

CORDER, Abigail (1785-1867) aftw. Thorp

[Abigail Corder, the daughter of John Corder and his
wife Ruth (nee) was married in
to Thomas Thorp.

see THORP, Abigail (1785-1867) born Corder]

CORDER, Alexander (1831-1924)

Alexander Corder, the son of Thomas Corder (1780-1833 qv) and his wife Mary (born Shewell, 1790?-1871 qv) of Widford Hall in Essex, was born there on 21 September 1831(1). He was educated at Edmund Watts' school at Colchester and after leaving school he was apprenticed to his brother Henry Shewell Corder (1814-1912 qv), a linen draper of Ipswich in Suffolk.

As a youth Alexander Corder was a plain Quaker, but he laid aside the plain dress he had worn when he went north in 1854 to live among his Spence relations at North Shields. He found a welcome among them and settled down in business in Sunderland in 1856 with Thomas Walker, under the name of Corder and Walker, a partnership which continued for four years until he took over the business on his own account. He was married in 1859 to Lucy Watson (1836-1918 qv) of Gateshead in county Durham(2) and there were five children(3).

All his life he was especially interested in education and for over fifty years served on the committee of Ackworth School. In Sunderland he served on the committees of the Free Library and the Education Authority, the School of Art (of which he became chairman) and was also a governor of Bede Secondary School.

He was strongly attached to the Society of Friends and was a familiar figure at monthly and quarterly meetings. As an elder his judgment was sound and respected and although occasionally outspoken, what he said was tempered with good humour. Nothing was allowed to interfere with his attendance at meeting for worship on Sunday mornings and he was president of the Young Friends' Association.

He had a quiet, unassuming and lovable nature. A well-stored mind and retentive memory and a keen sense of humour kept him young and with his sincere and simple faith enabled him to overcome trials without complaining and without losing his infectious spirit of cheerfulness and fun. He was a sociable man, who made lasting friends readily and strangers always had a welcome at his house. He loved flowers and his garden was always gay and well cared for. He travelled frequently on the Continent, especially on walking tours. He was a member of the Norwegian Tourist Club and made visits to the Dolomites, Westphalia, Switzerland and Denmark. He made a tour of the Lake District in his eighty fourth year.

Alexander Corder of 1 Carlton Terrace, Sunderland, died on 9 December 1924, at the age of ninety three(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 65 (1925) p 15

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885,
1914 Additions, p 43

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 The wedding was at Newcastle on 20 July 1859: he is described as a bachelor, a linen draper of 5 Hutchinson Buildings, Bishopwearmouth, the son of Thomas Corder, a farmer; she is described as a spinster of Bentham Grove [sic, i.e. Bensham] Gateshead, the daughter of Joseph Watson, a solicitor (Digest of Marriages)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

3 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages and given in Clayton, op cit.
 descendants of Thomas Corder, 1780-1833, Table V as follows:-

Robert Watson	b 28 May 1860	m 1890 Lilly Gray Vaux
Walter Shewell qv	b 27 Oct 1861	m 1891 Margaret Lindsey Watson (1864-1940 qv)
Percy qv	b 5 April 1863	m 1893 Helen L. Watson (1866- qv)
Herbert qv	b 10 June 1864	m 1890 Mary Grace Dymond* (1867-1940 qv)

Ernest b 10 Jan 1866

*This is the only marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

SEE ALSO

Ackworth old scholars assoc rep 44 (1925) p 83

WBE:

CORDER, Alexander, 1831-1924.

b. 1831, Widford Hall, near Chelmsford, Eng., s.

Thomas and Mary Corder.

1854, came north, to live among his Spence relatives,
and laid aside the "plain dress," he had worn.

m., 1859, Lucy Watson, of Gateshead-on-Tyne.

Served for over 50 years on the Committee of Ackworth
School.

Hospitable. Had a retentive memory, and retained most
of his faculties to the end.

d. 9 Dec? 1924, in his 94th year.

The Friend (London), 65(1925):15 (portrait).

CORDER, Alfred (1827-1875?)

Alfred Corder, the only child of Edward Corder (1798-1863 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Shewell, 1787-1845 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk, was born there on 5 April 1827(1).

He was educated at Ipswich Grammar School and was destined for his father's drapery business, but his health was delicate and he never went into the business. He led a leisured life and was a great traveller, principally in Scotland and the north of England. He took a keen interest in his journeys and in the history of the places he visited; he was also interested in architecture and botany and brought back many rare plants for his garden.

He resigned from the Society of Friends in 1852 and died at the early age of forty eight.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A Few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885,
1914 Additions, pp 46-47

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: his father is described as a linen draper

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

CORDER, Alice (1861-1942) born Impey

Alice Impey, the daughter of William Impey (1821-1901 qv) and his second wife Mary (born Dix, 1830-1917 qv) of Broomfield Hall near Chelmsford in Essex, was born there on 2 November 1861(1).

She was married in 1889 to Henry Corder (1853-1944 qv), a nurseryman and seedsman of Bridgwater in Somerset and there were two children(2).

Alice Corder of Silver Birch, Wembledon Road, Bridgwater, died on 18 January 1942, at the age of eighty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 For marriage and children see CORDER, Henry (1853-1944)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: no description of her is given

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

CORDER, Anna (1733-1810) born Greenwood

Anna Greenwood, daughter of James (1705?-1785) and Anna (born Brightwen, -1762) Greenwood of Coggeshall, Essex, was born there 9 vi [August] 1733 (1).

She became in 1763 the second wife of Micah Corder (1712-1782 qv), a farmer of Feering Bury in Essex: there were 6 children (2).

Anna Corder of Coggeshall, Essex, died 1 March 1810, aged 77 years (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: no occupation for her father is given.
See also W C and H C Greenwood, A Greenwood tree, typescript [1967]
(copy in LSF) p 9. F C Clayton, A few memoranda concerning
Micah Corder, 1885, p 8, erroneously gives her year of birth as
1738
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children, see CORDER,
Micah (1712-1782)
- 3 Essex QM Burials Digest: no description of her is given

There is no reference to her in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 53

CORDER, Anna (1796-1825) after 1823 Marriage

[Anna Corder, daughter of James Corder (1756-1835 qv) and his wife Mary (born Start, 1759-1839 qv) of Feering Bury in Essex, was married in 1823 to James Marriage (1793-1863 qv) of Maldon in Essex.

See MARRIAGE, Anna (1796-1825) born Corder]

MEG March 1983

CORDER, Charles (1793-1877)

Charles Corder, the son of James Corder (1756-1835 qv) and his wife Mary (born Start, 1759-1839 qv) of Feering Bury in Essex, was born there on 15 May 1793(1).

In 1809 he was apprenticed to Thomas Howe of London and soon afterwards established himself as a draper in Charlotte Street, Cavendish Square in London. He was married in 1819 to Rachel Atkinson (1797-1864 qv) of Waltham Abbey in Essex(2) and there was one child(3).

After thirty years hard work he bought a small property at Purleigh, near Maldon in Essex, where he lived for the remainder of his life.

Charles Corder died at Great Totham in Essex on 7 October 1877, at the age of eighty four and was buried at Maldon(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, p 33

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 The wedding was at Theydon Garner, near Epping, on 11 May 1819: he is described as a linen draper of the city of Westminster, the son of James and Mary Corder of Great Coggeshall in Essex; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Atkinson of Sewardstone in the parish of Waltham Abbey (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest and the Digest of Deaths as follows:-
Richard Atkinson b 5 May 1820 d 29 July 1845, aged 25
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

CORDER, Edith (1844-1893) born Watson

Edith Watson, the daughter of James Watson (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Newcastle-on-Tyne, was born there on 25 April 1844(1).

She was married in 1865 to Francis Corder (1833-1907 qv), a grocer of Sunderland and there were four children(2).

Edith Corder of 1 Ashbrook Terrace, Bishopwearmouth, died on 8 October 1893, at the age of forty nine(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a draper
- 2 For marriage and children see CORDER, Francis (1833-1907)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Francis

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

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CORDER, Edward (1798-1863)

Edward Corder, the son of John Corder (1757-1826 qv) and his wife Ruth (born Marriage, 1760-1815 qv) of Church Row, Horsleydown, was born there on 2 June 1798(1). He was educated at John Kirkham's school at Colne in Essex and then went on for a time to Isaac Payne (1780-1845 qv) at Epping.

He spent about five years in his father's corn and seed trade in Mark Lane, London, but the business was going downhill, so he went to Chelmsford, to his two brothers. They found him a position in a general drapery, cloth and iron business at Shaftesbury for three years, after which he went for a time to Hargreave and Theobald, drapers of Gracechurch Street in London. When he felt qualified he went into business with J.T.Shewell in a drapery business at Ipswich, which was successfully carried on for many years.

He was married in 1825 to Sarah Shewell (1787-1845 qv) of Camberwell in Surrey(2) and there was one child(3).

Edward Corder died in 1863(4). His death is not traced in the records of the Society and it is possible that he resigned his membership in 1852, at the same time as his son.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, pp 42-43

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a corn and seed factor
- 2 The wedding was at Ipswich on 11 May 1825: he is described as a linen draper of Ipswich in Suffolk, the son of John and Ruth Corder of Stanford Rivers in Essex; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Ann Shewell of Camberwell in Surrey (Suffolk QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Suffolk QM Births Digest as follows:-
Alfred, b 5 April 1827 resigned from the Society in 1852*
*Clayton, op cit, 1914 Additions, p 47
- 4 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

CORDER, Edward (1821-1899)

Edward Corder, the son of Thomas Corder (1780-1833 qv) and his wife Mary (born Shewell, 1790?-1871 qv) of Widford Hall in Essex, was born there on 22 November 1821(1). He was educated at Thomas Grimes' school at Colchester, where the instruction given was rather rough and ready, with frequent use of the cane.

On leaving school he was apprenticed to Robert Spence. He spent some time as an assistant at Ipswich and then with his brother Frederick (1818-1908 qv) entered into business at South Shields. When in 1856 Frederick went to Ipswich, Edward went to Reed's Farm at Writtle in Essex, to be with his mother, where he lived until his death.

He gave up a great deal of time to public life, particularly in connection with the Poor Law Guardians and the Rural District Council, of which he was chairman for many years. His knowledge of Poor Law and the administration of roads was for a layman unequalled. On the creation of Essex County Council he was elected an alderman and held the office until his death. He collected china and linen, much of it very valuable.

Edward Corder of Reed's Farm died on 20 March 1899, at the age of seventy seven(2). His funeral, which took place in a blinding snow storm, was attended by a large and representative gathering.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885,
1914 Additions, pp 40-41

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a farmer

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

CORDER, Elizabeth (1755-1849) born Harrison

Elizabeth Harrison, the daughter of Francis Harrison (-) and his wife Alice (born) of Great Coggeshall in Essex, was born there on 30 November 1755(1).

She was married in 1776 to Micah Corder (1755-1786 qv), a miller of Kelvedon in Essex and later a corn chandler of Great Coggeshall; there were five children(2).

Elizabeth Corder of Great Coggeshall died on 6 June 1849, at the age of ninety three(3), a widow for over sixty years.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see CORDER, Micah (1755-1786)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Micah

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

CORDER, Elizabeth (1789-1830) born Catchpool

Elizabeth Catchpool, the daughter of Thomas Catchpool (-) and his wife Jane (born) of Colchester in Essex, was born there on 7 May 1789(1).

She was married in 1828 to James Corder (1802-1891 qv), an ironmonger of Ipswich in Suffolk, but the brief marriage was apparently childless(2).

Elizabeth Corder of Ipswich died on 17 September 1830, at the age of forty one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a brazier
- 2 For marriage see CORDER, James (1802-1890)
- 3 Essex QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of James

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1832, p 10: 5 line obituary:-

" . . . She was married to James Corder of Ipswich . . . and during her short residence there, obtained by her amiable disposition, the love and esteem of her Friends."

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

CORDER, Elizabeth (1817-1885) after 1843 Spence

[Elizabeth Corder, daughter of Thomas Corder (1780-1833 qv) and his wife Mary (born Shewell, 1790?-1871 qv) of Widford Hall in Essex, was married in 1843 to John Foster Spence (1818-1901 qv) of North Shields in Northumberland.

See SPENCE, Elizabeth (1817-1885) born Corder]

CORDER, Elizabeth (1832-1866) born Winslow

Elizabeth Winslow, the daughter of Seth and Mary Winslow, was born in the year 1832(1).

She was married in America in 1851 to Robert Corder (1823-1898 qv) and there were five children(2).

Elizabeth Corder of Jonesboro' in the United States died on 3 July 1866, in her thirty third year(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885:
descendants of Thomas Corder, 1780-1833, Table III
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children see CORDER, Robert
(1823-1898)
- 3 Friends' Review, vol 20 (1866) p 9:- on 3 July 1866, near Jonesboro',
Elizabeth, wife of Robert Corder and daughter of Seth and Mary Winslow,
in the 33rd year of her age.

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

CORDER, Elizabeth Mary (1807-1852) born Weeks

Elizabeth Mary Weeks, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1983) traced, was born in the year 1807(1).

She was married in 1829 to James Corder (1798-1894 qv) and there were five children(2).

Elizabeth Mary Corder died in the year 1852(3). There is no trace of her in the records of the Society and it is probable that she was never a member.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, p 44
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children see CORDER, James (1798-1894)
- 3 Clayton, loc cit: her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

CORDER, Ellen (1839-1911) after 1872 Ferris

[Ellen Corder, daughter of George Corder (1794-1881 qv)
and his wife Phebe (born Gibson, 1813?-1881 qv) of
Purleigh in Essex, was married in 1872 to Henry Ferris
(1830-1900 qv) of Cleve near Bristol.

See FERRIS, Ellen (1839-1911) born Corder]

CORDER, Emma (1830-1855) born Spence

Emma Spence, the daughter of Robert Spence (1784-1845 qv) and his wife Mary (born Foster, 1790-1846 qv) of North Shields in Northumberland, was born there on 19 November 1830(1).

She was married in 1853 to Octavius Corder (1829-1910 qv), a pharmaceutical chemist, but the brief marriage was childless(2).

Emma Corder died in 1855(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Durham QM Births Digest: her father is described as a draper
- 2 For information relating to her marriage see CORDER, Octavius (1829-1910)
- 3 F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885: descendants of Thomas Corder, 1780-1833, Table IV. See also Philip Spence, Robert and Mary Spence, 1939, tree opposite p 68. Her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

CORDER, Emmaretta (1804-1887) after 1839 Clayton

[Emmaretta Corder, daughter of James Corder (1756-1835 qv) and his wife Mary (born Start, 1759-1839 qv) of Feering Bury in Essex, was married in 1839 to Allen Francis Clayton (1806-1855 qv) of Kelvedon in Essex.

See CLAYTON, Emmaretta (1804-1887) born Corder]

CORDER, Frances Ann (-1851) born Seward

Frances Ann Seward, details of whose birth are not at present (1983) traced, was the only child of Edward Seward, a medical practitioner(1).

She was married in 1804 to Micah Corder (1777-1854 qv), a clerk in the Bank of England and there were two children(2).

The precise date of her death is not at present (1983) traced(3), and it is possible that she was never a member of the Society.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, p 22: her birth is not traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children see CORDER, Micah (1777-1854)
- 3 Clayton, op cit, p 20: her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

CORDER, Francis (1833-1907)

Francis Corder, the son of Thomas Corder (1780-1833 qv) and his wife Mary (born Shewell, 1790?-1871 qv) of Reeds Farm, Writtle in Essex, was born there on 27 October 1833(1). He was a delicate child and was troubled by lameness for some years. He was educated at Edmund Watts' school at Colchester.

After leaving school he was apprenticed to John Rowntree (1821-1894 qv), a grocer of Scarborough. He then lived at Manchester for a time before going to Leeds in 1856, where he spent seven happy years and was warmly received among Friends. After leaving Leeds he became a partner in the firm of Pearman and Corder, grocers of Sunderland(2); he never actually retired from the firm, but during the latter part of his life only went in for a short time in the morning.

He was married in 1865 to Edith Watson (1844-1893 qv) of Newcastle-on-Tyne(3) and there were four children(4).

Francis Corder had a remarkably sweet temper and a ready smile. While at Leeds he had the reputation of being a bit of a dandy, especially in the matter of wonderful waistcoats and gorgeous buttons on his coat. He was at that time a great concert goer, but he gave up both his expensive tastes and his concert going after his marriage. He had a lifelong taste for country life and was especially interested in birds and insects.

Francis Corder of Ashbrook Terrace, Sunderland, died of angina pectoris on 13 March 1907, at the age of seventy three(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, 1914 Additions, pp 44-45

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Newcastle on 23 August 1865: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer of Sunderland, the son of Thomas Corder, a farmer; she is described as a spinster of Newcastle, the daughter of James Watson, a draper (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Alice Mary	b 19 Oct 1866	m 1892	John Henry Robinson
*James Watson	b 2 Nov 1867		
Edith Frances	b 14 March 1870	m 1900	George Bennett Gibbs (1864-1937 qv)
Jessie	b 18 Dec 1871	m 1899	John Harold Mounsey
- *No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920, nor given in Clayton, op cit, descendants of Thomas Corder, 1780-1833, Table VI
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a merchant

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

CORDER, Frederic (1818-1908)

Frederic Corder, the son of Thomas Corder (1780-1833 qv) and his wife Mary (born Shewell, 1790?-1871 qv) of Widford Hall in Essex, was born there on 25 December 1818(1).

He was educated at a school at Epping and after leaving school he was apprenticed for seven years to his uncle Edward Corder (1798-1863 qv) at Ipswich. He then went to South Shields, where he was in business until 1858, when he returned to Ipswich and a year later became proprietor of his uncle's linen drapery business.

He was twice married. He married firstly in 1851 Jane Ransome (1820-1866 qv) of Rushmere near Ipswich(2) and there were seven children(3). He married secondly in 1870 Maria Morris (1842-) (4) and there were two children(5).

His second marriage, the birth of his two children and his death are not traced in the records of the Society and it is possible that he ceased to be a member.

Frederic Corder died in 1908(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885,
1914 Additions, p 40

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 The wedding was at Ipswich on 9 January 1851: he is described as a bachelor, a linen draper of King Street, South Shields, county Durham, the son of Thomas Corder (deceased), a farmer; she is described as a spinster of Rushmere near Ipswich in Suffolk, the daughter of James Ransome, an ironfounder (deceased) (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths and given in Clayton, op cit, descendants of Thomas Corder, 1780-1833, Table II, as follows:-

James Ransome	b 11 Jan 1852	d 1911
Shepherd Ramsay	b 5 July 1853	d 14 June 1891, aged 31 (in New South Wales)
Frederick	b 19 May 1855	m 1897 Gertrude Dann
*John Shewell	b 5 Nov 1856	
*Arthur Biddell	b 5 Sept 1858	
*Annie Corder	b 20 March 1861	
*Jane Ransome	b 20 Feb 1863	
- *No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920, nor given in Clayton, op cit
- 4 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 5 Given in Clayton, op cit, descendants of Thomas Corder, 1780-1833, Table II as follows:-

Eleanor Mary	b 1870	
Bernard	b 1871	m 1902 Olive Kathleen Jane Parmenter
- 6 Ibid: his death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

CORDER, George (1794-1881)

George Corder, the son of James Corder (1756-1835 qv) and his wife Mary (born Start, 1759-1839 qv) of Feering Bury in Essex, was born there on 30 October 1794(1).

He was apprenticed to John Pitstow, a miller of Earls Colne in Essex and followed this trade for a number of years. He afterwards took over a small farm at Purleigh in Essex.

He was married in 1837 to Phebe Gibson (1813?-1881 qv) (2) and there were three children(3). Later in life they moved to Maldon in Essex.

His marriage and the birth of his children were not recorded by the Society, but he died in membership at Maldon on 14 November 1881, at the age of eighty seven(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, p 33

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 3 Clayton, op cit, p 26: the births are not traced in the Digest of Births
Ellen qv b 1839 m 1872 Henry Ferris (1833-1900 qv)*
Ann b 1842 m 1862 Charles Henry Whitlow
Alfred b 1843 m 1863 Rebecca Ottaway
- *Traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 4 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given; he is not described as not in membership

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1883, p 36: 1 line entry for death

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

CORDER, Helen Lindsay (1866-) born Watson

Helen Lindsay Watson, the younger daughter of William Lindsay Watson (1836-1866 qv) and his wife Katharine (born Harris, 1840-1923 qv), was born in the year 1866(1).

She was married in 1893 to Percy Corder (1863-1927 qv), a solicitor of Newcastle-on-Tyne and there were four children(2).

She was not a member of the Society of Friends(3) and the date of her death is not at present (1983) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Philip Spence, Robert and Mary Spence, 1939, tree opposite p 74
- 2 For marriage and children see CORDER, Percy (1863-1927)
- 3 Her name does not appear in Durham QM printed lists of members
- 4 Her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths nor in The Friend to 1966

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

CORDER, Henry (1853-1944)

Henry Corder, the son of Henry Shewell Corder (1814-1912 qv) and his wife Mary Ann (born Alexander, 1825-1913 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk, was born there on 13 May 1853(1). He came of old Quaker stock and was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1867 to 1871.

His mother fostered in him a love of nature, which was stimulated at Bootham. While still a scholar there his keen eyes detected the red spot on Jupiter and he thus ranked early among scientific discoverers; he became an amateur astronomer and in due course a member of the Meteor Observation committee of the British Astronomical Association.

He settled at Bridgwater in Somerset, where he took over a nursery and seedsman's business. He was married in 1889 to Alice Impey (1861-1942 qv) of Chelmsford in Essex(2) and there were two children(3).

He lived a very busy public life. He was a lecturer on various subjects for the Somersetshire County Council, for the Worker's Educational Association and for the Women's Institute. He served for some years on the council of the Somersetshire Archaeological Society. Although he did not write much for publication, he was a welcome lecturer, aided by his lantern and slides and loved especially to address the scholars of Sidcot and other schools.

He served as clerk to Bridgwater Preparative Meeting and to West Somerset Monthly Meeting(4) and in due course became an overseer and an elder. He was a regular attender at meetings for worship and a frequent speaker, basing his approach on love for nature in all its aspects. He was particularly drawn to the book of Job and on one occasion read right through the whole poem, assisted by others whom he persuaded to take part. When Bridgwater Meeting was at a low ebb he kept it in being and was sometimes the only person present.

He had many tastes and hobbies. Besides meteorology he was an inveterate collector and was ready to pick up anything of interest from fossils to postage stamps. When he became too old to watch the stars at night, he turned to heraldry and decorated his rooms with a frieze of armorial bearings.

Henry Corder of Silver Birch, Wembledon Road, Bridgwater, died on 17 November 1944, at the age of eighty nine(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 102 (1944) p 822

Testimony of West Somerset MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1945, p 193
Bootham School Register 1935, p 120

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a linen draper
- 2 The wedding was at Chelmsford on 13 June 1889: he is described as a bachelor, a nurseryman of Bridgwater, the son of Henry Shewell Corder, a gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Chelmsford, the daughter of William Impey, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths and given in Bootham School Register 1935, loc cit, as follows:-
 Roland Henry b 7 Dec 1890
 Alwyn St Dunstan b 1893 d 13 Sept 1952, aged 59
No marriages are traced for these two children in the Digest of Marriages to 1940
- 4 Index of Clerks, Friends House Library:-
 Bridgwater PM 1914-1931
 West Somerset MM 1917-1927
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired nurseryman and seedsman

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 12, p 95n

CORDER, Henry (1853-1944)

Henry Corder was born on 13 May 1855 of old Quaker stock.

He was long regarded as father of the Bridgwater meeting, and served as Clerk, Elder and Overseer of the Monthly Meeting.

He was a regular attender at Meeting for Worship, and a frequent speaker, basing his approach on his love for Nature in all aspects. He was particularly drawn to the Book of Job, and on one occasion read right through the whole poem, assisted by other members whom he persuaded to take part.

He died on 17 November 1944

Testimony of West Somerset M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1945, p.193

Henry Shewell Corder, the son of Thomas Corder and his wife Mary, born Shewell, of Widford Hall near Chelmsford in Essex, was born there on 16 May 1814(1). He was the second child in a family of twelve and received his early education from a simple, old fashioned ploughman schoolmaster, going afterwards to Isaac Payne's school at Epping. Although his father was a farmer he was apprenticed to his uncle John Shewell, who was a draper at Ipswich.

He left Ipswich and went to Shields in Northumberland for a time and there he met and married in 1842 Rachel Spence, the daughter of Robert Spence of Tynemouth(2); there were two children(3) who both died in infancy. Rachel Corder died in 1844(4) shortly after the birth of her second son. In 1850 Henry married again, his second wife being Mary Ann Alexander, the daughter of Samuel Alexander (1773-1838 qv) of Ipswich(5); there were two children(6).

His health was not robust and an indoor life did not suit him, so he returned to farming, first with his brother Octavius at Pyfield in Essex and later at Rolleston Farm, Writtle, where he and his family lived for twenty years. On the marriage of his daughter the family moved to Great Baddow and after his son's marriage he settled at Garden Cottage, Chelmsford, a quiet corner long associated with Friends.

His health improved as he grew older and he took great delight in long walks, especially along the riverside from Chelmsford to Maldon. His favourite occupation was gardening and he was particularly interested in growing grapes and outdoor fruits; much of their training and pruning especially in the vineyard, he undertook himself. On his walks he often called on neighbours and his kindly gifts of fruit and flowers and words of comfort and advice were appreciated by all who knew him.

He was a faithful Friend and his was a teaching ministry on a highly spiritual level; his instruction in Friends' principles was direct and frequent. To those who attended mid-week meetings his eloquence seemed at its best and if a modern view of religious truth seemed wrong to him, he did not hesitate to denounce it. At one time he took a village Sunday evening meeting and for many years he gave the afternoon Bible lesson at the Y.M.C.A. He was a regular attender at monthly and quarterly meetings and in his early years served on their committees.

He was an able and interesting lecturer and at different times gave addresses at Chelmsford and elsewhere on poetry, the Crusades and visits to the British Museum. Through several autumns he gave weekly

Bible readings and was able to read the Bible in both Latin and Greek. In his younger days he lectured on the prophetic books of the Bible, Jewish history being a favourite subject with him. He took little part in public affairs, although he was always ready to preside or assist at meetings of a philanthropic character. He first attended a meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society at the age of ten and probably attended Bible Society meetings for eighty six years without a break. At one time or another he had attended meetings at all the Nonconformist places of worship in Chelmsford, including the Salvation Army, for which he had a high regard.

"But it is for his gift in the ministry that we shall always remember him. He appeared to have lived so long and experienced the loving care of his Heavenly Father over him to such an extent, that like the aged disciple John, his theme was often the Love of God to His children and the sure and certain hope of eternal life that we may all enjoy whilst here on earth." (Testimony)

He died at Garden Cottage, Chelmsford, on 8 March 1912, aged nearly ninety eight years(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend, vol 52 (1912) pp 197-198

Testimony of Witham MN in Yearly Meeting Proceedings, 1912, p 257
(Separately printed, see Box 198)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 The wedding was at North Shields on 24 March 1842: he is described as a bachelor, a linen draper of Tavern Street, Ipswich, the son of Thomas Corder, a farmer; she is described as a spinster of Howard Street, Tynemouth, the daughter of Robert Spence, a draper (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-

Thomas	b 4 June 1843	who d in infancy
Robert Spence	b 9 July 1844	who d 22 Oct 1844
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she died on 19 July 1844, the wife of Henry Shewell
- 5 The wedding was at Needham Market on 27 December 1850: he is described as a widower, a linen draper of Tavern Street, Ipswich, the son of Thomas Corder, deceased, a farmer; she is described as a spinster of Ipswich, the daughter of Samuel Alexander, a banker, deceased (Digest of Marriages)

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

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

Henry b 13 May 1855 who m 1889 Alice Impey

Marianne b 23 Feb 1857 who m 1878 Herbert Marriage

7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1913, p 38

The Friend vol 50 (1910) p 882: reference to diamond wedding

Notice of death in Christian World, 14.iii.1912 (vol PP/110)

Reminiscences and account of funeral: press cuttings (vol PP/115,116)

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CORDER, Henry Shewell (1814-1912)

(1) HENRY SHEWELL CORDER was born at Widford Hall near Chelmsford, Essex, on 16th May 1814, the son of Thomas and Mary Corder, and for nearly fifty years attended Chelmsford Meeting with unfailing regularity. He was also a regular attender at Quarterly Meetings until long after his ninetieth birthday.

In his younger days he lectured on the Prophetic books of the Bible, Jewish history being a favourite subject with him.

"But it is for his gift in the ministry that we shall always remember him. He appeared to have lived so long and experienced the loving care of his Heavenly Father over him to such an extent, that like the aged disciple John, his theme was often the Love of God to His children and the sure and certain hope of eternal life that we may all enjoy whilst here upon earth."

Henry S. Corder was keenly interested in local work for Peace, Temperance, British and Foreign Bible Society, Y.M.C.A., and the Salvation Army.

He died in 1912 aged nearly ninety eight years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Witham MM in YM Proc. 1912, p.257. Separately printed, see Box 198

OTHER PRINCIPAL SOURCES TO BE EXAMINED

Friend n.s. vol. 52 (1912) p.197
Annual monitor 1913 p.38

REFERENCES AND NOTES

(1) * Essex QM Births Digest: TC is described as Farmer

SEE ALSO

Reference to diamond wedding in 1910 in Friend n.s. vol. 50 (1910) p.882
Notice of death in Christian world 14. ii. 1912 (vol. PP/110)
Reminiscances and account of funeral: presscuttings (vol. PP/115,116)

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Additional information:

CORDER, Henry Shewell, 1814-1912.

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Farmer, as his father had been.

Ed. village school, and at Isaac Payne's School, Epping. 1828, apprenticed to his uncle, John Shewell, a draper, at Ipswich.

m. Rachel Spence. Two sons.

m. (2d), 1850, Mary Ann Alexander of Ipswich. Son and daughter.

Settled at Writtle, where he spent 20 years.

1890, removed to Garden Cottage, Chelmsford.

d. 8 Mar. 1912, Chelmsford.

No additional references. Both The Friend and An. Mon., referred to by London, include portraits.

CORDER, Herbert (1864-1937)

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Herbert Corder, the son of Alexander Corder (1831-1924 qv) and his wife Lucy (born Watson, 1836-1918 qv) of High Street, Sunderland, was born there on 10 June 1864(1). He was educated at Wigton School, which he left at the age of fourteen.

He had a hard apprenticeship to a draper, but he sought relief from toil in reading. He was married in 1890 to Mary Grace Dymond (1867-1940 qv) of Otley in Yorkshire(2) and there were four children(3).

He was a prominent member in the life of Sunderland where, for a large part of his business life, he was associated with his father. Later, however, he devoted himself to the insurance business, particularly in connection with the Friends Provident Institution, for whom he maintained an office in Sunderland and a branch in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

He was for forty seven years president of the Adult School, which met at nine o'clock on Sunday mornings and nothing was allowed to interfere with his attendance. He made contact with men of all kinds of religious persuasion, or none, for he had a genius for friendship. His gardens, which he loved, were shared with many and his class often met there in the summer. But perhaps his chief interest in Durham Quarterly Meeting was his work for peace, of which he was an untiring advocate; he was a keen worker for the League of Nations Union, a branch of which he started in Sunderland. Before and during the first world war he took a firm stand for peace and helped in relief work in Berlin, Vienna and Prague.

He was recorded a minister on 12 November 1902 by Newcastle Monthly Meeting(4) and was from 1915 to 1936 a member of the Meeting for Sufferings(5). With Edward Grubb (1854-1939 qv) he visited the United States in 1919 to put before Friends there the aims of the All Friends Conference, held in London in 1920. Of this gathering he was clerk of the Commission on Propaganda; three years later he was a delegate to the Five Years Meeting. In 1926 he was president of the Friends Historical Society.

When he was ordered to rest he and his wife went to visit Friends in Australia and New Zealand, fulfilling a concern of Thomas Hodgkin (1831-1913 qv). It was a happy and valuable service and resulted in many years of correspondence and membership of the Australasia Committee. He developed a great interest in the welfare of Friends in the Antipodes and was remembered with warmth and affection for his untiring efforts to help them.

"All this might be labelled creaturely activity were it not for the deep underlying love of God and all things good which pervaded his life and even shone through his humour." (Testimony), giving his ministry of quotation and rich choice of words its quality and inspiration.

He retired from active business in 1930 and bought Whinyeats, a house about a mile from Preston Patrick Meeting, where he always had a welcome for Friends from near and far. There, too, he took an active share in the monthly and quarterly meetings, in the local branch of the League of Nations Union and in the Rotary movement.

Herbert Corder of Whinyeats, Endmoor, died on 24 September 1937, at the age of seventy three(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 95 (1937) pp 911-912

Testimony of Kendal & Sedbergh MM and Newcastle MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1938, p 177

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a draper
 His name is given as Herbert C.Corder in The Friend vol 95 (1937, p 911.
 No other reference to a second Christian name has been traced and the C.
 must be assumed to be a misprint
- 2 The wedding was at Ilkley on 13 March 1890: he is described as a bachelor,
 a draper of Carlton Terrace, Sunderland, the son of Alexander Corder, a
 draper; she is described as a spinster of Maple Bank, Otley, the daughter
 of Joseph John Dymond, an actuary (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-
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|---------------|-----------------|--|
| Philip | b 5 March 1891 | m 1915 Johanna Adriana Van der
Mersch |
| Mildred Grace | b 15 Oct 1892 | m 1913 Thomas Longstreth
Thompson |
| Stephen | b 18 March 1895 | m 1918 Agnes Grace Dobrashian |
| Joan | b 1 Dec 1899 | m 1929 Kenneth Richardson
Pumphrey |
- 4 Friends House Library list of recorded ministers 1861-1924
- 5 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library: he also served on the
 following committees:-
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Agenda | 1814-1915, 1918-1919, 1931-1932 |
| Australia and New Zealand | 1915 or earlier -1935 |
| Committee on Clerks | 1928-1932 |
| Council for International Service | 1921-1927 |
| Education | 1918/9-1926 |
| FSC | 1927-1932 |
| Peace | 1915-1930 |
| Swarthmore Hall | 1927/8- pre 1934 |
| Visitation of prisoners | 1916-1920 |
| War Victims Relief (1914) | 1914-1917 |
| War & Social Order | 1915-1925 |
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired insurance broker

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 24, p 57: vol 45, p 43

For reference to his work in connection with the All Friends Conference
 see The Friend ns vol 59 (1919) p 672 (preliminary visit to America) and
 ns vol 60 (1920) p 6: see also the Official report p 178

For his attendance at Five Years Meeting 1922 see American Friend 1922
 pp 764, etc

For his work in Australia in opposition to the Defence Acts see The Friend
 ns vol 52 (1912) p 659

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CORDER, Herbert (1864-1937)

Herbert Corder was born in Sunderland 10 July 1864 and was educated at Wigton School, leaving at the age of 14.

He had a hard apprenticeship to a draper but he sought relief in books. Later he worked for University Extension. He started the Sunderland Guild of Help and the League of Nations Union.

For 47 years he was President of the Adult School, meeting at 9.a.m. on Sunday morning. Nothing was allowed to interfere with his attendance. He made contacts with men of all kinds of religious persuasion or none, for he had a genius for friendship. His garden, which he loved, was shared with many and his class often met there in the summer.

When rest was ordered, he and his wife Mary Grace went to visit Friends in Australia and New Zealand, fulfilling a concern of Thomas Hodgkin. Theirs was a happy and valuable service and resulted in many years of correspondence and membership of Australasia Committee.

Before and during the war he took a firm stand for peace, and helped in relief work in Berlin, Vienna and Prague.

In 1930 he retired and settled near Preston Patrick Meeting, and there, too, he took an active share in the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings and in the local branch of the League of Nations Union, and as a member of the Rotary movement.

All this might be labelled "creative activity" were it not for the deep underlying love of God which pervaded his life and shone through his humour, giving his ministry of quotation & rich choice of works its quality of inspiration.

He died 24 September 1937

Testimony of Kendal & Sedbergh M.M. and Newcastle M.M.
in Y.M. Proc. 1938, p.177.

WBE:

Additional information:

CORDER, Herbert, 1864-1937.

Opposed the Defense Acts.

The Friend (London), 52(1912):659 (portrait).

CORDER, James (1756-1835)

James Corder, the second son of Micah Corder (1712-1782 qv) and his first wife Mary (born Foster, -1760 qv) of Feering Bury in Essex, was born there on 1 August 1756(1).

He became a farmer at Tring in Essex(2) and was married in 1786 to Mary Start (1759-1839 qv) of Gissing in Norfolk(3); there were ten children(4). After his marriage he moved to Feering Bury, to his father's farm, the lease of which had been left to him in the latter's Will.

In addition to Feering Bury he farmed two smaller properties extending to about two miles from the homestead and with such wide boundaries it was considered wise to conciliate the local gypsies; for a time, until they stole a sheep, they were allowed to use the tythe barn. James Corder also offered the hospitality of Feering Bury to visitors to the quarterly meeting, held at the neighbouring town of Coggeshall.

Soon after the marriage of their eldest daughter Mary in 1817, James Corder and his wife moved to Coggeshall, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

James Corder of Great Coggeshall in Essex died on 19 February 1835, at the age of seventy nine(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, pp 27-31

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3. Clayton, op cit, p 27 describes him as having lived at his father's windmill at Hedingham
- 3 The wedding was at Tivetshall, Norfolk, on 10 November 1786: he is described as a farmer of Tring in Essex, the son of Michall and Mary Corder of Tring; she is described as of Gissing in Norfolk, the daughter of William and Mary Start of Halstead in Essex
(Norfolk & Norwich QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Essex QM Births and Marriages Digests, the Digest of Marriages and given in Clayton, op cit, p 26 as follows:-

Mary qv	b 5 June 1788	m 1817 Thomas Catchpool (1786-1860 qv)
William Start	b 9 March 1790	d 1863
Elizabeth qv	b 13 Oct 1791	m 1837 David Priestman (1776-1851 qv)
Charles qv	b 15 May 1793	m 1819 Rachel Atkinson (1796-1864 qv)
George qv	b 30 Oct 1794	m 1837 Phoebe Gibson (1813-1881 qv)
Anna qv	b 31 Jan 1796	m 1823 James Marriage (1796-1863 qv)
Richard	b 31 Oct 1797	d 1813
Alfred	b 20 Nov 1799	d 1825
James qv	b 7 Feb 1802	m (1)1828 Elizabeth Catchpool (1789-1830 qv) (2)1836 Elizabeth Kersey (1808-1873)
Emmaretta qv	b 17 March 1804	m 1839 Allen Francis Clayton (1806-1855 qv)

- 5 Essex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a yeoman

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

CORDER, James (1798-1894)

James Corder, the son of William Corder (1760-1827 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Vaughan, 1766-1829 qv) of Bloomsbury in London, was born there on 23 August 1798(1).

He was married firstly in 1829 to Elizabeth Mary Weeks (1807-1852 qv) (2) and there were five children(3). He married secondly in 1854 Sarah Allcock(4) and there was one child(5).

In early life he took an active part in public affairs and was an earnest worker in the agitation which preceded the passing of the Reform Bill of 1832 and the repeal of the Corn Laws. As a parishioner of St Paul's, Covent Garden, he attacked the system of self-elected and closed vestries, in which he was successful. He was subsequently admitted a member of Lincoln's Inn and was for many years clerk to the Strand Union. His kindness of heart was shown in his successful efforts to procure Acts of Parliament to prevent the employment of climbing boys by chimney sweeps and the cruel usage of dogs for drawing carts in the streets. It was also owing, in great measure, to his exertions that the Window Tax was abolished and the duty taken off glass.

He was later employed by Blood and Douglas, solicitors, at Witham in Essex, when he lived at Coggeshall. On leaving Blood and Douglas he went to Birmingham and became clerk to the Board of Guardians, from which he retired in 1869; he had a very extensive knowledge of all Poor Law matters. He was a Liberal in politics and was widely known and highly respected.

His marriages, the birth of his children and his death are not recorded by the Society and it is clear that he ceased to be a member and joined the Church of England. He died in 1894(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, p 46

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 3 Given in Clayton, op cit, p 444 as follows: the births are not traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest or in the Digest of Births:-

James	b 1830	
William	b 1832	m 1856 Caroline P.Barrett
Frederic	b 1833	d 1834
Elizabeth	b 1835	m 1854 Edmund Robinson (died 1858)
George	b 1847	m 1884 Jane Barrett
- 4 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 5 Given in Clayton, op cit, p 44 as follows: the birth is not traced in the Digest of Births:-

Arthur	b 1856
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- 6 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

CORDER, James (1802-1891)

James Corder, the youngest son of James Corder (1756-1835 qv) and his wife Mary (born Start, 1759-1839 qv) of Feering Bury in Essex, was born there on 7 February 1802(1).

After leaving school he was apprenticed to his brother-in-law Thomas Catchpool (1786-1860 qv), an ironmonger of Colchester in Essex and later succeeded his brother Alfred in the latter's business at Ipswich in Suffolk. He was married in 1828 to Elizabeth Catchpool (1789-1830 qv) of Colchester(2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3).

After his wife's death he gave up the business at Ipswich and went to live at Foxhall Lodge, near the town, for three and a half years. He married secondly in 1836, at Levington Church in Suffolk, Elizabeth Kersey and returned to Ipswich, where he lived for the next twenty five years; there was one child of his second marriage(4).

The birth of his son and his death are not recorded by the Society and it is probable that on his second marriage he ceased to be a member. James Corder died in 1891(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, p 35

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 The wedding was at Layer Breton in Essex on 25 September 1828: he is described as an ironmonger of Ipswich in Suffolk, the son of James and Mary Corder (both deceased) of Great Coggeshall in Essex; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Jane Catchpool of Colchester in Essex (Essex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 No children are traced in Essex QM Births Digest
- 4 Given in Clayton, op cit, p 26: the birth is not traced in the Digest of Births:-
Richard b 1846 m 1877 Elizabeth Anna Kersey
- 5 Clayton, op cit, 1914 Additions, p 25: his death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

CORDER, Jane (1820-1866) born Ransome

Jane Ransome, the daughter of James Ransome (1782-1849 qv) and his wife Hannah (born) of St Margaret's, Ipswich in Suffolk, was born there on 12 April 1820(1).

She was married in 1851 to Frederic Corder (1818-1908 qv), a linen draper of South Shields in county Durham and there were seven children(2). In 1858 the family moved to Ipswich, where her husband took over his uncle's business(3).

Jane Corder of Ipswich died on 6 December 1866, at the age of forty six(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father is described as an ironfounder F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, descendants of Thomas Corder, 1780-1833, Table IX, gives the year of her birth as 1818
- 2 For marriage and children see CORDER, Frederic (1818-1908)
- 3 See entry for CORDER, Frederic (1818-1908)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Frederic

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1868, p 51: 2 line entry for death, the wife of Frederic Corder

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

CORDER, John (1757-1827)

John Corder, the son of Micah and Mary Corder of Feering in Essex, was born there on 27 September 1757(1). He was married in 1778 to Ruth Marriage (1760-1815 qv), the youngest daughter of William Marriage (1725-1774 qv) of Springfield in Essex(2); there were eleven children(3).

While he lived in Essex he followed several occupations, being variously a maltster, a miller and a farmer(4). In 1791 he moved to London, but there was apparently something wrong with his certificate of removal and his past conduct in Coggeshall Monthly Meeting, his certificate was not accepted and his wife and six children were recommended to the care of Horsleydown Monthly Meeting(5); he appears for a time to have been disowned. In July 1791 he applied to be reinstated, but it was felt that he had better dwell longer on the judgment of Horsleydown Monthly Meeting(6). He was visited many times between 1791 and 1794(7) and finally in March 1794 he told the visiting Friends that he had repented of his former conduct(8). He was by then considered worthy of reinstatement in the Society and this information was transmitted to Coggeshall; his certificate was then brought in and read(9) and was finally accepted in September 1794(10).

He appears to have settled down in Southwark, where his five remaining children were born, and to have become a respectable corn and seed merchant; there is no record of any further trouble with him. His wife Ruth died in 1815; after her death he appears to have moved to Stanford Rivers in Essex, where he died on 1 February 1827, at the age of sixty nine(11).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Chelmsford on 7 May 1778: he is described as of Coggeshall in the county of Essex, the son of Micah and Mary Corder of Feering in Essex; she is described as the daughter of William and Susannah Marriage of Springfield in Essex (Essex QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

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

*William	b 2 April 1779	
Thomas qv	b 21 Dec 1780	m 1810 Mary Shewell
*John	b 13 Nov 1783	
Abigail qv	b 16 Sept 1785	m 1809 Thomas Thorp
*Susanna qv	b 9 Nov 1787	
Robert	b 19 Dec 1789	d 31 May 1797

and in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests:-
unnamed infant d 19 April 1792

*Maria	b 5 Aug 1793	
*Edward	b 2 June 1798	
Priscilla	b 30 June 1801	d 31 July 1801
Lucy	b 7 Oct 1803	m 1836 William Fitzwilliam How

*No marriages traced in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1870

- 4 He is described in the birth entries for his first six children as in 1779 a maltster, 1780 and 1783 a miller, 1785 and 1787 a farmer and in 1789 no occupation is given

5 Minutes of Horsleydown MM 2 March 1791 and 1 June 1791

6 Minute of Horsleydown MM 19 July 1791

7 Various minutes of Horsleydown MM

8 Minute of Horsleydown MM 12 March 1794

9 Minute of Horsleydown MM 15 July 1794

10 Minute of Horsleydown MM 16 September 1794

11 Essex QM Burials Digest: his age at death is given as 68; no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 12, p 95n; vol 19, p 35n; Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 180

CORDER, Lucy (1836-1918) born Watson

Lucy Watson, the daughter of Joseph Watson (1807-1874 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Spence, 1814-1871 qv) of Claremont, Gateshead in county Durham, was born there on 1 January 1836(1).

She was married in 1859 to Alexander Corder (1831-1924 qv), a linen draper of Bishopwearmouth and there were five children(2).

Lucy Corder died at The Retreat, York, on 25 July 1918, at the age of eighty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Durham QM Births Digest: her father is described as an attorney at law
- 2 For marriage and children see CORDER, Alexander (1831-1924)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Alexander

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

CORDER, Margaret (1766-1829) born Vaughan

Margaret Vaughan of Builth in the county of Brecon, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1983) traced, was born in the year 1766(1).

She was married in 1790 to William Corder (1760-1827 qv), a grocer of Bloomsbury in London and there were seven children(2).

Margaret Corder of Bloomsbury died on 13 March 1829, at the age of sixty four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, p 44: her birth is not traced in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children see CORDER, William (1760-1827)
- 3 Annual Monitor 1831, p 12: 1 line entry for death: see also Clayton, loc cit. Her death is not traced in London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest

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

CORDER, Margaret Lindsay (1864-1940) born Watson

Margaret Lindsay Watson, the elder daughter of William Lindsay Watson (1836-1866 qv) and his wife Katharine (born Harris, 1840-1923 qv), was born in the year 1864(1).

She was married in 1891 to Walter Shewell Corder (1861-1933 qv) and there were two children(2).

She was not a member of the Society of Friends, although her death was recorded(3). Margaret Lindsay Corder of Western House, Middleton in Row, county Durham, died on 20 July 1940, at the age of seventy five(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Philip Spence, Robert and Mary Spence, 1939, tree opposite p 74
- 2 For marriage and children see CORDER, Walter Shewell (1861-1933)
- 3 Durham QM printed lists of members: she is shown as a non-member in 1901: she does not appear at all in 1914 and is shown as a non-member in 1932: she is not in the list for 1936
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as NM, the widow of Walter Shewell

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

CORDER, Marianne (1857-1947) after 1878 Marriage

[Marianne Corder, daughter of Henry Shewell Corder (1814-1912 qv) and his wife Mary Ann (born Alexander, 1815-1913 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk, was married in 1878 to Herbert Marriage (1846-1904 qv) of Chelmsford in Essex.

See MARRIAGE, Marianne (1857-1947) born Corder]

CORDER, Mary (-1760) born Foster

Mary Foster, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1983) traced(1), was married in 1753 to Micah Corder (1712-1782 qv), a farmer of Feering Bury in Essex; there were four children(2).

Mary Corder died on 2 August 1760(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her birth is not traced in Essex QM Births Digest: her age at death is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see CORDER, Micah (1712-1782)
- 3 Essex QM Burials Digest: no description of her is given

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

CORDER, Mary (1759-1839) born Start

Mary Start, the daughter of William and Mary Start of Halstead in Essex, was born in the year 1759(1).

She was married in 1786 to James Corder (1756-1835 qv), a farmer of Tring and later of Feering Bury in Essex and there were ten children(2). About 1817 she and her husband moved to Coggeshall in Essex(3).

Mary Corder of Great Coggeshall died on 13 January 1839, at the age of eighty(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, p 26; her birth is not traced in Essex QM Births Digest, although siblings are given
- 2 For marriage and children see CORDER, James (1756-1835)
- 3 See entry for CORDER, James (1756-1835)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of James

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

CORDER, Mary (1788-1829) after 1817 Catchpool

[Mary Corder, daughter of James Corder (1756-1835 qv)
and his wife Mary (born Start, 1759-1839 qv) of
Feering Bury in Essex, was married in 1817 to Thomas
Catchpool (1786-1860 qv) of Colchester in Essex.

See CATCHPOOL, Mary (1788-1829) born Corder]

CORDER, Mary (1790?-1871) born Shewell

Mary Shewell, the daughter of Thomas and Ann Shewell of Ratcliff in Middlesex, was born about the year 1790(1).

She was married in 1809 to Thomas Corder (1780-1833 qv), a farmer of Widford Hall and later of Writtle near Chelmsford in Essex; there were twelve children(2).

Mary Corder of Writtle died on 11 March 1871, at the age of eighty one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 81 at death. Her birth is not traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see CORDER, Thomas (1780-1833)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Thomas

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1872, p 53: 2 line entry for death, the widow of Thomas Corder

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

CORDER, Mary Ann (1815-1913) born Alexander

Mary Ann Alexander, the daughter of Samuel Alexander (1773-1838 qv) and his wife Rebecca (born Biddle) of Ipswich in Suffolk, was born there on 20 November 1815(1).

She became in 1850 the second wife of Henry Shewell Corder (1814-1912 qv), a farmer of Writtle in Essex and there were two children(2). After their daughter's marriage in 1878 he and his wife moved to Great Baddow and later to Chelmsford in Essex(3).

Mary Ann Corder of Greengates, Mildmay Road, Chelmsford, died on 3 May 1913, at the age of ninety seven(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father is described as a banker
- 2 For marriage and children see CORDER, Henry Shewell (1814-1912)
- 3 See entry for CORDER, Henry Shewell (1814-1912)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Henry Shewell

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

CORDER, Mary Ann (1815-1913) born Alexander

Mary Ann Alexander, the daughter of Samuel Alexander (1773-1838 qv) and his wife Rebecca, born Biddle, of Needham Market in Suffolk, was born on 20 November 1815(1). She became in 1850 the second wife of Henry Shewell Corder (1814-1912 qv) of Ipswich and Chelmsford and there were two children(2).

She died at Chelmsford on 3 May 1913, at the age of ninety seven(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see CORDER, Henry Shewell (1814-1912)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Henry Shewell

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

CORDER, Mary Grace (1867-1940) born Dymond

Mary Grace Dymond, the daughter of Joseph John Dymond (1825-1907 qv) and his wife Hester Maria (born Grace,) of Bradford, was born there on 5 July 1867(1). She was educated at The Mount School, York, from 1882 to 1884(2).

She was married in 1890 to Herbert Corder (1864-1937 qv), a draper of Sunderland and there were four children(3). From their marriage until 1930, when they retired to Whinneys, Endmoor, Westmorland, the family lived in Sunderland, where Herbert and Mary Corder shared in the social and educational work of the town and did valuable work for the Society of Friends. Mary Corder had a class of about three hundred women, to all of whom she was a friend and adviser.

When Herbert Corder was advised to rest, she accompanied him on a visit to Australia and New Zealand in 1911. After the first world war she went with her husband to Central Europe in connection with Friends War Victims Relief work.

In Westmorland she immediately found new demands upon her sympathies and fresh opportunities for service. The meeting at Preston Patrick was of special concern to her and there was scarcely a movement designed to help people to live a fuller life which did not receive her support. She was one who liked to get things done and was not daunted by difficulties. She spoke, and shared her knowledge of handicrafts, at the local Women's Institute; worked hard herself and stimulated friends and neighbours to do the same for the Personal Service for the Unemployed. She also helped the League of Nations Union.

Mary Grace Corder of Holme Moss, Endmoor, Kendal, died on 22 February 1940, at the age of seventy two(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 98 (1940) p 176

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a secretary to the Provident Institution
- 2 Register of Mount Old Scholars 1931, p 20, entry 955
- 3 For marriage and children see CORDER, Herbert (1864-1937)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Herbert

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

CORDER, Micah (1680-1766)

Micah Corder, the son of James and Elizabeth Corder of Pebmarsh in Essex, was baptised in the year 1680.

He was a yeoman of Steeple-cum-Stansgate in Essex and joined the Society of Friends by convincement. In 1706 he was appointed, with two other Friends, to collect money for the building of a meeting house at Maldon in Essex and for the next sixty years his name frequently appears in the minute books.

He was married firstly in 1701 to Elizabeth Plested, or Plasted, a widow(1), but the marriage was apparently childless(2). He married secondly in 1711 Elizabeth Woodward, a widow with five children(3); there was one child(4). Between 1717 and 1720 he moved to Feering Bury in Essex.

Micah Corder of Feering Bury died in the year 1766(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, pp 9-14

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The marriage is not traced in Essex QM Marriages Digest, but the following appears in the minutes of Witham Monthly Meeting:-

"The 8th of ye 10 mo. 1701

"There came to our Monthly Meeting Michaell Corder, of Steeple-cum-Stansgate, single man, and Elizabeth Plasted, of ye same, widow, and declared their intention of taking each other as husband and wife - it being ye second time, and ffriends having made enquiry concerning their clearness from all others and finding nothing appearing to hinder their sd intention, gave their consents to take each other in marriage when they should appoint a meeting for yt purpose."

- 2 No children are traced in Essex QM Births Digest

- 3 The marriage is not traced in Essex QM Marriages Digest, but the following appears in the minutes of Witham Monthly Meeting:-

"Moulsham, 12, 9 mo., 1711

"To this Meeting came Micah Corder, widower, and Eliz. Woodwards, widow, both of Steeple Parsh, and belonging to Maldon Meeting, and declared their intention of marriage - it being ye second time, and ffriends finding nothing but yt they may proceed, leaves them to accomplish their intentions in ye wisdom of God, appointing a meeting for yt purpose."

- 4 Listed in Essex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Micah qv b 5 viii [Oct] 1712 m (1)1753 Mary Foster
(1760 qv)
(2)1763 Anna Greenwood
(1733-1810 qv)

- 5 His death is not traced in Essex QM Burials Digest

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 25, p 83

CORDER, Micah (1712-1782)

Micah Corder, the son of Micah Corder (1680-1766 qv) and his second wife Elizabeth (born Woodward,) of Steeple-cum-Stansgate in Essex, was born there on 5.viii.[October] 1712(1).

He became a farmer at Feering Bury in Essex(2) and was married firstly in 1753 to Mary Foster (-1760 qv) of Feering(3); there were four children(4). He married secondly in 1763 Anna Greenwood (1738-1810 qv) (5) and there were six children(6). His second marriage did not conduce to the happiness of his four children by his first wife and they were very badly treated by their stepmother.

He died a fairly wealthy man for the time, leaving one hundred and thirty acres of land with farm buildings, six or seven houses, legacies for more than £3,000 and about £3,000 besides.

Micah Corder of Feering Bury died on 28 February 1782, at the age of seventy(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, pp 18-19

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is described as of Feering Bury in the birth entries for his children and as a farmer in his burial entry, note 7
- 3 The wedding was at Coggeshall on 15 November 1753: he is described as a single man of Feering; she is described as a single woman of Feering. No further information is given (Essex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Essex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Micah qv	b 22 Feb 1755	m 1776 Elizabeth Harrison (1756-1849 qv)
James qv	b 1 Aug 1756	m 1786 Mary Start (1759-1839 qv) (Norfolk & Norwich QM Marriages)
John qv	b 27 Sept 1758	m 1777 Ruth Marriage (1760-1815 qv)
William qv	b 1 Aug 1760	m 1790 Margaret Vaughan * (1766-1829 qv)
- *The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 5 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales *
- 6 Listed in Essex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests, the Digest of Deaths and given in Clayton, op cit, p 8 as follows:-

Anna	b 25 Sept 1765	d unmarried 24 April 1800, aged 35
Elizabeth	b 1767	d 20 Nov 1785, aged 18
Joseph	b 1769	m Lucy James
Hannah	b 26 Sept 1773	d 23 Aug 1776
Jane	b 25 Nov 1775	d unmarried 19 June 1848, aged 72
Hannah	b 1779	m 1804 William Doubleday
- 7 Essex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a farmer

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

* But see W G and H C Greenwood, A Greenwood tree, typescript [1967].
copy in LSF) p 9 where a declaration of intention of marriage between Anna Greenwood, daughter of James Greenwood of Coggeshall, and Micah Corder is recorded (Coggeshall MM 6 Dec 1762, 7 Feb 1763). MEG March 1983

CORDER, Micah (1755-1786)

Micah Corder, the eldest son of Micah Corder (1712-1782 qv) and his first wife Mary (born Foster, -1760 qv) of Feering Bury in Essex, was born there on 23 February 1755(1).

He was married in 1776 to Elizabeth Harrison (1755-1849 qv) of Great Coggeshall in Essex(2) and there were five children(3). At the time of his marriage he was living at Feering(4), but shortly afterwards he moved to Kelvedon in Essex, where he became a miller(5); about 1783 he moved to Coggeshall, where he became a corn chandler(6).

He was one of the many who thought they had discovered the secret of flying and constructed a remarkable apparatus. He went to the top of a barn at Feering Bury and ordered his three brothers to pray for his success. This they did, but his attempt to launch himself was unsuccessful and he landed on the ground with considerable force, berating his brothers for not praying hard enough.

Micah Corder of Coggeshall died on 23 May 1786, at the age of thirty one(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, pp 21-22

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Coggeshall in Essex on 2 July 1776: he is described as of Feering in Essex, the son of Micah and Mary Corder of Feering; she is described as of Great Coggeshall in Essex, the daughter of Francis and Alice Harrison of Great Coggeshall (Essex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Essex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Micah qv	b 8 April 1777	m 1804 Frances Ann Seaward (-1851 qv)
Mary	b 13 May 1778	m 1802 James Kirkham NM (disowned)
Elizabeth	b 1 March 1780	d 19 Aug 1869, aged 89*
James	b 26 April 1781	d unmarried 28 May 1833, aged 52
William	b 9 May 1783	d 14 Oct 1796, aged 3
- *Her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths: see Clayton, op cit, p 24
- 4 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 2
- 5 His four eldest children (1777-1781) were all born at Kelvedon, where he is described as a miller
- 6 His youngest child William was born at Coggeshall in 1783, when he is described as a corn chandler
- 7 Essex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a corn chandler

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

CORDER, Micah (1777-1853)

Micah Corder, the eldest son of Micah Corder (1755-1786 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Harrison, 1755-1849 qv) of Kelvedon in Essex, was born there on 8 April 1777(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1786 to 1791(2).

On leaving school he was at first apprenticed at an iron foundry at Woodbridge in Essex. This was not successful and he then found employment at a farm, whose owner procured him a place as a clerk at the Bank of England; he became principal of his office and remained with the Bank until he retired in 1850.

He was married at Stoke Newington in 1804, not according to the usages of the Society, to Frances Ann Seward (-1851 qv) (3) and there were two children, whose birth was not recorded by the Society(4).

It is probable that he was disowned for his irregular marriage(5). He joined the Church of England, which he served as churchwarden for two years. When he left office, a very handsome testimonial was presented to him by the parish. He also often continued to attend the Friends' meeting near his home.

Micah Corder died in 1853(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, pp 22-23

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a miller
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 19, entry 832: from Coggeshall
- 3 The marriage is not traced in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest
- 4 Given in Clayton, op cit, p 20: the births are not traced in London & Middlesex QM or Essex QM Births Digest:-

Micah	b 1808	m 1845 Charlotte Hill (1815-1893)
Emma Regina	b 1812	m 1832 Thomas Andrew
- 5 A disownment is not traced in the minutes of the Six Weeks Meeting, nor in Tottenham MM minutes 1795-1810. There is no record of it in the minutes of Peel MM or Devonshire House MM. It is likely that if it took place, it would be in the minutes of Gracechurch Street MM
- 6 Clayton, op cit, p 20: his death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

CORDER, Octavius (1829-1910)

Octavius Corder, the son of Thomas Corder (1780-1833 qv) and his wife Mary (born Shewell, 1791?-1871 qv) of Widford Hall in Essex, was born there on 19 January 1829(1). He was educated at Edmund Watts' school at Colchester.

He then entered the school of the Pharmaceutical Society and after passing the major examinations became assistant to Robert Alsop of Sloane Square in London. He was in business for a short time in North Shields and then tried farming for a few years at Fyfield Hall in Essex.

He was twice married. He married firstly in 1853 Emma Spence (1830-1855 qv) of North Shields(2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3). He married secondly in 1858 M.J.Hall (1836-1909) (4) and there were ten children(5).

In 1865 he went to Norwich and entered into partnership with Albert Caley under the name of Caley & Corder, until 1873, when his partner retired. For twenty years he was an examiner of the Pharmaceutical Society and for ten years a member of the Council. In 1893 he was president of the Pharmaceutical Conference. His hobby was botany and he visited the Dolomites and the Engadine at least a dozen times and never returned without enriching his famous garden at Brudall with rare plants; on many occasions he sent specimens to Kew as well. He took a considerable interest in municipal affairs, but never served on the City Council.

Octavius Corder died in the year 1910(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.G.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885:
1914 Additions, pp 42-43

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages nor in The Friend vol 11 (1853)
- 3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births or given in Corder, op cit, descendants of Thomas Corder (1780-1835) Table IV
- 4 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages nor in The Friend, vol 16 (1858)
- 5 Given in Corder, op cit, descendants of Thomas Corder (1780-1835) Table IV: the births are not traced in the Digest of Births:

Mary Margaret	b 1858	
Edward	b 1861	m 1890 Alice Catherine Mason
Edith	b 1863	m 1897 William Thurgan
Lucy Agnes	b 1866	
John Talwin	b 1870	m 1896 Annie Elcock
Agatha Constance	b 1873	m 1896 George Horace Reeves
Grace	b 1875	
3 children		died in infancy

- 6 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

CORDER, Percy (1863-1927)

Percy Corder, the son of Alexander Corder (1831-1924 qv) and his wife Lucy (born Watson, 1836-1918 qv) of Bishopwearmouth in county Durham, was born there on 5 April 1863(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1878 to 1880.

On leaving school he became a solicitor and later a public notary. He was married in 1893 to Helen Lindsay Watson (1866- qv)(2) and there were four children(3).

He led a busy public life. He was closely associated with the promotion of the arts and the amenities of Newcastle-on-Tyne. Armstrong College, of which he became vice-chairman, owed a great deal to his devoted service and the Laing Gallery and the public library also had much assistance from him. He was Liberal registration agent for the Tyneside Division from 1888 to 1899 and on the executive of the Newcastle Liberal Association for 1888. He was a member of the Council of the Newcastle Incorporated Law Society from 1895, appointed treasurer of the north east of England Workers' Educational Association in 1912 and under sheriff of the county of Northumberland from 1913 to 1914. In 1923 he was given the degree of Hon.D.C.L. in recognition of his services to Durham University.

He was the author of many reviews and articles, including the authorised life of his uncle Dr Robert Spence Watson (1837-1911 qv), which was published in 1914. He enjoyed sketching, walking, gardening and reading.

Percy Corder of Larkrise, Wood Road, Hindhead in Surrey, died on 15 November 1927, at the age of sixty four(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 67 (1927) p 1062
Bootham School Register 1935, p 121

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a draper
- 2 Given in F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, descendants of Thomas Corder, 1780-1833, Table V
The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 Given in Clayton, op cit, Table V as follows: the births are not traced in the Digest of Births:-

Clifford Percy	b 1895	d 1896
Terence	b 1897	m 1918 Eileen Nelly Cooke
Clive Shewell	b 1900	m 1928 Fanny Laidlaw
Rachel	b 1902	m 1929 Leonard Alan Benson Morris
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a solicitor

SEE ALSO: Bootham, 1928, p 307

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

CORDER, Phebe (1813?-1881) born Gibson

Phebe Gibson, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1983) traced, was born about the year 1813(1).

She was married in 1837 to George Corder (1794-1881 qv), a farmer of Purleigh in Essex and there were three children(2). Later they moved to Maldon in Essex(3).

Her marriage and the birth of her children were not recorded by the Society, but Phebe Corder of Maldon died on 27 May 1881, at the age of sixty seven, in membership(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 67 at death: her birth is not traced in Essex QM Births Digest. Her maiden name is given in F.C.Clayton, A few Memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, p 26
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children see CORDER, George (1794-1881)
- 3 See entry for CORDER, George (1794-1881)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of George. She is not described as not in membership

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

CORDER, Rachel (1797-1864) born Atkinson

Rachel Atkinson, the daughter of Joseph Atkinson (-) and his wife Sarah (born) of Sewardstone in the parish of Waltham Abbey in Essex, was born there on 8 November 1797(1).

She was married in 1819 to Charles Corder (1793-1877 qv), a linen draper of Westminster and there was one child(2). Towards the end of her life her husband bought a small property at Purleigh in Essex, where she passed her remaining days.(3)

Rachel Corder of Purleigh died on 21 January 1864, at the age of seventy seven(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and issue see CORDER, Charles (1793-1877)
- 3 See entry for CORDER, Charles (1793-1877)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Charles

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1865, p 42: 2 line entry for death, the wife of Charles Corder

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

CORDER, Rachel (1816-1844) born Spence

Rachel Spence, the daughter of Robert Spence (-) and his wife Mary (born) of North Shields, was born there in the year 1816(1).

She was married in 1842 to Henry Shewell Corder (1814-1912 qv), a farmer of Fyfield and later of Writtle in Essex, and there were two children who died in infancy(2).

Rachel Corder of Ipswich in Suffolk died on 19 July 1844, at the age of twenty seven(3), ten days after the birth of her son.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Philip Spence, Robert and Mary Spence of North Shields, pedigree: Her birth is not traced in Durham QM Births Digest, although siblings are given
- 2 For marriage and children see CORDER, Henry Shewell (1814-1912)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Henry Shewell

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1845, p 39: 4 line obituary, describing her death

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

CORDER, Robert (1823-1898)

Robert Corder, the son of Thomas Corder (1780-1833 qv) and his wife Mary (born Shewell, 1790?-1875 qv) of Widford Hall in Essex, was born there on 22 August 1823(1). With his brother Edward (1821-1899 qv) he was educated at Thomas Grimes' school at Colchester.

After leaving school he was apprenticed to E. and H.S.Corder at Ipswich in Suffolk and then lived for some years with the Spences at North Shields and with Charles Bragg at Newcastle. He saved some money, which was lost in the failure of the Union Bank in 1847, ~~and~~ in 1849, at the age of twenty six, he emigrated to the United States; he settled at Black Creek, Indiana, a settlement of Friends. Writing from Jonesboro' he described the flow of natural gas, which he supplied to farmers three miles from the well and built up a prosperous business.

He was married firstly in America in 1851 to Elizabeth Winslow (1832-1866 qv) (2) and there were five children(3). He married secondly Sarah A, Van Horn (1844-1872) and there were two children(4). He married thirdly Louisa Beale (1839-).

During the American Civil War he returned to England, but went back to the United States as its close, where he died in 1898.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885,
1914 Additions, pp 41-42

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 The marriage is not traced in The Friend for 1851
- 3 Given in Clayton, op cit, descendants of Thomas Corder, 1780-1833, Table III as follows:-

Mary Elizabeth	b 1852	m	Clark Spears
Susannah	b 1853	d 1860	
Thomas	b 1855	m 1896	Laura Dugan
Sarah	b 1858	m 1880	W.R.Smith
Henry	b 1863	m (1)	Letitia Leach
		(2)	Lucinda Mullen

- 4 Given in Clayton, op cit, descendants of Thomas Corder, 1780-1833, Table III as follows:-

Robert	b 1868	
Edward	b 1871	d 1872

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

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CORDER, Ruth (1760-1815) born Marriage

Ruth Marriage, the daughter of William Marriage (1725-1774 qv) and his wife Susan (born) of Springfield in Essex, was born there on 13 December 1760(1).

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She was married in 1777 to John Corder (1758-1826 qv) of Coggeshall in Essex and there were ten children(2). Her husband followed a variety of occupations at different places in Essex, before moving to London in 1791, where he settled at Southwark and became a corn factor(3).

Ruth Corder of Horsleydown in Southwark died on 29 December 1815, at the age of fifty five(4). She had been a minister of the Society for eight years(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see CORDER, John (1758-1826)
- 3 See entry for CORDER, John (1758-1826)
- 4 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of John
- 5 Testimony of Southwark MM in TCMD vol 5, p 61

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1817, p 19: 5 line obituary on the need to prepare for death

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 12, p 95n:
Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 180

CORDER, Ruth (1760?-1815) born Stephens

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Ruth Corder, wife of John Corder of Southwark, died in
1815 at Chelmsford, at the age of 55. She had been a
minister for 8 years.

Testimony of Longford M.M. in MS Test. vol.5 p.58

CORDER, Sarah (1787-1845) born Shewell

Sarah Shewell, the daughter of Edward Shewell (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Lambeth, was born there on 18 December 1787(1).

She was married in 1825 to Edward Corder (1798-1863 qv), a linen draper of Ipswich in Suffolk and there was one child(2).

Sarah Corder of Ipswich died on 22 July 1845, at the age of fifty eight(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and issue see CORDER, Edward (1798-1863)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Edward

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

CORDER, Susanna (1787-1864) *2X*

Susanna Corder was a daughter of John and Ruth (Marriage) Corder.

She was in the capacity of an educationist, first at Suir Island School, Ireland, and later, in 1824, as head of a school at Stoke Newington.

She edited memoirs of William Allen, Elizabeth Fry and Priscilla Gurney, compiled a volume "Memorials of Friends" and wrote various treatises.

Micah Corder, 1885 etc.
Harris Family Memorials, 1869

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930, p.180

WBE:

Additional information:

CORDER, Susanna, 1787-1864.

b. Stoke Newington, near London.

1797-99, attended Ackworth School.

1817, taught for seven years at Suir Island, Clonmell, Ire., and enjoyed it. 1824, opened a school at Stoke Newington, London.

Elder. Under exercise on the subject of dress.

A writer of talent.

Published: A brief outline of the origin, principles, and church government of the Society of Friends, 1841.

Life of Elizabeth Fry, 1853.

Christian instruction in the history of the old testament, London, 1854.

Memoir of Priscilla Gurney, 1856.

Some remarks on the "Prize essays" . . ., 1860.

Memorials . . . of Friends At least 6 editions.

d. 28 Feb. 1864, Chelmsford, Eng., aged 76.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7616. and 7632.

The Friend (London), 4(1864):98.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:452.

Nodal, Bibliography of Ackworth School, p. 38.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 23(1865):42.

CORDER, Thomas (1780-1833)

Thomas Corder, the son of John Corder (1757-1827 qv) and his wife Ruth (born Marriage, 1760-1815 qv) of Great Coggeshall in Essex and London, was born at Great Coggeshall on 21 December 1780(1).

The family moved to London in 1791(2), but when Thomas grew up he returned to Essex and became a farmer at Widford Hall(3). He was married in 1810 to Mary Shewell of Ratcliff in Middlesex(4) and there were twelve children(5).

Thomas Corder of Writtle, late of Widford in Essex, died on 15 December 1833, a few days before his fifty third birthday(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a miller
His mother was the youngest daughter of William Marriage
(1725-1774 qv) of Springfield in Essex
- 2 Minute of Horsleydown MM 13 April 1791
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Brook Street, Ratcliff, on 26 April 1810: he is described as a farmer of Widford Hall in Essex, the son of John and Ruth Corder of Horsleydown, Southwark; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Ann Shewell of Ratcliff in Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Essex QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

*Thomas	b 13 Dec 1812	
Henry Shewell qv	b 16 May 1814	m(1)1842 Rachel Spence (2)1850 Mary Ann Alexander (1815-1913 qv)
Mary Ann	b 9 Feb 1816	d 25 June 1834, aged 18
Elizabeth	b 23 July 1817	m 1843 John Foster Spence
Frederic	b 25 Dec 1818	m 1851 Jane Ransome
*Richard	b 13 April 1820	
*Edward	b 22 Nov 1821	
*Robert	b 22 Aug 1823	
*John Shewell	b 19 Sept 1825	
*Octavius	b 19 Jan 1829	
Alexander	b 21 Sept 1831	m 1859 Lucy Watson
Francis	b 27 Oct 1833	m 1865 Edith Watson

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

6 Essex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a farmer

SEE ALSO:- Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 12, p 97n

CORDER, Thomas (1812-1873)

Thomas Corder, the eldest son of Thomas Corder (1780-1833 qv) and his wife Mary (born Shewell, 1790?-1871 qv) of Widford Hall in Essex, was born there on 13 December 1812(1). He was educated at the school conducted by Isaac Payne (1780-1845 qv) at Epping and proved to be both a good classical scholar and an excellent botanist.

On leaving school he was apprenticed to a miller at Royston in Hertfordshire, but about 1839 he emigrated to Australia, farming at Mount Barber near Adelaide. But he found the climate too hot for his health and returned to England in 1845. On his return he managed a water mill at Kempton, near Bedford and afterwards went into the same business on his own account at Cranfield in Bedfordshire. He was married in 1851 to Elizabeth Anstey (1820-1911) (2) and there was one child, Mary Elizabeth, born in 1856(3).

He had a considerable botanical collection and was made a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society. In early life he enjoyed playing chess with his sister Elizabeth, but he gave it up when she could beat him, saying it was "infra dig" to be beaten by a woman.

Thomas Corder of Cranfield died on 10 November 1873, at the age of sixty one(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885,
1914 Additions, p 37

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 Clayton, op cit; pedigree of John Corder (4) 1758-1826: the marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 Ibid: the birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a miller and corn dealer

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

CORDER, Walter Shewell (1861-1933)

Walter Shewell Corder, the son of Alexander Corder (1831-1924 qv) and his wife Lucy (born Watson, 1836-1918 qv) of Bishopwearmouth in county Durham, was born there on 27 October 1861(1).

He was married in 1891 to Margaret Lindsay Watson (1864-1940 qv)(2) and there were two children(3).

Walter Shewell Corder of 4 Rosella Place, North Shields, died on 24 July 1933, at the age of seventy one(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a draper
- 2 Given in F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, descendants of Thomas Corder, 1780-1833, Table V
The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 Given in Clayton, op cit, Table V as follows: the births are not traced in the Digest of Births:-

Eileen	b 1894	m 1920	Stuart Burns Kent
Michael Westray	b 1901	m 1926	Norah Lewis
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired chemical manufacturer

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

CORDER, William (1760-1827)

William Corder, the son of Micah Corder (1712-1782 qv) and his wife Mary (born Foster, -1760 qv), was born on 1 August 1760(1).

He was apprenticed at Huntingdon or Ramsey and when his father died in 1782 he was left some property at Coggeshall in Essex, where he lived until he moved to London in 1789. He took over a grocer's shop in Bloomsbury and in 1790 he married Margaret Vaughan (1766-1829 qv) of Builth in Breconshire(2); there were seven children(3).

William Corder of Bloomsbury died on 11 December 1827, at the age of sixty seven(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

F.C.Clayton, A few memoranda concerning Micah Corder, 1885, p 45

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his place of birth and his father's occupation are not given
- 2 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest and given in Clayton, op cit., p 44 as follows:-

Samuel	b 9 Jan 1794	m 1828 Emma Vine
James		died young
Margret		died young
James qv	b 25 Aug 1798	m (1)1829 Elizabeth Weekes (1807-1852) (2)1854 Sarah Allcock
Margaret	b 21 July 1799	m 1824 George Lovell
John	b 19 May 1801	m 1854 Julia Tupper (1821-1856)
Ann	b 24 Sept 1802	d 14 Jan 1803, aged 4 months

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

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1829, p 11: 1 line entry for death

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

CORE, Hannah (1710-1777) aftw. Foster

[Hannah Core, daughter of Enoch Core and Sarah his wife (nee Roberts) was married in 1729 to William Foster

see FOSTER, Hannah (1710-1777) born Core

WBE:
Additional information

GORE, Hannah later Foster 1710-1777

see FOSTER, Hannah, wife of William Foster

CORK, Hannah (1792-1874) after 1826 Cross

[Hannah Cork, daughter of John and Mary Cork of Seasoncott Warren, and later Campden, Glos, was married in 1826 to John Wainwright Cross (1794-1870 qv).

see CROSS, Hannah (1792-1874) born Cork]

WBE:

CORNELL, Edward, 1866-1942.

b. 5 June 1866, Smith's Clove, now Central Valley,
N. Y., s. David and Susan (Ferguson) Cornell.

Ed. in a co-educational school, established by his
parents in their own home. Became an omnivorous reader.

ca. 1876, David Cornell built Institute Hall, a school,
dance hall and entertainment center.

ca. 1881, took position of station agent and telegraph
operator for five years.

ca. 1886, studied law at Cornell Univ.

1891, went to New York City, as law clerk in office of
Lowery, Stone and Auerbach. 1895, partner. As such he helped
organize many large corporations, including F. W. Woolworth
Co., of which he was director for 25 years.

m., 1896, Esther Haviland. Four children.

1922, clerk of Westbury Quart. Mtg. 1930-1937, clerk
of New York Y. Mtg. (15th St.).

d. 17 Nov. 1942, Delray Beach, Fla., aged 76.

Friends Intelligencer, 99:829 (portrait).

WBE:

CORNELL, Ezra, 1807-1874.

b. 11 Jan. 1807, Westchester Landing, N. Y., s. Elijah and Eunice (Barnard) Cornell, "plain" Friends.

Early education in public schools. Moved to DeRuyter, Madison Co., New York.

1828, removed to Ithaca, N. Y., working as a carpenter and later mechanic.

m., 1831, Mary Ann Wood. Issue. She was an Episcopalian. He was disowned for marrying out.

After an uphill battle, he became a founder of the Western Union Telegraph Co. Acquired wealth, largely through his connections with the telegraph business. Successful farmer and cattle breeder.

1862, visited Eng. and the continent.

1862, president of N. Y. State Agricultural Society. 1863, built free public library in Ithaca. 1865, founded Cornell University, at Ithaca, N. Y. It opened its doors, 1868. Sat in both Assembly and Senate of N. Y. State.

He was tall, spare, stern and austere. Not broadly educated, but openminded. Had rugged determination. Apparently he died poor in consequence of the financial panic.

d. 9 Dec. 1874, Ithaca, N. Y., in his 68th year.

Biography of E. C., 1884.

Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Bull. Friends Hist. Assn., 33, no. 1:46.

Dorf, The Builder, 1952 (portraits).

Dic. Am. Biog., 4:444.

WBE:

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CORNELL, John J., 1826-1909.

b. 20 Sept. 1826, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., s. William and Phebe Freelove (Carpenter) Cornell. 1834, family moved to New York City.

Ed. in part at Nine Partners Friends School, New York, under care of Orthodox Friends.

m., 1846, Judith H. Russell, of Rochester? N. Y.

m. (2d), 1885, Eliza V. Horney.

| 1856, minister. Put on plain clothes, and adopted the plain language, but later felt excused. Travelled widely as a minister, visiting all the General Conference Y. Mtgs., and all their particular meetings except two.

In theology agreed with the sentiments preached by Elias Hicks after 1805, denying that Jesus of history was the Saviour, and rejecting the doctrine of the atonement.

Publications: With others, An epistle to London Yearly Meeting of Friends, 1858. Reprinted in the British Friend, 1858, p. 188.

An address . . . in relation to a testimony against war . . . , 1862.

Address . . . delivered at Friends' meeting house, 15th & Race Sts., Phila. . . . at the annual conference of the . . . Committee on Temperance. . . , 1886.

Sermons delivered in Baltimore, and Phila. . . . , 1877, 1893, 1884.

WBE:

CORNELL, John J., 1826-1909. Page 2.

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A concise statement of the views and
practices of the Society of Friends, 1889. Address given
at West Chester, Pa., 1888.

d. 5 Feb. 1909, Baltimore, Md., in his 83d year.

Friends Intelligencer, 66:673 et seq.

Cornell, Autobiography, 1906, (portraits, front. and p. 148).

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:454.

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

WBE:

CORNELL, Silas, fl. 1830-1846.

Lived at Linden Hill, near Rochester, N. Y.

Author: A letter to Elihu F. Marshall, Elisha Dean,
Harvey Frink, John Pound, and Lyman A. Spalding. Some
remarks on their pamphlet: The inquisition and orthodoxy,
contrasted with Christianity and religious liberty. 1830.

The Christian doctrine and the people called
Quakers cleared, Rochester, N. Y., 1846 and 1853.

〔No references given.〕

WBE:

CORNELL, W. T.

Author: On the incompatibility of war with the spirit
of Christianity . . . , Catskill, N. Y., 1862.

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

CORNFORTH, John Stephen (1873-1942)

John Stephen Cornforth was born in 1873 and lived for the early part of his life in Middlesbrough, moving to Redcar in 1905 where he died on the 6 April 1942.

He was a member of Ayton School Committee for many years and Clerk of Darlington Monthly Meeting for the last four years of his life.

He was an Elder and an Overseer, and took a practical interest in the Meeting House premises. The Adult School and Third Day Evening Meeting were his deep concern and never failed to engage his thoughtful consideration.

John S. Cornforth was noted for his fidelity, example and character and for the light which so abundantly shone from him.

Testimony of Redcar YM in YM Proc. 1942, p.211

CORNISH, George (1801-1877) 3

George Cornish was born at Redruth, Cornwall, on 24 December 1801, the son of Richard and Mary Cornwall. (1)

Without wealth, with but little human learning, filling with unquestioned integrity the position of a tradesman in his native town, he became, through Divine Grace, a true minister of the gospel of Christ, preaching not only in word, but preaching also by example, and thus adorning the doctrine of God his Saviour. Young men, both within and without the Society, were the special objects of his care. He did not travel very extensively as a minister; he visited most of the northern and western Quarterly meetings of England, and some other parts, but his sphere of activity was mainly in his own neighbourhood, especially addressing himself to two classes - the young people and the local preachers of the Methodist chapel.

'In the exercise of his ministry we believe that our dear friend was concerned to wait in childlike faith for the fresh openings of the Spirit, and for renewed qualification for service. Sound in doctrine, he preached Christ crucified, and strove to set forth the truth as it is in Jesus. Much christian meekness and gentleness and charity marked his ministry as well as his character'.

George Cornish died 29 January 1877

Testimony of West Cornwall MM in YM Proc. 1877, p.xv

References and notes

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest

CORNISH, Elizabeth (1811?-1840) born Robarts

Elizabeth Robarts, the daughter of Thomas Robarts, was born about the year 1811(1).

She was not originally a member of the Society, but joined Friends on her marriage in 1839 to George Cornish (1801-1877 qv), an ironmonger of Redruth in Cornwall; there was one child, who died in infancy(2).

Elizabeth Cornish of Redruth died on 20 July 1840 at the age of twenty nine(3), less than a year after her marriage.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 29 at death
- 2 For marriage and issue see CORNISH, George (1801-1877)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of George

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

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CORNISH, George (1801-1877)

George Cornish, the second son of Richard Cornish (1774?-1840 qv) and his wife Mary of Redruth in Cornwall, was born there on 24 December 1801(1). His father joined the Society by convincement, but his mother was never a member and George and his brothers and sisters were admitted into membership as minors. His parents were both, however, regular attenders at meetings for worship and the children were given a careful religious upbringing, with a good knowledge of the Bible. George was educated at Sidcot School from 1810 to 1815(2), where the ministry of Priscilla Hannah Gurney (1757-1828 qv) made a great impression on him.

On leaving school he joined his father in business as a brazier and ironmonger. He was married in 1839 to Elizabeth Robarts (1811?-1840 qv) of Condurra in Cornwall(3) and his wife joined the Society on their marriage; there was apparently one child(4), but both his wife and child died within a year of the marriage.

The loss of his wife and child affected him deeply and he felt a renewed call to the Lord's service; he was recorded a minister in 1849. In the exercise of his gift he was careful to wait in simple faith for the promptings of the Holy Spirit and was able with winning earnestness and loving sympathy to become a true minister of the Gospel, preaching not only by word but by example. "In the exercise of his ministry we believe that our dear friend was concerned to wait in childlike faith for the fresh openings of the Spirit, and for renewed qualifications for service. Sound in doctrine, he preached Christ crucified, and strove to set forth the truth as it is in Jesus. Much christian meekness and gentleness and charity marked his ministry as well as his character." (Testimony)

Young men, both within and without the Society, were the special objects of his care. He did not travel very extensively as a minister; he visited most of the northern and western quarterly meetings of England and some other parts, but his sphere of activity was mainly in his own neighbourhood, especially addressing himself to two classes - the local preachers of the Methodist chapel and to young people, many of whom came to him for advice and help and with some of whom he kept up a frequent correspondence.

Throughout his long Christian experience he was often conscious of his own shortcomings and was a truly humble servant of the Lord. His health began to fail about six months before his death, but he was spared much acute suffering and his last days were very peaceful. George Cornish of Redruth died on 29 January 1877, at the age of seventy five(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1878, pp 48-55

Testimony of West Cornwall MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1877, p xv

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 50
- 3 The wedding was at Truro on 24 October 1839: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer of Redruth, the son of Richard Cornish, an ironmonger; she is described as a spinster of Condurra, the daughter of Thomas Robarts, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 There is no trace of this child in the Digests of Births and Deaths
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an ironmonger

SEE ALSO:-

W.Robinson, Friends of a Half century, p 101
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 20, p 31

WBE:

Additional information:

CORNISH, George, 1801-1877.

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His father joined Friends.

Attended Sidcot School.

1815, set to work in his father's business, that of
coppersmithing. Became ironmonger and tinner.

m. Wife joined Friends. Both wife and a child died
within a year of his marriage.

1849, recorded as a minister. Gave seasonable advice to
young Richard Tangye.

An. Mon., 36(1878):48.

Evans, Friends of a half century, p. 101 (portrait).

CORNISH, Hannah (1805-1840) born Baron

Hannah Baron, the daughter of Samuel and Jane Baron of Liskeard in Cornwall, was born there on 31 January 1805(1).

She was married in 1826 to Richard Cornish (1798-1874 qv), a brazier and ironmonger of Redruth in Cornwall and later of Tavistock in Devonshire and there were five children(2).

Cornish

Hannah Baron of Penzance in Cornwall died on 10 February 1840, at the age of thirty five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: her father is described as a woolcomber
- 2 For marriage and children see CORNISH, Richard (1798-1874)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Richard

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1841, p 16: 1 line entry for death

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

CORNISH, Hannah (1806-1871)

Hannah Cornish, the daughter of Richard and Mary Cornish of Redruth in Cornwall, was born there on 16 October 1806(1). She was an elder of her meeting and was a good example to all, a true peacemaker. She was very regular in her own attendance at meeting for worship and grieved to see irregular attendance in others. She was very good to the poor and by her death Redruth lost one of its greatest benefactors.

Hannah Cornish of Redruth died on 9 August 1871 at the age of sixty six(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1872, pp 53-54

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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

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

CORNISH, Mary (1814-1866)

Mary Cornish, the daughter of Richard Cornish (1774?-1840 qv) and his wife Mary of Redruth in Cornwall, was born there on 13 August 1814(1). Her father was a convinced Friend and Mary and her brothers and sisters were admitted into the Society as minors(2).

She was educated at Sidcot School from 1825 to 1828(3)*

Mary Cornish of Redruth died on 16 May 1866, at the age of fifty one(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: her father is described as a brazier
- 2 Annual Monitor 1878, p 48
- 3 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 50
*The further information given in Sidcot Register concerning her marriage to John Bastin (1835-1910 qv) is erroneous
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the daughter of Richard and Mary

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

CORNISH, Mary (1834-) after 1860 Bastin

(Mary Cornish, daughter of Richard Cornish (1798-1874 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Baron, 1805-1840 qv) of Redruth and Tavistock, was married in 1860 to John Bastin (1835-1910 qv).

See BASTIN, Mary (1834-) born Cornish)

CORNISH, Richard (1774?-1840)

Richard Cornish, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1980) traced, was born about the year 1774(1). He entered the Society by convincement, but his wife Mary was never a member(2); there were six children recorded by the Society(3).

He was a brazier and ironmonger of Redruth in Cornwall(4), where he died on 5 May 1840 at the age of sixty six(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 66 at death
- 2 Annual Monitor 1878, p 48
- 3 Listed in Cornwall QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Richard qv	b 27 Nov 1798	m 1826 Hannah Baron (1805-1840 qv)
George qv	b 24 Dec 1801	m 1839 Elizabeth Roberts (1811?-1840 qv)
Mary	b 2 June 1804	d 3 March 1808
Hannah qv	b 16 Oct 1806	d unmarried 9 Aug 1871, aged 66
Charles	b 16 March 1810	m 1844 Eliza Magor
Mary qv	b 13 Aug 1814	d unmarried 16 May 1866, aged 51
- 4 He is so described in the birth entries of his two youngest children and in his burial entry, note 5
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an ironmonger

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

CORNISH, Richard (1798-1874)

Richard Cornish, the eldest son of Richard Cornish (1774?-1840 qv) and his wife Mary of Redruth in Cornwall, was born there on 27 November 1798(1). His father was a convinced Friend and Richard and his brothers and sisters were admitted into the Society as minors(2).

He was educated at Sidcot School from 1810 to 1812(3) and on leaving school he became, like his father, a brazier and ironmonger first at Redruth and later at Tavistock(4).

He was married in 1826 to Hannah Baron (1805-1840 qv) of Liskeard in Cornwall(5) and there were five children(6).

Richard Cornish of Redruth died on 26 August 1874(7) at the age of seventy five.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 Annual Monitor 1878, p 48
- 3 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 50
- 4 He is described as a brazier in the Sidcot Register, in his marriage entry, note 5 and the birth entry of his son Richard in 1829; he is described as an ironmonger in the birth entries of his four youngest children. He is described as of Redruth in his marriage entry and the birth entry of his elder son Samuel; his four youngest children were born at Tavistock
- 5 The wedding was at St Austell on 1 November 1826: he is described as a brazier of Redruth in Cornwall, the son of Richard and Mary of Redruth; she is described as the daughter of Samuel and Jane Baron, late of Liskeard (Cornwall QM Marriages Digest)
- 6 Listed in Cornwall QM Births Digest as follows:-
*Samuel b 3 Aug 1827
and in Devon QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-
*Richard b 3 Sept 1829
Mary Hannah b 21 March 1832 d 15 May 1833
(Cornwall QM Burials)
Mary qv b 19 Sept 1834 m 1860 John Bastin (1835-1910 qv)
*Hannah b 30 May 1837
*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 7 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 50: his death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

SEE ALSO:- Annual Monitor 1875, p 16: 2 line entry for death; his age is given as 76

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

CORNWALL, Thomas (1706?-1761) *2X*

Thomas Cornwall (1) was a respected minister, an example in life and conduct, who was concerned for the well-being of the church, for an increase in membership and for the helping of the weak. He was ready to encourage goodness and to reprove evil and laziness.

He died 27 September 1761, aged about 55 years, a minister for 20 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Castledonington MM in TCMD, vol.2, p.192

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Birth and marriage not traced in Derbyshire QM Births and Marriages digest. There are no other entries in the digests under the name Cornwall in the middle 18th century

SEE ALSO

Samuel Stansfield, Memoirs of Ruth Follows, p.124

WBE:

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CORNWELL, Thomas, fl. 1710.

Rhode Island.

Minister. Accompanied Thomas Story on a visit to
Colonel Nathaniel Byfield, a magistrate of Bristol, Mass.
1710, visited Friends in Pa.

John Smith's ms., 1:482.

Hirst, Qu. in Peace and War, p. 340.

WBE:

CORSE, Elizabeth (Griffin) Grey, 1767-1835.

b. 1767, Middletown, Md., dau. James and Rosanna Griffin.

Member of Episcopal church. Gay and fashionable.

m., 1784, James Woolford Grey, an officer in the American army (d. in five months).

As a widow, enjoyed ample means. Joined Methodists.

m. (2d), 1790, Thomas Corse (d. ca. 1795). Three children.

As a widow, left almost penniless. 1810, lost her eyesight.

For two years attended no religious meetings of any kind. Joined Friends.

d. 8 Oct. 1835, aged ca. 68.

Comly, Friends Misc., 8:356.

WBE:

CORSE, Israel, 1769-1842.

b. Md.

ca. 1786, ran away from home. Apprenticed to a tanner in Camden, Del. Had 75¢ when he completed the term.

m. Lydia Issue.

1803, moved to New York City. Became a tanner, and made a fortune.

Secured a law, making it illegal to sell lottery tickets.

1830, retired from business.

d. 1842.

Friends Intelligencer, 83(1926):659.

WBE:

CORSON, Alan Wright, 1788-1882.

b. 21 Feb. 1788, Maulsby Farm, s. Joseph and Hannah (Dickinson) Corson.

Attended Friends School. Helped in his father's store.

m., 1811, Mary Egbert.

Self-taught, he became a teacher, and farmed. In middle life gave up teaching and divided his time between his nursery of trees and shrubs, and surveying. Executor of estates.

Elder of Plymouth Prep. Mtg. and Gwynedd Mo. Mtg.

Interested in many branches of science. Made annual excursions with his cousin John Evans to search for plant, mineral and other specimens.

d. 21 June 1882, White Marsh Township, Pa., in his 95th year.

Friends Intelligencer, 39(1883):314.

Corson, The Corson family, p. 74 (portrait).

WBE:

CORSON, Elias Hicks, 1816-1877.

b. 19 Feb. 1816, s. Alan W. and Mary (Egbert) Corson.
m., 1845, Emily R. Harris, of Phila., Pa. Seven children.
Teacher, mathematician, botanist. Engaged in the lime
burning business and sold coal. Had a fine farm.

Worked for freedom of slaves, for temperance, and for
women's rights.

d. 5 Nov. 1877, aged ca. 61.

Friends Intelligencer, 34(1878):633.

Corson, The Corson family, pp. 77 ff. (portrait).

WBE:

CORSTEN, Talken

✓A Mennonite of Mackow (or Mackomm) in Friezland, who invited Sarah Collier, a Friend travelling in the ministry, to hold a meeting in his home, after the Mennonites had refused her a meeting in their meeting-house. Some years later Thomas Story held a meeting at Talken Corsten's house, he having by this time left the Mennonites, who had blamed him for the former meeting. F. T.✓

✓Moore, Travelling with Thomas Story, p. 159.

Walton, Incidents illus. the doct. and hist. of the Soc. of Friends, p. 275. F. T.✓

WBE:

COSAND, Joseph, ca. 1851-ca. 1931.

b. ca. 1851, Ind.

m. Sarah A.

1885 to 1920, they were the first Friends missionaries in Japan. Started Friends Girls School. Held Bible classes and meetings. These beginnings led to founding a Mo. Mtg. in Tokyo in 1910?

Author: A brief statement of Friends views as to the outward observance of baptism and the Lord's supper, Tokyo, Japan, 1888.

d. ca. 1931, Horsham? Pa? aged ca. 80.

Phila. Y. Mtg., Young Friends Com., Spreading the message of Friends in Japan, p. 3.

Friends Intelligencer, 89(1932):663.

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COSTARD, Ruth (1665-1735) born Tanner

Ruth Tanner was the daughter of John and Joanna Tanner and was brought up in the beliefs and principles of the Church of England. In the twenty first year of her age, despite strong family opposition, she became convinced of the Truth. In 1691 she married John Costard(1) and there were four children of the marriage.(2) Some years later "it pleased the Lord to open her mouth in the Assemblies of his People, to Declare of his Love & to Exhort others unto Faithfulness, and she Laboured in the Work of the Ministry about thirty years, and was a Serviceable Woman in the Church."

She died aged about seventy on 6.vi.(August)1735, after an illness of six months, and was buried in the Friends' burying ground at Hammersmith.(3)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Hammersmith MM 6.iii.(May)1736 in TCMD vol.1 p.98

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Amersham, Buckinghamshire, on 31.x.(December) 1691; he is described as a mealman, she as a spinster, the daughter of John and Joanna Tanner (Buckinghamshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 2 Listed in Buckinghamshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Tanner	b 13.x.(December) 1692
Ruth	b 19.ix.(November) 1694
William	b 10.v.(July) 1697
David	b 15.viii.(October) 1699
- 3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she died on 6.vi.(August)1735, the widow of John

* The entry in the Marriages Digest does not give the name of John Costard's parents: he may be the John Costard born at Amersham on 12 ii [April] 1672, son of John and Mary Costard. John Costard senior's name appears with some frequency in Upperside MM minutes from 1672: see The minute book of the monthly meeting...for the Upperside of Buckinghamshire, 1669-1690, ed B.S. Snell, 1937. The only entries under Tanner in this volume are for Roger and Thomas.

~~STHROP~~, Richard (1628-1661)

see St S^r THROP, Richard (1628-1661)

~~COSTHROP~~
~~Coathorp~~, Richard (1628-1661)

see SCOSTHROP, Richard (1628-1661)

COTSWORTH, Daisy Edith (1886?-1969) after 1919 Priestman

[Daisy Edith Cotsworth, daughter of Moses B. and Kezia
Cotsworth of York, was married in 1919 to David Dent
Priestman (1882-1951 qv) of Vancouver in Canada.

See PRIESTMAN, Daisy Edith (1886?-1969) born Cotsworth]

COTTON, Arthur (1620?-1708)

Arthur Cotten - usually rendered Cotton - was of Plymouth. He and his wife, Priscilla Cotten were leading Friends at Plymouth; wrote books; and suffered for their faith. cf. Smith, Cat.; Besse.

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

WBE:

Additional information:

COTTEN, Arthur, 1620-1708.

/For wife see Cotten, Priscilla, -1664.7

1657, imprisoned for refusal to swear. 1662, taken out of a meeting by a constable and fined 12d each for neglect of public worship. Goods distrained to five times the value of the fine. 1670, fined. 1684, imprisoned.

With four others answered eleven questions put to Friends by the Baptists in Plymouth, Eng., in a pamphlet entitled: The wise taken in their own craftiness . . . with other certain queries for them to answer . . .

Besse, 1:154, 151, 155, 164.

WBE:

COTTEN, Priscilla, -1664.

m. Arthur Cotten Usually rendered Cotton, cf. London. F. T. of Plymouth, Devon, later of Colchester, Essex [see Cotten, Arthur, 1620?-1708]. Daughter.

She bore a public testimony in steeple-houses, and in public places. Bore a testimony the day she died.

Published: Warnings, 1655 and 1656.

A testimony of Truth to all Friends, or others that desire to be satisfied what the Truth is, &c.

A visitation of love unto all people, 1661.

d. 4 Aug. 1664.

Piety Promoted, 1854 ed., 3d part, p. 237, or 1706 ed., p. 10.
Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:454.

COTTERELL, Albert Player Isaac (1861-1951) 2+

Albert P.I. Cotterell was born 26 December 1861. He was educated at Sidcot and Olivers Mount School Scarborough, and later at Bristol University College; he became a widely known Civil Engineer and was regarded as an authority, undertaking large-scale engineering works for Public Bodies. Owing to his refusal of work connected with the war from 1914 to 1918, he and his family suffered financial hardship. His first wife, Anna M. Cotterell, died in 1937, his six children survived him, together with his second wife, Amy H. Cotterell.

While living at Gerrards Cross, Bucks, he helped to reopen the Meeting at Jordans, and was also Chairman of Jordans Village Limited, the corporation responsible for building the Village near the Meeting House.

From 1904 to 1911 he was a member of Bristol City Council. In 1921 he led the first Friends Famine Relief Unit in Russia, and in 1937 he attended the World Conference of Friends in America. He visited Syria and Palestine in 1938, and refused armed escort during that dangerous time. He also travelled in Holland and Germany on behalf of Friends.

Albert Cotterell was a member of Sidcot Meeting from May 1940 to September 1950, and was an Elder and attended Meeting for Sufferings.

'He returned to Jordans under concern in 1950, and made a real contribution to the devotional life of the Meeting. His fervour in prayer and ministry will long be remembered.'

He died 16 December 1951

Testimony of Jordans MM in YM Proc. 1953, p.135

COTTERELL, Anna Maria (1861-1937) born Thorp

Anna Maria Thorp, born 4 May 1861, was one of the large family of John Hall & Annabella Thorp of Headingley, Leeds. She was educated at The Mount, and then helped with the family at home until her marriage to Albert P. Cotterell in 1888, taking up residence in Bristol

When she was free from the family claims of her six children, as well as being Elder & Overseer she resumed her interest in the Adult School: the B.W.T.A. and the Bristol Lock Hospital. The Mothers' Meeting which she conducted for many years was a power for good in the neighbourhood, being the only "place of worship" for a number of the women.

In 1913 she and her husband moved to Gerrards Cross and Anna Cotterell immediately took her part in building up the Meeting just restarted at Jordans. She was also Clerk of the Hostel Committee, always regarding the Guest House as an outpost of the Meeting. Even with the handicap of increasing lameness and loss of eyesight she visited and encouraged Friends in the outlying small meetings.

Her ministry was spontaneously beautiful, breathing such a deep sincerity of conviction and all-pervading love that none could remain unmoved

She died 16 January 1937

Testimony of Jordans M.M. in Y.M.Proc.1937, p.199

WBE:

COTTERELL, Eleanor (Isaac), ca. 1830-1925.

b. ca. 1830, Montacute, near Yeovil.

m., 1855, Frederick Fowler Cotterell, and settled at Bath. Twelve children.

ca. 1865, removed to Bristol. Moved to Swallowcliffe, Clevedon, where F. F. C. d., 1904.

Elder.

Born to command.

d. 7 June 1925, Clevedon, Somerset, in her 95th year.

The Friend (London), 65(1925):546, 621 (portrait).

COTTERELL, Hannah (1688?-1767) after 1734 Harward

(Hannah Cotterell, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1979) traced, was married in 1734 to William Harward (1690-1766 qv).)

866 HARWARD, Hannah (1688?-1767) born Cotterell)

COTTERELL, Jacob Henry (1817-1868)

(1816-
1885)
q.v.) /

Jacob H.Cotterell, the son of Henry Fowler and Sarah Cotterell, was born at Wibbenhall near Worcester on 27 February 1817(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1826 to 1828(2) and after leaving school he became a land surveyor at Bath(3). He was married in 1845 to Louisa Gregory of Yatton in Somerset(4) and there was one child(5).

From early manhood he was an active supporter of temperance and education and also took part in meetings for discipline. During the last year of his life he was impressed with a vivid sense of the fleetingness of life and of the infinite importance of the life of the spirit. Prayer became more and more a practical reality to him and he had a persuasive earnestness in recommending to others the theme of the Gospel revelation. For some months before his death he often spoke in meeting for worship. The effect of such thoughts in mellowing the sharper edges of his character was very marked as his life drew towards its close.

He died at Bath on 14 August 1868, at the age of fifty one(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1869, pp 72-73

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given, but in the entry for Jacob's elder sister he is described as a land surveyor
- 2 Sidcot Register of Old Scholars, 1808-1958, p 51
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Claverham on 1 October 1845: he is described as a bachelor, a land surveyor of Bath, the son of Henry Fowler Cotterell, a land surveyor; she is described as a spinster of Yatton in Somerset, the daughter of Bishop Gregory, a yeoman (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-
Sarah Louisa b 6 Jan 1848 who m 1873 William Adams
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a land surveyor of Bewdley Villa, Bath

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

WBE:

COTTERELL, John, fl. 1676-1683.

Winkfield, Berkshire, Eng.

Published: His suffering case, entitled,--A cry out of
the forest [sic], or a short relation of the barbarous and
cruel actings of Jeremeel Tarrent minister of Winkfield parish,
in Berkshire, against John Cotterell, an honest harmless
man of the same parish who conscientiously refusing to pay
him tythes, was thrown in goal, &c. . . . , 1676.

1683, distress of £11 for being at a meeting.

Besse, 1:34.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:454.

COTTERELL, Louisa (1816-1885) [born Gregory, after 1873 Bowly]

(Louisa Gregory, daughter of Bishop Gregory (1783-1857 qv)
and his wife Sarah, born Eddington, of Yatton in Somerset,
was married in 1845 to Jacob Henry Cotterell (1817-1868 qv).
After his death she was married in 1873 to Samuel Bowly
(1802-1884 qv).

See BOWLY, Louisa (1816-1885) formerly Cotterell, born Gregory)

COTTERELL, Mary Evaline (1883?-1961) after 1920 Ashby

[Mary Evaline Cotterell, daughter of Henry Frederic
Cotterell, J.P., was married in 1920 to Gerald
Douglas Ashby (1884-1947 qv).]

See ASHBY, Mary Evaline (1883?-1961) born Cotterell]

COTTERELL, Rachel (1698?-1780) after 1738 Purver

(Rachel Cotterell, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1979) traced, was married in 1738 to Anthony Purver (1702-1777 qv).)

See PURVER, Rachel (1698?-1780) born Cotterell)

COTTON, Arthur, 1620?-1708.

see COTTEN, Arthur, 1620?-1708.

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COTTON Francis (1801-1883)

Francis Cotton was born in London in 1801 and educated at Ackworth School. He married Anna Maria Tilney of Kelvedon, Essex, and in 1828 went with his family to Tasmania to live.

In 1832 James Backhouse and George Washington Walker visited the colony, travelling and meeting persons who were or had been connected with Friends, and the year following a Meeting for Discipline was established of which Francis Cotton became a member and was subsequently recorded a minister. Being a member at that time of Southwark Monthly Meeting, his certificate of removal was forwarded to Hobart in 1861.

He was several times liberated by Hobart MM for service in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. 'He was strong in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, apt to teach, and upholder of right order and sound discipline, and it was observable that he lived that which he taught.'

Francis Cotton took great interest in the building of the new Meeting House in Hobart freely giving advice and money.

He died on 12 April 1883 in his eighty second year.

Testimony of Tasmania Annual Meeting in YM Proc. 1884, p.vi

WBE:

Additional information:

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COTTON, Francis, 1801-1883.

1832, travelled with James Backhouse and George Washington Walker in Australasia. Travelled extensively in the ministry.

d. Kelvedon, near Swansea, Tasmania, a minister ca.

49 years.

The Friend (London), 23(1883):166.

COULSON, Anne (fl 1727-1732) after 1727 Osborn

[Anne Coulson, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced, was married in 1727 to Jacob Osborn (fl 1727-1732 qv).]

See OSBORN, Anne (fl 1727-1732) born Coulson]

COUPLAND, Margaret, ca. 1683-1759.

see COPELAND, Margaret, ca. 1683-1759.

COULSON, David (1713-1765)

David Coulson was born in Nottingham on 9.iv[June].1713 of Friend parents and was 'educated in the ways of truth', but 'having a strong propensity to vain amusements and company, gratified his inclinations therewith for some years'. At 21 years he became blind but he still continued in the same way of living until at 26 he underwent a profound religious experience which so shook him that 'he abode under the preparation of the holy hand for 7 years' and at 33 years of age he ministered in public and despite his blindness travelled in the ministry all over England until his ill-health confined his visits to neighbouring meetings. His wife, Anna, had 14 years of happy married life with him.

s/ David Coulson was 'a deep traveller in spirit' and his ministry spoke to many conditions. His judgment was sound and his conduct in later life exemplary, his conversation 'pleasant and instructive', and he was loved by those who knew him.

He died on 9 December 1765, aged 52 years, a minister for 20 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Nottingham MM in TCMD, vol.2, pp.251-8

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 No marriage or children traced in Derby & Notts QM Marriages or Births digest

SEE ALSO

Piety promoted
Samuel Stansfield, Memoirs of Ruth Follows

COURT, Elizabeth

see COWART, Elizabeth

COURTEN, Elizabeth

see COWART, Elizabeth

WBE:

COVENEY, Thomas, fl. 1661.

Published, with Gerard Roberts, Edward Brush, and
others: For the King, and both houses of Parliament; being
a short relation of the sad estate and suffering of the
innocent people of God, called Quakers, &c., 1661.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:456.

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COVENTRY, Dercas (1768-1847) born Freeth

Dercas Coventry, the daughter of William and Dercas Freeth of Dunstable, was born 22 October 1768. She married Joseph Coventry.

Though naturally of a timid disposition, she appeared in the ministry, being recorded by Southwark M.M. in 1800. She and her husband later removed into Gracechurch Street M.M., of which she was a member for upwards of 30 years. Her gospel labours were chiefly confined to her own neighbourhood, and her communications were not long, but weighty. For many years she was an active member of the London Committee for Visiting Female Prisoners.

She died after a few days' illness on 24 March 1847 aged 78 years. Her body was interred at Stoke Newington, where she lived.

Testimony of Gracechurch St M.M. in Testimonies 1848, p.20

WBE:

Additional information:

COVENTRY, Dercas, 1768-1847.

m. Joseph Coventry.

Travelled w_{th} Mary Dudley.

d. Stoke Newington, London.

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The Friend (London), 5(1847):79.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 6(1848):30.

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COVENTRY, Dorcas (1806-1881)

Dorcas Coventry, the daughter of Joseph Coventry (1772?-1850 qv) and his wife Dorcas, born Freeth, of London, was born in the parish of St Albans in the city of London on 21 October 1806(1); she was sister to Joseph Freeth Coventry (1805-1882 qv), who married Mary Phillips Thompson (1808-1880 qv).

Throughout her long life she had trusted in her Saviour's love and when she died on 20 July 1881, at the age of seventy four(2), she was ready calmly to meet the summons.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1882, pp 22-23: brief entry, but see also entry for Mary Phillips Coventry (1808-1880), p 23

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a warehouseman
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Claughton, Birkenhead, a spinster late of Shotley Bridge

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

COVENTRY, Elizabeth (1771?-1867) born Barten

Elizabeth Barten, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Barten of Charing in the county of Kent, was born about the year 1771(1). She was married in 1798 to Michael Millis Coventry (1769?-1821 qv) and there were two children(2).

She was believed to be the last survivor of the eleven women Friends who were united with Elizabeth Fry in the Newgate Prison Committee in 1817(3). In 1818 a letter was sent to her from the prison from Mary Ann Jones, who was executed for forgery on 17 February 1818(4).

She died after a long widowhood of forty six years on 14 November 1867, at the age of ninety six(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 96 at death. There is no entry in Kent QM or London & Middlesex QM Births Digests
- 2 For marriage and children see COVENTRY, Michael Millis (1769?-1821)
- 3 Annual Monitor 1869, p 73: 5 line entry
- 4 J Friends Hist Soc vol 43, p 78
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Wandsworth, the widow of Michael

WBE:

COVENTRY, George, fl. 1825-1830.

Author: A critical enquiry regarding the real author
of the letters of Junius . . . , London, 1825.

On the revenues of the Church of England . . . ,
London, 1830.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:456.

COVENTRY, Henry Geldart (1835-1922) 3

Henry G. Coventry, the son of Joseph Freeth Coventry (1805-1882 qv) and his wife Mary Phillips (born Thompson, 1808-1880 qv) of Liverpool, was born there on 2 January 1835(1). He was educated at Lawrence Street School, York, from 1844 to 1845, going on to Beetham School, York, from 1846 to 1850; on leaving school he became a general broker in Liverpool (2). He was married in 1861 to Mary Thompson, the daughter of James Thompson (1804?-1849 qv) of Southport(3) and there were five children(4). Mary Coventry died in 1901(5) and in 1908 he took as his second wife Frances Josephine Walpole(6); there was no issue of the second marriage(7).

He was an elder and in later years a recorded minister. A clear and incisive speaker, he placed his talents willingly at Friends' disposal. For several years he visited meetings in various parts of Great Britain, feeling particularly drawn to those in small towns and country places, where he and his wife were warmly welcomed; they were particularly successful in the social gatherings, emphasising with their ready sympathy and cheerfulness the encouragement of words spoken in meeting. He had a wonderful memory for hymns and passages from the Bible, which often seemed to meet the needs of his hearers.

On several occasions he visited Ireland "in loving sympathy with them in the many difficult problems with which they have been faced during the trying times of recent years"(Testimony); he also made pastoral visits to meetings and isolated Friends in Scotland as well as to quarterly meetings in England. In the early years of the Adult School at Hunter Street, Liverpool, he took an active and helpful part, although he was already over sixty years of age.

He had a keen sense of humour, a quiet and self-effacing spirit and a calm trust and faith which were very striking, and his affectionate nature endeared him to all who knew him.

He died at Willaston in Cheshire on 8 May 1922, at the age of eighty seven(8).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend, vol 42 (1922) p 342

Testimony of Hardshaw West MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1923, p 245

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a drysalter
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 122
- 3 The wedding was at Southport on 31 July 1861: he is described as a bachelor, an accountant of Claughton, Cheshire, the son of Joseph Freeth Coventry, a broker; she is described as a spinster of Birkdale, Southport, the daughter of James Thompson, a yeoman (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digest of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-
 *Philip Henry b 20 Oct 1863 who d 19 Feb 1922
 Thompson qv b 25 Dec 1864 who m 1894 Edith Margaret Longmaid
 *Charles b 24 March 1867 who d 13 Jan 1911
 Basil b 11 Feb 1870 who d 21 April 1871
 *Edwin b 14 Sept 1871
 *No marriages traced to 1930
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she died 28 Dec 1901, aged 70, of Laurel Road, Fairfield, the wife of Henry Geldart
- 6 The wedding was at Chester on 8 April 1908: he is described as a widower, an insurance agent of 38 Derwent Road, Liverpool, the son of Joseph Freeth Coventry, a commission agent; she is described as a spinster of Orwell Park, Rathgar, Dublin, the daughter of Joseph Walpole, a gentleman farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 7 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of Innisfail, Willaston, Cheshire, a retired commission agent

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

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COVENTRY, Joseph (1772?-1850)

Joseph Coventry, the son of Joseph and Martha Coventry of Southwark, was born about the year 1772(1). He was a book-keeper of Bull Head Passage, Wood Street in London(2) and in 1801 he was married to Dorcas Freeth(3); there were six children(4).

He was a minister(5) and died at Stoke Newington on 17 February 1850, at the age of seventy eight(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 78 at death. There is no entry in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest

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

3 The wedding was at Red Cross Street, London, on 9 June 1801; he is described as a book-keeper of Bull Head Passage, Wood Street, the son of Joseph and Martha, late of King Street, Southwark; she is described as the daughter of William and Dorcas Freeth, late of Peckham (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and the Digest of Deaths as follows:-

Martha Ann	b 15 March 1802	who m 1828 Alfred Rutter
Priscilla	b 1 Dec 1803	who m 1829 Thomas Alletson
Joseph Freeth qv	b 22 March 1805	who m 1830 Mary Phillips Thompson (1808-1880 qv (Lancs.QM Marriages)
Dorcas qv	b 21 Oct 1806	who d unmarried 1881
Gulielma	b 22 July 1808	who d 25 Aug 1808
Gulielma	b 28 Nov 1809	who m 1834 Charles Ianson (1809-1884 qv)

5 He is so described in the entry in the Digest of Deaths for the death of his wife on 24 March 1847

6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of 4 Rochester Terrace, Stoke Newington

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

COVENTRY, Joseph Freeth (1805-1882)

Joseph Freeth Coventry, the son of Joseph Coventry (1772?-1850 qv) and his wife Dorcas, born Freeth, of Southwark, was born there on 22 March 1805(1). He left London and went to Liverpool, where he became a drysalter(2). He was married in 1830 to Mary Phillips Thompson (1808-1880 qv), the daughter of Thomas Thompson (1776-1861 qv) and his wife Frances (born Phillips, 1777-1839 qv) of Liverpool(3) and there were four children(4).

He died at Claughton on 23 June 1882, at the age of seventy seven(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a warehouseman
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Hardshaw on 5 August 1830: he is described as a drysalter of Liverpool, the son of Joseph, a warehouseman, and Dorcas Coventry; she is described as the daughter of Thomas, a chemist, and Frances Thompson of Liverpool (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Joseph qv	b 3 Nov 1831	who m 1858 Anna Thompson
Silvanus qv	b 15 March 1833	who d 9 May 1852
Henry Geldart qv	b 2 Jan 1835	who m 1861 Mary Thompson
Basil	b 24 Jan 1846	who d 26 Sept 1846
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of Devonshire Place, Claughton, not in business

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1883, p 36: 1 line entry for death

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

COVENTRY, Mary (1831-1901) born Thompson

Mary Thompson, daughter of James (1797-1878 qv) and Ann (born Grimshaw, 1804-1891 qv) Thompson of Liverpool, was born there on 16 July 1831 (1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1843 to 1845 (2).

She married in 1861 Henry Geldart Coventry (1835-1922 qv): there were 5 children (3). They lived in Birkenhead for about four years; for the next 30 years her home was at Birkdale, Southport. In 1895 the family came to settle in Liverpool.

She had been mainly instrumental in establishing a branch of the RSPCA in Southport and also a Band of Mercy, in order that the young might be trained in habits of kindness to animals. She had little inclination for a more public life beyond her home but for many years, and nearly up to the time of her marriage, she was a most diligent teacher in the first day school at Liverpool and an indefatigable visitor in the homes of the scholars. Indeed, it might be said that she and her elder sister Anna were the pioneers of the first day school in Liverpool.

Mary Coventry, of Laurel Road, Fairfield, Liverpool, died 28 December 1901, aged 70 years (4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association report 21 (1902) pp 93-4

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QJ Births Digest: her father is described as cow-keeper. But cf AOSA report which states that she was born at Rawdon, her parents removing to Liverpool shortly after. Her name does not appear in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 List of scholars, 1879, p 146 (admission number 6565)
- 3 For details of the marriage and children, see THOMAS COVENTRY, Henry Geldart (1835-1922)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as wife of Henry Geldart

There is no mention of her in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

COVENTRY, Mary Phillips (1806-1880) born Thompson

Mary Phillips Thompson, the daughter of Thomas Thompson (1776-1861 qv) and his wife Frances (born Phillips, 1777-1839 qv) of Liverpool, was born there on 25 February 1806(1). She was endowed with a strong mind and fine natural ability, but her faith was one of trust and simplicity. She was married in 1830 to Joseph Freeth Coventry (1805-1882 qv) of Liverpool and there were four children(2).

She endured much physical suffering for many years with uncomplaining cheerfulness and died on 29 October 1880 at the age of seventy two(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1882, p 23: eight line notice

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QN Births Digest: her father is described as a druggist
- 2 For marriage and children see COVENTRY, Joseph Freeth (1805-1882)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Claughton, the wife of Joseph Freeth. The Annual Monitor erroneously gives her age at death as 73 and it is given as 22 in the Digest of Deaths

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

COVENTRY, Michael Millis (1769?-1821)

Michael Millis Coventry, the son of Joseph and Martha Coventry of Southwark, was born about the year 1769(1). He was a cheesemonger of Gracechurch Street in London(2) and was married in 1798 to Elizabeth Barten (1771?-1867 qv)(3); there were two children(4).

He died at Penton Place in the parish of Newington, Surrey, on 24 December 1821, at the age of fifty two(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 52 at death. There is no entry in London & Middlesex QM or Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digests
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Horselydown on 20 November 1798: he is described as a cheesemonger of Gracechurch Street, London, the son of Joseph and Martha Coventry, late of the borough of Southwark; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Mary Barten, late of Charing in the county of Kent (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Thomas	b 29 Sept 1799	who d 19 Oct 1799
Millis qv	b 20 Nov 1800	who m 1827 Mary Bevington
- 5 ~~Digest of Deaths:~~ no description of him is given
London & Middlesex QM Deaths Digest

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 43, p 78

COVENTRY, Millis (1800-1886)

Millis Coventry, the son of Michael Millis Coventry (1769?-1821 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Barten, 1771?-1867 qv) of Walworth, was born there on 20 November 1800(1). He was a corn factor of Penton Place, Walworth(2) and in 1827 he was married to Mary Bevington, the daughter of Samuel Bevington of Bermondsey(3); there were eleven children(4).

He died at Wandsworth Common on 14 March 1886, at the age of eighty five(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a cheesemonger
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Red Cross Street, Southwark, on 18 September 1827: he is described as a corn factor of Penton Place, Walworth, the son of Michael Millis and Elizabeth Coventry, late of Penton Place, Walworth; she is described as the daughter of Samuel and Eliza Bevington of Bermondsey (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 19 Aug 1828	who m 1856 William Colson <i>Westlake</i> <i>Wallace</i> (1822-1887qv)
*Samuel	b 16 Feb 1830	
*Mary	b 1 Jan 1832	
*Edward	b 16 July 1833	
*Arthur	b 20 June 1835	
*Edith	b 9 March 1837	
*Millis	b 3 Nov 1838	
*Priscilla	b 6 Aug 1840	
Emma	b 29 April 1842	who d 26 Nov 1847
*Lucy	b 5 Jan 1844	
*Ellen	b 15 Aug 1845	

*No marriages traced to 1903

- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of Fernside, Wandsworth Common

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

COVENTRY, Silvanus (1833-1852)

(after 1846
Bootham)/

Silvanus Coventry, the son of Joseph Freeth Coventry (1805-1882 qv) and his wife Mary Phillips (born Thompson, 1808-1880 qv) of Liverpool, was born there on 15 March 1833(1). He was educated at Lawrence Street School, York, from 1842 to 1848; when he left school he became a commission agent, but his hobbies were genealogy and heraldry and he made a chart of the family tree(2). He had great natural ability and a spirit of gentleness and purity was in an unusual degree conspicuous in his character. He never wilfully grieved or disobeyed his parents, enjoyed his life to the full and was greatly beloved in his family circle.

He went for a country walk on 9 May 1852 with one of his brothers, bringing home some wild flowers for his mother. He was missed at tea time and was found to have collapsed and died very suddenly, from no apparent cause, at the age of nineteen(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1853, pp 69-70

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a drysalter
- 2 Bootham School Register, 1935, p 123
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as the son of Joseph Freeth and Mary Phillips

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