hous and moss sold... and bring an account to ye meeting'. 'in consideration of his present want'. There are varicus entries of money paid for his 'table' to Dorothy Bayliff.

Dorothy Bayliff was a Quaker, living at Ulverston, who, as a widow, married Miles Sands, of the same, in 1701, and who died in 1724, once more a widow.

Note by Norman Penney in 'The Household Account Book of Sarah Fry'
1920, p.545

COLLINSON, Peter (1693-1768)

Peter Collinson was a botanist, silk mercer and
North American merchant of London.

Note in 'The Political & Economic Relations' by
A.T. Gary, 1935, p.457

WBE:

Additional information:

COLLINSON, Peter, 1693-1768.

b. 14 I 1693/94, 94 Lombard St., London, Eng., s.

Peter and Elizabeth (Hall) Collinson.

Was in partnership with his brother James as woolen draper.

m., 1724, Mary Russell (d. 1753). One son, one daughter.

Was a naturalist, especially interested in botany, and had a botanical garden, first at Peckham, then at Mill Hill, near Hendon. Served as a link between men of science in many parts of the world. Helped interest B. Franklin in electricity, and to bring Franklin's discoveries to the attention of the Royal Society. Befriended John Bartram of Phila. Took practical interest in the emancipation of slaves, and in justice for the North American Indians.

1728, became Fellow of the Royal Society. Member of Society of Antiquarians.

Rather short in stature, pleasing and social. Rose early.

Author of numerous communications published in Philosophical Transactions, 1744 to 1767.

d. 11 Aug. 1768, Essex, Eng., aged 75. Attacked by illness during a visit to Lord Petre in Essex, and returned to Mill Hill to die.

Dic. Nat. Biog., 11:382 (not accurate in everything).

The Friend (London), 94(1936):269 (portrait).

Raistrick, Quakers in Science and industry, p. 248.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 23:42 (portrait op. 256).

WBE:

Additional information:

COLLINSON, Peter, 1693-1768. Page 2.

Brett-James, Life of Peter Collinson.

The Friend (Phila.), 87:244.

Lippincott's Biog. Dictionary, p. 688.

Collinson, Brothers of the spade, 1949 (portrait).

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:443, suppl.:88.

Biog. Cat., p. 139.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa.

Dillingham, A tribute to the memory of Peter Collinson, 1852.

Edwards, George W.: Peter Collinson ... in Bulletin of Morris Arboretum (Univ. of Penna.) Spring 1970 - Pamphlet Collection, Haverford College Library.

WBE:

COLLINSON, Robert, fl. 1656.

Kendal, Eng.

Convinced among the first in that district.

1656, at a meeting at Widow Cock's, about a mile out of Kendal, at Birkhagg, after Howgil, Burrough and Audland had spoken, he denied all that they had said, it being a mere form without life and power, and bade the three ministers go home and be silent, and not go idling up and down. The three ministers denied him, and issued a testimony against him, as a Friend "without a wedding garment."

Braithwaite, Beginnings of Qu., p. 345.

COLLINSON, Samuel (1836-1911)

Samuel Collinson, the son of John Collinson (1794-1853 qv) and his wife Mary (born Barron, 1806-1864 qv) of North Cave in Yorkshire, was born there on 28 February 1836(1).

He became a grocer and draper at North Cave(2) and was married firstly in 1862 to Mary Jane Webster (1840-1865 qv) of Gainford in county Durham(3); there were two children, one of whom died in infancy(4).

He moved his business to Ipswich in Suffolk(5) and was married secondly in 1868 to Alice Blanche Lean (1844-1927 qv) of Kings Norton(6); there were eleven children(7).

Samuel Collinson of Ipswich died on 1 January 1911, at the age of seventy four(8).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer and draper
- 2 He is so described in his first marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Staindrop on 17 July 1862: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer and draper of North Cave, Yorkshire, the son of John Collinson, a grocer and draper; she is described as a spinster of East Greystone near Gainsford, the daughter of William Webster, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Mary Alice	b 11 May 1863	m 1890 Norman Penney (1858-1933 qv)
Margaret Annie	b 31 May 1865	d 19 June 1865, aged 19 days
- 5 He is described as a grocer of Ipswich in his second marriage entry, note 6
- 6 The wedding was at Birmingham on 15 April 1868: he is described as a widower, a grocer of Ipswich in Suffolk, the son of John Collinson, a grocer and draper; she is described as a spinster of Kings Norton, the daughter of William Lean, an insurance agent (Digest of Marriages)
- 7 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

*Margaret qv	b 12 Feb 1869	
John Howard qv	b 12 Jan 1870	m 1901 Sarah Catherine Penney (1869-1953 qv)
*Kathleen	b 24 March 1871	
Sophia	b 19 Jan 1873	m 1900 Percy William Brown (1873-1951 qv)
Arnold	b 6 Nov 1874	m 1901 Ellen Melinda Burston
Gerald	b 9 Nov 1876	m 1904 Caroline Murton
*Rosamund	b 22 Nov 1877	
Winifred	b 19 Jan 1879	d 15 Feb 1879, aged 1 month
*William Cecil	b 22 Aug 1881	
Frank qv	b 28 Oct 1884	m 1923 Edith Elizabeth Wright
*Eric	b 2 Aug 1888	
- *No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1940
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired grocer

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

COLLINSON, Sarah Catherine (1869-1953) born Penney

S.Catherine Penney, the daughter of Harrison Penney (1827-1888 qv) and his wife Maria (born I'Anson, 1828-1882) of Darlington in county Durham, was born there on 28 December 1869(1).

She was married in 1901 to John Howard Collinson (1870-1960 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk and there were three children(2).

S.Catherine Collinson of 36 Henley Road, Ipswich, died on 12 November 1953, at the age of eighty three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a printer
- 2 For marriage and children see COLLINSON, John Howard (1870-1960)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of John Howard

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

COLLINSON, Sophia (1843-1872) born Lean

Sophia Lean, the daughter of William Lean (1805?-1876 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Scarnell, 1805-1891 qv) of Edgbaston, Birmingham, was born there on 17 January 1843(1).

She was married in 1866 to Matthew Henry Collinson (1838-1930 qv), a grocer of Ipswich in Suffolk and there were three children(2).

Sophia Collinson of Ipswich died on 13 November 1872, at the age of twenty nine(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a schoolmaster
- 2 For marriage and children see COLLINSON, Matthew Henry (1838-1930)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Matthew Henry

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1875, p 16: 2 line entry for death

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

COLLISON, Ellen

(S. 1675)

Ellen Collison was a poor Friend, belonging to Swarthmoor Meeting, who received help from the women's Stock. Further particulars are not at present to hand. Akin perhaps to Nicholas who was also in receipt of Meeting Funds.

Note by Norman Penney in 'The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell'
1920, p.550

COLLISON, Nicholas (-1708)

see COLLINSON, Nicholas (-1708)

COLLYER, Margaret Blanche (1889 - 1966)

on 20 April

Margaret Collyer was born ~~in about the year~~ 1889 (1). We have no record of her early life but she obtained a B.A. degree in English at London University and then taught for some time at The Mount, York, (2) and at Selhurst Grammar School, Croydon.

In 1936 she went to Berlin as the British representative at the Quaker International Centre there, and spent two very difficult years, largely in helping sufferers under the Nazi regime, in the constant danger of action being taken by the Nazis either against the Centre or against German Quakers. In 1940 she went to the Quaker Centre at Amsterdam dealing there with refugees from Germany and escaped just in time when the Nazi forces invaded Holland. She was immediately asked to go to the Isle of Man to act as representative of the Friends Committee for Refugees and Aliens among the several thousand women being interned there. In that service she stayed for four years, her work was concerned with the welfare of the women, helping in their problems and also with the promotion of social, recreational and educational activities to make their life more bearable.

After this war service Margaret Collyer settled down with her two sisters in ~~the~~ their cottage at Eastbury, Nr. Newbury, which they made a little centre of peace, hospitality and prayer. She still made many trips to Holland and Germany and acted for a time as hostess at the Quaker Rest Home at Bad Pyrmont, but all the time she was fighting a growing weakness, a kind of paralysis which more and more curtailed her activities and her last two years were spent in nursing homes and hospitals. She was a member of East Garstang meeting to which she was a great strength and an inspiration.

She died on May 10, 1966 aged 77.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol 124 (1966) pp 558, 745/6.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. ~~in about the year 1889~~ Friends Relief Service
2. The Mount Register of Old Scholars records her as teaching ^{personnel records} there from 1915 - 1920.

SGJ April 1979.

COLMAN, Jane (1737-1825) after 1763 Fry

[Jane Colman, or Coleman, daughter of Davey Coleman
() and his wife Ann (born
), was married in 1763 to Robert Fry
(1740-1785 qv).]

see FRY, Jane (1737-1825) born Coleman]

WBE:

COLTMAN, Eliza, fl. 1806-1816.

Spa, near Leicester, Eng.

Author: The warning recommended to the serious attention of all Christians, London, ca. 1806. Reprinted Phila., 1807.

Familiar letters, 1811.

Instructive hints, ca. 1816.

Plain tales . . ., ca. 1816.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:444.

COLTMAN, Elizabeth (1769-1831) aftw. Peyrick

[Elizabeth Coltman, daughter of
Coltman and his wife
(nee) was married in
1788? to John Heyrick

see HEYRICK, Elizabeth (1769-1831) born Coltman]

COLTON, Jane

(A 1675) born

Jane Colton, widow, of Swarthmoor Meeting, is a sample of the numerous persons largely dependant upon the Swarthmoor family and the Friends of the district. She is described as poor and received help from the women's Stock in money and kind. On one occasion her house-rent was paid. Various sums of money were lent her and she made various purchases from the Hall. She eked out a scanty living by knitting stockings etc. and baking bread. Jane's daughter, Isabel, also received assistance from the Stock.

Jennet Colton died in 1689 and was buried at Sunbrick.

Jenny Colton was apparently in a somewhat better position, though she, on one occasion, benefitted from the Stock.

Note by Norman Penney in 'The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell' 1920, p.533

COLYER, Robert (1650-1736)

see **COLLIER, Robert (1650-1736)**

COMBE, Benjamin B

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(1839?-1904)

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Benjamin Combe was the son of Berthaud Combe of Les Pialoux in France. His father was for a short time a pupil of the Friends School at Croydon and occasionally attended Yearly Meeting in London in the mid-nineteenth century.

Benjamin himself was brought over as a youth to Ireland with two other young friends by Mary J. Lecky of Kilnock, and he acquired there the familiarity with the English language that fitted him later on to render valuable service as an interpreter for English and American Friends visiting France. To this service he gave much time and energy; his wife, though not herself a Friend, agreeing to his absences from home to do this work.

In 1880 his gift in the ministry was acknowledged by the French Meeting for Discipline, Joseph Bevan Braithwaite and George Satterthwaite from England being present on the occasion. He made long journeys on his own and to accompany English Friends travelling in the ministry, even down to the South of France. He was a consistent Christian, and though his children did not become Friends they grew up 'in the fear of God'. He was beloved and valued as a minister, seeking to practise what he preached. For many years he was Clerk to the Half Yearly Meeting of Friends in France. He was one of the meek and faithful of the earth.

After a short illness he died at the age of 65 at Montmeyran, Drôme, France, on 18 October 1904.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1905 p.39

SEE ALSO

Friend n.s. vol.44 (1904) pp.725, 737

William Comber was born at Reigate in Surrey on January 29, 1893. His father died when William was thirteen years old and he was forced to leave school. He began training for a commercial career, but in the first world war he was in military service in the near east. After the war he entered the Customs & Excise service in which he remained for about thirty years, until his retirement in 1953.

William Comber married in 1924 Olive Carey, a descendant of the Baptist missionary, Thomas Carey, and in the course of his work they moved to Southampton, Manchester, London, and then to Norfolk, completing his service at Falmouth. He and Olive were drawn to Friends but although believing in working for peace through international co-operation, found some difficulty in accepting the full pacifist position. However, at some time in the thirties they applied for membership and were accepted.

After his retirement in 1953, he and Olive were appointed wardens at Woodbrooke, a post they held until 1959, when they retired to Morecombe lake in Dorset.(1) They were greatly appreciated during their period at Woodbrooke and their 'kindness' was particularly noted.

At Bridport, the nearest town to Morcombelake, William Comber became a member of the rural district council, chairman of its Finance & General Purposes Committee and represented the Council on the Board of Governors of Colfox School. He was also their representative on the Dorset Community Council and various other bodies. He also acted as Quaker chaplain to Dorchester and Portland prisons, he was treasurer of the Dorset Marriage Guidance Council and was also involved in the work of the local United Nations Association and of the Bridport United Council of Churches.

He was clerk of Bristol & Somerset QM for a number of years and also served on Meeting for Sufferings and on other central committees(2) He was keenly interested in books and learning, perhaps because of his lack of formal schooling. He was also an optimist, he had a good sense of humour, was willing to do anything to help others or the causes in which he believed. He was a deeply loving, family man and had a wide circle of friends upon whom his life made a greater impression than any notable achievements might have done.

He died on July 20, 1971, aged 78.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE Testimony of Shaftesbury & Sherborne MM
 Y.M.Proc. 1972. pp 204/5.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Bristol & Somerset QM printed list of members for 1960 records them as members under Bridport Meeting.
2. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library.
Meeting for Sufferings 1940/1 - 1946/7, 1961/2 - 1967, 1970 - death
Agenda Cttee. 1946/7 1964/5. Committee on Clerks 1963 - 1969
F.E.C. 1953? - 1958? Peace Committee 1947 - 1965, and then
Peace & International Relations Cttee 1965 - death.
Friends Service Council (from PIRC) 1967 - death.

WBE:a

COMBERTI, Maria, 1894-1973.

b. 1894.

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m. ; one daughter, one son.

One of the few Italian Friends, a member of Switzerland F.M.

Earned her living by doing translations and by accompanying businessmen or others who needed an interpreter. She spoke German, French, English and Italian.

During the 1966-67 floods in Florence, she took eleven people into her own household and helped in resettling aged craftsmen who had lost home, tools and materials. She distributed oil-heaters (bought with a gift from Friends Service Committee) to sick people whose homes were still wet and whose windows had been broken by the floods. She served as treasurer of the Committee of Aid for Culture and Education in Florence, formed by the Director of the Institute of Education in Florence to supplement official action.

July 1967, attended Fourth World Conference of Friends at Guilford College, North Carolina.

1971, started suffering from a circulatory disorder.

d. 24 August 1973, Florence Italy, aged 79.

The Friend (London) 125 (1967), p. 142; 131 (1973), pp. 1052, 1076, 1120, 1200.

Friends Journal 19 (1973), p. 629 (portrait).

Information from the Haverford College Quaker Collection
Pamphlet Collection.

Ezra Comfort

born 18 April 1777

Married 16 Oct. 1800 at
Plymouth N. H. to
Margaret Shoemaker
(daughter of David + Jane
Roberts Shoemaker)

Had 9 children (all married)

(From Manuscript of
John S. Comfort and
Anne Cresson "Records of
the Comfort Family" at
Haverford College.)

WBE:

COMFORT, Ezra, ca. 1777-1847.

b. ca. 1777, s. Ezra? Comfort, Sr.? 2^X

Of Spring Mill, Montgomery Co., Pa.

m.

Children.

| Minister. 1823, with Isaiah Bell attended So. Quarterly Mtg., Del., where Elias Hicks preached. These two Friends reported to certain elders in Phila., Pa., their uneasiness with some of the doctrines which E. H. preached. Had an interview with Elias Hicks at Samuel Noble's.

Used to weep in his preaching.

d. 29 Aug. 1847, Plymouth, Montgomery Co., Pa., in his 71st year.

Piety Promoted, 12th part, p. 251.

Shotwell, complainant, . . . Report of the testimony in a cause at issue . . . between Thomas L. Shotwell . . . and Joseph Hendrickson and Stacy De Cow . . . by Jeremiah J. Foster, 2:479.

The Friend (Phila.), 3:247, 21(1848):5.

MS:

COMFORT, Forrest Duane, 1896-1971

b. Dec. 6, 1896, Iowa, son of Frederick D. and
Kittie (Rollinson).

ed. 1918, Penn Academy at Wm. Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa;
1922, B.A. Wm. Penn College; 1926, M.A. Haverford College, Pa.;
1927, Ed.M. Harvard University.

m. July 2, 1924, Edith May Jessup, one daughter.

1919, Served in AFSC Reconstruction Unit. Later spent many
summers with AFSC in Mexico and Puerto Rico.

1928-36, Clinical Psychologist, Harvard Psycho-Educational
Clinic.

1936-39, Personnel Director, Carl Schurz Foundation,
Philadelphia. Second editor, German American Review.

1939-49, School Psychologist, Episcopal Academy, Overbrook,
Pa.

1949-68, Student Counselor and Clinical Psychologist,
Haverford College.

Member, Radnor Monthly Meeting, Ithan, Pa.

d. July 27, 1971, Bryn Mawr Hospital, Pa. Age 74.
Botting, Cecelia C. and Roland B. Comfort Families of America:
A Collection of Genealogical Data. Brookings, South Dakota,
1971, p. 69.

Friends Journal 17(1971) 483.

Quaker Life 12(Sept. 1971) 32.

COMFORT, Forrest Duane, 1896-1971. (Page 2)

Watson, S. Arthur. Penn College: A Product and a Producer.

Oskaloosa, Iowa: Wm. Penn College, 1971. pp. 330, 377.
Correspondence with Mrs. Edith Comfort.

COMFORT, John (1745-1803)

Eldest son of the nine children of Stephen and Mercy Comfort of Middletown, Bucks County, Pa. Born 8mo. (October) 5, 1745. The family were members of Fallington meeting, and on his marriage to Mary, daughter of John Woolman, John Comfort removed to Mount Holly. He was a farmer, and added to the original acreage inherited by his wife from John Woolman. After the death of Sarah Woolman (1787) John and Mary Woolman removed to John's old home in what is now Morrisville, Pa. to his father's farm. Mary Woolman Comfort had ten children, and her husband records her death of smallpox '6da; of 4mo. 1797' aged forty seven. It is not surprising that in a little over a year he married his housekeeper, Ann English, at 'The Falls', as Fallsington was usually called, 11mo. 14, 1798. (Fallington Marriage Recs., Book B. p.138) Twenty five witnesses sign the certificate. The farm at Mount Holly was sold and a record in the old account book, so often referred to, in the hand of one of his children reads, 'Our endeared Father John Comfort departed this Life 1 day of 7mo. 1803 about 4 o'clock in the morning.' He was fifty eight.

Children of John and Mary Comfort

I	John	Born 6mo. 20 1772
II	Stephen	" 12 mo. 24 1773
III	Samuel	" 7mo. 7 1776
IV	Jeremiah	" 2mo. 6 1778 Died 11mo. 1.1778
V	William	" 10mo. 10 1780 Died 1mo. 15 1786
VI	Joseph	" 6mo. 3 1783
VII	Ira	" 7mo 8 1785
VIII	Mary	" 2mo 15, 1790
IX	Sarah	" 12mo. 91792 Died 1mo. 29 1793
X	Ellis	" 12mo. 28 1794

This record is from the fly leaf of the Larger Account Book of John Woolman. It was continued in use by John Comfort, who adds under this list, 'My Beloved Wife Departed this life with the Small pox ye 6 4 1797 about 12 o'clock at Night Aged 46 and a half lacking 12 days.' She was born 10mo 18, 1750.

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COMFORT, Samuel, 1776-1862.

b. 7 July 1776, near Mt. Holly, N. J., s. John and
Mary (Woolman) Comfort, grandson of John Woolman. ca. 1790,
removed with his parents to near Morrisville, Bucks Co., Pa.

Taught school.

m., 1804, Rebecca Moon (d. 1835).

m. (2d), 1839, Elizabeth Cox.

Took up farming.

| 1815, acknowledged a minister. Travelled in the ministry.
1857, suffered from a fall. For about three months
before his death, he was confined to his room.

d. 25 Mar. 1862, Bucks Co., Pa., in his 86th year,
a minister for 46 years.

Friends Intelligencer, 19(1863):57.

Memorial of Falls Mo. Mtg. Pa., Phila. Y. Mtg. (Hicksite),
Proceedings, 1863, p. 15.

COMFORT, Stephen (-1772)

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A much respected and valued minister of Middletown Pa, meeting, and of Fallsington Monthly Meeting. He married Mercy, daughter of Jeremiah Croasdale, by whom he had nine children, one of whom was John who married Mary Woolman. His death occurred in December 1772 shortly after that of John Woolman, for whose estate he was Trustee. His widow, Mercy Comfort, died at Middletown in November, 1800.

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922, p.537

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Additional information:

COMFORT, Stephen, 1720-1772.

b. 26 XII 1720, Bucks Co., Pa., s. John and Mary Comfort.

Little schooling.

Travelled in the ministry.

Open, cheerful disposition.

d. 27 Sept. (London says Dec.) 1772, Bucks Co., Pa.,
in his 52d year. *his will proved Dec. 9, 1772. #1354*

The Friend (Phila.), 35:236.

Comly, Friends Misc., 10:222.

WBE:

COMFORT, William Wistar, 1874-1955.

b. 27 May 1874, Germantown, Phila., Pa., s. Howard
and Susan Foulke (Wistar) Comfort.

Ed. 1890-1894, Haverford College. Harvard, 1894-97, Ph.D., 1901.

m., 1902, Mary Lawton Fales.

Instructor Haverford College. 1898-1901, travel
in Europe. Prof. of romance languages, Haverford College.
Prof. of romance languages, Cornell Univ. 1909-1917,
president of Haverford College.

Elder, and later minister. Clerk of Phila. Y. Mtg.
1934-1953, president of Friends Historical Assn. 1941-
53, lecturer on Quakerism at Haverford College.

Scholar, executive, author, and faithful attender of
meetings.

Author: Un Quaker français . . ., Paris, 1938.

La foi et la pratique des Quakers . . ., Paris,
1940.

The Quaker way of life, Phila., 1941.

Just among Friends . . ., New York, 1941.

Stephen Grellet, New York, 1942.

William Penn . . ., Phila., 1944.

Quaker trends for modern Friends . . ., 1943, Phila.

William Penn and our liberties . . ., Phila., 1947.

Quakers in the modern world . . ., New York, 1949.

Quaker marriage certificates, 1951.

And other works.

WBE:

COMFORT, William Wistar, 1874-1955. Page 2.

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d. 24 Dec. 1955, Haverford, Pa., aged ca. 80.

Haverford Coll. matriculate catalogue, p. 320.

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

Bull. Friends Hist. Assn., 45(1956):41.

Who Was Who in Am., 3(1951-60):116.

WBE:

COMLY, George Norwood, 1874-

Author: Comly family in America . . ., Phila., 1939.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7791.

WBE:

COMLY, Isaac, 1779-1847.

b. 21 Mar. 1779, Byberry, Pa., s. Isaac and Asenath (Hampton) Comly.

m., 1811, Meribah Barton (d. 1862).

School teacher.

Collected local history. A great walker. Kept a diary.

Published: With his brother, John Comly, Friends Miscellany, Nos. 1 to 12, 1831-1839.

Address delivered at a meeting of the Byberry Philosophical Society, 1834.

d. 19 Oct. 1847, Byberry, Pa., in his 69th year.

Comly, The Comly Family in America, p. 106.

Friends Intelligencer, 4(1848):237.

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

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COMLY, John, 1773-1850.

b. 19 Nov. 1773, Byberry, Pa., s. Isaac Comly, Jr., and Asenath (Hampton) Comly. Asenath Comly was an elder.

1792, John sent to Samuel Jones, Baptist minister at Pennypack, Pa., to study Latin and Greek for two years.

1794, teacher at Byberry School. 1801, Westtown School as a teacher for one year.

m., 1803, Rebecca Budd (d. 1832) of Mt. Holly, N. J. Five children. She had been a Westtown teacher.

Settled on a farm in Byberry, Pa. 1804, opened a school for girls (mostly non-Friends. Cf. manuscript.). 1810, the school was changed to one for boys, or one authority says for both sexes. 1815, discontinued the school.

|1810, appeared as a minister, recorded 1813. Travelled to New Eng., N. Y., Ohio, Md., and nearer home. On 27 Aug. 1818, had an appointed meeting at Moorestown, and preached for about two hours. Cf. Manuscript. 1822, was a member of the committee of the Meeting for Sufferings to prepare "Extracts from the writings of Primitive Friends," but though present was not active in that work. Laboured to heal the breach between those of divergent views in Phila. Y. Mtg., and failing in that, held about 40 meetings prior to the yearly meeting of 1827, to consider what had best be done. Many Friends desired that John Comly should be appointed clerk of the Y. Mtg., but the representatives not being able to agree in that, he was continued as assistant clerk in spite of his protest, and so served

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COMLY, John, 1773-1850. Page 2.

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until that meeting's adjournment. Following this, he was active in what was called "a quiet retreat from the scene of confusion," in which about two-thirds of the members of Phila. Y. Mtg. joined.

He was a surveyor, and was often able to settle conflicting claims and disputes among neighbors. Kept a journal or diary, printed in 1853.

Author: English Grammar, 1803. 15 editions.

Spelling Book, 1806.

Primer, 1806 or 1807.

Comly's Spelling and Reading Book.

A New Spelling Book.

Reader and Book of Useful Knowledge, 1840.

Published, with his brother, Isaac Comly, a periodical called Friends Miscellany, Nos. 1 to 12, 1831-1839.

Published an edition of John Woolman's Journal, 1837, in which certain liberties were taken, for instance, p. 171, line 3, the name God is substituted for Christ.

W. B. E. includes in his manuscript a page, not copied here, listing eight other alterations in the Comly text, as compared with the same passages in the Whitney edition. F. T.⁷

d. 17 Aug. 1850, Byberry, Pa., in his 77th year.

WBE:

COMLY, John, 1773-1850. Page 3.

Comly, Comly family in America, p. 101.

Shotwell, complainant, . . . Report of the testimony in a cause at issue . . . between Thomas L. Shotwell . . . and Joseph Hendrickson and Stacy De Cow . . . by Jeremiah J. Foster, 1:73.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:445, suppl.:88.

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

Matlack col. (Haverford ms. col.), Book 18, (portrait p. 5).

WBE:a

COMLY-HOWELL, Elizabeth Howell (1842-1912).

b. 27 September 1842, at Byberry, Philadelphia; the daughter of Emmon and Hannah Comly.

ed. at Friends schools; 1880, graduated from Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia.

m. 27 September 1888, Joshua R. Howell, widower of her sister, Deborah.

taught at West Grove Boarding School, under Thomas and Pennington Conrad, and at Rugby Preparatory School, Fifteenth and Locust Streets, Philadelphia.

1880-1891, practiced medicine in West Philadelphia. Founded West Philadelphia Hospital for Women.

1891, moved to "O'ermead", the country home of her husband and continued there for several years the small sanatorium which she had started in the city.

c. 1897, her health failed and she laid aside all practice.

For several years Elizabeth was President of the East Bradford School Board, personally supervising the erection of the present Copeland school house.

d. 15 March 1912, at "O'ermead", East Bradford, Pa.

Alsop, Gulielma F., History of The Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1850-1950, p. 123, 148.

Comly, George N., Comly Family in America, p. 181.

Friends Intelligencer 69 (1912), p. 238.

WBE:

COMPLIN, Nicholas, d. before 1672.

1662, imprisoned at Winchester for having been taken "on his way to meeting." Granted permission by the jailer to have some liberty, under which conditions he died before 1672.

Author: The faithfulness of the upright made manifest,
being a testimony . . . to Humphrey Smith, 1663.

Besse, 1:233, 234.

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COMPTON, Theodore (1816-1909)

Theodore Compton, the third son of Townsend and Eliza Compton and great-grandson of John Townsend, was born 31 August 1816 at Thurslow Place, Hackney (1). The next year his family move to Spitalfields, and he was educated at Deborah Foster's at Tottenham and with Dr. Kelley. At the age of 16 he became a junior clerk with a firm of general merchants in the City, finding the 'very questionable standard of morality' there 'very distressing and distasteful'. He was an actuary by profession, obtaining a post on the staff of the National Provident Institution in 1837 and with the Albion Insurance Co. as provincial superintendent and assistant secretary in 1851.

5/ He married, 16 August 1848 at Height, Cartmel, Lancs, Elizabeth, the daughter of George Harrison (2), at whose home he had been a visitor for 13 years. When he was pensioned off upon the merger of the Albion Insurance Co. with the Eagle Insurance Co. in 1858 he and his family moved to the West Country, settling finally in Winscombe. Here he devoted much time to teaching art at Sidcot School and taking an active part in the meetings of the Boys' Literary Society - art and literature, together with music, being among his foremost interests.

He also assisted in starting two night schools, teaching mathematics and drawing; he was on the first committee of the British School; a member of the first School Board; one of the originators of the Reading Society; a frequent lecturer in the neighbourhood. He helped form the association which preceded the Winscombe Temperance Association, and was chief promoter of a Cottagers' Exhibition in 1866.

He was a regular attender at Sidcot meeting, until prevented by failing health, and also at MM and QM. In 1865 he was appointed clerk of the Charitable Trusts Committee, and was always chosen on examination committees at Sidcot.

He published a number of literary works, including a brief biographical sketch of John Gray in 1839 (3); A letter to the young men of the Society of Friends, by one of themselves in 1840; Winscombe sketches in 1881 (later expanded into A Mendip valley, with drawings by his son Edward T. Compton); and contributions to the Press. He became president of the Friends' Essay Club in 1841, and in 1845 he and other young Stoke Newington Friends co-operated with Joseph John Fox to found a Mutual Improvement Society - one of the first of its kind.

He was a staunch Liberal in politics, although 'party strife was a

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thing entirely alien to his temperament'. Swedenborg - first read in 1841 - was his 'constant study, influencing his life and conduct, and supporting both himself and his wife in the face of anxieties, sorrows and disappointments'.

Theodore Compton's 'upright manner of life, his unvarying kindness and courtesy, [and] his constant cheerfulness, frequently in the face of a heavy physical burden', were 'an example and an inspiration to all about him'. Gifted, intellectual and cultured as he was, he would 'endure with unfailing patience the most tedious of bores, whilst the humblest of villagers ever found a friend in him'. Of equable temperament, genial and kindly, he was described by a friend as 'the finest type of the true, consistent Christian gentleman'.

In his later life he was subject to violent attacks of acute pain, of which he never complained. Being confined to bed on 11 March 1909 with congestion of the lungs, he died next day, 12 March 1909, nearly 3 years after the death of his wife. He was interred at Sidcot, 18 March (4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1910 p.36

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 London & Middx QM Births digest
- 2 Digest of marriage certificates. He is described as an actuary and his residence as 5 South Place, Albion Rd, Stoke Newington. His father was a pewterer.

Elisabeth Harrison was born at Highgate, Middx. 16 Jan. 1826. She died 1 Apr. 1906 - London & Middx QM Births digest

Digest of burial notes

Children:

Edward Theodore	born 29 July 1849
Marian Elisabeth	born 18 Feb. 1851
Louisa Matilda	born 7 Jan. 1853
William Cookworthy	born 23 June 1854

- Digest of birth notes

- 3 Memoirs of the life and character of John Gray &c (London 1839).

John Gray (1775-1838) was a Spitalfields journeyman. Compton's life of him was reissued in many editions, both abbreviated and expanded, under such titles as The pious workman (London 1850), Recollections of Spitalfields: an honest man and his employers (London 1894) &c. The last ed. of the latter appeared in 1908.

COMPTON, Theodore (1816-1909) contd.

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4 Digest of burial notes. He is described as retired insurance actuary

SEE ALSO

The Friend ns vol.49 (1909) p.218

The British Friend ns vol.18 (1909) p.112

F.A. Knight, A history of Sidcot School &c (London 1908)

T. Hudson, 'The World's Temperance Congress. Personal recollections of the convention of 1846' from United Temperance Gazette Vol.FF/11

WBE:

Additional information:
COMPTON, Theodore, 1816-1909.

b. Hackney, London. 1834, upon death of his father,
took a place at the head of the family.

Four children.

After settling in Wincombe, spent the remaining 50
years of his life there, except for travel. Devoted himself
to natural history, as well as art and literature. His
paintings, mostly of flowers and fruit, elicited considerable
praise. Often visited Sidcot School, and helped raise the
standards.

1835, sermon by John Clowes awakened him.

Author: Recollections of Tottenham, London, 1893, p. 2

Recollections of Spitalfields, London, 1894.

William Cockworthy, London, 1895.

Pastor Oberlin, 1901.

The Babbler.

His sketch of John Gray ran to 10 editions.

His Letter to Young Men received wide circu-
lation and had a good effect.

d. Winscombe.

The Friend (London), 49(1909):218 (portrait).

An. Mon., 97(1910):36 (portrait).

Jos. Smith's Cat., suppl.:88.

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

Knight, A history of Sidcot School, (portrait) op. p. 230.

COMPTON, Thomas (1749-1817)

Thomas Compton was a native of a village near Southampton and served his apprenticeship as a shoemaker in Whitechapel, London. He married Mary, the eldest daughter of John Townsend, and obtained a share in her father's business as a pewterer in which a handsome competence was made. He became a prominent and useful Friend "when alack! and alas! came Hannah Barnard and spoiled all." (J. Jenkins)

Compton: Recollections of Spitalfields. 1908

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.72

WBE:

COMSTOCK, Andrew, 1795-1874.

M. D., Phila., Pa.

Author: Practical Elocution . . ., 1830.

A system of elocution, with special reference
to gesture, to the treatment of stammering, and defective
articulation, &c., 1843.

d. 1874, aged ca. 79.

Jos. Smith's Cat., suppl.:89.

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

Comstock, Anna Botsford, 1854-1930

b. Sept. 1, 1854, only child of Marvin and Phoebe (Irish) Botsford.

ed. Village schools and a "select" school in Otto, Chamberlain Institute and Female College, Randolph (1871-73); Cornell University, B.S. 1885.

1873, taught in Otto.

1874-76, enrolled at Cornell University.

m. Oct. 7, 1878, John Henry Comstock (1849-1931), entomologist and faculty member at Cornell University. No children.

1883-85, reentered Cornell. Received B.S. degree in natural history. Taught herself wood engraving for illustrations.

1885,-87,-90, sought formal wood engraving instruction at Cooper Union, N.Y.

1888, one of first four women initiated into Sigma Xi, national honor society of the sciences.

Her work was exhibited in many U.S. cities and in Paris. Elected to American Society of Wood-engravers.

1895, named to Committee for the Promotion of Agriculture in N.Y. state.

1897-1930, taught at Cornell University.

1899, first woman to attain professorial status at Cornell.

1899-1900, lectured at Stanford.

Nationally known through work to promote nature study in education.

1923, poll by League of Women Voters named her one of America's twelve greatest living women.

1930, Hobart College awarded her an honorary degree.

Became a Unitarian in later life.

Illustrator and co-author with John Comstock continued

Comstock, Anna Botsford, 1854-1930 (continued)

Illustrator and co-author with John Comstock:

A Manual for the Study of Insects (1895)

Insect Life (1897)

How to Know the Butterflies (1904)

Illustrator:

An Introduction to Entomology (1888)

The Spider Book (1912)

Author:

Ways of the Six-Footed (1903)

How to Keep Bees (1905)

Confessions of a Heathen Idol, by Marian Lee (pseud.) (1906)

The Pet Book (1914)

Trees at Leisure (1916)

The Handbook of Nature Study (1911), translated into
eight languages.

d. Aug. 24, 1930 in Ithaca, N.Y.

"Comstock, Anna Botsford." Who Was Who in America. Vol.I. (1943).

Jacklin, Kathleen. "Comstock, Anna Botsford." Notable American
Women, 1607-1950. (1971).

WBE:

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COMSTOCK, Elizabeth L. (Rous) Wright, 1815-1891.

b. 30 Oct. 1815, Maidenhead, Berkshire, Eng., dau.

William and Mary Rous.

Ed. at Islington and Croydon Schools.

1838¹⁸⁴⁷, teacher at Croydon, then Ackworth.

m., 1848, Leslie Wright (d. ca. 1851).

1854, came to ^{Canada, friends} U. S. A.

m. (2d), 1858, John T. Comstock, Rollin, Mich. (d. 1884).

Devoted herself to work among the negroes, the wounded
of both armies, and soldiers in army prisons. Minister.

With Joseph Grinnell and Mary Bradford visited Pres. A. Lincoln.

"Give Mrs. Comstock access to all hospitals, and to
all inmates with whom she desires to hold religious services.

A. Lincoln."

1881, accompanied by Augustus Taber and wife, also
Edward Tatum and wife, visited Pres. Garfield.

1884, removed to Union Springs, N. Y.

d. 3 Aug. 1891, Union Springs, N. Y., aged ca. 76 years.

Comstock, Life and letters, 1895.

Bull. Friends Hist. Assn., 38, no. 2:72.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 50:167.

Hirst, Qu. in Peace and War, p. 429.

The Friend (London), 35(1895):200 (portrait).

WBE:

CONARD, Rebecca, (ca. 1800-1875.

1841-43, teacher of sewing and writing at Westtown School, Pa.

There was published: Poems, 1875, West Chester, Pa., supposed to be by Rebecca Conard.

d. 1 May 1875, West Chester, Pa., in her 75th year.

The Friend (Phila.), 48(1875):344.

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

Westtown School, Catalog of Westtown through the years,
pp. 66, 354.

WBE:

CONARD, Rebecca S. (Baldwin), ca. 1842-1918.

m., 1864, Thomas Penington Conard. Four children.

Elder, Lansdowne Mo. Mtg., Pa. Clerk of Womens Y. Mtg.,
Phila. (Arch St.)

Member and president of Lansdowne Mothers' Council.

Encouraged scientific interests of her children,
one of whom, Henry S. Conard, became a distinguished botanist.

d. 12 Nov. 1918, Lansdowne, Pa., in her 76th year.

Phila. Y. Mtg., Proceedings, 1919:54.

The Friend (Phila.), 92:309 (1918).

WBE:

CONARD, Rebecca (Shoemaker), 1809-1895.

b. 4 May 1809, near Horsham, Montgomery Co., Pa.,
dau. Nathan and Sarah (Miller) Shoemaker.

Taught school.

ca. 1827, disowned for going with Race St. Friends.

m., ca. 1834, Thomas Conard (d. 1874), and resided
some years in Phila.

ca. 1841, removed to a farm near West Grove, Chester
Co., Pa. Joined Arch St. Friends. Elder of New Garden
Mo. Mtg., Pa. 1852, moved to West Grove, where T. C.
opened a school.

Kept a diary.

Protracted illness. d. Aug. 1895, West Grove, Pa.,
in her 87th year.

1908-13, CLERK, WOMEN'S MTG., PHILR. Y. MTG (ORTHODOX) [RE]

ELLIOTT, QU. ON THE AM. FRONTIER, 399

Memorial of Rebecca S. Conard, 1897.

Friends Intelligencer, 52(1895):523.

The Friend (Phila.), 69(1895):112.

WBE:a

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CONEY, James A., 1888/9-1973.

b. , in Brighton, England; from a railway family.

ed.

m. , Elsie F (d. 1960); two children, Gwendolyn, Peter.

In his youth he was a member of Brighton Meeting and became assistant secretary of the Brighton YMCA.

c.1914, he took up full-time work with the Home Mission Committee, serving at Wells and Diss in Norfolk and at Hartshill in Warwickshire.

1926, came to the United States and served as pastor of Lynn Mo. Mtg. (Massachusetts).

1929, became Superintendent for New England Yearly Meeting, working for the Committee on Evangelism and Church Extension.

He undertook major responsibility for programming the Yearly Meeting Sessions as well as exercising pastoral care over the local Meetings.

1941, went to Jamaica to act as presiding Clerk at the setting up of Jamaica Yearly Meeting.

1944, he and his wife became American citizens.

1945, named Field Secretary of the united New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

1951, moved to Virginia and became Clerk of Virginia Q. M.

After two years in New Bedford and Dartmouth Mtgs. in the later 1950's, James Coney served as minister of Sedley and Somerton Mtgs. of North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

1969, retired; but still active in Somerton Meeting.

WBE:a

CONEY, James A., 1888/9-1973, page 2.

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"James was active in local and interdenominational concerns and gave generously of his time in the cause of temperance. He will be remembered most for his powerful ministry, his friendliness, his humor and his inspiring tenor renditions of beloved hymns."

d. 26 April 1973.

The Friend (London) 131 (1973), pp. 572, 669.

New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, Minutes 1973, p. M-15.

Quaker Life 14 (1973), p. 34.

CONING, Ann (1772-1858)

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Ann Cuning was the daughter of William and Ann Cuning, and was born at Guisborough in 1772. She was one of the early pupils at Ackworth School. In her fortieth year she first spoke at a meeting at Kirby Mearside and some few years later, in 1816, was recorded as a minister by Guisborough M.M.

She travelled on religious service through many parts of England and among Friends in Scotland. She united earnestly in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures and in the promotion of temperance. Her latter years, however, were spent in much privacy and retirement. By the end of 1853 she suffered from a great shaking of the right hand, disabling her from the use of a pen. She died on 18 March 1858, aged 86 years.

WBE:

Additional information:

CONING, Ann, ca. 1773-1858.

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1784-85, Ackworth School, but stayed only one year.

1810, accompanied an invalid to Tottenham.

d. Guisborough, Yorkshire, Eng., aged 85 [London says 86].

The Friend (London), 16(1858):114.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 17(1859):47.

Ackworth School, List of the boys and girls admitted, p. 16.

CONING, Sarah (1776-1837) after 1821 Bowron

(Sarah Coning, daughter of William and Ann Coning of Guisborough in Yorkshire, was married in 1821 to Joshua Bowron (1774?-1837 qv).

See BOWRON, Sarah (1776-1837) born Coning)

CONING, Sarah (1780-1859) after 1800 Thompson

(Sarah Coning or Connings, the daughter of John and Mary Coning of Bilsdale in Yorkshire, was married in 1800 to Thomas Thompson (1770?-1853 qv).)

See THOMPSON, Sarah (1780-1859) born Conning

CONING, Sarah (1850-1917) after 1874 Taylor

[Sarah Coning, daughter of Joseph Coning (-)
and his wife Esther (born) of Stockton
-on-Tees, was married in 1874 to Thomas Myers Taylor
(1850?-1927 qv).]

See TAYLOR, Sarah (1850-1917) born Coning]

CONING, William (1717?-1783) (2)

William Coning (Conning, Cunning) was born near Helmsley, Yorkshire, about the year 1717 (1). His parents were Anglicans and he was brought up in that faith, but as a young man was led to join the Society after hearing John Richardson. This was a great grief to his parents, but they became reconciled to him and in process of time were also convinced and joined Friends.

His wife was named Sarah (2).

He became a minister about his 25th year, and visited various parts of the country. He was much exercised about the declining state of the Society, particularly about the tendency of many Friends to seek riches and worldly fame, rather than professing the unchangeable Truth.

'He was not forward in appearances until he evidently felt Truth to open his way; and his ministry was sound, lively and edifying; his Life & Conversation adorning his doctrine'.

He died after a very short illness, 11 May 1783, and was interred in Friends' Burying Ground, Bilsdale, aged 66 years, a minister about 40 years, 13 May (3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Thirsk MM in TCMD vol.3 p.267

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 Age at death 66

2 Not in Yorks QM Marriages digest.

Sarah Coning, widow of William of Bilsdale, died 13 Mar. 1795,
aged 80 - Yorks QM Burials digest

Children:

John born 16.v.July 1741

William born 26.viii.Oct. 1742

Thomas born 3.ix.Nov. 1743

James born 6.x.Dec. 1744

Elizabeth born 8.i.1747 Mar. 1747/8 (poss. Mar. 1747)

Thomas born 17.i.1748 Mar. 1748/9 (poss. Mar. 1748)

Joseph born 5.xii.1749 Feb. 1749/50

- Yorks QM Births digest

Yorks QM Burials digest

3 Yorks QM Burials digest

SEE ALSO

S. Stansfield (ed.) Memoirs of Ruth Follows (Liverpool 1829) p.77

An account of the life of...John Richardson (5th ed, London 1825)

p.iv

3 (see note below)

WBE:

CONKLIN, Ellen (or Eleanor) (Abraham), 1758-1841.

b. 15 Jan. 1758, Whitehaven, Cumberland, Eng., dau.

Thomas and Ellen Abraham.

1780, teacher at Ackworth. Left 1784.

(Spoke as a minister. 1786, recorded as a minister.

m., 1799, Richard Conklin of Doncaster.

1810, visited meetings in north of Eng. and in Scot.

1822, religious visit to Ire.

1826, paralysis.

d. 10 Jan. 1841, Doncaster, aged 83, a minister ca.

58 years.

CONKLIN, Ellen (or Eleanor) (Abraham), 1758-1841

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note: name should read: COCKIN, Ellen (Abraham), 1758-1841 under
which there is an entry.

London Y. Mtg., Testimonies 1831-47, No. 34.

An. Mon. 29(1842):28.

CONNING, Elizabeth (1746/7-1829) born Buck

Elizabeth Buck, the daughter of Cornelius Buck (1709- qv) and his wife Grace (born Binns, 1705-1759 qv) of Hardcastle Garth in the township of Hartwith in the parish of Kirkby Malzard in Yorkshire, was born on 5.xii.1746 [i.e. February 1746/7](1).

She was married in 1773 to John Conning (1746?-1816 qv), a husbandman of East Moor in the parish of Helmsley in Yorkshire and there were eleven children, born between the years 1774 and 1791(2).

Elizabeth Conning of East Moor died on 28 March 1829, at the age of eighty four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her place of birth and her father's occupation are not given
- 2 For marriage and children see CONNING, John (1746?-1816)
- 3 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: no description of her is given

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

CONNING, John (1746?-1816)

John Conning, details of whose birth are not at present (1985) traced, was the son of John and Elizabeth Conning of Howless Wood in the parish of Helmsley in Yorkshire and was born about the year 1746(1).

He was a husbandman at East Moor in the parish of Helmsley(2) and was married in 1773 to Elizabeth Buck (1746/7-1829 qv) of Kirkby Malzard in Yorkshire(3); there were eleven children, born between the years 1774 and 1791(4).

John Conning of East Moor died on 3 August 1816, at the age of seventy(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 70 at death: his birth is not traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in the birth entries for all his children, except Elizabeth (1782) when he is described as of Bentham in Yorkshire
- 3 The wedding was at Dacre in Netherdale on 1 July 1773: he is described as the son of John Conning and Elizabeth his wife of Howless Wood in the parish of Helmsley; she is described as the daughter of Cornelius and Grace Buck (deceased) of Hardcastle Garth in the township of Hartwith with Winsley, parish of Kirkby Malzard in Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

John	b 27 Aug 1774	died
Elizabeth	b 27 Aug 1774	d 27 Aug 1774
Sarah	b 9 Oct 1775	d 6 Sept 1804, aged 29
*John	b 6 June 1777	
*William	b 27 March 1779	
*Joseph	b 26 March 1781	
Elizabeth	b 13 Dec 1782	d 5 Sept 1806, aged 23
*Thomas	b 24 Jan 1784	
Mary	b 12 Aug 1786	m 1816 John Hawksworth
*George	b 30 March 1789	
*Phebe	b 26 June 1791	

*No marriages traced in Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest

- 5 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a farmer
Helmsley is 12 miles E of Thirsk in Yorkshire

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

CONNING, Sarah (1780-1859) after 1800 Thompson

(Sarah Conning or Coking, daughter of John and Mary Conning of Bilsdale in Yorkshire, was married in 1800 to Thomas Thompson (1770?-1853 qv).)

See THOMPSON, Sarah (1780-1859) born Conning)

SP see previous page

CONNING, William (1717?-1783)

see CONING, William (1717?-1783)

WBE:

CONRAD (or CUNRAD), Dennis, -1729.

b. Cresheim, Germany.

ca. 1657, convinced by William Ames.

Came from Crefelt in Germany. Meetings held at his house in Germantown, Pa.

Hospitable, well-disposed.

d. Nov. 1729, Germantown, Pa., at a "great age," Thomas Chalkley at his funeral.

The Friend (Phila.), 29:268, 35:132.

Comly, Friends Misc., 8:284, 285.

WBE:

CONRAD, Solomon White, 1779-1831.

b. 1779, Germantown, Pa.

Minister, bookseller and publisher.

Publicised several new species of plants from the Phila. area including Corallorrhiza wisteriana. Botanical collection preserved at the Academy of Natural Sciences, Phila., Pa.

Serene and cheerful.

d. 2 Oct. 1831, Phila., Pa., aged ca. 52.

The Friend (Phila.), 4(1831):412.

Bull. of Friends Hist. Assn., 37, no. 2(1948):65.

WBE:

CONRAD, Timothy Abbott, 1803-1877.

Phila? Pa.

Geologist.

Author: New fresh-water shells of the United States,
&c., 1834.

Other works, unfinished.

d. 1877, Phila? Pa., aged ca. 74.

Card Cat., Haverford Coll.

Jos. Smith's Cat., suppl.:89.

CONRAN, John (1739-1827)

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John Conran of Moyallen, Co. Down, visited many meetings. In 1785 he married Louisa Strangman (1755-1805) of Mountmellick. In her reminiscences of Lisburn School (J. Friends hist. soc. vol.18) Mary Tolerton (1792-1884) records: "The work that I liked best of all was to darn John Conran's stockings. I thought him the best of men and that if I could only live with him always I should certainly be a very good child."

Journal. 1850

Irish Friend. 1837, 1839

J. Friends hist. soc. vol.15, 18

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.89

WBE:

Additional information:

CONRAN, John, 1739-1827.

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b. Dublin, Ire.

Brought up in the Church of Eng. Very devout in its ceremonies.

Educated by an anglican clergyman in the classics.

Then placed under care of Abraham Shackleton of Ballitore, Ire.

Apprenticed in Lisburn to learn linen trade.

Was gay with libertine companions, and being plentifully supplied with money, he fell into excesses. Attended balls and assemblies and was fond of hunting. ca. 1763, became serious, and desiring to escape the temptations of young society, he took a farm. Began occasionally to attend Friends meetings. At Lurgan was wonderfully reached through the ministry of Robert Willits from Pa. Felt required to bear Friends testimonies in speech and dress. This was a great cross. Joined Friends.

1775, accompanied Mary Robinson and Barbara Drewry to several meetings in Ulster. 1780, joined Christiana Hustler and Phebe Marshall in a visit to Lurgan. 1780, first spoke as a minister at Lurgan.

1797, was greatly troubled at the declension from Christian principles and doctrine among Friends in Ire. He was the only minister in the north of Ire., not carried away with the tide of rationalism.

Became almost blind.

d. 15th or 16th June 1827, Moyallon, aged 87.

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WBE:

Additional information:

CONRAN, John, 1739-1827. Page 2.

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Friends Review, 1851:279.

The Friend (Phila.), 64:241.

Richardson, Six generations of Friends in Ire., (silhouette)
op. p. 147.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:446.

Walton, Incidents illus. the doct. and hist. of the Soc.
of Friends, p. 135.

An. Mon., 16(1828):12.

Piety promoted, 1829;412.