WBE:

FIELD, Abigail, afterwards Mott, 1766-1851

see
MOTT, Abigail, nee Field, 1766-1851

FIELD, Hannah (1763-1828) born Cromwell

Hannah Field was a child of John and Anne Cromwell of New York State, and wife of William Field.
She was in Europe 1816-1818, Her companion being Elizabeth Barker of Nantucket.

Piety Promoted, Phila.1890
Jnl.Friends Hist:Soc: 14, 15, 19, 23.

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930, p.152

WBE:

Additional Information.

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FIELD, Hannah, nee Cromwell 1763-1828

b. 1763 at Harristown (or Harrison Town), West Chester Co., N. Y., daughter of John and Anna (or Anne) Cromwell.

1778 her mother died.

m. William Field of Nine Partners, N. Y.

Minister, useful in discipline.

1809 visited Nantucket.

1816 with Elizabeth Barker visited more than two years in Great Britain, Ireland and some parts of Europe.

1822 had a severe illness. Endured great suffering and said "I rejoice".

d. Nov. 4, 1828 in West Chester Co., N. Y., aged 65.

Comly, Friends' Misc., 4:145, 9:364, 10:310

An. Mon. 18(1830): 22

N. Y. Yr. Mtg. Memorials, Part the third, 1829: 53

Memorials of Deceased Members of the Society (1843), 37-50

FIELD, Hannah (1705-1787) after 1747/8 Dann

[Hannah Field, daughter of John Field (-) and his wife Hannah (born) of Worplesden in Surrey, was married in 1747/8 to Thomas Dann (1703-1769 qv).

See DANN, Hannah (1705-1787) born Field]

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FIELD, John (1647?-1723/4)

John Field was a shopkeeper of George Yard, Lombard Street, probably a linendraper. He was also a man of some literary ability, the author of many controversial books and papers and editor of three volumes of the series Piety Promoted, published 1711, 1717, 1728. He also edited the works of Steven Crisp. Field is several times mentioned in connection with the Gibson Controversy (see Gibson, Bigottry and Partiality, 1705, pp.16-18, 26).He was clerk to one of the London Meetings and his handwriting is well known; he appears to have from time to timeassisted the secretaries regularly employed by the Yearly Meeting (F.P.T.). Field is referred to in letters to Sir John Rodes (1670?-1743), see Locker Lampson, Quaker Post-Bag, 1910, esp. pp.184, 193. In 1716, he formed one of a deputation to KingGeorge I (Green,Souvenir of Addresses to the Throne, 1901, p.44).

Field's father was also named John, and there man have been others of the same name. Present knowledge is insufficient to differentiate them with certainty.

The name John Field occurs in Whitehead, Christian Progress, 1725, pp.659, 680; Suff; Backhouse, William and Alice Ellis, 1849, Beck and Ball, London Friends' Meetings, 1869, pp.143, 360; MSS in Friends House.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.487

WBE:
Additional information

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FIELD, John ca. 1647/8-1723/4

b. May 22, 1648 (or 47?) in London, Eng., son of John and Anne Field. His father was a wire drawer and platter of gold and silver.

ed. His father gave him a good education. He learned both Latin and Greek when about 17 years of age.

Convinced. One of the pillar Friends of the metropolis who between 1681 and 1721 wrote or published works of a doctrinal, hortatory or controversial nature.

1699 published A Defence of An Apology for the people called Quakers . . .

1703 published An humble application to the Queen . . .

Served as Clerk of London Yearly Meeting.

d. 3 I 1723 at Hammersmith, London, aged 75 years.

Jos. Smith's Cat., I:603

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup.:121

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

Jourl. of G.F. (Penney), 2:486

Besse, I:443,480,484

WBE: a

FIELD, Mary Jane (Quinby)

b. 2 April 1807, Westchester Co., N. Y., daughter of Isaiah and Mary Quinby.

m. 17 Nov. 1824 Uriah Field (d. 1868)

Lived with husband in Tarrytown, N. Y.

1866 Removed to Plainfield New Jersey.

1867-1882 Clerk, Women's Mtg., New York Y. Mtg. (Friends General Conference)

Contributed greatly to the establishment of First Day School, New York Y. Mtg.

d. 6 Dec. 1889, aged 83 years

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the American Frontier, p. 395

Friends Intell., 47(1890), p. 26

Minutes of New York Y. Mtg. of Women Friends (Hicksite), (1892), p.81-86

FIELD, Mildred Frances (1874?-1942)

Mildred Frances Field was born about 1874.

While on the staff of the Education Department of Birmingham University she undertook part-time lecturing at Woodbrooke at the request of Rendel Harris. Subsequently she joined the Woodbrooke staff, and was appointed first head of the Education Department of the Selly Oak Colleges at the close of the ~~second~~ first world war. Failing health compelled her retirement in 1930. She joined Friends while at Woodbrooke and was a faithful member of Northfield Preparative Meeting.

She was a stimulating and enthusiastic teacher, and she was author of a volume in the Teachers and Taught series. Her later years were clouded by afflictions and ill health, but she always remained loyal to personal friends and institutions.

She died on 12 June 1942, aged 68.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.100 (1942) p.356

WBE: 7

FIELD, Phebe nee Hawxhurst 1768-1852

b. March 1768 in Port Chester, N.Y., dau. of Seaman and Dinah Hawxhurst. Adopted by Richard and Rebecca Titus.

1784 received into membership with Friends.

1785 married Jesse Field, Children. He died in 1834.

√ Spoke as a minister.

1803 acknowledged as a minister, by Amawalk Mo. Mtg.. Travelled and attended most of the Yearly Meetings on the American continent.

1814 moved to Scipio Mo. Mtg., N.Y.

d. May 31, 1852 at Union Springs, N.Y., aged 84. (a minister ca. 50 years.)

Memorials of Phebe Field and Anne Mott, N.Y.,1854. 12 pp.

Hinshaw's Enc. 3:119

Friends' Rev., 5(1852):651

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FIELD, Richard Henry (1859?-1929)

Richard Henry Field was born about 1859.

In 1900 he came into Edinburgh Monthly Meeting by certificate from Nottingham and Mansfield Monthly Meeting, taking up permanent residence in Glascow. In practically every activity of the Society of Friends in Scotland he had an honourable and onerous part: he was Clerk of Edinburgh Monthly Meeting for a number of years, and for 9 years Clerk of the General Meeting for Scotland. As correspondent of the ministering Friends' Arrangement Committee he received many people into his hospitable home.

His ministry, always helpful, had elements which met the needs of young people. From the old records and minutes of Edinburgh Monthly Meeting he compiled a valuable study of Friends in Scotland entitled Glimpses of the Early Quakers in Scotland, which was published in the Friend.

He was Quaker Chaplain to Conscientious Objectors in Scottish prisons, and his methods of love and patience gained the respect of the officials and won him opportunities of service without restriction. In the Glascow Adult School of which he was an officer for 25 years, he filled as great a place. His Study of Comparitive Religion gave him a mind rich and full of the deeper things of life and enabled him to sympathise with those of other creeds.

He died on 12 April 1929, aged 70.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.69 (1929) p.545

WBE:

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FIELD, Richard Henry ca. 1859-1929

b. Ca.1859.

1900 removed from Nottingham, Eng. to Edinburgh Mo. Mtg. and settled in Glasgow.

Studied comparative religions and philosophy.

An elder. Also Clerk of Edinburgh Mo. Mtg. Also Clerk of General Mtg. for Scotland. He became Quaker "chaplain" for C.O.'s imprisoned in Scotland. Taught in by Glasgow Adult School for 25 years.

Author of Glimpses of the Early Quakers in Scotland.

d. April 12, 1929 in Glasgow, aged 70 years.

The Friend (London), 69(1929): 344, 545 (portrait)

FIELDEN, Hannah (1808-1834) after 1830 Thorp

(Hannah Fielden, daughter of Samuel and Rachel Fielden of Lancaster, was married in 1830 to Joseph Thorp (1803-1873 qv).

See THORP, Hannah (1808-1834) born Fielden)

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FIELDER, Anne (-1686) born

Anne Fielder was the wife of John Fielder (1621?-1677, q.v.) of Kingston-on-Thames. They were prominent Friends and held a meeting at their house.

Based on note by N.Penney in G.Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.331

FIELDER, John (1621?-1677)

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John Fielder and Anne Fielder (d.1686) of Kingston-on-Thames were prominent Friends and held a meeting at their house. This meeting being near Hampton Court, its influence was felt in the Protector's household (Gilbert Latey,1707, p.12; Beginnings of Quakerism, p.441). Latey (87.1) was their son-in-law. John Fielder was liberated from the King's Bench Prison by the 'General Pardon' of 1672. By business he was a mealman.

Christian Progress, pp.523,613
Suff.
London Friends' Meetings

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.331

FINCH, Ann-Mari (1912 ? - 1980) b. Ek

Ann-Mari Ek was born in about the year 1912 (1) the daughter of Sverker and Karen Valborg Ek of Gothenburg, Sweden. In 1932 she came to Woodbrooke and became drawn to Quakerism. She also met John Finch, always known as Jack Finch (1908 -) at Woodbrooke and although she returned to Sweden to train as a nurse she returned to England in 1936 to marry him.(2) There were two children of the marriage, Mary Karin (1937) and Susan Brigitta (1939) In 1943 they became wardens for the recently formed Sutton meeting (3) which they continued to serve until until in 1970 the meeting house had to make way for a municipal car park. She joined the Society in about 1945/6.(3)

She was a great home lover but made her home an extension of the meeting, she was practical, capable, a good organiser and an excellent cook and introduced Friends to many Swedish customs and traditions including songs and country dances. She was keenly interested in the arts, particularly in poetry and in the theatre and started what became a flourishing poetry group at the meeting. In 1970 they moved to Dulwich where they found a small struggling meeting which they supported in the same ways until it was amalgamated with Sydenham meeting four years later.

She died on September 18, 1980 after a year's illness, she was 68.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 138 (1980) p. 1282
Death notice for age p. 1228

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth she was aged 68 at death.
2. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Purley FMH on December 29, 1936. Her parents are given as above. She was not in membership. Jack Finch was described as a bachelor, teacher, son of Ernest Wm. Finch. The Friend. 1937 p. 48
3. London & Middlesex QM printed lists of members record Jack Finch at Sutton Meeting Ho. in 1945 with wife not in membership and in 1946 she is recorded as a member.

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WBE:

FINCH, Clara, nee Wilcox -1958

b. , dau. of Eldah and Wilcox of Elklands, Pa.

Served as Business Secrtary to Joseph S. and Thomas Elkinton in Phila. Pa.

m. Finch.

For 25 years she served the Seneca Indians, at Quaker Bridge, N.Y. on the Allegheny Reservation.

A member of Muncy Mo. Mtg.

d. April 12, 1958 in Binghampton, N.Y.

Friends Jour., 4(1958):521

FINCH, Deborah (1735-) after 1758 Waring

[Deborah Finch, daughter of John Finch (-)
and his wife Dorcas (born)
of Staines in Middlesex, was married in 1758 to
Jeremiah Waring (1734- qv) of Staines.

See WARING, Deborah (1735-) born Finch]

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FINCH, Deborah (1767-1842) after 1790 Prichard

[Deborah Finch, daughter of Thomas Finch (-)
and his wife Sarah (born)
of Staines in Middlesex, was married in 1790 to Samuel
Prichard (1767-1819 qv) of Staines, Leominster and
Illinois.

See PRICHARD, Deborah (1767-1842) born Finch]

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FINCH, Elizabeth (1674?-1744)

Elizabeth Finch, of Windsor, was born about 1674. She was a minister upwards of 40 years. She died on 24 iii.(May) 1744, aged about 70 years, and was buried at Windsor.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

Testimony of QM of County of Berkshire in TCMD vol.1, p.231

FINCH, **Margaret** (1903 - 1981) after 1953 Holmes

Margaret Finch, daughter of William (- 1951) and Emma Ann (b.) Finch of Peckham married Henry Holmes (1885 - 1980 qv.) at Purley FMH on November 28, 1953.

SEE

HOLMES Margaret (1903 - 1981) b. Finch.

SGJ.APR.'82

FINCH, Mary (1901-1922)

Mary Finch, the daughter of Ernest and Emma Finch, was born at Dulwich on 5 November 1901. Her parents at that time were members of Peckham Meeting, but ~~shortly after~~ about 1910 they moved to Purley, and then Riddlesdown.

Educated at Croydon High School, Mary was head girl there in her last year and had a wonderful influence over the other girls, carrying out her duties to perfection. She was also very good at games.

Leaving school, she studied medicine at the London Medical School for Women where she worked hard; it was her great desire to become a doctor.

A regular attender at Meeting, she was a scholar, and afterwards a teacher, in the Sunday School. She was indispensable at the childrens' Christmas Party and belonged to the older childrens' Cycling Club.

She was a capable, energetic girl, loving and happy.

She drowned at Gorran, Cornwall, while trying to save a young boy.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.62 (1922) p.629

WBE:

FINCH, Richard 1710-1763 [fl. 1750] B

b.

A clock-maker of White- Hart Court, Lombard Street, London. A Friend.

1746 he wrote and published anonymously, The Nature and Duty of Self Defence: Addressed to the People called Quakers, 1746. His arguments are straightforward, and more ingenious than some advanced in later days.

He was disunited from the Society at some point, but later rejoined.

1755 published a recantation of his own pamphlet in Second Thoughts concerning War, &c, In this he acknowledges that he had dallied with sketpical opinions in religious matters, "But it pleased God . . . once more to draw me towards Himself . . . and it then appeared to me that I should, or might, in due time as heartily retract (my former statement) as ever I wrote it, which I now do."

Jos. Smith's Cat., I:609

Friends. Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa: BX 7614

Hirst, Qu. in Peace and War:172

Additional Information

FINCH, Richard (1710-1763)

Richard Finch, son of John and Elizabeth (1674?-1744,qv) Finch of Winkfield, Berkshire, was born there on 26.iv.[June] 1710 (1). He removed to London, where he became a clockmaker (2)

In 1733 he married Elizabeth Post (3); there appear to have been no children of the marriage (4), and she died of rheumatism on 16 November 1759 (5)

Richard Finch was the author of a number of books and pamphlets, including A defence of the rev mr Whitefield's doctrine of regeneration, 1739, A second letter to the rev mr Bate, 1740, and A letterto the rev dr Trapp, 1740, which at first appeared pseudonymously, but were collected for publication under his own name about 1745 (6). His most celebrated work was The nature and duty of self-defence, addressed to the people called quakers, published anonymously in 1746, and which he himself controverted in his Second thoughts concerning war ... in answer to and by the author of ... The nature and duty of self defence, 1755.

At Yearly Meeting 1749 he was made city correspondent on Meeting for Sufferings for Devonshire, but the appointment was discontinued on account of his non-attendance, by the Yearly Meeting of 1750 (7). Joseph Smith notes that he was disunited and later reinstated in membership, but gives no details (8).

In 1763 he married as his second wife, Elizabeth Kent (9). He died of consumption on 4 June 1763, aged 54 years (10). A posthumous still-born child born to his widow was buried on 3 December 1763 at Long Lane burial ground (11)

NOTES AND REFERENCES :

1 Berks & Oxon QM Birthe Digest. His mother was a recorded minister. At Richard Finch's declarations of intent to marry, in 1733 and 1762, he was described in the minutes of Two Weeks Meeting as the son of John Finch of Windsor, shopkeeper (Two Weeks Meeting minutes, vol.7 p.241 and vol 8, p.462)

2 So described in entries relating to his marriage, and by Joseph Smith in his Descriptive catalogue, vol.1,p.609, where his address is given as 'White-Hart-Court, Lombard Street'.

3 Two Weeks Meeting minutes, vol.7,p.241, for 22.viii[October]1733 describes her as the daughter of Benjamin Post, 'late Citizen & Joiner of London,decd.'

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FINCH, Richard (1710-1763) continued

NOTES & REFERENCES, continued:

3 and notes that both her parents were dead; her birth is recorded on 15.viii[October]1706 in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest, as daughter of Benjamin, timber-seller, and Elizabeth Post. Richard Finch produced a certificate of consent at Two Weeks Meeting from both his parents. In the entry for the marriage at the Bull & Mouth on 15.ix[November] 1733, in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest, as in the Two Weeks Meeting Minutes, he is described as a clockmaker of St Martins Ludgate, London.

4 None traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest

5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest, where she is described as of Cannon Street, London, parish of St Mary; her age is given as about 53.

6 In Tracts ... by Richard Finch, a collection of eight works, 'sold by the author, at the sign of the Spring Clock, the corner of White Hart Court in Lombard-Street.' Among his other works was almost certainly A letter to the right reverend Richard, lord bishop of Litchfield and Coventry, 1731, by T.S. (a pseudonym which he often used) and which appears in Smith vol.1 p.54, only as an anonymous publication, as does T.S.'s A second letter to the ... bishop of Litchfield and Coventry, 1733.

7 Yearly Meeting minutes, vol. 10, pp. 140, 214.

8 Smith, Descriptive catalogue, vol. 1, p. 609. No evidence of discownment or resignation traced in the minutes of Six Weeks Meeting, London & Middlesex QM, Meeting for Sufferings or Morning Meeting.

9 Two Weeks Meeting minutes, vol.8, p. 462, describe her as the daughter of Benjamin Kent of Boston in Lincolnshire, weaver, and Elizabeth his wife. Her birth is recorded as having taken place on 8.xii[February] 1729 [1730], in the Lincolnshire QM Births Digest. The marriage took place at Gracechurch Street FMH on 20 January 1763; Richard Finch was described as citizen and clockmaker of London, of the parish of St. Bennets Gracechurch (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

10 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest, where he is described as aged about 54, of the parish of St. Bennet Gracechurch Street. The burial took place at Long Lane burial ground.

11 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest. No entry traced for the death of Elizabeth Finch in London & Middlesex QM.

FINCHER, Rebecca (1815-1887) after 1833 Thursfield

[Rebecca Fincher, daughter of John Fincher (-)

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FINCH, Thomas (1712-1789)

Thomas Finch, son of John and Elizabeth (1674?-1744, qv) Finch of Winkfield, Berks, was born there on 30 iii [May] 1712 (1).

'About the 18th Year of his Age, he was favoured with an heavenly visitation...but letting it pass over, and afterwards turning his attention to the writings of deistical authors, his understanding became so darkened that his mind seem'd closed up in an unbelief of the Truth of inward revelation, & he thought there was nothing greater than reason to be known in Man'.

In 1756, however, he was aware of a renewed call to the ministry, and this time he responded. He was 'diligent in attending meetings for worship and discipline, tho' near his decease almost ten Miles distant from the meeting he belonged to'.

He died 'of old age' (2) at Brentford on 5 April 1789, aged 77 years, a minister for about 30 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Longford MM 17 ii 1790 in TCMD vol 3 pp 390-4

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest

2 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest, which gives no occupation, and with agrees with the testimony in other details

FINCKE, Franz Anton (1829?-1897)

Franz Anton Fincke was born of Roman Catholic parents in a village near Iserlohn in Westphalia. He lost his parents when he was six years old and was sent to a Roman Catholic School, and subsequently to a seminary, to be trained as a teacher. He left there, troubled in his conscience, and became a farm labourer - an occupation to which his strength was not equal. He then attended the university where he met books published by English Friends. He joined a group of Friends at Minden and became a conscientious objector to military service. He was sentenced to imprisonment for 3½ years and suffered severe punishment and torture, from which he was rescued after some time by the appeal of English Friends to the King.

He then came over to England on release and became a student at the Flounders Institute. He was shy and reserved and never assumed any credit to himself for his past endurance. He was diligent but not brilliant,and was specially attracted to the study of mathematics and languaes - Latin: Spanish: French & English, as well as botany, chemistry & shorthand. When he left the Flounders Institute he became tutor to a private family and afterwards taught a junior class at Newtown School, Waterford. There Friends learned that when F. Fincke joined Friends he had been entirely disowned by his friends and relations, and all doors had been closed to him. He returned later to Germany and taught at Minden.

He was much attached to Friends and was a regular attender at Meetings for Worship, slow of speech and not given to much expression of his religious sentiments. For many years he lived in the home of Johann Peitsmeyer of Minden where Friends' Meetings were held.

In 1897 he died, quietly and trustfully, at the age of 68 on 4 February, after a short illness.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

<u>Annual Monitor</u> 1898, p.24

WBE:

FINKE, Franz Anton ca. 1829 - 1897

b. ca. 1829 near Iserlohn, in Westphalia, Germany. Left an orphan at an early age, he became a farm laborer. Member of Catholic church.

Attended lectures at University. Met with Friends books. Went to Minden to inform himself.

1855 refused to train as a soldier. Court martialed. He was placed barefooted in a room the floor of which was made of planks set edgewise and slanting, at some distance from each other. He could neither stand, sit, nor lie without pain. He was visited by English Friends, and on their appeal to the King, he was finally released.

Came to Flounders Institute, where he made progress in Latin, Spanish, French and English. Prepared a system of short-hand.

Became a tutor in a private family.

Later a teacher at Newtown School, Waterford, Ire.

Removed to Minden, where he taught. Lived in a room stored with books in all directions.

d. Feb. 4, 1897 at Minden, Westphalia, Ger., aged 68.

The Friend (London) 37(1897):174

An. Mon. N.S.,56:24

FINDLAY, Susannah (1710-1747/8) after 1742/3 Reynolds, born

[Susannah Findlay, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced, was a widow of Chippenham in

FINCKEN, Burleigh Wilson (1893?-1952)

Burleigh Wilson Fincken joined the Society in 1933. Towards the end of the First World War he did relief work in Holland, and at this time married Kathleen Rowntree. Their marriage, followed later by the birth of their son, brought to the Society a family united in the serivce of Friends. In the inter-war period Burleigh Fincken threw himself into Quaker work for the unemployed, and later gave invaluable help to the work of the Germany Emergency Committee.

He was concerned with expressing his Christian faith in the field of business life, and his wartime removal to Cheltenham for business reasons was of great value to the local Meeting. The infectious character of his steadfast faith reassured people in those dark days. "He cheered all he met, because he cared for all he met."

He returned to Winchmore Hill, where he had lived before the war, and continued to make a valued contribution to that Meeting, although illness curtailed his activities.

He died on 5 April 1952, aged 59.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.110 (1952) p.436

FINNEGAN, Thomas (1901?-1964) nm

Dr Thomas Finnegan was for five years President of the Selly Oak Colleges. To this task he brought the cultivated mind of the Christian classical scholar, and a wealth of experience in public affairs.

In the public life of Northern Ireland he had sought to "answer that of God in every man" by working to bring together those estranged by bitter religious and historic differences. He did the same for the Selly Oak Colleges, acting on the basis of first-hand, unprejudiced esperience, sensitive to the needs and susceptibilities of each College.

Those who knew him found in Tom Finnegan a whole man, whose mind and heart and will were unified and liberated in Christian discipleship. His very presence conveyed an impression of warmth, friendliness and trust.

He died while on a lecture tour of the United States in 1964, aged 63.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.122 (1964) p.1433

FIRTH, Ella Rogers (1866-1949) born Rogers

Ella Rogers Firth was born in 1866, the last of seven children of Hannah Cody and Samuel Rogers, who were both descendants of the first Quaker settlers in Canada. Her childhood was spent near Toronto. She went to school at Newmarket, and then to Woodstock Baptist College before graduating from Toronto University.

In 1892 she was appointed Lady Principal of Pickering College, Ontario, and remained there until the college was destroyed by fire in 1905; she resumed the position when the College was rebuilt at Newmarket in 1909 and held it till 1916 when it became a Military Hospital.

In 1894 she married William P. Firth, President of Pickering College. From 1916 she lived in Toronot and encouraged conferences and camps for Young Friends. During the second world war she took a keen interest in Quaker Mission Work, and in the F.A.U. She was an elder of Toronto Meeting.

Those who knew her write of her beauty and generosity of spirit; she gave not only of her possessions but of herself.

She died on 5 December 1949.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.108 (1950) p.151

FIRTH, Grace (1758-1846) after 1781 Jowitt

(Grace Firth, daughter of Thomas and Mary Firth of Huddersfield in Yorkshire, was married in 1781 to Joseph Jowitt (1757-1803 qv).

See JOWITT, Grace (1758-1846) born Firth)

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FIRTH, Hannah (1786-1865) born Pickard

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Hannah Pickard, daughter of William and Mary Pickard was born at Painthorp, Sandal Magna, Yorks on 20 July 1786.(1) She was married at Wakefield on 23 December 1813 to Joseph Firth of Shapley Lane Head, within the compass of Highflatts meeting (2). Throughout her long life she was a member of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, serving for some years as an Elder, and for eighteen years as a recorded minister. Though little known outside her own Quarterly Meeting, she was most faithful in her attendance at meetings for worship and for business affairs, and her judgement was greatly valued. She died on 27 March 1865 and was buried in Friends burial ground at Highflatts.

Testimony of Yorkshire QM in YM Proc. 1866, p.xi

References and notes

1 Yorks QM Births Digest. Her father is described as a farmer.

2 Yorks QM Marriage Digest. He is described as the son of John (Maltster) and Ann Firth

FIRTH, John (1752-1830)

John Firth, the son of Joseph Firth (1711-1787 qv) and his wife Martha and a descendant of Joseph Firth (-1710 qv), was born on 7 July 1752.(1) He was a maltster and lived at Shepley Lanehead in Yorkshire. In 1780 he married Ann Burrows and there were nine children of the marriage.(3)

He died at Shepley Lanehead on 24 March 1830.(4)

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: he was born on 7 July 1752, the son of Joseph and Martha of Lanehead

2 The wedding was at Otley in Yorkshire on 11 June 1780: he is described as the son of Joseph, a yeoman and Martha (deceased) of Shepley Lanehead in the parish of Kirkburton in Yorkshire; she is described as the daughter of Edward and Jane Burrows of Otley in Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Sarah	b 2 September 1781	marriage and death not traced
Jane	b 20 October 1783	m Samuel Woodhead 18 Feb.1802
Joseph	b 28 September 1785	d 27.Nov.1842, a land agent
Edward	b 28 September 1785	d 12 Oct.1785
Mary	b 9 January 1788	d 30 May 1802
John	b 20 March 1790	d 6 Sept.1847, a yeoman
Edward	b 14 October 1792	d 4 April 1813
Ann	b 15 February 1795	d 3 July 1795
Thomas	b 26 April 1797	d 8 March 1879 at Huddersfield, a gentleman

4 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he died on 24 March 1830; he is described as a maltster

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WBE:

FIRTH, John [fl. 1660] BC

b.

(Lived) at Shepley, Lanehead, Firths.

Firth was a member of a cavalry troop, one thousand strong, every man of which was six feet or over tall in height.

Convinced by George Fox at Nottingham. Was captured by royalists, but escaped into the woods.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc.,30:70

FIRTH, John (1790-1847)

John Firth, the son of John Firth (1752-1830 qv) and his wife Ann of Shepley Lanehead in the parish of Kirkburton in Yorkshire, was born there on 20 March 1790(1). In his youth he was rough and boisterous, but the gentle influence of the Holy Spirit softened his character, so that in later life few men exceeded him in the exercise of Christian kindness and sympathy with the afflictions and trials of his friends. In 1817 he married Mary Dickinson(2), but the marriage was childless(3).

He was endowed with good natural understanding, a discriminating judgment and much sound sense. Occupying an influential position in a populous rural district and possessed of ample means for doing good, it is quite possible that John Firth would have proved his usefulness in whatever sphere of life he found himself, but his benevolence was reinforced by an appreciation of the beliefs and principles of the Society and in all his actions he sought counsel of the Lord. Although he could not be described as naturally liberal, he had a deeply felt conviction of his stewardship of his material possessions; much that he did was unknown to his family and it was often his practice to employ an intermediary so that even the objects of his charity were unaware of its source.

He was greatly concerned for the state of the children of the poor in the neighbourhood in which he lived and established in his house a First day School for boys and girls. This, with the help of other Friends of his meeting, was maintained very efficiently for many years and was a marked influence for good on the character of the children who attended it. Of his cheerful and warm hearted hospitality many could testify and his home and heart were always open to true Friends.

The gravity of his deportment and the weight of his spirit in meetings for worship were very instructive. As he advanced in years his spiritual life deepened and he was a valued member of his meeting, until about three years before his death he began to suffer from a disease of the brain which at times reduced him to unconsciousness and was accompanied by a variety of distressing symptoms. He had lucid intervals, but the attacks of the disease grew more violent and painful and he finally died at Highflatts on 6 September 1847(4), at the age of fifty seven.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1848 pp 37-42

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

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a maltster
2 The wedding was at Highflatts on 18 September 1817: he is described as a clothier of Foulstone in Yorkshire, the son of John, a yeoman, and his wife Ann, of Shepley; she is described as the daughter of Elihu Dickinson, a clothier, and his wife Martha, of Highflatts (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
3 No children are recorded in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a yeoman. The death is noted in **The Friend** (Lond) vol 5 (1847) p 220

FIRTH, John Lacy (fl 1908-)

John Lacy Firth, details of whose birth are not at present (1983) traced, was the son of Thomas Firth. He was not a member of the Society of Friends(1).

He was a surgeon of Bristol(2) and was married in 1908 to Winifred Mary Grace (born Naish, 1870-1959 qv), the widow of Henry Ernest Grace (1870-1904 qv) of Bristol(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

The date of his death is not at present (1983) traced, but he died before 1959(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 He is described as not in membership in his marriage entry, note 3: he does not appear in Bristol & Somerset QM printed lists of members to 1958
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Malton on 12 March 1908: he is described as not in membership, a bachelor, a surgeon of Bristol, the son of Thomas Firth, a cotton spinner; she is described as a widow of Bristol, the daughter of Louis Edmund Naish, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
4 No children are traced in the Digest of Births: in the entry for her in Bristol & Somerset QM printed lists of members she is shown alone, without husband or children
5 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths: in the burial entry for Winifred Mary Firth in 1959 she is described as a widow

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

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FIRTH, Joseph (-1710)

Joseph Firth, details of whose birth and parentage are at present (1975) unknown, was probably a convinced Friend and may have been a brother of John Firth (- qv). He lived at Shepley Lanehead in Yorkshire and was married, but his wife's name is also at present unknown.(1) He had three children.(2)

He died at Shepley Lanehead on 18.ix.(November)1710.(3)

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 There is no record of his marriage in Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest

2 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Sarah	b 2.iv.(June)1681	death not traced
Joseph	b 22.xi.1684 (i.e.January 1684/5)	may have died 21.ii.(April)1736
Sarah	b 27.ix.(November)1686	probably married Caleb Dickinson 23.i.1707 (i.e.probably March 1706/7 but possibly March 1707/8)

3 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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FIRTH, Joseph (1684/5-1736?)

Joseph Firth, the son of Joseph Firth (-1710 qv) of Shepley Lanehead in Yorkshire, was born there on 22.xi.1684 (i.e.January 1684/5).(1) Little information about his life is at present (1975) available. In 1709 he married Hannah Dickinson(2) and there were three children of the marriage.(3)

He may have died at Shepley Lanehead on 21.ii.(April)1736, but there is considerable doubt about this.(4)

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: he was born on 22.xi.1684 (i.e.January 1684/5), the son of Joseph of Shepley

2 The wedding was at Highflatts on 16.ix.(November)1709; he is described as the son of Joseph Firth, she as the daughter of Edward Dickinson (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Joseph	b 2.vi.(August)1711	d 2 September 1787, a yeoman
Hannah	b 2.viii.(October)1716	m Joseph Clark of Upper Haugh at Highflatts on 6.v.(July) 1744
Thomas	b 24.ix.(November)1722	d 3 December 1782 at Huddersfield, a salter

4 There is a record of the death of Joseph Firth of Shepley Lanehead on 21.ii.(April)1736, but his age at death is given as 21: should this prove a mistranscription for '51' the identification would be reasonable

M.E.G.1975

FIRTH, Joseph (1711-1787)

Joseph Firth, the son of Joseph Firth (1684/5-1736? qv) and his wife Hannah of Shepley Lanehead in Yorkshire, was born there on 2.vi.(August) 1711.(1) Little information about his life is at present (1975) available. He was a yeoman who in 1744/5 married Martha Greenwood(2) and there were two children of the marriage.(3) His wife died in 1763/4.(4)

He died at Shepley Lanehead on 2 September 1787.(5)

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: he was born on 2.vi.(August)1711, the son of Joseph and Hannah of Shepley Lanehead

2 The wedding was at Shewbrook in Langfield on 31.xi.1744 (i.e.January 1744/5); he is described as a yeoman, but details of his and his wife's parentage are not given (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

John	b 7 July 1752	d 24 March 1830, a maltster
Thomas	b 31 July 1756	d 22 Feb.1822, of Lindley in the parish of Huddersfield, formerly a corn dealer

4 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she died on 22.xii.1763 (i.e.February 1763/4), aged 48

5 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he died on 2 September 1787, a yeoman

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FIRTH, Joseph (1814-1873)

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Joseph Firth was born on 10 October 1814 (1) within the limits of Highflatts Meeting, of which he continued a member through the whole of his life. His influence as a Christian was widely felt throughout his neighbourhood, where his outward engagements brought him into contact with men of various professions and conditions in society. His clear and sound judgment and practical knowledge of business affairs rendered his opinion and advice of great value, and it was apparent that the mainspring of his conduct was a deepreligious feeling which exercised a powerful and at the same time a great influence on all around him.

Joseph Firth was a faithful and judicious overseer and elder in his Monthly Meeting; he was recorded a Minister by Pontefract Meeting, and for four years before his death engaged in family visits throughout the Monthly Meeting.

He died 28 August 1873

Testimony of Yorkshire QM in YM Proc. 1874, p.ix

References and notes

1 Yorks QM Births Digest. Testimony gives 'about 1815'

WBE:
Additional Information

2

FIRTH, Joseph ca. 1815 - 1873

b. ca. 1815 at Shepley, Lane-Head, near Huddersfield, England., son of Joseph and Hannah Firth.

1826 - 28 ed. at Ackworth.

Assisted his father as land valuer. Early adopted the principle of total abstinence.

m. Sarah King of Rochdale and settled at Carr Hill.

1860 moved to Highflatts. Often acted as a peacemaker, and was often sought as a safe counsellor. House open to entertain his friends.

1863 an Elder.

1869 a minister and visited families.

d. Aug. 28, 1873 at Harrowgate (?), aged 58 years.

An. Mon., N.S., 32:62

WBE:

FIRTH, Joseph Firth Bottomley 1842-1889

b. 1842 near Dobroyd, Huddersfield, Eng., son of Joseph Bottomley. The son later took the name of his uncle.

ed. in the law and in 1873 he received Bachelor of Laws degree, London University.

1876 published Municipal London: or, London Government as it is, and London under a Municipal Council.

1880-85 M.P. for Chelsea Division.

1888 M.P. for Dundee.

1876-88 He was author of speeches and publications in the interest of reform in the local government of London.

d. Sept. 3, 1889 in Chamounix, Switz., aged ca. 47.

Nodal, Bibliog. of Ackworth Sch., 11

Jos Smith's Cat., Sup.:122

An. Mon., N.S.: 48(1890):74

FIRTH, Mary (1727-1797) born Crosland

Mary Crosland, the only daughter of Robert Crosland (1697?-1784 qv) and his wife Grace (born Pollard, 1696?-1764 qv) of Oldfieldnook in the parish of Birstall in Yorkshire, was born there on 15.vi.[August] 1727(1).

She was married in 1754 to Thomas Firth (1722-1782 qv), a salter of Huddersfield in Yorkshire and there were four children(2).

Mary Firth of Huddersfield died on 5 April 1797, at the age of sixty nine(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 For marriage and children see FIRTH, Thomas (1722-1782)
3 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Thomas

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

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FIRTH, Mary (1746-1810) after 1780 Wood

[Mary Firth, daughter of Joseph Firth (1711-1787 qv) and his wife Martha (born Greenwood) of Shepley Lanehead in Yorkshire, was married in 1780 to Samuel Wood (1752-1842 qv) of Haddenley in Foulstone and Newhouse in Yorkshire.

See WOOD, Mary (1746-1810) born Firth]

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FIRTH, Sarah (1811-1892) born King

Sarah King was born on 26 April 1811, the daughter of James and Rachel King of Rochdale (1). She was married at Rochdale on 10 September 1846 to Joseph Firth, land agent of Shapley Lane Head (2). She became a Recorded Minister of Pontefract Monthly Meeting.

'Her house at Highflatts was a well-known centre of true Christian hospitality; and she was, whilst health and strength permitted, diligent in the exercise of the gift in the ministry which had been conferred upon her. Whilst sensible of the responsibilities which a position of influence entailed, she had a humble estimate of herself; and that true poverty of spirit, to which the Divine blessing is attached, seemed often the covering of her mind.'

Sarah Firth died 24 February 1892, aged eighty-one years.

Testimony of Pontefract MM in YM Proc. 1892, p.x

References and notes

1 Lancashire QM Registers Digest. Her father is described as cotton warp-maker

2 Digest of Marriage Extracts. Joseph Firth is described as the son of Joseph Firth,

FIRTH, Winifred Mary (1870-1959) after 1895 Grace, born Naish

Winifred Mary Naish, the daughter of Louis Edmund Naish (1843-1881 qv) and his [illegible] Thurer, 1846-1900 qv) of Ashley Hill, Bristol, was born

FIRTH, Thomas (1722-1782)

Thomas Firth, the younger son of Joseph Firth (1684/5-1736? qv) and his wife Hannah of Shepley Lanehead in Yorkshire, was born there on 24.ix. (November)1722(1). There were originally two families of Firths at Shepley, one at Shepley Hall about which nothing is at present (1975) known and the other at Lanehead, to which branch Thomas and his forebears belonged; the Lanehead Firths were distinguished by their red hair.

Thomas became a salter in Huddersfield and in the early part of his career he walked home every week-end, living at the Horse Shoe Inn in Huddersfield during the week; he paid 3.6d for his week's lodging. After a time he set up in business on his own account and although when he started the equipping of his shop almost exhausted his slender capital, his venture prospered and he became a wealthy man. He lived at Toothill, which he bought in 1763 at a cost of £1230 and, he was then still only forty one his business success must have been rapid. He was fond of horses and had the reputation of keeping the best hunter in Huddersfield.

In 1754 he married Mary Crosland(2) and they had three sons(3).

He died at Huddersfield on 3 December 1782(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Firths of Shepley and Huddersfield: Friends House Temp MSS 87/9b

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
2 The wedding was at Liversedge in Yorkshire on 12 June 1754: he is described as a salter of Huddersfield, the son of Joseph, deceased; she is described as a single woman, the daughter of Robert Crosland of Skoals in the parish of Burstall, Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-
   John b 13 Jan 1756
   Robert b 5 May 1760
   Thomas b 22 July 1762
4 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a salter

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

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FISCHER, Gustav (1891 - 1975)

Gustav Fischer was born at Brunn, now Brno, in 1891. In 1914 he was conscripted in the Austro-Hungarian army and early in the war was captured by the Russians, without his ever having fired a shot, as he was later on happy to remember. At the end of the war he made his way, with many others, along the Trans-Siberian Railway track to Vladivostok, reaching home by way of Japan in 1920. In 1921 he married Else Weissenstein and worked for a woollen mill in Brno until in 1938 being warned by the fate of Austria, he left Czecho-slovakia with his wife and two children just in time. He found work in the woollen trade in Yorkshire, and he and Else joined the Society of Friends at Ilkley in the 1950s.(1)

He became involved in the work of the Northern Friends Peace Board, and in the C.N.D. and he and Else regularly attended the Peace Committee's Swanwick conferences

On retirement he and Else moved to Amersham where he continued to serve the Meeting (2). He served as an elder on Meeting for Sufferings (3) but his attendance there was cut short by a series of strokes in 1966 which gradually made all intellectual activity impossible. " He lived on in a world of his own, happy in the love of his wife who cared for him with patience and tenderness ".(4).

He died on June 7, 1975, peacefully at his home at Great Missenden, aged about 84.(5)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol 133 (1975) p. 847.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Yorkshire QM printed list of members for 1956 show them as attending Ilkley Meeting, Else as member, he as attender. The list for 1959 shows him also as a member.
2. Bedfordshire QM printed list of members for 1963 records them as members at Amersham Meeting, living at Great Missenden.
3. The Obituary suggests that he was a representative, but in fact he attended in his capacity as an elder.
4. This is a quotation from the obituary.
5. We have no actual date of birth.

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FISCHER,Gustav, 1891-1972.

b. 1891, Brno, Czechoslovakia.

1914, conscripted into the Austro-Hungarian army and early in the war, he was captured by the Russians.

1920, reached home after confinement.

m. 1921, Else Weissenstein, 2 children.

1938, left Czechoslovakia, just before its invasion. He found work in the woolean trade in Yorkshire, England.

1956, he and wife joined Ilkley Meeting, after being drawn to Friends by his sister's death in a concentration camp.

Regular attendant at Meeting for Sufferings. Early became involved in work of Northern Friends Peace Board and regularly attended Peace Committee's Swanwick Conferences. Moved to Amersham, England after retirement, he organized meetings of Christians and Marxists.

1966, suffered a series of strokes.

d. 7 June, 1975.

The Friend (London) 133(1975): 847.

FISH, Muriel Elsie (1872?-1955)

Muriel Elsie Fish was born about 1872 ~~AD~~. She was a member of Petersfield Meeting. The earlier part of her life was spent with her father, and a picture of this, as well as of his death, is given in her poem THE DAUGHTER.

She was a great influence in the Meeting, although she never cut herself off entirely with from her father's Church of England. She was one of the few Friends who felt able to pray ~~a~~aloud.

Her belief in the sacredness of each person's thoughts made her slow to give definite advice, but she was very definite on the issue of abstinence. The great grief of her deafness was mitigated by her reading of the Bible and Greek, Latin and German literature.

Her thoughtfulness sometimes caused her to make sacrifices.

She died on 24 August 1955, aged 83 (1)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.113 (1955) p.934

REFERENCES AND NOTES:
(1) Digest of ~~Birth~~ Death Notes

FISH, Phyllis Mary (1899 - 1979)

Phyllis Fish was born at Woodford on April 4, 1899 into an Anglican family. She trained as a physical training instructor at Bedford and after a few years went to New Zealand to teach and where she travelled widely. In 1929 she was appointed to the staff of Sidcot School and worked there until 1933, while there she joined the Society of Friends. Later experiences in various parts of the country led to her setting up with a partner a preparatory school in Virginia Water which became a successful establishment.

In 1963 she moved to Brentwood and transferring her membership from Westminster to Brentwood meeting she served her new meeting well and faithfully for the rest of her life. As preparative meeting clerk (1) and then as treasurer she gave valued service in the years of expansion of the meeting and of the meeting house and helped to widen its use by encouraging a new play group. She helped to maintain the garden and was a most hospitable and stimulating Friend. In retirement she took "A" level courses in English and French and paid a long visit to the community at Charbonnieres in France. Her other interests included bird-watching, a delight in nature of all kinds, she read widely and rejoiced in mental and physical activity. She was a woman of dry humour and gentle irony and she ordered her life by her deeply held convictions,

She died on September 5, 1979 aged 80.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE TESTIMONY OF WITHAM MM

Y.M.Procs. 1981 pp 165/6.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Index of Clerks - Friends House Library

Brentwood PM. 1966 - 1969

SGJ.FEB.'82

WBE:

FISH, Sarah, afterwards Tucker, 1779-1840

see

Tucker, Sarah, nee Fish, 1779-1840

WBE:

FISHER, Abigail

b.

lived in London and became a Friend.

m. Hallelujah Fisher, son of Samuel Fisher.

1690, a widow, she published Epistles of love and admonition from this date until 1696.

1694 wrote A few lines in true love to such that frequent the meetings of the people called Quakers. . .

d. in Friends' Work House, London, Eng.

Jo. Smith's Cat., I:618

WBE:

FISHER. Abraham 1823-1909

b. July 22, 1823 in Youghal, Ire., son of Abraham and Jane (Moor) Fisher. [See also FISHER, Jane M.]

ed. Newtown Friends Boarding School from 1832-1837.

1837 went to work for his father and older brother in the milling business.

ca. 1843 went to London and then to Bristol where he held positions of trust.

Returned to Ireland when his health became impaired.

m. 1850 Sarah Wright, daughter of Thomas and Maria (Dudley) Wright of Cork, Ire. They had nine children. He seems to have had business trials and suffered loss of means.

1871 a large banking firm in London offered him a position as bookeeper and general factotum in the new colony of 150,000 acres in the Argentine Republic in South America.

1874 because of unsettled conditions he left Argentine; through the influence of Benjamin Lightfoot he moved to North Carolina (Dymond City), and became manager of the Jamesville & Washington R.R. and Lumber Co.

d. Dec. 9, 1909 at the age of 86 in Malvern. Pa., where he had lived in the home of his daughter in his last years.

Twice visited the British Isles after the age of 80.

1848 he was the author of Notes on a work entitled "a narrative of facts", &c., (Manchester)

Memorial of Abraham Fisher, Phila., 1911

Information of Eleanor Fisher Brinton, West Chester, Pa. WBE

FISHER, Beatrice (1680-1723) after 1703 Harman

For references to Beatrice, daughter of Stephen and Beatrice Fisher (- , born Guy) of Little Minories, London, who in 1703 married John Harman (c1663-1714/5) of White Hart Court, Gracechurch Street, as his second wife

see HARMAN, Beatrice (1680-1723) born Fisher

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WBE:

FISHER, Benjamin Clark ca. 1782 - 1863

b. ca. 1782 in the County of Cork, Ire.

A very early riser and a member of Friends.

m. 1808 Mary Unthank of Limerick. They had a large family of children.

He worked against drinking of alcbholic beverages. Opposed slavery.

d. July 13, 1863 in Dublin (?), Irs., aged 81.

An. Mon., N.S., 22:16

WBE:

FISHER, Charles -1829

b.

Lived in Springborough, Warren County, Ohio, but his meeting was part of Indiana Yearly Mtg.

1829 published A Serious Expostulation with the followers of Elias Hicks, &c.(Cincinnati). This was a closely argued document in which the doctrines of E.H. and those advocated in the Berean are compared with passages of Scriptures. Written in December 1828 during his last illness.

d. (Spring?) 1829.

The Friend (Phila.) 2(1829): 262 et seq

Jos. Smith's Cat., I;612

Fisher, A Serious Expostulation . . . , Cincinnati, 1829

WBE:

FISHER, Deborah, 1795-1888.

SEE WHARTON, Deborah, nee FISHER, 1795-1888.

FISHER, Deborah (1820?-1862) after 1855 Wright

[Deborah Fisher, daughter of Abraham and Jane Fisher of Youghal in Ireland, became in 1855 the second wife of Francis Ellington Wright (1810-1903 qv).

See WRIGHT, Deborah (1820?-1862) born Fisher]

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FISHER, Elizabeth (1652-1729) after 1675 Milner

[Elizabeth Fisher, daughter of Thomas Fisher (-)
and his wife Agnes (born)
of Ulverstone in Lancashire, was married in 1675 to
Christopher Milner (-1695 qv) of Beakcliffe in
Lancashire.

See MILNER, Elizabeth (1652-1729) born Fisher]

MEG Nov 1984

FISHER, Elizabeth (1696-1750) aftw. Bradford

[Elizabeth Fisher, daughter of Christopher Fisher and his wife Ruth (nee) was married in 1724 to Henry Bradford

see BRADFORD, Elizabeth (1696-1750) born Fisher

FISHER, Gwendoline Rowntree (1872-1958) after 1900 Garnett

[Gwendoline Rowntree Fisher, daughter of Peter Moor Fisher (1809-1899 qv) and his wife Margaret Anne (born Fayle,) of Neath in south Wales, was married in 1900 tp William Garnett (1874-1964 qv) of Great Yarmouth and South Africa

See GARNETT, Gwendoline Rowntree (1872-1958) born Fisher]

MEG Jan 1983

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FISHER, Hannah (1765-1838)

Hannah Fisher was born on the 30th of Twelfth Month 1765, the daughter of William and Hannah Fisher of Lancaster. Her father was a sail-cloth manufacturer (Registers). She was married to George Fisher of Bristol at Lancaster on 5th of Second Month 1801.

About 1816 she was acknowledged a minister. Her husband died in 1821 aged 64 years (Green's Index) and about 3 or 4 years later she became a member of Frenchay Meeting. Her ministry was neither frequent nor in many words. She possessed a clear and sound judgment which was serviceable in meetings for church affairs.

She had some while before her death a slight seizure and on recovering she remarked to some of her family that it was a gentle warning. She died on 20th of Sixth Month 1838 while on a visit to her son-in-law at Harrow, and was buried at Winchmore Hill on 27th Sixth Month 1838.

Testimony of Frenchay M.M. in
Testimonies 1839, p.~~9~~ 10
No Annual Monitor notice
Not in Smith

WBE:
Additional information

FISHER, Hannah nee Jepson ca.1766-1838

b. ca. 1766 at Lancaster (?), Eng., dau. of William and Hannah Jepson.

m. George Fisher and resided at Bristol. Later lived at Laurence Weston, Glouc. Eng.

1816 acknowledged as a minister.

d. June 20, 1838 at Harrow, in her 73rd year. She was a minister 22 years.

Testimonies of deceased ministers, London, 1836-53, Part 4;10
AN. Mon., 27(1839):28

WBE:

FISHER, Hannah Logan, afterwards Smith, 1777-1846

see

Smith, Hannah Logan, nee Fisher, 1777-1846

WBE:

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FISHER, Hannah nee Rodman 1764-1819

b. April ,1764 in Newport, R.I., dau. of Thomas and Mary Rodman.

m. 1793 Samuel R. Fisher of So. Front St., Phila., Pa. They had children. Her own sister, Mary Rodman, who accompanied her to Phila. caught the yellow fever and died there.

Member of Pine St. Meeting.

1804 , a minister. The South. Front St. home of Samuel Fisher was often the stopping place of Elias Hicks. H.F. was released before the sorrows of the separation arrived.

d. Sept. 12, 1819, Phila. Pa. in her 56th year.

Phila. Yr. Mtg., Mems. concerning deceased Frds. (1788-1819), publ. 1850

Comly, Friends' Misc.,Vlll:35

FISHER, Isabella (1821-1901) aftw. Alexander

[Isabella Fisher, daughter of Benjamin Clark and Mary Fisher was married in 1842 to Samuel Alexander of Limerick

see ALEXANDER, Isabella (1921-1901) born Fisher]

FISHER, James (1821?-1871)

James Fisher, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1978) traced, was born about the year 1821(1). He occupied a humble position in life, but was most respected and had held one or two situations as a gardener. He was a member of the Wesleyan Choir, but he felt more interest in the technical merit he could attain than in the religious significance of the music.

The Friends of Ackworth had established a Reading Meeting on Sunday evenings and James Fisher was led to accompany his wife, who had previously attended these meetings. After some time, having found great satisfaction in the readings, he went to a Friends' meeting for worship, which proved a new experience for him. He felt it was good to be there in the silence, which was so different from the excitement he had been used to but which had always left him feeling dissatisfied. He continued to attend Friends' meetings and reading meetings and in May 1869 he was received into membership of the Society.

He was seriously ill in 1870, but continued in a very quiet and happy state of mind. James Fisher of Ackworth died on 26 December 1871 at the age of fifty(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1873, pp 51-54

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 50 at death

2 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gardener

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

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WBE:

FISHER, Jane nee Moor 1789-1877

b. 1789 in Youghal, Ireland, dau. of Peter and Sarah (Chamberlain) Moor.

m. 1805 Abraham Fisher of Youghal, to whom she bore 17 children and left about 100 descendants.

An early and courageous supporter of the temperance cause, a step not then popular nor safe. She was very simple and neat in her attire, protesting against the changing fashions of the world.

1871 her husband died.

d. April 19 1877 at Neath, aged 88 years.

An. Mon., N.S., 36(1878):79

The Friend (London), 17(1877):144

FISHER, Jenepha (1809?-1844) after 1832 Tregelles

(Jenepha Fisher, daughter of Abraham Fisher of Youghal in Ireland, was married in 1832 to Edwin Octavius Tregelles (1806-1886 qv).

See TREGELLES, Jenepha (1809?-1844) born Fisher)

MEG March 1980

FISHER, John Abraham (1742-1806)

John Abraham Fisher, the son of Richard Fisher, was born in London in 1742. His birth is not recorded in parish registers at Dunstable or Houghton Regis

SOURCE OF INFORMATION :

R.A.Lynex of Kingston, Surrey, on whose behalf a search was undertaken in 1958

ACTION TAKEN BY LIBRARY :

No record of his birth appears in the Digests of Births Registers of Bedfordshire, or of London & Middlesex QM

FISHER, John Carew (1886?-1959)

John C. Fisher was born about 1886. He was a true mystic, but no escapist. Though he enjoyed all the lovely things of life, and responded to the arts (particularly poetry and music) he was concerned that people should accept their share for the sin and suffering in the world.

He was a most attractive personality - shy, self-effacing, whimsical and humorous - but his most outstanding quality was his rare imaginative sympathy. He really felt with others, having a deep understanding.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.117 (1959) p.557

WBE:

FISHER, Joseph ca. 1777-1816

b. ca. 1777 in Youghal, Ire., son of Reuben and Jenepher Fisher.

m. 1806 Mary Ann Boardman. They had 2 children. She died ca. 1812.

He wrote a reply to Charis, or Reflections . . . on the subjects of election and reprobation - while passing through his store. He left a journal.

d. Dec. 19, 1816 in Youghal after being suddenly taken ill, at the age of 39 years.

Jos. Smith's Cat., I:612

Friends Biog., 2:1

A diary of religious experiences by Joseph Fisher, York, 1820.

WBE:

FISHER, Joshua 1707-1783

b. 1707, Sussex Co., Del., son of Thomas and Margery (Maud) Fisher.

m. Sarah Rowland. 2sons, 2 daughters. She died in 1772.

He was a hatter at Lewes, Del. and sent furs to England. He studied mathematics and nautical surveying.

1746 removed to Philadelphia and lived at first on the north side of Walnut, above Front St.

1753 built at 110 So. Front St. where a warehouse opened on Dock St.. Business established under the name of Joshua Fisher and Sons.

1756 J.F. made a survey and chart of Delaware Bay.

1773 (?) Coroner of Sussex Co., Del.

1776 J.F. took a neutral position during the Revolutionary War. His stores were seized by the American Army, upon its re-entry into Philadelphia. Benedict Arnold of the Army distrained him of goods from J. Fisher & Sons estimated at from £ 2000 to £ 2661.

1777 An order was given for his arrest, as a person suspect by the American government. He was too ill to be moved, but his two sons were taken and banished to Winchester, Va.

While in Delaware, he had purchased five slaves,

WBE:

but sold them previously to his removal to Phila. Regretting this course, he later repurchased them with their offspring, and set them free, except one who was so aged that he was continued as a pensioner, dying at the age of 119.

J.F. was a man of industry, good judgment and prosperity, though in his latter life he was subjected to disquietude by the political disturbances of the time.

d. Feb. 1, 1783 in Phila. (?), Pa., aged about 76 years.

Wood, Genealogy of the Fisher family: 22 et seq

WBE:

FISHER, Joshua Francis 1807-73

b. Feb. 17, 1807, son of Joshua and Elizabeth Powell Francis Fisher.

ed. 1825 graduated from Harvard. Then studied law under Joseph Ingersoll, but never practised.

1829 a member of the Historical Soc. of Pa. and published An Account of the early poets and poetry of Pa.

1836 author of A discourse delivered before the Historical Society of Pa. . . . 1836, on the private life and domestic habits of William Penn. Phila.

1836 Joint author with P.S. Du Ponceau, A memoir of the celebrated treaty made by William Penn with the Indians. Phila.

m. 1839 Eliza Middleton. children.

Incorporator of the Pa. Institution for the blind.

1863 wrote Memoir of Samuel Breck ; . . Phila.

d. Jan. 21, 1873.

Wood, Genealogy of the Fisher Family:62, 93 (portrait)

FISHER, Martha (1631?-1687) born

Martha Fisher is mentioned in association with Jane Woodcock (299.2) in an account of some building operations at the Savoy and in other ways (Beck and Ball, London Friends' Meetings, 1869, pp. 246, 257, 344). With Jane Woodcock, Anne Travers, and others she was on the appointment on behalf of Westminster Monthly Meeting 'to see to the accomplishing of marriages in good order to the honour of the Truth' (Sundry Ancient Epistles, p.41, MS in Friends House). Se was in New Prison in 1687 (Suff. i. 478). The record of her burial describes her as 'of Clements Danes, widow'.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.424

WBE:

FISHER, Mary later Bailey, later Cross (or Crosse,
cal623- 1698

see Cross (or Crosse), Mary (Fisher), Bailey

WBE:

FISHER, Miers 1748-1819

b. Aug. 21, 1748, son of Joshua and Sarah (Rowland) Fisher.

Read law in the office of Benjamin Chew.

1769 ca. he was admitted to the bar to practice law.

1774 m. Sarah Redwood. They had 16 children. She died in 1847.

1777 with other Friends he was banished to Virginia.

1793, letter to Morris Birbeck on the yellow fever.

1795, acquired a country seat near the present Fox Chase, Phila., to which he gave the name "Ury".

1805 -19 kept a diary, now preserved at Swarthmore College. He was a man of science and an eloquent orator.

Published an answer to Thomas Paine's Age of Reason.

d. March 12, 1819, Phila. (?), Pa., aged 71.

Friends' Intel. 106(1949):680

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup.:123

Genealogy of the Fisher Family:49,50(portrait, c.51)

WBE:

FISHER, Peter Moor 1809-99

b. Nov. 15, 1809 at Youghal, Cork Co., Ire., son of Abraham and Jane (Moor) Fisher. see also Fisher, Jane M. Peter was one of 17 children.

1818, placed at Newtown School, Waterford, Ire.

1822, entered his father's business of corn trade, milling, baking, etc.

m. 1835 Margaret Anne Fayle of Dublin. She died in 1851. He accepted civic responsibilities.

1844, removed to Pilltown, Co. Waterford.

1847-48-49, in time of famine, established soup kitchens, and helped introduce the use of Indian cornmeal.

1848, attended Peace Congress in Brussels.

1853 went to U.S.A., partly on business. Also visited Egypt and Palestine.

1856, made a second visit to America, visiting New York, Phila., Chicago, Niagara Falls and New Orleans.

1860 m. Rachel Rowntree. Later settled at Talyfedw, Neath, So. Wales.

d. June 25, 1899 at Talyfedw, Neath, So. Wales, aged 89.

An. Mon. N.S., 58:66

Additional Information

FISHER, Peter Moor (1809-1899)

Peter Moor Fisher was born at Youghal, County Cork, on 15 November 1809. He was the eldest son of Abraham and Jane Fisher, and the eldest of 17 children. When about 9 years old he went to Newtown School, Waterford, where he spent 4 years, and left to take his place in his father's business, which embraced the different branches of the corn trade (milling and baking) and the butter and timber trades.

In 1835 he married Margaret Anne Fayle, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Fayle of Dublin. There were 6 children.(1).

Youghal Meeting at that time comprised many Friend families. Quarterly Meeting was held there in the summer and was well attended. Young Friends met in the Fishers' house for fellowship and serious consideration about Quaker matters. Peter Fisher took an active part in local affairs, was one of the Freemen of the town, on the Board of Trade, and much concerned with public welfare. He often helped foreign captains and their wives connected with his shipping activities.

Early in 1844 he and his family moved to Pilltown Mills, County Waterford, about 4 miles away. There he established a school. During the severe famine of 1847-48 he established several soup kitchens in nearby villages and was the first to import Indian corn and show people how to use the meal for food. He spent himself in the service of others during this ~~family~~ famine, and remained calm and true to his faith during the riots which occurred then and later.

In 1848 he attended the Peace Congress in Brussels as a delegate, and again later in Paris and Frankfurt.

In 1851 he lost his beloved wife and was left to care for his children. Later that year his youngest child also died. In 1853 he went to America to rest and also to buy corn and wheat. He visited widely there and later returned on another visit: he also travelled to Egypt and Palestine, where he became much interested in the belief that the English and Americans could be identified with the 'lost 10 tribes'.

He married in 1860 Rachel Rowntree (2): there appear to have been 5 children (3). After many changes and removals they settled in Neath, South Wales, where he spent the rest of his life. One son died in 1879, and Rachel Fisher died 'about 8 years afterwards', but through these and other sorrows his faith stood firm.

When nearly 80 he visited the Paris Exhibition with two of his daughters, ascended the Eiffel Tower, and was keenly interested in all he saw in the Exhibition. He had a vivid memory which did not fail him in old

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FISHER, Peter Moor (1809-1899) contd

age. He was deeply concerned for the welfare of the Society of Friends. Even when unable himself to attend Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, his interest continued unabated, and he evinced an earnest desire that young Friends should be staunch to their principles.

He died after a brief illness on 25 June 1899, aged nearly 90.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1900 p.66

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 The names of the children do not appear (1971) to be available in Friends House Library

2 The wedding was on 13 September 1860: Rachel Rowntree (1828-1887) was the daughter of Isaac (1796-1866) and Sarah (born Smithson, 1796-1870) Rowntree (The Rowntrees of Riseborough, 1940, p.D3). The marriage does not appear in Digest of Marriage Registers.

3 The Western QM printed list of members 1875 lists (under Neath) 5 children, of whom the youngest three appear in Digest of Birth Notes:-

Charles Smithson	
Florence Mary	
Kathleen Mavourneen	b 9 March 1870
Gwendoline Rowntree	b 2 June 1872
Jessie Fitz Moor	b 8 Aug 1874

WBE:

FISHER, Robert ca. 1640-1713

b. ca. 1640 in Cumberland, Eng.

Apparently a farmer.

Convinced through the ministry of John Banks, at a meeting at Dalehead, Cumberland. Received the truth with joy.

m.

1658 Imprisoned for refusing to swear. Meeting was held at his house.

Livestock was taken from him to the value of £32

1713 became ill.

d. March 30, 1713 at Preston-Patrick, Westmoreland, Eng., aged about 73 years.

Piety Promoted (1718):114

Besse, I,:173, 181

FISHER, Samuel (1605-1665)

Samuel Fisher was 'the son of John Fisher, shopkeeper of Northampton' (Smith, Cata. 1867,i.613). Crosby (Hist. English Baptists 1738,i.359) states that 'Samuel Fisher M.A. [Oxon.], laid down the vicarage of Lydd before 1649 to join the Baptist Church at Ashford' (quoted Transactions Bapt. Hist. Soc. 1908), but the Journal and F.P.T. both connect Fisher with Lydd in 1655, at the time of his convincement. In 1656, Fisher made an ineffectual attempt to address the new Parliament (The Scorned Quaker's True and Honest Account, in Fisher's works).

In 1658, 1659 and 1660, Fisher was busy travelling in France and the South of Europe. Several recently discovered MSS in Friends House give some details of the visit of Fisher and Stubbs to Germany and Venice in 1658 (cp. Blome, Fanatick Hist. 1660, p.179; Fox, Testimony to Stubbs, MS in Friends House). Fox appears to be incorrect in his chronology (ii.334, 336) of these foreign journeys. Fisher's wife is spoken of disparagingly in Swarth. MSS. (iv.14). Hallelujah Fisher wrote a Testimony to his father's worth. Croese states that Fisher was 'never spoken of but with the greatest Panegyricks: a Man singularly learned, and wonderfully eloquent' (Hist. 1696,i.63, ii.26). Bugg puts him in his 'cage of unclean birds' but assigns no reason therefor. He wrote several learned works. The collection of his writings published in 1676 under the title of The Testimony of Truth Exalted, makes a folio volume of over 800 pages. Fisher died of the Plague while a Southwark prisoner.

Camb. Jnl

There is an admirable sketch of Fisher and his writings by Emily J. Hart, in The Young Friends' Review, 1906. See also Wood, Athanae Oxonienses, 1691; Tuke, Biog. Notices, 1815; Evans, Friends' Library, 1847; DNB; Swarth. MSS

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.429

WBE:

FISHER, Samuel 1605-1665

b. son of John and Fisher. J.F. was a shopkeeper of Northampton.

ed. at Oxford University. Was priest at Lydd, Kent with a living of £ 200 p.a. (Frds. Lib. XI:365 says, £ 400)

He resigned the living and joined the Baptists.

1653 published Baby-baptism meer babism . . . &c (Folio) before he became a Quaker.

1654 influenced by Wm. Caton and John Stubbs at Lydd (or Lidd), Folkestone.

1655 convinced by G. Fox at Romney.

1656 tried to address Cromwell and Parliament in the painted chamber, but was interrupted. S.F. then printed his message. During the period 1655-1661 he was a prolific writer of learned though involved productions, polemical yet of basic interest.

1658 went with John Stubbs across the Alps on foot to Venice and then to Rome.

1659 published The testimony of Truth exalted.

1660 published The Rustick's Alarm to the Rabbies.

1661 several months a prisoner in the Gate-house, Westminster.

1662 imprisoned at Newgate, about 12 months.

1663 again imprisoned.

WBE:

FISHER, Samuel 1605-1665 page 2.

d. Aug. 30, 1665 of the plague in White Lion prison, Southwark, London, England, aged 60 years.

Friends' Library, Phila., XI:478

Braithwaite, Beginnings of Qu.:288

Gough, Hist. of the people called Qu.,I:.65, II:141

Journal of G.F., bi-cent. ed.,I:227

Besse,I:691, 693

Jos. Smith's Cat., I:613

Sewell's Hist., I:194, 246

WBE:

FISHER, Samuel Rowland 1745-1834

b. 6 XI ., 1745 in Sussex County Del., son of Joshua and Sarah (Rowland) Fisher.

1766 sent to England on business for Joshua Fisher and Sons, hatter of Lewes, Del. He remained about one year.

1777 exiled to Winchester, Va.

1778, rearrested and again imprisoned for two years. His health suffered by his close confinement at the old prison, S. W. 3rd and Market Sts., Phila. During his Phila. imprisonment (1778-1781) he made many hickory canes as presents for his friends, also a chart of Friends' Meetings, probably those in Pa. and N. J.

His sympathies were strongly pro-British, and to some of his friends it seemed that his candid avowal of this loyalty to England tended to bring persecution upon the Quakers. S. R. F. maintained that he was innocent, and that he had a perfect right to think and speak according to his conscience. No disciplinary action was taken against him by Friends, but there appears to have been some delay in applying to the authorities for his release.

1793 m. Hannah Rodman of Newport, R. I. They had two sons and three daughters. She died in 1819. They lived at 110 South Front St., Phila. (new number 226). He was a host to Elias Hicks. He was a member of Race St. Yr.

WBE:

FISHER, Samuel Rowland 1745-1834 page 2.

Meeting. He was one of the last to wear short clothes and cocked hat.

Visited England several times. Kept a Journal.

d. May 6, 1834 in Phila. (?) Pa., aged 89 years.

Samuel Rowland Fisher
His Journal is at Haverford
imprisoned for Conscience
at Stone Jail 3rd + High
describes faithfulness of
MM, QM, & M for Suffering
in visitation - John Pemberton
provided his bedding etc.

ily, 46 et seq

2, 480; 41:145, 274, 399

FISHER, Sarah (1669-1706/7) after 1696 Cowles

[Sarah Fisher, daughter of William Fisher (-)
and his wife Mary (born)
of Ross Meeting in Herefordshire, was married in 1696
to Joseph Cowles (-1729/30 qv) of Ross.

See COWLES, Sarah (1669-1706/7) born Fisher]

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WBE:

FISHER, Thomas 1741-1810

b. July 6, 1741, Lewes, Del., son of Joshua and Sarah (Rowland) Fisher.

Received a good education.

1762, sent to England and travelled on the continent. Captured on the high seas and carried to Spain. Escaped.

1772 m. Sarah Logan of "Stenton". They had three sons and two daughters.

1777 banished to Winchester, Va.

His home was on Front St., Phila. He was one of the founders of Westtown School and its first treasurer. He was a manager of the Pennsylvania Hospital and an original member of the Philosophical Society. A handsome man, and very choice and elegant in his attire.

d. Sept. 16, 1810 at "Wakefield" near Stenton, Phila., aged ca. 69 years.

Jordan, Col. Fam. of Phila., 665

Wood, Genealogy of the Fisher family, 23,28,29,30,34, 40,44,46

Westtown School, Catalogue of Westtown through the years, 15,19,22,23,60,339,341,353

WBE:

FISHER, Thomas 1801-1856

1845, Dial of the Seasons . . .

d. 1856 aged about 55 years.

Friends' Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, BX7616

WBE:
Additional information

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FISHER, Thomas White (1822-1904)

Thomas White Fisher was born in Youghal in the year 1822, and lived in Dublin from 1846 to 1851. He then moved to London and returned to Dublin in 1854. Two years later in 1856, he married Eliza C. Robinson of Limerick.

Thomas W. Fisher was keenly interested in the work of the Society, serving the Monthly Meeting in various offices. He was Recording Clerk for some years, and was appointed Clerk to the Monthly Meeting in 1868. In 1866 he had been recorded a minister, and was on many occasions liberated for service. In 1870 he was given a minute for service among the men Friends of Dublin Meeting, especially the younger ones. In 1876 and again in 1883, he visited many of the Meetings in Ireland, and in 1888 and 1892 he visited most of the meetings in Ireland and some belonging to London Yearly Meeting.

In 1887 Thomas W. Fisher, with other Friends, was appointed by Dublin Yearly Meeting as a representative at the Conference of various Yearly Meetings held at Richmond, Indiana, and he visited several Meetings whilst in America.

The work of Foreign Missions was very near his heart, and his encouraging influence was a source of much strength to the FFMA in its early days.

'We believe very many can thankfully recall his loving visits of sympathy and kindness, in which the warm grasp of his hand, and tender and comprehending insight, seemed to afford new strength to those who were in sorrow or weakness, through ill-health or the loss of friends. Few were so gifted as he to afford this help and comfort; and he was unfailing in these kind offices among a wide circle of Friends and others'.

Thomas White Fisher died 29 March 1904 aged eighty two years.

Testimony of Dublin MM in YM Proc. 1904, p.255

In Member of Prison Soc
there are some very
tentative finding about
~~the~~ 1 or more William
Fishers - Perhaps other
sources could establish
this man

WBE:

FISHER, William 1751/52-1845

b. 21 I 1751/2 in Chester County, Pa., son of Thomas and Elizabeth Fisher.

m.

1800 removed to limits of Centre Mo. Mtg., Pa.

W.F. was of a mild and even temper. Two neighbors agreed to refer to him a matter of difficulty between them. W.F. heard them and advised them "to leave self in the other room". This led them to settle the matter between themselves, without his further aid or assistance, and they parted good friends.

W.F. pled the cause of the slave. He was interested in and for the Indians.

He was faithful in attending a meeting where only two or three came. The meeting increased.

d. July 3, 1845 in Centre Co., ? Pa. in his 92nd year.

Del. (?)

Balto. Yr. Mtg: Minutes (1845):17

Balto. Yr. Mtg., Memorials (1875):116

WBE:

FISHER, William Logan 1781-1862

b. Oct. 1, 1781, Philadelphia, Pa., son of Thomas and Sarah (Logan) Fisher of "Wakefield", Stenton, Phila.

m. 1802 Mary Rodman, who died in 1813

m. 1817 Sarah Lindley of Chester Co., Pa.

ca. 1838 was instrumental in establishing the Duncannon Iron Works in Perry County, Pa.

A member of Phila. Yr. Mtg (Race St.) he wrote the following:

1831, Pauperism and Crime, 1845, The history of the institution of the Sabbath day, &c,,2d edition 1846, 1851, Observations on Mental Phenomena, 1852, A review of the public relations of the Society of Friends. . . 1854, Review of the doctrine and discipline of the Society of Friends.

1860, An Inquiry into the Laws of Organized Societies, as applied to the alleged decline of the Society of Friends. This essay appeared as the result of the promise of an award for the best answer to this question. It was unsuccessful. In his writings he advocates: A return to first principles, free agency, obedience to the principle which changes the mind, right of private judgment, rule by majority, abolition of the practice of reading Queries and of giving Answers,

WBE:

FISHER, William Logan 1781-1862 page 2.

laying down of all select meetings, dispensing with any Book of Discipline, reunion of all branches of Friends, conformity to common sense, restoration of Quakerism to its natural beauty. Following a refusal of his Mo. Mtg. to revise the Discipline, W.L.F. ceased to attend that meeting.

W.L.F. had a genial nature and was generous to philanthropies.

d. Sept 24, 1862 in Phila. Pa., in his 81st year.

Friends'Intel. (Phila.) 19(1863):473,603

Wood, Genealogy of the Fisher family, 64 (portrait)
Jos. Smith's Cat., I:619

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup., 123

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

FISK, Dorothy M (1892? - 1972)

Dorothy Fisk was born in about the year 1892.(1)

The obituary in The Friend is brief and contains little record of her life. She was a writer of books on popular science, and was given her first chance by Arthur Mee, when he was editor of The Children's Newspaper.

She appears to have been a member of Hammersmith meeting in 1966 and was a member there at the time of her death.(2)

She seems to have moved to Nottingham to live and died there on November 13, 1972, at the age of 80.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol.130 (1972) p.1462.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 80 at death.
2. London & Middlesex GM list of members for 1966 records her as a member at Hammersmith and despite her move to Nottingham ? the 1972 list still records her as a member at Hammersmith.

SGJ. Nov.1977

WBE:a

FISKE, Helen Maria, 1830-1885 afterwards Hunt, then Jackson

see JACKSON, Helen Maria (Fiske) Hunt, 1830-1885

FITCH, Edward Louis Vincent (1914?-1950)

Edward Louis Vèncent Fitch was born about 1914.

In 1943 the summer of 1943 he joined Friends Relief Service, acting as Medical Officer in England for over 18months while waiting for an opportunity of service abroad. A great worker, he was universally liked by the many and varied F.R.S. members he examined. His lectures and demonstrations to trainees for overseas work were popular and useful because of their sound common sense. He was much valued for his friendliness and sense of humour and his insistence that he was just an ordinary member of the service.

When F.R.S. decided it could not send doctors among those going abroad, Louis reluctatuly accepted an U.N.R.R.A. appointment, but always kept in touch. He felt strongly that his witness to his belief demanded that he accept danger with those in the war.

He lost his life after the boat he was in wrecked on St. Bees Head, drowning while trying to save others. His wife Joan and six children survived him.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.108 (1950) p.494

WBE:

FITCH, Eunice ca.1775 - 1863

b. ca. 1775

m. Obed Fitch and resided at Medford, Mass.

Convinced sometime before 1791. Underwent deep trials and exercises.

Removed to Nantucket, Mass. and was an overseer of that meeting.

d. Sept. 1, 1863 at Nantucket, Mass., aged 88 years.

Cresson, Diary of Caleb Cresson, 78

Friends' Review, 17(1863/4):121

FITCH, Louis (1914?-1950)

see FITCH, Edward Louis Vincent (1914?-1950)

FITCH, Stanley Henry Glass (1889-1961)

Stanley Henry Glass Fitch was born ~~about~~ in 1889 (1).

For 28 years he was Headmaster of the Secondary Modern School at Sudbury, Suffolk. His bubbling humour, enthusiasm and zest must have affected his pupils, as his firmly held Christian convictions must have made them aware of spiritual values.

In 1914 he married Constance Johnson, a Colchester Friend. A naturally independent thinker and something of a rebel, Stanley Fitch's beliefs were built upon a rock, and once he had reached the Quaker position (it was not till middle life that he became a member) he gave invaluable help to the little Meeting in Sudbury., helping it to survive until it started to grow again. For 8 years he was its Clerk, and later gave service as Monthly Meeting Treasurer.

On retiring he and his wife moved to Colchester where he became an Elder. Earlier in life he had lost his son, and it was clear form his ministry that his faith had been built out of suffering as well as joy.

His love for the Society led him to study its historical records, and he produced a short history of Sudbury Quakers, published a few years before his death. A further work on the history of Quakerism in Colchester was completed just before his death.

He died on 13 October 1961, ~~aged 72~~.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.119 (1961) p.1661

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

(1) Information from Friends House Library catalogue probably given by S.H.G.F. himself.

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FITSWATER, Thomas -1699
(also Fitzwater)

1682 a minister in the Society of Friends. He came to Penna.

1686/7 present at the first meeting of ministering Friends in Philadelphia.

1682/3 representative from Bucks Co. at the first Assembly. He was later appointed to the same station from Phila. county.

1691 his ministry objected to by George Keith, and much controversy followed.

d. October 1699 and buried Oct. 6, 1699 in Phila. (?), Pa.

Bull., Frds. Hist. Soc. 4(1912):145

Bowden's Hist. 2:78 et seq

John Smith's Ms., 726

Jones, Qu. in the Am. Colonies, 383

FITZGERALD, Jilian (1929 - 1979) b. Dingle

Jilian Dingle was born in 1929 a daughter of Charles Frederick ( ) and Florence (b.) Dingle. The family moved to Wanstead and Jilian studied at Goldsmiths College of Art. In 1953 she was one of four who visited America for a Young Friends' Conference.(1) In 1954 she married Peter Fitzgerald (2) and they lived first in London and then in Bath(3). For the last fourteen years of her life she lived in Berkshire where both Reading and Newbury Friends gained greatly from her presence among them. In 1974 at York, and again in 1978 at Lancaster she was deeply involved in the programmes for young people at the residential yearly meetings, although at the latter her strength was already undermined by ill-health. She had developed cancer and although undergoing treatment she continued to teach until a few days before her death.

She was an original and talented artist, whose work was beginning to be recognised, a devoted teacher with imaginative and creative gifts, an amateur violinist and the mother of three children, Julian, David and Ann.

She died in the Royal Berkshire Hpspital on February 3, 1979 aged 49.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 137 (1979) p. 565.
Death notice p. 156.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. London & Middlesex QM printed list of members for 1952/4 records her for the last time as at Wanstead living with her parents.
2. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Wamstead FMH on 18th December 1954. Peter Fitzgerald is recorded as bachelor/school teacher and was not in membership at the time.
3. Bristol & Somerset QM printed lists of members record them as living in Bath from 1963 - 1965, both being members.

SGJ. July 1979

WBE:

FITZGERALD, Lucy (Barton), 1808-1898.

b. ca. 1808, dau. Bernard and Lucy (Jessup) Barton [under Bernard Barton, name is given as Jesup].

m. Edward FitzGerald (or Fitzgerald) (d. 1883).

Author: Bible letters for children. . ., London, 1831.

The reliquary. . . with a prefatory appeal for poetry and the poets, London, 1836.

There is some uncertainty as to whether she left the Society of Friends or not.

d. 1898, aged ca. 90.

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

FLACK, Anna (1709?-1755) born

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Anna Flack was the wife of Joseph Flack (1). She was a member of Witham Monthly Meeting, and appeared in public testimony about her twenty sixth year.

'Her ministry tended greatly to the encouragement and edification of the Sincere-hearted, she being frequently and zealously concerned, in the Course of her Service, in true Gospel Love to call unto, invite and warn the disobedient to forsake the Evil of their Ways, and turn to the Lord with all their Hearts.'

She was of great service in the promotion of the women's Meetings for Discipline, and was greatly concerned for the promotion of Truth in general.

Anna Flack died 20 December 1755, and was buried at Witham, aged about forty six years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Witham MM in TCMD vol.1, p.423, printed in 'A collection of testimonies', 1760, p.312

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 The entry relating to her death describes her as 'wife of Joseph': no marriage entry has been traced in Essex QM Marriages Digest or Supplement (March 1963)

WBE:
Additional information

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FLACK, Anna ca. 1709-1755

Not able to travel towards the latter part of life.

d. December 20, 1755 at Boreham, aged about 46 years.

John Smith's Ms. 1:676

WBE:

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FLAGLOR, John Z. 1771-1840

b. Feb. 11, 1771 in Duchess Co., N.Y., son of Zachariah and Jane Flaglor. Raised a Presbyterian.

m. Ann Bogart, also a Presbyterian. They removed to Ulster Co., N.Y.

ca. 1797 became a member of Cornwall Mo. Mtg., a branch of Nine Partners Qu. Meeting. Spoke as a minister.

After returning for a time to Duchess County, then removed to the neighborhood of Stroudsburg, Pa. Was there recommended as a minister. At the separation he kept with Race St. Friends. His wife also joined Friends.

As the result of an accident, while assisting in digging a well, he died Oct. 17, 1840 near Stroudsburg, aged ca. 69 years.

Phila. Yr. Mtg. (Race St.), Mems. concerning Rec'd. Frds., 1848: 9

FLANDERS, Elizabeth (-1706) after 1703 King

[Elizabeth Flanders, daughter of William and Elizabeth Flanders, was married in 1703 to Robert King (1678/9- qv).

See KING, Elizabeth (-1706) born Flanders]

MEG Oct 1984

FLANNER, Janet, 1892-1978

Writer.

b. 13 March 1892, Indianapolis, Indiana. Daughter of William Francis and Mary Ellen (Hockett).

ed. Tudor Hall, Indianapolis; 1912-1913, University of Chicago; 1958, Litt.D., Smith College.

m. 1920, An Indiana banker. Divorced soon after.

1916-17, First film critic for the Indianapolis Star.

1918-22, Wrote in New York City; worked in a Philadelphia girls' reform school; travelled in Europe.

1922-34, 1944-75, Foreign correspondent in Paris, France for The New Yorker magazine.

1925-75, Under the pseudonym Genet, wrote "Letter from Paris" for The New Yorker.

1934-39, Lived in London; wrote "Letter from London" for The New Yorker.

1940-44, Lived and wrote in New York.

1966, Won National Book Award.

Member, American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Author, Paris Journal, 1944-65, Darlinghissima, numerous other writings, including translations of Colette.

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FLANNER, William (1766-1837)

William Flanner was born of humble parents, non-Friends, in North Carolina.
First a Methodist he afterwards became a Friend, and a member of Short Creek M.M., Ohio. He was nearly six feet two inches tall, and of somewhat uncouth form.
In 1819 he arrived in Liverpool, but before long made a hasty r turn home.
In 1828-9 he was again in Europe.
In Mrs.Greer's book, Quakerism 1851, he is criticised as "James Flannil", and is defended in Sandham Elly's "Ostentation" 1853

Ohio - Memorials
Jnl.Friends Hist:Soc: 4. 13, 16, 19, 21, 22, 24

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930, p.192-193

WBE:
Additional information

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FLANNER, William 1766-1837

b. April 6, 1766 in North Carolina. His parents were not Friends.

Apprenticed to a shoemaker, he was largely self-educated. He joined the Methodists. He was divinely led to attend Friends' meetings.

Became a member of the Society.

ca. 1793 first spoke as a minister.

m. Peninah Parker of Rich Square, N.C. (children)

1800-1808 travelled extensively in the ministry.

1808 removed to Short Creek Mo. Mtg. in Ohio

m. (2d) Catherine Patterson.

1809 visited Gt. Britain & Ireland. Discouraged, stayed only six weeks.

1828-9 again visited Britain.

d. Dec. 31, 1837 near Barnesville, Ohio in his 72nd year.

The Friend (Phila.), 11(1838):144

Am. Friend,14(1908):501

Piety Promoted, 12th Part:175

John Hunt's Journal (1819) *

* not found after search by M.B.

FLANNERING, Joanna Mary (1799?-1826) after Fox

[Joanna Mary Flannering, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced, was married some time prior to 1824 to Joshua Fox (1792-1877 qv).

See FOX, Joanna Mary (1799?-1826) born Flannering]

MEG Aug 1981

FLATT, Jane (1727?-1806) after 1762 Williamson

(Jane Flatt was born in Norfolk and became convinced of the principles held by the Society of Friends while living with a Roman Catholic family at Oxburg. She was married in 1762 to Benjamin Williamson.

see WILLIAMSON, Jane (1727?-1806) born Flatt)

FLEER, Elizabeth (1669-) born Burtt

Elizabeth Burtt, the daughter of Thomas Burtt (-1681 qv) and his second wife Ann, born Archer, of Beckingham in Lincolnshire, was born there on 24.viii.(October)1669(1). She was married in 1702 to Nicholas Fleer of Flaxford, Barnby-in-the-Willows, Nottinghamshire, but there is no record of the marriage(2) or of any children(3).

Her father was a convinced Friend who apparently left the Society about the year 1674, when Elizabeth was baptised. Her husband's religious persuasion is not given in the source and it is probable that she married outside the Society. The date of her death is at present (1976) unknown(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Mary Bowen Burtt, The Burtts, a Lincolnshire Quaker Family, 1500-1900, Hull 1937, pp 26, 33

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given; her mother's name is given as Anne and her surname as BIRT
2 There is no record of the marriage in Lincolnshire QM or Derby & Notts QM Marriages Digests
3 No children are recorded in Derby & Notts QM Births Digest
4 Her death is not recorded in Derby & Notts QM or Lincolnshire QM Burials Digests

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

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FLEMING, Cecile (1872?-1964) born

Cecile Fleming was the wife of Horace Fleming and throughout their married life was partner in all his enterprises. It was her energy which transformed the bricks and mortar of the Beechcroft Settlement at Birkenhead into a home. During the first four years of the life of this pioneer education settlement, she got together some 150 to 200 women in groups for studying, at the same time opening a day nursery to take care of their children.

When Horace Fleming was appointed warden of the Mary Ward Settlement after 10 years at Beechcroft, Cecile entered into the immensely varied life of the Settlement and of the Educational Settlements Association which had its offices at the Mary Ward Settlement.

The Flemings retired to Cambridge and kept an open house for Undergraduates who remember them with gratitude. When her husband died, Cecile moved to Trowbridge where as an Elder she was largely responsible for building up that Meeting. When increasing numbers demanded new premises, it was she who persuaded members to buy a fish-and-chip shop and transform it into a Meeting House.

Her last years were spent at Polegate, where her gaiety, intellectual vigour and outreach were the astonishment and reward of all who met her.

She died on 3 February 1964, aged 92.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.122 (1964) p.218

FLEMING, Cecile Agatha (1873-1964) born

Cecile Agatha Fleming was born 16 May 1873. She married Horace Fleming, and was his helpmeet in all that he did as the founder of community centres for adult education. In 1914 they opened Beechcroft, in Birkenhead, the first of a number of educational settlements. Horace Fleming became warden of the Mary Ward Settlement, retiring from that post ~~just~~ in 1939 to live in Cambridge. After his death Cecile Fleming went to live in the West Country. In all these homes she radiated hospitality and affection to all who came. She wrote of herself, "I have always regarded making contacts with people (a continuance of my life dedicated many years ago with Horace Fleming) not simply as a concern, it has become part of my life".

Cecile Fleming was always available and would travel long distances to visit those who needed her, "thumbing" a lift when well over 80. Though frail in her latter years, she took an active part in the community life at the Bernhard Baron Homes, Polegate, Sussex, where she spent the last years of her long life. When over 90 she attended a fancy dress party as a policewoman, looking trim and authentic.

She died on 3 February 1964 aged 92.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Testimony of North Somerset & Wilts MM in YM Proc. 1965 p.209

FLEMING, Francis (-1694)

Francis Fleming lived at Newton-in-Cartmel. His wife was Mary (-1693), probably mentioned also. The following dramatic incident occurred in his house in 1652 described by George Fox(Camb. Jnl i.104).

'One of the servants of Sr Rob: Binley [Bindloss] came to ff. fflemminges house & thrust his naked rapier In att his doore & att his windowes: & there came a cousen off ff. fflemminges with a cudgell in his hande which was noe freinde; & hee bid him putt uppe his rapier but hee woulde not but vapored with it att him & was rude: & hee uppe with his staffe & knockt him downe soe as hee made him sprawle one ye grounde & he tooke his rapier from him: & had it not beene for freindes hee woulde have runn him through with it & soe freindes preserved his life yt woulde have destroyed theres'.

His signature appears from time to time at the close of minutes of Swarthmore Monthly Meeting, etc. 1692.

see also next sheet

Note by Norman Penney in 'The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell', 1920, p.584

FLEMING, Francis (-1694)

Francis Fleming was of Newton-in-Cartmel, Lancs. Convinced in 1652 (cf. C.J., i.104). For his sufferings on several occasions, cf. Besse, i.307,329; Transactions of Cumb. & Westm. Arch. Soc., N.S., xx. 248ff. d.1694 cf. C.J., i.415; Acc. Bk., 584

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.59

FLEMING, Horace (1872?-1941)

Horace Fleming was born about 1872, the son of Thomas Kingston and Sarah Anne Fleming of Liverpool.

Early in the century Alexander Wilson introduced him to the Adult School Movement in Birkenhead, and its immediate attraction for him led him to transform his Young Men's Bible Group into an Adult School. His influence led to the establishement of 5 Adult Schools inthe town, and he was the chief promoter of the Workers' Educational Association in the town, out of which developed the Beechcroft Educational Settlement. Started in collaboration with Edith Wilson and Arnold Rowntree, Horace Fleming became its first warden in 1914. He told its story in Beechcroft, published by the Educational Settlements Association.

From 1918-19 he was a member of the Ministry of Reconstruction, and then held various posts connected with Adult Education, including Chief Executive Officer of the World Association of Adult Education (1924-26) and honorary warden of the Mary Ward Settlement for five years from 1929.

To see him in his office at the Settlement, the quiet, efficient organizer of a great undertaking, was a memorable experience. In the evenings, many young people who had been helping in the Clubs and Classes at the Settlement would come into the Flemings' room, and share experiences, ask questions or listen to their Chief discussing urgent problems. In this way he helped many perplexed and burdendd students.

In 1935 ill-health compelled Horace to resign from the Executive Committee of the E.S.A., and he retired with his wife Cecil to Cambridge, where together they made many friendships with students. Many of the things discussed then are recorded in The Lighted Mind - the Challenge of Adult Education to Quakerism, a little book written during his 'Fellowship' year at Woodbrooke.

He died at his home at Bratton, Wilts., on 25 January, 1941, aged 69.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.99 (1941) p.6

WBE:

FLEMING, Horace

ed. had an M.A.

1929 published The lighted mind . . . (London)

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa.: BX7619

FLEMWELL, George Jackson (1865-1928) nm?

George Jackson Flemwell was born in 1865 at Mitcham, Surrey.

After studying four years under W.P.Frith, R.A. he went abroad to study painting; first at Antwerp, then Nuremberg and Munich. In 1892, 1893 and 1894 he had three oil paintings in the Royal Academy. A style of his own gradually developed out of an initial style influenced by Rembrandt.

"Flemwell was a good botanist and entomologist, a keen gardener, extraordinary observer, and deep thinker. Reserved and retiring, he was rather fond of satire, yet full of humour and lovingkindness."

In 1912 he married an English wife and settled at Arveyes, between Bex and Villars in Switzerland. About 1924 the couple moved to Canton Tessin.

Flemwell's interest in the Society of Friends was with its educational activities, including the encouragement given in our schools to leisure-hour pursuits. He made friendships with two or three members of the Society, notably Professor Silvanus P. Thompson.

He died at Lugano on 5 March 1928.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.68 (1928) p.283

FLETCHER, Ann (1679-1752) born Watson

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Ann Watson, the daughter of Anthony Watson of Westerdaile in Yorkshire, was born there on 20.vi.(August)1679.(1) She appeared in the ministry when she was about thirty two, although she did not travel far afield and her service was mostly in the meeting to which she belonged. Her ministry was powerful and "was often concerned to Call to the Backsliders in Israel; To Rouse up the Careless and the Lukewarm."

In 1710/11 she married Francis Fletcher of Kirkbymoorside(2) and there were two children of the marriage.(3)

She died on 27 May 1752(4) and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Kirkbymoorside.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Guisborough MM 26 March 1753 in TCMD vol.1 p.359

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: she was born on 20.vi.(August)1679, the daughter of Anthony of Westerdaile

2 The wedding was at Hutton in the Hole, Yorkshire, on 11.xi.1710 (i.e. January 1710/11); he is described as a cordwainer of Kirkbymoorside, Yorkshire; she is described as a spinster of Gillamoor, Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-
Caleb b 10.x.(December)1711
Sara b 16.ii.(April)1716

4 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she died on 27 May 1752; no description of her is given

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FLETCHER, Ann (1833-1903) aftw. Jackson

[Ann Fletcher, daughter of John and Mary Fletcher, was married in 1859 to Thomas Jackson of Ulverstone

see JACKSON, Ann (1833-1903) born Fletcher]

FLETCHER, Caleb (1784-1864)

Caleb Fletcher, the son of Caleb Fletcher (1759-1841 qv) and his wife Elizabeth of Kirbymoorside in Yorkshire, was born there on 16 June 1784(1). He was married in 1811 to Mary Eddison of Leeds(2) and there were two children(3).

He was a quiet man, with a retiring disposition and was little disposed to speak of his own religious experiences, even to his nearest relatives. His character was revealed in the way he lived his life, by the warm interest he took in the affairs of the Society, of which he was an elder, and by his steady, consistent endeavours to promote the temporal and spiritual good of society at large.

He determined when quite a young man to devote his life to the Lord's service and the copious journal which he kept showed that the end at which he aimed was not achieved without a struggle. When his health began to fail the calmness, patience and sweetness of his spirit remained unbroken and he died at peace on 26 July 1864, at the age of eighty(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1865, pp 63-71

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer

2 The wedding was at Leeds on 23 September 1811: he is described as a flax-spinner of Kirby Moor Side in Yorkshire, the son of Caleb, a draper and grocer, and Elizabeth of Kirby Moor Side; she is described as the daughter of George, a corn merchant, and Susannah Eddison of Leeds (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)

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

Mary Priscilla	b 20 April 1813	who m 1860 Josiah Newman (1812-1884 qv)
*Caleb	b 30 May 1815	

*No marriage traced to 1890

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of York

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

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WBE:

FLETCHER, Caleb 1759-1841

b. 1759

1826 wrote David, king of Israel: a sacred poem . . . which was published at York.

d. July 26, 1841 at Holbeck Lodge, near Leeds, aged 82 years.

AN. Mon., 30 (1842):37

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa.: BX7615

FLETCHER, Eliza (1813-1908) born Thurnam

Eliza Thurnam (1) was born 1 January 1813, at Lingcroft, psh of Naburn, Yorks, the daughter of William (yeoman) and Sarah Thurnam (2).

She married, 18 May 1836 at Leeds, Robert Fletcher, grocer of Dewsbury, Yorks, son of John (farmer) and Mary Fletcher of Danby Dale, Danby, Yorks (3). He subsequently became a Councillor of Dewsbury.

Together with her daughter Sarah Jane, she contributed to the cost of an extension to Dewsbury Technical School, which also benefitted through the generosity of her son Alfred who died 1893. She also donated £8,000 for the erection and endowment of 6 almshouses in memory of her late son.

She was 'a convinced and earnest Friend who highly prized the privilege of attendance at...Meetings', and her attachment to Friends deepened (if that were possible) in later years when she was prevented from attending meetings. The visits of ministering Friends were then 'always a source of joy to her'.

She died 21 November 1908, aged 95, and was interred at Dewsbury 25 November (4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1910 p.67

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 Ann.mon. gives her maiden name as Thurman, but it is 'Thurnam' in the digest

2 Yorks QM Births digest

3 Yorks QM Marriages digest. Robert Fletcher was born 24 Aug.1803. He died 28 Oct. 1869 - Yorks QM Births digest
Digest of burial notes

Children:

Mary Elizabeth	born 23 April1838	
Sarah Jane	born 12 Oct. 1840	
Alfred	born 20 Oct. 1842	died 11 Jan. 1893
Edward Thurnam	born 18 Dec. 1844	died 11 March 1846

- Digest of birth notes
Digest of burial notes

4 Digest of burial notes

SEE ALSO

The Friend ns vol.49 (1909) p.848

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FLETCHER, Elizabeth (1638?-1658)

There is a brief record of the life of Elizabeth Fletcher in F.P.T. written by Thomas Camm. She was 'a vertious maid, and of a Considrable ffamelly in the world.. travelled with Elizabeth Levens to the City of Oxford [1654], where they Suffered by the black tribe of scholers... ffor they dragged them first through a dirty pooll, afterwards had them to a pump, endeavred to pumpe water thereinto with other shamefull abusies' (F.P.T.) Camm states that E. Fletcher received a permanent injury by being thrown over a gravestone; Croese says she was thrown 'into a Grave, that was opened for the burying of a dead Corps' (Hist. 1696, pt. i. p.109), giving as a reason for this treatment that 'these women did first chatter and talk in their way of Cant to the Students in the Streets, and then in the Publick Churches, and last of all in the Universities'. E. Fletcher, despite her weakened condition of body, visited Ireland in 1655 and two years later. She was the first Quaker preach r in the cities of Dublin and Cork (Rutty, Hist. 1751).

One one occasion she was provided from the Swarthmoor fund with a 'hatt' which cost 2s 4d. and on another with 'a paire of showes' for 3s. (Swarth. MSS. i. 208, 267).

Declaration of Sufferings, 1659
Sewel, Hist. 1722
Suff.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.470

see also next sheet

FLETCHER, Elizabeth (1638?-1658)

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Elizabeth Fletcher was of Kendal. Convinced by Fox in 1652.
Notable as in 1654 one of first two Friends, both women, to visit Oxford, where she 'went naked through ye Streets' (F.P.T., 259; cf. 206, 209 ff.); and in 1655 one of first two Friends, also both women, to reach Dublin and Cork (cf. Rutty, Q.I., 92). cf. C.J., ii.470; Smith, Cat.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.60

WBE:
Additional information

FLETCHER, Elizabeth ca. 1638 - 58

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1655 travelled in Ireland, quite alone, till Elizabeth Smith of Gloucestershire came to be her companion. Imprisoned.

1657 she spoke in the marketplace of Youghal.

d. 1658, Kirby Lonsdale, aged 19 years. Her body was carried eight miles to Kendal for burial.

Brailsford, Quaker Women, index

Ross, M.Fell, 53-4

The Friend (Phila.),4 (1831):342

WBE:

FLETCHER, Elizabeth fl. 1660

b. lived in Lancashire, Eng.

1660 Taken out of a meeting at Manchester, and for refusing to swear were sent to prison.

1660 wrote A few words in season . . . (London)

Besse, I:308

FLETCHER, Elizabeth (1708-1751) born Crosfield 3

Elizabeth Fletcher was the daughter of Simon and Ann Crosfield, and was born in first month [March] 1708, at Low Park, near Kendal in Westmorland (1). In her twenty fourth year she married Joseph Fletcher of Wessington (2), a member of Chesterfield M.M, and soon after was called to the work of the ministry. She travelled in the service of the Gospel, twice visiting the meetings in and about London, until 1748, when she had a Sight that her Service was over in those parts. She felt herself "particularly sent to the sheep strayed from Israel's fold, Persons born and educated amongst us, who for Want of taking due Heed to the inward Teacher of Souls, had run much out into the Spirit and Evils of this World."

She was a Person of a good Capacity, much sweetened and improved by Religion, a tender nursing Mother in the Church of God, as well as in her own Family, and had a deep and excellent gift in the Ministry. To the Proud and Lofty she was, in the Power of God, as a sharp Sword, smiting at the very Foundation of Babylon; yet a true Mourner and Simpathizer with such as were awakened to see their Condition."

Elizabeth Fletcher died 20.viii [October] 1751, aged forty three years, and a minister near nineteen years. She was buried at Furnace, the meeting to which she belonged.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :-

Testimony of Chesterfield M.M in TCMD vol. 1 p.344, printed in A collection of testimonies, 1760, p.259

REFERENCES AND NOTES :-

1 No entry traced in Westmorland QM Births Digest

2 No entry traced in Westmorland QM or Derbyshire QM marriages Digest

SEE ALSO :-

Lancaster Observer Feb.7 1908, vol.CC/184

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WBE:
Additional Information

FLETCHER, Elizabeth 1708 - 1751 nee Crosfield

John Smith's Ms I:728

FLETCHER, Elizabeth (1836-1907) after 1870 Clark

[Elizabeth Fletcher, daughter of John Fletcher (-)
and his wife Mary (born)
of Leigh in Lancashire, was married in 1870 to Joseph Dawe
Clark (1831-1920 qv) of Worcester.

See CLARK, Elizabeth (1836-1907) born Fletcher]

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WBE:

FLETCHER, James fl. 1650-80

b. Lancashire, Eng.

1654 imprisoned in Lancashire.

1672 visited New England.

1678 goods distrained.

John Smith's Ms.,I:714

Besse, I:303,323

FLETCHER, John (1666-1734)

John Fletcher of Bickerstath was born on 24.ii.(April)1666(1) of parents professing with Friends. He was a "sober and Exemplary young man, when Married was careful in the ordering of his Family and Education of his children, having pretty many of them, a Constant Attender of Meetings First and Week Days, and frequently had a work of Exhortation to friends in them." In 1691 he married Elizabeth Jackson(2) and there were nine children of the marriage.(3)

He died on 24.ii.(April)1734(4) and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Hartshaw.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Lancashire QM 14.ii.(April)1735 in TCMD vol.1 p.88

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 There is an entry for the birth of John Fletcher, the son of James and Mary Fletcher of Knowsley, on 8.ii.(April)1666 (Lancashire QM Births Digest)

2 The wedding was at Tristram's Jackson's, Liverpool, on 21.x.(December) 1691: he is described as a saddler of Aughton in Lancashire, the son of James, a husbandman; she is described as a spinster of Liverpool (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Mary	b 25.ix.(November)1692
Mary	b 23.x.(December)1692
Tristram	b 4.x.(December)1693
Tristram	b 30.x.(December)1693
Mary	b 9.i.(March)1695/6
Hannah	b 26.ix.(November)1698
Elizabeth	b 26.xi.1700 (i.e.January 1700/1701)
Sarah	b 3.viii.(October)1703
James	b 24.xii.1705 (i.e.February 1705/6)
John	b 5.iv.(June)1708
Rebekah	b 24.iv.(June)1712

N.B. It will be noted that in the Digest two birth dates are given for the first daughter Mary and the son Tristram

4. Lancashire QM Burials Digest: he died on 24.ii.(April)1734; no description of him is given

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FLETCHER, John Percy (1884-1961) ~~[ref.FLETCHER, Percy]~~ Hampstead MM.

John Percy Fletcher, son of Frederick and Elizabeth Fletcher, was born on 7 February 1884 at Much Hadham, where his father was congregational minister, and he became one of the most widely known of English Quakers of his time. From an early age his choice of work was governed only by the need of his brother; his energy, his zeal, were given tirelessly, always in the furtherance of the promotion of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. His practical Christianity meant an impelling call to action in many causes and in many parts of the world. Children knew instinctively that he loved them, and ran to him to be picked up and held high. His pleasures were simple, - a keen gardener: walking in the countryside and talking of all there was to enjoy: poetry - he was an authority on Blake - listening to and making music.

John Fletcher left school at fourteen, and after a time as a Solicitor's Clerk and Stockbroker's Clerk, he studied for a year at Ruskin College, where he had won a scholarship in 1908. Then followed a period as Northern Organizer for the Agricultural Organization Society; but he needed to travel to study social conditions, and in 1912 he worked his passage to Australia. There he made contact with Friends, and here he found work which was to be one of his main causes for the rest of his life. The Defence Act imposed conscription on boys in Peace time, and in opposition to this he helped to found the Australia Freedom League. A similar Act in New Zealand took him there to continue his campaign, for which he was imprisoned, - an experience later to be repeated in England. A book 'Conscription and Conscience' written in collaboration with John F. Hills, described these campaigns. He came home in 1915, once again working his passage, and joined in the work of Friends Service Committee, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and the No Conscription Fellowship. He took the Absolutist stand, and served two years' imprisonment. 1920-23 saw him in Germany in connection with Friends Relief work.

After a period of sharing the work of rehabilitation and reopening of the Thakeham Meeting House (The Blue Idol) he married, in 1927, Dorothy Ballard. They settled in Hampstead Garden Suburb, and over a period of thirty years he served the Golders Green Meeting. In 1924 he was in the United States (1) doing Quaker work, and on his return home in 1925 began a long period of service under the Council of International Service, and then under the Friends Service Council, with a special concern to develop International Centre work at Friends House.

He was a friend of Albert Schweitzer, and when he came to England it was John Fletcher who arranged the tour. He was a member of Chatham House and the Royal Africa Society, and his friends were the African leaders who had led the struggle for racial reconciliation.

In the second World War he again led the struggle against conscription, and was a Quaker prison Chaplain.

In 1942 John Fletcher joined the Executive Committee of the National Council for Civil Liberties, and in 1946 he became Treasurer of

FLETCHER, John Percy (1884-1961) contd.

the War Resisters International. He was made a member of the Advisory Committee on the Welfare of Colonial People in the United Kingdom in 1916 (2) He was a member of the Council for Chriatian Action.

He died on 27 December 1961.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES :-

1. Testimony of Hampstead MM in YM.Proc.1962, p.206
2. Biographical note in Friend, vol.56, 1916, p.592

REFERENCES AND NOTES :-

1. Friend, vol.64, 1924, pp.402-3 describes his travels in the United States; cf Friend vol.64, 1924, p.22
2. Friend, vol.104, 1946, p.520

SEE ALSO :-

No Conscription Fellowship: 'Repeal the Act' 1916

W.J.Chamberlain: A C.O in prison 1917

Australasian Friend, 1918 p.1150

Account of 'No more war movement meeting' in Munich. Oxford Chronicle 2.xi.1921 xv115

Friend, vol.106, 1948, pp.200,202

N.B: Signature to manifesto re railway strike. Bradford Daily Telegraph
4x Uncompleted reference on destroyed card

FLETCHER, John Wilson (1788-1857)

John Wilson Fletcher, the son of John and Deborah Fletcher of Graysouthern in the parish of Brigham in Cumberland, was born there on 22 August 1788(1). His parents were deeply religious and he received from them an early moral training which bore fruit throughout his life. He was married in 1821 to Mary Allason(2) and there were seven children(3).

He was highly respected by all those with whom he was associated and his judgment, being sound and clear, was greatly valued. This made his assistance much sought after in public affairs, but he was anxious not to spend so much time on matters tending to the good of the community that there was too little left for the life of the spirit. He was an elder and a regular attender at meetings for worship and discipline; he was deeply and sincerely attached to the principles of the Society throughout his life.

He died after a brief illness at Tarn Bank near Cockermouth on 2 October 1857, at the age of sixty nine(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1858, pp 89-91

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest: his father is described as a yeoman

2 The wedding was at Pardshaw Hall on 22 November 1821: he is described as of Graysouthern, the son of John and Deborah Fletcher of Graysouthern; she is described as the daughter of John and Alice Allason of Beech Hill (Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

John Wilson	b 26 Jan 1823	no marriage traced to 1900
Alice	b 16 Dec 1824	who d 4 May 1837
Isaac	b 22 Feb 1827	no marriage traced to 1900
Mary	b 30 May 1829	who d 22 December 1832
William	b 31 Jan 1831	no marriage traced to 1900
Ann Deborah	b 30 Sept 1832	who m 1852 Theodore Harris
Henry Mason	b 27 July 1834	no marriage traced to 1900

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a coal owner

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

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FLETCHER, Lawrence

The death of his daughter Mary in 1657 is recorded in QM Bur. Reg. for Cheshire & Staffs.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.60

FLETCHER, Martha (1773-1854)

Martha Fletcher, the daughter of John and Ann Fletcher of Warrington in Lancashire, was born there on 29 April 1773(1). For several years she was a teacher at the Girls' School established in York by William and Esther Tuke in 1784 and her services were so valuable that she received an increase in salary. She had a love of order and an authoritative manner which at times appeared exacting, but it was so modified by genuine kindness as to win her the lasting affection of many of the girls in her care.

On leaving the school she lived for a time with William and Esther Tuke, a period which left a deep impression on her character. In 1833 a school for poor girls was started in York and she threw herself wholeheartedly into the work involved; with some interruption this school occupied much of her time and thought throughout her long life.

In 1834 she joined her cousin James Cropper (1773-1840 ae) at his school for destitute and orphan boys at Fearnhead near Warrington. She entered warmly into all her cousin's plans and contributed largely to the efficient working of the school. It was disbanded on James Cropper's death and Martha Fletcher returned to York, to resume her interest in the school for poor girls. She was also active in the campaign for the abolition of slavery and the education of the negroes and was liberal in her financial help for this latter cause. She did not neglect the poor in her own neighbourhood, among whom her pensioners were numerous, and when she could no longer visit them herself she delegated this duty among her friends.

She was active in her numerous concerns almost to the end of her life and died at York on 5 December 1854(2), at the age of eighty two.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1856 pp 72-76

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster of York

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

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FLETCHER, Mary (1695/6-1773) after 1720 Clare

(Mary Fletcher, daughter of John and Elizabeth Fletcher of Aughton and Bicursteth in Lancashire, was married in 1720 to Peter Clare.

See CLARE, Mary (1695/6-1773) born Fletcher)

MBG 1975

FLETCHER, Mary (1790-1875) aftw. Miller

[Mary Fletcher was the daughter of John and Deborah Fletcher. She was married in 1815 to William Miller

see MILLER, Mary (1790-1875) born Fletcher]

FLETCHER, Percy (1884-1961)

[see FLETCHER, John Percy (1884-1961)]

WBE:

FLETCHER, Rachel, afterwards Stokes, 1812-1844

see

Stokes, Rachel V., nee Fletcher, 1812-1844

FLETCHER, Richard

A Richard Fletcher is twice mentioned in the Swarth. MSS. (i.306, sub anno 1658), in association with Thomas Bewley, but the place of his residence does not appear. This may be the Friend here mentioned.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.389

WBE:

FLETCHER, Thomas ca.1706-77

b. ca. 1706, Abington, Pa.

Useful in civil and relious society. His funeral was largely attended.

d. March 19, 1777 in his 72nd year.

Comly, Friends' Misc., III:144

FLETCHER, William Brown (1838-1913)

William B. Fletcher, the son of John and Mary Fletcher of Pennington, Leigh, Lancs, was born on 31 May 1838 (1). He married in 1861 Elizabeth Miller (2): there were four children (3).

In 1870 he succeeded Alfred Wright as book-keeper at Ackworth, a position which was changed three years later to that of Secretary and House Steward, with additional responsibility. He was highly regarded by the staff and scholars.

Outside the school, his main work was for the cause of temperance. In 1883 he left Ackworth to take up work at Devonshire House in the Central Office of the Society of Friends. In addition to general routine work he did the secretarial work of London & Middlesex Quarterly Meeting and of its committees, especially its finance committee, the Six Weeks Meeting, the London Friends Fund and the Friends Loan Fund. At one time he was also secretary to the Committee of Management of the Syrian Mission. He was a faithful and loyal servant of the Society, remaining at the Central Office for 23 years.

He retired to Ilkley, where he remained until his death on 11 August 1913, aged 75.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual monitor 1915 p.90

SEE ALSO :

Friend ns vol.53 (1913) p.511

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1 Digest of Birth Notes: his father is described as clogger

2 The wedding was on 19 June 1861 at Westhoughton, parish Dean, Lancashire; he is described as leather cutter, of King Street, Leigh, Pennington, son of John Fletcher, Cordwainer; she is described as spinster, of Market Street, Leigh, Pennington, daughter of William Miller, engraver (Digest of Marriage Registers)

3 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows :-

Elizabeth	born 22 March 1866	Arthur Stacey	born 10 April 1874
John William	born 27 March 1870	Mabel Stacey	born 15 March 1877

WBE:

FLEWIN, William George 1871-1929

b. 1871, London, Eng. His parents were Congregationalists. He joined Joseph Parker's congregation.

m. Rosa . He was a reader for a large publishing firm.

Convinced, and attended Wanstead Mtg.

Removed to Falmouth, and worked with Friends meetings.

Carlbury, Oxon.

Did educational work in Denmark, at Elsinore.

Settled in Hereford and continued his work for Friends meetings and committees. Editor of The Wayfarer.

d. June 3, 1929, suddenly, near Friends House in London.

The Friend (London),69(1929(:558, 593(portrait)

The Wayfarer, 8(1929):109

WBE:

FLEXNER, Helen Whitall nee Thomas ca. 1871-1956

b. ca.1871 in Baltimore, Md., youngest daughter of James Carey(M.D.) and Mary Whitall Thomas.

ed. A.B., Bryn Mawr College

m. 1903 Simon Flexner and had two sons. They lived in Baltimore and New York.

Author in 1940 of A Quaker childhood, published by Yale Univ. Press, with portraits.

d. April 7, 1956.

Finch, Carey Thomas of Bryn Mawr, 28

[Information supplied by Alumnae Office, Bryn Mawr College] B.C.

FLEXNEY, John (1694?-1752)

John Flexney was born about the year 1694.(1) He was educated in the beliefs and principles of the Church of England, but during his apprenticeship he became convinced of the Truth and appeared in the ministry when he was about twenty six. "He bore the Character of an honest Man among his Neighbours, and was remarkable for his fewness of Words in Conversation; his Testimony was rather cautionary & Consolatory than Doctrinal, yet generally tended to the Comfort & edification of the Churches in these Parts, for we had the Chief of his Labours, he having been no far Traveller, nor could his natural abilities claim much share in his Usefulness."

In 1723 he married Sarah Bussen(2) and there were three children of the marriage.(3)

He died on 10 May 1752.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of MM held at Burford, approved by Oxfordshire QM 4 April 1753 in TCMD vol.1 p.358

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Age at death not given

2 The wedding was at Witney on 26.ix.(November)1723: he is described as a blanket weaver of Witney, Oxfordshire; she is described as a spinster, the daughter of Richard Bussen of High Coggs, Oxfordshire (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest as follows:-

Sarah	b 24.xii.1725 (i.e.February 1725/6)
John	b 1.ii.(April)1728
Mary	b 30.i.(March)1730

4 His death is not recorded in Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest

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FLINT, Lydia (1886?-1934) born

Lydia Flint was born about 1886. She was a mill-worker form the age of 11, and remained a weaver till her marriage in1919 at Blackburn Meeting House.

A woman of much personality and vigour, she was secretary of the Women's Adult School at Blackburn in its early days, and returned to Blackburn after a period at Woodbrooke, to serve as secretary to a branch of the Women's Peace Crusade.

She attached herself to the little Meeting aF Spring Vale, which she could not bear to miss, and often offered a few thought-provoking sentences. In her last illness she became a member of the Society. She was a fighter, and struggled in the Labour movement so that others could have a fuller life. Knowing what suffering was, she felt sometimes bitterly the wrongs of those whithout a real chance in life.

She died on 2 January 1934, aged 48.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.92 (1934) p.51

FLINTOFF, Elizabeth (1735-1815) born Buck

Elizabeth Buck, the daughter of James Buck (1704- qv) and his wife Mary (born West,) of Birthwaite in the parish of Ripley in Yorkshire, was born on 20.ii.[April] 1735(1).

She was married in 1763 to Jeremiah Flintoff (fl 1763-1775 qv) of Aldborough in Yorkshire and there were three children, born between the years 1767 and 1775(2).

Elizabeth Flintoff of Boroughbridge in the parish of Aldborough died on 29 November 1815, at the age of eighty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her place of birth and her father's occupation are not given
2 For marriage and children see FLINTOFF, Jeremiah (fl 1763-1775)
3 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Jeremiah, a thread maker

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

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FLINTOFF, Jeremiah (fl 1763-1775)

Jeremiah Flintoff, details of whose birth are not at present (1985) traced(1), was the son of John and Mary Flintoff of Kilburn in Yorkshire.

He was married in 1763 to Elizabeth Buck (1735-1815 qv) of South Stainley in Yorkshire(2) and there were three children, born between the years 1767 and 1775(3).

The date of his death is not at present (1985) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 His birth is not traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest

2 The wedding was at Knaresborough on 10 June 1763: he is described as of Boroughbridge in the parish of Aldborough in Yorkshire, the son of John and Mary Flintoff (deceased) of Aldstead Grange in the parish of Kildbourne in Yorkshire; she is described as the daughter of James and Mary Buck of Ricehouse in the parish of South Stainley in Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Jeremiah	b 12 Dec 1767
James	b 21 June 1770
Elizabeth	b 9 March 1775

No marriages are traced for these children in Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest

4 His death is not traced in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest

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

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WBE:

FLOUNDERS, Benjamin 1768-1846

b. 1768 at Crathorne, Bleachfield, near Yarm, son of John and Mary (Bickerdike) Flounders.

ed. Ackworth School (?)

m. 1800, Mary Walker, who died in 1803. One daughter.

m. Hannah Chapman . They had a son who died 1811.

d. 1846. Issue of London Friend for 6th Mo., 1846 says "recently deceased".

Flounders left the sum of £ 40,000 to found the Flounders Institute, for the training of teachers in the Society of Friends. This institution was opened in 1848 at Ackworth, Yorkshire and removed to Leeds in 1894.

The Friend (London), 4(1846):114

Jour. Fds. Hist. Soc., 14(1917):114

[see also Diaries of Edward Pease, (1907)] B.C.

WBE:

FLOUNDERS, Jonathan 1780-1840

b. 1780, Manchester, England.

ed. 1790-93 Ackworth School

Settled at Liverpool, Eng. An Elder.

1814, published The Christian Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, &c ,(Liverpool.

1822, published Some observations on the Gospel ministry of women.

d. Feb. 14, 1840, Liverpool, Eng., aged 60 years.

Nodal, Bibliog. of Ackworth Sch., 40

AM. Mon., 29(1841):25

Jos. Smith's Cat., I:620

FLOUNDERS, Joseph (1740-1832)

Joseph Flounders, the son of Edward Flounders ( ) and his wife Sarah (born) of Northallerton in Yorkshire, was born on 24.iv.[June] 1740(1).

He lived at Bishop Thornton in the parish of Ripon in Yorkshire(2) and was married in 1772 to Ruth Buck (1744- qv) of Hartwith/with Winsley in Yorkshire (3); there were six children, born between the years 1773 and 1786(4).

Joseph Flounders died on 31 August 1832(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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

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

3 The wedding was at Netherdale on 13 May 1772: he is described as of Bishop Thornton township, parish of Ripon in Yorkshire; she is described as the daughter of Cornelius and Grace Buck (deceased) of Hardcastle Garth in the township of Hartwith/with Winsley in Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)

4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births and Burials Digest as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 15 March 1773	
Joseph	b 27 May 1776	
Sarah	b 14 Nov 1778	d 25 May 1779, aged 27 weeks
Sarah	b 8 June 1780	
John	b 2 Jan 1783	
William	b 15 Feb 1786	

No marriages are traced for any of these children in Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest

5 Annual Monitor 1834, p 17: 1 line entry for death. His death is not traced in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 11, p 202

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FLOUNDERS, Ruth (1744-) born Buck

Ruth Buck, the daughter of Cornelius Buck (1709- qv) and his wife Grace (born Binns, 1705-1759 qv) of Hardcastle Garth, Kirkby Malzeard in Yorkshire, was born on 9.v.[July] 1744(1).

She was married in 1772 to Joseph Flounders (1740-1832 qv) of Ripon in Yorkshire and there were six children, born between the years 1773 and 1786(2).

The date of her death is not at present (1985) traced(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her place of birth and her father's occupation are not given
2 For marriage and children see FLOUNDERS, Joseph (1740-1832)
3 Her death is not traced in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest nor in the Digest of Deaths to 1844

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

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FLOWER, Edith (1701?-1755)

Edith Flower, details of whose birth and parentage are at present (1975) unknown, was born about the year 1701.(1) She was a woman of sober piety, whose later years were devoted to the service of Truth and she appeared in the ministry when she was about forty four. She travelled in the service of the ministry in several parts of England and also in Ireland, where her testimony was well received.

She died apparently unmarried(2) and (3) on 4 September 1755(4), aged fifty four years and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Malton.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Malton MM 12 March 1756 endorsed by Yorkshire QM 24/25 March 1756 in TCMD vol.1 p.414

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 54 at death. There is no entry in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
2 There is no record of a marriage in Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest
3 No children are recorded in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
4 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she died on 4 September 1755; she is described as "a minister upwards of 10 years."

M.E.G.1975

WBE:

FLOWER, Enoch 1635-84
Oct.(?)

b. ca. 1635. Baptised Dec. 12, 1635, son of Thomas and Susanna (Harpwood) Flower in Wiltshire,Eng.

Mar. 21, 1683 certificate of removal from Brinkworth (WBE says "Bringhurst) Meeting in Wiltshire because of emigration to America.

ca. 1683 came to Penna. and bought 2000 acres. He was the first schoolmaster in Penna. and had a brief but important career.

1684 taken desparately ill.

d. November 1684, Phila. Pa., aged about 49 years.

Bul. Frds. Hist. Assn., 23(1934):52

Jorns, Qu. as Pioneers in Soc. Work, 110

WBE:

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FLOYD, Thomas [fl. 1680] BC
(perhaps also LLOYD)

minister who preached fearlessly in London.

John Smith's Ms.,I:719

Besse,I: 484 [incorrect reference] BC

WBE:a

FLUKE, Alethea, 1798-1891.

SEE COFFIN, Alethea, nee FLUKE.

FOAT, Richard (1910 ? - 1977)

Richard Foat was born in about the year 1910.(1) His father, a Methodist preacher taught at the City of London School, which, as a Temple chorister, Richard attended.

For much of his life he was an actor, but in the 1960s it seems that increasing ill health caused him to change his occupation, he became a visitor for the National Association of Voluntary Hostels, but travelling became too much for him and he took a post for a year or two as assistant warden at a hostel for recovering psychiatric patients. He was unmarried and lived for several years in an ex-prisoners hostel in the Caledonian Road, and latterly at the Penn Club.

He first attended Westminster meeting in 1966, and in 1967 spent the autumn term at Woodbrooke. He was welcomed into membership of the Society in January 1968 and he became a great asset to his meeting, giving service also as an overseer and then as an elder. He was a man of deep spirituality and of cheerful friendliness, neither of which were affected either by his vived sense of the evil abroad in the world, or by his increasing physical disabilities, he experienced great difficulty in breathing, even in talking.

His condition deteriorated and he died on March 30, 1977 at the age of 67.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE **The Friend**. Vol 135 (1977) p. 628.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 67 at death.

SGJ. 1977.

FOGELKLOU, Emilia Maria (1878 - 1972) later Norlind.

SEE

NORLIND, Emilia Maria (1878 - 1972) b. Fogelklou

SGJ 1977

WBE:a

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FOGELKLOU, Emilia, afterwards Norlind, (1878-1972).

Historian, author.

b. 20 July, 1878, in Simrishamn, Province of Skåne, Sweden.

ed. Common School, Stockholm Women's Teacher's College, M.Th., 1909, Univ. of Uppsala; first Swedish woman to earn degree in theology, 1933-1934, Woodbrooke Fellow at Woodbrooke College.

m. 30 September, 1922, to Arnold Norlind, geographer and Dante translator (died 17 February, 1929).

1931, sought membership in the Society of Friends in London; 1947, elected President of the Friend's Historical Society, London.

1941, awarded Honorary Doctorate from the Univ. of Uppsala.

Active in the peace movement.

1966, received national honor and a substantial pension from the state of Sweden.

Author: 1929, James Nayler, the rebel saint, 1618-1660.

1932, Luther and Fox.

Saint Bridget of Sweden.

1948, William Penn.

1969, The Atonement of George Fox.

and many monographs and periodical articles in Swedish.

d. 26 September, 1972, in Sweden, aged 94.

Davis,Robert, Woodbrooke, 1903-1953,(London:Bannisdale Press, 1953), p. 187.

The Friend (London) 130:1284.

Pendle Hill Pamphlet 166, The Atonement of George Fox, by Emilia Fogelklou.

Information obtained from Howard Lutz.

WBE:

FOLGER, Peleg ca. 1734-89

b. ca. 1734 in Nantucket, Mass.

ed. very limited, being engaged in farming. Taught himself mathematics, navigation and something of Latin.

an elder.

ca. 1755 he became a seaman, which calling he followed for many years, both in whaling and cod fishing.

kept a journal. his general deportment was grave and contemplative.

was preserved in remarkable purity of mind. Had a presentiment of his approaching end.

d. 1789, Nantucket, aged 55 years.

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup.:124

Macy,Obed, Hist.of Nantucket: 294

WBE:

FOLGER, Peter [fl. 1660] BC

P.F. was grandfather, on the maternal side, of Benjamin Franklin. He lived first on Martha's Vineyard. His daughter Abiah Folger was B.F.'s mother.

1663 Peter Folger was invited to move to Nantucket This he did in order to officiate as miller, weaver and interpreter of the Indian language, while his son Eleazer served as shoemaker. A grant of one-half share of land was the compensation.

[1676, wrote a poem entitled <u>A looking-glass for the times, . . . &c</u>] BC

Macy, Obed, Hist. of Nantucket, 25, [287] BC

JosthSmith's Cat., Sup.: 124

FOLKE, Folke (1873-1948)

Folke Folke was born in1873, the son of a country labourer.

Joining the Society of Friends about 1938, he maintained his links with the Grundtvigian movement within the Danish State Church. Interested in the problems of the community, he eventually became head of the Fire Service in Frederiksberg - the part of Copenhagen where he lived.

He was an idealist all his life, never tired of supporting the right of the individual over that of the community. His immense love for human beings was felt in everything he said; his friends got the impression of a true endeavour to follow the teaching of Christ.

In 1947 he was at Woodbrooke, where he was greatly beloved. In spite of recovering quickly from an operation on his return to Denmark, he caught bronchitis the following Spring.

He died on the night of 14 to 15 May 1948, aged 75.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.106 (1948) p.490

FOLKE, Thyra Solmer (1893 - 1978) b.

Thyra Folke was born on April 30, 1893 (1) in the southern part of Jutland, then under German rule. When the first world war broke out she was studying at Birmingham and beonuse of her German passport she was regarded as an enemy alien. She was, however, taken care of by a Quaker family, thought to be the family of T. Edmund Harvey (1875 - 1955 qv.).

After the war she took up teaching and as headmistress of a school in Copenhagen she contacted the small group of Friends there, joining the Society in Denmark, in 1935. She took a full share of responsibility in the small group of Friends and was a very strong member.

In 1937 she married Folke Folke, an engineer, who himself joined the Society later. At the beginning of the second world war she translated Rufus Jones' book " Faith and Practice of the Quakers" into Danish. This was published in 1941 and the first edition was sold out and a second edition had to be printed. She strongly supported the Friends World Committee for Consultation and for a number of years was a representative on the European and Near East section. With her husband she made their home a place for spiritual and joyful gatherings for Danish Friends as well as for Friends from all parts of the world who were always welcome there.

She died on April 29, 1978 aged 84.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol 136 (1978) p. 717

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. She died on April 29, the day before her 85th birthday.

SGJ. Aug.1978

FOLLOWS, Caroline (1872-1962) born Bowman

Caroline Bowman, the daughter of John Bayliff Bowman (1836-1911 qv) and his wife Sarah Ann (born Armitage, 1832-1903 qv) of Hawarden in north Wales, was born there on 12 August 1872(1).

She was married in 1898 to George Follows (1870-1949 qv), a lecturer in mathematics and engineering at the Liverpool Central Technical School and there were three children(2). After her husband's retirement they lived at Charlbury in Oxfordshire(3).

Caroline Follows died at Malvern in Worcestershire on 14 May 1962, at the age of eighty nine(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a farmer
2 For marriage and children see FOLLOWS, George (1870-1949)
3 See entry for FOLLOWS, George (1870-1949)
4 The Friend vol 120 (1962) p 652: 14 May. At Rob Roy Nursing Home, Malvern, Worcestershire, Caroline Follows (nee Bowman), widow of George Follows and mother of Eric, Arthur and John

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

MEC Jan 1983

FOLLOWS, Elizabeth Anna (1841?-1933)

Elizabeth Anna Follows was born about 1841. ~~She was the daughter~~ Her father came from a well-known Quaker family and when he died (acting as Private Secretary to Robert Stevenson) her mother was left to bring up 4 young children. They were all educated at Ackworth, and Elizabeth taught there before becoming governess to Sir Joseph Pease's family at Darlington.

From 1877 to 1881 she taught at the Mount School, and in the History of the school a writer pays tribute pays tribute to Elizabeth Follows. Subsequently she left York to travel with her aunt, and then to be a companion to her uncle. Finally she settled for the rest of her life at Gaywood, a suburb of King's Lynn, to be near her relatives.

Of a charming, tender disposition she was beloved by a host of friends; during the First World War her gift of languages and sympathetic understanding gained her many friends among the Belgian refugees in the district. She was a storehouse of energy and her many interests included sketching and astronomy. She was keenly interested in the Lynn and Gaywood Adult Schools.

She died on 4 August 1933, aged 92.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.91 (1933) p.722

FOLLOWS, Eric (1900-1981)

see FOLLOWS, George Eric (1900-1981)

SGJ Aug 1981

FOLLOWS, George (1870-1949)

George Follows, the eldest son of George and Mary A.C.Follows, was born in Manchester in the year 1870(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1881 to 1885. He came of a long line of Quakers and scholars at Ackworth.

After leaving school he entered the business of his uncle Frederic W,Follows at Gorton, Manchester and later became an engineering apprentice at the Great Central Locomotive works in Manchester. He won a Whitworth Exhibition medal and a scholarship to Owens College, Manchester, where he graduated with distinction.

He was married in 1898 to Caroline Bowman (1872-1962 qv) of Hope in the county of Flint(2) and there were three children(3). He settled as a lecturer in mathematics and engineering at the Liverpool Central Technical School, a position which he held until his retirement in about 1927.

He had a great love for Ackworth and his favourite hobby, cabinet work at which he was very skilful, was acquired there and was a great pleasure to him throughout his life. He lived a quiet but energetic life and devoted considerable time to the business and committees of the Society of Friends and Penketh School. He was for many years an overseer of Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting and in his retirement an elder of Witney Monthly Meeting.

He retired to live at Charlbury in Oxfordshire in 1933, where he and his wife were always ready to give hospitality to Friends in their peaceful Cotswold home.

George Follows of Highfield, Charlbury died on 1 October 1949, at the age of seventy nine(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 69 (1950) p 57
The Friend vol 107 (1949) p 831

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 His birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
2 The wedding was at Liscard on 26 May 1898: he is described as a bachelor, a science lecturer of Clapham Villa, Sherlock Lane, Poulton, the son of George Follows, a cashier; she is described as a spinster of Hope Hall, Hope in the county of Flint, the daughter of John Bayliff Bowman, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
3 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

George Eric qv	b 7 Oct 1900	m 1928 Gladys E.M.Bamber*
Arthur Bowman	b 9 March 1904	m 1933 Katrina Stewart Campbell
John Harold	b 2 Jan 1907	m 1934 Mary Isabel Searle

*This marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a lecturer at Liverpool Technical College

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

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FOLLOWS, George (1870?-1949)

George Follows was born about 1870, and was at Ackworth School from 1881 to1885. After training as an engineer he was appointed Lecturer in Engineering at Liverpool College, a osition which he retained until his retirement about 1927. After that he lived at Charlbury, near Oxford with his wife (nee Caroline Bowman). They celebrated their golden wedding in 1948.

George Follows was skilled in cabinet work. Both he and his wife were greatly interested in the Society of Friends, and he was for many years an Elder.

He died on 1 October 1949, aged 79, after a long illness.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol. ~~95 (1937) p.446~~
107 (1949) p.831

FOLLOWS. George Eric (1900 - 1981)

Eric Follows was born at Poulton, Chester on October 17, 1900, the son of George (1870 - 1949 qv) and Caroline (b. Bowman) Follows.(1) He was educated at Ackworth and gained his M.Sc. degree at Liverpool University. He staught at Stand Grammar School, Manchester and at Eckington before being appointed in 1944 to the Royal Grammar School at Worcester where he taught until his retirement. In 1928 he married Gladys E.M.Bamber, the daughter of an Anglican clergyman at Wallasey (2) and he shared in his wife's Anglican interests during the remainder of his life. In April 1980 he was one of the recipients of 'Maundy Money' from the Queen at Worcester Cathedral. Earlier before moving to Worcester he was involved with the Boy Scout movement in the Sheffield area and later with the National Trust and with the English & Foreign Bible Society at Worcester. He also took part in the local Free Church Federal Council, was interested in Woodbrooke and served his local meeting of Worcester as elder, overseer and as clerk (3). He also served on Friends central committees(4).He was a valued member of Worcester meeting both for his ministry and for his other services among which, as he was a keen gardener, was his care for the meeting house garden. He had a capacity for enjoying simple things and an ability to involve other people in his pleasure.

He died on March 19, 1981. aged 80.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 139 (1981) p. 450.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Birth Digest. His father is described as a science lecturer.
2. The marriage took place at the Parish Church of Radcliffe, H on July 26, 1928. He is described as of Wallasey. Her address was the Rectory, Radcliffe. The Friend. (1928) p. 712
3. Index of Clerks. Friends Ho. Library.
   Worcester PM. 1946-1951, 1967 - 1969.
4. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.
   Friends Education Council 1970 - 1973 (as deputy)
   Home Service Committee.

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FOLLOWS, Ruth (1717-1809) born Alcock

Ruth Follows was a daughter of Richard and Ruth Alcock of Weston in Nottinghamshire, and wife of George Follows of Castle Donington, Leics. She exercised a gift in the ministry for 60 years.

Memoirs. 1829.
J. Smith: Catalogue

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.46

WBE:
Additional information

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FOLLOWS, Ruth nee Alcock ca. 1718 - 1809

b. ca. 1718 dau. of Richard and Ruth Alcock of Weston in Notts. Eng. who were Friends.

m. ca. 1741 at age 23 years to George Follows of Castle Donnington, Leics., Eng. They were both poor in this world's goods.

1747 at age 30 spoke in ministry.

1749 accompanied Elizabeth Fletcher, (a weakly woman), up to London.

In the years after this Ruth Follows visited most of the meetings in England, and was twice in Ireland.

1775 with Martha Winter she went to the northern counties of England and to Scotland. Although Ruth Follows and her husband were in low circumstances (in their outward affairs) yet she was highly esteemed and favored as a minister.

d. April 3, 1809 at Castle Donnington (?) in her 91st year, and a minister for 60 years.

Friends' Biog.,13: Memoirs of Ruth Follows

Friends' Lib., IV:24

WBE:

FOLWELL, Ann, later YARNALL, -1820.

SEE YARNALL, Ann, nee FOLWELL, -1820.

FONG, Shu Hsuan Xu Hsuen (1894 - 1982)

Shu Hsuan Fong was born in about the year 1894.(1) He was a Chinese Friend who first became known to Friends in Britain when in 1920 he attended the All Friends Conference as a delagate from Sichuan Yearly Meeting. He served as clerk to that Yearly Meeting for a time and in 1933/4 he took up a Fellowship at Woodbrooke. In 1938 he represented the National Christian Council at an international missionary conference at Madras. He was a renowned scholar and an administrator and was president of West China Union University from about 1945 to 1950. A deeply committed Christian he was a friendly man, deeply concerned about people, and with his wife, who survived him, made his home a place of beauty, peace and refreshment.

He died at Chengdu, Sichuan, on February 20, 1982 after a long illness, aged 88.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 140 (1982) p. 628

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 88 at death.

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WBE:a

FOOTE, Mary Anna (Hallock), 1847-1938

Author; illustrator.

b. 19 Nov. 1847, Milton, N.Y., dau. Nathaniel Hallock and w. Anne (Burling), both Friends.

Ed.: Poughkeepsie Female Collegiate Seminary; 1864-67, studied at women's art school of Cooper Institute (Cooper Union), N.Y.C.

m. 9 Feb. 1876, to Arthur De Wint Foote (civil engr.; b. 1849; d. 1934; from Guilford, Conn.).
Ch.: Arthur Burling; Elizabeth Townsend (afterwards Swift); Agnes (d. 1904).

After marriage, husband's career took family west. Lived in Colorado, Idaho, Calif., all of which provided material for M.F.'s writing. Tried to build realistic plots, but publishers insisted on "happy endings," to the detriment of her work. Still, her books on the West, 16 in all, described as "finest picture of the mining frontier since Mark Twain's Roughing It." Retained Quaker dress and speech throughout life, although M.F. described herself in 1914 as Unitarian.

Among many works are the following: 1883, The Led-Horse Claim; 1886, John Bodewin's Testimony; 1889, The Last Assembly Ball; 1894, Coeur d'Alène; 1895, "Friend Barton's Concern;" 1900, The Prodigal; 1912, A Picked Company; 1915, The Valley Road; 1919, The Ground-Swell. Illus. many of own works; also illus. for magazines, publisher Fields, Osgood and Co., and a work by H.W. Longfellow.

d. 25 June 1938, Hingham, Mass., of arteriosclerosis. Ashes returned to Grass Valley, Calif. (her home for 30 yrs.).
(References listed on following page)

WBE:

FORBES, Duncan 1685-1747

b. 1685

1735 (?) published The petition of Robert Barclays elder and ypunger of Urie . . .

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa.:BX7795

FORBES, Mary Ann (1738?-1797) after 1771 Fothergill

[Mary Ann Forbes, daughter of Timothy and Elizabeth Forbes of London, was married in 1771 to John Fothergill (1743-1807 qv).

See FOTHERGILL, Mary Ann (1738?-1797) born Forbes]

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WBE:

FORBES, Roderick ca.1670 - 1712

b.ca. 1670, Brux, Scotland, son of Arthur and Elizabeth Forbes.

m. and had two children.

Convinced, and walked soberly for a time, but his elder brother dying, he inherited the estate, and he threw off the cross.

ca. 1702 he was awakened and humbled and so he left off fellowship with his loose companions, to live a sober and godly life.

In his last illness he desired Robert Barclay, (not the apologist), to hold up his head, that he might testify:"I can bear witness that Truth is Truth".

d. October, 1712 in Edinburgh, aged about 42 years.

Piety Pro., 5th part., p.76

FORBES, Thomas John (1888?-1937)

Thomas John Forbes was born in Folkstone about 1888. He was a pupil at the Harvey Grammar School, and after a period at Goldsmiths College returned there to become Geography, Music and Natural History Master. The Harvey School Choral Society, which he started, won awards at various Music Festivals.

His great fondness for the beauties of nature was something that sprang form his soul. He was a Vice-President of the Folkestone Natural History Society.

He was one of the founders of the Folkestone Adult Schools and his work among the Kent Adult Schools Union is well known. Many people received from him a refreshing outlook on life.

He died at Folkestone on 21 April 1937, aged 49.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.95 (1937) p.416

FORD, Benson (1846-1918)

see FORD, Thomas Benson Pease (1846-1918)

FORD, Bridget (1636?-1710) born Gosnell

Gosnell married Philip Ford (1631-1701/2) in 1672. She

Bridget ~~Ford~~ was among the prominent women Friends of London. She wrote a Testimony respecting Anne Whitehead in 1686 (148.2), and signed, with other women, a letter to Margaret Fox in 1695 (179.1). A lurid light is thrown upon her subsequent career and that of Philip, Junr., in J.W. Graham's William Penn, chap.xxii. She was a daughter of Henry Gosnel, of London and Shropshire.

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p;321

FORD, Charles (1879-1964)

see FORD, Rawlinson Charles [Johnny] (1879-1964)

FORD, Emily Susan (-1930) nm

Emily Susan Ford was born

She was the last survivor of three gifted sisters who, coming form Quaker stock, all followed the tradition of the Society of Friends by combining the intimacies of home life with ~~the~~ ardour in public service. Their home at Adel was a centre of lively sympathy and awareness of the world around them.

Emily's artistic talent, seen in her painting, was sometimes touched by genius. Impulsive, affectionate and passionately sincere, she had in old age the temperament and charm of youth. She had the stoicism and dry humour of the West Riding. Her deep religious instinct found happiness in the Anglican communion.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.70 (1930) p.230

FORD, Ezra (1869-1950)

Born in Chapel-en-le-Frith in 1869, Ezra Ford was brought up in a Primitive Methodist home, claiming Quaker antecedents. As a young man he showed his religious zeal by service with General Booth in the survey of "Darkest England" and by particapation with the Salvation Army in its fight for freedom to hold meetings in the street on Sundays.

About 1900 he moved to Blackpool where he became secretary of the local Adult School, being its President for 30 years. In company with Walter Bayes and others he helped start Blackpool Meeting, and, a practical craftsman, he superintended the building of the present Meeting House in 1932.

An early member of the local branch of the Workers Educational Association, Ezra Ford was its chairman fro 16 years and in 1938 made a life president. He was an associate of J. Percival Davies; both men were interested in social, industrial and personal problems.

In Meeting for Worship the memory of his simple prayers will always be cherished. He had a moral courage that could move mountains, and as teacher of friend he was a never-failing inspiration.

He died on 26 December 1950.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.109 (1951) p.27

FORD, Gervase Lawson (1883-1963)

Gervase Lawson Ford, the son of Thomas Benson Pease and Elizabeth Storrs Ford, was born on 26 May 1883 (1). He was the youngest of 5 children, and was educated at Leighton Park School before joining the firm of solicitors where he succeeded his uncle as Senior Partner at this death. In 1913 he married Eleanor M. Pease and had two daughters.

He served in the Friends Ambulance Unit during the First World War, and afterwards took a leading part in the newly-founded Toc H in Leeds. He was appointed Clerk to the Brighouse, Leeds and Settle Monthly Meeting's Trust Funds Committee, a post he held capably and devotedly for 40 years. His knowledge of Trust Property was great, and he ~~also~~ acted as legal adviser to many charitable organizations, serving the community in Leeds for many years as a 'poor man's lawyer'.

Having a great concern for the education of children in the Society, he was Clerk of the Ackworth School Committee for 23 years, and was on the Ayton School Committee for 16 years, as well as serving for a time on the Friends Education Coundil.

An Elder of Carlton Hill Meeting, Leeds, his presence and regular punctual attendance were an example and great spiritual help to the Meeting.

He died on 11 July 1963.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.121 (1963) p.959

REFERENCES AND NOTES:
(1) Digest of Birth Notes

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FORD, Helen Kersey, -1973.

b.

Missionary to Africa and Guatemala from California Yearly Meeting.

Sept. 1917-1933, conducted teaching ministry in Guatemala in Central America.

1933, worked in Kenya, East Africa.

m. ca.1933, Jefferson Ford (d. 1949).

Served together with husband in Kenya until 1948; after husband's death, returned to Central America.

1951, suffered severe heart attack; returned home to California.

Taught at Azusa Pacific Coll. on the subject "missions" for ten years, until 1962.

Retired to Quaker Haven, and in 1969 to Quaker Gardens.

Life member, United Society of Friends Women.

d. 25 June 1973.

California Friend, 27 (Sept. 1973), p. 5.
26 (Aug. 1973), p. 2.

FORD, Isabella Ormston (1855-1924)

Isabella Ormston Ford was born ~~about 1855~~ on 23 May 1855 (1).

The youngest daughter of Robert Lawson and Hannah Ford of Leeds, she was brought up in the consciousness of the hardships of those around her. In the 1880s she championed the cause of the underpaid tailoresses of Leeds and in 1890 walked with the girls of Manningham during their strike.

Joining the I.L.P. at its foundation, she was a member of the Coundil for 4 years under Keir Hardie, and later was a leading member of the non-militant group of Suffragettes. Her charm and immense sense of humour convinced many who came to her meetings to oppose her.

Her Quaker mind and sense of true internationalism led her to work tirelessly for peace, ~~both~~ and she was one of the delegates to the Hague Peace Conference in December 1922.

Her hatred of oppression and injustice was shown also in her great love for animals. She published 3 novels between 1890 and 1901. Isabella Ford brightened the lives of many people by her labours; her abundant life was given freely to all around her.

She died on 14 July 1924.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
<u>The Friend</u>, vol.64 (1924) p.670

REFERENCES AND NOTES:
(1) Digest of Birth Notes

WBE:

FORD, Jefferson 1879-1949

b. 1879 at Bath, N.Y., son of Truman and Frances Ford.

ed. Cleveland high school and Baldwin Univ., Berea, Ohio.

Worked on the farm and did carpentry in No. Ohio.

Graduated from Cleveland Bible Institute. Then did pastoral work in Michigan, Iowa and So. Dakota. One year at Hortonville, Ind.

He was twice in Jamaica, where he married Helen Ford.

1914 went as a missionary to East Africa, where his first wife died.

m. Helen Kersey of Calif. Yr. Mtg.

d. Dec. 16, 1949 following a protracted illness with cancer at Univ. of Texas, Houston, aged 70 years.

The American Friend, 38(1950):10 (portrait)

WBE:

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FORD, John 1801-75

b. March 21, 1801 at Worcester, Eng., son of Joseph and Elizabeth Ford.

1807 attended boarding school at Banbury.

Found a position as a pupil teacher at the school of Robert Styles in Rochester, where he remained about 14 years.

1826 he submitted to a requirement of a very distressing and humiliating character. It was the simple acknowledgment of a fault committed years before. This proved a turning point in his life.

1828 appointed Superintendent of Boys' School at York, (Bootham), which position he occupied for 37 years.

1837 m. Rachel Robson of Darlington, who died in 1859.

1855 began to speak as a minister. Visited Friends' schools in Ireland.

1853-66 he produced various publications of use to First-day school teachers. He also had a manuscript magazine called The Naturalist which circulated among the boys at Bootham. He kept a diary as well.

1864 published Memoir of <u>Thomas Pumphrey, for twenty-seven years Superintendent of Ackworth School</u>.

WBE:

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FORD, John 1801-75 page 2.

1865 Retired from Bootham School.

1868 Memoir of William Tanner.

1874 Selected hymns for the use of Young Persons . . .

D. Aug. 16, 1875 in York, Eng., aged 74 years, an able and sympathetic teacher who did not depend upon the cane. He excelled in moral training of youth.

An.Mon., 34(1876):67

Jos. Smith's Cat., I:620; Sup. 125

The Friend, London, 63(1923):63 (portrait)

Robinson, Frds. of a half century, 109 (portrait)

Thompson, ed., Memorials of John Ford, (portrait)

Bootham School, A Centenary Souvenir of Bootham, 188 (portrait)

FORD, John Rawlinson (1844-1934)

John Rawlinson Ford, son of Robert L. and Hannah Ford, was born on 29 July 1844. For 60 years he lived as a solicitor in Leeds, and served the city in many ways; he was a founder of the Yorkshire College, Leeds Girls' High School and of the Musical Festival.

An honorary ~~member~~ freeman of Leeds and Lancaster, he was a member of Leeds City Council for 18 years, acting for a time as leader of the Leeds Liberal Party. He was secretary and later president of the Leeds Liberal Federation.

His broad sympathy owed much to the Quaker family life of his youth, when he was brought into contact with reformers of many kinds.

He died at his home at Yealand Conyers on 21 October 1934, aged 90 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:
The Friend, vol.92 (1934) p.1014

FORD, Johnny (1879-1964)

see FORD, Rawlinson Charles [Johnny] (1879-1964)

FORD, Margaret (1881-1917) born Harvey

Margaret Harvey, the second daughter of William (1848-1928, qv) and Anna Maria (1851-1934, born Whiting, qv) Harvey of Leeds, was born on 17 February 1881. She spent a very happy childhood in a united family, where both parents and grandparents gave the children a living example of dedicated lives. She went to the Mount School, York, and then studied further both at home and abroad, took a course of nursing in an East End Settlement Hospital, and returned home to work in a girls' club, in a Sunday School class, and in connexion with the Childrens Country Holiday Fund.

In May, 1909, she married R. Charles Ford (1879-1964, qv) and went to live at Bentham, Yorkshire (1). After less than two years of married life, and after the birth of a daughter (2), she developed tuberculosis. She had to give up all her many activities, even the care of her own little daughter, and from then on her life was a series of separations and brief reunions as she went to and from Switzerland and other places in search of health. She accepted her fate with courage and fortitude and never lost her readiness to hear and respond to any call to service which she could render. During the last months of her life she took great joy in attending the meetings of the Bentham Branch of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, which were often held in her home. She died on 22 January, 1917, aged 35.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Annual monitor 1918 p.61

REFERENCES AND NOTES
1. The wedding was at Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, on 3 May 1909: he is described as bachelor, silk spinner of Low Bentham, son of Thomas Benson Pease Ford; she is described as spinster of Roundhay, Leeds, daughter of William Harvey, out of business (Digest of Marriage Registers)
2. Given in Digest of Birth Notes:
   Elizabeth Rawlinson born 24 January 1911
   married 1941 John Henry Pyle Pafford

SEE ALSO
The Friend vol (1917) p.140

WBE:

FORD, Margaret ca.1882-1917

b. ca. 1882, Leeds, Eng., dau. of William and Anna Maria Harvey.

ed. The Mount School, York.

Worked at East End Settlement Hospital.

1909 m. R. Charles Ford and settled at Bentham. They had one dau.

Interested in F.O.R. meetings.

Developed lung trouble and was sent to Switzerland for some months.

d. Jan. 22, 1917 at Bournemouth, aged 35 years. She was cremated.

An. Mon. N.S., 106(1918):61 (portrait)

The Friend (London), 57(1917):74, 141(portrait)

FORD, Philip (1631?-1701/2)

Philip Ford lived at the sign of the Hood and Scarf in Bow Lane, Cheapside. At the Bull and Mouth, 24.viii.1672, he married Bridget Øosnell. There were two daughters, Bridget and Ann, a son, Philip, who died, and another Philip, born 1679. At the first settlement of the Meeting for Sufferings, in 1676, Ford was appointed to represent Herefordshire and Shropshire Friends (MS in Friends House). A letter from Fox to Penn, from Worcester Prison in 1676, is sent to the care of Philip Ford (copy in Friends House) as also a letter from Thomas Ellis to George Fox in 1685 (original in Friends House). See Jnl FHS vi,vii. Fox visited Ford, and dined with him alone on one occasion, and on another with several other Friends. In 1685 and 1686 Ford was one of several London Friends appointed by YM to receive moneys collected for captive and suffering Friends. He wrote A Vindication of William Penn, Proprietary of Pennsylvania, from the late Aspersions spread abroad on purpose to Defame him, which was printed in folio in 1683. At the close of a letter from William Penn, reprinted in Narratives of Early Pennsylvania, etc., edited by Albert Cook Myers and published in 1912, we read:'Whoever are desirous to be concern'd with me in this Province, they may be treated with and further satisfied at Philip Fords in Bow Lane in Cheapside and at Thomas Rudyards or Benjamin Clarks in George Yard in Lumbard-street' (p.215). There is this editorial note: 'Philip Ford, Penn's steward, who later brought the Founder into financial difficulties' (For a review of this book see Jnl FHS ix.157).

The trouble between William Penn and his agent first came about with Ford's loan to Penn in 1699 of £2800. J.W. Graham in his chapter on 'The Fords' in his William Penn, 1917, writes:'Penn's affairs had for many years been in the hands of Philip Ford, a Friend of Bristol, as lawyer and land agent. This man, who had a good reputation and manner, had developed into a first-class rogue... In 1702 Philip Ford died. Immediately his widow, Bridget, a terror of a woman, though always confined to her bed, and her son Philip [b.1679] who did what she told him, presented her husband's astonished employer with an account for £14,000 for immediate payment, on pain of losing his whole property in Pennsylvania' (p.291). Penn had been for eleven months in a debtors' prison, when in December 1708, the matter was settled and he was liberated. We do not find any connection between Philip Ford and Bristol. In London Friends' Meetings there is a notice of a long-standing case of appeal to the Six Weeks Meeting between Philip Ford and Samuel Waldenfield in 1695 and between Ford and Nathaniel Markes in 1699 (p.120, see also p.113).

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.320

WBE:
Additional references

FORD, Philip -1702

Hull, Wm. Penn, 287 *et seq*

Jos. Smith's Cat., I: 621

FORD, Rawlinson Charles [Johnny] (1879-1964)

R. Charles Ford, the son of ~~Bem~~ Thomas Benson Pease (1846-1918, qv) and Elizabeth Storrs (born Walker) Ford of Low Bentham, Yorkshire, was born on 14 July 1879.

He was educated at Leighton Park ~~or~~ and Clare College, Cambridge, graduating in engineering. He entered the family business of Ford, Ayrton & Co, silk spinners, and was active in the mill until a few weeks before his death.

He married in 1909 Margaret Harvey (1881-1917, qv): there was one child (1). She died on 22 January 1917 (2). He married in 1918 Helen Beuzeville Byles (3): there were no children (4).

Charles Ford's Christian beliefs led not only to a life devoted to the needs and work of the Society of Friends, but to service in a great many aspects of public life and industry. Nearly imprisoned in 1914-18 for conscientious objection, his clear sincerity gained him absolute exemption and his gratitude to God for this led him to say, "This means that the whole of my life must be deducated to Christ".

Charles Ford was one of the first to introduce profit sharing into his mill, and Fords became an example of happy co-partnership. He was clerk of Bentham PM for 49 years, was a magistrate and served in many public bodies.

He died on 9 January 1964, aged 84.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Settle MM 8.ii.1964 in YM Proc. 1964 p.199

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1 For details of the marriage and child see FORD, Margaret (1881-1917) born Harvey

2 Digest of Burial Notes

3 The wedding was at Settle on 3 August 1918: he is described as widower, silk spinner, of Sandy Croft, Bentham, son of Thomas Benson Pease Ford, silk spinner; she is described as spinster, teacher, of Brunton House, Austwick, daughter of Alfred Holden Byles, congregational minister (Digest of Marriage Registers)

4 None in Digest of Birth Notes or Yorkshire QM printed list of members

FORD, Thomas Benson Pease (1846-1918) 2+

Thomas Benson Pease Ford was born at Park Square, Leeds, on 5 June 1846, the second son of Robert Lawson and Hannah Ford. He was named after his maternal grandfather, Thomas Benson Pease, from whom he probably inherited his liberalism, his true sense of patriotism and his interest in the welfare of his fellow-man. He was educated at Hitchin and at Grove House, Tottenham. He served his apprenticeship with the engineering firm of Greenwood and Batley, Leeds, and though his working hours were long he was a regular helper at the Friends Sunday School at Leeds, at 9.a.m. every Sunday morning. While still an apprentice he became an abstainer, and began his lifelong work for the temperance movement.

Because of his peace principles he declined a post in an armaments firm, and in 1872, in conjunction with William Harvey, started a silk spinning business in Armley Road, Leeds. When William Harvey retired T.B.P.Ford bought a mill at Low Bentham, and took many of his employees with him there. Once established he set about agitating for a proper water supply and sanitation for the village, started a Sunday School for young people and Sunday classes for men, became a member of the Board of Guardians and started a Reading Room and Cricket Club.

In 1872 he married Elizabeth Storrs, eldest daughter of William and Lucy Walker of Mount Preston, Leeds (1), who proved a true helpmeet to him, sustaining him throughyears of business worries and anxieties. With their three daughters and two sons they made a happy home, helping many around them (2).

In 1889 Benson Ford became a member of the newly-formed West Riding County Council and for 25 years travelled many miles in the service of the various committee to which he was appointed. He became Chairman of the Health Committee, and was largely instrumental in securing the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Middleton opened in 1914. In politics he was a staunch Liberal of the John Bright School, and was Chairman of the Lancaster and Skipton Liberal Association, and also served for a time as its Hon. Secretary. During the war the attitude of the Liberals to the National Service Acts and the disfranchisement of conscientious objectors led him to resign from the Party, and he subsequently turned to the Independent Labour Party.

He was a faithful member of the High Bentham Friends Meeting, giving most helpful ministry and taking a young people's class. He also served as an Elder. The loss of his wife in 1904, and of his eldest daughter only 18 months later, were severe blows to him.

In 1917 his health began to fail and he felt keenly the sufferings brought about by the war. He died on 5 January 1918 aged 71

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FORD, Thomas Benson Pease (1846-1918) Continued

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual Monitor 1919/20 p.109

REFERENCES & NOTES :

1 The wedding was at Leeds on 25 August 1872. He is described as bachelor, silk spinner of Adel Grange nr Leeds, son of Robert Lawson Ford, solicitor. She is described as spinster of 47 Mount Preston, Leeds, daughter of William Walker, stuff merchant (Digest of Marriage Registers)

2 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows :-

Elizabeth Lucy	born 18 June 1873
Sibilla Armston	born 4 November 1874
Margaret Lawson	born 20 April 1876
Rawlinson Charles	born 14 July 1879
Gervase Lawson	born 26 May 1883

FORD, William George (1908 - 1962)

William Ford was born on March 17, 1908. We have no knowledge of his early years except that in Croydon in the thirties he worked in local government and was a member of the Peace Pledge Union in which he met Friends. As a pacifist he faced the usual tribunal and worked at Spicelands and then moved to Capel in Surrey to set up a country rest centre where Friends in war time services might find refreshment. He had joined the Society in about 1939 after his tribunal, having delayed his application until that was past. He and his wife May also ran a hostel for C.Os. on the land but all this work gradually led him into the probation service which he entered after a period as secretary to the Guildford YMCA. He worked first in Manchester and later returned to Guildford where he stayed for the rest of his career. He was an outstandingly good worker in the probation service and brought all his skills, vitality, originality and creativity into it.

He also served as secretary to the Guildford Council of Churches, and within the Society served as a member of the QM Extension Cttee, and as assistant clerk to the quarterly meeting. He served his local meeting as clerk for two years (1) and was a tremendous support to and a constant bringer of pressure upon his local meetings for a deepening of their life and for a greater activity. He also served on a number of Friends central committees.(2) In 1961 under concern, and with the blessing of Meeting for Sufferings he and May visited America for ten weeks learning of the extension work among American Friends and of the probation services there.

This trip was followed by months of painful illness and he died on September 13, 1962 at the early age of 54.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend Vol. 120 (1962) pp 1184/5
p.1170 -death notice for age at death
Testimony of Guildford & Godalming MM
Y.M.Procs. 1963. p. 56.

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   Industrial & Social Order 1941/2 - 1945, 1948/9 - 1957.
   Home Service Committee.

revised entry
SGJ. June '81.

FORD, William George (1908-1962)

William G. Ford was born on 17 March 1908 and first contacted Friends in the 1930's at Croydon when as an active worker of the Peace Pledge Union. He joined the Society in 1934, and gave up his Local Government Post to spend the war years in running with the help of his wife May, hostels for COs. With the end of the war he found his vocation as a Probation Officer. He was respected in his profession serving on national and local committees.

In 1947 the Fords moved to Guildford, and he was especially interested in the children and teenagers: he took a leading part in the Children's Work Committee and in Sunday School teaching, and gave vigorous support winter by winter to Study Groups on the Bible. He was Preparative Meeting Clerk for two years, and for several years he served his Monthly Meeting first as Overseer and then as Elder. For sometime he was Assistant Clerk to Quarterly Meeting also a member of the Industrial & Social Order Council, the Christian Relationships Committee, the Home Service Committee and latterly of its Working Group on Extension matters.

He visited America with the support of Meeting for Sufferings to learn of probation work there and to share in American Friends' extension work. He led the Monthly Meeting Extension Committee as its convenor for many years. He worked hard to bring the Churches closer together, and for some years he served the Guildford Council of Churches as its Secretary.

He died on 13 September 1962.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Guildford & Godalming MM in YM Proc. 1963, p.56

FORDHAM, Elizabeth (-1663) born

Elizabeth Fordham was the wife of John Fordham of London.

Based on note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb.ed., 1911, vol.2 p.385

FORDHAM, John (1627?-1683)

John Fordham and Elizabeth his wife lived in London, but, according to a letter of his to Fox in Lancaster Prison, 1663/4 he was always in Bristol 'at the ffaires' (Swarth. MSS.iv.168). In this letter Fordham writes of his 'son John' and 'Maid Elizabeth'. In 1661, he appended his signature to an account of sufferings For the King and Both Houses of Parliament.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal Camb.ed. 1911, vol.2. p.385

WBE:

FORMAN, Elizabeth nee Chandlee 1880-1946

b. April 11, 1880 at Sandy Spring, Md., dau. of Henry and Ann Bretterton (Turner) Chandlee.

ed. Bryn Mawr School, Baltimore.

1902, A.B., Bryn Mawr College, M.A.1913.

m. May 30, 1903 Horace Baker Forman, Jr. and settled in New York City. One son, one daughter.

1919 published King of the air, and other poems. (Boston) These were poems about the Great War.

1942 (?) published Old Cecil meeting on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. This contains a portrait of her in a group)

d. June 13, 1946 at her home on Oakley Rd., Haverford. She was a lifelong member of Baltimore Yearly Mtg., (Homewood), but during much of her later life lived in Haverford and attended Haverford Meeting.

1951 The singing day, and other poems was published posthumously under the editorship of her son H.C.Forman, Jr., who also included a sketch of her life.

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa. BX7649

[Forman, E.C.; The singing day, and other poems . . .] BC

FORRES, Hildegard (1890 ? - 1975) B

Hildegard Forres was born in about the year 1890,(1) in Breslau, of Jewish parentage. Her father was a professor, but we have no note (1977) of her family name. She had early contact with England as a pupil in a school run by Julian Huxley's mother. Then in order to follow through an enthusiasm for social work, against great opposition, she read economics, psychology and philosophy at Jena University, where she was the first woman undergraduate.

During the first world war she worked with the Red Cross in Roumania, where she first met Friends, and afterwards she worked with them in the Berlin slums. She became social adviser to the architects building the famous newstyle workers flats in Berlin and Hamburg, and deputy head of a college for women in Hamburg where sociology and social studies were taught. She escaped from the Hitler regime in May 1939, with her two children. After a spell of domestic work, the necessary prelude to residence in Britain, she took a course at the Tavistock Clinic, qualifying her to practise educational psychology, and eventually she was in charge of a child guidance clinic in Wolverhampton.(2)

She joined the Society of Friends through the Seekers Association to which she contributed much. In recent years she conducted a psychology group at the Finland Conference Centre in 1970, and was one of the opening speakers at the gathering of Friends in South Germany in 1972. In about 1967 she moved to Oak Tree House, Bournville, where she was a member and elder of Cotteridge meeting. Her ministry was greatly appreciated, she was a contributor to Quaker journals, while her book, ' The Sun and the Cloud ' on aspects of religion today, was published in 1964.

She died at Oak Tree House on November 4, 1974, aged 85 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE **The Friend** Vol 133 (1975) p. 9

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 85 at death.
2. Warwicks, Leics. & Staffs. Q.M. printed list of members for 1963 records her as a member of Wolverhampton meeting. We have not in 1977, been able to trace any membership earlier than this.
3. The same lists for the G.M. for 1967 record her as in membership at Cotteridge Meeting, Birmingham.

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FORREST, Frank (1900 - 1970)

Frank Forrest was born on July 11, 1900.

His first contact with Friends was in 1922 at Leigh in Lancashire, when he was an English master at the grammar school, but it was not until 1936, at Hull, that he and his wife Mary (b. Platt) whom he had married in 1929, joined the Society.(1)

They had moved to Hull in 1932, and he served Hull Meeting as elder and as treasurer. Later in about 1944 they moved to Lancaster where he taught at the Friends School there, and where again he served as an elder,(2) Some time later he moved to Pontefract (3) where a former private school at Newton-in-Bowland was being developed into a school for maladjusted children by the Ministry of Education under Quaker leadership. In 1952 he was appointed headmaster, but with inadequate staff, financial problems and unsuitable premises so that later in 1958 the school was moved to Breckenborough Hall, Nr. Thirsk.(4) By the time he retired in 1961 he had established a sound school with a good reputation. His wife Mary accepted the post of mistress of the household and helped with after care work. After his retirement they moved to Nidderdale and continued their after care work, dealing with some 240 of his former 'old boys'.(5)

Alongside this work Frank Forrest also gave much of his time to work for the Society and for the life of his village. At Breckenborough he was involved with the re-opening of Thirsk Meeting.(6) he was clerk to both elders and overseers, a representative to Meeting for Sufferings and on Y.M. Agenda Committee.(7) When Harrogate Meeting was homeless, awaiting the completion of new premises, he began a news-sheet which helped to hold the meeting together. His last activity was a visit to Australia where he visited former scholars and engaged in talks with others engaged in similar work. He visited South Africa, New Zealand and Canada as well, attended Australia Yearly Meeting and Western Canada Half-Yearly Meeting.

He died suddenly, on July 3, 1970 only a few days after his return from this visit, aged 69.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE TESTIMONY OF YORK MM.

Y.M.Procs. 1971. pp 204/6.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Yorkshire QM printed list of members for 1938 records them both as members at Hull, there is no record of their membership in 1936.
2. Lancs & Cheshire QM printed list of members for 1945 records them at Lancaster.
3. Yorkshire QM printed list of members for 1950 records them at Pontefract.

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FORREST, Frank (1900 - 1970) continued

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REFERENCES AND NOTES CONTINUED

4. The same lists for 1959 record them at Breckenborough as members of Harrogate Meeting

5. The same lists record several moves - in 1961 they attended Clifford St. Meeting at York, in 1963 they are listed under Harrogate again. This is perhaps while Harrogate premises were being rebuilt.

6. This is a statement from the Testimony cited above, but research at present (1978) does not show any revival of Thirsk Meeting until the lists of Yorkshire GM for 1969 when it appears as an 'allowed' meeting, it still retained that status in 1975. His period of service at Breckenborough seems to have ended in 1961.

7. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library. This records his membership of committees as follows:-

Meeting for Sufferings	1962-3	-	1967
Agenda Committee	1966	-	until his death

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FORREST, William -1714 2

A cordwainer, or shoemaker in England.

m. Joan who died in 1732.

1683 both husband and wife were imprisoned in Warminister, England because of their Quaker faith.

Removed to Philadelphia, Pa.

d. 1714 in Philadelphia. W.F. at his death bequeathed land fronting on Chestnut St. and on Fourth St., Phila. for the use of Friends.

1745 a school was erected on the Chestnut St. lot which served for almost 100 years.

1763 a meeting house was erected which was torn down in 1859.

More than $500,000 income from the bequest of Forrest has been made available for educational purposes.

The Friend (Phila.), 89 (1916):368 et seq

Bull. Frds. Hist. Soc.,7:38

FORSTALL, Richard

Richard Forstall, of Bridge Town, Barbados, is mentioned by Besse, anno 1661. William Sympson was buried in his garden, 1670/1. (1.2).

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.429