

RAPER, Anne (1663/4 or 1664/5-1743) after 1687 Pim

[Anne Raper, daughter of Christopher and Phillipa Raper of Mountrath in Ireland, was married in 1687 to Moses Pim (1664-1714/5 or 1715/6 qv).]

See PIM, Anne (1663/4 or 1664/5-1743) born Raper ]

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RAPER, Caleb, 1693-1745

b. 1 XII 1693 at Burlington, N.J., son of  
Thomas and Abigail (Perkins) Raper.

m., 1719, Mary Coate of Springfield Township,  
New Jersey. (d.1764) children.

1741, An elder and overseer, he accompanied  
Robert Jordan to New England. Two years later he  
was at Flushing, L.I. with John Churchman.

Served the civil community as a magistrate.

d. Aug. 5, 1745 at Burlington, N.J. of dropsy,  
aged about 52 years.

The Friend (Phila.), 30:229; 33:412

Hinshaw, Encyc., 2E181

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RAPER, Elizabeth, 1739-1822

b. XII, 1739 in Amersham, Bucks, England,  
of parents not Friends.

She herself enjoyed display in dress. She read at  
an early age Barclay's Apology but failed to profit by  
the reading.

Was later convinced and consulted her father about  
joining Friends. He did not approve but she went ahead  
anyway. After about 15 years, during which time she  
continued to live at home, he was finally reconciled.

1793 spoke as a minister. However, she did not  
travel much. She was a firm and true friend. Her  
mental powers were wonderfully sustained.

d. March 2, 1822, Amersham, in her 83d year.

Piety pro., (1829):270

An. Mon. (O.S.), 12(1824):27

WBE:

RAPER, Joshua, 1697-1760

b. 1697 at Burlington, N.J., son of  
Thomas and Abigail (Perkins) Raper.

m., 1720, Sarah Cooper. children.

1745 made an Overseer of Burlington Monthly  
Meeting and five years later became an Elder. He was  
a humble, watchful man.

d. Aug. 15, 1760 at Burlington, N.J., aged 63.

John Smith's Ms. 2:405

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RAPER, Thomas, c.1656-1715

b. c1656, Sindersby, near Thirsk, Yorks.,  
England of well-to-do parents.

Convinced and joined Friends. Was disinherited  
by his father and turned out of his home.

Became a blacksmith.

1681 emigrated to Burlington, N.J.

m., 1690, Abigail Perkins, of Seilby, Leics.,  
England. children.

They were very hospitable and kept open house  
for the entertainment of visiting Friends.

T.R. was active in the affairs of both Friends  
and the provincial government. He was an Overseer.

d. July 31, 1715 at Burlington, in his 59th year.

The Friend (Phila.), 33:412

John Smith's Ms. 2:314

RASCHE, Louis (1831?- 1895)

Louis Rasche was the fourth child of John and Julia Rasche. He was born about 1831. When almost 18 his mind seems to have been deeply impressed with the importance of eternal things, and in later life he told one of his friends that he often felt constrained to beseech the Lord in private prayer to strengthen his faith in the immediate guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In his early career Louis Rasche was engaged in the manufacture of chocolate, in which he excelled; but a fire at the factory destroyed his business. One of his subsequent occupations was asparagus growing.

He was a very regular attender at Minden meeting and was until his death clerk to Minden & Pyrmont Two Months Meeting. He was the official connecting link between German Friends and London Yearly Meeting, which he occasionally attended.

He had married Amelia Günther of Minden: there were three surviving children.

Louis Rasche of Minden died 30 November 1895, aged 64 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1897 p 121

There is no reference to him in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

RASLEY, family of

see RASLEY

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RATCLIFF, Mildred, nee Morris, 1773-1847

b. Nov. 11, 1773 in Virginia, daughter of John and Elizabeth Morris. His parents were Anglicans who turned Baptists.

m., 1787 Harrison Ratcliffe (d. 1845) They resided near Lynchburg and M.R. had a very satisfying life in the Baptist church, enjoying especially the singing. She released any slaves that she owned.

c.1793 she was convinced of Friends message when she read John Woolman's Journal. She then joined Friends and about 1800 became a minister. She visited most of the meetings in America. Was cured of smoking her pipe by a vivid dream.

1842-47 during this period she was largely confined to her room.

d. Jan. 22, 1847 in Brownsville, Pa. in her 74th year.

The Friend (Phila.), 18(1845):384; 20(1847):168

Piety pro., 12th part, 242

Hunt, John Hunt's Journal

Kite, (cf Walton) Incidents , 129

Evans, Johnathan Evans and his time, 157, 183 (portrait)

Hav. Coll., Qu. Collection, portrait of M.R. in Jonathan Evans' letters.

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RATCLIFF, Rachel A., nee Lamm, 1852-1928

b. Nov. 19, 1852 at Amboy, Ind., daughter of  
Anderson and Polly Lamm.

ed. Home School ( then known as Carey)

m., 1877, John M. Ratcliff of W. Middleton, Ind.

Was an active worker for temperance, and also  
taught in the First-day School.

1891 felt a call to preach, and spoke in Green-  
town Meeting. Later pastor at Friends' Chapel for  
6 years.

1893, moved to Tennessee where there were no  
Friends. She held meetings in school houses.

1901 with her husband accepted a call to go to  
work among the Iowa Indians in Oklahoma. Recorded a  
minister. Later worked in Kansas Yearly Meeting.

d. Jan. 29, 1928 near Tryon, Okla., in her 76th  
year.

The Am. Friend, 16(1928):199 (portrait)

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RATCLIFF, William, ca. 1804-1862

b. ca. 1804

1851, Clerk, Ohio Y. Mtg. (E.F.A.)

Member of Flushing, Ohio Mo Mtg.

Clerk of Yearly Mtg. at death.

d. 20 Apr. 1862, near Flushing Belmont Co., Ohio, aged 58 yrs.

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 397  
Fds. Review, 15(1852), 586

RATHBONE, Thomas (1817-1870)

Thomas Rathbone, the son of Thomas and Eliza Rathbone of Grendon House, Grendon in Warwickshire, was born there on 16 July 1817(1). He was a member of the little meeting at Hartshill and outlived every member of it; he worshipped alone for several months before he decided to associate himself with another body of Christians. The ancient meeting house, built in 1720, was closed and remained so for thirty years.

Eventually, the meeting house was restored for public worship and Thomas Rathbone, who had never lost his interest in the Society, was made happy in the last years of his life by this resuscitation of the meeting, which he regularly attended.

Thomas Rathbone of Hartshill died, apparently unmarried(2), on 15 August 1870 at the age of fifty three(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1871, pp 102-103

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given, but he is described in a second son's birth as a farmer
- 2 There is no trace of a marriage in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

William White, Friends in Warwickshire, 2nd ed, 1886, pp 112-4, lists the "Newtons, Lythalls, Fowlers, Rathbones, and Crosfields" as "some of the most prominent in connection with [Hartshill] meeting during the eighteenth and earlier part of the present century". He notes that the meeting was discontinued in 1838 and that after 30 years meetings were held at intervals, regular meetings being recommenced in 1869

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RATHBONE, William (1696-1746) William Rathbone II

William Rathbone, the son of William Rathbone and his wife Martha, born Vigour, of Gawsworth near Macclesfield in Cheshire, was born in the year 1696. At some time before 1730 he left his native village and moved to Liverpool, where he set up in business in a saw mill. The venture prospered and he became in turn a timber sawyer, a timber merchant, a general commission merchant, a ship owner and perhaps a ship builder. By the middle of the eighteenth century the firm which he founded, and of which all his direct successors have been members, owned or hired five or six small vessels, trading chiefly to the West Indies, the southern states of America and the Baltic.

He was a member of the Established Church until about the year 1730, when he became convinced of the Truth as professed by Friends and was received into membership of the Society. He was an upright and faithful member, leaving a testimony in the hearts of many of his surviving friends that his life had corresponded with his holy profession. His father, William Rathbone of Gawsworth, received the Truth shortly after his son.

William Rathbone II died at Liverpool on 9 iii (May) 1746(1).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Eleanor F.Rathbone, William Rathbone, A Memoir, London 1905, pp 1-5

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: he is described as of Liverpool

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

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RATHBONE, William (1726-1789) William Rathbone III

William Rathbone, the son of William Rathbone (1696-1746 qv) of Liverpool, was born in the year 1726. His parents were members of the Established Church, but his mother died before he was two years old and about the year 1730 his father became a convinced Friend. William was carefully educated in the principles of the Society and even when young was an example of sobriety and industry.

When he was about seventeen, seeing little likelihood of earning a living in Liverpool, he contemplated going abroad, but when he was on the point of sailing he received a conviction that his proposed course of action was wrong and that his duty and his religious work lay in his native place. He yielded to the powerful conviction which he had experienced and from that time forward he became a dedicated servant of the Lord and one not anxious to acquire worldly wealth. He was married in 1750 to Rachel Rutter(1) and there were six children(2).

When he was about thirty three he was made an elder and "we esteemed him worthy of double honour, he being vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach, patient, not covetous, one that ruled well his own house." (Testimony) He appeared in the ministry when he was about forty nine and afterwards made several journeys in the exercise of his gift. He was careful not to exceed the leading he had been given and his testimony was made in simplicity and faithfulness, so that he became a steady pillar of the church to the end of his life.

He was intellectually gifted and his judgment was sound. He was regular in his attendance at meetings for worship and discipline, where his counsel was much valued, being arrived at by firmness, impartiality and rectitude. He also visited families and was frequently appointed to visit the monthly and quarterly meetings in different parts of the country, making one journey to Ireland. He took a leading part in plans for the abolition of the slave trade, on which the prosperity of Liverpool at that time rested. The small handful of men who opposed the trade were bitterly unpopular and were not unfrequently the object of mob violence.

His letters which were still extant in 1905 give an impression of firmness and dignity. He was remembered by a contemporary as a mild and contemplative personality, but it is clear from the record of his business transactions that the placid exterior hid a considerable fund of worldly shrewdness and energy.

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RATHBONE, William (1726-1789) William Rathbone III continued

His mind was remarkably clear and free before his death and he was lifted above all temporal cares. He died at Liverpool on 11 August 1789 at the age of sixty three(3), having been a minister for fourteen years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Eleanor Rathbone, William Rathbone, A Memoir, London 1905, pp 5-9  
+ TGM vol 3, p 407  
+ Testimony of Hardshaw MM in

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Liverpool on 22 November 1750: he is described as of Liverpool, the son of William Rathbone of Liverpool (deceased she is described as of Liverpool, the daughter of Joseph Rutter of Liverpool (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 2 Listed in Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Sarah	b 25 Aug 1751	who m 1781 Robert Benson (1749-1802 q)
Anne	b 17 June 1754	who d 27 Dec 1756
Elizabeth	b 15 April 1756	who d 30 Sept 1793
William qv	b 10 June 1757	who m 1786 Hannah Mary Reynolds
Rachel	b 7 Oct 1758	who d 1 Sept 1769
Ann	b 13 March 1760	who d 7 Feb 1761
- 3 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a merchant

SEE ALSO:-

Piety Promoted 1854, vol 3, pp 167-169

J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 9: James Jenkins writes: "We reckoned him one of our small ministers."

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 2, p 116: vol 13, p 15, p 17: vol 16, p 42: vol 21, pp 61,62,65: vol 23, pp 19,35,36: vol 24, p 39:  
Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 4

\* Norman Penney's note in Pen pictures p 9 states that he was in frequent attendance at the Circular YMs then held in various parts of the land it is also noted that he had attended the Yearly Meeting of 1789

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RATHBONE, William (1757-1809) William Rathbone IV

William Rathbone, the son of William Rathbone (1726-1789 av) and his wife Rachel, born Rutter, of Liverpool, was born there on 10 June 1757(1). He left school at the age of sixteen or seventeen to go into his father's office and although in those days office hours were long, he had an eager thirst for knowledge; he found time to acquire a good working knowledge of French, Latin and Greek and to keep himself well acquainted with contemporary thought in politics, economics, theology and philosophy as represented by the Scottish school. Yet his appetite for knowledge was not that of a book-worm, but of a man who, as he said himself, loved the world and to whom everything that threw light on the great permanent concerns of humanity was of interest.

He was quite different from his father and was a man of ardent and impassioned, yet laborious temperament; a man born to belong to minorities and to champion lost causes. Yet absorbed as he was in public affairs he did not neglect his own, for while in his hands the business of his firm flourished greatly. He reorganised the American trade with Liverpool and the firm had sometimes as many as twenty or twenty five ships consigned to it in dock at the same time. In 1784 his firm imported the first consignment of American cotton ever landed at Liverpool; it came in eight bales and three barrels and such were the humble beginnings of a trade destined to give Liverpool a far greater profit than she was to lose by the ending of the slave trade.

He was married in 1786 to Hannah Mary Reynolds of Bristol(2), the only daughter of Richard Reynolds, who was a partner in the iron-works at Coalbrookdale; there were eight children(3). In 1787, on the birth of his eldest son, a delicate child who needed country air, William Rathbone bought Greenbank, a farm house about three miles from the town.

William Rathbone was fond of hospitality and had many friends among men like minded with himself in matters of politics and religion. In Liverpool the party of Reform, or, as they called themselves, The Friends of Freedom, were then as always in a minority and the consciousness of this drew them closer together. The war with France, welcomed by the majority of Liverpool's citizens, was bitterly denounced by the Friends of Freedom on the ground of justice, that England had no right to force the French people to take back a form of government they had rejected, but later events disillusioned them with the French. William Rathbone had also denounced the slave trade and when to that offence was added that of opposing the war, he became so unpopular with his well-to-do neighbours that a physician attending an illness in the family asked leave to pay his visits after nightfall, explaining that

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it would injure his practice for his carriage to be seen standing at Mr William Rathbone's door. William Rathbone's hair having turned prematurely white, he was nicknamed the hoary traitor. There is more than one story of his having ridden straight into a mob violently excited against the abolitionists and persuaded them quietly to disperse. An old Scottish merchant, who had known him as a youth, described him as the most convincing speaker he had ever heard; there was no attempt at oratory in his speaking, but it had the persuasiveness which is the fruit of intense conviction and a clear head.

During the Irish Separation at the end of the eighteenth century his sympathies were with those who took the view that the God of the Canaanite wars of the Old Testament could not be reconciled with the God of love of the New Testament, which cast doubts on the divine inspiration of parts of the Old Testament; a second cause for Irish Friends' dissatisfaction lay in the rigid and complicated marriage procedure then in use, which many young Friends dispensed with. William Rathbone published in 1804 a book called A Narrative of Events that have recently taken place in Ireland among the Society called Quakers and as a consequence of the views he expressed he was disowned by Hardshaw Monthly Meeting. Many of his friends rejoiced at his final severance from a religious community with which he had long ceased to be in sympathy, but his native earnestness and partiality had made it hard for him to give up hope of influencing the Society towards his own more liberal views.

But in this matter, as in many others, his views were in advance of his time and although some of the causes for which he worked, including Poor Law reform, triumphed in the end, he did not live to see it, save in the one instance of the abolition of the slave trade. He wore out his constitution by his exertions and in 1808 became ill with an agonising internal disease. For months his sufferings were terrible, but his spirit remained unsubdued and he spoke of his approaching death as "a serious matter, but nothing dismal." He died on 11 February 1809, in his fifty second year(4). His widow survived him for thirty years and Greenbank was left to her for her lifetime.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Eleanor F.Rathbone, William Rathbone, A Memoir, London 1905, pp 9-36

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 J Friends Hist Soc vol 10 (1913) p 88n: the marriage is not traced in Lancashire QM, Bristol & Somerset QM, Yorkshire QM, Westmorland QM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests
- 3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest as follows:-

William qv	b 17 June 1787	who m 1812, outside the Society, Elizabeth Greg
Richard	b 2 Dec 1788	
Hannah Mary	b 3 Aug 1791	
Joseph	b 4 July 1793	
Theophilus	b 28 July 1796	
Theodore Woodman	b 4 Aug 1798	
Benson	b 26 Aug 1800	
Basil	b 14 Dec 1802	
- 4 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a merchant of Greenbank, not in membership

SEE ALSO:-

~~Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore, BX7681~~

~~Jos Smith's Catalogue~~ vol 2, p 471

~~Dictionary of National Biography~~

~~Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 2, pp43,116:  
vol 10, p 88n: vol 14, p 87: vol 21, p 65: vol 23, p 59:  
Sup 7 (Thomas Pole) p 13~~

~~J Friends Hist Soc vol 2, pp 43,116: vol 10, p 88n:  
vol 14, p 87: vol 21, p 65: vol 23, p 59:  
Sup 7 (Thomas Pole) p 13~~

William Rathbone, the son of William Rathbone (1757-1809 qv) and his wife Hannah Mary, born Reynolds, of Liverpool, was born there on 17 June 1787(1). He was just of age when his father died and although he was hardly his father's equal in intellectual power or native eloquence, he had high courage and an ardent, generous nature. His temper was quick and when aroused by anything he considered wrong or unjust his judgments were apt to be severe and his speech caustic. He suffered all his earlier life from dyspepsia, which made him very depressed at times, but he had high principles and a strong will and he led a life nearly as full and much longer than his father's.

He was married in 1812 to Elisabeth Greg, the daughter of Samuel Greg of Quarry Bank, near Manchester. The Gregs were Unitarians and William Rathbone incurred the penalty of disownment for marrying outside the Society; he was, however, re-admitted on giving his assurance that, although he could not out of courtesy to his wife say he repented of marrying her, he would not do it again. There were six children of the marriage(2), but some years later he and his family severed their connection with the Society and joined a congregation of Unitarians.

At the time of his marriage William Rathbone was already deeply immersed in local politics, helping to organise various petitions and addressing meetings in favour of Reform. The period was one of much social discontent, strong measures were taken to suppress it, Habeas Corpus was suspended and the right of public meetings taken away. Lists of suspected persons were prepared, in which William Rathbone's name appeared, with the note "dangerous, but has done nothing as yet." He became involved in local parliamentary elections and the bribery and corruption which he saw so disgusted him that he tried to get enforced an Act by which polling booths should be supplied for every six hundred voters, thus shortening the duration of the election and the opportunities for bribery and corruption to two days. In this he was successful and was escorted to his house in Abercromby Square by the cheers of the very mob whose usual carnival he had destroyed.

He was deeply and violently involved in the political struggle, but he long outlived the unpopularity brought on him by his advocacy of controversial causes and his caustic tongue. He was increasingly remembered for his long and disinterested labours, his zeal in every cause of civic and social improvement and his benevolence to the poor. His influence in the town grew steadily and after his death a statue of him was erected in Sefton Park. His own character during his later years had ripened and mellowed. He had an old-world, elaborate

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courtesy of manner, which combined with a certain antique distinction of dress, gave him the air of belonging to a past generation. His sarcastic turn of speech made him a rather formidable old gentleman, especially to young people, but he could be a genial and charming host and he and his wife had always made their home in Liverpool a rendezvous for all visitors who had some special opinion to propagate or some philanthropic scheme to advance.

At the beginning of 1868 his health began seriously to fail. He was told that an operation might give him several more years of comfort, but without it he would be an invalid. He had no wish to be a burden on others, so he underwent the operation, but it was not successful and he died on 1 February 1868, in his eighty first year. His wife survived him for fifteen years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Eleanor F. Rathbone, William Rathbone, A Memoir, London 1905, pp 39-53

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a merchant
- 2 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 11 Jan 1813
Hannah Mary	b 24 Nov 1816
William qv	b 2 Nov 1819
Agnes	b 17 Jan 1821
Samuel Greg	b 17 May 1823
Philip Henry	b 8 May 1828

SEE ALSO:- J Friends Hist Soc vol 2, p 116: vol 21, p 65: Sup 23  
(Slavery and the Woman Question) p 15a, 61, 62, 76

William Rathbone, the son of William Rathbone (1787-1863 qv) and his wife Elizabeth, born Greg, of Liverpool, was born there on 2 November 1819(1). At the age of four he was sent to a day school in Seel Street, having been detected in inciting his elder sister to rebellion against their governess. Apparently the discipline of this day school was insufficient to restrain him, for when just six years old he was sent to a small boarding school at Gateacre, four miles from Liverpool; he was allowed home on Saturdays and Sundays. Three years later his parents heard of a school at Cheam conducted on the Pestalozzi system, in which they were greatly interested. William arrived there in a broad brimmed Quaker hat, which earned him the name of the little Quaker, but this did not trouble him much; he was an active boy, fond of mischief, and got on well with his fellows. A year later he was moved to a school at Everton, with his brother Samuel, and there he spent the rest of his schooldays, from 1830 to 1835.

On leaving school he became a junior apprentice at the office of Messrs Nicol, Duckworth & Co, merchants in the Bombay and Mediterranean trade, where he remained for three years. He was then about sixteen and was making the rough passage from boyhood to manhood, but he found the work he was given to do very dull and in his own words became morbid and sentimental. His father gave a great deal of his time and money to public works and William found that it was expected by his colleagues that he was destined for a political life rather than a business career; he tried to counteract this impression by throwing himself into his very dull work and doing it conscientiously and well.

The dullness of his life during this period may have been an advantage in that it left him more open to the most important influence which had so far been brought to bear on it. His father had severed his connection with the Society of Friends when William was about four and the family attended the Unitarian Chapel in Renshaw Street. In 1831 the Rev. John Hamilton Thom was appointed to the ministry there; he was a young man, but his influence on his congregation soon became unique and profound. In moments of intimate conversation William Rathbone often tried to describe the impression which the Rev. Thom's preaching left in his mind and the point on which he laid most stress was the poignancy of its appeal to the individual conscience.

At the close of his three years with Nicol, Duckworth & Co, William went for a short time into his father's office, but in the autumn of 1839 he persuaded his father to allow him a year's leave of absence to study at the University of Heidelberg. Although he had a great love of reading he was not a natural scholar; knowledge was always to him a means, not an end and he studied the past in the hope

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that it would help him to understand the present and the future. But he gained much from his experience at Heidelberg and from the travels in Europe which followed his time there.

On his return to England it was felt that he should see something of a large London business house and his father arranged for him to be taken into the offices of Messrs Baring Brothers. He regarded this as one of the most important years of his life, full of hard and interesting work and blessed with perfect health and freedom from anxiety. In April 1841 he went to America with the firm's senior partner and soon after his return was made a partner in his father's firm of Rathbone Brothers & Co. His life as a Liverpool merchant had begun in earnest; he worked harder than he had ever done in his life and had little time for outside interests.

He was married on 6 September 1847 to Lucretia Mainwright Gair, the eldest daughter of Samuel Gair of Liverpool. In the autumn of the year following his marriage he was obliged to go to America again on business and was accompanied by his wife. Two years later they moved from their small house in Liverpool to New Brighton in Cheshire and this was his home for the next eighteen years, but unfortunately his wife was delicate and his marriage was not destined to last very long. She died in 1859, after a few months' illness, leaving five children, of whom the eldest was ten years old and the youngest only a few days.

To one of William Rathbone's disposition the only course at such a time was to engross himself in work and he also began, perhaps in memory of his wife, to take an interest in nursing. He had seen in his own home the difference skilled nursing could make and he devoted his energies to making this skill available to the poor. He undertook to build a Training School and a Home for Nurses and to present them to the Infirmary and on 1 July 1862 the work of the Infirmary was handed over to the Liverpool Training School and Home for Nurses. Their work was threefold; first for the Royal Infirmary; secondly for poor patients in their own homes; thirdly for well-to-do private patients. William Rathbone was the first honorary secretary of the new Training School and much of the organisation of the work fell to him.

In the spring of 1862 he married again and his second wife was an Irishwoman, the daughter of Mr Acheson Lyle of Londonderry. The year of his marriage was that of the cotton famine in Lancashire and he was put on the Central Executive Committee in Manchester, to control all the relief funds. In 1869 he entered Parliament, leaving the day-to-day running of the business to his brother Samuel, and served for eleven years as Liberal representative for Liverpool. Parliamentary life suited him and the long hours of work involved did not overtax him when he was young and strong. He used to settle for six months during the Session in a house at Princes Gardens, close to Hyde Park, where he took

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his early morning rides and met other members, thus getting through a great deal of work in an informal manner. He also liked to give small dinner parties to members of all the political parties, when some piece of legislation would be discussed and much useful work done. He did not often speak in the House and when he did it was to intervene on a subject of which he had special knowledge or interest; what he had to say was always clear good sense, practical and relevant.

He lost his Parliamentary seat when he stood for the South West Lancashire constituency, but his defeat left him free to pursue an object which had for a long time engaged his interest, the founding of a University College for Liverpool. The respite in his political life also gave him the opportunity to take his family on an extended holiday to the Tyrol, Trieste and the Greek Islands and Athens. From Greece they went to Cannes, intending to spend the winter there, but they had only been there a few days when William Rathbone was summoned home to contest Carmarthenshire for the Liberals, which he won by over a thousand votes.

The long sought dream of a University College for Liverpool began to take shape in 1880 and William and his two brothers agreed to found a King Alfred Chair of Modern Literature and English Language. William Rathbone was especially interested in the problem of how youths intended for a business career might take advantage of a University course and did not share the view that higher studies unfitted young men for business. The University College of Liverpool began work in 1882 and was still making demands upon its founders when William Rathbone, by that time M.P. for Caernarvonshire, found himself caught up in plans for establishing a similar college for North Wales. A conference was held in January 1883 and after some discussion Bangor was chosen as the site for the new college; the Court of Governors met in 1894 and a Council was elected by a double ballot, William Rathbone's name heading both ballots. He remained in close touch with both the colleges he had helped to found and up to 1892, when he was elected President of the North Wales College, he held the same position in both - that of Vice President of both Councils.

His interest in education was not confined to the University level. Towards the end of his working life he had much to do with the organisation of schools and had a share in securing for Wales the Intermediate Education Act of 1889. He was also a member of the Central Relief Society and other philanthropic bodies and was a Guardian of the Poor. He had been concerned about the problem of poverty since his youth and suggested a reorganisation of the Poor Law administration on the lines of voluntary societies. He took a deep interest in how the problem was tackled in other countries, particularly in Germany and the Elberfeld system. He was also interested in schemes for dealing

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with the problem of Ireland and favoured plans for the emigration of the Irish to the United States or for their removal from the poorer to the more fertile regions of their own country. He decided to retire from Parliamentary life in 1895, although he was pressed to stand again and his links with his Welsh constituents had never been stronger.

In his religious life, although he was a Unitarian, he retained traces of the family's Quakerism; he was fond of calling himself a Quaker and justified the claim by saying "Once a Quaker, always a Quaker," even though he had ceased to attend meetings of the Society when he was four years old. Theology did not interest him, but he had two articles of faith by which he lived; one was the Quaker doctrine of the Inward Light and the other a belief in the leadership and sovereignty of Christ.

During the first six months of 1900 his health began to fail. He continued to take holidays with his family at home and abroad, but was forced to travel as an invalid. There was no sudden change in his habits, only a gradual deterioration and he viewed his approaching death with equanimity. He died at his home at Liverpool on 6 March 1901 and among the flowers at his funeral there was a wreath from Florence Nightingale "In remembrance and humblest love of one of God's best and greatest sons."

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Eleanor F. Rathbone, William Rathbone, A Memoir, London 1905

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a merchant

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RATHBONE, William (1726-1789)

William Rathbone, one of six successive Friends of the name, was a minister and was in frequent attendance at the Circular Y.M.s then held in various parts of the land. His home was Liverpool. His death took place shortly after London Y.M. 1789 (which he attended). James Jenkins writes: "We reckoned him one of our small ministers".

Based on note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.9

WBE:

RATHBONE, William, 1757-1809

b. 1757

Lived in Liverpool, England and was a member of Hardshaw Monthly Meeting. He was eventually disowned by that meeting probably because he appears to have been an apologist for "rationalistic ideas" coming into England from Ireland.

He wrote a number of works, among them (1804) A narrative of events that have lately taken place in Ireland. This is of interest because it contains an account of the origins of the Queries.

d. Feb. 11 1809 at Greenbank, aged 52 years.

Jos. Smith's Cat. 2:471

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX7681



RAUNCE, John

Dr John Raunce lived at Wycombe, Co. Bucks. His first wife Elizabeth, was 'one of ye first, if not ye very first, yt declared the Truth' at Turville Heath, Oxfordshire (FPT). The doctor and his wife nursed Thomas Ellwood through a serious illness. In 1668 Raunce was present at a meeting at Weston, representing 'Wiccomb' (Jnl FHS xvi). He appears to have been liberated from prison in Bucks by the 'General Pardon' of 1672 (Extracts from State Papers, p.345 - Cal. S.P. Dom. 1671-2). Later, in 1676, Dr Raunce joined the Separatist party. He wrote several tracts before and after his defection (Smith, Cata.).

Rogers: Christian Quaker, 1680, postscript, p.22  
Second Period of Quakerism

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.371

WBE:  
Additional references

RAUNCE, John (Dr.),

Ellwood, Hist. of the life of Thomas Ellwood... (Index)

WBE:

RAVEN, John

Lived at Feering, near Kelvedon, Essex, England.

1660, Taken at a meeting at Steeple, sentenced at Colchester and sent to prison. Already a Friend at this time.

1663, Imprisoned for refusing oath.

1678, Imprisoned for absence from national worship.

1701 wrote The Substance of a discourse, etc.

Besse, i:198, 199, 206

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:473

RAW, Alexander (fl 1666)

Alexander Raw of Gunnerside, Swaledale, had at least one child (1).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:

Francis born 1666

No reference to the death of Alexander Raw has been traced in Yorkshire  
QM Burials Digest

RAW, Ann ( -1709) born

Ann Raw, widow of John Raw of Smarber, died in 1709, being buried at Healey Park on 5.vi.[Aug] 1709 (1).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: her name is there spelt Row. It seems probable either that 'John' here is a mistranscription of James, or that the James Row ( -1708? qv) is in fact John Row

RAW, Ann (1722-1761) born Coates

Ann(e) Coates, sixth surviving daughter of Michael (1675-1752) and Margaret (born Welfoot) Coates of Case Lee, was born at Langleyford on 17 August 1722 (1). She was married to James Raw (1715-1801, qv) in 1745 (2). She died 31 July 1761 and was buried at Lowrow (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 J.J. Green, History of the Coates family (typescript, 1906, Friends House library, MS vol S 179) p.64; also pp.24, 27
- 2 ibid p.65. For details of the marriage and the children, see RAW, James (1715-1801)
- 3 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: no age is given

RAW, Anthony (fl. 1649)

Anthony Raw, living within the compass of Richmond MM, married Elizabeth Blades in 1649 (1). The year of his death is uncertain (2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest. She died at Fetham on 5.x.[Dec] 1701 (Yorkshire QM Burials Digest).
- 2 Not traced in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest. He was presumably still alive in 1701 as the burial entry concerning Elizabeth (Blades) Raw describes her as 'wife of Anthony'

RAW, Christopher (f1 1642)

Christopher Raw, living within the compass of Richmond Monthly Meeting, had married Margaret Cley in 6th month [August] 1642 (1). The date of his death is uncertain(2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest
- 2 Death not traced in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest

RAW, Elizabeth (fl 1649-1672) born Metcalfe

Elizabeth Metcalfe married Nicholas Raw ( -1678/9, qv) of Swaledale in 1649 (1). The date of her death is uncertain (2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest: for details of the children, see  
RAW, Nicholas ( -1678/9)
- 2 Not traced in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest

RAW, Elizabeth ( -1701) born Blades

Blades

Elizabeth/Raw married Anthony Raw (fl 1649, qv) of Swaledale in 1649 (1).  
She died at Featham on 5.x.[Dec] 1701 (2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest: no children of the marriage have been traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest

RAW, George (fl 1642-1663)

George Raw of Fleetham and Low-row was among the early Swaledale Friends (1). He had married Jane Cherry in 1642 (2): they had 8 children (3). The year of George Raw's death is uncertain (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Retrospective entry relating to his marriage was made at the front of the first Quaker register book
- 2 Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest. She died 24.x.[Dec] 1704 (Yorkshire QM Burials Digest)
- 3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Ann	born 1643	
Elizabeth	born 1645	probably the ER who died 3.vii. [Sept] 1701
Ann	born 1648	
George	born 1651	
Jeane	born 165-	perhaps the Jane who married in 1685 Richard Pickering
Mary	born 7.viii.[Oct] 1658	died 10.x iv.[June] 1661
John	born 9.ix.[Nov] 1660, qv	
Edward	born 26.ix.[Nov] 1663	
- 4 Not traced in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest. He was alive in 1704 as the burial entry concerning Jane Raw describes her as 'wife of George'

RAW, George (1750-1815)

George Raw, son of John (1706?-1754, qv) and Rachel (born Wetherald) Raw of Reeth, was born 4.ii.[April] 1750 (1). He appears to have been unmarried (2). He is believed to have paid the salary of the master of Reeth Friends' School, to which, by his will in 1814, he left the sum of £1500 (3). He died at Reeth on 16 June 1815 aged 65 years and was buried at Low Row (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: no occupation of his father is given
- 2 No reference in Yorkshire QM Marriages or Births Digests to his marriage or to children
- 3 An account of charitable trusts and other properties within the compass of Durham Quarterly Meeting, 1886, p.49
- 4 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as yeoman

RAW, James ( -1708?)

James Raw of Smarbar died 12.i.1708 [probably March 1707/8 but possibly 1708/9] and was buried at Helah Park (1).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest. It is possible, though not certain, that he was the husband of Ann Raw ( -1709, qv): if this is so, then 'James' may prove to be a mistranscription for (John'

RAW, James (1715-1801)

James Raw, the son of John (1660?-1740?, qv) and Mary (born Lonsdell, -1742, qv) Raw of Reeth, Swaledale, was born 19.x.[Dec] 1715 (1). In 1745 he married Ann Coates (2): they had four children (3).

Ann Raw died 31 July 1761 and was buried at Lowrow (4). He is almost certainly to be identified with the James Raw of Marrick Abbey, who died 22 November 1801, aged 36 years, being buried at Lowrow (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 J.J. Green, History of the Coates family (typescript, 1906, Friends House library, MS vol S.179) pp.64-5. where it is stated that the marriage was at FMH, Raby, on 11 June 1845, Ann(e) Coates being the sixth surviving daughter of Michael and Margaret Coates of Case Lee. No record of the marriage has been traced in Yorkshire QM or in Durham QM Marriages Digest
- 3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Mary	born 25.v.[July] 1747	who m. 1769 Richard Lonsdal of Feltham and had issue (Green, <u>op. cit.</u> p.65)
Hannah	born 7.vi.[Aug] 1749	who m. at Gretna Green 1768 Joseph Jackson of Marrick and had issue (Green, <u>op. cit.</u> p.65)
Elizabeth	born 26 July 1752	who m. 1774 George Jackson of Marrick and had issue (Green, <u>op. cit.</u> p.65) and had issue
Michael	born 13 May 1755, qv	
- 4 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: no age is given
- 5 ibid: he is described as farmer, and as a non-member

RAW, Jane ( -1704) born Cherry

Jane Cherry married in 1642 George Raw (fl 1642-1663, qv) of Fleetham and Low-row (1). She died 24.x.[Dec] 1704 (2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest: for details of the children, see  
RAW, George (fl 1642-1663)
- 2 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest

RAW, John (1660?-1740?)

John Raw of Swaledale was born about the year 1660 and is perhaps, but not certainly, to be identified with the John, son of George and Jane Raw, born 9.ix.[November] 1660 (1). In 1703 he married Mary Lonsdell (2): there were 7 children (3). He died on 3.i.1741 [probably March 1740/1 but perhaps 1741/2] aged 80 years and 4 months (4). His widow died 22.ii.[April] 1742 (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 80 years at death. Parentage could be almost certainly discovered from the minutes of Richmond MM in 1703 liberating him for marriage, though the parents' names are not in the marriage register itself
- 2 The marriage was on 16.iv.[June] 1703 at Richard Sidgwick's, Parkhall, in Swaledale: he is described as of Reeth, Saledale; she is described as of Helah, Swaledale (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

James	born 6.iv.[June] 1704	died 5.x.[Dec] 1713
John	born 30.iv.[June] 1706	died 20.v.[July] 1706
John	born 16.v.[July] 1707	died; buried 1707
Elizabeth	born 20.iii.[May] 1709	
George	born 12.i.1713 [probably March 1712/3 but per- haps 1713/4]	died 16.vii.[Sept] 1719
James	born 19.x.[Dec] 1715, qv	
Mary	born 2.i.1719 [probably March 1718/9 but per- haps 1719/20]	
- 4 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest
- 5 ibid

RAW, John (1707?-1754)

John Raw was born about 1707 (1). In 1733 he married Rachel Wetherald (2): there were eight children (3). He is probably to be identified with the John Raw of Reeth who died 14 August 1754, aged 48 years and who was buried at Lowrow (4). Rachel Raw of Reeth, widow of John, died 21 November 1775, aged 65 years (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 48 at death. Parentage could almost certainly be discovered from the minutes of Richmond MM in 1733 liberating him for marriage, though the parents' names are not in the marriage register itself. It is not impossible that he is the son of John (1660?-1740? qv) and Mary (born Lonsdell) Raw, being born 16.v.[July] 1707 and that the incomplete record of this John's burial is a mistranscribed reference to the interment of his elder brother John, who died 20.v.[July] 1706
- 2 The marriage was at Countessett on 12.x.[Dec] 1733: he is described as of Reeth, parish of Grinton; she is described as of Cubeck, parish of Aysgarth (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest, where the surname is transcribed Row)
- 3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:

Mary	born 28.vii.[Sept] 1734	perhaps the MR of Reeth who died 8 Sept. 1782 aged 47
John	born 22.iv.[June] 1737, qv	
Elizabeth	born 23.x.[Dec] 1740	
Rachel	born 8.x.[Dec] 1742	
James	born 6.iii.[May] 1744	died 9 April 1761 aged 17 years, 'a youth of extraordinary qualities and virtue'
Rachel	born 25.v.[July] 1747	
George	born 4.ii.[April] 1750, qv	
Leonard	born 13 Jan 1754, qv	
- 4 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest
- 5 ibid

RAW, John (1737-1816)

John Raw, son of John (1706?-1754, qv) and Rachel (born Wetherald) Raw of Reeth, was born 22.iv.[June] 1737 (1). In 1791 he married Lydia Kildin (2): there appear to have been no children (3). He died in 1816 (4). By his will, made in 1815, he left £500 to Reeth Friends School (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM ~~Burrix~~ Births Digest: no occupation of his father is given
- 2 The marriage was at Masham on 6 December 1791: he is described as of Reeth, parish of Grinton, yeoman, son of John and Rachel Raw of Reeth; she is described as daughter of John and Esther Kidlin of Masham (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 None recorded in Yorkshire QM ~~Marrinx~~ Births Digest
- 4 No record of his death has been traced in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest
- 5 An account of charitable trusts and other properties within the compass of Durham Quarterly Meeting, 1886, p.49

RAW, Leonard (fl 1686)

Leonard Raw of Low Row, Swaledale, had married Elizabeth  
( -1686, qv). It is not certain how many children they had ♀ (1).  
The year of his death is uncertain (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 None traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest. Yorkshire QM Burials Digest lists two as follows:-

Ann	died 5.vii.[Sept] 1684
Eles (daughter: ? Alice)	died 19.ii.[April] 1705
- 2 Not traced in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest. He was presumably still alive in 1686 as the burial entry concerning Elizabeth ( ) Raw describes her as 'wife of Leonard'

RAW, Leonard (1754-1785)

Leonard Raw, son of John (1706?-1754, qv) and Rachel (born Wetherald) Raw of Reeth, was born 13 January 1754 (1). He appears to have been unmarried (2). He died at Reeth in the parish of Grinton on 29 January 1785, aged 31 years, and was buried at Low Row (3). In his will he requested that a school should be built at Reeth out of his personal property, and that the interest of the residue should be applied to its support (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: no occupation of his father is given
- 2 No record of his marriage or of children appears in Yorkshire QM Marriages or Births Digests
- 3 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: no description is given
- 4 An account of charitable trusts and other properties within the compass of Durham Quarterly Meeting, 1886, p.49, where a full account of the trust is given

RAW, Lydia (1745/6-1830) born Kildin

Lydia Kildin, daughter of John and Esther Kildin of Well, was born on 4.xii.1745 [i.e. February 1745/6] (1). She married John Raw (1737-1816, qv) in 1791 (2). She died on 16 July 1830, aged 84 years (3).

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 For particulars of the marriage, see RAW, John (1737-1816): there appear to have been no children
- 3 Annual monitor 1832 p.41, which describes her as of Masham: no record of her death has been traced in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest

RAW, Margaret (f1 1642) born Cley

Margaret Cley married in 6th month [August] 1642 Christopher Raw (f1 1642, qv) of Swaledale (1). The date of her death is uncertain (2).

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest: no children of the marriage have been traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 Not traced in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest

RAW, Mark (-1704)

Mark and Fillis Raw of Blaydes in Swaledale had 6 children (1). He died 9.v.[July] 1704 (2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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

Anthony	born 6.viii.[Oct] 1662
Marke	born 7.xi.1663 [i.e. Jan 1663/4]
James	born 13.i.1665 [probably 1664/5 but perhaps 1665/6]
John	born 8.vii.[Sept] 1668
Elizabeth	born 23.ix.[Nov] 1671
Joseph	born 28.iv.[June] 1677

died 13.v.[July] 1685

2 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest

RAW, Mary ( -1742) born Lonsdell

Mary Lonsdell of Helah, Swaledale, was married in 1703 to John Raw (1660?-1740?, qv) (1). She died on 22.ii.[April] 1742 (2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest: for details of the children see  
RAW, John (1660?-1740?)
- 2 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as widow of John, but  
no age at death is given

**RAW, Mary (1727?-1791)**

Mary Raw died at Haverhill, Suffolk, on 4 January 1791, aged about 64 years (1).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: no further description is given

RAW, Mary ( -1807) born Sherlock

Mary Sherlock was married to Michael Raw (1755-1832, qv) in 1776 (1).  
She died on 27 December 1807 (2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 J.J. Green, History of the Coates family (typescript, 1906, Friends House library, MS vol S 179) p.65. For particulars of the marriage and children, see RAW, Michael (1755-1832)
- 2 Green, op. cit.

**RAW, Mary (1755?-1833)**

Mary Raw died at Yoakley buildings, White Chapel, Middlesex, on 29 January 1833, aged 78 years (1).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: no further description is given. No trace of her birth has been found for 1755 or adjacent years in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest

RAW, Michael (1755-1832)

Michael Raw, only son of James (1715-1801, qv) and Ann (born Coates, 1722-1761, qv) Raw of Marrick Abbey, was born 13 May 1755 (1). He married in 1776 Mary Sherlock (2): there were at least two children (3). Mary Raw died 27 December 1807 (4). He died at Lands Farm, near Cockfield, Co. Durham, on 16 March 1832, and was buried at Friends Burial Ground, Staindrop (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 J.J. Green, History of the Coates family (typescript, 1906, Friends House library, MS vol S 179) p.65
- 3 Listed by Green, op. cit., as follows:-

Mary	born 1788	died 1845 aged 57 (Green, <u>op. cit.</u> )
Elizabeth	born 1790	who m. Rev. P. Barlow, curate of Cockfield, and d. 1860 aged 70 (Green, <u>op. cit.</u> )

The description 'Michael Raw, sen' in the burial entry (1832) suggests that there was a son of this name
- 4 Green, op. cit.
- 5 Durham QM Burials Digest: he is described as Tanner (? Farmer) and as non-member. His name is recorded as Michael Raw, sen.

RAW, Nicholas ( -1678/9)

Nicholas Raw of Low Row was among the early Swaledale Friends (1). He had married Elizabeth Metcalfe in 1649 (2); they had 11 children (3). He died 'a prisoner at York' on 11.xii.1678 [i.e. February 1678/9] (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Retrospective entry relating to his marriage was made at the front of the first Quaker register book
- 2 Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest
- 3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:

John	born 3.viii.[Oct] 1654
James	born 26.viii.[Oct] 1655
Rebecca	born 9.viii.[Oct] 1656
Hannah	born 7.xi.1657 [i.e. Jan 1657/8]
Sarah	born 7.i.1659 [probably 1658/9] but perhaps 1659/60]
Joab	born 31.viii.[Oct] 1661 or 1662
Mary	born 10.viii.[Oct] 1663
David	born 5.iii.[May] 1665
Isaack	born 4 or 19.x.[Dec] 1667
Isaiah	born 2.i.1668 [must be 1668/9]
Joseph	born 18 or 28.iii.[May] 1672
- 4 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest

RAW, Rachel (1710?-1765) born Wetherald

Rachel Wetherald, of Cubeck, parish of Aysgarth, was married to John Raw (1707?-1754, qv) in 1733 (1). She died at Reeth on 21 November 1775, aged 65 years (2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest: for details of the children, see RAW, John (1707?-1754)
- 2 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as widow of John

RAW, Rachel (1739?-1823)

Rachel Raw died at York on 19 January 1823, aged 84 years, and was buried at The Retreat (1).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as late of Reeth, spinster. Yorkshire QM Births Register Digest have no record of a Rachel Raw born in 1739 and, indeed, the only persons of this name appear to be Rachel Raw, daughter of John (1707?-1754) and Rachel (born Wetherald) Raw, born 8.x.[Dec] 1742 (who must be presumed to have died in infancy) and Rachel Raw, daughter of the same, born 25.v.[July] 1747

**RAW, Samuel (1725?-1795)**

Samuel Raw died at Haverhill, Suffolk, on 16 January 1795, aged about 70 years (1).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: no further description is given

RAW, Thomas (fl 1649-1654)

Swaledale

Thomas Raw of Fleatham was one of the early Friends in ~~Wensleydale~~ (1). He had married in 1649 Jane Wensley (2): they had two children (3). The date of his death is uncertain (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Retrospective record of his marriage was entered at the beginning of the Quaker register
- 2 Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest
- 3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:

Elizabeth	born 1652
Annis	born 1654
- 4 Not traced in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest

WBE:

RAWBONE, Joseph, c.1645-1720

b. c.1645

Lived in Bermondsey, Southwark, London. Was  
convinced and joined Friends.

1677, wrote with others, A Brief Narrative of the  
Proceedings of Doctor Parr...Against certain People  
called Quakers, &c.

1683, Having met in the street at Horslydown  
because their meetinghouse had been closed, Friends were  
committed to prison as rioters.

1684 committed to the Borough Counter (gaol?)

d. July 22, 1720              aged 75 years.

Besse, 1:462, 463

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:473

RAWES, Hannah (1726-1803) born Clothier

Hannah Clothier, daughter of James ( ) and Mary (born Bond, ) Clothier of Street, Somerset, was born 29 ii [April] 1729 (1).

She was married in 1753 to William Rawes (1726?-1803 qv), a tanner in Sherborne, Dorset: 9 children are recorded (2).

Hannah Rawes of Sherborne died, less than a month after her husband, on 19 August 1803, aged 77 years (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: the town is spelt Streat; no occupation for her father is given
- 2 For particulars of the marriage and children, see RAWES, William (1726?-1803)
- 3 Dorset & Hants Burials Digest: she is described as widow of William

There is no reference to her in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

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WBE:

RAWES, William, Jr., 1755-1805.

Lived at Marnhull, England.

1797, wrote, Examples of Youth, &c.

1801, The Gospel Ministry of Women, &c.

RAWES, William Jr.

add: born 28 Feb 1755, son of William & Hannah Rawes  
died 31 xii 1805 age 50

ref: Digest of births and burials Q M Dorset & Hants in Frds Hse Lib., Lond.

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RAWES, William (1755-1805)

William Rawes, the son of William Rawes (1726?-1803 qv) and his wife Hannah of Sherborne in Dorset, was born there on 28 July 1755(1). He was a tobacconist(2) and in 1778 he was married to Eleanor Beaven(3); there were seven children(4).

He appeared in the ministry when he was about thirty seven and in 1801 was clerk to London Yearly Meeting(5). He "departed this life at Marnhull the 31 of 12 1805 in the 51 year of his age and about the 20 of his ministry & was interred at Sherborne."(6)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Shaftesbury & Sherborne MM 31 March 1806 in TCND  
vol 4, p 228

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Grenton on 23 February 1778: he is described as a tobacconist, the son of William and Hannah; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Beaven of Grenton (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Elisabeth	b 23 July 1779	who m 1801 Joseph Metford (1776-1863 qv)
Hannah	b 17 April 1781	who m 1803 Charles Whittell
William	b 29 Nov 1782	who d 13 Jan 1785
Eleanor	b 13 Dec 1783	who m 1806 George Fox Junr
*William	b 29 April 1785	
*Mary	b 1 Aug 1786	
Thomas Beaven	b 15 Nov 1787	
- \*No marriages traced to 1856
- 5 London Yearly Meeting during 250 Years, London 1919, p 134
- 6 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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RAVES, William (1755-1805)

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WBE:

RAWLE, Francis, c.1662-1727

b. c. 1662 in Plymouth(?), England, son of  
Francis and Jane Rawle.

1683 imprisoned in Exeter for his Quaker beliefss.

1686 came to America and settled at Phila. By  
1689 he had been made a Justice of the Peace.

m., 1689, Martha Turner of Phila., Pa. 10 children.

1692 took George Keith's part in the separa-  
tion of that period. Later he returned to membership  
in Friends - about 1720.

1704-09 and 171901727 was elected to Assembly  
and was aligned with David Lloyd is supporting the  
popular party. Favored issuing paper currency and a  
plan for this was successfully enacted. Also, advocated  
reforms in shipping rules.

Had a considerable library. Was admitted to  
the bar late in life.

d. March 5, 1727 in Phila., aged about 65 years.

Tolles, Meeting house and counting house, index  
Jordan, Col. Fam. of Phila., 149

William Hawke  
See Members Puisin Society

at Guildford, Surrey.  
oposed to compulsory vaca-  
tion of personal liberty.

CINNABAR COTTAGE

An Elder, he was active also in Adult School.

After retiring from business, he devoted himself to art. Exhibited in Royal Academy and in the Lake District. Was illustrator for M.R.Mitford's Our Village (1910). Was visiting art master at Leighton Park School.

Enjoyed feats of swimming, cycling and walking.

d. Feb. 21, 1939 at Whinfell, Reading, in his 84th year.

The Friend (London), 97(1937):190, 217 (portrait)

WBE:

RAWLINGS, John, 1785-1868

b. 1785

Lived at Islington, where he was a pork butcher.

Removed later to Hoxton, London and was an Elder.

1863, wrote A history of the origin of the mysteries  
and doctrines of Baptism and the Eucharist, &c. This  
was an exhaustive work of over 223 pages.

d. July 5, 1868 at Hoxton, London, age 83.

The Friend (London), 8 (1868):221

An. Mon., 'N.S.), 27 (1869):147

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:474

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7616

RAWLINSON, Abraham (1666-1737)

Abraham Rawlinson, the son of Thomas Rawlinson (-1689 qv) and his wife Dorothy (born Hutton, 1644-1737) of Graithwaite or Rusland in Lancashire, was born at Rusland on 2.x.(December)1666(1). He was married in 1695/6 to Elizabeth Beck (1671-1750 qv), the daughter of William Beck of Lowrey(2) and there were seven children(3).

There is at present (1976) no trace of the way in which he earned his living, nor how long he stayed at Rusland, but by 1732 he was living at Hornby in Lancashire(4). He died there on 27.vi.(August) 1737(5), in his seventy first year.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Coulthouse on 12 xi 1695 (i.e. January 1695/6): he is described as the son of Thomas Rawlinson of Graithwait; she is described as the daughter of William Beck of Lowrey (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Dorothy	b 29 viii(Oct)1696	who m 1727 William Barnes
John	b 13 xi 1698 (i.e. Jan 1698/9)	who d 1724
William qv	b 15 x(Dec)1700	who d 1710/1
Isaac	b 1704	
Abraham qv	b 16 vi(Aug)1709	
Thomas Hutton	b 2 or 27 iii(May) 1712	who m 1734 Mary Dillworth

N.B. These six children are the only ones entered in the Digest. A seventh child, Esther, the daughter of Abraham Rawlinson of Hornby in Lancashire, m 1732 Thomas Titley

- 4 See marriage entry for his daughter Esther and his burial entry, note 5
- 5 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: he is described as of Hornby, died at Manchester

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

RAWLINSON, Abraham (1709-1780)

Abraham Rawlinson, the son of Abraham and Elizabeth Rawlinson, was born at Low Hall, Kirky-in-Furnace, on 16.vi.[Aug.] 1709 (1). He removed to Lancaster where he became a merchant trading to the West Indies and North America (2). In 1739 he married Ellen Godslove (3); they had 11 children (4). His wife died on 13 December 1766 (5). In 1765 and 1766 he was engaged in political activities in connection with the Stamp Act and Free Ports Act (6), and he was a correspondent of Burke (7). He died at Lancaster on 29 October 1780, aged 71 years (8).

REFERENCES AND NOTES:-

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest. See also G.Foster, Pedigrees of the county ? Joseph families of England, vol.1: Lancashire, 1873, Pedigree of Rawlinson.
- 2
- 3 The wedding was at Lancaster on 8.iii.[May] 1739; she is described as of Lancaster, spinster; her parents' names are not given; AR is described as 'Merchant' (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest as follows :-

Abigail	born 20.vi.[Aug.] 1740
Henry	born 8.iv.[June] 1743
John	born 5.viii.[Oct.] 1744
Ellen	born 29.xi.1745 [i.e.Jan.1745/6] who died 6.vii.[Sept.] 1747
Dorothy	born 15.xii.1746 [i.e.Feb.1746/7] who died 1 April 1768
William	born 21.viii.[Oct.] 1748
Thomas	born 25.xi.1749 [i.e.Jan.1749-50] who died 23.xii.1749 [i.e.Feb.1749/50]
Thomas	born 16.i.[March] 1750/1
Ellen	born 4 February 1753
Abram Beck	born 7 June 1754
Samuel	born 27 July 1757
- 5 Lancashire QM Burials Digest
- 6 Public Record Office, Treasury papers, T/1-443, 435
- 7 See Correspondence of Edmund Burke, vol.1, ed.T.W.Copeland, 1958, esp. pp.325, 330. See also Checklist of the correspondence of Edmund Burke, ed.Copeland & Smith, 1955, s.v. Rawlinson; the checklist is, however, erroneous in attributing correspondence with AR (1709-1780) to his nephew Abraham Rawlinson (1738-1803) who was a member of parliament 1780-1790.
- 8 Lancashire QM Burials Digest, where he is described as 'Merchant'

RAWLINSON, Elizabeth (1671-1750) born Beck

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Elizabeth Beck was born at Lancaster on 24.vii [September] 1671 (1) her parents being William and Dorothy Beck, who educated her as a Friend.

She became a Minister about her seventeenth year, and travelled much before she married, visiting Friends Meetings in Scotland as well as in England and Wales. After her marriage (2) to Abraham Rawlinson she visited England and Ireland; and in 1718 (3) left her husband and children to travel in America, visiting New England, Rhode Island, Nantucket, Long Island, New York, Pennsylvania, the Jerseys, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina.

"So that it may be truly said, she lived and walked in the Faith which made her valiant in Fight, subdued enemies, and gave Victory over evil Spirits; abounding in that Charity which is the Bond of Perfectness, so that her Soul did often Magnify the Lord, and her Spirit rejoiced in God her Saviour."

She died 5.v.[July] 1750, and was interred in Friends Burying Ground, Lancaster, aged about eighty years, and a Minister about sixty three years.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE :-

Testimony of Lancaster MM, in TCMD vol.1 p.325, printed in A Collection of Testimonies 1760, p.246

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES :-

1. Lancashire QM Births Digest (Supplement)
2. No entry traced in Lancashire or Westmorland Marriages Digests
3. J.Bowden, The history of the Society of Friends in America, vol.2 1854, pp.234-235. Her companion was Lydia Lancaster (*ibid*)

WBE:  
Additional references

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RAWLINSON, Elizabeth, née Beck, c.1671-1750

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 10(1913): 126

Chalkley, Journal of Thomas Chalkley, 125

John Smith's Ms., 3:23

RAWLINSON, Lydia (1682/3-1761) afterwards Lancaster

(Lydia Rawlinson, daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Rawlinson of Graithwaite, was married to Bryan Lancaster, but there is apparently no record of the marriage.

see LANCASTER, Lydia (1682/3-1761) born Rawlinson ]

RAWLINSON, Thomas

Thomas Rawlinson was of Graythwaite, between Hawkshead and Stavely, Lancs. convinced in 1652 (cf. F.P.T., 247). d. 1689.  
cf. C.J., i.412; Smith, Cat.; J.F.H.S., 1934, 11, 13.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.70

WBE:

RAWLINSON, Thomas, -1<sup>9</sup>/<sub>89</sub>

q<sup>x</sup>

b. near Graythwaite and Richland, Lancs.,  
son of Captain William and Rawlinson.

A gentleman, living at Fournesfells, Lancs when he became convinced and joined Cartmel Meeting. He was banished from his father's House.

m. Dorothy Hutton. children.

He was charged with the receiving of monies to supply the personal needs of travelling Friends. In 1656 while on his way to visit Fox and Pyott at Launceston jail in Cornwall, he was taken up by the watch in Exeter. The constable in the night took 20 s. from him which he was carrying to the prisoners. He himself was cast into Exeter jail.

1657 wrote Light sown for the righteous and Gladness for the upright in heart, &c.

1659 with Thomas Curtis, John Crook and others, wrote A declaration of the present sufferings...

d. 1689 , one of the Valiant Sixty.

Jour. of G. Fox, Penney, ed., Bi-cent ed., 1:301;412

Taylor, The Valiant Sixty, 41,49,63

Hirst, Qu. in peace & war, 45

Ross, M. Fell, 396

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:474

cont. p. 1.

WBE:

RAWLINSON, William

b. Graythwaite, Windermere,  
England, son of Thomas and Dorothy (Hutton) Rawlinson.

1700, wrote The Universality of the love of God asserted, in a testimony to his free grace in Jesus Christ. Also, 1799 Robert Bridgeman's Reasons for leaving the Quakers, (upon examination) proved unreasonable...&c.

WBE:

RAWSON, Edward Briggs, v.1861-1947

b. c.1861

m., Marianna Smith. 2sons

A liberal in doctrine he wrote Christianity as Friends see it.

A teacher at the School in Rose Valley, Moylan, Penna.

d. April 8, 1947 at Swarthmore, Penna., aged 86.

Frd's. Intel., 104(1947):230

Wyatt Rawson was born on January 2, 1894 into a distinguished and well-to-do London family. His parents were Christian Scientists and brought their children up accordingly but by the age of 18 he had rejected these beliefs, although their influence remained. He was educated at Westminster School and at Trinity College, Cambridge but his studies were interrupted by four years internment in Germany from 1914 - 1918, as he stayed too long on holiday there at Weimar. After the war he completed his studies at Cambridge with a BA degree in history and social studies. He also became actively involved in the New Education Fellowship in its concern for educational reform, later meeting such leaders as Maria Montessori and Dr. Carl Jung whose disciple he was to become. In 1923 with his brother Hugh and Hugh's wife Thelma he opened his first school with one pupil, the school expanded rapidly and in 1926 at the request of Leonard and Dorothy Elmhurst he left it to start with them the school at Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon. In 1929 he was appointed assistant director to Beatrice Ensor the founder of the New Education Foundation and from 1932 - 1937 he was joint director with her. In 1932 he returned to Weimar in Germany where he had been on holiday at the outbreak of the 1914-1918 war renewing his acquaintance with the family with whom he had stayed and married their youngest daughter Hilde, returning to England with her and her two children by a former marriage Harold and Elgin. The daughter of their marriage Irmeli being born in 1936.

He bought a co-educational school at Hastings, Rocklands School, which owing to the war first moved to Cornwall in 1940 and then had to close in 1944 because the parents of the children needed then to be nearer home. He taught for four years at Bryanston School at Blandford, Dorset and then joined a fellow teacher in founding Bryanston on Cranborne Chase, Nr. Wimborne, where he stayed until his retirement in 1953. During that period he also stood as parliamentary candidate for South Dorset for the Liberal party in 1951. He was unsuccessful but was one of the few Liberal candidates who did not forfeit his deposit.

Retirement took him to London, to around the Wimbledon area, and there, at the request of the New Education Fellowship he wrote two books about the Dutch Quaker Kees Boeke ( ) and his internationally famous school in Holland. "The Life of Kees Boeke" was printed in 1955 and "The Werkplaats Adventure" about the school in 1956. He was also deeply interested in the work of Carl Jung and he began to hold group meetings in his house to help people to get to know themselves better. In 1957 some Quakers in Wimbledon meeting met to discuss the book "Experiment in Depth" by P.W.Martin, a Friend took him to the group meetings and he became leader of one of the two depth psychology groups which were formed. His contacts with Friends in this way led him to join the Society in 1959. He had been an active attender for about two years helping to bring new life into the meeting at Wimbledon which had been in difficulties and he was soon appointed an elder and gave great support in every way to the meeting and to local Friends.

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RAWSON, Wyatt

( 1894 - 1980 ) continued.

He took part in the activities of The Seekers, the Quaker Fellowship of the Arts, the Guild of Pastoral Psychology and later the Open Letter Movement. He wrote "The Way Within" in 1963 and also a history of the New Education Fellowship in 1965. He became more deeply interested in psychic phenomena becoming a member and lecturer at the College of Psychics Studies and contributor to its journal 'Light'. In about 1970 at the age of 76 he helped to form SHARE community, a self-help charity organised for disabled people and was its treasurer for three years. He was a forceful, dynamic personality, but gave in gentleness and concern to those hurt by life and was ever ready to give help and counsel wherever it was needed.

He died in hospital after a short illness, on February 12, 1980, aged 76.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend Vol. 138 (1980) p. 300

Testimony of Kingston & Wandsworth MM  
Y.M.Procs. 1981. pp 178- 180.

~~revised entry~~  
SGJ. June '81.

RAWSTHORN, Ann (1681-1729/30) after 1706 Rishton or Rushton

(Ann Rawsthorn, the daughter of Nicholas and Ann Rawsthorn of Olden in Lancashire, was married in 1706 to James Rishton or Rushton.

see RISHTON or RUSHTON, Ann (1681-1729/30) born Rawsthorn

RAVEN, Patience (1725?-1800) after 1753 Docwra

[Patience Raven, daughter of John Raven of Fearing in Essex, was married in 1753 to Joseph Docwra (fl 1753-1800 qv) of Inworth in Essex.  
1723?-1790

See DOCWRA, Patience (1725?-1800) born Raven ]

**RAYLTON, Barbara (1707/8-1755) born Dixon**

Barbara Dixon, the daughter of Ralph Dixon III (1673-1743 qv) and his wife Susannah, born Watson, of Raby and later of Henknovle near Bishop Auckland, was born at Raby on 7.xii.1707 (i.e. February 1707/8)(1). She was married in 1729/30 to John Raylton II (1706-1784 qv) of Bowes in Yorkshire and there were nine children(2).

About Barbara Dixon there lingers one of the best authenticated of the "Cockfield tales."

"One day all Cockfield was out to see a travelling theatre for had not the boys long watched the bright, yellow caravans as they toiled up the hill? . . . when the leading lady of the company at length appeared before the curtain, she cut such a gay figure with her pink and blue ribbons, her spangles and gee-gaws, that it was quite too much for the demure little maiden so long restricted to a 'lively drab.' . . . Terrible to relate, Barb was stagestruck! Nothing would suit her but she must join the company and help the beautiful lady to induce the spectators to come up and enter the booth, so, climbing on to the stage beside her . . . the dainty little Quakeress, with many a bow and - be it said with shame - many a kiss of the hand, called out loudly to right and left, 'To you, and to you, and to you, Madam, too.' (3)

Her horrified father demanded her instant return and she ran home and locked herself in her room, refusing all food and declaring that she was fed by an angel. But the Cockfield branch of the Psychical Research Society discovered that the angel was a village girl who, by night, put food into a basket lowered from Barbara's window.

She died at Lartington in Yorkshire on 25 September 1755(4).

**PRINCIPAL SOURCE**

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, p 188

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Durham QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For family see RAYLTON, John (1706-1784)
- 3 Quoted by Norman Penney, op cit, from George Blundell Longstaff, The Landstiffs of Teesdale and Weardale, London 1906
- 4 Her death is not recorded in Yorkshire QM or Durham QM Burials Digests, but is given in George Blundell Longstaff, op cit, pedigree 9

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

RAYLTON, John (1706-1784)      John Raylton II

John Raylton II, the only son of John Raylton I (-1713) and his wife Elisabeth, born Appleby, of Bowes in Yorkshire, was baptised on 18 April 1706. His father was an innkeeper at the George Inn at Bowes, which had been in the family for many years and for some time John followed his father's occupation. The date when he joined the Society of Friends is not at present (1976) traced, but there are glimpses of him in June 1725 and July 1731 as:-

"Jack Railton the Quaker, a very knowing man who keeps the George at Bowes . . . an excellent Inn and the master of it an instructive and entertaining orator."(1)

He was married in 1729/30 to a Quaker wife, Barbara Dixon (1707/8-1755 qv), the daughter of Ralph Dixon III (1673-1743 qv)(2) and there were nine children(3). The family lived for a time at Bowes and then went to Newcastle, returning to Bowes from 1755 to 1760. His property had become impaired and was eventually sold in 1757. He is supposed to have ruined himself by repairing the surface of the road over Stansmore, travellers who were formerly glad to stop at the George finding it therefore unnecessary as they could drive straight through to Greta Bridge.

Barbara Raylton died in 1755(4) and his daughter Tace kept house for him until, in adverse circumstances, he returned to Newcastle. There he married in 1769 Jane Ostell(5), but the marriage was apparently childless(6).

He died at Ouseburn near Newcastle-on-Tyne on 24 August 1784(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, pp 176-177

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Quoted by Norman Penney, op cit p 176, from Thomas Amory, Life and Opinions of John Buncle, Esq, London 1756-1766 and later editions
- 2 There is no record of the marriage in Yorkshire QM or Durham QM Marriages Digests

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 3 No children are recorded in Yorkshire QM or Durham QM Births Digests. The following are listed in George Blundell Longstaff, The Langstaffs of Teesdale and Weardale, London 1906, pedigree 9:-
- |           |                        |   |
|-----------|------------------------|---|
| Susannah  | b 20 i (March) 1729/30 | who m 1751/2 William Bayley by licence      |
| Sarah     | b 28 viii (Oct) 1732   | who m 1753 George Dixon IV (1731/2-1785 qv) |
| Abigail   | b 16 viii (Oct) 1734   | who d 10 viii (Oct) 1742                    |
| Tace      | b 6 viii (Oct) 1736    | who m Thomas Alder                          |
| John      | b 23 iii (May) 1739    | who d unmarried 31 Oct 1805                 |
| Elizabeth | b 1 vi (Aug) 1741      | who m Robert Wayman                         |
| Mary      | b 26 iv (June) 1744    | who m — Farquhar and d 1800                 |
| Thomas    | b 27 x (Dec) 1748      | who m Anne Todd at F.M.H., Raby             |
| Barbara   | b 14 ix (Nov) 1750     | who m Martin Haswell and d 12 July 1817     |
- 4 There is no record of her death in Durham QM or Yorkshire QM Burials Digests
- 5 There is no record of the marriage in Durham QM or Yorkshire QM Marriages Digests
- 6 No children are recorded in Durham QM or Yorkshire QM Births Digests or in George Blundell Longstaff, op cit
- 7 His death is not recorded in Durham QM Burials Digest, but is given in George Blundell Longstaff, op cit pedigree 9

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

**RAYLTON, Tace [Sowle] (1665? - 1749), born Sowle**

Tace Sowle was the daughter of Andrew (1628 - 1695 qv) and Jane  
( - 1711 ) Sowle.

In 1706 she married Thomas Raylton (1671 - <sup>1723\*</sup> 1733) (1).

She died on 1 Nov 1749 at the age of 84 years(2)

She was a practical printer and succeeded her father as head of the firm in ~~XII~~ 1691. Her imprints show her addresses as :-

1691 - 4 At the sign of the Crooked Billet in Holloway Lane Shoreditch

1694 - 1706 Next door to the Meeting House in Whitehart Court, Gracious [Gracechurch St.] Street and at the Bible in Leadenhall St.

1732 - 1739 as Tace Raylton at the Bible, George-yard, Lombard-street.

1738 - 49 at the same address with Luke Hinde (qv) as partner.(3)

**Notes and References**

(L) The marriage was at Devonshire House on 10.viii [Oct] 1706: she is described as Spinster of Leadenhall St. and he is described as of Naggesshead Court, Gracechurch St., Hosier, son of William Raylton late of Bowes in Yorkshire. (London & Middlesex Marriage Digest Register).

2) London & Middlesex Digest Burial Register.

3) See

PLOMER, Henry R.  
Dictionary of Booksellers & Printers ... 1668 -75 (010)

MUIR, Mercy H.  
English Imprints after 1640 (In Library 4th Series vol xiv pp.157-177)

MORTIMER, R.S.  
Biographical Notices of Printers & ~~BOOKMAKERS~~ Publishers of Friends' Books up to 1750. (Journal of Documentation Volume LLL Number 2 Sept 1947 pp107-125.)

\* died 6 x [December] 1723

Additional information

RAYLTON, Thomas (1671-1723)

Thomas Raylton was married in 1706 to Tace or Tacy Sowle(1); the marriage was apparently childless(2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 10 August 1706: he is described as a hosier of Gracechurch Street, the son of William Raylton, late of Bowes in Yorkshire; she is described as a spinster of Leadenhall Street, the daughter of Andrew Sowle, late of London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 2 No children are traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 4, pp 13n, 14:  
vol 13, p 169: vol 18, pp 10, 68: vol 40, pp 48, 49: vol 41,  
pp 74, 78, 79  
First Publishers of Truth, p 325n

WBE:

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RAYLTON, Thomas, 1671-1723

b. Aug. 30, 1671 at Bowes, North Riding of Yorkshire. Raised in Church of England.

1685 convinced of Friends way by George Rook (or Rooke). Suffered at school and at home for his beliefs.

Apprenticed for 7 years to a blacksmith.

| 1695 spoke as a minister at a house in Cotherstone.

Became a printer with offices in George-yard, Lombard St., London. By 1705 he had settled in London to live.

m., 1706, Tacy (Tace) Sowle, daughter of Andrew, the Quaker printer. children.

c.1715-20 the Rayltons removed their residence to Clapton.

d. Dec. 6, 1723 and was buried at Bunhill Fields, in his 53rd year.

Leadbeater, Extracts and original anecdotes, 23

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:375

The Friend (Phila.), 16(1843):397, 406, 415

Pendle Hill, Byways in Qu. Hist., 204, 205

Piety pro., 6th part, 235

WBE:

RAYMOND, Louisa, afterwards Roberts, 1819-1893

see

Roberts, Louisa Jewett, nee Raymond, 1819-1893

RAYNER, Hannah (1710-1771) after 1734/5 or 1735/6 Vipont

[Hannah Rayner, daughter of William Rayner (-)  
and his wife Mary (born  
of Gildersome in Yorkshire, was married in 1734/5 or  
1735/6 to Edward Vipont (1707-1756 qv). ]

See VIPONT, Hannah (1710-1771) born Rayner ]

RAYSLEY, family of

see RAISLEY

RAZAFINDRASOLO

( 1885 ? - 1966 )

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Razafindrasolo was born in about the year 1885.(1) We have little information about him but from 1909 - 1919 he worked as a teacher for the London Missionary Society and then from 1919 - 1930 as an evangelist for the Malagasy Missionary Society. In 1932, he became Friend paster in Tananarive, Madagascar, and remained in that appointment until his retirement. He also served as president of Madagascar Y.M. and leader of its town churches.

He died on November 18, 1966, aged 81 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 124 (1966) p. 1553

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 81 at death.

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READ, Caroline (1814-1891) born Ransom

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Caroline Ransom was born in 1814, the daughter of John and Hannah Ransom of Hitchin. In middle life she married William Pryor Read, whom she survived about ten years.

In 1878 she was recorded a minister by Hertford and Hitchin Monthly Meeting.

'Although not frequent in her use of her gift, her offerings were timely and acceptable. It was felt by many who were accustomed to meet with her in public worship, that the exercise of her spirit on these occasions was helpful, even when no words were uttered; and seldom do we now thus gather without a sense of the loss we have sustained. Her voice was more often heard in praise and prayer than in ministering to her friends. Her religious faith was simple and clear, and in her communications she never failed to set forth Christ Jesus our Lord as the anchor of the soul, the one hope of our salvation.'

She evinced much interest in all forward movements, such as peace and temperance, and also in Home and Foreign Missions.

She died suddenly, on 23 December 1891.

Testimony of Hertford & Hitchin M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1892, p.vi

WEE: n.

(~~postscriptum~~)

WEE:

READ, Eliza Thornton, 1867-1912

READ, Charles,

b. 6 Mar. 1678 in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, s. of James S.

and Laura A. Read.

Convinced and joined Friends.

Assistant cashier in a bank.

1678, emigrated to America from England and

Prominent member of the Non-Resistance Party.

settled at Burlington, N.J.

m. (1st)

Clerk of Springfield Meeting Company 1690.  
m., 1690, (2d) Amy (Child) Stanton. 2 daus.

1692 an ardent follower of George Keith in the  
controversy that upset Friends in the Phila. area.

He resigned from Friends and joined the Anglican  
Church.

A merchant, he removed to Philadelphia.

d. 29 Oct. 1912, in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, aged 16 yrs.

DAB., 15:419 (biog. of his grandson)

Tolles, Meeting house and Counting house, 141, 219

The Am. Fd., 19(1912), 753, 754

WBE:

READ, Rachel, later Pemberton, 1691-1765

see  
Pemberton, Rachel, nee Read, 1691-1765

READER, Susan ( - 1968 ) b.

Susan Reader was an American Friend, the wife of Fred Reader. She and her husband gave valued service for the American Friends Board of Missions and for East Africa Yearly Meeting at Kaimosi, Kenya, where Fred Reader helped with the books and finances.

She died on March 10, 1968, no age is given.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol.126 (1968) p. 334

SGJ OCT.'78

WBE: *a*  
~~(prepared by JB)~~

REAGAN, Charles A.

1946-47, acting pres. of Friends University. Many  
years head of Mathematics Dept.

Reeve, Juliet, Friends' University ... (1948):169-170

REASON, William (1851?-1927)

William Reason was born about 1851 (1) of a long-established Sibford family (2). He was apprenticed to a builder (3) and moved to London about 1872 (4).

He had been connected with Friends all his life and had been attending meeting from about the age of 17 (5), being admitted into membership by Devonshire House MM in 1878 (6). He married in 1888 Sarah Ann Rutledge (7) who was admitted into membership by Devonshire House MM the following year (8). There were no children of the marriage, but they adopted a niece (9).

About 1900 they moved to Sibford (10), where William Reason died on 4 January 1927, aged 76 years (11). Sarah A. Reason died on 8 December 1946, aged 89 years (12).

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Aged 76 at death. Date given in Clerkenwell almanack for 1895
- 2 Information from Leslie Baily, February 1970
- 3 'I was an apprentice in the country' (WR, speaking at the Education Conference, 1879: see Report of the education conference, 1880, p.65) The trade specifically mentioned by WR in the conference is joinery, but it seems more likely that his apprenticeship was to a builder.
- 4 '[I] have been engaged for the past seven years in London' (WR, speaking at the Education Conference, 1879: loc cit). His name appears, however, with the address 'Sibford Ferris' in the Berks & Oxon QM printed list of members for 1876, though not in those for 1870 or 1879.
- 5 'He informed us that he had been connected with Friends in the neighbourhood of Banbury nearly all his life and has attended meetings regularly, both there and in London, for the last ten years' (Report to Devonshire House MM in its MS minutes vol 21 p.576)
- 6 He was admitted by the MM 14.iii.1878 (Devonshire House MM MS minutes vol 21 pp.576-7)
- 7 The marriage is not recorded in Digest of Marriage Registers, though it was according to Friends' usages. It was at Winchmore Hill on 28 March 1888; she is described as non-member (report of completion made to Devonshire House MM 14.vi.1888: see its MS minutes vol 23 p.127) Her maiden name is spelt Routledge in the minutes but is spelt Rutledge consistently in Berks & Oxon QM printed lists of members from 1906

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REASON, William (1851?-1927) continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES continued:

- 8 She was admitted by the MM 17.i.1889 (Devonshire House MM MS minutes vol 23 pp.185-6)
- 9 viz Edith Ethel Cornell Reason. She was admitted into membership as a minor (aged just under 9 years) by Devonshire House MM 12.iii.1903 (see its MS minutes vol 25 p.216)
- 10 Their names appear in the 1900 Berks & Oxon GM printed list of members (as members of another monthly meeting): their address is given as Peel House, Sibford (from 1906 list, Holmby House). Certificates of Removal to Banbury MM were not issued until 14.ix.1916, being accepted by Banbury MM on 3.x.1916 (Devonshire House KGI MS List of members 1893.)
- 11 Digest of Burial Notes: he is described as of Holmby House, Sibford Ferris, retired builder
- 12 Digest of Burial Notes

REAY, Sarah (1711/12-1755) born Dixon

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Sarah Dixon, the daughter of John and Isabell Dixon, was born at Whiteleeshele in Allendaile on 17.xii.1711 (i.e. February 1711/12). (1) She was educated among Friends and appeared in the ministry when she was about twenty. She was an indefatigable traveller in the exercise of her gift. Between the years 1734 and 1747 she journeyed three times to Ireland, twice to Scotland and visited many of the counties in the north of England and the midlands; hardly a year of her life passed without a visit in the ministry, often at a considerable distance from her home, and her last journey was made in 1753, when she went to Cumberland. "In her Travels she was diligent, & when at home a Constant attender of Meetings (when in health) & careful to Labour for the Springing up of divine Life in her own heart, by which she was made a true Sympathiser with those that were in Spirit; and tho' gifted with a Searching Ministry, yet to such, she had often to Minister a Word of Comfort and Consolation, being taught to have faith faithfully, according to ability received."

She married John Reay (2) and there were three children. (3)

She died on 1 June 1755 (4), aged forty four, and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Aldstone.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of MM held at Aldstone 25 March 1756, approved by Northumberland QM 1 April 1756 in TCMD vol.1 p.408

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest: she was born on 17.xii.1711 (i.e. February 1711/12) at Whiteleeshele in Allendaile, the daughter of John and Isabell
- 2 There is no record of her marriage in Cumberland & Northumberland QM, Durham QM, Westmorland QM, Lancashire QM or Yorkshire QM Marriages Digests
- 3 Listed in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digests as follows:-

John	b 31.v.(July)1746	"died young"
Ann	b 5.i.(March)1747/8	" "
Thomas	b 11.i.1751 (i.e. probably March 1750/51, but possibly March 1751/2)	
- 4 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest: she died on 1 June 1755, the wife of John