

ROPER, John (1724?-1798)

John Roper entered the Society from the Anglican church and became a useful minister. James Jenkins has much to record respecting him. "His voice was of a singular tone, but he spoke energetically... He travelled for orders as a silk merchant under the firm of Roper, Toll & co." He came under dealing ~~xx~~ in consequence of a dispute with Toll, and appealed to Y.M. 1785 but lost his case. On this case Elihu Robinson wrote, "John Roper found that he could now conform and submit to the advice of Friends, that, though when the report of the Committee of Appeals was read, he found the man's part a little stirred, but now found much peace in submitting to the advice of the church." His subscription to Meeting funds was declined. There was a further appeal in 1793 (see Pen pictures. 1930. p.33) "when it was agree'd that he should be placed in the same situation as he was in when he appealed."

Journal of Joseph Oxley. 1837.  
J. Friends hist. soc. vol.13

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.39

WBE:  
Additional references

ROPER, John

An. Mon. (O.S.), 4(1816):5

Jos. Smith's Cat. 2:511

ROPER, Richard ( -1658)

Save that he travelled in Ireland in 1657 (Rutty, Hist. 1751;  
F.P.T.: Swarth. MSS; ARB MSS) little is known of this Friend.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.416

See also next sheet

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ROPER, Richard ( - 1658)

Richard Roper was of Cartmel, Lancs. 'One of ye bitterest professors ye priest had' before convincement by Fox in 1652 (C.J., i.107). with Richard Waller travelled in Ireland (cf. Rutty, Q.I., 116). Said to have gone 'into Germany' (J.F.H.S. 1934, 12) before his early death in 1658. cf. C.J., i.416; Besse, i.303; Anon., Record of Sufferings for Tythes in England 1658, 47.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.71

see also previous sheet

WBE:  
Additional references

ROPER, Richard

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Ross, Margaret Fell, 101,396

Besse, 1:303

ROSE, Aylmer

( 1889 ? - 1979 )

Aylmer Rose was a founder member of the Fabian Society and an ardent pacifist. He was first secretary of the 'No Conscription Fellowship' in the first world war and served a period of imprisonment for his views. He had many contacts with Friends, attending meetings in various parts of the country and for the last part of his life at Newport Meeting, Isle of Wight, but he never joined the Society.

He died early in May 1979 at his home near Brading, Isle of Wight, aged 90.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 137 (1979) p. 636

SGJ. July 1979

ROSE, Philip ( -1658?)

The first Warwickshire QM Minute Book, quoted by White, F.W. 23, states that Philip Rose and Edward Teddes left Hartshill (near Artherstone, Warws.; there is still a meeting there) on 30 June 1657 (i.e. a week before Philip Rose wrote Letter 397, G.F. Nuttall, Early quaker letters, 1952) 'whose intention was to go to New England on the service of truth; but what became of them was not certainly known, but by all likelihood they were cast away'. In Q.A.C., 79 n., followed in B.Q., 224, 394, n.2, they are plausibly identified with the 'two other Friends' who appear from Letter 520, G.F. Nuttall, Early quaker letters, 1952, to have been lost at sea in 1658 with Peter Cowsnocke; this is confirmed by the ref. in Letters 459 and 460, G.F. Nuttall, Early quaker letters, 1952, to the 'two Warwick Friends' who came over with Cowsnocke.

Note by G.F.Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.71

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ROSE, Robert (1698-1764)

Robert Rose was born at Calne in Wiltshire, and brought up in the Church of England. He was apprenticed in Chippenham and there he met a family of Friends and began to attend Friends' Meetings, where he was tendered 'into many tears'. Although married in the Church of England he afterwards began to bear public testimony among Friends, and opened his house to those 'who travelled in truth's service'. After 40 years of happy married life his wife died; he himself through ill health was not able to journey far from home, but he was a diligent attender at neighbouring Friends Meetings. His personal life was a satisfactory one both in his family and among his neighbours.

He died 14 March 1764 aged 66 years, a minister for about 27 years and was buried in the Friends burial ground near Chippenham.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Chippenham MM in TCMD vol.2 pp.234-6

ROSE, Susan (1808?-1895) born Pitt

<sup>"Pitt"</sup>  
Susan Rose was born about 1808 in Thame Oxfordshire, the daughter of Fisher and Elizabeth Pitt, honest people of the labouring class, struggling with poverty when times were hard through the French war and other causes. Her brother George and his wife Elizabeth Pitt were both taught in the same school as George Fox. George Pitt taught Susan Rose to write when she was 40 years of age and engaged her to write to him every month.

Susan Rose married Joseph Rose, an honest industrious man, who served under one master and ~~work~~ afterwards under his son, wool staplers, for nearly sixty years on wages of nine shillings a week, afterwards rising to eleven. On this with the help of a little garden ground, Susan Rose brought up a family of four. When Joseph Rose's master removed to Leighton Buzzard, the Rose family went too and there Susan Rose regularly attended Friends Meeting. Though for a long time too diffident that she was 'too crooked backed' to join them, she was eventually persuaded to join and thereafter derived much happiness from Friends Meetings. Her husband died in 1880 and in 1889 Susan Rose moved to Croydon to live with her daughter Emma Town. She often walked three miles to attend meetings twice a week.

Susan Rose lived in the spirit of 'Bless, and curse not.' She was almost entirely without learning but was eminently heavenly-minded; much of her time she was silent, only speaking a few simple words sometimes in Meetings

Susan Rose died on August 8 1895, aged 88.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1896 p,147

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ROSE, Walter (1871-1960)

Walter Rose was born on 26 July 1871, and came of yeoman stock. He lived in the village of Haddenham, and was the village carpenter. His faith stemmed from his love for the things of nature, and his work made him particularly sensitive to the fact that this was the vocation of the Master whom he strove to follow all his life. His ministry was couched in terms that all could understand, and deeply rooted in his constant reading of the Bible. 'peace on earth, goodwill to all men' was for him of paramount importance, and he was a supporter of the Peace Pledge Union.

A large share of the credit was due to him for the re-opening of Aylesbury Meeting House in 1933.

'In his two books 'The Village Carpenter' and 'Good Neighbours' he has described his work as a carpenter and wood work carver, and a number of churches in the vicinity contain examples of his dedicated craftsmanship.'

He died on 25 July 1960 on the eve of his 89th birthday.

Principal source

Testimony of Jordans MM in YM Proc. 1961, p.86

WBE:

ROSENBERGER, Absalom, 1849-1934

[ b. Dec. 26, 1849 at Thorntown, Ind., son of

Parents were Friends belonging to Sugar Plain Friends Meeting, near Thorntown.

ed. Brown Academy, Thorntown, Spiceland Academy at Richmond.] <sup>BC</sup> 1876, A.B., Earlham College, 1887, LL.B University of Michigan.

[ 1876-1883 secondary level teacher and school principal in Indiana. Then went to Michigan to study law.] <sup>BC</sup>

[ m. (1st) Ella Kendall (d.c.1900) 1 son, 3 daus.

1887-90 practiced law in Wichita, Kansas.] <sup>BC</sup>

1890-1900 served as President, Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

[ m.(2d), 1910, Florabel Patterson. After the marriage they went overseas to mission work in Ramallah, Palestine from 1910-1913.] <sup>BC</sup>

1913-15 Financial secretary, Whittier College, Whittier, Calif.

1915-18 President, Whittier College.

[ d. Oct. 26, 1934 at Whittier, Calif. in his 85th year.] <sup>BC</sup>

[ Am. Friend., 22(N.S.) (1934):434

Harris, The Quaker and the West, p.48 (portrait op.)] <sup>BC</sup>,

Rosenberger, Souvenir of Friends Schools (portrait)

Cooper, Charles W. Whittier, Independent College in California: p. 81.

WBE:

ROSENBERGER, Florabelle, nee Patterson, c.1875-1934

b. c.1875 in Western Pennsylvania, daughter  
of James and Nancy Patterson, Presbyterians.

c.1880 the family removed to Oskaloosa, Ia.

ed. local High School, Univ. of Michigan, one  
year, several years at Penn College, which later con-  
ferred an M.A. Special interests were history, music  
and literature.

1901-03 taught school at Penn Academy.

1903-07 superintendent of schools in Mahaska  
County, Iowa.

1907-09 head of history department, Penn College.

1909-10 teacher at Monmouth College, Ill. of the  
United Presbyterian Church.

m., 1910 Absalom Rosenberger, then Pres. of Penn  
College. Next three years were spent together in mission  
work at Ramallah, Palestine.

1913-1922 associated with Whittier College as  
Secretary, registrar, professor of education, etc. She  
inspired a zeal for scholarship.

c.1926 she and her husband revisited Palestine.

d. Dec. 21, 1934 at Whittier, Calif. and buried  
at Oskaloosa, Ia.

Harris, The Quaker and the West, 102,105,173

Am. Friend, 23 (N.S.), (1935):12 (portrait)

ROSEVEARE, William Leonard ( 1896 ? - 1976 )

William Roseveare was born in about the year 1896 (1). His father, an Anglican, was at one time a master at Harrow, and later became a professor of mathematics in S. Africa. William was educated at Winchester, which he left in 1913 to enter the regular army, ( the Royal Engineers ) and served in France throughout the whole of the first world war, being awarded the Military Cross. After the war he was posted to India, but later entered the civilian Indian Service of Engineers, working for nearly fifteen years in Burma as an irrigation engineer. He came to love the people of Burma and devoted himself against considerable odds to their welfare and to all who needed his personal championhip.

In 1937 he retired through ill health, but worked voluntarily for the Commonwealth Society. He was recalled to the army immediately war started and then after the war took up work for the Federal Union and for the Industrial Christian Fellowship - bodies which reflected his ideals of international and industrial peace.

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In 1949 he and his wife Marjory moved to the west country and he began to attend Weston-super-Mare meeting. He was accepted into membership of the Society in 1954 (2). In 1963 they moved to Sidcot where he became an elder of the meeting.(3) He served on Meeting for Sufferings as a representative of Bristol & Somerset QM from 1959 - 1961.(4)

He was a writer of letters to The Friend, and an untiring supporter of causes which upheld peace and individual freedoms, he also helped those in need when he could including Jewish refugees.

He died while on holiday at Penzance on May 4, 1976 aged 80.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE      The Friend      Vol 134 (1976) p. 787.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 80 at death.
2. Bristol & Somerset QM printed lists of members record him as an attender at Weston-super-Mare Meeting in 1953 and as a member in 1954.
3. The same lists for 1965 record him as a member of Sidcot Meeting. The same lists for 1976 record his wife still as an attender.
4. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library.

ROSLING, Florence Mary (1870-1963) after 1898 Marriage

[Florence Mary Rosling, daughter of Alfred Rosling (-)  
and his wife Eliza (born  
of South Norwood, was married in 1898 to Hugh Marriage  
(1871-1957 qv) of Hatfield Peverel in Essex.

See MARRIAGE, Florence Mary (1870-1963) born Rosling ]

WBE:

ROSS, Cephas, c.1774-

b. c.1774

1827, representative to Yearly Meeting at Philadelphia from Bucks Quarterly Meeting. This was his first attendance at yearly meeting. In the meeting of the representatives, held at Arch St. to nominate clerks for the forthcoming sessions he took an active part in seeking to have John Comly nominated.

1830, testified at the Camden Trial which is discussed in "Foster's Report", 2 vols.

Shotwell, complainant, Foster's report etc., 2:3

WBE:

ROSS, Elizabeth (Betsy), nee Griscom, afterwards Ashburn,  
finally Claypoole, 1752-1836

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Claypoole, Elizbath (Betsy), nee Griscom, then Ross,  
later Ashburn, finmally Claypoole

ROSS, Isabel

( 1885 - 1964 ) b. Abraham.

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Isabel Abraham was born in Liverpool in 1885 the daughter of Thomas Fell (1847- ) and Margaret Sarah (b. Brown ) Abraham. She graduated with honours in history at Liverpool University and then taught history for some years until her marriage in 1915 to William McGregor Ross. ( 1876 - 1940 ).(1) McGregor Ross was in government service in Kenya acting from 1905 - 1923 as director of public works and it was there that they spent their early married life and where their sons Hugh and Peter were born. She became profoundly interested in East Africa and maintained this interest throughout her life. In Kenya she formed the East African Women's League and was its first president. She, with her husband was interested in all matters relating to the welfare of the people, and she played an active part in the campaign against slavery. On their return from Kenya she became a valued speaker on East African affairs, slavery, peace and kindred subjects. She served on government commissions on East African affairs and in 1949, a widow and already suffering from the arthritis which was to cripple her later on, she paid another visit to East Africa bringing her knowledge up to date. She was also for many years a member of the executive committee of the British branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and served as vice-chairman from 1933/34. She also served on Friends Central Committees.(2)

She was a descendant of Margaret Fell and she and her husband lived for a time at Swarthmoor Hall where they gave a generous welcome to the many visitors. Later they removed to Far Sawrey (3) but she retained her interest in Swarthmoor and continued as far as her health and physical condition permitted to share her knowledge of and interest in the Hall with visitors, including school parties from the Quaker schools. In 1949 she published a masterly biography of Margaret Fell. She also involved herself in all kinds of research in connection with the district she loved so much whether into the possible association of Wm Wordsworth with Colthouse or into the making of Sage cheese. In 1951 she was president of the Friends Historical Society and chose as the title of her presidential address 'Byways in Quaker Research'.

In later years her crippling arthritis compelled her to leave her home and to enter a nursing home at Poole in Dorset where she spent a long time until her death there on October 27 1964, aged 79.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 122 (1964) pp 1323, 1389/90.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Birkenhead FMH on December 22, 1915. She is described as spinster, school mistress, he as bachelor, civil engineer. Both are described as not in membership.

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ROSS, Isabel ( 1885 - 1964 ) b. Abraham continued

REFERENCES & NOTES continued

2. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.

Meeting for Sufferings	1933 - 1936/7, 1940 - 1947/8.
Agenda Committee	1935/6, 1936/7, 1946/8.
Colonial Committee	1924 - 1927.
Cttee on Clerks	1942/3, 1945/6.
F.S.C.	1930 - 1936, 1940/1 - 1948.
Home Service	1939 - 1948
Education Council	1926/7 - 1929.
Friends Foreign Missions Assocn.	1926/7 - 1927.
Slavery & Native Races	1934 - 1935, 1939/40 - 1948.
Swarthmoor Hall Cttee.	1951 - until death.
War Victims Relief	1940.

3. Westmorland QM printed lists of members record them in 1936 at Swarthmoor Hall, in 1940 at Far Sawrey and as members of Colthouse Meeting; In 1941 Isabel only is recorded.

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ROSS, John Marshall (1845?-1915)

John Marshall Ross joined Friends through the Adult School Movement, his teacher being Thomas Pumphrey. He was an active worker in both the Adult School and the Sunday School in Newcastle. For 36 years he was employed by the North Eastern Railway Company and after his retirement devoted much of his time to work for the Society and philanthropic causes. He was an Elder.

He died on 1 March 1915 aged 70.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1916 p.123

WBE:a

ROSS, Mary Bryan, nee Stapler, 1826-1865.

b. 1826, Philadelphia, Penna.(?); dau.

John (died 7 Sept. 1858) and Ann B Stapler.

ed. Moravian Seminary, Bethlehem, Penna.

m. John Ross, principal chief of  
the Cherokee Indian nation (fl. 1790-1866).

26 Feb. 1835, received on certificate from Western  
District Monthly Meeting to Philadelphia Monthly Meeting  
(Orthodox).

26 Jan. 1843, granted certificate to Wilmington Monthly  
Meeting.

d. 1865.

Hinshaw's Encyclopedia, II:768.

Letter to Gary E. Moulton, Oklahoma State Univ., 27 Sept.  
1972, re biography of John Ross.

Mary Stapler Ross' brother John W. Stapler attended  
Haverford Coll., Mat. Cat. p. 32.

1709

ROSS, Thomas (1709-1786)

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Thomas Ross of Wrightstown meeting, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, was born about 1708 (1).

He was concerned to visit Friends in Europe some 20 years before his death, but doubting his qualifications and thinking too much about the needs of his family, he postponed it until his old age. He embarked for Europe April 1784, with various other ministering Friends, and arrived in London just before YM. After a stay in London, on account of illness, he travelled to Bristol and sailed to Cork. He visited most meetings in Ireland, and with John Pemberton of Philadelphia spent some time in ministering to non-Friends. After the National Half-Year's meeting at Dublin, May 1785, they returned to England. They attended YM at London, and those at Woodbridge and Norwich, and the QMs of Lincoln, York and Durham, visiting many other meetings on the way. From Durham they went through Newcastle into Scotland with some other Friends, as far as Old Meldrum. Ross and Pemberton went on to Inverness. His health declining, he turned back at this point and returned by way of Edinburgh, Old Meldrum and Newcastle to York, where he attended MM 3 Nov. 1785, which was the last meeting he was able to attend. During his illness he gave much counsel and advice to Friends, a copious selection of which is recorded in the Testimony.

He died at the house of Lindley Murray at Holgate near York, 13 Feb 1786, and was interred in Friends Burial Ground York 16 Feb (2).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of York MM in TGMD vol.3 p.314

#### NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 Age at death - in his 78th year - TGMD
- 2 Yorks QM Burials digest 1776-1837

#### SEE ALSO

Piety promoted (1854 ed) vol.3 p.153

Memorial concerning deceased Friends &c (3rd ed Philadelphia 1850) p.8.

J.Fds.hist.soc. vol.20 (1923) px2 p.123.

The Pennsylvania magazine vol.40 ( ) p.135; vol.41 ( )

pp.427, 428, 430, 431, 432; vol.55 ( ) p.78.

J. Bowden The history of the Society of Friends in America  
(London 1854) vol.2 p.398.

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ROSS, Thomas (<sup>1709</sup>~~1709~~-1786) contd.

- Journal of the life and gospel labours of David Sands &c  
(London 1848) p.77.
- The life and travels of John Pemberton &c (London 1844 p.205.
- Memoirs of the life and travels in the service of the gospel,  
of Sarah Stephenson (London 1807) p.86.
- A diary of the religious experience of Mary Waring &c (London  
1809) p.129
- W.J. Allinson (ed) Memorials of Rebecca Jones (Philadelphia &  
London <sup>1849</sup>) 49, 50n, 53, 65n, 73, 74, 94, 97, 106,  
119, 120, 122, 366.
- A short account of the life and religious labours of Patience  
Brayton &c. (New York and London 1802) p.63
- T. Chalk (ed.) / Thackeray Auto-biographical narrations &c.  
(London 1848) p.227
- L.S. Hinchman, The early settlers of Nantucket &c. (2nd ed.  
Philadelphia 1901) p.322
- Lines to the memory of Thomas Ross, composed by his son, in  
Friends' miscellany (ed. J. & I. Comly, Philadelphia)  
vol.6 (1834) p.185.

see also next page

ROSS, Thomas (1709-1786)

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Came over as a young man from Tyrone, Ireland to Wrightstown, Bucks Co. Pa. He never married. He was a sweet-spirited and acceptable minister among Friends, and traveled somewhat in religious service in America before going to England in company with Rebecca Jones and her party in 1784. He remained there for two years, and never returned. A serious fall on the voyage, occasioned by a sudden lurch of the vessel, injured him so that at his advanced age - he was then seventy seven - he never fully recovered. He was ill for some months before his death, which occurred at the home of the Grammarians, Lindley Murray, "Holdgate", near York, 2mo. 13, 1786. He was buried three days later, at his own desire, beside his friend and countryman, John Woolman. Rebecca Jones and George Dillwyn preached at his funeral. John Pemberton was in England at the time, and spent some days with him. He has left a memorandum of Thomas Ross's illness, as follows -

John Pemberton's Account of Thomas Ross, of Bucks county, when on a religious visit in England, 1st mo. 21st, 1786.  
Dear, aged Thomas Ross has, indeed, been eminently owned, and favoured; but, for four months past, he has been very poorly, and now lies at Lindley Murray's near York, afflicted with some inward obstruction, which occasions a great difficulty, at times, in his breathing. It rather increases upon him, and may gradually wear him away; though, at times, he is cheerful, and is in a resigned state of mind. He sometimes has prospects of further labor, which gives some hope or expectation, that he may get up again; but it seems very doubtful. It would have been acceptable to me, to be constantly with him, but it has been ordered otherwise. He is in a sweet disposition of mind. No care is wanting, respecting him; he is waited on, both day and night; that with respect to suitable accommodation, and tender attendance, he is full as well off, as though he had been at home. Many have dropped off, in this land; and he was desirous to get to York, so that if he was removed, his remains might be near dear John Woolman's.

A poem to his memory by his son is published in Fr'ds. Miscel. VI. p.185. (Memorials of Rebecca Jones pp. 58-123. Memorials of Deceased Friends, Philadelphia, 1821.)

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922, pp. 570-1

see also previous page

WBE:  
Additional references

ROSS, Thomas, 1709-1786

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Frds. Library, VI:333

Comly, Frds. Misc. 1:144; VI:188

Woolman, John, Jour. of, ed. Gummere, 570

Phila. Y.M., Memorials (1879):10

WBE:a

ROTCH, Eliza Ware, 1791-1870 afterwards Farrar

see FARRAR, Eliza Ware (Rotch), 1791-1870

WBE:a

ROTCH, Elizabeth Ware, 1791-1870 afterwards Farrar

see FARRAR, Eliza Ware (Rotch), 1791-1870

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ROTCH, Mary, 1777-1848

b. Oct. 19, 1777 at Nantucket, Mass., daughter  
of William (Sr.) and Elizabeth (Barney) Rotch.

Tall and good looking youngest child of family.  
They went to Dunkirk, France and in 1793 to London,  
Eng., returning in 1795 to New Bedford, Mass.

1799, accompanied Friends from Philadelphia on ~~a~~  
their visit to New England meetings.

1822 made an Elder of New Bedford meeting. She  
possessed rank and influence for she had a strong  
will and a lively imagination.

1823-24 Took in the views of the "New Light"  
movement. Was removed from Eldership.

Joined first the Congregationalists, then the  
Unitarians. Then she was disowned.

M.R. had a beautiful character and was a friend  
of R.W. Emerson and Marg. Fuller Orsoli.

d. Sept. 4, 1848 in New Bedford, Mass, aged  
about 71 years.

Tolles, "The New Light Quakers of Lynn and Bedford" in  
New Eng. Qu., 32(1959):291-319

Tolles, Emerson and Quakerism, Index

Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc. 27(1938):40; 31(1942):4; 38(1949):123  
45(1956):8

Hedgson, The Soc. of Frds. in the 19th cent., 1:59

Bullard, The Rotches

Tolles, Emerson and Qu....

WBE:

ROTCH, Thomas, 1767-1823

b. July 13, 1767 at Nantucket, Mass., son of  
William and Elizabeth (Barney) Rotch.

m., 1790, Charity Rodman (d.1824) 1 son. They  
lived for a time in New Bedford, Mass., then went to  
New Hartford, Conn.

1811, removed from Connecticut to Stark County,  
Ohio. On his death he left funds to aid in Friends'  
educational work in Ohio.

d. Sept. 14, 1823 at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, aged  
56 years.

Bullard, The Rotches, 450

Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 35(1946):96

ROTCH, William (1734-1828)

William Rotch was the head of the family conducting the Quaker whale-fishery in Nantucket and France.

Life. 1901.

J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 4, 9, 13-20

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.9

WBE:  
Additional information

ROTCHE, William, 1734-1828 *Sr.*

b. 4 XII 1734 on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.,  
son of Joseph and Love (Macy) Rotch.

m., 1754, Elizabeth Barney      children (3 or more)  
W.R. became a large owner of ships and chief prop-  
rietary of the island's whaling fleet.

During the American Revolution he received a stock  
of muskets in payment of a debt. He threw the bayonets  
into the sea and gave the guns to his whalers for hunt-  
ing. He lost out financially during the war because  
of his Tory inclinations. He was tried for treason.

1785 left America to live in France at Dunkirk.  
The family returned to America about 1790 but he stayed  
on at Dunkirk until 1793. Applied for and received  
from the French gov't the right of a full and free enjoy-  
ment of his religion and freedom from military require-  
ments of any sort.

1794/5 returned to America and settled in New Bed-  
ford, Mass.

d. May 16, 1828 at New Bedford, aged about 94 years.

Hirst, Qu. in Peace & War, 395,466

Bullard, The Rotches, 29, 37 (portrait op.)

D.A.B., 16:186

Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 1(1906):49 (portrait op.)

WBE:a

ROTCH, William, Jr., 1759-1850.

b. 29 Nov. 1759, Nantucket Island, Mass., s. of William Rotch, Sr., and Elizabeth Barney Rotch. (See Rotch, William, Sr., 1734-1828.)

m. Elizabeth Rodman, (b. 1759 d. 1828), 1782. (7 children.)

ca. 1787, removed to New Bedford where he engaged in whaling, banking and a candle business.

1788-1818, clerk of New England Y.M. most of those years.  
1788-17 // - R.B.  
1801  
1813-14

An original trustee and contributor of Providence Friends' School, (now Moses Brown School.)

Subscribed nearly half the money raised in New Bedford for the Friends' Academy there, built 1811 upon land provided by his father. He was then the first treasurer of the institution.

m. (2nd) Lydia Scott, 1829. (d. 1863) She was the dau. of Job Scott, Quaker minister.

W.R., Jr. continued in Quaker faith although he was not allowed to attend its meetings because he had married out of the society.

Left nearly \$1,000,000. when he died.

d. 17 April 1850, New Bedford, in his 91st year.

Bullard, The Rotches, pp. 71-83, 409, 408.

American Friend, 8(1901):442.

Dictionary of American Biography, XVI:186.

ELLIOTT, QU. ON THE AM. FRONTIER, 394

ROTTEN, Elisabeth Friederike ( 1882 - 1964 )

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Elisabeth Rotten was born in Berlin on February 15, 1882, the daughter of Markus Moritz and Louise Rotten of Switzerland. She took a Ph.D. degree and became an indefatigable and irrepressible worker for peace and disarmament. In 1915, as a young teacher not long out of college she acted as secretary to a committee set up in Berlin to deal with British and other enemy aliens who had been caught in Germany on the outbreak of war. She became the Berlin agent responsible for distributing food parcels sent out from England for the starving women and children and the main link with the British Friends sent out to help immediately the peace treaty was signed. Later she worked for the Fellowship of Reconciliation and for the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.(1) She was a friend of Philip Noel Baker and worked with him in assisting Fridtjof Nansen. She was one of the founders of the New Educational Fellowship to liberalise educational methods and to encourage experiment.

With the rise of Nazism she was again in danger, she was of Jewish parentage, only partly protected by her Swiss nationality and she was in poor health and almost penniless. Her friends persuaded her to return to Switzerland where she lived in the village of Saanen, adored by the small children, respected by all, friend of Martin Buber and her farmhouse living room became a centre for informal education for the village, where neighborhood meetings could be held. She also at this time joined in establishing the Pestalozzi International Children's Village.

She joined German Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends in 1931 and transferred her membership to Switzerland in 1934. She was a lifelong and noted authority on Goethe. She was a woman of boundless energy and courage, of great love, deep faith and imagination who brought comfort and happiness to very many of all ages, especially to the children.

She died suddenly, while on a short visit to London on May 2, 1964, aged 82.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 122(1964) pp. 555, 625/8

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. This organisation is erroneously referred to in the introductory note to the obituary tributes in The Friend as the "Women's International League for Peace and Friendship" p. 625.

WBE:

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ROTTEN, Elisabeth Friederike, 1882-1964.

German poetess.

b. 15 Feb. 1882, Berlin, Germany; dau. of Markus Moritz and Louise Rotten.

ed. Ph.D.

Active in growth of Quakerism in Germany; 1931, joined Germany Yearly Meeting; 1934, transferred membership to Switzerland Yearly Meeting.

Secretary of Berlin Committee for aiding stranded foreigners during World War II; worked for peace through Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Women's International League for Peace and Friendship.

Authority on Goethe.

Active in International Montessori Society.

Author: 1963, Wahrhaftigkeit, Gerechtigkeit und Frieden.

d. 2 May 1964, suddenly, following a short illness while on a visit to London.

The Friend (London) 117(1959):989; 122(1964):625.

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ROUND, Rachell (1660-1735) after 1690 Nichols  
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(Rachell Round, or Rownd, daughter of Nicholes and Ann Rownd  
of Reading, was married in 1690 to John Nichols of Bridport.

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see NICHOLS, Rachell (1660-1735) born Round)  
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ROUS, Anne (1671-1709) aftw. Dykes

[Anne Rous was the daughter of Rous and his wife  
(nee ) In 1698 she  
married Benjamin Dykes, of Colchester.

see DYKES, Anne (1671-1709) born Rous ]

/E ROUS, Bethiah (1666- ) aftw. English

[Bethia Rous, fifth child and eldest surviving daughter of John and Margaret Rous, was married in 1692 to David English of Pontefraet (d.1703).]

see ENGLISH, Bethiah (1666- ) born Rous ]

ROUS, John ( -1694/5)

John Rous was of St. Philip's, Barbados, son of Lieutenant Thomas Rous, a prominent Parliamentarian and Independent in the Island. Became a leading Friend in the Island. Travelled to New England. in 1662 married Margaret Fell, junior. d.1694/5  
cf. DNB; C.J., ii.385.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.72

see also ~~next~~ previous sheet

WBE:  
Additional references

ROUS, John, -1694/5

Evans, Friends of the 17th cent.

Penney, ed. Short Journal of Geo. Fox, 314

Ross, Marg. Fell, 345

Braithwaite, Begin. of Qu., 402,403

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:512

JFHS - Journal of Friends Historical Society

ROUS, Lydia (1819-1896)

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Lydia Rous was the daughter of William and Mary Rous of Maidenhead, where she was born on 24 May 1819 (1). She was one of a family of two brothers and seven sisters, all of whom became teachers. After a few years at the Friends School, Croydon and at the private school of Sarah and Maria Palmer, she became a teacher in 1838 in a private family and afterwards at Ackworth School until 1849. Her rule was firm, kind and loving. From 1851 onwards she taught again in private families including the Pease family; she also visited America with her brother and sister to join two other sisters in Canada. From 1858-63 she taught the children of John Bright, at Rochdale, and then revisited America, visiting military hospitals during the war between the north and south. From 1864 she taught for two years at Mountmellick and in 1866 she became Principal of the Mount School, where she remained for 13 years, exercising her firm and loving rule and showing a continuing interest in her pupils. Her religious teaching was highly practical; she gave thorough instruction in the Bible. Her ideals were high and she was enthusiastic in the pursuit of knowledge and in getting her pupils to care for poetry and good books.

After she retired she continued to live in York. In 1886 she paid one more visit to America. After an attack of paralysis in 1895 she moved to Darlington to live with her brother and sister, as she had been left with a trying decrease of mental and physical power. She died at the age of 77 on 15 December 1896, after a short and sudden last illness.

"Her nobility of character and brilliant mental endowments exercised a moral force that was powerful enough to arrest the attention of even thoughtless school girls; and none of those who shared the privilege of knowing her intimately can ever forget her wise kindness and the tenderness of her sympathy."

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual Monitor 1898 p.96

REFERENCES & NOTES :

1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest. Her father is described as "shopkeeper"

SEE ALSO :

Proposed memorial , vol.432  
The Friend, 1896 p.842  
Letters from Eliza Ellis esp.p.477  
Diaries of John Bright, p.527

WBE:  
Additional references

ROUS, Lydia, 1819-1896

The Friend (London), 71(1931):Supplement 5 (portrait)

Rous, The Mount School (portrait)

ROUS, Margaret (1633?-1706) *born Fell*

Margaret, wife of John Rous, of Kingston on Thames, was the eldest daughter of Judge and Margaret Fell, of Swarthmoor. See i. 140. 2. She married John Rous in 1661. They had twelve children; the four eldest died in infancy and only four of the remaining eight were living at the time, 1692, when their father made his will (Jnl. F.H.S. iv.) Maria Webb thinks that Margaret Rous visited her father-in-law in Barbados in 1678 (Fells, 1865, p.295). There is a possible hint of an earlier visit beyond seas in Fox's Spirit of Envy, 1663, p.11.

Webb, Fells, 1865

Dix MSS

Spence MSS

Swarth. MSS

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.421

*see also next page*

Rous

~~...,~~ Margaret (1633?-1706) ~~bom~~ Fell cont.

Margaret Fell, the younger, eldest daughter of Thomas and Margaret Fell, of Swarthmoor. She appears to have accompanied her mother to London when the latter went to appeal to the King for the release of Friends in prison. Among Spence MSS. are several letters from Margaret, Junior, written at Wapping in 1659 and 1660, where she was staying for the benefit of her health. In 1661, she married John Rous and removed to Kingston on Thames.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.421

see also next page

Rous

FELL, Margaret (1633?-1706) b. son Fell

Margaret Fell was of Swarthmore Hall, Ulverston. Eldest daughter of Margaret Fell. In 1662 married John Rous. cf. C.J. i.421; ii.421

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

see also previous pages

WBE:  
Additional reference

ROUS, Margaret, nee Fell, c.1633-1706

Ross, Margaret Fell, 341

ROUS, Margaret (1667- )

Margaret Rous was the third daughter of John and Margaret Rous, of Kingatoh on Thames. She was a scholar at Christopher Taylor's school at Waltham Abbey, anno 1680, aet. 12 (Testimony ... John Matern, 1680, p.30). In 1683 she was visited by Fox as she 'lay very sick' at home (Ell. edd.). She fell into disgrace in some way, as is evident from her father's will, dated 1692 '... My daughter Margaret who hath severall wayes disobliged me. If after my decease she shall by her obedient and dutifull carriage oblige my now wife...' (Jnl. F.R.S. iv.). The will dated 1698, of Margaret Fox, her grandmother (ibid.ii), contains a bequest of one guinea to Margaret Manwaring, and the context makes it probable that this was the married name of Margaret Rous, and the trouble and disgrace were connected with her marriage. There was according to Besse, a family of Manwaring, resident in Barbados, her father's native Island. But if Fox's reference is to this Margaret Rous, and if it belongs to the date under which it is given, 'younge Margarett' was only about three years old (omitted from Ell. edd.).

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.422

ROUS, Nathaniel (1670-1717)

Nathaniel Rous was a merchant of the parish of St Mary Bothaw, Cannon Street. He married Hannah Woods ( -1714) of Guildford, in 1696. Beyond their immediate family no descendants are known. His attack of small-pox is mentioned on p.134. He was a scholar at Richard Scoryer's writing school when the attack began (letter from John Rous, 20.i.1685/6, printed in Webb, Fells of Swarthmoor Hall, 1865).

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.315

ROUS, Thomas

Thomas Rous (d. before 1692) otherwise Lieutenant Colonel Rous, was a wealthy planter of the parish of St Philips in Barbados having previously resided in the Colony of New England. It is said that it was under the preaching of his son, John, that he became convinced of Friends' principles. His re-marriage, c. 1671, caused some anxiety to his son (Miller MSS. quoted in Fells, 1865, p.275).

Suff. under Barbados  
Bowden, Hist. 1850, i.113, 138  
Cal. S.P. Colonial, 1574-1660

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.429

WBE:  
Additional references

Rous, Thomas

-before 1692

Besse, 2:288,317

Jour. of Geo. Fox, Bi-cent. ed., 2: Index

Evans, Frds. in the 17th eent.

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ROUTH, Alice (1704-1791)

Alice Routh was born at Hawes in Yorkshire in 1704, of parents professing with Friends. (1) She received a gift in the ministry when young and was accepted as a minister at about the age of twenty seven. She was "a pattern of moderation, humility, plainness & industry." She made several visits into the northern counties and went once into Scotland and Ireland.

She died on 9 May 1791 and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Hawes. She was eighty seven and had been a minister for about sixty years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Richmond MM 15 March 1792 in TCMD vol.4 pp.28-30

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her birth is not traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest gives the date of her death as 8 May 1791; her place of residence is given as Ash of Aysgarth

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ROUTH, Jane (1717/8-1786) born Satterthwaite

Jane Satterthwaite, the daughter of William and Susanna Satterthwaite of Ringwood in Hampshire, was born there on 14.xi.1717 (i.e. January 1717/8).<sup>(1)</sup> Her parents died when she was young and she grew up in the home of her relations in Lancaster. She was a serious minded girl, not tempted by the vain allurements of the world and early became conscious of her religious vocation. She appeared in the ministry when she was twenty eight "and by a diligent attention thereto, witnessed a growth in her Gift & became a valuable Minister." She visited Friends' meetings in Cumberland, Wales and Cornwall and most of the southern and western counties; in 1770, accompanied by Jane Crosfield (1713-1784 qv) she journeyed to Ireland, "from all which labours we have good cause to believe she returned with the reward of Peace."

In 1757 she married John Routh of Lancaster<sup>(2)</sup>, but the marriage was childless.<sup>(3)</sup>

She died on 23 February 1786<sup>(4)</sup>, aged about sixty eight and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Lancaster, a minister for about thirty nine years.

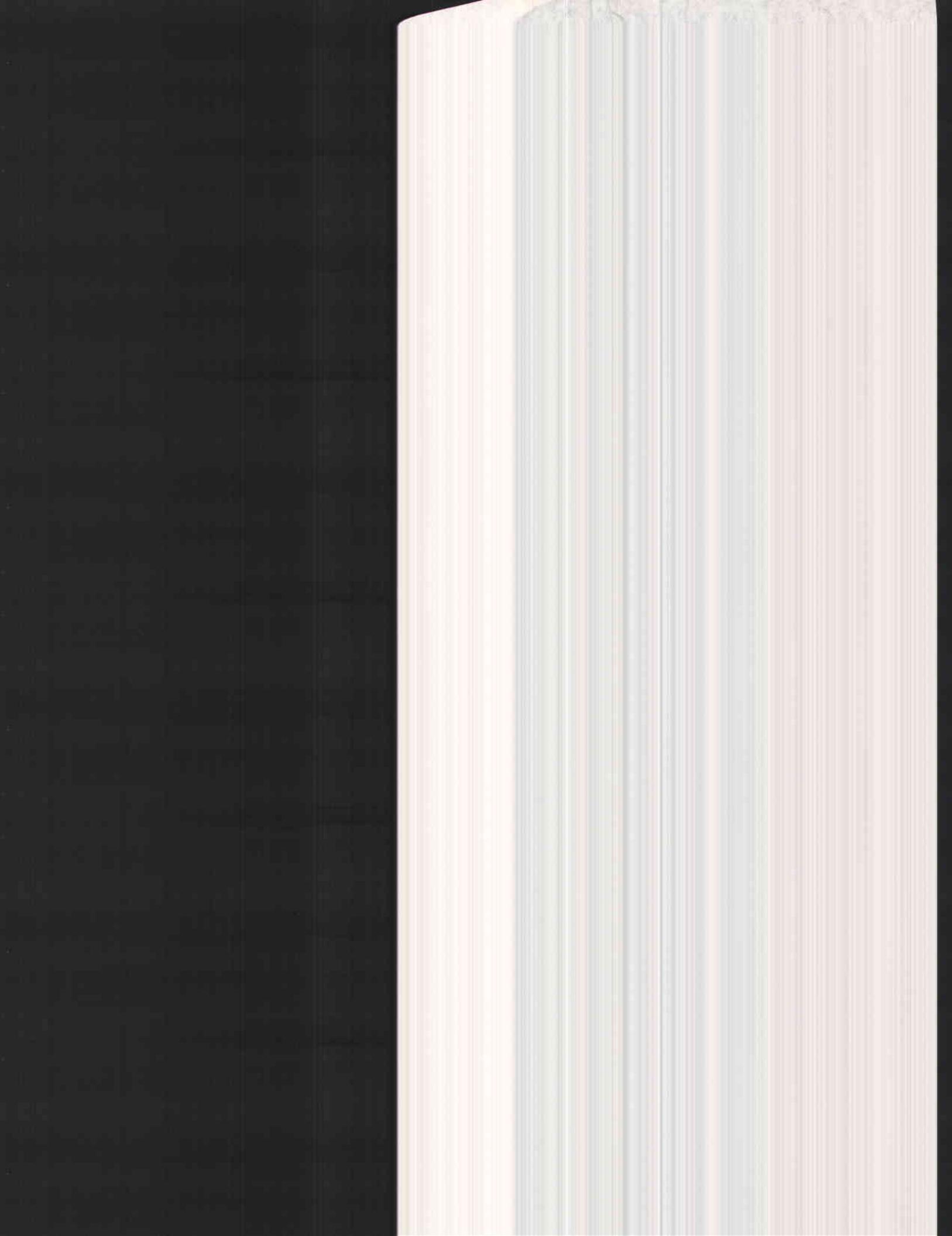
PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Lancaster MM 3 April 1786 in TCMD vol 3 pp 303-4

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Lancaster on 6 October 1757: he is described as living at Skerton, the son of Christopher Routh of Haws in Wensleydale, Yorkshire; she is described as of Lancaster, the daughter of William Satterthwaite late of Ringwood in Hampshire (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 No children are recorded in Lancashire QM Births Digest
- 4 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of John

SEE ALSO: Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 15 (1918) p 18



ROUTH, Margaret (1741?-1818) aftw. Binns

[Margaret Routh, daughter of George Routh and his  
wife Elizabeth (nee ) was married  
in to Abraham Binns of Liverpool

see BINNS, Margaret (1741?-1818) born Routh ]

ROUTH, Martha (1743-1817) born Winter

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Martha Routh's maiden name was Winter: she became the wife of Richard Routh of Manchester. She was twice in America. ~~AS~~ She died during YM. 1817 at the house of Simon Bailey of Spitalfields.

Memoir. 1822

J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 22 21-24

Note by Norman Fenney: Pen pictures (1930) p.10

see also next pg

ROUTH, Martha (1743-1817) born Winter

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Martha Routh was the daughter of Henry and Jane Winter of  
ur/ Stowbridge, Worcestershire. Having received a guarded education  
she went to Nottingham in 1760 to run a boarding school for  
Friends children.

When she was 30 she was acknowledged a minister, and in 1775  
she accompanied Ruth Fellows on a tour of the northern counties  
and Scotland.

After her marriage to Richard Routh she moved to Manchester,  
and in later years visited Scotland, Ireland and the United States  
of America.

She died in 1817 aged 74, a minister for 45 years.

Testimony of Hardshaw East M.M., in MS Test. vol.5 p.95

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WBE:  
Additional information

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ROUTH, Martha, nee Winter, 1743-1817

b. June 25, 1743 at Stourbridge, Worcs.

1804 came with her husband to live at New Bedford, Mass. However, he died during travels later that year in New York and she then returned to England.

d. July 18, 1817 in London, aged 74 years.

The Friend (Phila.), 85(1911):100

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:513

Frds. Lib. (Phila.) X11:413

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 15(1918):13; 21(1924):67

An. Mon.(O.S.), 6(1818):23

ROUTH, Rebecca (1809-1868) formerly Thompson, born Laycock

Rebecca Laycock, the daughter of John and Ann Laycock of Stockbridge near Kendal, was born there on 23 February 1809(1). Her father died when she was only thirteen weeks old, leaving the upbringing of a family of seven children to his widow. Rebecca was educated at Ackworth School from 1819 to 1823(2) and remembered with affectionate gratitude the care and training she received there.

After leaving school she went first to live with a married sister at Bolton le Moors, until in 1837 she was married to George Thompson of Rathfrelan in county Down(3). The date of his death is not at present (1977) traced, but she apparently returned to England and lived at Hertford for some time, until an opening occurred for her at the Agricultural School about to be established at Sibford, near Banbury. She moved there as female superintendent in 1841; a less laborious and more lucrative situation had been offered to her, but she felt it her duty to go to Sibford and she remained there for twenty six years.

In the year 1845 she was married to Richard Routh(4) and there were two children(5). She was an exemplary and affectionate wife and mother and managed successfully to combine these duties with her work at the school. Not only were her daily tasks ably and faithfully fulfilled, but she was deeply concerned for the spiritual welfare of all the members of her household and her care for the pupils at Sibford often extended into their adult life, giving them loving and motherly counsel. She had a special care for the dullest and slowest of her pupils, encouraging them and helping them forward often at considerable trouble to herself.

She was a valued and useful member of her monthly meeting, of which she was appointed an elder three years before her death. She was also a good friend to the poor, but humility was a striking feature of her character and she never pressed her own views forward.

She died at Sibford School after a long illness on 4 June 1868, at the age of fifty nine(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1869, pp 162-169

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

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ROUTH, Rebecca (1809-1869) formerly Thompson, born Laycock

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 92
- 3 The wedding was at Liverpool on 17 August 1837: he is described as a merchant of Rathfriland, county Down in Ireland, the son of George and Jane Thompson of Spring Hill near Lurgan in the county of Armagh; she is described as the daughter of John and Ann Laycock of Stockbridge, Westmorland (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 The wedding was at Sibford on 8 August 1845: he is described as a bachelor, a schoolmaster of Sibford Ferris, the son of William Routh, a farmer; she is described as a widow, a schoolmistress of Sibford Ferris, the daughter of John Laycock, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-
  - \*Richard Laycock b 28 May 1846
  - \*John b 7 Jan 1848
- 6 "No marriages traced to 1916
- 6 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Richard

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ROUTH, Samuel (1789-1853)

Samuel Routh, the son of Robert and Mary Routh of Lancaster, was born there on 12 April 1789(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1797 to 1802(2) and in 1822 was married to Hannah Clark(3); there were apparently no children born while the Rouths lived in Derbyshire(4), but after their removal to Exthorpe a son was born to them in 1833(5).

Samuel Routh had a very humble view of himself and was not accustomed to talk very much about his own opinions, but his life was spent in useful service and those who knew him well recognised his spiritual progress in the love of Truth and the principles and practices of the Society. He was an elder and his services were very acceptable both to his own meeting and in the quarterly meeting. His depth of sympathy was very great and it was not by words but by a singular tenderness of manner that he was enabled to help and comfort those in distress. Among his many services to the Society was his long continued interest in Ackworth School and he devoted much time and energy to promoting its welfare. His visits to the school were continued until within a short time of his death and his counsel was greatly valued.

His health began to fail some years before his death and he was subjected to attacks of a severe and painful illness. He died at Exthorpe near Doncaster on 6 October 1853(6), at the age of sixty four.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1855 pp 144-151

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a soap maker
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 42
- 3 The wedding was at Doncaster on 17 July 1822: he is described as a farmer of Draycott, Derbyshire, the son of Robert, a grocer, and Mary (both deceased) of Lancaster; she is described as the daughter of Timothy, a grocer (deceased) and Ann of Doncaster (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 No children are recorded in Derby & Notts QM Births Digest
- 5 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages:-  
Robert b 22 April 1833 who m 1862 Sarah Ellis
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of Hexthorpe J.J. Green, Quaker records, being an index to "The annual monitor", 1894, p 343, wrongly gives the year of death as 1854
- N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

ROUTH, Sarah (1717-1791) after 1748 Taylor

(Sarah Routh, daughter of John and Mary Routh of Wensleydale in Yorkshire, was married in 1748 to William Taylor.

see TAYLOR, Sarah (1717-1791) born Routh)

WBE:

ROUTH, Sarah, afterwards Taylor, 1717-1791

see  
Taylor, Sarah, nee Routh, 1717-1791

Zacheus Routh, the son of Christopher and Isabel Routh of Hawes in Wensleydale, Yorkshire, was born there on 14.iii.(May)1679.(1) He moved to Malden in Essex and appeared in the ministry there in about his thirtieth year. About the year 1711 he went to London, into the area of Horsleydown Monthly Meeting, where he "Improved in his Publick Gifts, which in time was to the General Approbation of Friends. He was a Man of good Natural Abilities, improved by Reading. He was Conversant with & well read in the holy Scriptures, for which he always expressed a great Value & Esteem. He was sound in the Doctrines of the Christian Religion and a Zealous Advocate for it, a Sincere Opposer of Deism and every appearance of Infidelity. He was of an Open and Charitable Disposition to all Societies of Christians, tho' Differing from us in some Points. He was as far as his ability would allow, Charitable to the Poor, and Exhortated to promote acts of Charity in those of able Circumstances. He was well heard in his Publick Testimonies by Persons of other Persuasions & was well Esteemed & respected by them."

In 1718/9 he married Hannah Fry, or Try, the widow of William Fry or Try(2) and there were four children of the marriage.(3)

He died of asthma on 4.xi.1739 (i.e.January 1739/40) in the sixty first year of his age and was buried in Friends' burial ground in Long Lane.(4)

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Horsleydown MM third month 1740, i.e.May 1740, in TGMD vol.1 p.148

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: he was born on 14.iii.(May)1679, the son of Christopher and Issabell of Hawes; his name is spelt Zacceus
- 2 The wedding was at Park in Southwark on 26.xii.1718(i.e.February 1718/9); he is described as an apothecary, the son of Christopher Routh, she as Hannah Fry, the widow of William Fry, late of Southwark. There is a second entry giving her name as Hannah Try. (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest as follows:-
 

Thomas	b 4.iv.(June)1723
John	b 14.iv.(June)1724
Samuel	b 9.i.1725 (i.e.probably March 1724/5 but possibly March 1725/6)
Hannah	b 9.vi.(August)1729
- 4 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he died on 4.xi.1739 (ie.January 1739/40); no description of him is given

WBE:

ROW, John, c.1766-1829

b. c.1766, possibly the son of Joseph and  
Sarah Row, of Spitalfields, London, Eng. ( see Br. DGB)

Lived in London and was a member of Devonshire  
House Meeting, of which he was an Elder.

A silk manufacturer, succeeded by Peter Bedford.

1828, accompanied Isaac Hammer on a part of  
his visit in Europe.

Noted as a philanthropist who gave largely to  
aid Friends in poor circumstances.

d. July 7, 1828 in London, aged 63 years.

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 21(1924):40

An. Mon. (O.S.), 18(1830):38

ROW, Joseph (1722-1792)

Joseph Row was a weaver in Duke Street, Spitalfields and an Elder. His wife, Sarah Row, was a minister (d.1803). They were great entertainers at Y.M. time. Susanna Row (d.1804) was his sister.

Jenkins: Records

J. Friends hist. soc. vol.16, ~~21, 25~~ 11 and 15 [aux]

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.7

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ROW, Sarah (1730-1803) born Garritt

Sarah Garritt, the daughter of Thomas and Ann Garritt of Chelmsford, was born there on 23.vii.(September)1730.(1) She married Joseph Row in 1764(2) and there were three children of the marriage.(3) She moved to London after her marriage, appearing in the ministry about 1782 or 1783. In their Testimony, Friends of Devonshire House Monthly Meeting said that "we are unacquainted with the former part of her life, yet in the course of nearly 40 years residence amongst us she was an example of meekness, and of a circumspect life."

She died aged about seventy two at her own house in Steward Street, London, on 25 February 1803(4) and was buried in Friends' burying ground near White Chapel. She had been a minister for about twenty years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Devonshire House MM 22 March 1803 in TCMD vol.4 pp.178-180

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Digest of Births: Sarah Garritt was born on 23.vii.(September) 1730, the daughter of Thomas and Ann Garritt of Chelmsford
- 2 The wedding was at Chelmsford on 6 March 1764; he is described as a weaver, the son of John and Elizabeth Row, she as the daughter of Thomas and Ann Garritt of Chelmsford (Essex QM Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Digest of Births as follows:-  
Joseph b 8 September 1767  
Ann b 25 September 1768  
Joseph b 2 December 1769
- 4 London & Middlesex QM Digest of Burials; she died on 25 February 1803

ROWCRAFT, Eliza (1872?-1919) after 1897 Hicks

[Eliza Rowcraft, daughter of Edward Rowcraft, was married in 1897 to Henry Burgess Hicks (1862-1939 qv).]

See HICKS, Eliza (1872?-1919) born Rowcraft ]

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James Rowe was born in about the year 1908 (1) and after studying at Reading University and spending five years on the staff of Achimota College in Ghana he moved to the Cotswolds in 1936 buying Whalley Farm at Whittington a year later.(2) The outbreak of war brought problems to the new farm but helped by Quaker conscientious objectors and several European refugees he and his staff created a very efficient farm which in time became a model farm visited by many from overseas. He was the longest serving director of the West Midlands Farmers - a co-operative agricultural trading group and gave service to the National Farmers Union. He was also a governor of the Hartbury College of Agriculture. All this with the efficiency of his own farm led to his receiving the Summers Award for his special contribution to agriculture in Gloucestershire.

He was a member of Cheltenham meeting of which he was an elder for several years, he took special delight in the annual visits to his farm by young Friends and by parties of children from local schools and he was always anxious to share his love and care for the countryside, especially with children. He served the Monthly Meeting for over ten years as Registering Officer and in this capacity he gave valuable help and advice and guided the meetings on those occasions with sensitivity. His main relaxation was dinghy sailing, he built several boats and at the National Sailing Centre at Cowes he gave precious weeks as a voluntary instructor. He had a simple holiday home in the Salcombe estuary which he shared with his workpeople and friends. He was always active and young in spirit.

He died on February 16, 1981 aged 73.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 139 (1981) p. 322

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth he was aged 73 at death.
2. The printed lists of members for Western QM for 1938 record James E. Rowe under Cheltenham at Whalley Farm with his wife Beatrice. The obituary makes no reference at all to his wife but her name is not in the list for 1942 so that presumably she died soon after their coming to Cheltenham in 1940/41.

ROWLAND, Dorothea Fanny ( 1881 - 1973 ) b. Weekes

Dorothea Weekes was born on July 25, 1881. Of her early life no records are available (1976) but she seems first to have contacted Friends when in 1906 and 1907, at the age of about 25, she attended summer schools at Woodbrooke. Woodbrooke in its early days and the influence of Rendel Harris ( 1852 - 1941 qv.) made a lasting impression upon her. The Woodbrooke Journal for 1910 contains an article by her describing an excursion of students to Stratford on Avon.

Through Rendel Harris she met Wilfrid Rowland, the third son of Dr. Alfred Rowland, who was a member of the Congregational church and retained his membership all his life.

She joined the Society of Friends at Heathfield, Sussex,(1) and in 1909 she and Wilfrid Rowland were married. At first they moved to Stockton Heath, Nr. Warrington (2) where Wilfrid was engaged in social work and where, in a very poor area, they started one of the first baby clinics in the country. In 1916 they moved to Crouch End and Dorothea joined the meeting at Muswell Hill (3) where she became a very active member and an elder. They had a family of six children. As a child Dorothea had learned to play the harp and the piano, for generations her family had been connected with the development of the Plymouth orchestra, but at the age of 50 an illness left her with a chronic deafness, but with the help of a hearing aid, lip reading and a deep understanding which did not depend on sounds she was able to know what was being said.

The family seems to have moved to Clacton-On-Sea in about 1960,(4) where again, she was a great support to the local meeting. In 1962, at the age of 79, ( Wilfrid was then 89 ) they decided that their home must be given up and they moved into a small bed-sitting room in an old people's home, Winsford House, Clacton-on-Sea. There they continued to receive visitors and to keep in contact with the many friends she had made. In recent years worried by Wilfrid's age and ill-health she devoted herself to his care and was overjoyed when he celebrated his 100th birthday in 1972.

She died on June 24, 1973 at the age of 91. At the Meeting for Worship preceding the cremation her husband spoke gratefully of the support he had received from Friends. He died a few months later in September 1973.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Colchester & Coggeshall MM  
Y.M.Proc. 1974 pp. 241/2.

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ROWLAND, Dorothea Fanny ( 1881 - 1973 ) b. Weekes continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. This information is taken from the Testimony cited above. No dates in confirmation have been found.(1976)
2. Lancashire & Cheshire QM printed list of members for 1910 records her as a member of Warrington meeting.
3. London & Middlesex QM printed list of members for 1917 records her as a member of Muswell Hill meeting.
4. The same lists record her as still a member of Muswell Hill meeting in 1958, but the list of members for Essex & Suffolk QM first records her as a member of Clacton meeting in 1963.

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ROWLAND, Rachel, nee Edwards, then Buckbee, 1766-1830.

b. July 2, 1766 at Phila., Pa., daughter of John and Rachel Edwards. Raised a member of the Anglican church. Orphaned while young.

Convinced and joined Friends.

m. (1st), 1786, Isaac Buckbee. They had several children. She spoke as a minister.

1793 Isaac Buckbee and 3 children died of yellow fever.

Recommended as a minister.

m. (2d), 1799, James Rowland.

1827-28 went with Race St. Friends at the time of the Separation.

d. Feb. 9, 1830 at Phila. (?), in her 64th year.

Phila. Y. M. (Race St.), Memorials, 1841, 8.

Comly, Frds. Misc., IX:84

ROWLANDSON, Jane (1713-1784) aftw. Crosfield

/Jane Rowlandson, the daughter of James ~~Crosfield~~<sup>Rowlandson</sup> and his wife Mary (nee ) was married in 1746 to George Crosfield.

see CROSFIELD, Jane (1713-1784) born Rowlandson /

WBE:

ROWLETT, John, c.1773-1846

b. c.1773, probably near Phila., Pa., son  
of Samuel and Anna Ann Rowlett, not then in  
membership with Friends.

m.(1st), 1798 Mary Edwards, who appears to have  
been disowned by Abington Meeting for Marrying out.

m. (2d) Margery Mickle Hopper, c.1825. (B.1899)

Author, 1823, Caution to banks, merchants, &c...  
1826, Stereotype edition of Rowlett's Tables of discount,  
or interest...

d. July 16, 1846 and was buried at Fairhill  
grounds in Phila., Pa., in his 74th year.

Frds. Intel, 3(1846):133; 50(1893) 569,633 (refers to  
a possible son, John) B.C.

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

Hinshaw, Encyc., 2: 641, 818 and 1078 (possible means  
a son. John)

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ROWND, Rachell (1660-1735) after 1690 Nichols  
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[Rachel Round, or Rownd, daughter of Nicholas and Ann  
Rownd of Reading, was married in 1690 to John Nichols  
of Bridport.

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see NICHOLS, Rachell (1660-1735) born Round ]  
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ROUNTREE, Alfred (1869-1956)

Alfred Rowntree was born 22 November 1869

He was for many years an Elder, a Trustee of Reeth Friends School, and on the Management Committee of Richmond Monthly Meeting Trusts.

He served for a long time as a representative on Meeting for Sufferings, and for 56 years as a Governor of Ackworth School. He also acted in the management of Swarthmoor Hall.

He was a Justice of the Peace from 1906 until he was 81, and was greatly interested in Wensleydale life and culture.

He was regular in attendance at Meetings for Worship and Business, and gave valuable service.

In addition to these many activities he built up his own business of manufacturer of dairy products.

He died 8 June 1956.

Testimony of Richmond M.M. in Y.M. Proc. 1957, p.177

ROWNTREE, Alfred (1869-1956)

Alfred Rowntree, the only son of John Rowntree (1821-1894 qv) and his second wife Eliza (formerly Brady, born Walker, 1841-1913 qv) of Scarborough in Yorkshire, was born there on 22 February 1869(1). He was educated at Oliver's Mount, Scarborough and at Bootham School, York from 1880 to 1885, where he played cricket and football in the first eleven(2). He trained in farming at Edinburgh University and as a farm pupil and became a dairy farmer and a producer of Wensleydale cheese. He was married in 1899 to Marguerite Ethel Willis of Carperby(3) and there were two children(4).

He served with distinction in his profession and in local government and was a Justice of the Peace from 1906 until he was eighty one. He was a valued elder of Carperby Meeting, regular in his attendance both at meetings for worship and for business and served on the Meeting for Sufferings from 1918 to 1955(5). He was for fifty six years a governor of Ackworth School and was also a trustee of Reeth Friends' School and on the management of Richmond Monthly Meeting Trusts; he also acted in the management of Swarthmore Hall. He was a cheerful, dauntless man, with a ready fund of stories, devoted to what he believed to be his duty; his judgment was sound and he was always ready to help those in trouble.

Alfred Rowntree of Field House, Leyburn, died on 8 June 1956, at the age of eighty seven(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend, vol 114 (1956) p 607

Testimony of Richmond MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1957, p 177

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 344
- 3 The wedding was at Carperby on 16 September 1899: he is described as a bachelor, a farmer of Kirkby Overblow, the son of John Rowntree, a grocer; she is described as a spinster of Caperby, the daughter of Thomas Willis, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-  
Alfred John b 25 Dec 1900 who m 1934 Elizabeth Mansfield  
\*Alaric Willis b 7 March 1906
- \*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages or The Friend to  
1969 and no reference to a marriage in The Rowntrees of Riseborough,  
1940, p A8
- 5 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a company director

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

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ROUNTREE, Alfred John ( 1900 - 1972 )

A John Rowntree, the son of Alfred ( 1869 - 1956 q.v.) and Marguerite Ethel ( b Willis 1874 - 1946 ) Rowntree was born at Middleham in Wensleydale on December 25, 1900.(1)

Following his father, he became a farmer and also joined his father's creamery business. On 14th July 1934 he married Elizabeth Mansfield.(2) ( b 1911 )

He seems to have been for all his life a member of the small Friends Meeting at Carperby, within Richmond MM and he served the local and larger meetings faithfully. He served on the Swarthmoor Hall Committee from 1955 to 1972 and on Meeting for Sufferings as a representative of Durham QM from 1963/4 until 1967, and after the change in representation, as a representative of Richmond MM from 1967 until his death.(3)

He died at his home at Leyburn, Yorks. on December 28, 1972 aged 72.

There was one child of the marriage, a son, Alfred John. (4)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE      The Friend Vol 131 (1973) p 4

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Digest of Births. His father is described as a farmer.
2. Digest of Marriages. The marriage took place at Carperby FMH. He is described as bachelor, company director. She as spinster, daughter of John Mansfield, master builder.
3. Typescript Committee Indexes. Friends House Library
4. Digest of Births. Alfred John Rowntree b. 31. 3. 44. His father is described therein as civil servant, of Field House, Leyburn.  
*Mansfield/*

RONTREE, Ann (1823-1864) born Webster

Ann Webster, the second daughter of George and Eleanor Webster of Halifax, was born there on 15 November 1828(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1838 to 1843(2) and stayed on to become a teacher at the school.

She was married in 1853 to John Rowntree (1821-1894 qv) and there were eight children(3). Her husband had a grocery business in Scarborough and here, in the management of a large household which included several young men in addition to her own growing family, she found much to occupy her. She carried out her numerous duties with a gentleness and consideration for others which caused her to be loved and valued by all who came under her influence. She had always been religiously inclined, but the death of her infant son William Henry influenced her very deeply and her study of the Bible and periods of retirement became more frequent.

She became ill quite suddenly during her eighth pregnancy and towards the end of it grew rapidly weaker. After the birth of her child it was hoped that she would recover her health, but she died on 4 November 1864, at the age of thirty six(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1866, pp 154-169

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a grocer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 135
- 3 For marriage and children see RONTREE, John, (1821-1894)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Scarborough, the wife of John

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

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ROWNTREE, Arnold Stephenson (1872-1951)

Arnold S. Rowntree was born 28 November 1872, the youngest son of John Stephenson and Elizabeth Rowntree. He was educated at Bootham and after three years' in his father's grocery business joined his uncle's firm, became a director of the Cocoa Works in 1897 and held this office until his retirement in 1941.

As a young man he was Clerk to York Monthly Meeting, and a founder member of the Yorkshire Friends Service Committee. In his retirement he laboured to build up the meeting at Pickering. He was Chairman of the York Schools Committee for over forty years, and was also Chairman of the Retreat Committee for many years. He was Chairman of the Trustees of the 'Friend' and the 'Friends Quarterly' and he did much work for Woodbrooke and for the Central Allotments Committee.

He played a large part in the difficult transition period which led the establishment of the National Adult School Union as an independent and non-sectarian body; he did much work in promoting Adult Education Settlements at York and Leeds, and in the formation of the Educational Settlements Association.

Arnold Rowntree was Member of Parliament for York from 1910 to 1918 and was called to preside over the setting up of the Whitley Council in the Potteries, the first of these councils in the country. He was Sheriff of York in 1931; with his wife he gave the City its first Nursery School and two children's playgrounds, and exercised influence through membership of several Charitable Trusts.

His newspaper work began in 1904 and became a major concern of his life. He was Director of a group of newspapers and Chairman of several of its subsidiaries.

After his marriage in 1906 to Mary K. Harvey their home quickly became a wonderful centre of hospitality, where visitors experienced a warm and gracious welcome. Many Bootham and Mount Old Scholars visited them there.

'It is indeed for the warmth of his human relationships that Arnold Rowntree is chiefly remembered. In contact with persons of every walk of life he showed always the same deep kindness the same reconciling spirit. The grip of his hand on one's arm was the outward expression of the affectionate interest of one

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Rowntree, Arnold Stephenson (1872-1951) cont.

who was never too busy to be approachable and who longed that his friends should do well. His spontaneous humour and tolerant view of the inconsistencies and absurdities "that do so easily beset us" gave him a unique place in the affection of a wide circle.

'To the Meeting for Worship he gave thought and prayer, which led to a vocal ministry passing on to others something of his life and personality and Christian discipleship'.

He died 21 May 1951

Testimony of Yorkshire QM in YM Proc. 1952, p;171

WBE:  
Additional references

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ROWNTREE, Arnold Stephenson, 1872-1951

Foulds, Arnold Rowntree, a life

Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 45(1956):47

Who's Who, 1949:2415

Bootham School. Register, 211

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX7628

The Friend (London), 62(1922):701; 71(1933):57 (portrait);  
92(1934):718 (photograph);  
109(1951):451,480,574

The Friend (Phila.) 124(1951):387

WBE:

ROWNTREE, Arthur, 1861-1949

b. 1861 at Scarborough, Yorks, Eng.,  
son of John and Ann (Webster) Rowntree.  
ed. Bootham School, Yorks and University College,  
London, also Heidelberg, Germany.

1884-85 Junior teacher at Bootham.

m., 1891, Ellen Hurndall - a member of Anglican  
church. They had 2 daughters.

1892 appointed Master of the Senior Class, at  
Bootham.

1899-1927 headmaster, Bootham School. Helped in  
the rebuilding after a bad fire.

1928 after retirement travelled to both America  
and South Africa.

1931 Settled at Farnham, then went to Tunbridge  
Wells and later to Southborough.

Wrote, 1931, The history of Scarborough...; 1946,  
Whittier, Crusader and Prophet...

1945-46, edited Frds. Qu. Exam.

A.S. was known for his great natural reserve.

d. May 11, 1949 at Southborough, aged 87 years.

Bootham School, Register, 212

Pollard, ed., Bootham School, 1823-1923, op. 128 (portrait)

Bootham, O.Y.O.S.A., A Centenary Souvenir..., 189 (portrait\*)

Dell, Arthur Rowntree

The Friend (London), 63(1923):Sup.6, 11

Who's Who, 1949, 2415

67(1927):717 (portrait)

107(1949):399, 404

WBE:

ROWNTREE, Benjamin Seebohm, 1871-1954

b. 1871 at York, England, son of Joseph and Emma Antoinette (Seebohm) Rowntree.

ed., 1882-87, Bootham School, then to Owen's College at Manchester Univ. for chemistry.

Entered the family cocoa business which by 1922 had 7000 employees, had never had a general strike, and whose aim "is not to make money, but to make men."

m., 1897 Lydia Potter (d.1944) of Middlesborough. children.

B.S.R. was deeply concerned for social and economic welfare and wrote a number of books in this field. These include, 1905, Betting and gambling, a national evil...; 1918, The human needs of labour... 1921, The human factor in business...; 1922, Industrial unrest: a way out. and, Poverty and the welfare state.

His hobbies were natural history, walking etc.

d. Oct. 7, 1954 at High Wycombe, aged 83 years.

Bootham School. Register, 212

Am. Friend, 10(N.S.) (1922):105 (portrait)

The Friend (London), 54(1914):249 (portrait);  
112(1954):1029

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth, BX 7617

ROWNTREE, Brightwen (1873-1955)

see ROWNTREE, Charles Brightwen (1873-1955)

C. Brightwen Rowntree, the son of Charles John Rowntree (1846-1925 qv) and his wife Mary De Horne (born Brightwen, 1847-1929 qv) of Sunderland, Sheffield and Leeds, was born at Sunderland on 29 October 1873(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1884 to 1887, spent a year at Sheffield Royal Grammar School in 1888 and went on to Bootham School, York, from 1888 to 1890. On leaving school he began teaching at the Hall Gate School, Doncaster, moving in the next year to the Middle School, Gravesend. He was on the staff of Sidcot School from 1892 to 1895 and then, after a period from 1895 to 1897 at the Flounders College, Leeds, where he took a London degree, he taught at Oliver's Mount at Scarborough from 1897 to 1899 and at Penketh from 1899 to 1901. His thirty three years' association with Friends' School, Saffron Walden, followed - first as senior master and then from 1922 as Headmaster. He retired in 1934.

He was married in 1906 to Gertrude Tawell (1872-1964 qv) of Wakes Colne, the daughter of Henry Augustus Tawell (1843-1935 qv)(2) and there was one son(3).

He had a well disciplined mind which enabled him to accomplish a great deal of work and both the school and the town of Saffron Walden owed much to him. His interests covered carpentry and wood carving, sport, natural history, archaeology, stamp collecting, photography and many other pursuits. He made many contributions to the life of the borough; he became a member of the Town Council in 1932, an alderman in 1949 and was Mayor from 1947 to 1950. He was active on many committees, a past chairman of Saffron Walden General Hospital, a member of the Regional Hospital Board and of the local Public Assistance Committee; he was a trustee of several local charities and was president from 1938 to 1939 of the town's Rotary Club. In turn he held office as honorary secretary, treasurer and president of Saffron Walden Free Church Council. In politics he was a Liberal and had been an officer of the Divisional Liberal Association and president of the town Liberal Club. He was the author of the standard local history, Saffron Walden, Then and Now, published in 1951 and added a supplement to it on the history of Saffron Walden cricket.

He was equally active in his work for the Society of Friends. He served on the Agenda Committee from 1921 to 1922, the Christian Relationships Committee from 1942 to 1945 and the Friends' Service Council from 1927 to 1955(4). For six years he was chairman of the FSC Friends' Service Finance Committee, <sup>and for sometimes presiding at meetings vice</sup> chairman of the Council. He was interested in the Friends' Foreign Mission

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Association's China Committee and was at various times chairman of the executive of the Friends Guild of Teachers, treasurer of the Friends' Central Education Committee, clerk of Essex and Suffolk Quarterly Meeting and of its Finance Committee, treasurer of Thaxted Monthly Meeting, clerk and treasurer of Saffron Walden Preparative Meeting and custodian of the quarterly and monthly meeting records. He was also a member of the Finance Committee of the Meeting for Sufferings. He was a sympathetic personal friend, to whom members of his meeting turned naturally for advice.

C. Brightwen Rowntree of Saffron Walden died on 3 March 1955, at the age of eighty one(5).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend, vol 113 (1935) pp 241-244

Testimony of Thaxted MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1956, p 157

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 The wedding was at Colne on 11 August 1906: he is described as a bachelor, a schoolmaster of Friends School, Saffron Walden, the son of Charles John Rowntree, a cashier; she is described as a spinster of Wakes Colne, the daughter of Henry Augustus Tawell, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-  
Henry Brightwen b 20 March 1908 who m 1937 Dorothy Seton Lean
- 4 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a headmaster, retired

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

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ROWNTREE, Charles Brightwen, 1873-1955

b. Oct. 29, 1873 at Sunderland, England, son of  
Charles John and Mary ~~DeeHorne~~ (Brightwen) Rowntree.

1876, family removed to Sheffield, Eng.

ed. Ackworth, Sheffield Grammar School, Bootham.

Entered teaching at Hall Gate School, Doncaster,  
then went on to teach at Middle School, Gravesend,  
London.

1892-95 member, teaching staff at Sidcot School.

1895-97 Studied at Flounders Institute, Leeds.

1897-99 Taught at Oliver's Mount School at Scarborough, Yorks. and from 1899-1901 at Penketh School.

1901-1934 senior master at Saffron Walden and  
head of the school from 1922 on.

m., 1906, Gertrude Tawell. 1 son.

Active in all activities of town of Saffron  
Walden, serving finally as Mayor, 1947-50.

Author, Saffron Walden, then and now.

d. March 3, 1955 at Saffron Walden, aged 81 years.

The Friend (London), 113(1955):243

ROWNTREE, Charles John (1846-1925) ✓

Charles John Rowntree, the son of William (1798-1854) and Ann (born Cooke, 1806-1883) Rowntree, was born on 25 December 1846. (1) He became a grocer in Sunderland but moved in 1881 to Sheffield where he was active in the Doncaster Street Mission and Adult School. He removed to Leeds in 1907 and became an active member of Charlton Hill Meeting, the Adult School and Evening Meetings connected with it. ✓

He married in 1871 Mary de Horne Brightwen: there were eight children. (2) He had a special concern for the young and loved to join in their rambles.

His vocal ministry was often enriched by a good memory for quotations from the poets. Having an open spirit, he welcomed the new light brought by biblical scholarship.

He was essentially a reconciler.

He died on 25 January 1925.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Leeds MM in YM Proc. 1926 p.211

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The Rowntrees of Riseborough, 1940, p.D4: the heading of the testimony gives the date of birth as 23 December.
- 2 Listed, ibid, pp.D10,11 as follows:

Charles Brightwen	born 29 October 1873, qv
Edwin de Horne	born 3 March 1875
William Ernest	born 14 July 1876
Marion	born 29 March 1878
Kathleen	born 28 November 1879
Ethelwyn	born 22 April 1882 who married in 1910 Hubert Lidbetter
Herbert	born 29 December 1884, qv
Helen Mary	born 10 November 1886

#### SEE ALSO

Ackworth old scholars assoc. rep. 1925 p.88

RONTREE, Constance Margaret (1871-1928) born Naish

Constance Margaret Naish, the daughter of Louis Edmund and Sarah Ann (1846-1900, born Fryer, qv) Naish of Ashley, Bristol was born there on 25 February 1871 (1).

I She married in 1892 John Wilhelm Rowntree (1868-1905, qv)

Following her husband's death in 1905, she devoted herself to the carrying on of many of the works which they had planned to do together at their new home. For many years the annual meetings of the National Council of Adult schools and of the Yorkshire 1905 Committee were held there and it was during one such gathering that the idea of non-resident settlements emerged. Constance Rowntree gave much thought to the arrangements for these gatherings and she and her family took a large share in the work of looking after those attending. She was by nature shy and reserved, but her desire to help others enabled her to break through the barrier.

She undertook much work for children and this especially absorbed her energy during the last ten years of her life. For many years she had been responsible for the children's Sunday morning class at Scarborough Meeting. In 1919 the Scarborough Nursery School was opened and equipped largely by her efforts. She was a member of the Board of Guardians and by her visiting for this and for the local Council of Social Welfare she was able to bring help and sympathy to many homes. The death of her small daughter Violet less than a year after that of John Wilhelm Rowntree and the death of her only son during the War gave her a true insight into the troubles of others. The Friedenthal guest house, while it remained in her hands, was a place where tired mothers and children could have a necessary holiday. During the summer months she would entertain parties of children at her home. Her gift lay in seeing each child as an individual with a particular need to be satisfied.

She died 9 March 1928.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Pickering & Hull MM in YM Proc. 1928 p. 267.

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WBE:

ROWNTREE, Edith, afterwards Sturge, 1870-1955

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Sturge, Edith, nee Rowntree, 1870-1955

RONTREE, Eliza (1841-1913) formerly Brady, born Walker

Eliza Walker, daughter of Richard Walker, was born 18 August 1841 (1).

She married in 1860 William Brady (1838-1862 qv) of Dewsbury and, perhaps, later of York (2).

She married, secondly, in 1868, John Rowntree (1821-1894 qv) of Scarborough: there was one child of this second marriage (3).

Eliza Rowntree of Scarborough died 3 September 1913 aged 72 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Date of birth from C.B. Rowntree, The Rowntrees of Riseborough, 1940, p A1. Her father's name from entry relating to her second marriage. No entry is traced in Digest of Births
- 2 Bootham register, 1935, p 62. No entry is traced in Digest of Marriages. Reference to it has not been traced in The Friend vol 18 (1860). William Brady is recorded as a non-member at the time of his death: ~~and his birth is not traced in Digest of Births~~: this tends to confirm the suggestion that the marriage was not according to Friends' usages. No children of the marriage are traced and it might be supposed they would be recorded in Bootham register. For notes on Dewsbury and York, see BRADY, William (1838-1862)
- 3 For details of the marriage and son, see RONTREE, John (1821-1894)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Cotesene, Middleham, widow of John

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

\* as his second wife

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ROWNTREE, Elizabeth (1764-1835) born Lotherington

Elizabeth Lotherington, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Lotherington of Scarborough, was born there on 24 January 1764(1). She was married in 1785 to John Rowntree (1757-1827 qv) of Scarborough in Yorkshire and there were eight children(2).

She was for many years an overseer and an elder and in discharging these duties she was noted for her care and humility. Her watchfulness over others was the watchfulness of love, inspired by a sense of Christian responsibility. Her advice and counsel were given with simplicity and affection and were generally well received. She loved peace and freely sacrificed her own ease to promote the welfare and enjoyment of her friends. Her religion was not restricted to her home and the meeting house, but was carried out into all the engagements of domestic and social life, so that she often found an opportunity to speak a few words of counsel and encouragement. She was deeply attached to the principles of the Society and attended meeting very regularly, even when her state of health made attendance difficult.

During her latter years her husband and several of her children died, but she bore these afflictions with Christian fortitude, upheld by her faith in God. Elizabeth Rowntree of Scarborough died on 25 November 1835 at the age of seventy(3), after being taken ill during a meeting for worship.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1837, pp 41-43

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see ROWNTREE, John (1757-1827)
- 3 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of John

SEE ALSO:- Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vxx Sup 17  
(Pen Pictures) p 152

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ROWNTREE, Elizabeth (1763-1836) after 1800 Priestman

[Elizabeth Rowntree, daughter of William (1727-1798)  
and Hannah, (born Hebron, 1734-1801) Rowntree of  
Riseborough, Yorkshire, was married in 1800 to David  
Priestman (1749-1831, qv), being his second wife.

see PRIESTMAN, Elizabeth (1763-1836) born Rowntree ]

ROUNTREE, Elisabeth (Hotham) (1834-1875) born Hotham

Elisabeth Hotham, the eldest daughter of James Hotham (1803-1850 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Mallinson, 1812-1875 qv) of Leeds, was born there on 14 July 1834(1). She was married in 1858 to John Stephenson Rowntree (1834-1907 qv) of York and there were nine children(2).

John Rowntree lived a full life as a business man with an interest in civic affairs, and he was particularly active in his concern for the welfare of the Society. His wife was his faithful helper in everything he did, sharing his thoughts and furthering his plans, and he depended upon her unfailing sympathy and practical judgment. She filled her home with warmth and love, as strong as it was tender and as winning in its methods as it was rich in practical wisdom.

She was a very busy woman and in order to give a delicate child fresh air she acquired a pony phaeton. For several years she drove herself and her family about, to their great enjoyment and her own. But in July 1875 she had a carriage accident at Ingleton, as a result of which she died on 6 July 1875, at the age of forty(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Phoebe Doncaster, John Stephenson Rowntree, His Life and Work,  
London 1908, pp 32-34

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a linen draper
- 2 For marriage and children see ROUNTREE, John Stephenson (1834-1907)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Mount Villas, York, the wife of John Stephenson

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

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ROWNTREE, Elizabeth (1836-1914) aftw. Taylor

[Elizabeth, the daughter of Richardson and Rachel  
(Priestman) Rowntree married in 1858 Henry Taylor,  
a grocer in Malton.]

see TAYLOR, Elizabeth (1836-1914) born Rowntree ]

ROUNTREE, Elizabeth (1839-1914) aftw. Robson.

[ Elizabeth Rowntree, daughter of John Rowntree and his wife Jane (nee Priestman) was married on 22 April 1868 to Joshua Wheeler Robson

see ROBSON, Elizabeth (1839-1914) born Rowntree ]

WBE:  
Additional references

RONTREE, Elizabeth, afterwards Robson, 1839-1914

see

Robson, Elizabeth, nee Rountree, 1839-1914

ROWNTREE, Elizabeth (1861-1942)

see ROWNTREE, Sarah Elizabeth (1861-1942)

ROUNTREE, Emily (1832-1916) born Todd

see ROUNTREE, Lavinia Emily (1832-1916) born Todd

ROUNTREE, Ethelwyn (1882-1976) after 1910 Lidbetter

[ Ethelwyn Rountree, daughter of Charles John (1846-1925 qv)  
and Mary de Horne (born Brightwen, 1847-1929 qv) Rountree  
of Sheffield, was married in 1910 to Hubert Lidbetter (1885-  
1966 qv).

see LIDBETTER, Ethelwyn (1882-1976) born Rountree ]

ROWNTREE, Francis Henry (1868-1918)

Francis ("Frank") Henry Rowntree, the son of Henry Isaac Rowntree (1838-1883) and Harriet Selina (born Osborn) (1), was born in York on 31 October 1868 (2). He was educated at Sidcot School and Manchester University, residing at Dalton Hall. He was then apprenticed to the engineering firm of Joseph Baker and Sons, Willesden, and passed from there to the Cocoa Works at York founded by his father. He was much concerned with the development of the machinery side of the business, and always took a keen interest in the welfare of the employees. He was fond of travelling, and visited Russia, the USA, Morocco and Germany. He spoke German fluently but was greatly handicapped by deafness.

He was keenly interested in the Adult School movement, and founded - and for many years carried on - the Layerthorpe Adult School. In his leisure time his hobbies were the study of primitive man, photography and fishing. He was a strong supporter of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society.

In 1897 he married a daughter of the late E.T.Wilkinson (3) There was one daughter (4)

He died at the early age of 49 on 22 February 1918, and was buried at the Friends burial ground, Heslington Road, York. A large gathering of relatives, friends and the general public was present to pay respect to one who had been equally at home with all classes of people, and a good comrade to all (5)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE : Annual Monitor 1919/20 p.242

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- 1 The Rowntrees of Riseborough (1940) p.A 2
- 2 The Rowntrees of Riseborough (1940) p.A 15. His birth not traced in Digest of Birth Notes
- 3 He was married at York on 19 August 1897. He is described as bachelor, cocoa manufacturer of York, son of Henry Isaac Rowntree, cocoa manufacturer. She is described as spinster, daughter of Edward Fowler Wilkinson, barrister-at-law. (Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 4 Listed as follows in "The Rowntrees of Riseborough", p.A 25  
Friede, born 10 August 1898; married 23 February 1923  
George James Harris, Accountant, York
- 5 Obituary, Yorkshire Herald 23.ii.1918 vol.RR/197  
Account of funeral, Friend (Lond.) 1918 p.161  
Yorkshire Herald 27.ii.1918, vol.RR/197

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ROWNTREE, Francis Henry (1868-1918) Contd.

SEE ALSO :

Friend (Lond.) 1918 p.143  
~~Cocoa works magazine~~  
~~April~~ April 1918

Sidcot O.S.Report 1918 p.65

WBE:

ROWNTREE, Frederic, 1860-1927

b. April 19, 1860 at Scarborough, Yorks, Eng.,  
son of John and Ann (Webster) Rowntree.

ed. Bootham School, 1871-76.

Articled to A. Bury, an architect.

Moved to Leicester and practiced with Edward  
Burgess.

m., 1886, Mary Anna Gray of Glasgow, Scotland.  
They lived there for 3 years. children.

1889 family removed to London from whence he  
travelled far and wide in connection with his archi-  
tectural work.

1913 made a journey to China.

Desired the retreat from the machine age, back  
to the ~~ear~~ of individual craftsmanship. Practically  
all Friends' schools and many meeting houses show the  
impress of his personality.

d. Jan. 7, 1927 in London at the age of 65.

The Friend (London), 67(1927):48, 147 (portrait)

Bootham School, Register, 213

ROWNTREE, Gertrude (1872-1964) born Tawell

a) Gertrude Tawell, the daughter of Henry Augustus (1843-1935, qv) and Maria Tawell of Jupes Hill, Wakes Colne, Essex, was born there on 10 November 1872 (1). She was a member of a large Quaker family. She was educated at Friends School Saffron Walden (2).

t/ In 1906 she married C. Brightwen Rowntree (1873-1955, qv), a master at the school, and there followed 28 years of devotion to the school and its Old Scholars - for 12 years as wife of the headmaster. After her husband's retirement he gave years of service as a member of the Borough Council, as Alderman and eventually Mayor, in all of which Gertrude Rowntree was his faithful co-worker, meeting her responsibilities as Mayoress in spite of increasing disabilities. Her loving insight and sympathy with all were outstanding qualities, and although ill-health after her husband's death forced her to lead a more restricted life, she never lost her vivid interest in life and people, and maintained a large correspondence with Old Scholars and friends all over the world.

Gertrude Rowntree died on 22 November 1964, aged 91.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Thaxted MM in YM Proc. 1965 p.63.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Digest of Birth Notes: no description of her father is given.
2. She was president of Saffron Walden Old Scholars Association in 1931-2.

ROWNTREE, Gravely (1888-1903)

Gravely Rowntree, the son of John Watson (1854-1935, qv) and Eliza S. (born Cravely) Rowntree, was born on 15 July 1888 (1). He was an invalid from infancy and died at the age of 15 on 22 July 1903. He was notable for his 'bright, cheery, and loving spirit', and in his efforts in aid of children's hospitals, and for children in South African Concentration Camps.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1904 p.136

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 The Rowntrees of Hiseborough, 1940, p.A6

SEE ALSO

An 'In memoriam' address by Richard Cross read at Friends' Meeting, Scarborough, 26 July 1903: printed in Marion Wilkinson, E. Richard Cross, 1917, pp.185-189

ROWNTREE, Hannah (1816-1853) after 1845 Brightwen

[Hannah Rowntree, daughter of William Rowntree (1786-1849 )  
and his wife Rachel (born Watson, 1788-1845 ) of  
Bishopwearmouth, was married in 1845 to Charles Brightwen  
(1818-1858 qv).]

See BRIGHTWEN, Hannah (1816-1853) born Rowntree ]

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ROUNTREE, Hannah Elizabeth (1840-1931) aftw~~x~~ Gillett

(Hannah Elizabeth Rowntree, daughter of Joseph Rowntree,  
married George Gillett in 1867.

see GILLETT, Hannah Elizabeth (1840-1931) born Rowntree)

WBE:

ROWNTREE, Helen, nee Doncaster, c.1832-1920

b. c.1832 at Sheffield, Eng, daughter of  
Daniel and Maria Doncaster.

ed. school at Castlegate, York.

Spent a period of ill health in Devonshire and  
became deeply interested in botany and horticulture.

Upon her return to Sheffield she did much to  
help her parents raise her many younger brothers and  
sisters. Also was active in Adult, School and temp-  
erance work in the poor districts.

m., 1878, as his second wife John Stephenson  
Rowntree, whose first wife was a close personal friend.  
She was a faithful support to her husband and beloved  
not only by his children but by generations of younger  
students and relatives at both Bootham and The Mount  
Schools in York.

d. Dec. 27, 1920 at Mount Villas, York, Eng.,  
in her 88th year.

The Friend (London), 60(1920):774; 61(1921):5 (portrait)

ROWNTREE, Helen (1838-1900)

Helen Rowntree was born at Settrington, near Malton, in 1838, the younger daughter of Richardson (1801-1882) and Rachel (born Priestman, 1797-1880) Rowntree. Her father had given up brewing on conscientious grounds and had become a farmer.

She was educated at Ackworth School and after that was rarely absent from home, where her life was not outwardly eventful, but where she met those disciplines of life through sorrow, duty and disappointment that can help to strengthen the spiritual life if they are rightly used.

She was a loving daughter, cheering her parents' later years by her gentle care and humble, sweet disposition, and abandoning some of her own hopes to carry out this duty. She was a very special friend and companion to her nephews and nieces. In 1888 her brother-in-law died, and two months later the young wife of her nephew, Frederic Taylor, died also leaving behind her a daughter Elsie. Helen gave up her own home for years to fill the blank in their lives and to mother the little girl. In 1896 her great niece died and the blow was a heavy one to her, yet borne cheerfully. In 1898 her nephew remarried and she prepared the new home for the bride.

She was greatly valued in her own Monthly Meeting. Her voice was rarely heard in Meetings for Worship, but in many channels of service she gave of her best. She was remarkable for her humility and loving tact as an Elder, and in all her work, despite the fact that she was not highly gifted intellectually and that her life had run in narrow grooves, this love was clearly shown.

Her chief interests were the Weekly Bible Class in the Meeting House, the Adult School, a large Mothers' Meeting at Norton, the Women's Tent Mission, Home and Foreign Missions, the Missionary Helpers' Union, the local branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and her own Meeting for Worship. A large portion of her work was done in hidden corners of the town, among those whom no organisation could reach.

She died on 4 May 1900 at the age of 61, after a short illness, peacefully.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual moniotr 1901 p.109

ROWNTREE, Herbert (1884-1957)

Herbert Rowntree, the son of Charles John Rowntree (1846-1925 qv) and his wife Mary De Horne (born Brightwen, 1847-1929 qv) of Sheffield, was born there on 29 December 1884(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1894 to 1899 and after leaving school he worked for a short time with Daniel Doncaster & Sons, steel manufacturers. But he decided to go into insurance and eventually entered the office of the Friends' Provident and Century Life Institution. As the author of a standard work on accident insurance he had first been invited to become accident manager for the firm and was held in high regard in his profession.

He was married in 1908 to Nora Ensor Cook, the daughter of the headmaster of Sheffield School of Art(2) and there were two children(3). During the first world war he was a staunch conscientious objector and was ordered to work on the land not less than fifty miles from his home; he left his wife and two sons in Sheffield and went to work in Essex. Nora Rowntree died in 1918 and in 1920 he married Bertha Lidbetter, the daughter of Robert Martin Lidbetter (1844-1921 qv)(4); there were no children of the second marriage(5). In 1921 the family moved to Worplesdon in Surrey, where he lived for the rest of his life.

For some years Herbert Rowntree's many business and family commitments kept him from taking any large part in the life of the Society, but his interest in refugee work caused him to give up some of his business activities. From the 1930s he worked hard for the Friends Committee for Refugees and Aliens and in 1940 was appointed its Chairman. Continuing in this office for five years, he guided the committee through the difficult war years. This concern brought him into closer touch with his local meeting and he was deeply interested in the problems of the conscientious objector, acting for many years as the official advisor in his area on behalf of the Central Board for Conscientious Objectors.

After the second world war he became an overseer and later treasurer of Guildford Meeting and for many years he was Registering Officer for his monthly meeting. For some years he was looked upon as the father of Guildford Preparative Meeting and many were the problems which the meeting and individuals placed before him, in the certain knowledge that he would patiently investigate them and do all he could to solve them. As an overseer his work was outstanding and there was no limit to his patience. He also served on such central committees as the Finance Committee, Office Arrangements Committee, Board of Friends Trusts Ltd, Allotments Committee, S7C?Witting Trust and the Finance Committee of the Friends Service Council. His interest

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in the history of Friends led to research and the publication of a pamphlet Early Quakerism in Guildford; he also contributed to a manuscript history of Friends in and around Godalming.

Outside the Society he worked for such causes as the Guildford branch of the Liberal Association and the United Nations Association. No job was too humble for him to undertake if it forwarded a vital interest and he was generous in the use of his car. Apart from rides for invalids, lifts to monthly meeting or children's excursions, he served regularly on the local Hospital Car Service and in taking spastic children to a clinic near his house. His home was always open to his friends and his gardens were a source of pleasure both to himself and his wife and his many visitors. In friendship he was loyal, staunch and understanding, never intending and never taking offence; those who knew him well remembered the loving personality behind the somewhat shy and austere exterior. Feeling himself not gifted in the ministry he sought to serve the Society in its business undertakings, all of which he regarded as an extension of the meeting for worship.

He lived a life of purpose reflecting the grace of God and died at Worplesdon on 18 March 1957(6), at the age of seventy two.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Testimony of Dorking, Horsham & Guildford MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings, 1958, p 131  
The Friend vol 115 (1957) pp 292-293

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 45, p 45

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a clerk
- 2 The wedding was at Sheffield on 22 May 1908: he is described as a bachelor, an insurance manager, the son of Charles John Rowntree, a cashier; she is described as a spinster of Sheffield, the daughter of John Thomas Cook, a School of Art Master (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digest of Births, with additional information on marriages from Rowntrees of Risborough, pp D 10,11:-  
John Brightwen b 27 Sept 1909 who m 1934 Ethel Rose Alderton  
Reginald qv b 31 Nov 1912 who m 1938 Gwendolyn Doris Rowntree
- 4 The wedding was at Ilkley on 31 December 1920: he is described as a widower, an insurance manager of Palmers Green, London, the son of Charles John Rowntree, retired; she is described as a spinster, principal of a private school at St Helen's, Cockermouth, the daughter of Robert Martin Lidbetter, retired (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired insurance official

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ROUNTREE, Hilda Malleson ( 1874 - 1968 ) after 1905 Robson

Hilda Rountree, daughter of John Stephenson (1834 - 1907) and Elizabeth (b. Rotham 1834 - 1875) Rountree was married to Henry Isaac Robson ( ) at the Friends Meeting Ho. Hoshangabad, India. on 18th January 1905.

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ROBSON, Hilda Malleson ( 1874 - 1968 ) b. Rountree

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Howard Rowntree was born on 7 May 1879, the second son of William Stickney ( 1848 - 1939 qv.) and Anna Mary ( b Doncaster qv.) Rowntree of Scarborough.(1)

He was educated at Bootham and at University College, London. Then after a visit to the United States and West Indies with his uncle, John Wilhelm Rowntree (1868 - 1905 qv.), which was cut short by the latter's fatal illness, he entered the family business of furnishing and china, with its main shop in Scarborough and a branch in York. There he remained until his retirement in 1946, except for a period in the first world war when he served first with the Friends Ambulance Unit in Holland and then as a C.O. working on the land for a farmer near York.

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(1885-1950)

He had married in 1907 Nora Priestman(2) and having been always politically on the left and a member of the I.L.P. after the war he joined the Labour Party and the Fabian Society. He stood, without success, for Parliament as Labour candidate for the Scarborough and Whitby Division in 1929 and again in 1931. In 1935 he helped to found the Scarborough branch of the Left Book Club and later became deeply involved first with Spanish refugees and then with German political and Jewish refugees.

Upon retirement from business he became Chairman of the local Council of Social Service and was for many years a J.P. for the North Riding.

He was a much loved Friend and served his Monthly Meeting faithfully over many years as Registering Officer. He also found time to serve on several central Friend committees.(3)

He died at The Retreat, York on March 7, 1974, two months before his 95th birthday.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE      The Friend      Vol 132 ( 1974 ) p 392

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Digest of Births. His father is described as a draper.
  2. Digest of Marriages. He is described as bachelor, draper and furnisher, of Endcliffe, Scarborough, son of William Stickney Rowntree; she is described as Nora Sutherland Priestman, spinster of Bradford, daughter of Henry Brady Priestman, worsted spinner. The marriage took place at Bradford FMH.
  3. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library.  
The index records his membership of the following committees:-
- |                                       |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Meeting for Sufferings                | - | 1935 to 1937   |
| Allotments Committee                  | - | 7. 6. 35 - 5. 6. 36.   |
| Industrial and Social Order Committee | - | 1928 to 1930, Co-opted member<br>1930 to 1933, and appointed by<br>Meeting for Sufferings -<br>1936 to 1944/5. |
| Peace Committee                       | - | 1935 to 1937/8.  |

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**ROWNTREE, Howard Doncaster (1879-1974)**

Additional information

There were four children of the marriage, who are listed in The Rowntrees of Riseborough p E2 as follows:-

Ralph Kenway	b 12 Nov 1908
Oliver Cedric	b 9 June 1912
Kenneth	b 14 March 1915
Anna Griselda Beaumont	b 16 April 1923

**ROWNTREE, Jane (1807-1880) born Priestman**

Jane Priestman, daughter of Joshua (1768-1844 qv) and Hannah (born Hopkins, 1771-1812 qv) Priestman of Thornton-le-Dale, Yorks, was born there on 5 March 1807 (1).

She lived at Thornton until her marriage in 1838 to John Rowntree (1788-1845 qv) (2). Thereafter they were members of Scarborough meeting, living in Princes Street. The youngest of her five children was born after her husband's death (3).

Jane Rowntree of Scarborough died 8 June 1880, aged 73 years (4).

**PRINCIPAL SOURCE**

S.H. Priestman, The Priestmans of Thornton le Dale, 1955, p 54 (brief anecdotal notes)

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as miller
- 2 For details of the marriage see ROWNTREE, John (1788-1845)
- 3 For details of the children, see ROWNTREE, John (1788-1845)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: no description of her is given

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

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ROWNTREE, Jane (1765-1837) after 1791 Doncaster

(Jane Rowntree, daughter of William Rowntree (1727-1798 qv)  
and his wife Hannah (born Hebron, 1734-1801 qv) of  
Riseborough near Pickering in Yorkshire, was married in  
1791 to Daniel Donoaster (1757-1819 qv).

See DONCASTER, Jane (1765-1837) born Rowntree )

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RONTREE, John (1786-1845)

John Rowntree, second son of John (1757-1827) and Elizabeth (born Lotherington) Rowntree, was born on 27 September 1786. He was a grocer in Scarborough. He married in 1838 Jane Priestman (1807-1888); there were five children (1).

He became an elder in 1830 and a minister in 1843. His ministry was 'not frequent, generally short'. He died on 26 February 1845.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Rowntrees of Riseborough, 1940, p. Al  
Testimony of Pickering M.M. in MS Test. vol. 6 p. 330

1 Listed in The Rowntrees of Riseborough, 1940, pp. A 1-2 as follow:

Elizabeth	born 1 July 1839, qv, who married in 1868 Joshua W. Robson
Margaret	born 4 Feb. 1841; died 14 July 1901
Hannah Jane	born 31 Aug 1842; died 19 Nov 1856
Joshua	born 6 April 1844, qv
Maria	born 5 Aug 1845 who married in 1867 John Edward Ellis

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Additional information

ROWNTREE, John, c.1787-1845

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b. c.1787 at Scarborough, Yorks, [son of  
John and Elizabeth (Lotherington) Rowntree. Older  
brother of Joseph.

Shopkeeper in Eastborough, Scarborough. Active  
in affairs of the town and served on its Council. Was  
instrumental in securing abolition of Church rates.  
Also was guardian of the poor.

He was a minister among Friends.

m., 1836, Jane Priestman of Thornton-le-dale,  
Yorks. 3 daus., 1 son.

1818 was one of the members of the original  
committee to establish a school for boys in York. It  
became Bootham School.] B, C.

d. Feb. 26, 1845 at Scarborough, after a sudden  
stroke of apoplexy, aged 56 years. Published posthumously,  
Unpublished papers...

An. Mon. (N.S.), 4(1846):60

[Biog. Cat., 574 (biog. of his brother, Joseph)] B C

The Friend (London), 3(O.S.) (1845):92

Jos. Smith's Cat. 2:514

[Doncaster, John Stephenson Rowntree,...8, 66n, 329

Robson, Joshua Rowntree, 16-19] B C

**ROWNTREE, John (1821-1894)**

John Rowntree, the son of William Rowntree (1786-1849) and his wife Rachel, born Watson, of Durham, was born at Jarrow on 1 December 1821(1). He became a grocer at Scarborough(2) and was married in 1853 to Ann Webster of Halifax(3); there were eight children(4).

His wife died in 1864(5), shortly after the birth of her last child, and in 1868 he married Eliza Walker Brady, born Walker(6); there was one child(7). He died at Scarborough on 11 October 1894(8), at the age of seventy three.

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Durham QM Births Digest: his father is described as a miller
- 2 The Rowntrees of Riseborough, 1940, A.1
- 3 The wedding was at Halifax on 8 June 1853: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer of Scarborough, the son of William Rowntree, a corn miller; she is described as a spinster of Halifax, the daughter of George Webster, a grocer (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

John Watson qv	b 3 April 1854	who m 1885 Eliza Stansfield Graveley
George	b 20 Dec 1855	who m 1885 Priscilla Gray Wallis
William Henry	b 8 March 1857	who d 18 Feb 1858 (1858-1932.v)
Ellen	b 29 April 1858	who m 1884 Alfred Henry Taylor/
Frederick qv	b 19 April 1860	who m 1886 Mary Anna Gray
Arthur qv	b 19 Oct 1861	who m 1891 Ellen Hurndall <u>(Rowntrees of Riseborough)</u>
- \*Emily b 28 April 1863
- \*No marriage given in Rowntrees of Riseborough
- N.B. The Annual Monitor 1866, p 158 gives the birth of a child on 17 October 1864; this is not confirmed either by the Digest of Births or of Deaths
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she died on 4 November 1864
- 6 The wedding was at Hull on 19 March 1868: he is described as a widower, a grocer of Scarborough, the son of William Rowntree, a miller; she is described as a widow of Scarborough, the daughter of Richard Walker, a bank manager (Digest of Marriages)
- 7 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Alfred qv	b 22 Feb 1869	who m 1899 Marguerite Ethel Willis
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- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a grocer of Scarborough

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

ROWNTREE, John ( 1900 - 1972 )

See ROWNTREE, Alfred John ( 1900 - 1972 )

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**ROWNTREE, John Smithson (1827-1872)**

John Smithson Rowntree, son of Isaac (1796-1866) and Sarah (born Smithson, 1798-1870) Rowntree, was born 30 January 1827 (1). He became manager of rates and taxes for the North Eastern Railway at York (2).

(1832-1916, qv)

He married in 1858 Lavinia Emily Todd/(3); there were two children (4).

John Smithson Rowntree died 29 February 1872 (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The Rowntrees of Riseborough, 1940 p.D3
- 2 ibid
- 3 ibid
- 4 listed in The Rowntrees of Riseborough p.D5 as follows:  
Walter Smithson, qv      b 1 April 1860  
Isaline                    b 29 Jan 1862
- 5 The Rowntrees of Riseborough, p.D5

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ROWNTREE, John Stephenson (1834-1907)

John Stephenson Rowntree, son of Joseph (1801-1859, QV) and Sarah (born Stephenson, 1806-1888) Rowntree was born 2 May 1834. By the time he was twenty five he had already published "Quakerism Past and Present", based on earnest enquiry into the then weakness of the Society. From the beginning he threw himself into the work of the Adult Schools, which as he foresaw, did so much to break down barriers and also arrested the Society's decline.

During years of civic service he helped to reorganise the finances of his city and, as Lord Mayor in 1881, welcomed the visit of the British Association. He delighted in archaeological and historical research.

He had married in 1858 Elizabeth Hotham; there were nine children (1). She was killed when the youngest son was less than a year old, and he married in 1878 Helen Doncaster.

John Stephenson Rowntree had a loving concern for the younger generation and greatly valued their contributions to their Society. In particular he took an ever-deepening interest in the education of Friends' children, devoting himself through many years to detailed committee work for the training of teachers and the management of the Flounders Institute and the Mount and Bootham schools.

The whole course of his life was a witness to the ideal of a lay Christianity; the crown of his work was his ministry in meetings for worship. He always desired for the Church a ministry that should build up and strengthen, and his own ministry, served by all his knowledge and experience, was 'essentially one of edification, besides being in a remarkable degree one of comfort'. It was victorious even over bodily depression. Men listened, and were impressed because he spoke of what he himself had proved as a Christian in business, as a citizen, as a magistrate and as a politician.

He suffered deeply through crushing outward sorrows and great physical infirmity, but his experiences enabled him to be both a leader of men and a true comforter in need.

He died on 13 April 1907

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Yorkshire QM in YM Proc. 1907, p.216

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REFERENCES & NOTES :

1 Listed in The Rowntrees of Riseborough, 1940, pp. A 10-12, as follows :-

Sarah Elizabeth	born 6 April 1861, QV	
Gertrude Sophia	born 18 Jan 1863	who married in 1898 Frederic Taylor
Frederick	born 5 Sept 1864	died 5 Sept 1864
Joseph John	born 19 Jan 1866	died 20 Sept 1883
Theodore Hotham	born 26 Aug 1867	
James Edward	born 4 Feb 1869	
Edith Maria	born 13 Sept 1870	who married in 1911 Francis L.P.Sturge
Arnold Stephenson	born 28 Nov 1872, QV	
Hilda Mallinson	born 6 Oct 1874	who married in 1905 Henry T. Robson

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Additional references

ROWNTREE, John Stephenson, 1834-1907

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Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:514

An. Mon. (N.S.), 66(1908):134

Frds. Qu. Exam., 42(1908):397

Doncaster, John S. Rowntree, his life & work

Bootham School, Register, 214

The Friend (London), 18(N.S.)(1878):113; 47(1908):263 (port.)  
69(1929):903 (portrait)

Frds. Hist. Lib. Swarth., BX 7616, 7632

### ROWNTREE, John Watson (1854-1935)

John Watson Rowntree, the son of John (1821-1894) and Ann (born Webster, 1828-1864) Rowntree, was born 3 April 1854. He spent his life almost entirely in his native town of Scarborough where his personal qualities and spiritual ideals showed themselves in many ways.

He married in 1885 Eliza Stansfield Graveley: there were three children (1).

For many years he gave his services to the town as Councillor, Alderman, Mayor and Magistrate, resigning his position as Alderman, on principle when he transferred his allegiance from the Liberal Party which had elected him to the Labour Party.

His unobtrusive leadership, and tenacity of purpose allied to a tenderness of heart were evidenced also in the Clerkship of the Yearly Meeting of Elders.

He died 20 April 1935.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Pickering & Hull M.M. in Y.M. Proc. 1936, p. 210.

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Listed in The Rowntrees of Kiseborough, 1940, p. A 6, as follows:

Harold	born 15 April 1886
Graveley	born 15 July 1888, qv
Kathleen	born 10 Jan 1891 who m. in 1918 Burleigh W. Fincken

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Additional information

ROWNTREE, John Watson, 1854-1935

b. 1854 at Scarborough, Eng. son  
of John and Ann (Webster) Rowntree.

ed. Thos. Walton's School, Oliver's Mount and  
Bootham, 1869-71.

Made his home at Scarborough and was in the  
grocery business. Worked hard for adult schools and  
temperance.

m. c.1885 M. Eliza Stanfield. 1 son.

A Liberal in politics he served on the Town  
Council 1889-1907, then was alderman and Harbour  
Commissioner. 1906-07 served as Mayor. During the  
Boer War period the front of his house was wrecked  
and his family frightened by a mob who disliked his  
opposition to the war.

A man of considerable physical strength he was  
a member of a Rowing Club for 60 years.

d. April 20, 1935 at Scarborough in his 82d year.

Bootham School, Register, 215

The Friend (London), 93(1935):385 (portrait)

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ROWNTREE, John Wilhelm (1868-1905)

John Wilhelm Rowntree, the eldest child of Joseph and E. Antoinette Rowntree of York, was born in that city on 4 September 1868. He was educated at Bootham School, York and Oliver's Mount School, Scarborough. He was not in any way outstanding in academic work, and his deafness was already causing difficulties. He was a high-strung child, with a notably fierce temper. He had an artistic temperament and was particularly sensitive to the beauties of literature and art.

On leaving Bootham in 1886 he entered his father's Cocoa business. He was sent through every department so that he might be thoroughly acquainted with the work. Before he was nineteen he had begun to reorganize the production departments. He became a partner in the firm at the age of 21, and was one of the original directors when Rowntree became a company in 1897. In 1891 he had been warned that he had a disease of the eyes which would eventually result in his blindness. In 1899 he was compelled by this disease to retire from the business, and give up living in York. He moved with his wife - he had married Constance M. Naish in 1892 - and family to Scalby, near Scarborough.

He had been teaching in the Adult School in York for some years when, in 1893 at the age of 24, he started an Adult School in Acomb, three miles from his home. His great natural gifts as a teacher and his wide ranging mind contributed to the success of this school. In 1896 the buildings of the Acomb Adult School and Institute were opened.

In the last decade of the 19th century he was one of the leaders of the movement in the Society of Friends which fashioned the character of 20th century Quakerism. In his early manhood his faith had been assailed by doubts caused by the rapid advance of scientific knowledge and the discoveries of biblical criticism. He had considered resigning his membership of the Society of Friends. At the Yearly Meeting of 1893 he laid down a challenge against the complacency of contemporary Quakerism. The challenge was met, and he found himself a leader of the movement which sought to incorporate into Quakerism the insights of modern learning, to recapture the spiritual energy of the early Friends and to enable Friends to meet the social and economic needs of their day. In 1895 he attended and addressed the Manchester Conference, at which the Society of Friends first tried to assess its position in the light of modern thought. In 1897 he and Rendel Harris started Summer Schools for Biblical, religious and social study, - a movement which culminated in the foundation of Woodbrooke in 1903 as a permanent centre for these studies. He had been recorded a minister in 1898.

His retirement from business and city life in 1899 enabled him to devote more of his energies to the work of the Society. In 1903 he began to project a history of Quakerism, which was eventually accomplished in the work of William Charles Braithwaite and Rufus Jones. In 1904 he began to plan for a Guest House near his home at Scalby which would serve as a holiday

centre from the members of the Adult School.

Throughout these years he had travelled extensively. He journeyed in the Middle East in 1895, and visited the West Indies and Mexico in 1898. In 1900, 1901 and 1903 he crossed the Atlantic to receive treatment for his failing sight. In 1905 it was again necessary for him to visit America to receive further treatment to arrest the progress of the disease. In mid-Atlantic he contracted pneumonia. He died in the New York Hospital on 9 March 1905, three days after landing, and was buried in the Friends burial ground at Haverford.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES:

John W. Rowntree: Essays and Addresses, 1905, pp. ix-xliii (Introductory sketch by Joshua Rowntree)

John W. Rowntree: Palestine Papers, 1906, pp. vii-xxiv. (Preface by Joshua Rowntree)

Anne Vernon: A quaker business man: the life of Joseph Rowntree, 1959,  
p.88, p.106, p.111, p.120, p.123

Annual Monitor, 1906. pp.119-125

'Authority and experience' by Richenda C. Scott, in J. Friends hist. soc.,  
vol.49 (1959-1961) pp. 86-87. 90

The testimonies of Yorkshire QM and Pickering & Hull MM (YM Proc. 1905  
pp.233-236, the latter also in Essays and addresses, 1905, pp. xliv-xlvii)  
contain virtually no biographical information

WBE:  
Additional information

ROWNTREE, John Wilhelm, 1868-1905

b. Sept. 4, 1868 at York, England.

Publications included, 1898-1902 editor, Present Day Papers; Claim your inheritance...; 1903, A history of the adult school movement; 1905, Essays and addresses; 1906, Palestine Notes, &c; 191?, Man's relation to God...

An. Mon. (N.S.) 64(1906):119

Frds. Qu. Exam., 39(1905):258; 61(1927):310

The Friend (London), 45(1905):163 (portrait), 165  
46(1906):467 (portrait at 16)

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

ROWNTREE, Joseph (1801-1859)

Joseph Rowntree, the son of John (1757-1827) and Elizabeth (born Lotherington, 1764-1835, qv) Rowntree of Scarborough, was born there on 10 June 1801 (1). He removed to York on attaining his majority, where he commenced business as a grocer. In 1832 he married Sarah, daughter of Isaac and Hannah Stephenson of Manchester; there were five children (2). He was much interested in the work of education; and he was an alderman of the city.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES TO BE EXAMINED

Memoir 1868

Dictionary of National Biography

REFERENCES & NOTES

1 The Rowntrees of Risborough, 1940, p.A2

2 Listed (ibid) as follows:

John Stephenson	born 2 May 1834, qv
Joseph	born 24 May 1836, qv
Henry Isaac	born 11 Feb. 1838
Hannah Elizabeth	born 29 Dec. 1840 who married in 1867 George Gillett (1837-1893, qv)
Sarah Jane	born 25 May 1843; died 19 Dec. 1847

SEE ALSO

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930, p. 201. Other references therein.

WBE:  
Additional information

ROWNTREE, Joseph, 1801-1859

b. June 10, 1801 at Scarborough, Yorks, Eng.,  
son of John and Elizabeth (Lotherington) Rowntree.

ed. limited, but his great interest later was  
provision for the right training of children.

1828 assisted in founding York Quarterly Meeting  
Boys' and Girls' Schools, now Bootham and The Mount.

1858 wrote Statements connected with the marriage  
regulations of the Society of Friends. This was very  
important in leading to a change in the Discipline, so  
that members "marrying out" were not disowned.

d. Nov. 4, 1859 at York, in his 59th year.

The Friend (London), 17(1859):228

D.N.B., 49:367

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:514

An. Mon. (N.S.), 18(1860):211

ROWNTREE, Joseph (1836-1925)

Joseph Rowntree was born in York on 24 May 1836, the second son of Joseph (1801-1859, qv) and Sarah (born Stephenson) Rowntree. His boyhood was passed in the atmosphere of the Society of Friends. Educated at Bootham, he left school with a love of natural history and an interest in public affairs.

In 1862 he married Julia Seebohm (1), who died in 1863: there was one daughter (2). In 1867 he married Emma Antoinette Seebohm, a first cousin of his first wife (3). There were six children (4).

In early manhood he became interested in the Adult School movement and taught a men's class for nearly forty years. He wanted everyone to have happiness through 'wide thoughts and much feeling for others'.

An elder in York Meeting for half a century, he showed the qualities of counsellor and statesman. His idea of a Christian church was a real fellowship of man and women bound together by a common faith and a common love. His life-long interest in education was manifested by generous support of Friends schools and adult education at Woodbrooke.

He died on 24 February 1925.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of York MM in YM Proc 1925 p.189  
See also The Friend ns vol 65 (1925) pp 167, 181, 186, 193, 218, 254

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Luton on 15 August 1862: he is described as bachelor, grocer, of York, son of Joseph Rowntree, grocer; she is described as spinster, of Luton, daughter of Benjamin Seebohm, gentleman (Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 2 Listed in Digest of Birth and Burial Notes as follows:  
Julia Seebohm ('Lilley') b 30 May 1863 d 16 May 1869
- 3 See Anne Vernon, A Quaker business man
- 4 Listed in Digest of Birth and Burial Notes and in genealogical table, Anne Vernon, A Quaker business man:

John Wilhelm, qv	b 4 Sept 1868	d 9 March 1905
Agnes Julia	b 20 June 1870	
Benjamin Seebohm	b 7 July 1871	d 7 Oct 1954
Joseph Stephenson, qv	b 7 Aug 1875	d 26 July 1951
Oscar Frederick	b 16 Jan 1879	d 1947
Winifred	b 16 Oct 1884	who m 1905

A. Duncan Naish and who d. 1915

WBE:

ROWNTREE, Joseph, 1836-1925

b. May 24, 1836 at York, Eng., son of Joseph and Sarah (Stephenson) Rowntree.

ed., Bootham School, 1847-52.

m. (1st), 1862 Julia Elizabeth Seebohm (d.1863)  
1 daughter

m. (2d), 1867 Emma Antoinette Seebohm (d.1924)  
6 children.

1869 jointly with his brother Henry I. Rowntree established the cocoa works in York. The establishment grew to employ over 7000 persons in the plant at Haxby Road, York.

J. R. found time to serve as Elder among Friends, to work in adult schools and for temperance and to be, in general, a very public spirited , broad minded citizen. In 1911 he was granted the freedom of the City of York.

d. Feb. 24, 1925 at York, aged 88 years.

The Friend (London), 39(1899):240 (portrait);  
55(1915):811 (portrait) B.L.C.  
65(1925):65,167,180,186,189 (portrait)  
69(1929):906 (portrait)

Bootham School, Register, 215

The Wayfarer, 4:88 (portraits)

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

ROWNTREE, Joseph Stephenson (1875-1951)

J. Stephenson Rowntree was born 7 August 1875, the third son of Joseph and Antoinette Rowntree, of York.

He was an original member of the Central Works Council of the Cocoa Works, and was adopted as agreed Chairman.

He was active in social work and was Mayor of Harrogate from 1911 to 1913. In London he was a member of the Peace Committee, and Chairman for many years of the Literature and Book Centre. He wrote several pamphlets, including 'What Quakers Stand for', and 'Silence as a Basis for Worship'.

Stephenson Rowntree was Treasurer of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting for twenty two years, and from 1912 was editor of the Notes that were published with the YM programme. He gave unstinted time and service to the Yorkshire Friends Service Committee, acting as host at the annual gathering.

'Those who were privileged to know him as a personal friend recall his conscious endeavour to live his life in accordance with Christian-Quaker principles, and the help which they received from his ability to share his spiritual exercise with them, in addition to giving them his warm human friendship. Of such deep personal friendship little can be said in public, but those who experienced it came to know how the divine can pervade the human, and that a relationship of love established in time can become eternal.'

He died 26 July 1951.

Testimony of Pickering & Hull MM in YM Proc. 1952, p.176

WBE:

Additional information

ROWNTREE, Joseph Stevenson, 1875-1951

b. 1875 at York, Eng., son of Joseph  
and E. Antoinette (Seebohm) Rowntree.

ed. 1886-89, Bootham School, Olver's Mount School,  
Dalton Hall. 1897, A.B. Cambridge Univ., M.A., 1900.

m., 1900, Gertrude Walton. 2 sons 1 dau.

Author, 1907, The Sincere Desire; 1929, 1945, Words  
of help for use at Quaker funerals; 1936, The Quaker  
method of church government...; 1937, What the Quakers  
stand for...; 1940, The sacraments; a brief explanation  
of the Quaker view...

Member of the firm, Rowntree & Co, Ltd., and  
faithful committee Friend.

d. July 26, 1951 at Scarborough, aged 75 years.

The Friend (London), 109(1951):700

Bootham School, Register, 215

Frds. Hist. Lib., Card Index(Catalogue) Swarthmore.

ROWNTREE, Joshua (1844-1915)

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Joshua Rowntree, the son of John (1788-1845, qv) and Jane (Priestman) Rowntree of Scarborough, was born there on 6 April 1844. (1) Before he was one year old his father had died. He was educated in York and began his professional life there but returned to Scarborough in 1865 to practise as a solicitor. In 1880 he married Isabella A. Tindall and took his bride to the home where he lived with his mother and which was later to be ~~the~~ the home of his son (and only child) Maurice L. Rowntree (1872-1944, qv), with his wife and children.

Joshua Rowntree's public work touched most of the activities of Scarborough. He became mayor and resigned that office to represent Scarborough in Parliament. With his wife he went on long journeys to Ireland, Syria, South Africa, Australasia and America, everywhere inspiring Friends and others.

He strove to reclaim and protect the drunkard and the opium victim; he helped Josephine Butler in her work for women; he worked that the ignorant might be taught. He edited The Friend for four years (1871-1875); he wrote the standard work on the Opium Trade; he and his wife were the first Wardens of Woodbrooke he was a member of the first Swarthmore Settlement Council and of the Scalby Guest House Committee. His greatest concern was for true brotherhood among men and for the peaceable spirit. He strongly encouraged Friends to secure in the Society a generally high level of spiritual intelligence 'the soil from which the ministry shall spring'. At the same time he loved working men and they, him. He edited the essays and addresses of his young kinsman, John Wilhelm Rowntree, with loving insight.

His work in the vocal ministry began comparatively late in life. In this he used generously, if unconsciously, his personal experience of life and his own pain, joy, trial and temptations enabled him to help others. To sin he showed the sternness of the Puritan, but there was a wooing tenderness in his preaching of the Gospel of Christ.

Joshua Rowntree was remarkable for his loving interest and sympathy for the ideals and concerns of others, especially the young. In countless ways he encouraged ministry in others, young

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ROWNTREE, Joshua (1844-1915) cont.

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and old alike. Those with difficulties went to him by natural impulse to talk them over. His faith made faith in God more possible for others. His face had 'that beauty which comes from a lifetime of love for men'. 'He never turned his back on Truth, and he never turned his back on those out of Truth'.

He died on 10 February 1915.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Pickering & Hull MM in YM Proc. 1915 p.351

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Birth Notes

SEE ALSO

- S.E. Robson, Joshua Rowntree, 1916  
M.L. Rowntree, Joshua Rowntree, a quaker seer, 1929  
The Friend, n.s. vol. (1915) pp.133,138,159  
Annual monitor 1916 p.125  
Friends quart. exam vol. 49 (1915) p.277  
A. Rowntree, History of Scarborough, 1931  
G. Newman, Quaker profiles, 1946, p.63

WBE:  
Additional references

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ROWNTREE, Joshua, 1844-1915

Bootham School, Register, 216

Hirst, Qu. in Peace & War, 485

The Friend (London), 59(1899):803 (portrait):  
69(1909):902 (portrait)  
55(1915):161 (portrait)

<sup>a</sup>  
ROUNTREE, Katherine Lucy (1870-1951) born Burtt

Katherine L.Burtt, the third daughter of Petchell Burtt (1818-1885 qv) and his wife Mary Ann (born Walker, 1835-1895 qv) of 47 Holgate Road, York, was born there on 23 August 1870(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1880 to 1885(2) and went on to The Mount, York, from 1885 to 1888(3).

For a time she was on the staff of Wigton School and also did some private teaching. All her life she kept a sincere love and hope for Quaker education and served for some time on the committee of Ackworth School.

She was married in 1898 to Theodore Hotham Rountree (1867-1949 qv), but the marriage was apparently childless(4). In York she became a leader of the Women's School in Burton Lane, giving much thought and time to the work over the next fifty years.

She did not contribute to the vocal ministry in meetings for worship, but her gifts as an overseer were remarkable, especially where children were concerned. Her services on innumerable committees were greatly valued, both locally and in wider circles. Her home at Clifton Lawn, York, was a centre of friendly hospitality and many generations of boys and girls from Bootham and The Mount were made welcome. She gave friendship and encouragement to the staff of both schools over a long period.

Katherine L.Rountree of Clifton Lawn, York, died on 11 May 1951, at the age of eighty(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend vol 109 (1951) p 552

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 70 (1951) p 67

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a coal agent
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 4, entry 9595: from York
- 3 Register of Mount Old Scholars 1931, p 28, entry 1062
- 4 For marriage see ROUNTREE, Theodore Hotham (1867-1949)
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Theodore Hotham

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

**ROWNTREE, Lavinia Emily (1832-1916) born Todd**

Emily Todd was born 2 October 1832 (1).

She kept house for John Bright after the death of his [first] wife (2) and in 1858 married John Smithson Rowntree (1827-1872, qv) (3).

She was described as 'one of those simple souls, sweet and tender, of whom the wider world knows little. A long life of simple faith, lived in humble devotion to duty, and in little acts of thoughtfulness and loving kindness' (4).

Emily Rowntree died at Brighton on 22 March 1916, aged 84 years.

**PRINCIPAL SOURCE**

Annual monitor 1917 p.124

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 The Rowntrees of Risborough, 1940, p.D3
- 2 ibid
- 3 for details of the marriage and children see **ROWNTREE, John Smithson (1827-1872)**
- 4 Annual monitor

ROWNTREE, Margaret (1893-1973) after 1918 Crossley

[Margaret Rowntree, daughter of John Wilhelm (1868-1905 qv)  
and Constance Margaret (born Naish, 1871-1928 qv) Rowntree,  
was married in 1918 to George Spencer Crossley.

see CROSSLEY, Margaret [Rowntree] (1893-1973) born Rowntree ]

ROWNTREE, Maria (1845-1941) after 1867 Ellis

[Maria Rowntree, daughter of John (1788-1845)  
and Jane (born Priestman, 1807-1880) Rowntree  
of Scarborough, was married in 1867 to John  
Edward Ellis (1841-1910, qv).]

see ELLIS, Maria [Rowntree] (1845-1941) born  
Rowntree ]

ROWNTREE, Marion ( 1881 - 1966 ) after 1907 Wilkinson

Marion Rowntree, the third child of  
William Stickney ( 1848 - 1939 qv.) and  
Anna Mary ( b. Doncaster ) Rowntree of  
Scarborough married Kenneth E.T.Wilkinson on  
13, March 1907.

SEE

WILKINSON, Marion ( 1881 - 1966 ) b. Rowntree

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ROWNTREE, Mary (1759-1796) after 1790 Leaver

[Mary Rowntree, daughter of William Rowntree (1727-1798 qv)  
and his wife Hannah (born Hebron, 1734-1801 ) of  
Riseborough in Yorkshire, was married in 1790 to Richard  
Leaver (1750/1-1817 qv).]

See LEAVER, Mary (1759-1796) born Rowntree ]

RONTREE, Mary De Horne (1847-1929) born Brightwen

Mary De Horne Brightwen, the daughter of Charles Brightwen and his wife Hannah, born Rowntree, of Newcastle, was born there on 14 September 1847(1). Her mother died when she was only six years old and in 1858, at the age of eleven, she was sent to Ackworth School, where she remained until 1862(2). It was at Ackworth that she first met Charles John Rowntree (1846-1925 qv) whom she subsequently married. On leaving Ackworth she went to The Mount School at York, first as a pupil and later as a young teacher.

She left York for a while, returning as governess to the older children in the family of John Stephenson Rowntree (1834-1907 qv). It was here that she again met Charles John Rowntree, who was learning the grocery trade at Joseph Rowntree & Sons at Pavement, York; they became engaged, were married in 1871 and there were eight children(3). Their first home was in Sunderland, where five of their children were born and in 1881 they moved to Sheffield, where the remaining three children were added to the family. In 1907, when Charles Rowntree's health broke down, a final move was made to Leeds.

The Rowntrees were very hospitable and entertained many visitors at their home in Sheffield, including scholars of the Adult School at Doncaster Street. Mary De Horne Rowntree never seemed put out or flurried by her domestic duties and found time to help her husband in the meeting and mission at Doncaster Street, in which he was keenly interested. For many years she was associated with Hannah Mary Doncaster (1845-1913 qv) in the large mothers' meeting carried on at Hartshead, Sheffield and was also for a long time a very active secretary of the Missionary Helpers' Union.

After moving to Leeds she led a less active life, owing to her husband's continued ill health, although she regularly attended Carlton Hill Meeting. She took only a very infrequent part in the vocal ministry, but she sometimes read passages from the Scriptures in a very simple and natural manner and when occasion required she could and did give very valuable help and advice.

Her husband died at Leeds in 1925 and she survived him for about four years, dying at Leeds on 22 December 1929 at the age of eighty two(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 70 (1930) p 59

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RONTREE, Mary De Horne (1847-1929) born Brightwen      continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a grocer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 174, no 7861
- 3 For marriage and children see RONTREE, Charles John (1846-1925)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of 3 Oakfield Terrace, Leeds,  
the widow of Charles J.

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

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ROWNTREE, Mary Katherine d. 11 April 1962 aet 85

WBE gives a little information about this  
British Friend whom we believe is still living. Hence  
it is not included here.

(See Friend (London) 1962 p. 666-7

also 1963 p. 484

[M H Jones]

ROWNTREE, Mary [Stickney] (1812-1901) born Stickney

Mary Stickney was a native of Beverley, and was a teacher at Ackworth until her marriage to William Rowntree of Pickering.

With her husband, she did much work for Peace, Social Purity for Civil and Religious Liberty and for schools and also filled various offices in the Society including those of overseer and elder.

Mary Stickney Rowntree died about five months after her husband in 1901.

Testimony of Pickering & Hull MM in YM Proc. 1902, p.193

ROWNTREE, Maude Ann Elizabeth (1881-1949) born Binns

Maude A.E. Rowntree was born 9 March 1881 in Bebek, six miles from Istanbul; she had close connections with the Near East, her grandfather being a Scottish missionary and also agent of the Bible Society there. Maude Rowntree gave ten years of service with Ann Mary Burgess in the Armenian Mission in Istanbul, and there she met and married Maurice L. Rowntree in 1910. Together they served in Settlements at Leeds, Scarborough and London, and Maude Rowntree was for some time Warden of Hitherwood, the International hostel of the Holiday Fellowship.

For the last twenty years of her life Maude Rowntree lived in Endsleigh Street and felt a particular concern for Friends House Meeting, understanding the peculiar difficulties it met as being the Meeting to which visitors and enquirers in London would naturally come. For many years Maude was 'Mother' of both the Morning Meeting for Worship and the programmed evening meeting, and she especially invited all attenders to gatherings at her house.

For three years she was Clerk to the Monthly Meeting, and brought to this as to all work she undertook, her love for individuals. She was a constant attender at Quarterly Meetings and at Yearly Meeting, at which times her house would be full of Friends visiting London. She was Clerk to the Elders of Friends House Meeting from 1946 until her death, and was a member of the Premises Committee. She was also a member of Sibford School Committee.

'Maude Rowntree's solid grounding in the knowledge of the Bible was illumined by loving understanding, and this made her offerings in ministry living and stimulating. We remember with thankfulness how often her opening led Meetings for Worship and Monthly Meetings into the deep places of the spirit.'

She died 19 October 1949.

Testimony of Hampstead MM in YM Proc. 1950, p.177

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ROWNTREE, Maude, A.E., <sup>Elizabeth</sup> nee Binns, 1881-1949

b. March 9, 1881 at Constantinople, Turkey,  
daughter of Laurence and Wilhelmina Binns, members  
of the Church of Scotland.

Convinced and joined Friends. Worked for 10  
years with Ann Burgess in Friends Mission to the Armen-  
ians.

m., 1910 Maurice L. Rowntree (d.1944) 3 daus.

Lived in England 1912- 1920 and her husband was  
imprisoned three times for his CO position.

1920 returned to Turkey to Friends Centre there.

1927 were wardens of an international centre at  
Hitherwood, Sydenham Hill, South London. Then bought  
a home near Friends House at No. 1 Endsleigh Gardens.  
Entertained many visitors, Friends and otherwise. Spoke  
several languages.

d. Oct. 19, 1949 in hospital at London, aged  
68 years.

The Friend (London), 107(1949):869

Frds. Intel., 106(1949):642

Maurice L. Rowntree was born on 14 January 1882 at Scarborough, the only child of Joshua and Isabella (nee Tindall) Rowntree. He was educated at Sedbergh, and after being articled as an architect for two years he went to Balliol College, Oxford, where he took a Divinity Degree with second class honours, and later studied in Germany at Cassell, Marburg and Heidelberg. During this time his parents became the first Wardens of Woodbrooke.

He travelled widely in Palestine and Syria where he taught for some months in the Friends' School at Brummana, and in 1910 he married Maud Binns of Constantinople, with whom he came to England and worked at the Swarthmore Settlement for Adult Education in Leeds. He visited Belgium with Seebohm Rowntree, helping with research into living conditions there. In 1912 he attended a Conference and lectured in America, and in 1913 he conducted Adult School Parties to the Continent.

During the 1914-18 war he was three times sentenced as a C.O., serving in all 25 months imprisonment.

After post-war relief work in Vienna and Budapest he became Warden of Rowancroft Settlement in Scarborough. In 1923, accompanied by his wife and three daughters, he went to Constantinople where he taught in the American School of Religion, and at a Mission School. On his return to England he devoted himself, with his friend George Davies, to work among the unemployed miners of South Wales. He worked with the Bedford Institute at Walthamstow.

In 1929 he and Maud Rowntree established their home at 1 Endsleigh Street and shared it with all who needed help and friendship. He was a leading member of the Peace Pledge Union, and it was while attending the annual Summer Conference of this body at Spiceland, Devon, that he met with the accident which caused his death on 20 August 1944.

'The later years of Maurice Rowntree's life had been filled with the thought of identification, in all their sufferings and all their aspirations, with all his fellow men, universally. Now he belongs more than ever before to all of us who knew and loved him, and to all those whom, not knowing, he has nevertheless helped in this life.'

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Additional references

ROWNTREE, Maurice Lotherington, 1882-1944

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d. Aug. 20, 1944 as a result of a fall downstairs,  
at Spiceland, Devonshire, in his 63rd year.

The Friend (London), 102(1944):550

Frds. Qu. Exam., 42(1908):496; 79(1945):17; 80(1946):6

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ROWNTREE, Rachel (1770 - 1825) born Richardson

Rachel Richardson was born at Great Ayton, Yorks, in the year 1770, the daughter of Nicholas and Dorothy Richardson.

In 1794 she married William Rowntree of Riseborough and became a member of Pickering Meeting. She entered into ministry about her twenty-sixth year, though on account of poor health her service was mostly confined to her own and neighbouring meetings. In spite of a very severe illness in 1820 she visited the families of Brighouse Monthly Meeting, but thereafter was often confined to her own home (1).

"Her life and conversation were in accordance with the precepts she felt it her duty to deliver, and although her communications were seldom long, they were lively and acceptable."

Rachel Rowntree died 16 May 1825, aged about 55 years, and a minister about 29 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Pickering MM in TCMD vol. 5, p. 240.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

<sup>1</sup> Brief references to RR's ministry in 1812 and 1813 are to be found in Family Memorials: chiefly the memoranda left by Isabella Harris, 1869, pp. 78, 86. A brief reference to a visit to her in 1823 will be found on pp. 122-3.

ROWNTREE, Rachal (1797-1880) born Priestman

Rachel Priestman, daughter of Joshua (1768-1844 qv) and Hannah (born Hopkins, 1771-1812 qv) Priestman of Thornton-le-Dale, Yorks, was born there on 18 November 1797 (1).

She married in 1834 Richardson Rowntree (1801-1882 qv) of Riseborough and Settrington, who retired to Malton(2).

She died at Malton on 14 June 1880 aged 82 years (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as miller
- 2 For details of the marriage and children see ROWNTREE, Richardson (1801-1882)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as wife of Richardson

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

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ROWNTREE, Rachel (1800-1837) after 1823 Priestman

[Rachel Rowntree, daughter of William (1768-1832 qv)  
and Rachel (born Richardson, 1770-1825 qv) Rowntree  
of Riseborough, was married in 1823 to Samuel  
Priestman (1800-1872 qv) of Kirkstall, near Leeds.

see PRIESTMAN, Rachel (1800-1837) born Rowntree ]

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ROUNTREE, Rachel Maria (1839-1904) aftw. Clark

[Rachel Maria Rowntree, the daughter of William Rowntree and his wife Ann (nee ) was married in 1866 to Henry E. Clark.

see CLARK, Rachel Maria (1839-1904) born Rowntree ]

ROWNTREE, Reginald (1912-1960)

Reginald Rowntree, the younger son of Herbert Rowntree (1884-1957 qv) and his first wife Nora Ensor, born Cook, of Sheffield and Worplesdon in Surrey, was born in Sheffield on 11 November 1912(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1923 to 1927, going on to Bootham School, York, from 1927 to 1930(2). He trained in architecture, interior decoration and building at the London Polytechnic and in 1938 he married his first cousin Gwendolyn Doris Rowntree, the daughter of William Ernest Rowntree (1876-1960 qv)(3); there was one adopted son(4).

During the second world war Reginald Rowntree was a conscientious objector and worked for the Friends' Ambulance Unit in London hospitals, at Spicelands Training Centre and for the International Commission for War Refugees. He equipped, altered and managed hostels and acted as liaison officer for many official bodies; he was also engaged in administrative and secretarial work for the Friends Relief Service. He was very anxious to go abroad himself, but as he was unable to do so he contented himself with doing all he could to smooth the way for others.

At the end of the war, by studying part time, he gained his Teacher's Certificate in handicrafts. He began his teaching career in the East End of London and then went on to Sibford, where during ten years he developed a tradition for sound craft work; he also introduced technical drawing and many hobby interests, such as antique clocks, silver work, sketching, cycling, canoe building and stage carpentry. In his workshop, surrounded by young girls and boys, there was a Christian quality about his work which influenced countless young people. He set a very high standard and was often frustrated when his work failed to reach it, but his periods of depression were always dispelled by his attendance at meeting for worship, which was the centre of his life. His care for others was clearly shown in the atmosphere of warm friendship he and his wife created in their home.

He died very suddenly at Sibford Ferris on 26 May 1960, at the age of forty seven(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 118 (1960) p 1021

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 1961, p 69

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as an insurance agent
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p.354
- 3 Rowntrees of Risborough, pp D 10,11: the marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 4 The Friend, 20 February 1942, p 64: adoption from birth (2 August 1941) legalised 3 February 1942 by Gwen (nee Rowntree) and Reginald Rowntree, c/o International Commission, Lower Nupend, Cradley near Malvern, a son, Terence
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a teacher

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

ROUNTREE, Richardson (1801-1882)

Richardson Rowntree, son of William (1768-1832 qv) and Rachel (born Richardson, 1770-1825 qv) Rowntree of Riseborough, parish of Normanby, Yorkshire, was born there on 4 December 1801 (1).

He relinquished from conscientious motives the trade of brewing or malting and had by his early thirties become a farmer near Settrington, Malton, Yorkshire (2). He was a strong-willed man (3).

He married in 1834 Rachel Priestman (1797-1880 qv) (4): there were 2 children (5).

He died at Malton on 1 May 1882 (6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as yeoman
- 2 Described as of Settrington, farmer, in entry recording his marriage. For reference to earlier brewing interests see obituaries of his daughters in Annual monitor 1901 p 110, 1916 p 158
- 3 Annual monitor 1916 p 158, which recounts his action when refused permission to see his younger daughter at Ackworth
- 4 The marriage was at Pickering FMR on 1 October 1834: he is described as of Settrington, Yorks, farmer, son of William and Rachel (both deceased) of Thornton Riseborough; she is described as daughter of Joshua (gentleman) and Hannah Priestman (deceased) of Thornton, Yorks (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest and in Digest of Births as follows:-  
Elizabeth qv b 25 Jan 1836 who m 1858 Henry Taylor (1829-1868 qv)  
Helen qv b 3 Oct 1838
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as gentleman

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

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RONTREE, Sarah Elizabeth (1861-1942)

S. Elizabeth Rowntree was born on 6 April 1861, the eldest of the nine children of John Stephenson and Elizabeth Rowntree. She was educated at The Mount School and at Bedford College, London.

Her outstanding interest was in Foreign Missions. In 1891 she was appointed Superintendent of Forster House, Tottenham, a training home for women Friend workers. She then paid two visits to her sister Hilda Robson, in charge of medical work at Itarsi, India.

With Anna L. Littleboy she undertook the oversight of The Mount School in the interregnum before the appointment of Lucy Harrison; and she made a home for her four nephews from India.

She was a valued member of F.F.M.A. Board, and then of Friends Service Council.

She took a helpful part in the life of York Meeting through ministry and pastoral care.

She spent two periods as a student at Woodbrooke.

'Few Friends in our generation could have given as satisfactory an answer to the searching query: Do you fulfil your part ..... as individuals in promoting the cause of truth and righteousness, and the spread of the Kingdom of Christ at home and abroad?'

Testimony of York M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1943, p.205

Shelby, 1970

ROWNTREE, Theodore Hotham (1867-1949)

Theodore H. Rowntree, the son of John Stephenson Rowntree (1834-1907 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Hotham, 1834-1875 qv) of Sydenham in Kent, was born there on 26 August 1867(1).

He was married in 1898 to Katherine Lucy Burtt (1870-1951 qv) of York (2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3).

He became the first secretary of Rowntrees when the firm became a company in 1897, a position he held until 1924. He and his wife were both interested in education; they both worked for the adult school movement and frequently entertained scholars from Bootham and The Mount.

Theodore Rowntree was treasurer of York Quarterly Meeting for twenty eight years. From 1912 to 1918 he served on the York City Council and was associated with the work of the York County Hospital.

He was a man of unfailing kindness and gentleness. He loved his own countryside and was a bee-keeper and a fruit grower, but he also loved foreign travel. In his home it could be said, as it was of Robert Barclay, that "beauty, good order [and] holiness shined therein . . . as in a quiet habitation."

In his later years he suffered severely from asthma, which he learned to endure with a quiet fortitude.

Theodore H. Rowntree of Clifton Lawn, York, died on 9 December 1949, at the age of eighty two(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 107 (1949) p 1056

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at York on 23 February 1898: he is described as a bachelor, a secretary of a limited tea company of York, the son of John Stephenson Rowntree, a justice of the peace; she is described as a spinster of York, the daughter of Petchell Burtt, a coal merchant (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births or given in Rowntrees of Risborough, p A 11
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a cocoa works director, retired

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

ROWNTREE, Walter Smithson (1860-1957)

Walter Smithson Rowntree was born on 1st April 1860 the only son of John Smithson and Emily Rowntree of York. On his father's death in 1872 the family moved to Ilkley and Walter went to Ackworth School for three years. He spent a year in a biscuit factory in Huddersfield and then went to the Flounders Institute to train under William Scarnell Lean.

He taught at Woodlands School, Hitchin, at Friends School, Sidcot and Olivers Mount, Scarborough. He took further scientific training at Owens College, Manchester and at the Royal College of Science. After a year at Heidelberg he acted for four years as assistant to Dr. F.W. Pavy in the research laboratories of the Conjoint Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons. He taught science at Tonbridge School and at Leighton Park School and retired in 1912. He became a lecturer in Zoology and Anthropology. He was on the governing board of the Royal Institution, a fellow of the Linnean Society and the Zoological Society, a member of the National Liberal Club and a Freemason. He was a friend of John Bright. Forty years of travel in England kept him in close touch with Meetings and the example of his steadfast love and kindness are treasured.

He died 2nd April 1957.

Testimony of Lewes & Chichester M.M. In Y.M. Proc. 1958  
p. 132.

**ROWNTREE, William (1727-1798)**

William Rowntree, the grandson of John Rowntree (1664-1738) of Riseborough in Yorkshire, was born on 30 October 1727. He was married to Hannah Hebron(1) and there were nine children(2).

He was probably a convinced Friend and rented Riseborough, where his family had been settled for generations; his earliest known ancestor was Peter Rowntree, who was married to Phyllis Wright in Stokesley Church in 1614. William had also various properties in Pickering, where his family had connections. He was apparently for his time a wealthy man, for in addition to the various properties he bequeathed to his wife and sons he left three thousand pounds to be divided among his children and grandchildren.

He apparently retired to Pickering and died on 10 January 1798 at the age of seventy(3).

**PRINCIPAL SOURCE**

The Rowntrees of Riseborough, 1940, pp 2-3

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 The marriage is not traced in Yorkshire QM, Durham QM, Lancashire QM, Cumberland & Northumberland QM or Westmorland QM Marriages Digests
- 2 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

John qv	b 23 Feb 1757	who m 1785 Elizabeth Lotherington (1764-1835 qv)
Mary	b 12 Feb 1759	who m 1790 Richard Leaver
Hannah	b 2 April 1761	who m 1806 Richard Walton
Elizabeth	b 28 Oct 1763	who m 1800 David Priestman
Jane	b 14 Dec 1765	who m 1791 Daniel Doncaster
William	b 27 April 1768	who m 1794 Rachel Richardson (1770-1825 qv)
Joseph	b 3 Jan 1771	who d 20 Sept 1772
Joseph	b 7 Feb 1774	who m 1800 Ann Leef
Robert	b 2 Feb 1778	who m 1804 Elizabeth Casson
3	Yorkshire QM Burials Digest:	no description of him is given

**SEE ALSO:-**

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc Sup 17 (Pen Pictures)  
p 124

**ROWNTREE, William (1768-1832)**

William Rowntree, son of William and Hannah Rowntree of Riseborough, was born on 27 April 1768 (1).

He continued at Riseborough as a yeoman farmer (2).

He married in 1794 Rachel Richardson (1770-1825 qv) (3): there were 7 children (4).

William Rowntree of Settrington, county of York, died 6 January 1832, aged 64 years (5).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: no occupation of his father is given
- 2 So described in the entries relating to his marriage and 6 of his children (1794-1807): that relating to Rachel (1800) describes him as husbandman
- 3 The marriage was at Ayton F.W.H. on 23 July 1794: he is described as of Riseborough, Yorkshire, yeoman, son of William (yeoman) and Hannah, of Pickering, Yorks; she is described as daughter of Nicholas and Dorothy Richardson of Ayton in Cleveland, Yorkshire
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows, with supplementary information from Yorkshire QM Burials Digest, Digest of Deaths, and C.B. Rowntree, The Rowntrees of Riseborough, 1940, pp D 3-5  

Mary	b 3 June 1795	d 10 June 1847 aged 52 yrs
Isaac	b 20 Dec 1796	
William	b 3 April 1798	
Rachel qv	b 4 Feb 1800	who m 1823 Samuel Priestman (1800-1872 qv)
Richardson qv	b 4 Dec 1801	
Edward	b 28 Aug 1805	d 15 Jan 1806 aged 20 wks
Esther	b 19 Feb 1807	who m 1832 Joseph Metford (1805-1874)
- 5 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as farmer

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

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**ROWNTREE, William (1798-1854)**

William Rowntree, the son of William Rowntree (1768-1832 qv) and his wife Rachel (born Richardson, 1770-1825 qv) of Riseborough in Yorkshire, was born there on 3 April 1798(1).

He became a corn miller of Kirkstall, Leeds(2) and was married in 1838 to Ann Cooke, the daughter of John Cooke of West Derby(3); there were five children(4).

William Rowntree of Kirkstall died on 11 August 1854 at the age of fifty six(5).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a yeoman
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Liverpool on 5 April 1838: he is described as a bachelor, a corn miller of Kirkstall, Leeds, the son of William Rowntree, a farmer; she is described as a spinster of Mill Bank, West Derby, the daughter of John Cooke, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Rachel Maria qv	b 22 July 1839	who m 1866 Henry Ecroyd Clarke (1836-1906 qv)
Eliza	b 11 July 1841	who d 2 Feb 1920*
William qv	b 21 July 1843	who m 1874 Amelia Dell
Lucy Ann	b 2 Oct 1845	who d 20 May 1922**
Charles John qv	b 23 Dec 1846	who m 1871 Mary De Horne Brightwen (1847-1929 qv)
- \*Rowntrees of Riseborough D 4 gives 3 Feb 1920 as the date of her death
- \*\*Rowntrees of Riseborough D 4 gives 20 May 1921 as the date of death
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a corn miller and the age at death is given as 54

**SEE ALSO:-**

Annual Monitor 1855, p 151: 2 line entry for death

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

ROWNTREE, William (1806-1901)

R/ William Rowntree, the son of Joseph (1774-1811) and Ann (born Leaf, 1775-1833) Rowntree, of Pickering, was born there on 26 March 1806 (1), was educated at Ackworth; he was an industrious business man at Scarborough for the rest of his life. In 1847 he married Mary Stickney (1812-1901, qv); there were three children (2).

With his wife, Mary Stickney Rowntree, he strove 'as they that must give account, for Temperance, for Peace, for Social Purity, for Civil and Religious Liberty everywhere. They never spoke in meetings for worship other than by their unfailing presence (when able) and by the helpful exercise of their spirits. They filled diligently various offices in the body, including those of overseer and elder. The simple, quiet happiness of their home life has been shared in at times by many up and down the land, and even from other lands.'

With widely differing characters, William and Mary S. Rowntree were remarkably united in their aims and purpose of life. Their help was always forthcoming for schools, whether for the children of the town, for the Society of Friends, or for the religious instruction of juniors or adults.'

William Rowntree died 26 January 1901 aged ninety four years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Pickering & Hull MM In YM proc. 1902, p. 193

REFERENCES & NOTES

1 The Rowntrees of Risborough, 1940, p. E 1

2 Listed (ibid) as follows:

William Stickney	Born 4 Nov. 1848, qv
James Henry	born 20 Jan. 1850
Allan	born 18 March 1853

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Additional references

ROWNTREE, William, 1806-1901

The Friend (London), 41(1901):80, 73 (portrait), 66  
An. Mon.(N.S.), 60(1902):78  
Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:514

ROWNTREE, William (1843-1888)

William Rowntree, the son of William Rowntree (1798-1854 qv) and his wife Ann, born Cooke, of Kirkstall, Leeds, was born there on 21 July 1843(1).

He became a grocer at York and subsequently a manager(2), but was finally a commission agent at Sheffield(3). He was married in 1874 to Amelia Dell(4) and there were three children(5).

William Rowntree of Sheffield died on 24 May 1888 at the age of forty four(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a corn miller
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4, and the entries for the birth of his two eldest children; the entry for his youngest child describes him as a manager
- 3 He is so described in his burial entry, note 6
- 4 The wedding was at Winchmore Hill on 18 June 1874: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer of 28 Pavement, York, the son of William Rowntree, a miller; she is described as a spinster of 12 Shacklewell Lane, Kingsland, the daughter of Joseph Dell, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Joseph Dell	b 17 Jan 1880	who m 1913 Elsie Maud Leefe
*Albert	b 6 Dec 1881	
Amy	b 26 Oct 1883	who m 1912 Kenneth Mortimer Angus (1884-1962 qv)
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a commission agent

SEE ALSO:-

- Annual Monitor 1889, p 135: 2 line entry for death  
Rowntrees of Risborough, pp D 9-10

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

**ROWNTREE, William Ernest (1876-1960)**

William Ernest Rowntree, the son of Charles John Rowntree (1846-1925 qv) and his wife Mary De Horne (born Brightwen, 1847-1929 qv) of Sheffield, was born in Sunderland on 14 July 1876(1), but he lived most of his life in Sheffield after his parents' removal there. He was educated at Ackworth School from 1887 to 1890 and on leaving school he joined the firm of Daniel Doncaster & Sons, steel manufacturers of which he later became a Director.

He was married in 1905 to Gwendolyn Cook, a daughter of the headmaster of Sheffield School of Art(2) and there were five children(3), all of whom were educated at Ackworth. He was an active member of Sheffield Meeting until his health broke down and he was an invalid for the latter part of his life.

He died on 3 July 1960(4), in his eighty fourth year.

**PRINCIPAL SOURCE**

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 1961, p 69

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 The wedding was at Sheffield on 1 February 1905: he is described as a bachelor, a steel works manager of Sheffield, the son of Charles John Rowntree, a cashier; she is described as not in membership, a spinster of Sheffield, the daughter of John Thomas Cook, School of Art Master (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digest of Births, with additional information on marriages from Rowntrees of Risborough, p D 10:-

Gwendolyn Doris b 22 Nov 1906	who m 1938 Reginald Rowntree (1912-1960 qv)
Ensor De Horne b 12 Aug 1908	who m 1934 Dorothy Edith Wright
Robert Owen b 6 Jan 1910	who m 1936 Silvia Roberts
Ernest Patrick b 3 July 1911	who m 1938 Dorothy Haigh
Martin b 11 Feb 1920	
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired director of 11 Holgate Bridge Gardens, York. Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports gives the date of his death as 7 July 1960

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

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ROWNTREE, William Stickney (1848-1939)

William Stickney Rowntree, born on 4 November 1848 (1806-1901, qv) was the eldest of three sons of William Rowntree, who started the drapery business in Scarborough. He was educated at Bootham and University College, London. In 1876 he married Anna Mary Doncaster of Sheffield, who lived to join in the celebration of their diamond wedding. There were four children (1).

One of W.S. Rowntree's chief life interests was the development of his native town of Scarborough. As Councillor and Mayor he strove to add to its beauty and amenities, and for the good of future generations he worked with great tenacity of purpose and boldness in maintaining a carefully thought out position.

These same qualities were evidenced too in W. S. Rowntree's political work. By letters to the 'Manchester Guardian', opposing the Boer War, supporting the policy of self-government in South Africa, furthering the cause of the League of Nations Union, indeed in all matters local and national, he was concerned to enter fully into the life around him and to endeavour to inform that life with the principles governing his own.

W. S. Rowntree's gifts too were expended in his service as a Friend, guiding the affairs of his quarterly Meeting as Clerk and advising on the setting up of the Yorkshire 1905 Committee which stimulated extension work throughout the Yearly Meeting. In his Ministry his wide reading and remarkable memory were evident. Many were the memorable gatherings at his home for informal talks and readings from his favourite books.

Cheerful companionship, old-world courtesy, original humour and faithfulness to the highest ideals are characteristics remembered by all, and it was said of him 'Just the thought of him at once raises one's standards and one's efforts towards the things of the spirit.'

He died on 15 November 1939.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Pickering & Hull M.M. in Y.M. Proc. 1940, p. 213

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REFERENCES & NOTES

1 Listed in The Rontrees of Riseborough, 1940, pp. 11, 2,  
as follows:

Ernest William	born 26 July 1877
Howard Doncaster	born 7 May 1879
Marion	born 22 May 1881 who married K. E. T. Wilkinson
Olive Hope	born 14 April 1887

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ROWNTREE, Winifred, afterwards Naish, 1885-1915

see

NAISH, Winifred, nee Rowntree, 1885-1915

ROYDS, Kathleen Elizabeth (1883-1967) aftw Innes

[ Kathleen Royds, the daughter of  
of Reading, was married in to George  
Innes

see INNES, Kathleen Elizabeth (1883-1967) born Royds ]

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ROYLANCE, Thomas (1701-1774)

Thomas Roylance, the son of William Roylance and his wife Elizabeth, born Tatton, of Brereton in Cheshire, was born there on 14.ii.(April)1701.(1) He was the grandson of William Roylance "who had been a Sufferer and Prisoner for Truth's Testimony in Times of Persecution." His father had "also suffered pretty much by the Priests, he standing firm to his Testimony." He was early inclined to the love of Truth and was for many years a useful member of Nantwich Monthly Meeting, of which he was an elder. He retired from business in 1753, when he was about fifty two, and moved to Newton near Middlewich, where he appeared in the ministry at about the age of sixty; his gift was small, but what he had to say was acceptable.

He died apparently unmarried(2) at his house in Newton, after a short illness, on 25 February 1774(3) at the age of seventy two.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Nantwich MM 9 March 1774 in TCMD vol.3 pp.27-30

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 There is no record of a marriage in Cheshire & Staffs QM Marriages Digest and no children are recorded in Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest
- 3 Cheshire & Staffs QM Burials Digest: he is described as a minister for 13 years

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

RUBIE, Elizabeth ( -1733/4) \ after 1732 Pim

[Elizabeth Rubie, daughter of John and Margaret Rubie of Wexford, was married in 1732 to Joshua Pim (1686/7-1749 qv).]

See PIM, Elizabeth ( -1733/4) born Rubie ]

NUDD, Sarah (1741-1820)

Sarah Rudd was a daughter of Samuel and Ann Rudd of Hertford. Charlotte Sturge, in her Family Records 1882 refers to Sarah Rudd in connection with a highway robbery - "a droll little woman"

Testimony.

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930, p.119

*see also next page*

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RUDD, Sarah (1741-1820)

Sarah Rudd was born on 31.v.[July] 1741, the daughter of Samuel and Ann Rudd of Hertford (1).

She travelled in the ministry on various occasions, visiting divers parts of England, and in 1793 and 1794 accompanied Elizabeth Drinker of America in the west and midlands.

She died on 13 November 1820 aged 79, a minister for about 49 years.

Testimony of Longford Monthly Meeting, 14 March 1821, in  
MS. Testimonials, Vol.5 p.133

References and notes:

- 1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest

see also previous pg

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RUDD, Thomas, c.1643-1719

b. c.1643 near Clapham(?)

A miller by trade he made his home at Wharfe,  
near Settle, Yorks., England.

Convinced and joined Friends and in 1671 was  
recognized a minister. That same year he suffered  
distraint of goods.

1683 for absence from the parish worship was  
fines £ 20.

1692 In Edinburgh he went through the town streets  
calling all people to repentance.

1700 imprisoned at Liverpool and then whipt  
through the streets. He travelled widely in England,  
Scotland and Ireland, preaching in streets, market-  
places and was often beaten, abused and imprisoned.

Wrote a number of tracts about the year 1702.

d. 22 XII 1719 at Wharfe, England, aged about  
76 years.

Besse, 2:131,152,174

Frds. Lib. (Phila.), X:26; XII:387

Piety pro., 6th part, 193

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:515

RUDYARD, Thomas

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Thomas Rudyard, 'a Man skilful in the Law of the Land, and zealous for the Liberties of the People' (Suff. i. 426), lived in Lombard Street, London (ibid. i. 439). Rudyard entered vigorously into the pamphlet warfare of the time and he also suffered persecution and imprisonment (Suff.; Cal. S.P. Dom. 1670, p. 254). It will be noticed that his name has been omitted from Ell. edd. Smith implies that Rudyard left Friends (Cata. 1867, ii. 516). Bugg describes Rudyard as Friends' 'Oracle of Law' (Painted Harlot, 1682, p. 28) and 'Lying Lawyer' (ibid. p. 46) and has him in his 'cage of unclean birds'. He became one of the New Jersey proprietors, and in 1682 went over as Deputy Governor of East Jersey. In 1685 he left for Barbados.

Character of a Quaker, 1672, p. 8  
Sewel, Hist. 1722  
Jnl. F.H.S. iii  
Mss in Friends House

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol. 2 p. 420

WBE:  
Additional information

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RUDYARD, Thomas, -1692

Lived in Lombard St., London. An attorney, well versed in the law and its application.

Convinced and joined Friends and was often successful in extricating Friends from the grip of unjust laws. Once was imprisoned with other Friends in "The Dog" a foul cell in Newgate where others had died.

1670 suffered a heavy fine of £ 100. The next year he was in Holland with Wm. Penn.

1670-74 author of many tracts and treatises. He was a member of Six Weeks Meeting and drew up the form of Friends' marriage certificate.

1682 went to America as Deputy Governor of New Jersey.

1685 migrated to Barbadoes to live and Smith says he there divested himself of his Quakerism.

d. 1692 in the Barbadoes Islands.

The Friend (London), 18(1860):218; 114(1956):881

Penney, ed. Short Jurnal of Geo, Fox, 358

Jos. Smith's Cat/, 2:516

Journal of Geo, Fox (Bicent. ed.) 2:420

Evans, Frds. in the 17th cent., 456

WBE:

RUGGLES, Micah H., fl.1824

A military captain.

c.1816 At the age of 33 he was awakened, but "made haste to be rich" in spiritual matters, and apparently ran before his guide.

1818 Joined Friends and began preaching. He travelled to New York, Phila. (where he declined a meeting with Friends who were concerned about him,) and Baltimore and Wash~~ington~~, D.C.

Had an interview with Jonathan Evans who expressed to M.R. his fears as regards what Ruggles was preaching. There was no reply.

1824 He opposed the preaching of Isaac Stephenson at New Bedford, Mass. He was disowned by New Bedford Meeting of Friends.

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Hodgson, Hist. of Frds. in the 19th cent., 1:60,89

Jour. of John Comly, 267

Russell, Hist. of Qu., 297

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RULE, Joseph, c.1695-1770

b. c.1695 at Poplar, Middlesex, Englamd.

ed. had very little learning.

Became a waterman on the Thames and later for  
a wealthy family on their estate.

Convinced of Friends ways at a meeting at  
Ratcliffs. Joined Friends and eventually became a  
noted minister.

Felt required to ride on a white horse, where  
he would be noticed, wearing white raiment and in  
later years a flying white beard. Was often spoken  
of as "the white Quaker".

Lived for a time in the west of England near  
Ross, Herefordshire. Settled eventually at Joseph's  
Lane in Jordans and was a member of High Wycombe  
Meeting.

In his later years much troubled by the chalk  
gout.

d. March 11, 1770 at Jordans and was buried  
there in a light snowfall which covered the worshippers  
and the coffin with a white blanket.

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 2(1905):No. 2, 64; 11(1914):36  
Frds. Qu. Exam., 36(1902):507

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RUNDELL, Samuel (1763-1848)

Samuel Rundell, the son of Samuel and Mary Rundell of Liskeard in Cornwall, was born there on 26 July 1763(1). He was given a good education according to the standards of the time, but describes himself as having had in his youth a strong and intractable will. He was obliged to leave home and the care of a very affectionate mother when he was still a young man and was much exposed to the world's snares and temptations, with but few good examples to follow. But his upbringing sted him in good stead and he was preserved from evil, receiving in his nineteenth year a powerful experience of the love of God. He was naturally of a grave and serious turn of mind and attracted the notice of William and Catherine Phillips, who showed him great kindness and whose religious experience, ministry and cheerfulness made a deep impression on him.

In 1790 he married Martha Manning(2), but the marriage lasted only about two years and she died in 1792(3), leaving no issue(4).

He appeared in the ministry in the year of his wife's death, being then an elder of his meeting. Thereafter he occasionally accompanied his friend Jonathan Binns of Looe, who together with Sarah Tuckett held many meetings in Cornwall and Devonshire, chiefly where Friends were little known. He was recorded a minister at Liskeard in 1794. His gift was often exercised with fearlessness, but he was watchful and attentive and his ministry, based on the doctrine of the Inward Light of Christ in the heart, was well received; he also possessed a clear understanding of the discipline and was a valued and useful member of his meeting. In 1794 he accompanied Sarah Harrison (1720-1826 qv) from America and Ann Alexander, the Tuke (1767-1849 qv) of York on many public meetings in the western parts of Cornwall; a visit to the Scilly Isles with Ann Tuke and others is believed to have been the first visit there by ministering Friends. In the following years he travelled extensively in many parts of the United Kingdom, principally in the north and in Scotland.

In 1803 he married Sarah James (1764-1856 qv) of Falmouth(5) and they had an only daughter(6). The marriage was a happy one and proved a source of great strength and comfort to him during the remainder of his life. For many years he had carried on business as a woolstapler and occupied a few acres of land, but he had never allowed trade to interfere with his work for the Society and about 1818 he withdrew very much from business, concentrating his affairs within a narrow compass.

The interests of the Society were very close to his heart. Frugal in his own expenses, he contributed liberally to the needs of others and the welfare of his fellows aroused his sympathy and pity. He took a keen interest in promoting schemes for the non-sectarian education of poor

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RUNDELL, Samuel (1763-1848)

children, in the welfare of negroes and was deeply concerned for the ravages of intemperance in all classes in the community.

As he grew older he became less able to embark on the long journeys which had occupied so much of his life and his labours had to be limited to his own and adjacent quarterly meetings. In company with his wife he paid a last visit to the families of Friends in Cornwall in 1840-1841. Although he was enfeebled by slight attacks of paralysis during his last few years he was able with very little exception to attend meetings for worship and while his health permitted was a frequent attender at Yearly Meetings in London. In all these meetings his religious communications were lively and instructive, delivered with a sweetness and solemnity which impressed his hearers.

He died at Liskeard, some months after a severe paralytic stroke, on 4 May 1848(7), aged eighty five.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

A Annual Monitor 1849 pp 67-78

Testimony of East Cornwall MM in Testimonies 1849 p 67

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given.  
The Annual Monitor gives the year of his birth as 1762
- 2 The wedding was at Exeter on 22 April 1790: he is described as a worsted manufacturer of Liskeard in Cornwall, the son of Samuel and Mary; she is described as of the parish of St Thomas, Exeter, the daughter of Robert, deceased, and Mary (Devonshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Cornwall QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Samuel
- 4 No children are recorded in Cornwall QM Births Digest
- 5 The wedding was at Perran Wharf on 21 January 1803: he is described as of Liskeard, the son of Samuel and Mary Rundell; she is described as the daughter of William and Charity James of Moorfields in London (Cornwall QM Marriages Digest)
- 6 Listed in Cornwall QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Martha b 20 July 1807
- 7 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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RUNDELL, Samuel (1763-1848)

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Observations on the redemption of man, on divine worship and on partaking the flesh and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ (1834)  
(reprinted 1838, 1845. Philadelphia 1895)  
Jos. Smith's Catalogue p 518

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 13(1916) p 15:  
Vol 15(1918) p 57: Supp 17 p 196

Caroline Fox records his death in her journal for 8 May 1848 - 'a perfect Quaker of the old George Fox stamp. ponderous, uncompromising, slow, uninfluenced by the views of others, intensely one-sided, with all the strength and weakness of that characteristic; a man to excite universal esteem, but no enthusiasm; simple and childlike in his daily habits, solemn and massive in his ministry'. Horace N. Pym, Memories of old friends, 1882 ed, vol 2 p 100

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RUNDELL, Samuel, 1763-1848

The Friend (London), 6(1848):115

Biog. Cat., 581

Hodgson, Hist. of the Soc. of Frds. in the 19th cent., 1:308

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:518

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX7615

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RUNDELL, Sarah (1764-1856) born James

Sarah Rundell was the eldest daughter of William and Charity James, and was born at Redruth in 1764. During the last 9 years of Catherine Phillips' life she was her companion and in 1803 she married Samuel Rundell of Liskeard. She was recorded a minister by East Cornwall M.M. in 1808. She was often engaged in religious service, chiefly in Cornwall, with her husband and other ministers. From 1828 to 1831 she visited at different times families in London & Middlesex Q.M. Her last religious visit was in 1844 when she and her husband (both then aged about 80) visited families in their own Meeting, which she continued to attend with the help of a wheeled chair as long as strength permitted. For the last two or three years, however, she was reduced to a state of great weakness. She died on 22 February 1856. Her body was interred at Halbathic, near Liskeard.

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RUSHMORE, Jane Palen, 1864-1958

b. Jan. 28, 1864 near Preston Hollow, N.Y.,  
daughter of John Underhill and Sarah (Drake) Rushmore.

ed. Sharon Female Seminary, near Darby, Pa. and  
Swarthmore College, 1878-1888, but did not graduate.

Taught school at London Grove, Pa., Martin Academy,  
Kennett Square, Pa. and Friends Central School.

1915-1945 General Secretary of the Central  
Bureau of Phila. Yearly Meeting (Race St.) She was  
also during this period for 19 years [1924-35] Clerk of the  
Representative Committee, a minister and twice also  
served as Clerk of the Yearly Meeting. A woman of  
outstanding ability she was often lightly referred  
to as the "pope" of Race St. Yearly Meeting.

1952 received honorary degree of Doctor of  
Letters from Swarthmore.

Author of The Quaker Way; Brief Interpretations  
of the Bible; Getting ready; Further footprints along  
the Quaker way; and, Study Outline on Business Meetings.

d. June 12, 1958, Cinnaminson, near Riverton, N.J.  
Johnson, Under Quaker appointment (portraits)  
Frds. Journal, 4:401

ELLIOTT, QU. ON THE AM. FRONTIER, 399

RUSSEL, George (1650?-1730)

see RUSSELL, George (1650?-1730)

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WBE:

RUSSELL, Elbert, 1871-1951

b. Aug. 29, 1871 at Friendsville, Tenn., son of William and Eliza (Sanders) Russell.

Family later removed to West Newton, Indiana.

ed. A.B., Earlham College, 1894. Took M.A., 1895.

m., Aug. 14, 1895, Lieuetta Lillian Cox. 2 children.

1895-1901 Taught Biblical studies at Earlham.

1901-03 graduate study Univ. of Chicago.

1903-15 Professor of Biblical Literature and Church History at Earlham. Also college pastor. Considered too liberal in theology.

1915-17 Taught Oriental seminar at Johns Hopkins and was a fellow there. Ph.D., 1919, Univ. of Chicago.

1917-24 became director of Woolman School at Swarthmore, Pa., Also taught at Haverford College, and did lecturing for A.F.S.C. in Europe.

1926-45 Professor of Biblical literature in the Duke University, School of Religion. Served as Dean, 1935-41.

1945-46 Professor of Religion at Guilford College, N.C.  
Author of many books, including, 1909, Jesus of Nazareth in the light of today, . . .; 1916, The Christian Life; 1928, The parables of Jesus; 1938, The sense of community; 1942, The History of Quakerism.

d. Sept. 21, 1951, suddenly, at St. Petersburg, Florida, age 80 years.

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RUSSELL, Elbert, 1871-1951

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Am. Friend, 39(1951):333, 347, 359

Who was who, 111(1951-60): 747

The Friend (London): 95(1937):265 (portrait)

The Friend (Phila.), 125(1951):132,202

Frds. Intel., 108(1951):643, 644, 736

Elbert Russell, Quaker - an autobiography

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7617

RUSSELL, Elizabeth Charlotte (1840-1914) aftw. Hobson

[Elizabeth Charlotte, the daughter of Thomas Russell  
married William Hobson in 1864.]

see HOBSON, Elizabeth Charlotte (1840-1914) born Russell ]

WBE:

RUSSELL, Frank J., c.1870-1914

b. c.1870 at Union Bridge, Maryland, son  
of Thomas and Mary Russell.

ed. as an electrical engineer.

Entered business in New York City. An inventor  
of safety devices for ships; also, other electrical  
appliances.

While living in New York F.J.R. was active in  
educational and religious work of Friends.

m. Josie Myers. 3 children.

c., 1909 health failed and family removed to  
Union Bridge, Md..

d. Feb. 6, 1914 and was buried at Union Bridge  
Md., aged about 44 years.

Frds. Intel., 71(1914):124

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 19(1922):55

WEE:

RUSSELL, George, c.1600 or 1597-1680

b.           c.1600 (or 1597) at Burlescomb (?),  
England.

Convinced and joined Friends.

Imprisoned in Exeter Castle for tithes. Goods  
distressed.

1680, A Testimony concerning George Russell...

d. March (or May) 2, 1680 at Exeter, Eng. in his  
80th or 83rd year, in prison.

Besse, 1:161, 162

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:518

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RUSSELL, George (1650?-1730)

George Russell was a member of Carlow Monthly Meeting, Ireland. He was a diligent attender at Meetings for Discipline and for Worship, and was very concerned to visit the families of Friends in the compass of his own Meeting.

He became a Minister about his fortieth year, and had a concern to advise Friends to make right use of time, that their Day's work might be done in the Day: 'For that an exercising Time and Day of great Mortality was coming on, which would be a Dreadful Day to the Unfakthful and Disobedient amongst us; and that there would be no safety in that Day, but in the Lord's Arm of Power; saying, we should be safe under it, and not otherwise'.

He died 18.vi.[August] 1730, aged about eighty years, and a Minister about forty years.

Principal source

Testimony of Carlow MM, Ireland, TCMD vol.1 p.35, printed in A Collection of Testimonies 1760, p.34

WBE:  
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RUSSELL, George, c.1650-1730

John Smith's Ms., 3:62

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RUSSELL, Gregory (1650?-1730)

Gregory Russell was a minister of Garloe Monthly Meeting in Ireland for about forty years. He was "a man of an Innocent life and blameless conversation, Zealous for the Promotion of Truth and Discipline of the Church, constant in keeping to and attending Half Years, Quarterly and Province Meetings, as well as the particular Meeting to which he belonged, and often had a concern upon him to advise Friends to make use of Time in Time that their Days work might be done in the Day, for that an Exercising time of Day of great Mortality was coming which would be a Dreadful Day to the unfaithful." He was a loving husband and a tender father.

He died aged about eighty on 18.vi.(August)1730 and was buried at Newgarden.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Garloe MM 2.ii.(April)1731 in TGMD vol.1 p.35

RUSSELL, Hannah (1804-1873) after 1833 Ecroyd

[Hannah Russell, daughter of William Russell ( - )  
and his wife Mary (born ) of Liverpool,  
became in 1833 the second wife of Benjamin Ecroyd (1800-1857 qv).]

See ECROYD, Hannah (1804-1873) born Russell ]

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RUSSELL, Joseph (1710-1750)

Joseph Russell, the son of Jeffery and Mary Russell of Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire, was born about the year 1710.(1) In 1737 he married Mary Cook (born Saunders), the widow of Daniel Cook(2) and there were six children of the marriage.(3)

When he was about thirty five he was called upon publicly to testify to the Truth, which he did with great modesty and in the full persuasion that it was his duty to mankind. "In his Dealings amongst Men, he was very Upright, and remarkable in that branch of our Testimony of using few words therein without Imposition, and was, we believe, greatly respected by all with whom he had to do; he was a useful Member in the Society, and always ready & willing to bear his part in whatever appeared to be necessary, and is much missed by us."

He died on 9.v.(July)1750(4) in the forty first year of his age and was buried at Uxbridge.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Longford MM 21.ii.(April)1751 in TCMD vol.1 p.320

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged forty at death. There is no entry in Buckinghamshire QM, London & Middlesex QM, Kent QM or Essex QM Births Digests, but the marriage entry gives his parentage
- 2 The wedding was at Uxbridge on 5.v.(July)1737; he is described as a mealman, the son of Jeffery and Mary Russell of Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire; she is described as Mary Cook, the widow of Daniel Cook and daughter of Joseph and Susanna Saunders late of Farnham Royal in Buckinghamshire
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest as follows:-

Mary	b 18.x.(December)1738
Lydia	b 13.xii.1739 (i.e. February 1739/40)
Thomas	b 15.iv.(June)1741
Mary	b 6.vi.(August)1742
Sarah	b 20.viii.(October)1743
Joseph	b 27.viii.(October)1744
- 4 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he died on 9.v.(July)1750; no description of him is given

WBE:

RUSSELL, William. c.1596-1683

b. c.1696

Raised in the Church of England and then convinced  
and joined Friends.

m. had a son, William, Jr.

1671, sold land to T. Ellwood and others for a  
burying ground near Chalfont St. Giles.

1673, G. Fox visited his house.

1688, a meeting was founded at Jordans in which  
Wm. Russell, (Jr.) played a part.

1676 when nearly 80 years of age and almost  
blind, Wm. Russell was imprisoned and had goods  
distrainted for tithes.

d. 1683 and was buried at Jordans, Bucks., Eng.  
aged about 87 years.

Penney, ed. Short Journal of Geo. Fox., 294

Ellwood, Hist. of the life of Thos., 352

Besse, 1:78,81,82,83, 209(?), 212(?), 250(?)

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RUSTIN, Bayard

WBE gives information about this living Friend  
which is not included here.

RUSHTON, Ann (1681-1729/30)

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

WBE:

RUSTON, Robert, 1779-1839

b. 1779

It is said that he made only one comment in all the sessions of Yearly Meeting which he attended. He objected to the expression "our grand adversary", saying, " I never could see anything grand in the devil."

He suffered a very sudden death while in his own orchard in Cambridgeshire.

d. Sept. 29, 1839 and was buried at Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, Eng., aged 60 years.

Biog. Cat., 584

An Mon. (O.S.), 28(1840): 34

WBE:

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Rutledge (or Routledge), John, -1725

b. in Cumberland, England.

Convinced and joined Friends.

1697 with William Edmundson travelled from  
Cumberland into Scotland. Recognized a minister.

Came to America.

1724 visited Nantucket, Mass.

d. about July 2<sup>5</sup>, 1725 and was buried at  
Middletown, Bucks County, Pa. with about 1000 people  
at the funeral.

John Smith's Ms., 3:37

Jour. of Thos. Chalkley, 153

WBE:

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RUTLEDGE, Mary, nee -1725

b. at Skipton, Yorks., Eng.

Convinced and joined Friends. Met with opposition.

A minister, in which she was very serviceable.

m. William Rutledge.

Came to America and settled near Abington, Pa.

d., Fall, 1725 at Abington, Pa., "very ancient".

John Smith's Ms., 3:37