

DARBY, Abiah (1716/7-1794) formerly Sinclair, born Maude

Abiah Maude was born 4.xi.1716 [Jan.1716/7] in Sunderland, the youngest daughter of Samuel and Rachel Maude (1).

About her sixteenth year she bore testimony once in public, but shortly afterwards 'One young man who sympathized with me and often spoke to my State, insensibly drew my weak tender mind into Friendship for him and by degrees I let me Affection go too much Out in harkening to his Offers' (2). Her Friends were opposed to the match 'as he had not so much in the World as I had' (3), but she gained her mother's reluctant consent, and about 1734 married John Sinclair (Sinclare, Senclare) (4). This, she felt, 'quenched the holy Spirit in me, filling my mind with the cares of Life' (5). However, he died before she was 21.

She married, secondly, 9.i.1745 [i.e. March 1745/6] (poss. March 1745) Abraham Darby of Coalbrookdale, and removed there. At the time of her marriage she would appear to have been living in Westmorland, within which county the wedding took place (6). She was his 2nd wife.

She came forth once more in the ministry when she was 32, and travelled extensively in that service, visiting most of the meetings of England and Wales, and some in Scotland. She was clerk of the Women's YM in 1759 (7) and took a leading part in her Women's QM (8).

'She was a tender Sympathizer with the afflicted, whether in Body or Mind, & an eminent Example of Christian Benevolence...being rich in good Works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate, feeding the hungry, cloathing the naked, visiting the sick, & also at sundry times, under an especial Apprehension of duty, the condemned & other Prisoners in different Jails'.

She died 19 June 1794, aged about 77, and was buried at Coalbrookdale, 29 June (9).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Shropshire MM in TCMD vol.4 p.72

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 Durham QM Births digest

2 'Extracts from the Diary of Abiah Darby' in J. Friends hist.soc. vol.10 (1913) p.79

DARBY, Abiah (1716/7-1794) formerly Sinclair, born Maude contd.

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3 ibid

4 Not in Durham QM Marriages digest. The date 'about 1734' is given in pedigree facing p.79, J.Friends hist.sec. vol.10 (1913). John Sinclair's birth not in Durham QM Births digest. He was buried at Sunderland 18/viii. [Oct.] 1737

- Durham QM Burials digest

She states that she had one child by this marriage, Rachel, 'which died before its father in the Small Pox', but there is no mention in Durham QM Births or Burials digests - Diary, loc.cit.

5 Diary, loc.cit.

6 Westmorland QM Marriages digest. No further details of the partners, or even place of marriage, given
Abraham Darby was born 17.iii. [May] 1711, at Madley Court, the son of Abraham and Mary Darby. He married firstly Margaret Smith (date of marriage uncertain). The children of this marriage included:

Hannah born 25.iv. [June] 1735

Abraham born 11.viii. [Oct.] 1736

Edmund born 21.iii. [May] 1738

Abraham and Edmund, sons of Abraham and Margaret, twins, died xi 8.xi. [Jan.] 1740/1. Margaret Darby died 1.x. [Dec.] 1740.

Abraham Darby died 31 March 1763

- Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Births digest

Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Marriages digest

Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Burials digest

Children of second marriage:

Rachel born 2.x. [Dec.] 1746 died 18.i.1746 [i.e. March 1746/7]

Mary born 6.viii. [Oct.] 1748

Abraham born 25 24.iv. [June] 1750

Sarah born 24 Aug. 1752

Samuel born 16 Jan. 1755

William born 12 Dec. 1756 died 11 July 1757

Jane born 9 June 1758 died 2 Oct. 1758

- Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Births digest

Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Burials digest

7 London Yearly Meeting during 250 years (London 1919) p.130

8 'I had all the business in the Women's Meetings to transact myself as I generally have...', quoted ibid. p.104 n.

9 Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Burials digest. For notice of death see Friends House vol.00/27.

SEE ALSO

John Grubb's diary in British Friend n.s. vol.14 (1905) p.106

J.Friends hist.sec. vols.10 (1913), 13 (1916), 14 (1917)

H. Bolitho, A biographer's notebook (London 1950) pp.142-147, (extracts from her diaries and pamphlets)

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WBE:

Additional information:

DARBY, Abiah (Maude) Sinclair, 1716-1794.

b. near Leeds, Yorkshire [London Sunderland], dau.

Samuel and Rachel (Warren) Maude.

Husband John Sinclair d. 1737. One daughter.

[For 2d husband see Darby, Abraham, 1711-1763.]

Seven children. Lived at Coalbrookdale, Shropshire.

Her diary shows her to have been a remarkable woman.

Interested in scientific knowledge. Repeatedly, though under a great cross, delivered messages to priests and their congregations. Had prophetic dreams; the result of one was to save a woman's life.

Published: An epistle to the inhabitants of Hereford, 1754.

Useful instruction for children, by way
of question and answer, 1763. Reprinted 6 times.

And other works.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 11:108, 26:45.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:511.

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

WBE:

DARBY, Abraham I, 1677 or 1678-1717.

b. 1677 or 1678, near Wren's Nest, Dudley, s. John and Ann (Bayliss) Darby.

Apprenticed to Jonathan Freeth, maltmaker in Birmingham.

m. Mary Serjeant. Three children.

1699, A. B. set up a business near Bristol as a maltmaker. Extended his activities to brass casting. 1702, the Bristol Brass Wire Co. was formed. 1704, went to Holland to study methods of casting hollow-ware, and brought Dutch workmen to Bristol. 1707, took out patent for casting hollow-ware in sand, without loam or clay. 1708, took lease of an iron furnace in Coalbrookdale on a tributary of the Severn.

d. 1717, aged ca. 39.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 10:79.

Raistrick, Qu. in Science and Industry, pp. 122, 141.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 19, no. 2:49.

Illustrated London News, v.261, no. 6901, Aug 1973, pp. 37-45

WBE:

DARBY, Abraham II, 1711-1763.

b. 1711, Coalbrookdale, s. Abraham and Mary (Serjeant) Darby.

m. Margaret Smith (d. 1740). Three children.

m. (2d), 1745, Abiah (Maude) Sinclair /see Darby, Abiah (Maude) Sinclair, 1716-17947. Seven children.

Devised method of smelting iron ore by the use of coke.
Later, ca. 1735, succeeded in smelting iron with coal.

d. 1763, Coalbrookdale? Eng., aged ca. 52.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 10:79, 19:49.

WBE:

DARBY, Abraham III, 1750-1789 or 1791.

b. 1750, Coalbrookdale, s. Abraham II and Abiah (Maude) Sinclair Darby.

m. Rebecca Smith.

1777, built the first iron bridge ever constructed (opened in 1779). It still stands (1951) over the Severn River.

1788, received gold medal of the Society of Arts.

d. 1789 or 1791, Coalbrookdale? Eng., aged ca. 39 or 41.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 10:79, 19:49.

DARBY, Ann (1779-1840) aftw. Dickinson

[Ann Darby, daughter of Abraham Darby and his
wife Rebecca (nee) was
married in 1805 to Barnard Dickinson.

see DICKINSON, Ann (1779-1840) born Darby]

DARBY, Deborah (1754-1810) born Barnard

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Deborah Darby was a daughter of John and Hannah Barnard of Upperthorpe, near Sheffield, Yorks. In 1776 she married Samuel, son of Abraham and Abiah Darby of Coalbrookdale. Her visit to America will ever be memorable in connection with the conversion of Stephen Grellet.

J. Friends hist. soc. various vol. exp.10
Memoirs (MS) in Friends House

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.37

WBE:

Additional information:

DARBY, Deborah (Barnard), 1754-1810.

b. 25 Aug. 1754.

After marriage lived first in London, then at Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, Eng.

(1779, minister. Travelled, a diligent labourer, for thirty years, several times in Ire., and, about 1793, about three years in Am. with Rebecca Young. Helped to confirm Stephen Grellet. In Am. held meetings for the coloured people and visited prisoners. 1808, visited southern and eastern counties of Eng.

Naturally amiable, though lively and active. Wore a large hat, which she removed when in vocal prayer.

Published: An epistle . . . to the Friends about Congenies, St. Giles, &c., in the South of France. *

d. 14 Feb. 1810, bur. Coalbrookdale, Eng., aged ca. 56, a minister ca. 30 years.

see Quaker Reference Index for Conley Fr. Misc

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 10:132.

The Friend (Phila.), 12:381-382 (1839)

Piety Promoted, 11th part, p. 15 (Am. ed., 3:446).

Smith, Miscellanies by Hannah Logan Smith Jr., p. 13.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:512:

* Smith I:512: (Phila) Friend v5 no 7 (1832)

DARBY, Isabella (1862-1899) born Littleboy

Isabella Littleboy, the daughter of William and Sarah Littleboy of Crowmarsh Battle, was born there on 23 September 1862(1). She was married in 1884 to John Henry Darby (1856- qv) and there were two children(2).

Isabella Darby of Brymbo in Wrexham died on 25 January 1899, at the age of thirty six(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a miller
- 2 For marriage and children see DARBY, John Henry (1856-)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of John Henry

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

DARBY, John Henry (1856-)

John Henry Darby, the son of William Henry Darby (1819-1882 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Littleboy, 1822-1903 qv) of Brymbo in the parish of Wrexham, was born there on 17 September 1856(1). He was married on 2 July 1884 to Isabella Littleboy (1862-1899 qv)(2) and there were two children(3).

He lived at Pen-y-garth, Wrexham, but the date of his death is not at present (1977) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as an ironmaster
- 2 Wilson of High Wray and Kendal, p 64
- 3 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-
 *Gwendolen b 1 May 1885
 *John Alfred Sorten b 6 July 1890
 *No marriages traced to 1963
- 4 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

DARBY, Roger Serton (1894-1958)

Roger Serton Darby, the son of William Darby (1858-1929 qv) and his wife Maria, born Thistlethwaite, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, was born there on 5 January 1894(1). He was educated at Leighton Park School for the summer term of 1907 and went on to Bootham School, York, from 1909 to 1912. He was Head Reeve from 1911 to 1912 and captain of the first teams of both cricket and football; he was also tennis champion.

He studied at Lausanne from 1912 to 1913 and spent a year farming in 1914, but he became an iron and steel merchant at Harborne, Birmingham. He was married in 1934 to Janet Ellen Crosskey and there were two children(2).

He was interested for many years in Boys' Clubs and also in the work done at Unemployed Occupational Centres. He was treasurer of the Old York Scholars Association Scholarship for twelve years and of the 20th Century Scholarship for fifteen years. He became a member of the York Schools' Committee in 1923. In his leisure time he played tennis, squash and golf.

Roger Serton Darby of St Mary's Road, Harborne, Birmingham, died on 27 February 1958(3), aged sixty four.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Bootham School Register 1935, p 130

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as an iron merchant
- 2 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-
Michael Serton b 12 May 1938
The Friend Marriages, 1960-69, Friends House Library, also gives Deborah Jean, who m 1965 David Robert Duff Taylor
- 3 The Friend Births and Deaths, 1950-59, Friends House Library: he is described as a Justice of the Peace

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

DARBY, Sarah (1822-1903) born Littleboy

Sarah Littleboy, the younger daughter of William Littleboy (1788-1837 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Eeles, 1794-1870 qv) of Bourne End in Hertfordshire, was born there on 9 March 1822(1). She was married in 1854 to William Henry Darby (1819-1882 qv) of Brymbo near Wrexham and there were four children(2).

Sarah Darby, of Wrensnest, Wrexham, died on 9 December 1903, at the age of eighty one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Buckinghamshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see DARBY, William Henry (1819-1882)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William Henry

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

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DARBY, William (1858-1929)

William Darby, the son of William Henry (1819-1882) and Sarah (1822-1903, born Littleboy) Darby, was born 20 November 1858 (1) at Brymbo, near Wrexham, where his father (of the family of Darby of Coalbrookdale) was connected with the iron works which later developed into the Brymbo Steel Co.Ltd. William Darby became an iron and steel merchant, setting up in business on his own account in Liverpool in 1884.

In 1886 he married Maria, the second daughter of John Henry Thistlethwaite of Birkenhead. They had 3 children (2).

In 1890 he removed with his family to Birmingham, where he had taken a business, and he was still active in it until the time of his death.

He gave a large amount of his time and interest to the Society of Friends and to public and welfare work. He was an elder of the Monthly Meeting, associated with George Road Meeting. He worked for the Adult School, and served for some years as superintendent of the Adult School at Staniforth Street.

He was especially interested in hospital work, and gave much useful service on hospital committees. In 1900 he joined the committee of the Queen's Hospital, Bath Road, and served for 22 years. In 1907 he was elected to the Board of Guardians, being for 17 years chairman of the Hospitals Committee. His policy was always towards humanising the Poor Law. He gave much attention to the development of the Monyhull Farm Colony for epileptics and the mentally deficient.

His other public interests were many. He became a magistrate in 1914 and served until his death. He was a Governor of the University, an Income Tax Commissioner, and served on the committee of Crowley's Orphanage and Uffculme Hospital.

He died suddenly on 25 April 1929 from heart failure, when present at an anniversary celebration at the Monyhull Farm Colony. He was aged 70.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

The Friend vol 69 (1929) p.421

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes; his father is described as ironmaster
- 2 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows :-

Ruth	born 19 Sept 1887
Henry Basil	b 11 Aug 1891
Roger Serton	b 5 Jan 1894

SEE ALSO :

The Friend vol 69 (1929) p.408

WBE:

Additional information
DARBY, William, 1858-1929.

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b. 1858, Brymbo, near Wrexham, Eng.

1884, iron and steel merchant, Liverpool.

m., 1886, Thistletonwaite. Three children.

1890, removed to Birmingham.

Elder.

Interested in Adult School movement, becoming Superintendent of Staniforth Street School in Birmingham. Especially interested in hospital work. A long record of public service. His hobby was his public work.

Heart failure.

d. 24 Apr. 1929, Edgbaston, Birmingham, aged 70.

The Friend (London), 69(1929):392, 421 (portrait).

DARBY, William Henry (1819-1882)

William Henry Darby, the son of Richard and Maria Darby of Coalbrookdale, was born there on 2 April 1819(1). He was a member of the iron working family of Darby of Coalbrookdale and became a coal master at Brymbo, near Wrexham(2). He was married in 1854 to Sarah Littleboy (1822-1903 qv) of Bourne End in Hertfordshire(3) and there were four children(4).

He was a man of very extended interests and wide sympathies, but his efforts were especially directed towards the benefit of those about him and the best welfare of the country. His benevolence expressed itself in deeds rather than in words, of unselfish actions all leading to the alleviation of distress, but he was active in endeavouring by letters and public speaking to influence members of Parliament towards a more just and righteous form of government. A free religion, liberty of thought and action, justice to every grade in society, peace, proper economy of the public funds, the education of the poor and temperance were all causes to which he turned his mind and for which he laboured as a duty both to God and his fellow men.

His active life wore out his constitution and for some years before his death his health gradually failed. But he died quite suddenly on 9 June 1882 at the age of sixty three(5) and the large number of townspeople who attended his funeral testified to the respect and affection in which he was held in Wrexham.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1883, pp 36-39

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM 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 Berkhamsted on 5 July 1854: he is described as a bachelor, a coal master of Brymbo near Wrexham, the son of Richard Darby, a gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Berkhamsted, the daughter of William Littleboy, a miller (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:- (1862-1899qv)

John Henry qv	b 17 Sept 1856	who m 1864 Isabella Littleboy*	✓
William qv	b 20 Nov 1858	who m 1886 Maria Thistlethwaite*	
Alfred	b 6 July 1860		
Ellen	b 7 Oct 1864	who d 20 April 1865	

*Marriages given in Wilson of High Wray and Kendal; they are not traced in the Digest of Marriages

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DARBY, William Henry (1819-1882)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of Brymbo in Wrexham, a
colliery proprietor

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

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DARBYSHIRE, Alfred, 1839-1908.

b. 20 June 1839, Salford, s. William and Mary (Bancroft) Darbyshire.

1851-54, Ackworth School. Later attended Dr. Satterthwaite's school at Alderley. Articled to Peter B. Alley, architect, Manchester.

m., 1870, Sarah Marshall, of Westmoreland. One son and three daughters.

1862, became practicing architect. 1864, associate, Royal Institute of British Architects. 1870, Fellow of the same.

1868-74, art critic for Manchester Guardian. Later, 1875- , for the Manchester Currier.

Had a strong leaning towards the stage.

1869-88, author of publications upon heraldry, architecture in Manchester, &c.

d. 5 July 1908, Manchester, aged 69.

There is some uncertainty as to whether he left the Society of Friends, or not. Dic. Nat. Biog. says only that he was of old Quaker stock. F. T.J

Dic. Nat. Biog., 2d suppl., 1:467.

Nodal, Bibliography of Ackworth School, p. 8.

DARBYSHIRE, Ann (1713?-1783) after 1757 Clare

(Ann Darbyshire, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1975) traced, was married in 1757 to John Clare.

SEE CLARE, Ann (1713?-1783) born Derbyshire)

DARBYSHIRE, James (1805?-1879)

James Darbyshire, the son of William Darbyshire (1776?-1837 qv) and his wife Martha, was born about the year 1805(1). His father was a convinced Friend who began to attend Quaker meetings about the year 1806, being admitted into membership two years later(2). Like his father, he became a cheesefactor(3), although at the time of his death he is described as a yeoman(4).

He was married in 1827 to Mary Walmsley(5) and there were five children(6), but none of them appear subsequently to have married within the Society(7).

He died at Stretton on 11 January 1879(8), at the age of seventy four.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 74 at death. There is no entry in Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest
- 2 See DARBYSHIRE, William (1776?-1837)
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 5
- 4 He is so described in his burial entry, note 8
- 5 The wedding was at Frendley in Cheshire on 26 April 1827: he is described as a cheesefactor of Stretton, Cheshire, the son of William and Martha Darbyshire of Stretton; she is described as the daughter of John and Sarah Walmsley of Over Whitley in Cheshire (Cheshire & Staffs QM Marriages Digest)
- 6 Listed in Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest and the Digest of Births:-

Martha	b 16 Feb 1828	who d unmarried 25 April 1884
John	b 11 Nov 1830	
William	b 7 June 1833	
James	b 28 Sept 1835	
Mary	b 24 July 1838	
- 7 There is no record in the Digest of Marriages of the marriages of any of these children
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a yeoman

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

DARBYSHIRE, James (1835-1908)

James Darbyshire, the son of James Darbyshire (1805?-1879 qv) and his wife Mary Walmsley, of Morley in Cheshire, was born on 28 September 1835(1). He lived at Morphy Hall, near Warrington, and on 31 May 1882 was married to Mary Bradshaw, the second daughter of the late George Bradshaw (1800 or 1801-1853 qv) of Manchester(2); there were five children(3).

He was a farmer and appears to have started his farming life at Newton near Dunsbury(4), later moving to Fritchley for a time(5). By 1900 he was living at 5 Abbey Grove, Eccles(6), where he died on 27 July 1908(7), at the age of seventy two.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest: his father is described as a cheese factor
- 2 British Friend, vol 40 (1882) p 169
- 3 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-

Christine	b 18 April 1883
George Bradshaw	b 25 Jan 1886
Bernard Walmsley qv	b 11 Aug 1887
Leeslie	b 29 Nov 1888
Irene	b 29 Nov 1888
- 4 His elder daughter Christine was born at Newton
- 5 His remaining children were born at Fritchley
- 6 James and Mary and their children are shown as members of Eccles PN in 1900, 1906 & 1908: Lancashire & Cheshire printed Lists of Members
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired farmer of Eccles

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

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WBE:

DARBYSHIRE, Jesse, 1849-1929.

b. 13 Sept. 1849, Stretton, Cheshire, Eng., s. Philip and Susanna Darbyshire.

1860, Ackworth School. Apprenticed to a Friend in Birmingham. 1870, came to Fritchley to learn farming.

m., 1879, Elizabeth Kelsall.

| 1888, acknowledged as a minister. 1892, visited America, with Thomas Davidson. 1905, second visit to America, travelling from Saskatchewan, Canada, to N. C., accompanied by Lydia B. Sargent and Catharine D. Smith. 1904, visited Scot.

d. 9 Feb. 1929, bur. Furnace, in his 80th year.

Ackworth School, List of the boys and girls admitted, p. 177.

A testimony of Fritchley Monthly Meeting of Friends, concerning Jesse Darbyshire, a minister, deceased (at Haverford, in Tracts by and about Fritchley Friends).

Concerning Fritchley, see The Friend (Phila.), 72(1899):198, 84(1910):161.

DARBYSHIRE, Mary (1847-1921) born Bradshaw

Mary Bradshaw, the daughter of George Bradshaw (1800?-1853 qv) and his wife Martha of Cheetam in Lancashire, was born at Cheetam Hill on 9 June 1847(1). She was married to James Darbyshire (1835-1908 qv) and there were five children(2).

The family were farmers, first at Newton near Dunsbury and later at Fritchley(3). By 1900 they were living at Eccles, where James Darbyshire died in 1908. After her husband's death Mary moved to Adlington near Macclesfield; she was a member of Morley Preparative Meeting and her children are also shown as members of the meeting in 1922(4). She died at Adlington on 26 March 1921 at the age of seventy three(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as an engraver and printer
- 2 For marriage and children see DARBYSHIRE, James (1835-1908)
- 3 See DARBYSHIRE, James (1835-1908)
- 4 Lancashire & Cheshire QM printed Lists of Members
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of James

SEE ALSO:-

The Friend, vol 18, p 238: 1 line entry for death

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

DARBYSHIRE, Mary (1882?-1955) born Purcell

Mary Purcell, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1976) traced, was born about the year 1882(1). She was not a member of the Society of Friends and was married in 1910 to Philip Henry Darbyshire (1878-1955 qv); there were two children(2).

Mary Darbyshire joined Friends in 1912(3) and became a useful member of the Society. She served on the Meeting for Sufferings for Bristol & Somerset Quarterly Meeting from 1923 to 1932 and for a short time on the Home Service Committee.

Her husband died on 13 June 1955(4) and she survived him for only a few weeks, dying at Bristol on 2 July 1955(5), at the age of about seventy three.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 73 at death
- 2 For marriage and children see DARBYSHIRE, Philip Henry (1878-1955)
- 3 Minute of Westminster & Longford MM 14 November 1912
- 4 See DARBYSHIRE, Philip Henry (1878-1955)
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a widow of 19 Canowie Road, Bristol

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

DARBYSHIRE, Philip (1815-1889)

Philip Darbyshire, the son of William Darbyshire (1776?-1837 qv) and his wife Martha of Stretton in Cheshire, was born there on 14 December 1815(1). He became a farmer(2) and in 1843 was married to Susannah Mulliner(3); there were five children of the marriage(4).

The Darbyshires moved to Fritchley, where Philip died on 14 November 1889(5) and his wife a month later on 13 December 1889(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest: his father is described as a corn dealer
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Little Bolton on 13 April 1843: he is described as a bachelor, a farmer of Stretton Runcorn Union, the son of William Darbyshire, a cheese factor; she is described as a spinster of St Georges Road, Little Marsden, Lancashire, the daughter of John Mulliner, a tailor (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-

Mary Ann	b 16 Aug 1844	who m 1866 Charles Bissell*
Susanna	b 17 Dec 1846	
Silvanus ^{qv}	b 2 April 1848	
Jesse ^{qv}	b 13 Sept 1849	
Rachel	b 19 March 1851	who m 1873 Frederic Tilsey
- *The wedding was on 5 April 1866; they were married at the Registrar's Office under peculiar circumstances, which are not specified
- 5 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given
- 6 Digest of Deaths: no description of her is given

SEE ALSO:- Annual Monitor 1891, pp 40,41; notices of death only

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

DARBYSHIRE, Philip (1878-1936)

Philip Darbyshire was born 7 August 1878 (1), the eldest son of Jesse and Elizabeth Darbyshire of Fritchley. He was a member of Fritchley Meeting. He suffered for the greater part of his life from physical weakness which he bore with courage and patience.

He was a helpful member of his meeting, and his solid and reverent bearing had much influence, although he did not often take part in the vocal ministry.

He died 27 November 1936 aged 58 (2), and was buried in Friends' burial ground at Furnace

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.94 (1936) p.1181

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes
- 2 The Friend reads 'in his 56th year'

DARBYSHIRE, Philip Henry (1878-1955)

Philip Henry Darbyshire, the son of Silvanus Darbyshire (1848-1920 qv) and his wife Sarah Ann of Middlesbrough, was born there on 7 August 1878(1). He was a chartered accountant(2), living first at Ealing and later at Bristol(3) and about the year 1912(4) was married to Mary, but there is no record of his marriage and his wife's parentage is not at present (1975) traced(5). There were two children of the marriage(6).

He died at Bristol on 13 June 1955(7), aged seventy six.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a draughtsman
- 2 He is so described in his burial record, note 7, and in the birth entry of his son Brian
- 3 See the birth entries of his two children
- 4 His elder child was born in 1913
- 5 There is no record of the marriage in the Digest of Marriages
- 6 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-
Helen b 12 March 1913 at Ealing
Brian b 13 Oct 1917 at Bristol
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a chartered accountant

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

He should not be confused with Philip Darbyshire (1880?-1936 qv) of Fritchley

DARBYSHIRE, Philip Henry (1878-1955)

Philip Henry Darbyshire, the son of Silvanus Darbyshire (1848-1920 qv) and his wife Sarah Ann, of Middlesboro' in Yorkshire, was born there on 7 August 1878(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1889 to 1894(2). He was married in 1910 to Mary Purcell (1882?-1955 qv), the daughter of John Purcell(3) and there were two children(4).

He was a chartered accountant and served his articles in Middlesboro', afterwards joining the staff of Price, Waterhouse & Co. in London and living at Ealing(5). He joined the staff of James and Henry Grace in 1916 and was admitted into partnership on 1 January 1919. Gerald F. Todd joined the firm at about the same time and it became known as Grace, Darbyshire & Todd, the first introduction of a new name for sixty two years.

He died at Bristol on 13 June 1955, at the age of seventy six(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

A Short History of Grace, Darbyshire & Todd, Chartered Accountants of Bristol, 1818-1957, Bristol 1957

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a draughtsman
 - 2 Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 1955, p 64: 2 line entry
 - 3 The wedding was at Darlington on 4 May 1910: he is described as a bachelor, a chartered accountant of 191 Woodfield Road, Ealing, the son of Silvanus Darbyshire, a grocer; she is described as a spinster not in membership, of 2 Harewood Terrace, Darlington, the daughter of John Purcell, a general dealer (Digest of Marriages)
 - 4 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-
Helen b 12 March 1913 * ~~no marriage recorded to 1941~~
Brian b 13 Oct 1917 + ~~no marriage recorded to 1941~~
 - 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a chartered accountant of 19 Canonic Road, Bristol
- * who m 1938 Thomas Horner and who d at Bristol 1943 (Sidcot reg p 56)
+ who m 1947 Olive Howard Marrs and has c (Sidcot reg p 56)

SEE ALSO:-

- J Friends Hist Soc vol 2, p 42: reference to "Great Days, a Pictorial Record of the Easter Gathering at Ackworth in 1905," by Philip H. Darbyshire and Malcolm Sparkes
The Friend vol 68 (1910) p 316: notice of wedding

MEG Sept 1976
replacement

He should not be confused with Philip Darbyshire (1880?-1936) of Fritchley

DARBYSHIRE, Silvanus (1848-1920)

Silvanus Darbyshire, the son of Philip Darbyshire (1815-1889 qv) and his wife Susannah, born Mulliner, of Stretton in Cheshire, was born there on 2 April 1848(1). He appears to have moved to Middlesbrough, where he was at first employed as a draughtsman(2) and later became a grocer(3). About the year 1877(4) he was married to Sarah Ann, but there is no record of the marriage and his wife's parentage is not at present (1975) traced(5). There were five children of the marriage(6).

He died at Middlesbrough on 3 December 1920(7), aged seventy two.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 He is so described in the birth entry of his son Philip Henry, note 6
- 3 He is so described in his burial entry, note 7
- 4 His eldest child was born in 1878
- 5 There is no record of the marriage in the Digest of Marriages
- 6 Listed in Digest of Births as follows:-

Philip Henry qv	b 7 Aug 1878
Lilian	b 16 Aug 1880
Susannah Mabel	b 19 Feb 1882
Charles Herbert	b 16 Oct 1885
Edith Mary	b 16 Oct 1885
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a grocer

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

DARBYSHIRE, William (1776?-1837)

William Darbyshire, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1975) traced, was born about the year 1776(1) and joined the Society of Friends by convincement. He had formerly been a strict member of the Wesleyan Methodist church, but when he was about thirty he became uneasy over many aspects of the Methodist manner of worship. He began to attend a Friends' meeting near his home and became so firmly convinced of the rightness of the principles and doctrine of the Society that after about two years he was admitted into membership.

He was married and his wife's name was Martha, but the marriage is not recorded(2) and probably took place before his convincement; there were seven children registered with the Society(3), but he also had an older son James (1805?-1879 qv) born before his convincement, which took place about 1806.

He lived at Stretton in Cheshire and is variously described as a corn dealer(4) and a cheese factor(5). He was prudent in the management of his affairs and was often able to give helpful advice to others; his uprightness and integrity in the management of his business gained him the good opinion of all who had to deal with him. He was an elder, possessed of a sound and discriminating judgment on the discipline and affairs of his meeting, which increased as he grew older.

He died at Stretton after a brief attack of influenza on 15 February 1837(6), at the age of sixty one.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1838 pp 24-25

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 61 at death

2 There is no record of his marriage in Cheshire & Staffs QM Marriages Digest

3 Listed in Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest as follows:-

Thomas b 13 June 1806

Mary b 6 Oct 1808

William qv b 11 Jan 1811 who m 1837 Mary Bancroft

Charles b 13 Oct 1812

Phillip qv b 14 Dec 1815 who m 1843 Susanna Mulliner

Martha b 10 May 1817 who m 1839 George Bradshaw

Hannah b 31 Dec 1818 who m 1841 William Payne

4 See DARBYSHIRE, William (1811-1873), note 1

5 He is so described in his burial entry

6 Cheshire & Staffs QM Burials Digest: he is described as a cheese factor

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

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DARBYSHIRE, William (1811-1873)

William Darbyshire, the son of William Darbyshire (1776?-1837 qv) and his wife Martha of Stretton in Cheshire, was born there on 11 January 1811(1). His father was a convinced Friend who began to attend Quaker meetings about the year 1806 and was admitted into membership two years later(2). William left Stretton and became a dyer at Salford(3), where he married Mary Bancroft in 1837(4); there were two children of the marriage(5).

He died at Pendleton on 4 November 1873(6), at the age of sixty two.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest: his father is described as a corn dealer
- 2 See DARBYSHIRE, William (1776?-1837)
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Warrington on 28 September 1837: he is described as a bachelor, a dyer of Melbourn Terrace, Four Street, Salford, the son of William Darbyshire, a yeoman; she is described as a spinster, a confectioner of 137 Chapel Street, Salford, the daughter of David Bancroft, a chair maker (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in Digest of Births as follows:-
John b 20 Aug 1838
Alfred ^{qv} b 20 June 1839
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a drysalter

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

DARE, Gertrude Adèle (1881-1962) born Giles

Gertrude Giles, the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Allis Giles of Bath, was born there on 19 June 1881 (1). She was a birthright Friend: she belonged to a good sized family and had a full and free childhood in Bath and later in Bristol. In 1895 she went to Sidcot for two years, and when she left, only sixteen years old, she chose the career of a family governess. Her pupils recall the freshness of her instructions, but especially the practical character of her Christian teaching. In 1906 she was called to be head of an International Pensionnat in Dresden, and for eight years she lived and worked among German people. On the outbreak of the first World War she returned to England, and kept open house for Conscientious Objectors. Throughout the next five years Gertrude Giles was a familiar figure at the Tribunals, giving help to the Conscientious Objectors, and acting as an interpreter for German aliens.

In 1919 she was again in Germany under the FWVRC doing relief work. When released she was free to spend a year at Woodbrooke. Her interest in the Bible and in Quaker thought and history remained vivid to the end of her days.

Gertrude Giles went to Germany again to teach for five years at a school in Magdeburg, but in 1929 Joseph Dare, one of the conscientious objectors who had known her in World War I, went out and persuaded her to return the next year and marry him (2). So began a partnership of thirty two years, in the home, in peace work, in the work of the Society, and in personal friendships reaching far and wide. These years were rich and full. She spoke for peace both in the Meeting rooms and at street corners; she wrote in the press for peace; she visited the smaller meetings up and down the Quarterly Meeting, and she gave a special thought and effort to the service of the young people at Sidcot school.

She died on 3 November 1962.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of North Somerset & Wilts MM in YM Proc. 1963, p.203

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes: her father is described as Corn Dealer
- 2 The wedding was at Letchworth on 14 January 1931 (Sidcot register).
In Friend n.s. vol. 71 (1931) p.90 gives her husband's surname wrongly as Dave and reports that the wedding was at Howgills: it does not, however, appear in Digest of Marriage Registers.

DARKE, Hannah (1771-1830) born Gilkes

Hannah Gilkes, the daughter of Thomas Gilkes (1736-1779 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Fardon, 1740?-1820 qv) of Charlbury in Oxfordshire, was born there on 21 February 1771(1).

She was married in 1797 to Samuel Darke (1770?-1856 qv), a glover of Worcester and there were four children(2).

Hannah Darke of Worcester died on 12 October 1830, at the age of fifty nine(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see DARKE, Samuel (1770?-1856)
- 3 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Samuel Darke, a glover

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

DARKE, Samuel (1770?--1856)

Samuel Darke, the son of John and Elizabeth Darke of Worcester, was born about the year 1770(1).

He was a glover of Worcester(2) and was married in 1797 to Hannah Gilkes (1771-1830 qv) of Charlbury in Oxfordshire(3); there were four children(4).

Samuel Darke of Worcester died on 20 July 1856, at the age of eighty six(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 86 at death. His birth is not traced in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Sibford in Oxfordshire on 8 August 1797: he is described as a glover of Worcester, the son of John and Elizabeth Darke of Worcester; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Gilkes of Charlbury in Oxfordshire (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-
 - *George b 27 May 1798
 - *Edwin b 21 May 1800
 - *Jeffery b 26 Feb 1804
 - Lucy b 24 Nov 1808 m 1843 Benjamin Lamb
- *No marriages traced in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest nor in the Digest of Marriages to 1865
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

WBE:

DARLINGTON, Amelia C. , ca. 1814-1860.

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m. Brinton Darlington.

Minister, travelling in Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, New York
and New Eng. 1853, visited families of her particular
meeting.

ca. 1860, removed to a spot about eight miles south
of Muscatine, on the Mississippi River.

d. 22 Aug. 1860, Bloomington, Iowa, aged 46.

Am. An. Mon., 4:23.

WBE:a

DARLINGTON, Brinton, 1804-1872.

b. 3 Dec. 1804, Fayette Co., Pa., s. of Stephen and Rachel (Cattell) Darlington.

1829, m. Martha Thompson of Columbiana Co., Ohio.

(d. ca. 1847) (children)

Part owner of a woollen factory destroyed entirely by fire in 1841.

1842, moved to Iowa n/r Muscatine. 1848, moved to Salem, Iowa. 1852, back to Muscatine. Prominent member of Red Cedar Monthly Meeting.

1869, appointed Indian agent to Cheyennes and Arapahoes. Declined a military escort to his Indian headquarters where he lived in a tent for 3 years gaining the respect and trust of the Indians, and feeling great joy at being able to serve.

1870, shifted Agency to permanent site near what is now El Reno, Canadian Co., Oklahoma.

Started the Arapahoes at farming and supervised the education of some of their children.

A man of prayer.

d. 1 May 1872, Cheyenne Indian Territory.

Berthrong, Donald J., The Southern Cheyenne, (1963):345-348, 366-367, 357-360.

Friends' Review, 26(1872-73):177-179.

Hinshaw Ency. of Am. Q. Genealogy, vol. IV:697.

WBE: *c*
(prepared by JB)

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DARLINGTON, Charles J.

b. Delaware Co., Pa., son of Jared and Marian E.
(Shortidge) Darlington. *October 21, 1894. (erb)*
ed. Media (Pa.) Friends School; Maplewood Institute;
Friends Central School; bachelor's degree, Chemical
Engineering, 1915, Master's Degree, Chemistry, 1916, Swarthmore Coll.

m., (1st) Marie Bender, Nov. 30, 1918. (d.1929)

1916 Industrial chemist with Dupont Co. for 43 years;
retired in 1959.

m. (2nd) Eleanor Collins, June 25, 1932.

1952 representative to Friends World Conference, London.

1954-60 clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Mtg.

1959-65 chairman, General Committee, Friends Committee
on National Legislation.

Vice-chairman of American Friends Service Committee,
and member of its Board of Directors.

Served on Friends Council on Education.

Chairman of Phila. Yearly Mtg. Committee on Education for
15 years.

member of General Assembly of National Council of Churches.

residence in Woodstown, New Jersey.

d. Feb. 21, 1966, aged 71 years.

FCNL, The Year in Retrospect, Annual Report (1958):9

Friends Journal, 12(1966):154-55.

Memoirs of Charles J. Darlington, 1,2(1967).

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

DARLINGTON, Elizabeth S., 1879-1960

b. 12 Mar. 1879 in Spring Valley, east of Pendleton,
Ind., dau. of Ziba and Elmina Rogers Darlington.

Birthright member of Fall creek Mtg., Ind; recording
secretary for many years; Treasurer of the Board of Cemetery
Assoc.

Always a loyal supporter of Friends activities.

1917 Clerk, Ind. Y. Mtg. (F.G.C)

d. 4 Mar 1960, aged 81(?) yrs.

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 391
Fds' Journal, 6 (1960), 220.

WBE:

DARLINGTON, William, 1782-1863.

Physician, botanist.

b. 28 Apr. 1782, Dilworthtown, Chester Co., Pa., s.

Edward and Hannah (Townsend) Darlington.

Had few educational advantages. Ed. under John Forsythe. 1800, studied medicine under Dr. John Vaughn, at Wilmington, Del. Began to study French. 1802, went to Phila. 1804, received M. D. from Univ. of Pa. Studied Latin. Studied German, and also Spanish.

1806, surgeon on ship clearing for Calcutta.

m., 1808, Catharine Lacey of N. J.

1812, major in American Grays. Member of Congress, in 14th, 16th, and 17th sessions.

Member of American philosophical society.

The pitcher-plant, Darlingtonia californica, was named for him. His herbarium is at State Teachers' College, West Chester. He had a gift of song. *now West Chester University*

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

Author: Florula Cestrica, 1826.

Flora Cestrica, 1837. 3d ed., 1853.

Reliquiae Baldwinianae, 1843.

A discourse on . . . gramineae, or true grasses,
1841.

Agricultural Botany, 1847.

Memorials of John Bartram and Humphry Marshall;
. . . , 1849.

WBE:

DARLINGTON, William, 1782-1863. Page 2.

Paralysis.

d. 23 Apr. 1863, West Chester, Pa., aged nearly 81.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7795, BX 7616.

James, Obituary notice . . . , 1864.

Sharpless, A Qu. experiment in govt., 2:285.

Dic. Am. Biog., 5:78.

Jos. Smith's Cat., suppl.:99.

Bull. Friends Hist. Assn., 37, no. 2:66.

DARRACH, Lydia (Barrington), ca. 1729-1789.

see DARRAGH, Lydia (Barrington), ca. 1729-1789.

WBE:

DARRAGH, Lydia (Barrington), ca. 1729-1789.

b. ca. 1729, dau. John Barrington.

m., 1753, William Darragh. Came to Am.

Was one of the Free Quakers. During the British occupation of Phila., Pa., warned George Washington of a projected sortie from that city, to attack the American Army at Whitemarsh. (This story is discredited by some authorities.)

Scharf and Westcott, History of Phila., 1:368.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 14:139, 181.

Hirst, Qu. in Peace and War, p. 412.

DARRICOTE, Dorothy (1890?-1972) after 1940 Mussell, born Crosland

[Dorothy Crosland, daughter of Leo Crosland (1854-1930 qv) and his wife Annie (born Hall, 1856?-1930 qv) of Bredbury near Stockport in Cheshire, was married firstly in 1913 to Gilbert Hayley Darricote (1888?-1918 qv). She married secondly in 1940 James Francis Henry Sherrell Mussell (1889-1974 qv) of Ackworth and Sidcot in Somerset.

See MUSSELL, Dorothy (1890?-1972) formerly Darricote, born Crosland]

DARRICOTE, Gilbert Hayley (1888?-1918)

Gilbert Hayley Darricote, details of whose birth are not at present (1985) traced, was the son of Jabez Darricote and was born about the year 1888(1).

He became a schoolmaster(2) and was married in 1913 to Dorothy Crosland (1890?-1972 qv), a teacher of Bredbury near Stockport in Cheshire(3); there was one child, John(4).

Gilbert Darricote joined the army at the outbreak of the first world war and was killed in action a fortnight before peace was declared(5).

Gilbert Hayley Darricote of Peterborough died on 6 September 1918, at the age of thirty and was buried in the parish churchyard at Nurlie, between Peronne and Cambrai in France(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 30 at death: his birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Stockport on 18 April 1913: he is described as a bachelor, an assistant schoolmaster of Woodston, Peterborough, the son of Jabez Darricote, an inspector of schools; she is described as a spinster, an elementary school teacher of Bredbury, the daughter of Leo Crosland, an engineer (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 See entry for MUSSELL, Dorothy (formerly Darricote, born Crosland, 1890?-1972): the birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 5 Ibid
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a schoolmaster

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

WBE:

DARTON, Margaret E. (Hack), 1814-1886.

b. 28 Mar. 1814, Little London, Chichester, Eng.,
dau. Stephen and Maria Hack.

Attended Friends School at Rochester, then at Lewes.

m., 1834, Thomas Gates Darton. Five children. [For
husband see Darton, Thomas Gates, ca. 1810-1887.]

Was for seven years in or near London. 1841, moved to
Gloucester. 1851, returned to London. Taught school
at Stoke Newington.

Clerk of Women's Mtg., Devonshire House Mo. Mtg.
Clerk of Box Mtg. 1871, Secretary to the War Victims'
Com. of Women Friends.

From sense of duty gave up singing and music.

Suffered from epileptic attacks. These ceased about 1855.

Author: The earth and its inhabitants, 1853. 2d ed.,
1853. New ed., rev., 1868.

d. 6 Feb. 1886, Peckham, aged 71.

An. Mon., 45(1887):68.

Brief memoir of Margaret E. Darton (reprinted from the An. Mon.).

Jos. Smith's Cat., suppl.:100, 1:513.

DARTON, Samuel (1785 - 1840)

Bookseller

Samuel Darton was born 1 Aug 1785, son of William (1755 - 1819 qv) and Hannah Darton of High Cross, Tottenham(1).

In 1807, he married Ann Gates (2); they lived in Gracechurch Street, Parish of Bennets and had 4/children(?)
five

He was a bookseller.

He died 3 Jan 1840 aged 54 at Scopers Row, London.

NOTES AND REFERENCES

The above information is all derived from Digests of the Registers of Births, Marriages and Burials.

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Birth Digest.
- 2 London & Middlesex QM Marriage Digest - the marriage was at Devonshire House on 25 Aug 1807: he is described as bookseller of Gracechurch St., son of William & Hannah of Gracechurch St.; she is described as daughter of Thomas & Mary Gates of Staines, Middlesex.
- 3 Ann Darton died 27 Nov 1869 aged 82 at Church St. Stoke Newington the children of the marriage were:-

Thomas Gates	born 1 Oct 1810 -	qv
Maria	born 24 Apr 1812	married William Allen 1835
Mary Ann	born 7 Oct 1814	died 4 Jul 1861 aged 46
Jane	born 13 Nov 1816	married Robert Horne 1843
Samuel		married Mary Graves Richardson 5 sept 1850

DARTON, Thomas Gates (1810 - 1887)

Bookseller

Thomas Gates Darton was born 1 Oct 1810, son of Samuel (1785 - 1840 qv) and Ann(1787 - 1869)born Gates) Darton of Gracechurch Street, Parish of Bennets(1)

(1814-1880*)

In 1834, he married Margaret Emily Hack (2) and they had 7 children (3).

In 1855 he wrote The Dawn of History,
he died on 16 Dec 1887 aged 77 resident at 9,
Hanover Park, Peckham (bookbinder)

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 London & Middlesex Birth Digest

2 Surry & Sussex Marriage Digest - the marriage was at Brighton on 13 Mar 1834; he is described as of Gracechurch Street, Bookseller, son of Samuel & Ann of Gracechurch St; she is described as daughter of Stephen & Mary Hack, late of Chichester Sussex.

3 Children -

Emily Jane born 26 Apr 1836 at New South Place, Psh of Stephen Coleman, City
died 23 Nov 1863 aged 27 at 5 Bouverie Rd. Stoke Newington

Edward Hack born 10 June 1837 at No. 10 Catharine Court, Tower Hill,
Psh of All Hallows, Barking, City.
married Adeline Johnson 24 Mar 1864 (Father's trade
given as Bookbinder.)

Margaret Elizabeth born 3 Mar 1841 died aged 7 weeks at lower Clapton

Gertrude born 1841 died aged 14 25 Jan 1855 at Church St.

Frank born 28 Sept 1844 at Painswick, Glos.

Allan born 3 Aug 1850 at Wooton, Glos.

* she wrote Words in Season for the Weary 1850

WBE:

DARTON, Thomas Gates, ca. 1810-1887.

Of Stoke Newington, Eng.

m. Margaret E. Hack. *[See Darton, Margaret E. (Hack),*
1814-1886.]

Elder.

Author: British statistics for the half-century, 1801
to 1851, 1852.

Statistical tables of population, mortality,
food and clothing, politics, finance, taxation, and currency;
crime and punishment, &c., 1854.

The dawn of history, 1855.

The total abstinence agitation in its relation
to intemperance, 1877.

d. 16 Dec. 1887, Peckham, aged 77.

An. Mon., 47(1889):41.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:513, suppl.:99.

DARTON, William (1755 - 1819)

Printer, of Gracechurch St.

William Darton was born in 1755, son of John and Ann Darton of Tottenham.

He was trained as an engraver and in 1778 married Hannah Pace (1). They had 11 children (2). They lived at High Cross, Tottenham until 1787 when they moved to Brick Lane, Spitalfields, parish of Christchurch, Middlesex.

In 1788, William Darton started his own printing and Bookselling establishment in Gracechurch Street, where the family lived, and after 1813 the family moved to Plaistow, Essex.

His publishing program is interesting in that it contains a number of books for children, some written by William Darton himself.

He died on ~~18~~ 13 Aug 1819 aged 64 at Plaistow, Essex.

From 1791, he was in partnership with Joseph Harvey. (1764 - 1841 qr)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

MILLIGAN, Edward Hyslop - Darton Imprints of the eighteenth century:
a preliminary check-list 1950 (Typescript)

Box L 24

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 London & Middlesex Marriage Digest - The marriage was at Tottenham on the 2 July 1773: he is described as Engraver of Tottenham, son of John and Ann Darton of Tottenham; she is described as of Tottenham, daughter of John and Sarah Pace ~~late~~ of Wood Street, Parish of Christchurch, Middlesex.
No reference to William Darton's birth or his parent's marriage has been traced in the London & Middlesex Digests.
- 2 Hannah Darton died 30 Dec 1822 aged 67 at Plaistow, (Essex QM Digest)
the children of the marriage were:- (London & Middlesex Digest)

Hannah born 21.Jul 1779 married James Aldis, surgeon 1800

William born 2.Feb 1781 - 1854 qv

John Pace born 25.Jul 1782

Thomas born 26.Dec 1783

Samuel born ~~I~~ 1.Aug 1785 - 1840 qv

James born 17.Sep 1787

Elizabeth born 29.Dec 1788 married James Albright, Corn Factor 1807

Mary Ann born 1.Jan 1791 married Daniel Kechwich, Farmer 1815

Priscilla born 18.May 1793

George born 30.Jul 1795 married (?) Elizabeth of Braintree, Essex

Lucy born 11.Mar 1798 died 7 April 1813 aged 15 at Plaistow
(Essex QM Burial Digest)

WBE:

DARTON, William, ca. 1755-1819.

London, Eng.

m.

Issue.

Copper-plate engraver. Founder of Darton and Harvey, publishers of children's books, which aimed at rational and useful instruction.

ca. 1794, had posted on London streets: To the public.

The people called Quakers have not been in the practice of
ILLUMINATING their houses on any account--therefore not to
rejoice at victories purchased with the loss of the lives
of their fellow creatures.

d. 13 Aug. 1819, London? Eng., aged 64.

Nodal, Bibliography of Ackworth School, p. 39.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:513.

An. Mon., 8(1820):23.

WBE:

DARTON, William, 1779-1854.

b. 1779, London, Eng., s. William Darton.

1791-1794, Ackworth School.

Continued the copper-plate engraving of his father.

Author: The union atlas, 1812.

Little truths, for the instruction of children
(plates). 2vols. Reprinted, 1825.

Darton's pocket tablet of the natural history
of birds (engravings), 1816.

A map of England and Wales, 1821.

d. 28 July 1854, Islington, London, aged 74.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 13(1855):27.

Nodal, Bibliography of Ackworth School, p. 39.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:513.

DARTON, William [Junior] (1781 - 1854)

Printer, of Holborn Hill

William Darton was born on 2 Feb 1781, son of William (1755 - 1819qv) and Hannah Darton of High Cross, Tottenham(1).

In 1804, he left his father's Printing and Bookselling firm in Gracechurch / and set up on his own in Holborn Hill.

In 1808, he married Phoebe Harvey⁽²⁾ and they had 4 children(3).

William Darton died on ~~28~~ July 1854 aged 74, resident of 47, Hemingford Terrace Islington.(4)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Milligan, Edward Hysop - Darton Imprints of the eighteenth century
a preliminary check-list (Introductory Note) Box L 24

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 London & Middlesex Birth Digest

2 Essex QM Marriage Digest - the marriage was at Maldon, Essex on 3 May 1808: he is described as of Holborn, City of London, Bookseller, son of William & Hannah of Gracechurch St.; she is described as daughter of Joseph and Mary Harvey of Maldon, Essex.

[Phoebe Harvey was born 7 Oct 1777 at Thaxted and in entries for her siblings, Joseph Harvey is Described as Baker -Essex Birth Digest]

3 Phoebe Darton died ~~XXIX~~ 21 Mar 1860 aged 83 at Hermes Hill Pentonville . The children of the marriage were :-

Henry born 30 Jul 1810 died 6 Feb 1811

Joseph Harvey born 4 Jan 1812 died 9 Feb 1823 aged 11 (Essex Digest)

William born 24 Apr 1813

Mary Hannah born 30 May 1816

4 London & Middlesex QM Burial Digest.

DARVELL W. E. [Peggy] (1917? - 1963) b

Peggy Darvell was born in about the year 1917.(1) She was the wife of Ronald Darvell and a member first of Golders Green Meeting and then of Finchley Meeting.(2)

During the war she maintained before Fulham Tribunal her right to work for Percy Barlett (as Secretary) for the International Fellowship of Reconciliation, rather than be forced to do full time club work in which she was already deeply involved on a part time voluntary basis. In 1958 at the opening of the tree power conference in Geneva from which the Test Ban Treaty came she was one of seven women who flew to Geneva to take part in appeals to the British, Russian and American delegates to stop the tests. She was an active member of F.O.R. and a worker for C.N.D. She was a virile and affectionate personality.

In 1960 she and her husband emigrated to Tasmania with their daughters Mary and Celia and settled in Hobart where they joined that meeting. She died after a long illness in the Royal Hobart Hospital, Tasmania, on November 19, 1963, aged 46.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 121 (1963) p. 1398

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 46 at death.
2. London & Middlesex QM printed lists of members show Ronald Darvell as a member of Golders Green Meeting in 1950 with wife W.E.D. N/M and later they are shown in membership at Finchley Meeting in 1958.

DARWEN, John Percival Davies (1885-1950), 1st baron

see DAVIES, John Percival (1885-1950) 1st baron Darwen

Arjan Dass was a Hindu who fled from Lahore as a refugee in 1947 after the partition of India and Pakistan. He found his way to Kingsway Camp, Delhi, one of the reception points for the thousands of refugees and there he met Ranjit and Doris Chetsingh, who were working as volunteers at the camp, but who were also at that time in charge of the Quaker Centre at Delhi.

Arjan Dass took up employment in the Quaker Centre in December 1947 and for almost thirty years was a most valued member of the staff there. He remained a Hindu but gave devoted service to the Centre, in all the details of its administration, in supporting the meeting for worship, in arranging programmes and in welcoming and helping guests. He was a man of unfailing kindness and generosity, of integrity and strength of character, shrewdness of commonsense and gentleness, with humility.

He died at his home in the Kingsway Camp area on April 12, 1978, a few months after his retirement from service at the Friends Centre.

Principal Source

The Friend

Vol. 136 (1978)

p. 535.

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DATE, John (1823-¹⁹⁰⁹~~1908~~)

John Date was born 25 December 1823, at Tavistock, Devon, the son of Samuel and Jane Date of Tavistock (1), and attended Sidcot School. His parents decided in 1843 to emigrate to Canada, and John Date married secretly, hoping that his wife (a non-Friend) would be permitted to accompany them. In fact, however, his parents left him and his wife behind, and he was disowned by the Monthly Meeting. A year or so later, his cousin Richard Esterbrook of Philadelphia enabled them to go to Canada, but they did not join his family there, settling instead in Montreal, where John Date built up a substantial business as a plumber and maker of diving apparatus.

He remained in Canada for the rest of his life, apart from one visit to England. For a short period, some years after his arrival in Montreal, he and a few Friends (including Walter Marriage) used to meet for worship, but this meeting lapsed as Friends were scattered. Again for a number of months in 1907-08 some Friends met together in Montreal each Sunday, although deafness largely hindered John Date from uniting in the vocal service.

In February 1908, at the West Devon MM's initiative and by its unanimous wish, he was reinstated in membership of that Meeting (which included the former Tavistock MM), but died only about a year later, in Montreal, 27 July 1909 (2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1910 p.54

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 Devonshire QM Births digest
- 2 Digest of burial notes. No ~~given~~ date or place of burial is given, nor any description or residence apart from 'Montreal, Canada'.

SEE ALSO

The Friend ns vol.49, p.658

WBE:

DAVENPORT, Sarah.

England.

Minister. Came to New Jersey.

John Smith's ms., p. 532.

DAVENPORT, Thomas

Thomas Davenport appears to have lived at Runcorn, Cheshire (Jnl. F.H.S. iii.). He had a son of the same name. His imprisonments are referred to in letters from Alexander Parker from Nantwich in 1660 (Swarth. MSS.iii.145, 146). The name Thomas Davenport is given as the author of a tract The Word of the Lord to all Rulers, n.d. There was also a Thomas Davenport, perhaps a son of the above, who wrote a paper in 1675 condemning his previous actions (printed in Lawrence, Answer to Richard Smith of Westchester, 1677).

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.392

WBE: *reference*
Additional information

DAVENPORT, Thomas.

Author: A brief manifestation or The state and case
of the Quakers presented to all people . . . , London, 1664.

BX
? 7731
D2 B2
Hav. Coll.

There is presently, no way of knowing if this is the same T.D. as
the cheshire one.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:514.

WBE:

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DAVES, Isaac, ca. 1683-1750.

b. ca. 1683, Gloucestershire, Eng. Came to Am. when
young.

| ca. 1724, spoke as a minister.

| d. Sept. 1750, Germantown, Pa., aged ca. 67, a minister
ca. 26 years.

John Smith's ms., 1:526.

WBE:

DAVID, Eleanor, -1734.

2X

m. David Meredith, an elder. Children.

Minister. Towards the end of her life, had a few words
of public testimony.

d. May 1734, Gwynedd? Pa.

John Smith's ms., 1:525.

WBE:

DAVID, Lewis, -1742.

m., 1690, Florence Jones. Eight children.

Elder. Faithful and zealous in his day, a good example
to the flock and in love and unity with his friends.

d. I 1742, bur. Haverford, Pa.

Davis, A brief genealogical history of the Davis family.

DAVID, Lise (-1966) after Ceresole

[Lise David, daughter of
David, was married in to Pierre Ceresole
(1879-1945 qv).

see CERESOLE, Lise (-1966) born David]

WBE:

DAVIDS, Hugh

Phila., Pa.

Accepted a commission in the British army. 1778,
accompanied British forces when they evacuated Phila. 1778,
disowned by Friends. 1791, made acknowledgment, surrendered
his commission, repaid 165 Spanish dollars to the King's
consul, and again became a Friend.

Walton, Incidents illus. the doct. and hist. of the Soc.
of Friends, p. 477.

DAVIDSON, Adam Warburton (1874-1963)

Adam Warburton Davidson was born on 20 December 1874, a son of Adam and May (Reavey) Davidson (1). He and three of his brothers became missionaries in China.

His first job on leaving school was in a stationer's shop in Dublin. In 1893, when he was 19, he went to the Moody Institute in Chicago. In 1894 he offered for service with the Friends Foreign Mission Association, and trained at Chester House, the fore-runner of Kingsmead. During the next three years he worked closely with Sir George Masterman Gillet; between them they established the Peel Institute in London as a new social centre in the Bedford Institute Association.

In 1897 he went out for the FFMA to West China to do evangelistic work. The unrest which culminated in the Boxer rebellion was rising, and though in Szechwan the tension was less than in some places, nevertheless in 1899 Warburton Davidson was nearly killed in an attack by a mob and had to return to England to recover. A year later he returned to West China and was in charge of the work in Chungking.

In 1901 he married Henrietta Simmonds in Shanghai.

He opened an institute on White Elephant Street, Chungking, to develop contacts between Chinese professional men, merchants, and government officials and their foreign counterparts. A plan to develop a place where his wife could develop work with Chinese women got no further than the buying of some land. After 14 years his institute was destroyed by fire. He then accepted a business appointment as secretary to a well-known Chinese firm, Young Brothers, engaged in the export of tung oil; he was thus no longer financially dependent on the FFMA, who made him an associate member.

He died on 27 July 1963,. His address, given in the obituary notice in the Friend, vol.121 (1963) p.997, was 'of Four Winds, Richelieu Park, Hersey'. He was aged 88.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

The Friend, vol 121 (1963) p 1272

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 FSC personnel records

DAVIDSON, Alfred H

(1876-1956)

Alfred H. Davidson was born on 21 August 1876 at Hillsborough, Ireland, a son of Adam and May (Reavey) Davidson (1). He was educated at Wigton. He worked as a clerk in Hillsborough Linen Company before training for service in China with the Friends Foreign Mission Association. He went out to China in 1901.

In 1904 he married Caroline Emily Child in Chungking. There were 6 children (2)

He spent most of his life between 1901 and 1937 in China, his principal work being the building and development of the Boys' High School at Chungking. He served for some years as its headmaster, but as soon as he felt able he handed over his position to an ex-pupil, F. L. Yang. One of the features of the school was the playing field, carved out of the hillside on which the school was built.

Alfred Davidson retired from work with the Friends Service Council (into which the FFMA had merged) in 1939.

He died on 8 January 1956, aged 79.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

The Friend, vol 114 (1956) p.53

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 FSC personnel records, where he is consistently described as 'Alfred'. In Digest of Burial Notes he is described as 'Alfred H' but the second Christian name is not given
- 2 Listed in FSC personnel records as follows :-

Edward Hamilton	born 5 Sept 1905	died 3 May 1921
Mary Hearsfall	b 20 July 1907	died 24 July 1908
Caroline Hearsfall	b 6 May 1909	
Kathleen	b 5 July 1912	
Doreen Elizabeth	b 13 May 1914	
Edith Henly	b 21 Feb 1917	

SEE ALSO

The Friend vol 114 (1956) p.75

DAVIDSON, Dorothy Elizabeth (1911 - 1982) after 1936 Evens

Dorothy Davidson, daughter of Asher and Mary Jane
Davidson married J. Richard Evens at Bath FMH
on June 6, 1936.

SEE

EVENS, Dorothy Elizabeth (1911 - 1982) b. Davidson.

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DAVIDSON, Henry (1872-1958)

see DAVIDSON, William Henry (1872-1958)

DAVIDSON, Mary Jane (1847 - 1918) born Catlin

Mary Jane Catlin was born on 17 June 1847, daughter of John Hallam and Mary Catlin (1). Her father died when she was only 10 years old (2) and when she was still quite young she was supporting herself by her own hand-work, and later nursed her mother through a long and painful last illness.

Though very poor, Mary Catlin refused all offers of financial assistance. She did active work for the Bedford Institute. In 1875, she went through a deep spiritual experience and from that time ~~she~~ gave her life up completely to the guidance of God.

She did much writing at various times for the Friends' Registrar the Home Mission, the Friends Syria Mission, the Howard Association and the Peace Association. She held classes, ran clubs, visited the poor and sick and accomplished generally the work of at least two ordinary people.

In 1879 she helped to start and became the first Secretary of a Convalescent Home in Epping. She visited the Home continually, kept in touch with all the patients and saw to the general running of the Home. Later a similar Home was opened at Folkestone and she undertook much the same work there.

In 1886, Mary Catlin married Robert John Davidson (1864 - 1942 qv) who had come from Ireland to train at the Bedford Institute for work with the Friends Foreign Mission Association in China (3). She had long cherished a deep interest in foreign Missions and was well prepared to support her husband's work, and before leaving for China she took a course in nursing and midwifery.

They arrived in China in 1886 but could not at first open a new field of work owing to the anti-foreign feeling in the country. They worked for two or three years mainly at Hanchung, where their son Robert Huntley was born (4).

In 1889 they were able to open the Friends' Mission in Chungking, where they were stationed for fifteen years. Knowing the problems of missionary parents who have to send young children home for their education, she set about raising funds to build a boarding school outside Chingking. She also became the first editor of the West China Missionary News.

She and her husband were sent in 1904 to open the Friends' Mission in Chingtu, where she spent the remainder of her life. She was one of the pioneers in co-operation between the churches in Mission work, especially in regard to education. In Chin tu her particular interest was the Union Normal School for Women.

In spite of her ceaseless public activity, Mary Davidson was a devoted wife and mother. When her son was 14 and had to come to school in England, she kept in touch with him by almost daily correspondence, and eventually had the joy of being reunited with him when he returned to China, with his bride, to work alongside them at the Mission. A grandson ~~xxxxxxx~~ Geoffrey Huntley was born in Chingtu in 1916 (5).

Towards the end of her life, she suffered from a chronic neuritis but managed to keep on with her work. She died on the 8 January 1918.

DAVIDSON, Mary Jane (1847 - 1918) born Catlin

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PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1918 page 41

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes. Annual Monitor gives her father's name as Daniel
- 2 Digest of Burial Notes : her died at Stoke Newington on 27 Dec 1857.
- 3 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 28th July 1886: he is described as bachelor, missionary, of Hackney, son of Adam Davidson, deceased, Grocer; she is described as Spinster of Stoke Newington, daughter of John Hallam Catlin, deceased, hosiery.
- 4 Digest of Marriage Registers).
- 5 Digest of Birth Notes - Robert Huntley born 5 June 1889.
- 5 Digest of Birth Notes - Geoffrey Huntley was born 13 May 1916, son of Robert Huntley and Kathleen Winifred (born Simpson).

SEE ALSO

Funeral card Jan 11 1918 V137

The Friend (London) 1918, 140, 268.

J.MASON, Quaker Biographies (in Chinese) 1918 018.50

DAVIDSON, Robert John (1864-1942)

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Robert John Davidson was the eldest of the six sons of Adam and Mary Davidson of Portadown, Co. Armagh. Educated at Lisburn Friends School, he felt at the age of 19 that he was called to go to China as a missionary; but it was not until 1886, that with his wife (he had married Mary Jane Catlin) that he set sail for Szechwan. Here he developed the Friends mission, carrying through evangelistic and dispensary work, and later, educational work. His wife died in 1918, and two years later he married an American colleague, Pearl Page. In his later years he was a lecturer at the Union University.

When he retired in 1925 he was asked by FSC to take over the headmastership of the Friends School in Brumana, where in fact he stayed for five years.

In 1932 he finally retired, and settled at Bournemouth where his help as greatly valued by the meeting, especially in his concern for younger Friends and in his capacity as an Elder. 'Robert Davidson's ministry was stimulating and inspiring, and filled with radiance and power.'

For him complete retirement was impossible, and he occupied himself with the Secretaryship of the Christian Universities in China Council, and of the China Committee of F.S.C., and many conferences and meetings.

He died in 1940, while on a ministering visit to the United States, in California.

Testimony of Alton, Southampton & Poole M.M., in Y.M.Proc.1943, p.197

WBE:

Additional information:

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DAVIDSON, Robert John, 1864-1942.

b. 22 June 1864, Portadown, Co. Armagh, Ire.

Worked in linen factory.

Had one son by wife Mary Jane Catlin.

1910, Representative to World Missionary Conference,
Edinburgh.

m. (2d), 1923 [London says 1920] Flora Pearl Page,
member of Am. Baptist Mission.

Studied both colloquial and literary Chinese. Was
administrator, educator, dispenser, builder, treasurer, as
well as preacher.

Lived a while in Toronto, Can., then in Los Angeles, U. S. A.

Author: What we did at the Chinese Meeting in 1908,
London, 1908.

Heart failure.

d. 9 May 1942 [London says 1940], Los Angeles, Calif.,
in his 78th year.

The Friend (London), 55(1915):29 (portrait), 63(1923):5 (portrait),
100(1942):227.

Naish, Robert John Davidson . . . A memoir, London, 1943.

DAVIDSON, Thomas (c.1850-1928)

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Thomas Davidson, who was a native of the Scottish Highlands, was a prominent Friend in the little company known as "Fritchley General Meeting".

He kept the village general shop at Fritchley, Derbyshire, but was frequently absent on gospel ministry, having thrice visited America.

The Friend (Lond.) 1928, 1173

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930, p.197

WBE:

Additional information:

DAVIDSON, Thomas

Author: Early Quakerism in the Peak . . ., 1907.

The Friend (Phila.), 80:382, 84:161.

DAVIDSON, Warburton (1874-1963)

see DAVIDSON, Adam Warburton (1874-1963)

DAVIDSON, William Henry (1872-1958)

W.Henry Davidson was born on 25 December 1872 at Hillsborough, County Down, a son of Adam and May (Reavey) Davidson (1).

Retrained at Chester House as a doctor, and in 1901 went for the Friends Foreign Mission Association to Western China, where his brother Robert John had been for ten years, and his brother Warburton for three. For a time he was in Chungking, learning the language.

Early in 1903 he married Laura Morris, a teacher, also a missionary of the FFMA. They had three children (2).

During the next decades he developed medical work in association with Dr Lucy Harris. Itinerant dispensary work became localised, first in Tungchwan (Santai) and later in Suining, where hospitals were built. He was chiefly associated with Suining, and spent the latter part of his service there although, during the revolution of 1911-12, he cared for the wounded in Hankow and in 1918 worked among the Chinese in France. For a number of years he was secretary of the Committee of Missionaries.

As happened to many with appointments abroad, Henry and Laura Davidson and their children were much separated, the unsettled state of China and the lack of educational facilities making a united family life impossible. At first the children were left in England, but later Laura Davidson remained in England with them, and only after eleven years of separation (broken only by occasional leaves) was she able to rejoin Henry Davidson for the last $5\frac{1}{2}$ years of his service in China.

In 1939 they returned to England, and retired from Friends Service Council in 1940. They made their home in Selly Oak, Birmingham. He attended Bournville Meeting, and was an elder.

He died on 5 October 1958, aged 84.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

The Friend, vol.116 (1958) p.1350

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1 FSC personal records

2 Listed in FSC personnel records as follows :-

Alfred Warburton	born	20 Feb 1904
Edith Stewart	b	31 Jan 1906
Muriel	b	31 Jan 1906

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DAVIDSON, William Warburton (1830-1910)

William Warburton Davidson was born in 1830, the eldest son of a farmer, not in membership, near Gilford Co. Down. Little is known of his childhood beyond the fact that physically he was weakly and had a capacity and love of learning as he grew stronger. He taught for some years in Dublin, (in about 1856 he was appointed schoolmaster at Stonyford and a year or two later to a similar post at Moira. Towards the end of 1860 he applied for a post at the Friends' Agricultural School at Brookfield receiving from the Vicars associated with his previous appointments excellent testimonials as to his skill as a teacher, his mental acquirements, and the spotlessness of his moral character. Though still a consistent churchman he was appointed to the post at Brookfield and moved with his wife and family to a cottage near the school. He had married Sarah Jane McIlwrath of Stonyford about four years earlier.

In September 1861 W.W. Davidson at Megaberry, attended his first Friends' Meeting, which proved to be a crisis in his life. His mind became fixed upon one particular event in his past life. He writes, "more than two years since, I was led to wrestle with my Lord in prayer for an increase of grace in my soul, and -----dedicated myself to God to spend and be spent in His service.----- thus I mused when suddenly I felt as if it were imprinted on my soul, 'God requires thee to declare His Name to this people.' He resisted and asked for a sign. James Green stood up and spoke directly to the point, and W.W. Davidson asking for a second sign he again rose and said that he felt directed to "some particular individual" W.W. Davidson says "I trembled in every limb as the words fell like coals of fire on my soul". He still wanted to put the matter off, but J. Green rose up and commenced with these words "Times and seasons are not in our power." The voice of God in his soul then was, "If thou wilt harden thy neck and refuse to obey now, I will cast thee off for ever." He then raised himself, articulating a few words beginning, "I will pay my vows now unto the Lord in the presence of all his people."

He continued to attend Friends' Meetings, his wife accompanying him and was admitted into membership before the end of the same year by Lisburn Monthly Meeting. For the next forty years his name was inseparably associated with Brookfield school.

His appointment as Superintendent in 1870 or 1871 brought the school into a more settled condition. The work done in the school was excellent and surprised the examiners especially when they understood the large amount of time that was spent by the boys on the farm, and the girls in housework and sewing. As a schoolmaster he is reputed to have been severe and some of his pupils resented this. In his own writing, dated 1862, he says, "My anxiety for their progress in learning and for their behaviour, led me to considerable strictness and sometimes severity in punishing their offences, and exaggerated reports of my conduct have been put in circulation." However he was often cheered and comforted by grateful letters from old pupils, whose welfare he had so much at heart.

W.W. Davidson extended his work by drawing together the children of Friends in the neighbourhood to First-day evening meetings at the school for reading with the children and teaching the early history of Friends. This led to a desire to establish a Meeting at Brookfield itself, that at Megaberry being two miles away. This idea did not receive universal approval or support among Friends, yet he found those who generously subscribed and the Meeting House was opened on 1 April 1874, about 200 excluding children being present.

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DAVIDSON, William Warburton (1830-1910) cont.

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The responsibility of the ministry in Brookfield Meeting seemed to rest principally on him. He was recorded a Minister by Lisburn Monthly Meeting in 1883 and on several occasions was liberated by his Monthly Meeting for service in Leinster and Munster and also in London and Middlesex Q.M. the greater part of this service being accomplished in school vacations.

In his own family he had sad trials; he lost several children in infancy, two of his sons died suddenly on different occasions while pupils at Brookfield and the death of his eldest son, whom he had educated as a doctor and had a good practice in London, was a severe blow to him. All these trials were shared by his wise, loving, and self-forgetful wife.

In 1900 he left Brookfield, and with his wife went to live at Richill where they were later joined by their youngest daughter. Here he took great pleasure in his books and garden.

Those who knew him during the last ten years of his life were struck by his unique personality and evident power of his spiritual life. He was independent, indifferent to honour, position or the praise of men. His ministry was thoughtful, evangelical and very edifying. In prayer he was always reverent and often eloquent.

An attack of bronchitis in the spring of 1910 greatly weakened him but he resumed his attendance at Meeting and his fortnightly visitation of Portadown Meeting as soon as possible. On 2 October he attended Richill Meeting as usual but died on the evening of 4 October. His remains were interred in the family burial ground at Megaberry.

We feel that for him the thorny way became the "Path of the just, which shone more and more unto the perfect day"

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Richill MM in YM Proc. 1911 p.236

OTHER PRINCIPAL SOURCES TO BE EXAMINED

Annual monitor 1912 p.40

British Friend 1910 p.314

SEE ALSO

Richard Allen p.209

WBE:

Additional information:

DAVIDSON, William Warburton, 1830-1910.

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b. Apr. 1830, Gilford, Co. Down, Ire.

Member of Church of Eng? Largely self-educated.

As a minister, had an especial gift in visiting families.

Fellow of Royal Geographical Society.

Interested in agriculture, and experimented successfully
on the school farm.

Never enjoyed robust physical health.

d. Richhill, aged 80.

An. Mon., referred to by London, also contains a portrait.

The Friend (London), 50(1910):737 (portrait).

DAVIE, Mary Elizabeth (1907-1962)

Mary Davie was born on 20 August 1907 (1) in South Wales, both parents being of German-Scots origin. Her mother died when Mary was seven, and her father when she was eleven.

She was gifted musically and trained at the Royal Academy of music. Her professional career included playing the viola in the Westminster String Quartette, two years in ENSA, and concerts manager for the National Gallery concerts. She played the harpsichord and clavichord also. She had graduated from the London School of Economics, and her abilities enabled her to occupy various management and economic research posts in later years.

She struggled after spiritual development alone for some years, but finding that her own resources were not enough she received instruction in the Catholic faith at Farm Street for six months. About this time she moved to Hampstead, and attended the Friends meeting there to discover what it was. She then attended fairly regularly, and took responsible part in a study group. She was admitted into membership in 1955.

She was active in the Society in several fields. She arranged study groups, but she also felt deeply the value of helping people to know one another, and successfully gave parties with this aim, cooking and entertaining 'to the glory of God', and giving great pleasure to people with her home and garden.

She attended, and took part in, the Conference on Industry and the Social Order (1958). Her survey Friends and the Social Order appeared in The Friend in 1962, as did her review of Asa Briggs's study of the work of Seebohm Rowntree. The relationship of religious insight and the ordering of outward affairs was a subject of importance to her. Her desire for the truth gave her the capacity to withdraw long-held views which she found to be in conflict with the evidence, and warned Friends that a right social order alone could not enable man to fulfil his potentialities.

Since 1959 her life had been complicated by coronary thrombosis, and the possibility of sudden death. She died on 28 October 1962, aged 55.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

The Friend, vol.120 (1962) p.1568

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Testimony of Hampstead MM in London & Middlesex QM MS minute book vol.29 opp p.41, where further biographical details may be found

SEE ALSO :

The Friend vol.120 (1962) p.1373

DAVIE, Montague (1873?-1941)

Montague Davie, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1980) traced, was born about the year 1873(1). He was married to L.E. Agnes(2) and there was one child, Glenny Montague, born in 1924(3). Montague Davie's wife was admitted into membership of the Society about the year 1933(4).

For many years he was the managing clerk of a firm of ship brokers in the City of London. His work brought him into contact with merchants and masters, not only in London but abroad, particularly in Belgium, Holland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, where he had many friends.

He supported all branches of Friends' work. In earlier life he took an especial interest in children's work in Purley Meeting and the neighbourhood and for many years conducted a flourishing Sunday School. He was a most dramatic narrator of children's stories. His vocal ministry was generally in story form.

He served as clerk to Kingston Monthly Meeting and assistant clerk to London & Middlesex Quarterly Meeting.

Montague Davie of Oaklea, Oakwood Avenue, Purley, Surrey died on 30 September 1941, at the age of sixty eight(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 99 (1941) p 511

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 68 at death
- 2 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages and was probably contrary to the usages of the Society. She is shown as his wife, not in membership, in London & Middlesex QM printed lists of members, Purley Meeting for the years prior to 1933
- 3 He is shown in London & Middlesex QM printed list of members, Purley Meeting and the year of his birth is given. His birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 4 L.E. Agnes Davie is shown as a member in London & Middlesex QM printed list of members, Purley Meeting, for the year 1933, but not in 1932
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a shipbroker's managing clerk and underwriter

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

DAVIES, Arfor Tegla (1912 ? - 1970)

Tegla Davies was born in about the year 1912.(1) He was a dedicated member of the Methodist Church and a lay preacher for 38 years.

As a pacifist he was involved with Friends and the Friends Ambulance Unit and in 1942 was appointed chairman of the Executive Committee of the Friends Ambulance Unit, a post he held for three years during which his inspiring leadership helped to create the high esteem in which the units and the Quaker witness were held during the war. Much of their achievement was due to his quiet but firm leadership.

After the war, in 1946 he joined the staff of Cadbury Bros Ltd, and in 1967 was appointed chairman of the British Association for Commercial and Industrial Education. He was a trustee and honorary secretary of the Midland Spastic Association for twenty four years.

He died on November 17, 1970, aged 58.

Principal Source The Friend Vol 128 (1970) p. 1417

References and Notes

1. We have no exact date of birth, he was aged 58 at death.

SGJ. Feb. 1978

DAVIES, Elizabeth Ellen (1886 ? - 1982) b

Elizabeth Davies was born in about the year 1886.(1) At the age of 10 she went out to work but we have no other details of her life until in about 1914 with her young husband Alfred she went to live in the caretaker's cottage at Warrington Meeting House (2) and she stayed there caring for the Meeting, the Meeting House and the garden for some sixty years, making them and her cottage into places of peace, spiritual refreshment and centres of Quakerly activity.

She was a pioneer of present day welfare services, mothers and young children and unmarried mothers were all helped by her and by the groups she started. Later on through the newly formed Council of Social Service and the Federation of Old Age Pensioners she gave service to the elderly. She helped in any and every way she could and at the same time worked for peace, for the Labour Party and for the Co-operative Movement.

In later years she entered Beechville, Bolton and died there on April 24, 1982, aged 94.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 140 (1982) p. 582

Death notice for second Christian name p. 604

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 94 at death, nor do we have any knowledge of her unmarried name.
2. There are discrepancies here possibly because the writer of the obituary is dealing with events of a long time ago. The obituary implies in a somewhat sentimental manner that in 1906 at the age of 20 she went with her 'young' husband to Warrington. In fact the Lancashire & Cheshire QM printed lists of members record a number of caretakers at Warrington Meeting House and the Davies are not recorded as caretakers until 1914 (when she would have been aged 28) and when they are recorded as 'attenders'. The lists continue to record them as attenders until sixteen years later they appear in the list for 1930 as members.
It is interesting also to note that the lists record his name as 'Albert' Davies in 1914 and continue to record him as such until 1924 when he appears as 'Alfred' Davies.

DAVIES, Esther (1863?-1936)

Esther Davies was born about 1863 (1).

She had belonged to the Calvinistic Methodists of Wales before coming into the Society of Friends. She was active for 30 years in the Adult School of the York Road, district of Leeds. She was 'not endowed with stores of knowledge', but had a 'great fund of understanding sympathy, sound common sense, and a cheerful optimism which brought joy into many homes.'

She died on 25 November 1936, aged 73, at Hedon, East Yorkshire

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

The Friend, vol.94 (1936) p.1181

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- I 'Aged 73 years at death'

DAVIES, John (1890 ? - 1965)

John Davies was born in about the year 1890.(1) We know nothing of his early life but he presumably lived in Aberdare, where he married and in 1928, during the depression he and his wife Mary left Aberdare and after two years in southern Ireland moved to London to be caretakers of the meeting house at Tottenham. In 1933 they joined the Society of Friends (2) and in 1941 moved to become caretakers of Winchmore Hill meeting house. In 1944 they returned to Aberdare for a short while but in 1945 they returned to live in Winchmore Hill and John began his service as porter at Friends House which lasted from 1945 - 1959. In 1959 he retired and with his wife Mary returned to Winchmore Hill for a second period as caretakers of the meeting house.

He was a quiet courteous man, unremitting in his devotion to duty and to the meeting.

He died suddenly on July 22, 1965, aged 75.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 123 (1965) pp. 899, 945.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 75 at death.
2. London & Middlesex QM printed lists of members record him as a member alone at Tottenham in 1934 and in 1939 his wife and children are recorded.

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DAVIES, John Percival (1885-1950) 1st baron Darwen

Percival Davies, born on 25 March 1885, was the son of a well known member of the Congregational Church of Darwen in Lancashire. He was educated at Sidcot, Bootham and Dalton Hall. In March 1914 he married Mary Kathleen Brown, younger daughter of Alfred Kemp Brown. Their first home was in Blackburn, later moving to St Anne's in 1924.

He founded Adult Schools in Lancashire and represented Lancs & Cheshire on the Adult School National Council. He established Heys Farm Guest House where he welcomed Gandhi in 1931.

In his work for Peace he became Chairman of the Blackburn No-Conscription Fellowship, a Prison Chaplain to Conscientious Objectors a member of the Northern Friends' Peace Board and Vice Chairman and Treasurer of the National Peace Council.

In 1945 Percival Davies took the title of Lord Darwen of Heys in Bowland and removed to London. In 1949 he was appointed Labour Whip and Lord in Waiting to the King.

He and his wife served the Society of Friends in the capacity of Elder and Overseer. His ministry is remembered for his power of expression combined with deep religious feeling. His faith never wavered, 'he was one of the truly great men of his generation'.

His literary works included a study booklet 'The foundations of Peace' and 'The Politics of a Socialist Employer'.

He died on 26 December 1950.

Testimony of Hampstead MM in YM Proc. 1951 p.227

DAVIES, Mary (1719?-1775) after Prideaux

(Mary Davies, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1975) traced, was married to William Frideaux, but the record of her marriage is not at present (1975) traced.

See PRIDEAUX, Mary (1719?-1775) born Davies)

DAVIES, Michael Dom Raphael (- 1979)

Michael Davies was a pacifist who served with the Friends Ambulance Unit in France and Belgium during the 1914-1918 war. He had deep religious convictions and at one time considered joining the Society of Friends but after the war he was led to enter a monastic life within the Benedictine order. For over sixty years he served in the Order, at first on Caldey Island and latterly at Prinknash Abbey, in recent years being appointed as Father Prior of the Abbey under his monastic name of 'Dom Raphael' and was loved and respected by the community. He had a wide circle of friends with whom he kept in touch by visits and by correspondence and was also a regular reader of *The Friend*, often finding its contents helpful and useful.

He died on May 5, 1979. No age is given.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 137 (1979) p. 740

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DAVIES, Percival (1885-1950) 1st baron Darwen

see DAVIES, John Percival (1885-1950) 1st baron Darwen

DAVIES, Richard (1635-1707/8)

As with others mentioned Richard Davies suddenly appears and disappears without any hint of the circumstances surrounding his appearance. Davies was a hatter of Colddiau Chochion, near Welshpool, Montgomeryshire, and was one of the most interesting characters of early Quakerism. His autobiography entitled An Account of the Convincement Exercises, Services and Travels... of Richard Davies, first published in 1710, has been reprinted about a dozen times, and there are numerous references to him in literature of various periods. He was apprenticed to a felt-maker at Llanfair and later, in 1658/9, he settled in London as a felt-maker and in 1659 he married Tace--- (1618?-1705), 'at Humphrey Bates's house at the sign of the Snail, in Tower Street in the morning and in the afternoon at Widow Webb's in Horselydown' (Jnl FHS xiii, 169). There was a daughter, Tace, who married Jacob Endon, of Welshpool. Davies returned later to Welshpool. It was at his instigation that, in 1681, the YM for Wales (including Monmouth and Salop) was set up. It functioned from 1682 to 1797 (ibid. x.82). For his association with Counsellor Corbett see vol.ii p.450. He was friendly also with other prominent people in his native county and was able to bring about some damping of the fires of persecution. Once, on meeting Lord Herbert of Cherbury, the latter asked who he was and was told: 'A Quaker, and Haberdasher of Hats' to which Lord Herbert replied: 'Oh! I thought he was such an One, he keeps his Hat so fast upon the Block' (Account, p. 96).

Piety Promoted

John Gratton, 1720 p.123

The Friend (Lond.) 1861 p.42

Budge: Annals of Early Friends, 1877

Southall; Prichards of Almeley, 1893

Williams: Montgomeryshire Worthies, 1894, p.44

Allen: A Son of the Morning, 1894

DNB

Norris: John ap John, 1907

Quaker Biographies, vol.ii 1909

The Friend (Phila), 1909 p.211

FQE 1912 pp.482,486

Danielowski: Die Journale der frïhen Quäker, 1921 p.32

Richards: Religious Developments in Wales, 1654-1662, 1923

Thomas: The Quaker Seekers of Wales, 1924

MSS in Friends House

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.323

WBE:

Additional information:

DAVIES, Richard, 1635-1708.

b. 1635, Welshpool, Montgomeryshire, North Wales.

Apprenticed to Evan Jones, a felt-maker at Llanfair.

First, Church of Eng., then Independent. 1657, convinced by Morgan Evan, of South Wales. Used to meet with a few others on a hill, in a common. There they met in silence. Two of the young converts, being sent out of the country, and another proving unfaithful, he was left to hold his meeting alone. First attended a Friends Meeting at Shrewsbury.

For wife see Davies, Tacey (Tace), ca. 1615-1705. ^{or} Issue.

Travelled much in Wales, and several times went up to London. 1660, imprisoned in Montgomery, and again, 1661, at Shrewsbury. Held meetings and convinced many. 1664, went to London, and found some Friends gone into a separation with John Perrot. Had an audience with Queen Anne. 1675, was helpful in freeing George Fox and many others from imprisonment.

Had a manly presence and a lovely countenance.

d. 22 I 1708, Cloddiecochion, Wales, aged ca. 73.

Friends Library (Phila.), 13:1.

Evans, Friends in the 17th cent., p. 490-96.

Davies, Account of the Convinement &c. of Richard Davies, 1710.

Journal of G. F. (bi-cent. ed.), 2:374.

Quaker Biog., Ser. 1, 2:21.

Piety promoted, 4th part, p. 403.

WBE:

Additional information:

DAVIES, Richard, 1635-1708. Page 2.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:514. 2

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 13:169.

Friends Quart. Exam., 11:25.

John Smith's ms., 1:562.

DAVIES, Samuel Henry (1870-1925)

Samuel Henry Davies was born 19 September 1870 (1), the son of Richard and Ann Robson Davies of Liverpool.

He was educated at Sidcot, and specialized as a chemist. He entered Rowntree's Cocoa Works, York, and was for 15 years their chief chemist.

In 1906 he married Edith M. Oliver (2).

For some years he was a member of York City Council, and of its Health Committee; he took a particular interest in infant welfare and the securing of a pure milk supply. He was a keen educationist, a member of the city Education Committee, an active worker in Adult Schools, a member of Rawdon School Committee and of the Friends Central Education Committee, and a New Earswick School manager.

During and after the 1914-18 war he worked with Friends Relief Committee in Holland, Belgium and France.

He was of extremely kindly disposition and an excellent conversationalist. He was keen on open-air life and led many rambles in North Yorkshire. He travelled extensively, was a gifted linguist, and arranged numerous private tours abroad, seeing this work as part of international peace work.

He moved to Jordans. He became a subject to great mental depression, and was found dead in a wood near Beaconsfield during the week of 15 May 1925. He was aged 55. A coroner's verdict was of suicide while in a fit of temporary insanity.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

The Friend /^{n.s} vol 65 (1925) p.443

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes: his father is described as homoeopathic chemist
- 2 The Friend obituary gives the date 1906. M.D.Blaschko, Sidcot School register of old scholars, 1958 p.57 gives 17 Oct 1907, a date confirmed by The Friend in vol n.s.47 (1907) p.718. Blaschko gives no children of the marriage

DAVIES, Sarah Elizabeth (1852?-1926) aftw.^{er}/Fox

(Sarah Elizabeth Davies, daughter of

married Dr. J. Tregelles Fox in

see FOX, Sarah Elizabeth (1852?-1926) born Davies)

DAVIES, Stanley Webb (1894 - 1978)

Stanley Davies was born in 1894 in Darwen, Lancashire, the son of Thomas Pearce and Lucy Dora (b. Webb) Davies.(1) His father was a cotton mill owner and his grandfather the Congregational minister in Darwen. He was sent first to Sidcot School and then, with his elder brother (later created Lord Darwen) he was sent to Bootham (1908 - 1912). At Bootham he became very interested in working with wood. In 1913 he went to New College, Oxford where after his war service he graduated in 1920. From 1916 - 1919 he worked with Friends War Victims Relief Service and was sent to France where he worked on the construction of wooden hutment accommodation for French refugees.(2) After graduating he went first into the family cotton mills, but then went to work for a distinguished craftsman in wood - A. Romney Green, of Christchurch, Hants. By 1923 he felt he could set up his own business and with his father's help opened in Windermere.

In the same year he married Emily Thomas at Cartmel (3) and they became increasingly devoted to this meeting. He served as clerk to Swarthmore M^H for nearly forty years, was chairman of Newton's Charity and when he was over 80 accepted the responsibility for designing and overseeing the conversion of a barn at Swarthmoor into three cottages for retired Friends. He was a man of great integrity and faithfulness. His reputation as a craftsman and designer and producer of high quality furniture grew throughout the north of England and certain pieces of his craft were bequeathed by him to the Victoria & Albert Museum and to museums at Kendal and Cheltenham.

He and his wife became also very keen gardeners and their garden, once scrubland, by 1978 was the home of at least 150 different kinds of Rhododendrons, Azaleas and other shrubs and trees.

He died after a short illness at Windermere on February 4, 1978 aged 84.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol 136 (1978) p. 246

REFERENCES & NOTES

1 & 2 See Bootham Register

3 Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Cartmel M^H on July 25, 1923. He is described as bachelor, wood craftsman, she as Emily Alice Thomas, spinster.

WBE:

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DAVIES, Tacey (or Tace), ca. 1615-1705.

b. ca. 1615, London, Eng.

In London became acquainted with Richard Davies.

Consented to marry him, but was discouraged by a friend of hers. Again changed her mind, and, ca. 1659, m. Richard Davies and removed to Welsh-pool, Wales, where there were few or no Friends. See Davies, Richard, 1635-1708.

| Minister. A nursing mother to those in prison and given to hospitality.

Taken ill on 29 II 1705. d. 1 III 1705, Welsh-Pool, in her 90th year.

Piety promoted, 3d ed., 1706, p. 58.

Davies, Account of the Convinement &c. of Richard Davies, 1710,
pp. 46 et seq.

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DAVIES, Thomas Pearce (1852?-1934)

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Thomas Pearce Davies was born (? 1852) the son of the Rev. Thomas Davies of Duckworth Street Congregational Chapel, Darwen, Lancs, and of Sarah Davies.

He was a loyal Congregationalist, a deacon, and a keen supporter of the foreign missionary work of the London Missionary Society. He was for many years a Sunday School Teacher, and a worker in the YMCA at Darwen; and he was for a long while on the board of directors of the London Missionary Society.

In 1925, at the age of 73, he made the difficult journey to visit the women's hospital at Tsang Chow, China, which he had helped to build and maintain.

All his five children were educated at Friends' schools, and three joined the Society of Friends when young.

In partnership with his brother he built up the Greenfield and Waterfield Cotton Mills, Darwen, into an important business, in which co-operation between employers and employed was kept to the fore. Later, with the help of his two sons J. Percival Davies and W. Russell Davies, he established one of the first garden villages in Lancashire. He also founded and endowed an institute for social and educational purposes. T. Order Catchpool was employed in these undertakings for some years. Gandhi visited one of the mills, and was interested in the garden village and the institute.

He was a man of upright character. During times of bad trade he made every endeavour to keep the mills running, even at a loss, to ensure employment. During the 1914-18 war, although he was not himself a pacifist, he refused at great sacrifice to sell cotton goods to the army.

He died on 9 April 1934, aged 82.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

The Friend, vol 92 (1934) p.387

WBE:a

DAVIES, William, 1698-1740.

b. 1698, at Mount Joy, Chester Co., Pa.
married.

1726, settled in Philadelphia and became a bookbinder;
took membership in the Society Of Friends there.

Bound William Sewel's History of the Quakers (Third
Edition) printed by Samuel Keimer in 1728. Also did binding
for Ellis Pugh's Salutation to the Britains, translated
by R. Ellis and D. Lloyd and printed by Keimer in 1727/8.

d. c.1740, buried in Philadelphia.

Notice in Pennsylvania Gazette 15 January 1740/1 (no.631)
that anyone "who left any old books with William Davis, late
of Philadelphia ... by applying to his Widow, in Front-Street,
they may find them ready bound."

information from Willman Spawn.

Miller, C. William, Benjamin Franklin's Philadelphia Printing,
pp. 1, 522.

The Pennsylvania Gazette 1728-1789 (Reprint), vol. 5, p. 127.

DAVIS, Albert Samuel (1855-)

Albert Samuel Davis, the son of Samuel Davis (1810-1884 qv) and his wife Elizabeth Pim (born Bewley, 1827-1897 qv), was born on 24 April 1855(1).

He was married prior to 1884 to Mary Alice Haughton (1860- qv) (2) and there were five children(3).

The date of his death is not at present (1982) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co.Wexford pedigree, p 5 (section 8)
(copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)
- 2 Webb, op cit, p 6 (section 11): the date of the marriage is not given
- 3 Listed in Webb, op cit, p 6 (section 11) as follows:-

Hilda Elizabeth	b 18 Dec 1884	
Samuel Walter	b 2 April 1887	d 10 July 1887
Winifred Mary	b 9 Nov 1888	
Norman Samuel	b 23 Dec 1890	
Christine Emily	b 1 July 1897	
- 4 The date of his death is not given in Webb, op cit, p 5 (section 8)

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

DAVIS, Alfred (1841?-1898)

Alfred Davis was of such a quiet and retiring disposition that he had been a member of Limerick Meeting for several years before Friends fully realised his worth and the depth and sincerity of his religious convictions. In his later years his help was often sought after in evangelical and philanthropic work of various kinds. In all his actions he seemed to rely on strength and guidance of his master.

For many years he acted as clerk of his Monthly Meeting, and he also served as elder. His services were always acceptable to Friends. His counsel was kind and encouraging.

He died on 10 December 1898 aged 57.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1900 p.64

DAVIS, Amelia (1787-1849) aftw. Brown

[Amelia Davis, daughter of Joseph Davis of
Painswick and his wife Lydia (nee
) was married in 1931 to Richard
Marks Brown.

see BROWN, Amelia (1787-1849) born Davis]

DAVIS, Ann (1719-1764) born Harris

Ann Harris, the daughter of John and Mary (born Pim) Harris of Mountrath in Ireland, was born on 1.ix.[November] 1719(1).

She became in 1748 the second wife of Richard Davis (1712-1772 qv) and there were ten children(2).

Ann Davis died on 19 September 1764(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co.Wexford pedigree, p 10 (section 21)
(copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)
- 2 Webb, loc cit: for marriage and children see DAVIS, Richard (1712-1772)
- 3 Ibid

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

WBE: a

DAVIS, Anna M., afterwards Jackson, 1848-1920

see

JACKSON, ANNA M., nee DAVIS.

DAVIS, Anne (fl 1814-1817) born Sparrow

Anne Sparrow, details of whose birth are not at present (1982) traced, was the daughter of William and Martha Sparrow(1).

She was married in 1814 to John Davis (1786- gv) and there were two children born in Ireland, who both died in infancy(2). She and her husband went to Ohio about 1817(3).

The date of her death is not at present (1982) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co. Wexford pedigree, p 9 (section 20)
(copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)
- 2 Webb, loc cit: for marriage and children see DAVIS, John (1786-)
- 3 Ibid
- 4 The date of her death is not given in Webb, loc cit

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

DAVIS, Anne (fl 1847-1853) born Clarke

Anne Clarke, details of whose birth are not at present (1982) traced, was the daughter of Isaac and Mary Clarke of Lower Grange, county Antrim in Ireland(1).

She was married in 1847 to Francis Samuel Davis (1821-1902 qv) and there were three children(2).

The date of her death is not at present (1982) traced(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co.Wexford pedigree, p 7 (section 13) (copy in MS collection, Friends House Library). The date of her birth is not given
- 2 Webb, loc cit: for marriage and children see DAVIS, Francis Samuel (1821-1902)
- 3 The date of her death is not given in Webb, loc cit

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

DAVIS, Catherine (1655-1700) born Poole

Catherine Poole, the daughter of Richard and Dorothy (born White) Poole, was born in the year 1655(1).

She was married in 1675/6 to Francis Davis (fl 1675-1680 qv) of Moortown in county Wexford, Ireland and there were two children(2).

Catherine Davis died in the year 1700(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co.Wexford pedigree, p 1 (section 2)
(copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)
- 2 Webb, loc cit: for marriage and children see DAVIS, Francis (fl 1675-1680)
- 3 Ibid: the precise date of her death is not given

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

WBE:a

DAVIS, Clarkson, 1833-1883.

b. 7 May 1833, Wayne Co., Ind.

In early boyhood his parents removed to Grant Co., Indiana where the family experienced the privations and hardships of pioneering.

Worked for his education.

1856, entered Friends' Boarding School (now Earlham College). Soon appointed Governor, and later teacher of Mathematics.

1862, he left Earlham with bad health.

1863, he was put in charge of Friends' Academy at Spiceland.

A fine educator, and a lover of good literature.

d. 26 May 1883, Spiceland, Henry Co., Ind.

Friends' Review, 36(1883):729.

DAVIS, Deborah (1716-1797) born Chandlee

Deborah Chandlee, the daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (born Sharpless) Chandlee, was born in the year 1716(1).

She was married in 1735 to Francis Davis (1704- qv) of Moortown in county Wexford, Ireland, and there were nine children(2).

Deborah Davis died in the year 1797(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co.Wexford pedigree, p 2 (section 4) (copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)

2 Webb, loc cit: for marriage and children see DAVIS, Francis (1704-)

3 Ibid: the precise date of her death is not given

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

DAVIS, Deborah (1746-1780) born Jessop

Deborah Jessop, the daughter of Samuel and Rachel (born Scott) Jessop of Drehead, county Kildare in Ireland, was born on 25.iv.[June] 1746(1).

She was married in 1770 to John Davis (-1801 qv) of Athy and there were three children(2).

Deborah Davis died on 28 January 1780(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co.Wexford pedigree, p 11 (section 23)
(copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)
- 2 Webb, loc cit: for marriage and children see DAVIS, John (-1801)
- 3 Ibid

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

WBE:

DAVIS, Elizabeth, later YOUNG, ca. 1765-1842.

SEE YOUNG, Elizabeth, nee DAVIS, ca. 1765-1842.

DAVIS, Elizabeth (1746-1819) born Woodcock

Elizabeth Woodcock, the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (born Green) Woodcock, was born on 6.viii.[October] 1746(1).

She was married in 1769 to Francis Davis (1743-1820 qv) and there were fourteen children(2). They lived first at Killurin and later at Enniscorthy in Ireland(3).

Elizabeth Davis died on 6 November 1819(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, *Davis of co. Wexford pedigree*, p 3 (section 5) (copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)
- 2 Webb, loc cit: for marriage and children see DAVIS, Francis (1743-1820)
- 3 Ibid
- 4 Ibid: the place of her death is not given

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

DAVIS, Elizabeth (1758-1832) born Strangman

Elizabeth Strangman, the daughter of Joshua and Mary (born Handcock) Strangman of Waterford in Ireland, was born on 31 December 1758(1).

She was married in 1782 to Richard Davis (1756-1842 qv) and there were nine children(2).

Elizabeth Davis died on 26 April 1832(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co.Wexford pedigree, p 7 (section 14) (copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)
- 2 Webb, loc cit: for marriage and children see DAVIS, Richard (1756-1842)
- 3 Ibid

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

DAVIS, Elizabeth Pim (1827-1897) born Bewley

Elizabeth Pim Bewley, the daughter of George Bewley and his wife Anne, born Goodbody, was born on 1 November 1827. She was married in 1852 to Samuel Davis (1810?-1884 qv) of Killabeg, Enniscorthy in Ireland and there were five children(1).

She was for many years one of the most valued elders of County Wexford Monthly Meeting and it was her kindly consideration for others that was instrumental in sending Home Church Letters from the monthly meeting to missionaries in the various working centres of the Friends' Foreign Mission Association. Her influence for good was of a far reaching character, extending beyond Friends to the Protestant and Roman Catholic communities by whom her home was surrounded. Her kindness and womanliness were appreciated by all who knew her and to the poor and suffering whom she visited she brought help and strength. She left behind her a record of charity and benevolence.

Both she and her son Francis (1857-1896 qv), to whom she was devoted, were taken ill at the same time and died of pneumonia within a few days of one another, Elizabeth Pim Davis on 2 January 1897, at the age of seventy years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1898, pp 18-21

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis Pedigree (MS collection, Friends House Library)

For details of children see DAVIS, Samuel (1810?-1897)

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

DAVIS, Francis (fl 1675-1680)

Francis Davis was the elder son of Israel Davis (fl 1660-1667 qv) and his first wife Elizabeth; the date of his birth is not at present (1982) traced(1).

He was married in 1675/6 to Catherine Poole (1655-1700 qv) (2) and there were two children(3). They lived at Moortown in county Wexford, Ireland(4).

Francis Davis died in the year 1680(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co.Wexford pedigree, p 1 (section 1)
(copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)
- 2 Webb, op cit, p 1 (section 2): the wedding was on 25.xi.1675 [i.e.
January 1675/6]
- 3 Listed in Webb, op cit, p 1 (section 2) and p 2 (section 3) as follows:-
Elizabeth b 16 i 1676 [i.e.
probably March 1676/7]
Richard qv b 14 xi 1679 [i.e.
Jan 1679/80] m 1701 Mary Sparrow
(1681/2-1717 qv)
- 4 Webb, op cit, p 1 (section 2)
- 5 Webb, op cit, p 1 (section 1)

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

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DAVIS, Francis (1684-1734)

Francis Davis was born 29.iv.[June] 1684, of religious Parents.

He was a diligent reader of Scripture, and about the year 1701 was called to the Ministry and visited Meetings in various parts of England, several times in Holland, and in part of Germany.

'He acquitted himself as one well instructed to the Kingdom, and was esteemed and accepted as an able and faithful Labourer in the Christian Vineyard.'

Francis Davis died 25.viii.[October] 1734, and was buried in the Friends Burying Ground in Long-Lane;— a minister about thirty three years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Southwark MM, in TCMD vol.1 p.87, printed in 'A collection of testimonies', 1760, p.85

WBE:

Additional information:
DAVIS, Francis, 1684-1734.

b. Southwark? London? Eng.

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〔No additional references.〕

DAVIS, Francis (1704-)

Francis Davis, the son of Richard Davis (1679/80- qv) and his wife Mary (born Sparrow, 1681/2-1717 qv) of Moortown in county Wexford, and Leighton Bridge in county Carlow in Ireland, was born at Moortown on 24.vii.[September] 1704(1).

He lived at Moortown and was married in 1735 to Deborah Chandlee (1716-1797 qv) (2); there were nine children(3).

The date of his death is not at present (1982) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co.Wexford pedigree, p 2 (section 3)
(copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)
- 2 Webb, op cit p 2 (section 4): the wedding was on 29.viii.[October] 1735
- 3 Listed in Webb, op cit p 2 (section 4) and p 7 (section 14), p 9
(section 19) and p 11 (section 23) as follows:-

Richard	d young of smallpox
Nathaniel	d 1742
Francis qv b 23 v [July] 1743	m 1769 Elizabeth Woodcock (1746-1819 qv)
Deborah b 1748	m Thomas Sparrow
Hannah b 1754	m 1779 Samuel Woodcock
Richard qv b 1756	m 1782 Elizabeth Strangman (1758-1832 qv)
William qv	m 1779 Jane Sparrow (1755-1811 qv)
Mary	m 1761 Robert Woodcock
John qv	m 1770 Deborah Jessop (1746-1780 qv)
- 4 Webb, op cit p 2 (section 3): the date of his death is not given

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

DAVIS, Francis (1743-1820)

Francis Davis, the son of Francis Davis (1704- qv) and his wife Deborah (born Chandlee, 1716-1797 qv) of Moortown in county Wexford, Ireland, was born there on 23.v.[July] 1743(1).

He was married in 1769 to Elizabeth Woodcock (1746-1819 qv) (2) and there were fourteen children(3). They lived first at Killurin and later at Enniscorthy in Ireland(4).

Francis Davis died on 25 March 1820(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co.Wexford pedigree, p 2 (section 4)
(copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)
- 2 Webb, op cit p 3 (section 5): the wedding was on 14 December 1769
- 3 Listed in Webb, op cit p 3 (section 5) and p 4 (section 6) and p 6 (section 12) as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 12 Dec 1770	d 17 April 1771
Francis	b 21 Dec 1771	d 12 March 1772
Anne	b 22 May 1773	d unmarried 26 Oct 1800
Deborah	b 14 Sept 1774	
Elizabeth	b 25 June 1776	m 1797 Joseph Banks
Francis qv	b 31 Oct 1777	m 1806 Sarah Grubb (1781-1855 qv)
Samuel		m 1818 Sarah Williamson (fl 1818-1826 qv)
Woodcock qv	b 5 Jan 1779	m 1806 Jacob Martin
Mary	b 7 Nov 1780	d 29 April 1782
William	b 15 Dec 1781	d 14 Sept 1843
Sarah	b 20 Oct 1783	d 17 April 1822, in Dublin
William	b 21 Nov 1785	m 1814 Anne Sparrow (fl 1814-1817 qv)
John qv	b 22 July 1786	(went to America about 1817)
Hannah	b 16 Dec 1787	m 1845 James Webb
Jemima	b 5 Sept 1789	
- 4 Webb, op cit p 3 (section 5)
- 5 Webb, op cit p 2 (section 4)

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

DAVIS, Francis (1777-1863)

Francis Davis, the son of Francis Davis (1743-1820 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Woodcock, 1746-1819 qv) of Killurin and Enniscorthy in Ireland, was born on 31 October 1777(1).

He was married in 1806 to Sarah Grubb (1781-1855 qv) (2) and there were eleven children(3).

Francis Davis died on 31 March 1863(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co.Wexford pedigree, p 3 (section 5)
(copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)

2 Webb, op cit p 4 (section 6): the wedding was on 19 March 1806

3 Listed in Webb, op cit p 4 (section 6) and p 4 (section 7) and p 5
(section 8) as follows:-

Francis qv	b 7 Nov 1807
Margaret	b 20 Jan 1809
Samuel qv	b 7 July 1810
Richard	b 30 Jan 1812
Elizabeth	b 7 July 1813
Anne	b 4 Oct 1815
Abraham	
Grubb	b 22 Jan 1817
Martha	b 9 June 1819
Thomas	b 21 May 1821
Thomas	b 22 June 1823
William	b 10 Oct 1825

m 1840 Sarah Wilson (1810-1876 qv)

m 1852 Elizabeth Pim Bewley
(1827-1897 qv)

m Joshua Davis
d unmarried 25 June 1894

m Helen Jameson
d unmarried 22 Oct 1867

d 17 May 1822

m 1872 Margaret Barrington
d unmarried 14 Oct 1897

4 Webb, op cit p 3 (section 5)

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

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DAVIS, Francis (1807-1890)

Francis Davis, the son of Francis Davis (1777-1863) and his wife Sarah, born Grubb, was born at Enniscorthy on 7 November 1807(1).

He lived at Clogheen in county Tipperary with his grandmother Margaret Grubb until he went to school, first to Newtown and then to Ballitore. He was a very lively little boy, full of energy and mischief, but his grandmother prayed that he might one day become a minister and she lived to see her prayer answered. On leaving Ballitore School he returned to Enniscorthy, where he spent the rest of his life.

He was an early advocate of total abstinence and although the sale of liquor formed a large part of his father's business, at his request it was given up. For years he did not use sugar, as a protest against slavery and during the potato famine in Ireland in 1847-8 he was so active in trying to relieve the great distress existing everywhere around him that his health broke down under the strain of helping the poor by day and trying to run his own business in the evening.

He was married in 1840 to Sarah Wilson (1810-1876 qv), the daughter of Isaac Wilson and his wife Mary, born Shannon(2) and there were four children(3). The death of one of his children in 1846, partly through medical mismanagement, caused him to turn his attention to the provision of simple remedies for the sick poor and from this time onwards his ever active mind was occupied in trying to relieve the sick and suffering, many of whom came long distances for his medicine and advice. During the cholera outbreak in 1848 he was the means of curing a large number of cases, no one whom he treated being known to have died from the disease.

He was acknowledged a minister in 1851. He occasionally visited meetings in other parts of Ireland, but during the latter years of his life he was more interested in evangelistic work at home and, chiefly through his means, a little united service was held twice a week. He was strongly convinced that the neglect of the Bible was the cause of the decline in the religious life of the Society and he often felt it right to read from the Scriptures in meetings for worship.

His health began to fail about two years before his death, although his faculties and judgement remained as clear as ever. An attack of influenza hastened his decline and he died at Enniscorthy on 6 April 1890(4) at the age of eighty two.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1891, pp 41-45

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of Co. Wexford pedigree, p 4, sections 5 & 6
(copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)
- 2 Thomas Henry Webb, op cit
- 3 Listed in Thomas Henry Webb, op cit. as follows:-

Mary Wilson	b 21 May 1841	d unmarried 6 March 1905
Francis	b 10 Aug 1842	m 1866 Jane Ross
Margaret Grubb	b 15 Aug 1844	
Sarah	b 2 July 1846	d 6 March 1847
- 4 Thomas Henry Webb, op cit: the Annual Monitor gives the date of his death as 24 May 1890

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

DAVIS, Francis (1842-)

Francis Davis, the son of Francis Davis (1807-1890 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Wilson, 1810-1876 qv), was born on 10 October 1842(1).

He was married in 1866 to Jane Moss (1848- qv) (2) and there were four children(3).

The date of his death is not at present (1982) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co.Wexford pedigree, p 4 (section 7)
(copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)
- 2 Webb, op cit p 6 (section 10): the wedding was in Dublin on 23 April 1866
- 3 Listed in Webb, op cit p 6 (section 10) as follows:-

Eveline Marshall	b 20 Feb 1868
Francis Edwin	b 21 Dec 1874
Lilian Margaret	b 15 July 1876
Marion Isabel	b 1 May 1878
- 4 His death is not given in Webb, op cit p 4 (section 7)

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

DAVIS, Francis Henry (1857-1896)

Francis Henry Davis, the son of Samuel Davis (1810?-1897 qv) and his wife Elizabeth Pim (born Bewley, 1827-1897 qv) of Killabeg, Enniscorthy in Ireland, was born on 19 January 1857(1). His health was always delicate and he had a close relationship with his mother, to whom he was a constant source of solicitude. He was an overseer of his meeting.

Francis Henry Davis of Killabeg, Enniscorthy in Ireland died of pneumonia at about the same time as his mother, on 29 December 1896 a few weeks before his fortieth birthday, while away in Dublin on business.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1898, pp 18-22

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis Pedigree (MS collection, Friends House Library)

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

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DAVIS, Francis Samuel (1821-1902)

Francis Samuel Davis, the son of Samuel Woodcock Davis (1779-1823 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Williamson, fl 1818-1826 qv) of Wexford in Ireland, was born there on 16 November 1821(1). His father died when he was only two years old and although his mother married again, to George Taylor, she was soon again left a widow and Francis grew up without a father's guidance and care. But his mother was a woman of strong faith, energy of character and good business ability. Her house was always open to receive travelling Friends and in later years Francis often spoke of the help and blessing they had been to him.

He was educated first at Mountmellick School and then went on to Bootham School, York, from 1835 to 1837(2); he recollects a visit by Queen Victoria to York while he was at school there. His tastes were varied, being literary, scientific and also mechanical. In 1846 he started in business in Wexford, during a time of agitation and distress in Ireland, when his skill and ability to work hard were all the more necessary.

He was married in 1847 to Anne Clarke (fl 1847-~~1853~~ qv) of Lower Grange, county Antrim(3) and there were three children(4).

After the death of his mother, his own health not being very good, he disposed of his business and in 1861 began farming near Dublin. Much of his leisure was devoted to scientific research, for which he had a great love, but he gradually became aware that more spiritual service was required of him and that he was destined to receive a gift in the ministry. He was a diffident man and this was a very formidable undertaking to him; it was some time before he could bring himself fully to yield to what was required of him. He first spoke in the ministry while attending Churchtown Meeting; his ministry was very acceptable and he often spoke in Dublin Meeting.

In 1864 he moved to the north of Ireland, to a position with the Bessbrook Spinning Company, where he remained for eight years. While there he was recorded a minister by Lurgan Monthly Meeting. In 1873 he spent six months in America with a minute for religious service, which he carried out at his own expense. He attended both the Orthodox and Hicksite meetings, principally in New York and Pennsylvania. After his return from America he received many letters, saying how acceptable and helpful his service had been.

From about 1873 to 1878 he visited different meetings with minutes for religious service and in the latter year he and his wife moved to Matlock in Derbyshire, where they remained for ten years. During his time there he frequently exercised his gift in the ministry and met many English Friends, which he much appreciated. While at Matlock he and his wife, at the request of the Home Mission Committee, visited St Ives, Cambridge, Dover and the Isle of Wight. He was deeply interested in the welfare of the young and many were indebted to him for his help.

He returned to Ireland in 1888 and settled at Newry, in order to be near his daughter Sarah and again became a member of Bessbrook Meeting, where his voice was frequently heard. He was a faithful visitor of families and individuals, his sympathetic presence ensuring him a welcome. He was a man of great humility and exemplified in his life the meekness and gentleness he found in his Saviour.

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DAVIS, Francis Samuel (1821-1902)

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Francis Samuel Davis died, after a short illness, on 19 March 1902(5), at the age of eighty.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Annual Monitor 1903, pp 29-35

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co.Wexford pedigree, p 6 (section 12)
(copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 133
- 3 Webb, op cit, p 7 (section 13): the wedding was on 10 June 1847
- 4 Listed in Webb, op cit, p 7 (section 13) as follows:-

Sarah Maria	b 31 July 1848	m	Samuel Douglas Lamb
Samuel	b 6 Dec 1850	went to America about 1872	
Elizabeth Clark	b 14 Oct 1853	d 27 July 1865	
- 5 Webb, op cit, p 6 (section 12)

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc Sup 34 (The Other Branch) p 25: visit to America

Bootham register spells the name of the youngest child, perhaps more correctly, as Elizabeth Clarke

He was recorded a minister by Lurgan monthly meeting 14 July 1869 (typescript list of recorded ministers, Friends House Library)

DAVIS, Francis Samuel (1821-1902) 3

Francis S.Davis, son of Samuel and Sarah Davis, was born at Wexford on 16 November 1821. His mother was twice widowed while he was yet young, but her home was hospitable to travelling Friends, and Francis benefitted.

He went to school at Mountmellick and at York. In 1847 he married Anne Clarke of Grange, Co.Antrim: there were three children (1).

In 1861 he sold his business and took up farming near Dublin. He had a distinct call to ministry, and having removed to north Ireland to work with the Bessbrook Spinning Company he was recorded minister by Lurgan MM.

In 1873 he spent six months in America, visiting Orthodox and Hicksite Meetings, principally in the States of New York and Pennsylvania. He was concerned that "the Bible, and the Bible alone, should be the rule of faith and practice".

For ten years from 1878 he lived in Matlock, and he and his wife, now anelder, visited St.Ives, Cambridge, Dover and the Isle of Wight, at the request of the Home Mission Committee. He made a large circle of English Friends, and many young men testified to his help at critical periods of their lives.

In 1888 he settled near his daughter in Newry, Ireland, and again attended Bessbrook Meeting. He died at the age of 80 on 18 March 1902.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual monitor 1903 p.29

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1 Listed in Bootham school register, 1935, p.133, as follows :-

Sarah Maria	born 1848
Samuel	born 1850
Elizabeth Clarke	born 1853, died 1865

DAVIS, Hannah (1808-1894) born Mullett

Hannah Mullett, the daughter of Samuel and Mary (born Gregory) Mullett, was born on 5 June 1808(1).

She was educated at Sidcot School from 1819 to 1822(2).

She was married in 1848 to Thomas Davis (1806?-1854 qv), an earthenware dealer of Bristol, but the marriage was childless(3).

Hannah Davis of 9 Coronation Road, Bristol, died on 28 November 1894, at the age of eighty six(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 148: her birth is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM or Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digests
- 2 Sidcot Register, loc cit
- 3 For marriage see DAVIS, Thomas (1806?-1854)
Sidcot Register, loc cit, gives the year of the marriage as 1847
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Thomas

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

WBE:

DAVIS, Isaac, 1735-1787.

b. 7 I 1735, Darby, s. William and Elizabeth Faucit
Davis.

m., 1768, Rachel Lewis, of Haverford, Pa. Six children.
1777, his farm raided by the British, and almost
everything movable was taken, valued at £290 ls. 8d.

d. 27 Nov. 1787, Haverford, Pa., aged near 53.

Davis, A brief genealogical history of the Davis family.

WBE:a

DAVIS, Isaac, 1783-1849.

b. 1783, s. of Nathan and Elizabeth
Pa.

Davis, Phila.,

m. 1813, Mary Wistar of New Jersey. 4 children.

On the Board of Managers at Haverford.

1838-39, Principal of Haverford College.

Overseer of Northern District Monthly Meeting. Trans-
ferred membership to Phila. M.M.

d. 6 May 1849, Phila., in his 67th year.

Hinshaw II:502,111.

Friends Review 2(1849):553.

The Frd. (Phila.) 22(1849):272.

Genealogy of the Wistar Family, pp. 9,12.

History of Haverford College, pp. 69,72,110.

DAVIS, Israel (fl 1660-1667)

Israel Davis of Davidstown in Ireland, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced, was married firstly to Elizabeth(1); there were four children(2).

He married secondly in 1667 Mary Williams of Bajor in Somerset*(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

The date of his death is not at present (1982) traced(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, Davis of co.Wexford pedigree, p 1 (section 1)
(copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)

His parentage is not given, nor the surname of his first wife; the date of the marriage is not given

- 2 Listed in Webb op cit, p 1 (section 1) and (section 2) as follows:-
Francis qv m 1675/6 Catherine Pool
(1655-1700 qv)

Nathaniel b 1 xi 1660 [i.e.
Jan 1660/1]

Mary b 26 x [Dec] 1661

Rebecca b 18 vi [Aug] 1663

- 3 Webb, op cit, p 1 (section 1): the wedding was on 22.vii.[Sept] 1667

- 4 No children are given in Webb, op cit, p 1 (section 1)

- 5 The date of his death is not given in Webb, op cit, p 1 (section 1)

*She was the daughter of Richard and Grace Williams of Bajor

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