

PUMPHREY, Anna (1828-1893) after 1861 Greer

[Anna Pumphrey, daughter of Thomas (1802-1862, qv) and  
Rachel Pumphrey of Worcester, was married in 1861 to  
Robert John Greer.

see GREER, Anna (1828-1893) born Pumphrey ]

PUMPHREY, Arthur (1862-1899)

Arthur Pumphrey, the only son of George Richardson Pumphrey (1830-1862 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Sewell, after 1879 Grace, 1833-1906 qv) of Newcastle on Tyne, was born there on 25 August 1862(1); his father died shortly after his birth. He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1877 to 1879(2) and after leaving school he became a chemist at Weston-super-Mare(3).

He was married in 1889 to Ellen Swinburne Dixon of Great Ayton(4) and there were four children(5). The family moved to Bournemouth in Hampshire, where he died on 19 December 1899 at the age of thirty seven(6), leaving a widow with a young family to bring up.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 318
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Great Ayton on 17 April 1889: he is described as a bachelor, a chemist of Weston-super-Mare, the son of George Richardson Pumphrey, a grocer; she is described as a spinster of Great Ayton, the daughter of Ralph Dixon, a schoolmaster (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Edith Dorothy	b 14 Aug 1890	no marriage traced to 1941
George Stanley qv	b 16 Nov 1892	who m 1923 Winifred Mary Loveless
Margaret Richardson	b 13 April 1895	no marriage traced to 1941
Kathleen	b 28 Dec 1898	who m 1940 Firstbrook Clarke
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a chemist of Heron Court Road, Bournemouth

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

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PUMPHREY, Bernard, c.1865-1931

b. c.1865 at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Eng., son of Thomas and Emma (Richardson) Pumphrey.

ed. Bootham School, Yorks. Played on the football team.

Entered his father's grocery business.

m. Frances Taylor 1 son, 4 daughters.

Voluntary activities included chairman, Newcastle Dispensary and lots of time devoted to bird-watching, and fishing. He refused positions in high places. Expressed his religion in his life.

d. Feb. 25, 1931 at Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Type, in his 66th year.

Bootham School, Register, 193

The Friend (London), 71(1931):220, 211 (portrait)

PUMPHREY, Caroline Westcombe (1846-1925)  
also *w BE*

Caroline W. Pumphrey, the youngest daughter of Stanley (1805-1871, qv) and Mary (Westcombe) Pumphrey was born on 28 May 1845. Her mother died when she was very young and she was brought up by her uncle and aunt, John Marshall and Caroline Albright at Charlbury. As a young woman she went to keep house for her brother Stanley (1837-1881, qv) after the death of his wife, Ellen Horsnaill.

For many years she ran a large corresponding Bible Class and she was active on Committees for Missionary Work. In her vocal ministry, she expressed joy and thanksgiving. She is remembered by those who knew her as a good friend and neighbour.

She died on 11 December 1925.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Berks & Oxon QM in YM Proc. 1926 p.208

SEE ALSO

The Friend n.s. vol. (1925) p.1134; n.s. vol. (1926) p.6 (Appreciation by A.P. Fowler), p.214 (appreciation by FFMA Board)

Article by Jane E. and Harriet M. Newman in Friends quart exam vol. (1926) p.145; reprinted with additions (Friends House 092.[Biog.2/17]; cf Box 282)

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PUMPHREY, Edwin (1818-1883)

Edwin Pumphrey, the son of Thomas Pumphrey (1760-1825 qv) and his wife Mary, born Brown, of Amythill in Bedfordshire, was born there on 29 September 1818(1). Both his parents died when he was very young and he was cared for by his uncle Stanley Pumphrey (1771-1843 qv). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1828 to 1832(2) and after leaving school the rather delicate boy was apprenticed to a village retail business. It was at about this time that he became conscious of deepened religious convictions, which led him to become a teetotaller and non-smoker; he also had a growing sense of the value of private prayer and the regular reading of the Bible.

He went into business on his own account as a grocer(3) at Hock Norton when he was about twenty five; his capital was very limited, when he began his turnover was very small and he was grateful for the frugal habits in which he had been trained. But his business prospered and in 1844 he married his second cousin Hannah Pumphrey (1817-1902 qv) of Bromyard in Herefordshire(4); there were nine children(5).

He was a careful business man and devoted to his family, but he always found time to help his neighbours in any way he could. He was a welcome visitor to the sick and the simple hospitality of his home was always open to those travelling in the ministry and to members of other denominations. He had the interests of the Society very much at heart and was a regular attender of Sibford School Committee, where he was a favourite among both the officers and scholars. He had an intense love of children, whose confidence he won by his cheerful and unfailing kindness.

As time passed he felt called to the service of the ministry and in the later years of his business life at Hock Norton he was able to accompany Isaac Sharp on a visit to Labrador. A few years later he gave up his business and accompanied his wife on a ministerial journey to America, where they spent about a year. The change of scene and the sea voyage benefited his always frail health and on his return his leisure from business cares left him liberty for the kind of service for which his visit to America had found him so well qualified. He helped to forward the work of the Town Mission and to form a branch of the YMCA, in which he took a deep interest. At the end of his life he felt that a spirit of worldliness was creeping into the Society and at the last Yearly Meeting he attended he pleaded for the maintenance of the early testimonies.

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PUMPHREY, Edwin (1818-1883)

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In the spring of 1883 his health began seriously to fail and he died at Nelson Street, Sunderland on 24 November 1883, at the age of sixty five(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1885, pp138-145

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Beds & Herts QN Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 115, entry 5190
- 3 His occupation is given in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Bromyard on 9 April 1844: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer of Hook Norton, the son of Thomas Pumphrey, a brewer; she is described as a spinster of Bromyard, the daughter of Julius Pumphrey, a draper (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Lucy	b 30 April 1845	d 21 Feb 1859
*Thomas Edwin	b 20 Oct 1846	
Catherine	b 4 Sept 1848	d 16 March 1873
*Joseph	b 6 March 1850	
*Julius	b 25 Sept 1851	
Mary	b 22 April 1853	d 29 April 1858
Hannah Maria	b 16 May 1855	m 1891 Alfred Sparkes
*Charles Stanley	b 27 Feb 1857	
*Frederic	b 25 Nov 1861	
- \*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1921
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an insurance agent  
The Pumphrey Pedigree gives the date of his death as 23 Nov

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

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PUMPHREY, Elizabeth ( -1838) aftw. Barrow

[ Elizabeth Pumphrey, daughter of John Pumphrey  
of Worcester and his wife Candia (nee )  
was married in to George Barrow

see BARROW, Elizabeth ( -1838) born Pumphrey ]

PUMPHREY, Ellen (1839-1868) born Horsnaill

Ellen Horsnaill, the daughter of William Cleverly Horsnaill (1812-1861 qv) and his wife Louisa, born Horsnaill, of Strood in Kent, was born there on 23 March 1839(1). She was brought up in a Christian home where the ruling principle was love and her upbringing made a lasting impression on her. She was a dutiful daughter and a kind and loving sister and the innate tenderness of her nature made her a source of pleasure to her family in their quiet home. She was a studious child, liking to sit in a corner and read, and her sweetness of character was remembered with pleasure by those who had the care of her education.

She was married in 1863 to Stanley Pumphrey (1837-1881 qv), but the marriage was childless(2). She warmly sympathised with her husband's work in the ministry and at the time when he was recorded a minister rejoiced that Friends had recognised his gift. When she was unable to accompany him on his journeys she wrote him letters full of understanding and encouragement.

She developed consumption in 1866 and after two years' unavailing attempts at the alleviation of the disease she died at Cirencester on 6 March 1868, at the age of twenty eight(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1869, pp 136-147

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage see PUMPHREY, Stanley (1837-1881)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Stanley junior.

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

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PUMPHREY, George Richardson (1830-1862)

George Richardson Pumphrey, the eldest son of Thomas Pumphrey (1802-1862 qv) and his wife Rachel, of Worcester and Ackworth, was born at Worcester on 30 June 1830(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1843 to 1845(2) and was a young man of great promise and a good Quaker.

With great industry and care he had established himself in business at Newcastle on Tyne, but although he worked hard he found time for the life of the spirit and vigorously devoted himself to various philanthropic interests for the benefit of his fellows. He was most deeply concerned with the First-day School and had an advanced class of young men, whom he treated with sympathy and affection, even when his failing health should have obliged him to give up some of his work. He felt Sunday School teaching to be emphatically a hard work and a work of faith and his labours with his young men were a great source of satisfaction to him.

He was married in 1861 to Hannah Maria Sewell (after 1879 Grace, 1833-1906 qv)(3) and there was one child(4). The watchful Christian care he exercised over his household and the young men employed in his business was a striking feature of his character. His religion was eminently practical and in his own social circle the benefit of his example was often felt and acknowledged. As a tradesman his judgment was sound and his upright conduct gained him a high place in the estimation of his fellow townsmen.

But shortly after his marriage he was ill for many months and although he tried many remedies and frequent holidays away from home the progress of his disease was slow but sure. He died at Newcastle two months after the birth of his son, on 17 October 1862, at the age of thirty two(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1863, pp 186-196

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 18, p 103

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: his father is described as a tallow chandler
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 318
- 3 The wedding was at Malton on 1 August 1861: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer of Newcastle on Tyne, the son of Thomas Pumphrey, gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Norton near Malton, the daughter of Abraham Sewell, gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-  
Arthur qv b 25 Aug 1862 who m 1889 Ellen Swinburne Dixon
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a grocer of Newcastle on Tyne

PUMPHREY, George Stanley (1892-1970)

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~~Stanley~~ Stanley Pumphrey, the son of Arthur Pumphrey (1862-1899 (qv) and his wife Ellen Swinburne, born Dixon, of Weston-super-Mare and Bournemouth, was born at Weston-super-Mare on 16 November 1892(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1908 to 1910; he was awarded the Flounders Exhibition in 1910 and took a B.Sc.(Hons) degree in chemistry at Manchester University in 1913.

He became science master at Saffron Walden School and was married in 1923 to Winifred Mary Loveless(2); there were two children(3). He was clerk to Thaxted Monthly Meeting from 1933 to 1939(4).

He died ~~in 1970 (5)~~ at his home in Lower Willingdon, Sussex, on 11 May 1970, aged 77 years (5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Bootham School Register 1935, p 318

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a pharmaceutical chemist
- 2 The wedding was at Malton on 12 April 1923: he is described as a bachelor, an assistant schoolmaster of Friends' School, Saffron Walden, the son of Arthur Pumphrey, a pharmaceutical chemist; she is described as a spinster, a school teacher of Friends' School, Saffron Walden, the daughter of William Algar Loveless, a Home Mission worker (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-  
Margaret Elizabeth b 26 June 1924  
Rachel Mary b 24 July 1929
- 4 Administrative Guide to QMs and HMs, Friends House Library
- 5 ~~xxxxxx~~ The Friend vol 128 (1970) p 622

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

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PUMPHREY, Hannah (1817-1902) born Pumphrey

Hannah Pumphrey was born at Worcester in 1817, the daughter of Julius Pumphrey.

She was Mistress of the Lower School at Ackworth for some years, and after her marriage to Edwin Pumphrey of Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, she was much occupied with the training of her large family of five sons and four daughters.

Hannah Pumphrey was recorded a minister by Banbury Monthly Meeting in 1865 and paid visits to several of the Quarterly Meetings; she also visited the United States with her husband Edwin in 1873/4. In 1870 she removed with her family to Sunderland, but for the last eleven years of her life she lived in Malvern with her son in law and daughter.

'Her lively and constant faith, and faithfulness in the ministry of the word of truth and righteousness committed to her trust, afford a bright example to those who remain to let their light shine and whatsoever they do to do it heartily as unto the Lord'.

Hannah Pumphrey died 14 October 1902, aged eighty five years.

Testimony of Worcester & Salop M<sup>W</sup> in YM Proc. 1903, p.239

PUMPHREY, Hannah Maria (1833-1906) after 1879 Grace, born Sewell

[Hannah Maria Sewell, daughter of Abraham Sewell (1789-1866 qv) and his wife Dorothy (born Stickney, 1795-1838 qv) of Great Yarmouth, was married firstly in 1861 to George Richardson Pumphrey (1830-1862 qv). She became in 1879 the second wife of John Thirnbeck Grace (1827-1891 qv) of Bristol.

See GRACE, Hannah Maria (1833- 1906) formerly Pumphrey, born Sewell ]

PUMPHREY, Hannah Maria (1833-1906) aftw. Grace born Sewell

⟨Hannah Maria Sewell, the daughter of Abraham Sewell  
and his wife Dorothy (nee ) was married  
in 1861 to George Richardson Pumphrey  
in to John Thirnbeck Grace

see GRACE, Hannah Maria (1833-1906) formerly Pumphrey  
born Sewell /

PUMPHREY, Helen (1839-1877) after 1864 Eddington

(born  
Westcombe)/ (Helen Pumphrey, daughter of Stanley Pumphrey (1805-1871 qv)  
and his wife Mary/of Worcester, was married in 1864 to  
William Clark Eddington (1840-1894 qv).

See EDDINGTON, Helen (1839-1877) born Pumphrey )

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PUMPHREY, Lucy (1814-1871) after 1844 Sparkes

(Lucy Pumphrey, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Pumphrey of Ampthill in Bedfordshire, was married in 1844 to William Sparkes.

See SPARKES, Lucy (1814-1871) born Pumphrey )

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PUMPHREY, Janet (1856-1934) after 1880 Gilpin

[Janet Pumphrey, daughter of Josiah (1823-1911) and Leah (born Hunt, 1820-1859) Pumphrey, of Birmingham, was married in 1880 to Charles Leslie Gilpin (1857-1919, qv) of Nottingham.

See GILPIN, Janet [Pumphrey] (1856-1934) born Pumphrey ]

PUMPHREY, Kenneth Richardson ( 1895 - 1964 )

Kenneth Pumphrey was born on July 17, 1895 at Stockton on Tees, the second son of Thomas Walter ( 1863-1931 qv ) and Emily (b. Harrison Knight, 1866-1950 ) Pumphrey.(1) He was educated at the Downs School, Colwall, and at Bootham School, York. His health needed an outdoor life and in 1921 the family moved to Preston Patrick Hall in Westmorland where he was to spend the rest of his life farming.

He was a pioneer of modern farming methods in the county and always took a keen interest in new developments. He helped to found a Young Farmers Club and later became president of the county federation. He served as a county councillor and was a member of the South Westmorland Rural District Council until his death. He supported the work of the Lunesdale Farmers and was chairman of the association for many years. He married Joan Corder of Sutherland, herself a Quaker and she was of tremendous support to him throughout their married life. There were two daughters of the marriage. Preston Patrick was connected with the origins of Quakerism and he delighted in showing Friends over the historic farm buildings. He was a man of integrity, of sound judgment and gave kindly advice and help to many.

He died following a short illness on February 8, 1964, aged 68.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 122 (1964) p.482

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. The Pumphrey Pedigree - 1909. Chart No. 2. - Friends Ho. Library.

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PUMPHREY, Lucy Elizabeth (1833-1907)

Lucy Elizabeth Pumphrey, the eldest child of Stanley (1805-1871, qv) and Mary (Westcombe) Pumphrey, was born at Worcester on 11 May 1833. (1) When she was twelve her mother died, leaving her with three younger sisters and a brother. She was one of the first teachers in the Worcester Womens' Sunday School.

On her father's death in 1871 Lucy went to live with her brother Stanley at Cirencester. In 1872 Stanley Pumphrey and his sisters removed to Worcester where for the next ten years Lucy Pumphrey continued her former work. After her sister Helen's death in 1877 she resided for some time with her brother-in-law, William Clark Eddington, caring for his four small children. After her brother's death in 1881 she lived with his widow and child till they left Worcester the following year and she removed to Leominster for the rest of her life.

For some years she was an Elder of Worcester & Shropshire and Hereford & Radnor MMs. In 1888 she was recorded a minister by Hereford & Radnor MM. Her voice was 'often heard in simple solemn prayer for the congregation and herself' and in testimony. It was her unwearied aim to seek the welfare of the church in manifold ways, especially those of ~~lowly~~ service. In the autumn of 1906 Lucy Pumphrey's health failed and she died on 15 March 1907.(2) During those weeks of illness 'it was a privilege', said the one who nursed her 'to enjoy her happy smile'. And an FFMA missionary friend said 'I don't think I have ever known anyone who seemed to breathe love as she did'.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Hereford & Radnor MM in YM Proc. 1907 p.208

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The Pumphrey pedigree, 1909, chart 3
- 2 ibid

PUMPHREY, Martyn (1868-1945)

Martyn Pumphrey was born on 21 October 1868, the son of Thomas and Emma Richardson Pumphrey of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He was educated at Bootham where he was a Friend of John Wilhelm Rowntree.

He joined his brother Walter at the Sugar Mill, Thornaby on Tees, in 1888, and in 1900 moved to Glasgow. In 1893 he married Edith Mary Dixon, daughter of Ralph and Elizabeth Dixon of Great Ayton.

In 1920 he moved, first to Great Ayton, and later to Nunthorpe, where he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding in 1943.

'Ayton Friends are conscious of a great loss in his passing. For many years he was a mainstay of the meeting, one to whom Friends looked for counsel in times of decision and whose quiet presence in our meetings for worship was a constant source of help to his fellow worshippers. His ministry, while not frequent, always bore the impress of his selfless personality. He was a true Quaker, holding fast to the distinctive testimonies of our Society, whilst ever ready to offer the hand of fellowship and help to those of other denominations and other faiths.'

He died on 7 October 1945.

Testimony of Guisborough M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1946, p.200

PUMPHREY, Mary Anna (1835-1908) aftw. Newman

[Mary Anna Pumphrey, daughter of Stanley (1805-1871, qv)  
and Mary (Westcombe) Pumphrey, was married in 1863 to  
Henry Stabley Newman (1837-1912, qv).]

see NEWMAN, Mary Anna (1835-1908) born Pumphrey ]

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PUMPHREY, Mary (1855-1942)

Mary Pumphrey, born in 1855, daughter of Samuel B. and Anne Pumphrey, lived in Birmingham until 1887 when the family moved to Churchill. She was educated at Ackworth School and Lewes.

In 1907 she moved to Winscombe. Following the death of her father in 1912, she visited relatives and Friends in America. In 1921 she went to Australia and New Zealand visiting Friends and Meetings.

In 1924 Mary Pumphrey settled at Weston-super-Mare where she remained till removing to Bristol. The last months of her life were spent at Portishead. Her chief interest outside the meeting was her work for total abstinence, being President for twelve years of the Weston-super-Mare branch of the British Women's Total Abstinence Union. She also supported the work in the hostel for women at Weston super-Mare and the Bedford Institute in London.

But first and foremost came her work for the Society of Friends. In 1898 she was recorded a minister. She was an Elder in her Monthly Meeting and the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting for a number of years as well as being an active member of the Quarterly Meeting Extension and Visitation Committee and the Home Service Committee. She never missed an opportunity for service, many Friends being helped by her inspired messages.

She died on 4 April 1942 after being confined to her room for several months, often in considerable pain.

Testimony of Bristol & Frenchay MM in YM Proc. 1942, p.210

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PUMPHREY, Priscilla Hannah (1822-1908) born Merryweather

Priscilla Hannah Merryweather, the daughter of John Merryweather (1780-1828 qv) and his second wife Mildred King, born Good, of Ringwood in the county of Southampton, was born there on 19 June 1822(1). She was educated at Sidcot School(2).

She was an acknowledged minister of the Society(3) and in 1858 she became the second wife of Samuel Baker Pumphrey (1826-1912 qv); the marriage was apparently childless(4).

Priscilla Hannah Pumphrey of Sidcot in Somerset died on 29 September 1908 at the age of eighty six(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: her father is described as a grocer and draper
- 2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 142
- 3 Ibid
- 4 For details of marriage see PUMPHREY, Samuel Baker (1826-1912)
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Samuel Baker

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

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PUMPHREY, Rachel (1803-1842) born Richardson

(1773-1862, qv) (born Watson)

Rachel Richardson, the eldest daughter of George and Eleanor Richardson of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, was born there on 14 May 1803(1). She received a guarded and religious education, was well versed in the Scriptures and the writings of early Friends and from an early age showed a marked inclination towards the religious life. About 1820 she began a record of her experiences and feelings, but later destroyed it as a thing forbidden to her.

She was married in 1826 to Thomas Pumphrey of Worcester (1802-1862 qv) and there were four children of the marriage(2). She proved a true helpmeet to her husband both in spiritual and temporal matters, and a faithful, affectionate and sympathising companion, well qualified to help her husband in his ministry. The simplicity of her life and manners exemplified her belief in the principles of the Society.

In the year 1834 her husband accepted the post of Superintendent of Ackworth School and for the last seven years of her life she found herself general mistress of the school. She was naturally of a timid, retiring disposition and the prospect filled her with apprehension, but her interests were domestic and she filled the post with discretion, looking after the affairs of the household with care and thoughtfulness. Her religious experience and her concern for the spiritual welfare of her fellows were appreciated by her friends and in the spring of 1839 she was appointed an elder.

Towards the end of her life she suffered from a deep seated inward malady and was forced to relinquish one duty after another. She died at Ackworth on 20 January 1842(3) at the age of thirty eight.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1843 pp 64-79

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Durham QM Births Digest: her father is described as a grocer
- 2 For marriage and children see PUMPHREY, Thomas (1802-1862)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as wife of Thomas

SEE ALSO:- Incidentals references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 5, p 56:  
Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 178

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PUMPHREY, Rachel, nee Richardson, c.1804-1842

b. c.1804 at Newcastle-on-Tyne, daughter  
of George and Eleanor Richardson.

c. 1820 began a record of her experiences and  
feelings. Later, destroyed it, as a thing forbidden  
to her.

m., 1826, Thomas Pumphrey of Worcester. children.

1834 "general mistress" of the family at Akkworth  
School, Yorks.

1839 made an Elder. Later, suffered from a  
deep inward malady.

d. Jan. 20, 1842, Ackworth (?), aged 38 years.

An. Mon. (N.S.), 1(1843):64

Additional information

**PUMPHREY, Samuel Baker (1826-1912)**

Samuel Baker Pumphrey was married twice. His first wife was Ann King, whom he married in 1853(1). Ann Pumphrey died in childbirth in 1857(2) and in 1858 he married Priscilla Hannah Merryweather, the daughter of John Merryweather (1780-1828 qv) of Ringwood in the county of Southampton(3); the marriage was apparently childless(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Birmingham on 6 April 1853: he is described as a bachelor, a manufacturer of 40 Northampton Street, the son of Josiah Pumphrey, a manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of 35 Colmore Row, the daughter of William King, a grocer (Digest of Marriages)
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she died 12 Feb 1857, the wife of Samuel Baker
- 3 The wedding was at Birmingham on 6 October 1858: he is described as a widower, a hook and eye manufacturer, of Aston, the son of Josiah Pumphrey, a retired manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of Bull Street, Birmingham, the daughter of John Merryweather, a grocer (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 No children are traced in the Digest of Births

PUMPHREY, Samuel Baker (1826-1912)

Samuel Baker Pumphrey, the son of Josiah and Rebecca Baker Pumphrey was born in Birmingham on 30 March 1826. He was educated at Ackworth but on leaving he had a severe illness which debarred him from joining in energetic games or work. He was clever with his hands and worked in metal work with his brother, Charles, in making hooks, eyes and the manufacture of rubber goods when he was associated with Samuel Price. He was twice married, first to Ann, daughter of William and Eliza King, who died four years later, and then in 1858 to Priscilla Hannah, daughter of John and Mildred Merryweather: there were two children of the first marriage, none of the second (1).

He retired from business in 1887 and left Birmingham, going to Somerset, first to Churchill and later to Sidcot, where he took great interest in the work of the Society of Friends and was an Elder and Overseer. He and his wife between 1875 and 1890, undertook a series of religious visits in several of the Quarterly Meetings in England and Ireland.

He died after an illness of some weeks' duration on 30 March 1912, the evening of his 86th birthday. He was the oldest member of Sidcot Meeting.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1913 p.100

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Listed in The Pumphrey pedigree, 1909, chart 4, as follows:-

Mary	born 23 June 1855
a son	born 2 February 1857      died 4 February 1857

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PUMPHREY, Sarah (1771-1814) born Westcombe

Sarah Westcombe, the daughter of Thomas Westcombe (1724/5-1799 qv) and his wife Mary (born Thompson, 1739/40-1783 qv) of Bridport Meeting in Dorset, was born on 23 April 1776(1).

After her parents' death she apparently moved to Oversley in Warwickshire(2) and became in 1809 the second wife of Stanley Pumphrey (1771-1843 qv), a glove manufacturer of Worcester; there were three children(3).

Sarah Pumphrey of Worcester died on 13 June 1814, at the age of thirty eight(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 See entry for PUMPHREY, Stanley (1771-1843); in her marriage entry she is described as of Oversley
- 3 For marriage and children see PUMPHREY, Stanley (1771-1843)
- 4 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Stanley, a glover

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

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PUMPHREY, Stanley (1771-1843)

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SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1845, p 102: 2 line entry for death

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1045

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PUMPHREY, Stanley (1771-1843)

Stanley Pumphrey, son of Thomas (1733-1825, QV) and Mary (born Stanley, 1734-1784) Pumphrey, was born at Alcester on 4 April 1771 (1). He became a glover in Worcester (2). In 1800 he married Ann Baker (3); they had four children (4). She died in 1805 and in 1809 he married Sarah Westcombe (5); they had three children (6). Stanley Pumphrey died at Worcester on 1 December 1843, aged 72 years (7)

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 The Pumphrey pedigree, 1909, chart 2. No record of birth traced in Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest or Supplements
- 2 The Digest entries relating to his marriages in 1800 and 1809 and to his children (1801-1814) all record him as 'Glover' or 'Glove Manufacturer'
- 3 The wedding was at Birmingham on 18 June 1800; she was the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Baker of Birmingham (Warwick Leicester & Rutland GM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in The Pumphrey pedigree, 1909, chart 2, as follows :-

Samuel Baker	born 14 April 1801	died 22 Jan. 1826
Thomas	born 10 June 1802, QV	
James	born 3 March 1804	died 26 Oct. 1804
Stanley	born 13 Dec. 1805, QV	

- 5 The wedding was at Alcester on 17 May 1809; she is described as of Overdale, daughter of Thomas and Mary Westcombe, late of Bridport (Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest) The Pumphrey pedigree, chart 2, appears to be in error in stating that the wedding was at Worcester.

- 6 Listed in The Pumphrey pedigree, 1909, chart 2, as follows :-

Ann	born 10 May 1810	who married William Veale and d.s.p.
Thompson	born 30 March 1812	died 26 March 1823
Sarah	born 8 June 1814	died 2 July 1814

- 7 Digest of Burial Notes: he is described as Commission Agent

**PUMPHREY, Stanley (1805-1871)**

Stanley Pumphrey, the son of Stanley Pumphrey (1771-1843 qv) and his wife Ann (born Baker, 1767-1805 qv) of Worcester, was born there on 13 December 1805(1). His mother, who had been a frequent companion and close friend of Sarah Lynes Grubb (1773-1842 qv) on her ministerial journeys, died a week after he was born(2).

In 1820, at the age of fifteen, he went as an apprentice to Lancaster and the years he spent there were among the happiest of his life; he made many friends and in later life delighted to revisit the scenes and the people who had become so dear to him. In 1827 he started in business in Worcester as a tallow chandler(3) but the going was hard and it was eleven years before the business began to pay. He was married in 1830 to Mary Westcombe of Dunnington in Warwickshire(4) and there were five children(5). His wife died in 1846, after fifteen years of happy marriage, leaving him a widower with a young baby.

He took an active interest in the Bible Society, the British School and similar projects and was a good citizen and neighbour. All felt they could confide in his inflexible integrity and his sound common sense led many to seek his advice. He had the gift of humour and his cheerful spirits made him a delightful companion and an especial favourite with the young. In his counsel to others wit and good sense were happily blended. His house was always open to his friends and he was seldom happier than when entertaining them. For some years he served as an elder, but in 1860 he had a severe illness and although he recovered from it and was able to resume his normal duties, his constitution never fully overcame its effects.

In the summer of 1869, accompanied by his son and son-in-law, he visited the Continent, but in the following winter his health gave way. He made several journeys to try to improve his condition, his last being to the quarterly meeting at Cirencester in October 1870, when he was only able to attend meeting for worship. Soon after his return home he became worse, but he lingered on, suffering from a disease of the heart. Stanley Pumphrey of Worcester died on 26 January 1871, at the age of sixty five(6).

**PRINCIPAL SOURCE**

Annual Monitor 1872, pp 160-170

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PUMPHREY, Stanley (1805-1871)

Stanley Pumphrey, the son of Stanley Pumphrey (1771-1843 qv) and his wife Ann (born Baker, 1767-1805 qv) of Worcester, was born there on 13 December 1805(1); his mother died when he was born(2). He became a tallow chandler(3) and in 1830 he was married to Mary Westcombe of Dunnington in Warwickshire(4); there were five children(5).

Stanley Pumphrey of Worcester died on 26 January 1871 at the age of sixty five(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: his father is described as a glover
- 2 Information supplied by Mollie Grubb, January 1973
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4 and in the entries recording the births of his two eldest children. The entries recording the births of his three youngest children (1837-1845) give no occupation
- 4 The wedding was at Alcester on 30 December 1830: he is described as a tallow chandler of Worcester, the son of Stanley Pumphrey and Ann his wife, deceased, of Worcester; she is described as the daughter of Samuel Thompson Westcombe and Elizabeth his wife of Dunnington in the county of Warwick (Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest and in The Pumphrey Pedigree, 1909, chart 3 as follows:-

Lucy Elizabeth qv	b 11 May 1833	
Mary Anna qv	b 18 Feb 1835	whom Henry Stanley Newman
and in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-		(1837-1912 qv)
Stanley qv	b 15 July 1837	who m (1) 1865 Ellen
		Horsnail (1839-1868 qv)
		(2) 1877 Sarah Grubb
		(1846-1932 qv)
Helen	b 8 Nov 1839	who m 1864 William Clark
		Eddington
Caroline Westcombe qv	b 28 May 1845	
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: his father is described as a glover
- 2 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: she died 21 December 1805, aged 39, the wife of Stanley
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4 and in the entries recording the births of his two eldest children. The entries recording the births of his three youngest children give no occupation, but in his wife's burial entry he is described as a glover
- 4 The wedding was at Alcester on 30 December 1830: he is described as a tallow chandler of Worcester, the son of Stanley Pumphrey and Ann his wife, deceased, of Worcester; she is described as the daughter of Samuel Thompson Westcombe and Elizabeth his wife of Dunnington in the county of Warwick (Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest and in The Pumphrey Pedigree, 1909, chart 3 as follows:-  

Lucy Elizabeth qv	b 11 May 1833			
Mary Anna qv	b 18 Feb 1835	who m	Henry Stanley Newman	
			(1837-1912 qv)	

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

Stanley qv	b 15 July 1837	who m	(1)1865 Ellen Horanail (1839-1868 qv)
			(2)1877 Sarah Grubb (1846-1932 qv)
Helen	b 8 Nov 1839	who m	1864 William Clark Eddington (1840- qv)

Caroline  
Westcombe qv b 28 May 1845
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

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PUMPHREY, Stanley (1892-1970)

see PUMPHREY, George Stanley (1892-1970)

PUMPHREY, Stanley (1837-1881)

Stanley Pumphrey was born at Worcester in 1837, the son of Stanley and Mary Pumphrey. He was educated at Ackworth under the care of his uncle Thomas Pumphrey, and afterwards at York, under John Ford. He was apprenticed to an ironmonger in Worcester, and began his public ministry in that Meeting. In 1858 he took a situation in Dublin, but in 1861 went into business in Cirencester, and two years later was recorded a minister by Gloucester and Nailsworth Monthly Meeting. In 1863 he married Ellen Horsnail of Rochester who died five years later.

After eleven years in business he retired with the object of devoting himself more fully to Gospel service in America and elsewhere. In 1875 he was liberated for service in that country, and until the spring of 1877 he visited meetings in North Carolina, Philadelphia, New England and Kansas, and attended some of the Western Yearly Meetings. He also visited missionary settlements among the North American Indians in the Indian territory and in Canada.

In 1877 Stanley Pumphrey returned to England, and married Sarah Grubb, with whom he visited America again that autumn, and remained for another two years visiting the rest of the Yearly Meetings, and lecturing on 'Leading Characteristics of the Religious Teaching of the Society of Friends'.

Stanley and Sarah Pumphrey returned to England in 1880, and he died on 17 February 1881.

Testimony of Worcester & Shropshire MM in YM Proc. 1881, p.x

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Additional information

PUMPHREY, Stanley (Jr.), 1837-1881

1877, after his second marriage, to Sarah Grubb, they made a trip to visit in the ministry among Friends in America. He proposed a central Mission Board for all American Yearly Meetings.

Upon his return to England he came down with typhoid fever. In this year, also, he wrote Indian Civilization: A lecture. This had an introduction by John G. Whittier.

Biog. Cat., 537  
The Friend (London), 21(1881):56, 84  
An. Mon. (N.S.), 40(1881):126  
Bootham School, Register, 194  
Robinson, Friends of half a century, 257 (portrait)  
Frds. Hist. Lib., Sw., BX 7616  
Newman, Memories of Stanley Pumphrey (portrait)

PUMPHREY, Thomas (1733-1825)

Thomas Pumphrey, son of Thomas (1683-1755) and Ann (White) Pumphrey was born at Cheltenham on 20.vii [September] 1733 (1). He became, like his father, a cooper (2). In 1757 he married Mary Stanley (3); they had eight children (4). He died at Alcester on 31 October 1825, aged 92 years (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Gloster & Wilts QM Births Digest
- 2 The Pumphrey pedigree, 1909, chart 1
- 3 The wedding was at Alcester on 27 April 1757; she was the daughter of Richard and Rebecca Stanley of The Parks (The Pumphrey pedigree, 1909, chart 1)
- 4 Listed in The Pumphrey pedigree, 1909, chart 2, as follows :-

Mary	born 13 March 1758	died 13 Feb. 1826
John	born 28 August 1759	died 13 Feb. 1820
Thomas	born 6 Nov. 1760, <i>Q.M.Q.W.</i>	
Ann	born 30 Nov. 1765	died 22 March 1850
Richard	born 30 Nov. 1769	died in infancy
Stanley	born 4 April 1771, <i>Q.M.Q.W.</i>	
Rebecca	born 30 July 1773	died 31 Oct. 1842
Hannah	born 25 July 1775	died 30 Nov. 1792

- 5 Hereford Worcester & Wales QM Burials Digest: no occupation is given

PUMPHREY, Thomas (1760-1825)

qv / Thomas Pumphrey, son of Thomas (1733-1825, Q.V.) and Mary (born Stanley, 1734-1784) Pumphrey, was born at Tewkesbury on 6 November 1760 (1). In 1808 he married Mary Brown (2); they had seven children (3). He died at Ampthill on 6 February 1825, aged 65 years (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Gloster & Wilts QM Births Digest. The place of birth is not, however, given there, but appears in The Pumphrey pedigree, 1909, chart 2.
- 2 The wedding was at Ampthill on 13 April 1808. TP is described as of Ampthill, no occupation being given. MB is described as the daughter of John and Ann Brown of Ampthill (Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in The Pumphrey pedigree, 1909, chart 2, as follows :-

Maria	born 25 Oct. 1809	died 3 Dec. 1884
William		died in infancy
Ann	born 3 Dec. 1811	died 5 Feb. 1882
Lucy	born 8 Feb. 1814	who married Willian Sparkes
Eliza	born 31 May 1816	who married Charles Wilson and d.s.p.
Edwin	born 29 Sept. 1818, QV	
Sarah	born 30 Aug. 1821, QV	who married Caleb Stansfield Wilson and d.s.p.

- 4 Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest; no occupation is given.

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PUMPHREY, Thomas (1802-1862)

Thomas Pumphrey, the son of Stanley Pumphrey (1771-1843 qv) and his wife Ann (born Baker 1767-1805 qv) of Worcester, was born there on 10 June 1802(1). His mother died when he was three and a half years old, but all his life he felt her loss keenly and among his earliest reading was an account of her life and ministry in Piety Promoted. He was educated at Ackworth School from 1812 to 1815(2) and on leaving Ackworth he went on to Joel Lean's school at Fishponds, near Bristol, where his literary attainments were carried beyond the range of the education given at Ackworth at that time. On leaving school he entered his father's business, that of a glover in Worcester. He was of a cheerful disposition and his intercourse with his fellows was marked at all times by a consistent Christian piety. He appeared in the ministry for the first time in 1822 and in October 1826, in his twenty fifth year, he was recorded as a minister.

He was married in 1826 to Rachel Richardson (1803-1842 qv), the eldest daughter of George and Eleanor Richardson of Newcastle upon Tyne(3) and there were ~~six~~ four children(4). In his marriage he was particularly blessed, his wife proving a true helpmeet to him both in temporal and spiritual matters.

In 1834 he accepted the post of superintendent of Ackworth School, where his gift in the ministry stood him in good stead and he was able to address the children in language they could understand, illuminating his talks with forceful illustrations. His influence pervaded the school in all its multifarious concerns and he was interested and helpful in everything connected with its efficient working and the welfare of the scholars. He had a discriminating insight into character and was often strikingly correct in his estimate of individuals, enabling him to deal wisely with delinquents and offenders. He was a considerable reader, with a well stored mind and a retentive memory, and enjoyed good conversation.

During the twenty seven years he was superintendent extensive enlargements and improvements were made to the structure of the building, together with the adaptation of existing accommodation(5). The raising of the two main wings, the erection of two smaller ones on the girls' side behind the west wing, the erection of the new meeting house, the improvement of the playgrounds and the transforming of the old gloomy entrance into a more cheerful one were all carried out under Thomas Pumphrey's direction and watchful care(6). His wife's early death in 1842(7), after a long and painful illness, was a bitter blow. In 1845 he took as his second wife Isabel Unthank(8), but there were no children of this second marriage(9).

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His gift in the ministry grew in weight with the passing years. "It was clear, deep, and instructive, reaching the heart and conscience of the hearer" and was also singularly original; his interpretation of little known portions of the Scriptures was conveyed in clear and impressive language. His ministry was chiefly confined to meetings within his own quarterly meeting area, although he occasionally travelled under concern further afield in England, and in Scotland and twice attended Yearly Meeting in Dublin.

He resigned his office at Ackworth in April 1861, owing to increasing ill health and early in 1862 gave up his charge to his successor George Satterthwaite (9.). He and his family retired for a while to Ilkley in Yorkshire. Here, although his happiness was overshadowed by anxiety over the health of his eldest son, a peaceful autumnal evening was granted to him; his health temporarily improved and he was frequently engaged in ministry in the little meeting house opened by Friends at Ilkley for the accommodation of visitors. The sweetness and serenity of those occasions was long remembered by those who took part in them.

He died at his cottage at Ilkley on 31 July 1862 (10), at the age of sixty.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Yorkshire QM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings, 1863, p 15  
Annual Monitor 1863, pp 123-146

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: his father is described as a glover
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 75
- 3 The wedding was at Newcastle upon Tyne on 10 November 1826: he is described as a glover of Worcester, the son of Stanley and Ann Pumphrey; she is described as the daughter of George and Eleanor Richardson (Durham QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest as follows:-
 

Anna qv	b 13 Aug 1828	who m Robert John Greer and
		d.s.p
George Richardson	b 30 June 1830	
Thomas qv	b 9 Sept 1832	

In The Cambridge Catalogue, 1909,卷之三，第212頁  
Mary Caroline, it is shown as having been born on 2 June 1837; her birth  
is not recorded in the Digest

and in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-
 

Mary Caroline	b 2 June 1837	
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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 5 London Friends Institute, Biographical Catalogue, p 534  
 6 Nodal, John: Bibliography of Ackworth School, p 25  
 7 Digest of Deaths: she died at Ackworth on 20 January 1842  
 8 The wedding was at North Shields on 11 December 1845: he is described as a widower, the Superintendent of Ackworth School, Yorkshire, the son of Stanley Pumphrey, a glover; she is described as a spinster of Dockwray Square, North Shields, the daughter of George Unthank, a miller (Digest of Marriages)  
 9 No children are recorded in the Digest of Births  
 10 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman  
 9a Norman Penney in Pen Pictures, 1930, p 178, wrongly gives the impression that he remained superintendent until his death

PUBLISHED WORKS

- A Brief View of the Sentiments of the Society of Friends on the Duty of Prayer, compiled from the approved writings of the Society  
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Historical Sketch of the Hicksite Secession in America  
Memoir of Thomas Pumphrey, for twenty seven years Superintendent of Ackworth School Ed. John Ford, 1864  
Jos. Smith's Catalogue, vol 2, pp 436-7

SEE ALSO:-

- 176,  
J Friends Hist Soc Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) 1930, pp 178  
Friends of Half a Century, 1891  
The Friend (London) vol 2 (1862) p 233  
 Other references in Friends House Library

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PUMPHREY, Thomas, 1802-1862

An. Mon., (N.S.), 21(1863): 123

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:436

Biog. Cat., 532

The Friend (London), 2 (1862): 233

Nodal, Bibliog. of Ackworth, 25

PUMPHREY, Thomas (1832-1911)  
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Thomas Pumphrey, the son of Thomas (1802-1862, qv) and Rachel (Richardson) Pumphrey was born at Britannia Square, Worcester on 9 September 1832 (1). He spent most of his boyhood at Ackworth School where his father was Superintendent from 1834 to 1862. Part of his education was received at York School. In 1855 he entered upon business as a grocer in Newcastle-on-Tyne. In 1858 he married Emma Richardson (3): there were five children (4). Ackworth School always held a chief place in his affections and he was a member of the Committee from 1872.

In 1860, Thomas Pumphrey joined the Committee of the Newcastle Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society and made it one of the most flourishing Auxiliaries in the country. His other activities were many and varied, but it is his work for the Society of Friends which needs special emphasis here.

For forty-two years continuously he acted as Clerk to one or other of our Meetings including the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. He was also Clerk to many Committees, some local, others relating to the work of the whole Society, one of the most important being the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting in 1891 to visit the Schools of Friends in the United Kingdom. He was also a member of the Deputation sent by the Yearly Meeting to Canada in 1884.

In 1886 he was appointed a member of the Friends Home Mission Committee largely, as he was fond of repeating, that his cautious spirit might act as a check upon what were thought to be the unwise actions of the Committee in certain directions.

Thomas Pumphrey first spoke in our Meetings for Worship in 1861 and he was recorded a Minister in 1865. He spoke as one who had a message to deliver and the effect of his words was increased manyfold by the knowledge that he lived as he preached.

He shrank, more than most men, from anything in the nature of adulation. Even in the busiest hours of his strenuous life Thomas Pumphrey found time for retirement and prayer, and to this habit he doubtless owed much of the power of his life. He wrote 'I have left

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**PUMPHREY, Thomas (1832-1911) cont.**

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undone many things which I ought to have done, and I have done many things which I ought not to have done, but it would be untrue to add that I am a miserable sinner; for many years I have enjoyed the assurance of full and free forgiveness of all my sins through an ever deepening realisation of the love and power of Christ as my Saviour from sin. I am therefore very happy and thankful for the encircling love of God my Father in Heaven, of my beloved wife and family, and of many, many friends'. Thomas Pumphrey died at Newcastle on 11 April 1911, aged 78 years (5).

**PRINCIPAL SOURCE**

Testimony of Durham GM in YM Proc. 1911 p.250

**REFERENCES & NOTES**

- 1 Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest
- 2 So described in Digests recording his marriage (1858), births of his children (1861-1871) and his death
- 3 The wedding was at Newcastle on 24 August 1858: his address is given as 9 Picton Street, Newcastle; she was the daughter of John Richardson, Tanner, of Elswick Lane, Newcastle (Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 4 Listed in The Pumphrey pedigree, 1909, chart 3, as follows:-

Emma Louisa	born 10 Jan. 1861
Thomas Walter	born 13 April 1863
Bernard	born 17 July 1865
Martyn	born 21 Oct. 1868, qv
Rachel	born 26 Sept. 1871 died 12 Aug. 1873
- 5 Digest of Burial Notes: he is described as Grocer and his address is given as 6 Summerhill Grove. An account of the funeral is in Newcastle chronicle 15.iv.1911 (Friends House vol. MM/181); information about his will in Newcastle daily journal 21.vi.1911 (Friends House vol. PP/18)

**SEE ALSO**

- Annual monitor 1912 p.111
- Ackworth old scholars assoc. rep. 1911 p.91
- The Friend vol. (1911) p.262
- British Friend vol. 5 (1911) p.141
- Obituary in Newcastle j. 12.iv.1911 (Friends House vol. MM/181)
- Obituary in Newcastle chron. 12.iv.1911 (Friends House vol. MM/181)
- Balkwill genealogy
- Circular to go with Address to Friends in Canada, 1885 (Friends House vol. O/117)

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PUMPHREY, (Thomas) Walter, 1863-1931

b. 1863 at Newcastle-on-Tyne, son of Thomas and Emma (Richardson) Pumphrey.

ed. 1875-80, Bootham School and played on the first team in football.

Was first employed in the leather works of his uncle, David Richardson.

1885 bought a sugar milling business at Thornaby-on-Teas.

m., 1889, Emily Knight, of Leeds.

Took an active interest in all Friends concerns.

1921, retired from business. Occupied himself with the remodeling of Preston Patrick Hall, using care not to destroy anything of archaeological interest.

d. April 28, 1931 at Preston Patrick Hall, Westmoreland, aged 68 years.

The Friend (London), 71(1931):416, 425 (portrait)

Bootham School, Register, 194

PUMPHREY, William (1817-1905)  
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William Pumphrey, the son of Josiah and Rebecca Pumphrey was born at London Road, Worcester on 4 February 1817 (1). He failed in his first occupation as a grocer but many years later repaid his creditors in full with interest. He then worked for a time at The Retreat, York, and then as assistant to his father-in-law, Thomas Allis in a mental home at Osbaldwick, near York, and later at Laurence House, York, once the home of the late Samuel Tuke. He had married Elizabeth Allis in 1851 (2): there were two children (3).

In 1845 he became a teacher at York School where he introduced the teaching of science. He was an enthusiastic photographer and lectured on scientific subjects. At the time of the Franco-Prussian war, with Thomas Whitwell, William Jones and others, he distributed relief to the non-combatant peasantry in France, and nursed one of his helpers through smallpox.

In 1881 he and his wife went to live in Bath and he served on the City Council and the School Board. In 1895 they moved to Bristol where he undertook the plans for additions to Redland Meeting House. He was an Elder of Bristol Meeting.

He died on 28 March 1905 after a life full of activity and rich interests which he shared with many.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1906 p.113

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: Josiah Pumphrey is described as Glover
- 2 The wedding was at York on 23 April 1851: she is described as of Osbaldwick, Yorks, daughter of Thomas Allis, proprietor of a lunatic asylum (Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 3 Listed in The Pumphrey pedigree, 1909, as follows:-

Mary Rebecca born 7 May 1852 who married George Baker (1849-1914, qv)  
Elizabeth Allis born 12 Aug. 1854 who married Samuel Giles

#### SEE ALSO

The Friend n.s. vol. 45 (1905) p.265, 224

PUNFIELD, Elizabeth (1705- ) after 1727/8 Kenway

[Elizabeth Punfield, daughter of John Punfield ( - )  
and his wife Elizabeth (born  
was married in 1727/8 to James Kenway (1685- qv).]

See KENWAY, Elizabeth (1705- ) born Punfield ]

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PUPLETT, Elizabeth (1775-1823) after 1796 Jesper

(Elizabeth Puplett, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Puplett of Purleigh in Essex, was married in 1796 to Samuel Jesper (1772-1846 qv).

See JESPER, Elizabeth (1775-1823) born Puplett )

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PUPPLETT, Maria (1822-1905) after 1843 Doubleday

(Maria Puplett, daughter of Benjamin and Hannah Puplett  
of Layer Breton in Essex, was married in 1843 to  
William Doubleday (1805-1886 qv).

See DOUBLEDAY, Maria (1822-1905) born Puplett )

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PUPLETT, Thomas (1824-1889)

Thomas Puplett was born at Layer Breton, Essex, in 1824, his father dying when he was only a few months old. He was educated at Ackworth where he remained as a teacher (except for three years spent at York School) until 1877, when he retired.

For many years he had charge of the boys during their leisure hours, and the influence he was enabled to exert over one generation after another of Ackworth schoolboys during thirty six years of faithful and loving service can never be measured; combined patience and firmness, with personal sympathy for individual character and difficulties; but, above all, the example and reality of his humble, conscientious, Christian life were the contributing causes of this wide-spread influence.

'Thomas Puplett was a recorded minister for about twelve years. His characteristic modesty and self-distrust possibly kept him back unduly in his Christian service, and prevented the Society he so dearly loved having, at an earlier period of his life, the full benefits of the gifts bestowed upon him; and when in his d~~is~~opened Christian maturity his bonds were loosed and his mouth opened in our Meetings for Worship, it seemed as if treasures long hidden had been brought out by a scribe well instructed in the things of the kingdom, and his fresh and varied ministry carried with it the evidence of true anointing, sometimes reaching and awaking, addressed to the heart and conscience, at other times more of a teaching and expository nature.'

He died on 18 March 1889.

Testimony of Pontefract M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1890, p.i

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Additional references

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PUPPLETT, Thomas, 1824-1889

PURDY, Sarah, 1809-1893

b. Sept. 4, 1809 at Salem, N.H., daughter of

1823, suffered large earthquake.

1829, joined the Baptists, then later, Friends.

1831, was thrown from a sleigh bed as a result of injuries was confined to her bed for the rest of her life. Afflicted with violent spasms which caused sudden and wild motions.

An. Mon. (N.S.), 48(1890):143

The Friend (London), 29(1889):95; 35(1895):201 (portrait)

Robinson, Friends of a half century, 268 (portrait)

S.P. depended upon Providence for supplies, and always had enough. She was patient through suffering.

d. Aug. 21, 1893 at Salem aged 81 years.

Jewell, Smith's City, 2:437

PURCELL, Mary (1882?-1955) after 1910 Darbyshire

(Mary Purcell, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present traced, was married in 1910 to Philip Henry Darbyshire (1878-1955 qv).

See DARBYSHIRE, Mary (1882?-1955) born Purcell )

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PURDIE, Samuel Alexander, 1843-1897

b. March 5, 1843 near Columbus, N.Y., son of  
Samuel and (Waitz) Purdie.

ed. local schools at Columbus. Became a wide  
reader.

1862-63 taught school. Failed to keep order.

1865 began to keep a journal. Interested in  
astronomy.

1866 went to North Carolina and took up teaching  
at Centre, and later at Back Creek. Learned Spanish.

m. Gulielma M. Hoover. 1 son.

1868 first spoke in the ministry. In 1868 he joined  
the association of Friends in Indiana for the purpose of  
missionary work. The Purdies were sent to Matamoros,  
Mexico. They did a lot of work in translating  
materials into Spanish and suffered many difficulties,  
such as illness, losses from hurricanes, etc. They  
travelled widely.

d. Aug. 6, 1897 of lockjaw at a town in El Salvador,  
Central America, aged 54 years.

Am. Friend, 5(1897):870,922

Heironimus, Friends in Mexico

Knowles, Samuel A. Purdie, his life and letters

Am. Frds. Board of Missions, Foreign Mission Work of  
American Friends, 3 (portrait)

MS:

PURDY, Alexander Converse, 1890-1976.

b. 1890, West Laurens, New York, son of Ellison Purdy.  
ed. 1910, B.A., William Penn College, Iowa; 1913 B.D.,  
1916 Ph.D., Hartford Theological Seminary, Conn.; 1958, LL.D.,  
Earlham College; 1960 D.D., William Penn College; 1960, LL.D.,  
Swarthmore College.

m. c. 1914 Jeanette Hadley. 1 daughter, 2 sons.  
Ordained Quaker minister, teacher, scholar.  
1916-23, Professor of Biblical Literature and Church History,  
Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.

1919, 1920, Took leave to work with AFSC in Germany.  
1923-33, Taught practical theology, Hartford Theological  
Seminary.

1933-60, Hosmer Professor of New Testament, Harvard  
Theological Seminary.

1950, November 10, Delivered first annual Ward Lecture,  
Guilford College.

1954-60, Dean, Hartford Theological Seminary.  
1960-65, Visiting Professor of New Testament, Earlham  
School of Religion.

1965, Made honorary life member of Earlham School of  
Religion Board of Advisors. Retired to Swarthmore, Pa.

Member, Swarthmore Friends Meeting.  
Chairman, Friends World Committee, Americas Section.  
School Minister, Moses Brown School.

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PURDY, Ellison Reynolds, 1864-1933.

b. Nov. 30, 1864 at Manchester, N.Y., son of Alexander Monmouth and Mary (Reynolds) Purdy.

ed. 1881-83 Oakwood Seminary, N.Y. and at Haverford College for one year.

1885-88 In the nursery business and serving as minister at High Point, N.C.

1888-91 pastor at West Laurens and at Morris, N.Y. Next five years at West Branch, N.Y., then at Portland, Me., 1895-1901. Other pastorates at Marshalltown, Ia., Wilmington, Ohio and Minneapolis, Minn. Served on the executive committee of Five Years Meeting, chairman of the board of Home Mission of Five Years Meeting.

m., 1884, Amelia F. Converse (d.1900) 1 son.

m. (2d), Harriet E. Wyman.

Visited European relief centers in the post war period.

d. June 15, 1933 at Minneapolis, Minn., aged 69 years.

Hav. Coll., Mat. Cat., 253

Am. Friend, 21(1933):327, 335 (portrait)

PURSHOUSE, Jane (1721?-1780) after 1754 Driver

Jane Purhouse, daughter of John and Margaret Purhouse of Tipton in Staffordshire, was married in 1754 to Samuel Driver (1720?-1779 qv).

PURSGLOVE, Richard Jane (1721?-1780) born Purhouse ]

see PURSLOE, Richard

*Richard*  
PURSLOE, Captain

Captain Pursloe, presumably the same as Richard Pursglove of Cranswick, who, according to F.P.T. received Fox on his visit to the eastern portions of Yorkshire in 1651. With other writers of a paper To Friends of Truth in London, 1663, he is described as 'a firstfruits unto God in the East Parts of Yorkshire'. A short letter from Pursglove to Fox, without place or date, is in existence (Swarth. MSS. iii.119). See ii.322.1.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.399

WBE:

PURVER, Anthony, 1702-1777

b. 1702 at Uphurstborn, near Whitechurch, Hants, son of a farmer who died while he was very young. apprenticed to a shoemaker, and was sent to tend sheep. Read S. Fisher's Rusticus ad Academicus.

1722 opened a school of his own. Left it in 1726 to come to London where in 1727 he joined Friends.

m., 1738, Rachel Cotterell who had a school at Frenchay. They had 2 children. He devoted himself to preparing a completely new translation of the Old and New Testaments.

1764 with the encouragement and help of Dr. John Fothergill a two volume folio was published called, A New and Literal Translation of all the Books of the Old and New Testament, &c. Also wrote, Counsel to Friends' children (in verse) He had a wonderful memory.

d. In July, 1777 at Andover, Hampshire, Eng., aged 75 years.

Friends Magazine, 2:49

Post, Memoir of Anthony Purver, 409 "Extracts from" etc.

Lippincott, Biog. Dict., 2040

Smith, Jos., Catalogue, 2:437

PURVER, Anthony (1702-1777)

Additional information

Anthony Purver of Hursborne Tarrant in the county of Southampton was married in 1738 to Rachel Cotterell (1698?-1780 qv) of Frenchay near Bristol(1); there were three children(2).

Anthony Purver of Andover in Hampshire died on 17 July 1777(3), aged about seventy five.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Frenchay on 16.vi.(August)1738: he is described as of Hursborne Tarrant in the county of Southampton; she is described as of Frenchay in the county of Gloucester. No further information is given (Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digest)
- 2 Listed in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Hannah b 9 x (dec)1739 m 1762 Isaac Bell (1738- qv)  
(Dorset & Hants QM Marriages)  
\*Rachel b 1 ii (May)1743  
\*No marriage traced in Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest to 1800  
N.B. The Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digest also gives Anthony, the son of Anthony and Rachel, who was buried on 18.v.(July)1743; his age at death is not given
- 3 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: he is described as late a schoolmaster; his age at death is given as 70

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 24 (1927) pp 31-35: translation of the Bible  
Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 2, p 123:  
vol 25, p 88: vol 26, p 82: vol 41, p 83n

PURVER, Rachel (1698?-1780) born Cotterell

Rachel Cotterell, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1979) traced, was born about the year 1698(1).

With her sister, she kept a girls' boarding school at Frenchay near Bristol and was married in 1738 to Anthony Purver (1702-1777 qv), a schoolmaster; there were three children(2).

Rachel Purver died on 23 August 1780, at the age of eighty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 82 at death. Her birth is not traced in Gloucester & Wilts QM, Bristol & Somerset QM, Dorset & Hants QM or London & Middlesex QM Births Digests
- 2 For marriage and children see PURVER, Anthony (1702-1777)
- 3 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: she is described as late of Andover, the widow of Anthony, a schoolmaster

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

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PURVES, Thomas (1796-1875)

Thomas Purves, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1979) traced, was probably born at Earlstown, Roxburghshire in Scotland about the year 1796. During his early years he attended the Church of England and the services made a great impression on him.

In 1811 he left Scotland and was apprenticed to a seed and nursery business at Wexford in Ireland. The family in which he was placed paid little attention to religion and in the company of his fellow apprentices he became gay and thoughtless, but he was naturally of a more serious disposition and a period of illness caused him to review his way of life and to condemn it as unworthy of his early training. On his recovery he went to church and took the sacrament, but this brought him no real relief; his distress and spiritual darkness increased rather than diminished and he resolved to join the Methodists, although once again this did not prove the solution of his spiritual difficulties.

When he was about twenty six he decided to emigrate to Canada. He had by this time become acquainted with the principles of the Society of Friends, which deeply impressed him and on his arrival in Canada he was admitted into membership. He took over a farm, but the work overtaxed his strength and brought on a severe attack of ague. He tried to continue farming, but after a year of struggling with his health he decided to return to Ireland.

He settled at Wexford in the grocery and seed business, married and began to attend meetings at Forrest, about seven miles away. His business prospered and so did his spiritual development. In 1840 he was made an overseer and in 1846 he first came forward in the ministry. He was a weighty Friend, often in deep exercise for the cause of truth and righteousness; he exhorted his friends to seek after inward satisfaction and obedience to the Lord's requirements.

His wife died in 1862 and after this he travelled frequently in the ministry, in his own province and quarterly meetings, to the Yearly Meeting in Dublin, to the General Meeting in Scotland and to London Yearly Meeting, but he found that in London there was too much and too frequent ministry and he sat in silent misery. He married for the second time in 1866 and again felt himself drawn to travel in Ireland in the service of the ministry.

In 1874 he gave up his business in Wexford and retired to a cottage, where he cultivated his garden, read and meditated. His long life was drawing to its close, but his intellect was nearly as bright as it had ever been and his sight and hearing were unimpaired. He

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PURVES, Thomas (1796-1875)

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died on 13 November 1875, at the age of about eighty.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1877, pp 115-126

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

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PUSEY, Caleb, c.1651-1726/7

b. c.1651 at Lamborn, Berkshire, England,  
son of William and Pusey. The family were Baptists.

He became a last maker.

m., 1681, Ann Worley, a widow with 2 sons, who  
lived in London. About this time C.P. was convinced  
and joined Friends. They had 2 daughters of their own.

1682, the family came to Penna. and settled near  
Chester, Pa. where C. P. Had a grist mill. He built his  
own home in 1683 and it still stands.

1680 Caleb was appointed a member of the Provincial  
Assembly, and from this time forward he held a variety  
of civil posts.

1689 he performed his most important service for  
the province when he offered to go with 4 others,  
unarmed, to investigate serious rumors of threat of  
massacre by a large group of Indians then encamped on the  
Brandywine. He was able to completely put these fears  
to rest as a result of his peaceable interview.

1692 entered into the controversy with George Keith  
and published many tracts and articles opposing the views  
of Keith, Daniel Leeds and others. He was an Elder with  
good natural capacity, sound spiritual endowment and was

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PUSEY, Caleb, 1651-1726/7

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much used by the Yearly Meeting in composing epistles,  
etc. 1704, with Anthony Morris, CLERK, PHILA. Y. MTG.

1717 removed with his family to Marlborough Township  
in Penna. and continued active in Friends' affairs. Was  
recommended a minister in 1725.

d. 24 or 25 XII, 1726/7 and was buried at London  
Grove, Pa. in his 76th year.

Piety pro, 11th part(Phila. ed.), 4:350

Phila. Y.M., A Col. of Mem., (1787):68

The Friend (Phila.), 29(1855):148, 157, 188

Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 21(1932):75; 38(1949):24; +

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:438

WBE:

PUSEY, Hannah, afterwards GIBBONS 1771-1868

see Hannah GIBBONS

WBE:

PUSEY, Joshua, 1714/5-1760

b. 1714/15 in Chester County, Pa., son of William (nephew of Caleb) and Elizabeth (Bowater) Pusey.

m., 1734, Mary Ellis of Concord, Pa. (d. 1760)

They settled at London Grove, Pa. and were very hospitable in entertainment. He was known as a peacemaker in his neighborhood.

1756 made an Elder.

Suffered from fever intermittently.

d. Aug. 16, 1760 at London Grove, Pa., aged about 46 years.

John Smith's Ns. 1:378

Futhey & Cope, History of Chester County, 701

WBE:

PUSEY, Joshua, c.1739-1804

b. c.1739, London Grove, Pa., son of  
Joseph and Mary Pusey (?)

m. children

Early appointed an elder and became a pillar in  
the church.

d. March 16/17 1804 at London Grove, Pa., aged  
65 years.

Comly, Frds. Misc., XII:339

Phila. Y.M., Memorials, ( ): 118 (not found by BLC)

WBE:

PUSEY, Mary, afterwards Husband, later Mifflin, c.1743-1823

see

MIFFLIN, Mary, nee Pusey, afterwards Husband

WBE:

PYLE, Francis Carpenter, c.1865-1947

b. c.1865 on a farm near London, ~~Grove~~, Pa.,  
son of

ed. London Grove Friends School, and Huntingdon  
Normal College,, later Juniata.

1887-90 taught at Embreeville, Pa.

1894 took special course at Penn State and then  
taught in Swarthmore Public School.

1901 studied at Lord Leighton Art School, London.

Upon his return taught manual training at George  
School, Wilmington Friends and Chestnut Hill Academy in  
Phila.

1904-1937 Treasurer at George School and also  
Superintendent.

m., 1904, Alice Thompson McVaugh.

Closely associated with William P. Bancroft of  
Wilmington in work for George School. Created the  
William Penn outdoor auditorium at the school.

d. May 20, 1947 at his home on the campus of George  
School, Newtown, Pa., aged 82 years.

Frds. Intel., 104(1947):284-5

George School Alum. Ass'n, A history of George School,  
58, 61-63, 87, 89

WBE:

PYLE, Howard, 1853-1911

b. March 5, 1853 at Wilmington, Del., son of William and Margaret Churchman (Painter) Pyle.

ed. Friends School and private school of T. C. Taylor and the art studio of Vander Weilen in Phila., Pa.

1876 went to New York and wrote and studied art at the Art Students' League.

1879 returned to Wilmington, well-established in his profession. Left Friends and joined Swedenborgians.

m, 1881, Anne Poole children.

1894-1900 conducted a class in illustration at Drexel Institute, Phila. Pa. Then established his own school in Wilmington. Strong on characterization of events and people in early American history.

1910 went with his family to Italy.

d. Nov. 9, 1911, Florence, Italy, in his 59th year.

DAB, 15:287

Frds. Qu. Exam., 61:252

Abbott, Howard Pyle, a chronicle.

WBE:

PYLE, Phebe Ann, c.1838 - 1909

b. c.1838 at Hockessin, Del., daughter of  
Lamborn and Hannah (Lamborn) Pyle

Removed to Wilmington and then to New Garden, Pa.  
ed., 1853, Westtown School, Pa.

Suffered repeated attacks of illness, during one  
of which she lost her power of speech for about 18  
months.

d. Dec. 28, 1909 at West Grove, Pa., in her  
71st year.

In memory of Phebe A. Pyle,  
The Friend (Phila.), 83 (1910):231-2 (portrait)  
Frds. Inte., 67(1910):78

WBE:a

PYLE, William L., 1830-1907.

b. 8 Feb. 1830, Clarksville, Clinton Co., Ohio. of

m. Mary T. Carpenter, 1852.

1863, moved to Indianapolis and became a businessman. He and his family immediately became members of Indianapolis Meeting. He and his wife were elders more than 40 years.

Had extensive knowledge of "church law and church custom" so his opinion was always respected.

On the Board of Trustees for Earlham College.

On the Board of Trustees of the Colored Orphans' Home, Indianapolis.

d. 5 April 1907, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Am. Frd., 14(1907):377 (portrait.)

PYOTT, Edward

the younger

Edward Pyott, the younger- 'a young lad then' (Rogers,  
Christian Quaker, 1680, pt.v. pp.57,61,64).

He had a brother, Alexander Pyott ( -1696) who lived  
at Warminster, Wilts (Smith, Cata. ii.441), joint-author of a  
once well-known Apology for the Quakers.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol. II p.384

PYOTT, Edward ( -1670)

The striking letter from John Stubbs to Margaret Fell in 1662  
(ii. 20-22) gives some details of the family of E. Pyott. His  
home was in the neighbourhood of Bristol, and he was of considerable  
standing in the world and a Captain. He does not appear to have  
travelled extensively, but we find glimpses of him in Dorsetshire and  
other counties in addition to the western journey he took in company  
with Fox and Salt. He was joint author of The Cry of Blood, 1656,  
an account of sufferings in Bristol. His death occurred in London,  
where he was taken ill (Swarth. MSS.i.381).

Camb. Jnl

Biog. Memoirs, iv. 479 (MS in Friends House)

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.424

QUARE, Daniel (1648-1723/4)

Daniel Quare was a noted watch and clock maker. At the time of his marriage with Mary, daughter of Jeremiah Steevens, maltster of High Wycombe, Bucks, in 1676, his address was 'Martins-le-Grand in the liberty of Westminster' (Jnl FHS i.56). Later he removed to Aldersgate Street, then to Lombard Street, and later still to 'Kings Arms' in Exchange Alley. He had a country-house at Croydon. He was admitted a brother of the Clockmakers' Company in 1671, when twenty-three years of age and he became Master in 1708. He made a clock for King William III which required winding but once a year, and invented a portable barometer 'which may be removed to any place though turned upside down, without spilling one drop of quicksilver or letting any air into the tube' (Cal. S.P. Dom. 1694-5, p.395, quoted Jnl FHS xiv.44). George I was on very friendly terms with Quare and he was allowed special access to him 'at the Back Stairs'. Quare's professional connection with royalty was of use to Friends when appealing to the throne (Christian Progress, pp.637, 642, 643). He moved in the highest social circle of the day, and the marriages of his daughters - Anne with John Falconar in 1705, Sarah with Jacob Wyan in 1712, Elizabeth with Silvanus Bevan in 1715 (of which marriage there is a reproduction of the certificate in Friends House) were attended by many members of the Court and diplomatic circles (see FQE 1900). In the Book of Cases (MS vol in Friends House) there is a reference to 'Daniel Quare's Paper setting forth his Refusal of a Pension of 300 per Annum to be the Kings Watchmaker &c Because for Conscience sake he could not Qualifie himselfe, as ye Law directs by taking ye Oath', dated 4.xii.1714. In the same year Quare wrote to Thomas Aldam, the younger, on a printed copy of the new solemn affirmation of loyalty to George I, quoting the opinion of the Kings Solicitor General that it contains the effect of the Oath of Abjuration and would legalize Friends as voters at the poll. He recommends Friends to use their vote and not 'by timorousness disfranchise themselves... but modestly give their assistance to Chuse Prudent men principled to preserve us in our Religious & Civil Liberties..!' (original in Pease MSS in Friends House).

FQE 1900 -a valuable article by Isaac Sharp

Jnl FHS viii.xv.xvi.xix

DNB

Williamson: Cata. of Collection of Watches, the Property of J. Pierpont Morgan, c.1912, Behind my Study Door, 1922

Gamble: Bevan Family, 1924

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.339

WBE:  
Additional references

QUARE, Daniel, 1648/9-1723/4

Besse, 1:443, 444, 461, 485

Raiestpick~~Qu.~~ in Sc, & Industry, 229

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:466

QUINNEY, Rose [Resamond]

f1 1681

Rose, or Resamond, Quinney would presumably have been born about 1660, possibly in the Warwickshire or Bristol area. Her family are known to have been Quakers. Her mother may have been Ann Quinney and she may have had a sister Annie.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Dennis E. Gibbs of Coventry, on whose behalf a search was undertaken in 1969

ACTION TAKEN BY LIBRARY

The digests of registers of births, for all QMs in England and Wales and for Scotland were searched for the years around 1660 but no entry was found for the name Quinney.

QUORTE, Elizabeth

see COWART, Elizabeth

WBE:

Rack, Edmund, -1682

Lived in Norwich, England.

1666, with others published ...a Relation of  
the Proceedings of the Court...in Norwich &c.

In the same year he was sentenced to banishment and  
sent to Yarmouth. (His residence given as Kilverston)

1670 suffered restraint of £ 26. He always  
bore a clear and faithful testimony.

d. 20 XII 1682 and was buried at Old Buckenham.

Besse, I:493,494

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:468

RACK, Edmund (1735/6-1787)

Edmund Rack, son of Edmund and Elizabeth Rack of Ellingham, Norfolk, was born there on 26.xii.1735 [i.e. Feb.1735/6] (1). He was apprenticed to a general shopkeeper at Wymondham, afterwards removing to Bardfield, Essex, where he became a shopman to Agnes Smith (2).

In 1760 he married Agnes Smith (3); there were no children (4). About 1775 he and his wife settled in Bath (5).

Before moving to Bath he had already published two pamphlets (6). Among his subsequent publications (7) were an edition of Caspipina's letters (1777) and Essays, letters and poems (1781). In the autumn of 1777 he drew up a plan for the formation of a society for the encouragement of agriculture in Somerset and neighbouring counties and he was appointed the first secretary of the society (8). In 1779 he took part in establishing the Bath Philosophical Society and became its first secretary (9). Besides these duties he made a place in Bath as a minor literary figure (10).

He died at Bath on 22 February 1787 aged 51 years (11). His widow returned to Bardfield the same year (12), and died there on 19 October 1803, aged 77 years (13).

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest: no description of his father is given. Ellingham is some 2 miles north-west of Attleborough which is given as his birthplace in Joseph Smith, A descriptive catalogue, 1867, vol 2, p 468
- 2 Smith, loc cit: a certificate of removal for MR to Essex was issued by Wymondham MM in 1759 (Norfolk Removals Index, typescript, Friends House Library). William Grover (1752-1825) was apprenticed to MR at Bardfield: see Selections from the letters.... of WG, 1828, p.1
- 3 The wedding was at Thaxted on 5 August 1760: he is described as of Bardfield, shopkeeper, son of Elizabeth Rack of Ellingham in Norfolk; she is described as daughter of Joseph and Agnes Smith of Bardfield (Essex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 No children recorded in Essex QM Births Digest: the certificate of removal (1776) is on behalf of 'Edmimd Rack and his Wife' with no reference to children
- 5 'About his 40th year' (Smith, loc.cit.). A certificate of removal from Thaxted MM was received by North Somerset MM on 5 August 1776
- 6 viz. Reflections on the spirit and essence of Christianity (1771) and England's true interest in the choice of a new parliament (1774)

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RACK, Edmund (1735/6-1787) continued

- 7 See Smith, op cit. vol 2 pp.468-470 and Dictionary of National Biography for full list
- 8 Dictionary of national biography. In 1792 the society adopted the style Bath & West of England Agricultural Society. See also presscutting in Friends House Library, vol PP/39
- 9 DNB
- 10 James Jenkins (1753-1831) describes in his 'Records and Recollections' (MS, with typescript copy, Friends House Library) p.141, a visit in 1778 when, following 'a learned dissertation on Moses &c' at the agricultural society, he went for a drive with ER: 'Taking me through one of their markets, the poet bought a fowl for our dinners, and carried it home in his pocket - I spent several hours with him and his conversation upon literary topics was novel and highly interesting to me - it struck me, that Edmund Rack had much the appearance of the portraits I had seen of the celebrated Dr Smollett'. Other references to ER will be found in 'Records and recollections'.
- 11 Digest of Burial Notes: no description is given. For newscuttings on his death and obituary notices see Friends House Library vol CC/18 vol SS/64, Gibson MSS 2/81. A memorial tablet in St James's Parade, Bath, was unveiled in 1927 (Westminster gazette 10.v.1927, Friends House NEWS 092.3 Rac)
- 12 It was reported to North Somerset MM 3.xii.1787 that AR had 'been some time remov'd from within the compass of this meeting' and a certificate of removal to Thaxted MM was issued on 7.i.1788, its acceptance being reported to North Somerset MM 3.iii.1788 (North Somerset MM MS minutes vol 5 pp.405, 408, 415)
- 13 Essex QM Burials Digest: she is described as 'Widdow'

SEE ALSO: DNB, including bibliography

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Additional information

RACK, Edmund, c.1735-1787

b. c. 1736 at Attleborough, Norfolk,  
England, son of Edmund and Elizabeth Rack.

Apprenticed to a shop keeper at Wymondham.

Removed to Bardfield in Essex.

m., Agnes Smith.

Settled in Bath, England.

1771, published a number of articles and poems, one  
of which books is called Reflections on the Spirit and  
Essence of Christianity.

d. Feb. 22, 1787 at Bath, Eng., in his 52d year.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:468

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX7615

RACK, Elizabeth (1700?-1784) born

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Elizabeth Rack, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1975) traced, was born about the year 1700;(1) her parents professed with Friends and belonged to Wymondham Monthly Meeting in Norfolk, of which meeting she remained a member all her life. She married Edmund Rack<sup>(2)</sup> and there were four children of the marriage.(3)

She appeared in the ministry when she was about thirty nine "and by diligent attention to that divine Hand that put her forth, she grew in her Service, and became a lively & acceptable Minister." Three of her children died young and shortly afterwards her husband also died, so she placed her remaining son in the care of friends and devoted the rest of her life to the service of the ministry. She travelled extensively in England and made one journey into Ireland, her ministry being satisfactory to Friends and to her own peace of mind.

Nine years before her death she moved to Bath to be near her son. She died on 11 April 1784(4), in about her eighty fourth year.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Wymondham MM 23 March 1785 in TCMD vol 3 pp 286-7

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged about 84 at death. As her maiden name is at present (1975) unknown it is not possible to trace her birth
- 2 There is no record of her marriage in Norfolk & Norwich QM, Essex QM, Suffolk QM, Cambs & Hunts QM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests
- 3 Listed in Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest as follows:-

John	b 17 xii 1732 (i.e. Feb 1732/3)
Hannah	b 26 xii 1734 (i.e. Feb 1734/5)
Edmund, qd	b 26 xii 1735 (i.e. Feb 1735/6)
Thomas	b 4 iii (May) 1737
- 4 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she is described as late of Bath

SEE ALSO:- Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 15 (1918) p 17

RACK, Ralph Skinner

( 1895 ? - 1961 )

Ralph Skinner Rack was born in about the year 1896 (1) probably in Lincolnshire. We have no details of his early life but he trained as a chemical engineer and early in his working career returned to Lincolnshire and became associated with the fishing industry. In about 1923 he married Elsie Horsman and they had three sons.(2) He maintained in his home the Quaker witness in N. Lincolnshire often in times of solitariness but he was a great support to Lincolnshire Friends. He served as clerk to his local meetings (4) and also served on Friends Central committees(5) In about 1950 he went on overseas service for the Colonial Office first to the West Indies and then to Northern Rhodesia for five years to teach the native fishermen better methods of fishing and to teach them to develop ancillary trades so that they could become self-supporting. There were difficulties but his cheerfulness and enthusiasm helped him and his Quaker faith enabled him to learn and understand the aspirations of the emerging Africans and the work was successful. While in Africa he and his wife visited small groups of Friends there. He returned to England in about 1960.

He died on October 23, 1961, aged 66.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol 120 (1962) p. 49

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 66 at death.
2. His wife's name and son's names are recorded in the ~~Ackworth Old Scholars List~~ Derby Lincs & Notts QM printed list of members Friends House Library. 1946, with dates of birth as follows:-

John Horsman	1925	*
Peter Michael Horsman	1928	27 x
Philip Horsman	1931	27 x
3. We have not found any record of his convincement. The obituary speaks as though he was a birthright Friend but no records of this either have been traced.
4. Index of Clerks - Friends House Library

Keelby A M	1940
Lincoln P M	1941
N. Lincs A M	1942
5. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library

Meeting for Sufferings	1961 - 1962
Friends Education Council	1938 - 1947
Ackworth School Committee	

\* No date of birth for John H Rack is given in the 1946 list; the previous printed list (1943) does not give dates of birth

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RADCLIFF, James, c.1655-1690

b. 1655, probably in Lancashire, England.

Convinced at an early age and joined Friends.

1670 a prisoner for conscience sake at age 15.

He was arrested and sent to the House of Correction  
in Manchester. Became a minister soon thereafter.

m. Mary children.

Went on travels and endures imprisonments.

1686, removed to America and settled at Wrights-  
town, Pa. Travelled in the ministry with Nicholas  
Waln to Maryland.

d. c.1690 in Bucks County, Penna., aged  
about 45 years.

The Friend (Phila.), 27(1854):213

John Smith's Ms., 3:32

Phila. Y. M., A Col. of Mem. (1787): 13

RADLEY, Charles Andrew (1865-1890)

Charles Andrew Radley, the second son of Joseph Radley (1835-1903 qv) and his wife Phebe Jane (born Bentley, 1835-1868 qv) of Croydon, was born there on 15 July 1865(1). His mother died when he was about three years old and he was sent to school at Wigton and later at Lisburn in Ireland.

His boyhood was a happy one and when he left school at the age of fifteen he entered the service of the Northern Banking Company in Belfast and Dromore. Subsequently he left Ireland and entered the chief office of the Coalbrookdale Iron Company in Shropshire. When he was about twenty two he accepted an important post with Thomas B. Wilkins, a manufacturer of Birmingham. He took a lively interest in business affairs and in several associations with which he became connected; when at Coalbrookdale, he was secretary to the Mechanics' Institution and the Ironbridge Rowing Club, and in Birmingham he was secretary to the Literary Guild at Acock's Green.

He was married in 1889 to Louisa J. Wilkins(2), but his short life was rapidly drawing to its close and there were no children of his marriage(3). One evening, when he was about to leave the factory, he accidentally started a fire in a large vat of lacquer mixture. His first thought was for the workers still remaining in the factory and he sent them away before trying to remove the burning vat. He was unable to do so and the fire burned itself out, but he was severely injured in the process. He died from his injuries in the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, on 18 October 1890, at the age of twenty five(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1891, pp 170-174

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a schoolmaster
- 2 The wedding was at Warwick on 30 May 1889: he is described as a bachelor, a military ornament manufacturer of 45 Clovers Road, Small Heath, Warwickshire, the son of Joseph Radley, a schoolmaster; she is described as a spinster, not in membership, of Elsdon View, Acock's Green, the daughter of Thomas Bent Wilkins, an ornament manufacturer (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of Acock's Green, Birmingham, the son of Joseph and Phebe Jane

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

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WBE:

RADLEY, Francis Edmund, 1867-1927

b. Dec. 21, 1867 at Croydon, Eng., son of Joseph  
and Phebe Jane (Bentley) Radley.

1872, family went to Wigton and two years later to  
Lisburn, Ireland.

ed. Lisburn School, Ireland.

Went to work for Priestman Brothers in Hull and  
then apprenticed to the Coalbrookdale Iron Works.

Later had employment in Birmingham with an engineer-  
ing firm in the suburb of Wolverhampton.

m., 1896 Maria Merriweather. 1 son.

c. 1915 left his firm on account of war scruples  
and the next year found employment with the firm of  
James and Mary Grace at Bristol.

Served as Overseer and Elder in his meeting.

d. April 19, 1927 at Bristol, Eng., in his 60th year.

The Friend (London), 67(1927):368,385 (portrait)

RADLEY, Joseph (1835-1903) ✓

and Joseph Radley, third son of Eli and Louisa Radley, was born at Tottenham on 23 May 1835. He was educated at the Lancastrian School/at Croydon School, where later he taught.

In 1861 he married Phebe Jane Bentley (1): she died seven years later, leaving him with three sons (2). After teaching at Wigton he married, in 1874, Mary Elizabeth Robinson of Pardshaw, Cumberland (3). There appear to have been at least two children of this marriage (4).

He was appointed Headmaster of Lisburn School in Ireland. He was a strong advocate of mixed classes of boys and girls. His love of natural history and other studies outside the school routine endeared him to his pupils. His gift of ministry was very acceptable in Lisburn Meeting.

In 1899 he retired to Pardshaw, where he died on 1 February 1903.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual monitor 1904 p.125

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 The wedding was at Earith, Hunts, on 11 July 1861; he is described as bachelor, schoolmaster, of Croydon, Surrey, son of Eli Radley, gardener; she is described as spinster, of St Ives, Hunts, daughter of Thomas Fuller Bentley, accountant (Digest of Marriage Registers) \*
- 2 There had been four children altogether, listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows :-

Elizabeth	born 3 April 1862
Joseph Fuller	born 16 March 1869
Charles Andrew	born 15 July 1865
Francis Edmund	born 21 December 1867
- 3 The wedding was at Pardshaw Hall on 2 July 1874: he is described as widower, teacher, of Brookfield, Wigton, son of Eli Radley, gardener; she is described as spinster, of Brookfield, Wigton, daughter of George Miller Robinson, gentleman (Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 4 Listed in Ulster QM printed list of members 1888 p.22 as follows :-

George Wilson
Mary Louisa

\* His wife's name is spelt Phebe, as in Annual monitor/entries of children's births, ~~but~~ Phoebe in entry of the marriage

WBE:

RADLEY, Joseph, 1864-1935

b. March 16, 1864 at Croydon, son of Joseph R.  
and Phoebe Jane (Bentley) Radley.

ed. school in Croydon and Saffron Walden.

1874 family removed to Lisburn, Ire, where his  
father became headmaster. Later J.R. studied at  
Minden, Germany.

Went to Madagascar with the Friends Foreign  
Mission Association.

Left Friends and joined the Anglican Church.

Always remained a good deal of a Friend at heart. Was  
curate in Devonshire and then returned to Madagascar.

m. Mabel W. Haughton of Dublin, Ire. (d.1926)

d. Sept. 6, 1935 at Tananarive, Madagascar.

The Friend (London), 93(1935):849 (portrait)

RADLEY, Louisa (1802?-1866) born

Louisa Radley, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1976) traced, was born about the year 1802(1). She was married to Eli Radley (1800?-1885 qv), a gardener of Tottenham in Middlesex(2) and there were eight children(3). Neither she nor her husband were members of the Society at the time of their marriage, but in 1840, probably about fourteen years later, they were admitted into membership by Tottenham Monthly Meeting(4).

She appears to have had a lonely, storm-tossed and friendless youth, but even then she was sensible to the guiding of the Holy Spirit and sought earnestly for the love of God. Not only was her own course thus kept bright and clear, but she was a gentle influence for good upon all who knew her and her helpful sympathy went out to all those in sorrow and affliction.

She died at Tottenham of heart disease on 13 October 1866, at the age of sixty four(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1868 pp 199-200

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 64 at death
- 2 He is so described in the birth entries of his children
- 3 For marriage and children see RADLEY, Eli (1800?-1885)
- 4 Tottenham MM minutes 6 August 1840
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Tottenham, the wife of Eli

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 6 (1909), p 17n: notes on the life of her daughter Mary

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RADLEY, Mary (1828-1902)

Mary Radley, the daughter of Eli Radley (1800?-1885 qv) and his wife Louisa (1802?-1866 qv) of Tottenham in Middlesex, was born there on 9 June 1828(1). Her parents, although attached to the Society, were not at that time members and she was not a birthright Friend.

In her earlier life Mary Radley lived at Hitchin as a governess in the family of Joshua Ransom and when he subsequently moved to Kempston near Bedford, where he had a large flour mill, she kept the accounts for many years. Throughout her life she remained a close friend of the family. Both at Kempston and at Leicester, where she later lived, she found time for her literary activities and also for such work as Sunday School teaching and workhouse visiting.

For about twenty years she enjoyed the privilege granted to her by minute of the Meeting for Sufferings of freely searching the records and registers at Devonshire House. Familiarity with old documents at Somerset House and elsewhere made her an expert in her work, which she carried on with enthusiasm and great regard for accuracy of detail. The results of some of her work appear in the Journals of the Friends Historical Society.

During the last few years of her life she lived at the Friends Meeting House at Warwick, where she died on 14 February 1902 at the age of seventy three(2). In the meeting which followed her interment in the little burial ground behind the meeting house testimony was borne to her loving and earnest character, her intellectual powers and her untiring self-denial.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 60 (1902) pp 136-137

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a gardener
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster of 39 High Street, Warwick

SEE ALSO:- J Friends Hist Soc vol 6 (1909) pp 17-22, 72-78, 129-132,  
The Somerby Estate

Incidental mention in vol 1, p 10: Sup 12 (Elizabeth  
Hooton) pp 56n, 64n, 77, 84  
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RADLEY, Phebe Jane (1835-1868) born Bentley

Phebe Jane Bentley, the daughter of Thomas Fuller and Mary Ann Bentley of Ipswich, was born there on 30 April 1835(1). She had an affectionate disposition and as a member of a large family had a very happy childhood. When she was eleven years old she was sent to Ackworth School and after leaving in 1850 she returned to the school as a teacher for the next seven years. She said in later life that she greatly benefited from the care and training of Thomas Pumphrey (1802-1862 qv), who was then Superintendent of the school. She left Ackworth in 1857 and although she was saddened by the death of a sister soon afterwards, she found comfort and consolation in the new duties she had undertaken at Croydon.

She was married in 1861 to Joseph Radley (1835-1903 qv) and there were four children(2). She continued to live at Croydon, where her husband was a schoolmaster, and did her best to be a true help to him in his responsible work. She was often subject to depression and was conscious of many imperfections in her character. During her last illness she was much troubled in her mind, but she died at peace at Croydon on 19 September 1868, at the age of thirty three(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1870, pp 162-165

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father is described as a turner
- 2 For marriage and children see RADLEY, Joseph (1835-1903)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Joseph

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

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RADLEY, Sophia Louisa (1839?-1857)

Sophia Louisa Radley, the daughter of Eli and Louisa Radley of Tottenham in Middlesex, was born about the year 1839(1). She was admitted into the Society as a minor by Tottenham Monthly Meeting on 11 July 1850(2) and at about that time was sent to Croydon School; at the conclusion of her own education she remained at the school to help in taking charge of the younger children. She had a careful, religious upbringing, her parents having become members of the Society in 1840(3), and nothing grieved her so much as the commission of a fault. Conscientiousness and justice, exercised with love, gained her the regard of her fellows and her kind ways in soothing their troubles and heightening their pleasures made her many friends.

Her health began to cause concern when she was about sixteen and gradually deteriorated. She was sent home to her parents at Tottenham, where she died on 26 April 1857, at the age of eighteen(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1858, pp 148-154

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 18 at death
- 2 Tottenham MM minutes
- 3 Tottenham MM minutes 6 August 1840
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Croydon, the daughter of Eli and Louisa

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

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RAIDABAUGH, Peter W., 1849-1920

b. March 9, 1849 at Lewisburg, Pa., son of Adam  
and Eve Raisdabaugh.

ed. public schools.

Joined an ~~evangelian~~ association and became a  
minister.

1883 editor of Sunday School Publications. Lived  
at Cleveland, O. for 10 years.

m., 1872, Sarah W. Walter, of Union County, Pa.  
She died in 1920. 3 daughters.

While in Cleveland he joined Friends and became  
pastor of the Friends meeting there. Was elected to  
the city council of Cleveland.

1889 visited London. Upon his return became  
pastor at Anderson Indiana. Editor, Christian Worker  
before it merged under R.M.Jones and became American Friend.

d. Fall 1920 at Entiat, Washington, aged about  
71 years.

Am. Friend, 9 (N.S.) (1921): 18 (portrait)

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RAINE, Jonathan (1698-1773)

Jonathan Raine, the son of John and Sarah Raine of Sunderland in the county of Durham, was born there on 5.v.(July)1698.(1) His parents educated him carefully in the beliefs and principles of the Society, but he had a lively, active temperament and as he grew up became increasingly immersed in the pursuit of both business and pleasure, to the neglect of his religious life. He married in 1725(2) and his wife Mary bore him three children(3), but his children all died in infancy and his wife in 1743.(4) By 1738 he had become awakened to the light of Christ in his heart and turned to religion. He gave up his business so that he should have more time to devote to the Lord's work and first appeared in the ministry in 1740.

In 1745 he married Margaret Birtwistle (1711/2-1796 qv) (5) and moved to live within the compass of Marsden Monthly Meeting in Lancashire; there was one child of the marriage.(6) He was an active member of the meeting, useful in visiting Friends' families and in many other services and he travelled extensively in England in the work of the ministry. In 1762 he journeyed to Ireland(7), but information about his work there has not at present (1975) been traced.

He died on 27 November 1773(8), aged seventy five years and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Crawshaybooth in Rosindale.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Marsden MM 14 April 1774 in TCMD vol.3 pp.15-17

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Durham QM Births Digest: he was born at Eaden dean house in Sunderland; his father's occupation is not given
- 2 There is no record of his first marriage in Durham QM, Cumberland & Northumberland QM, Westmorland QM or Yorkshire QM Marriages Digests
- 3 Listed in Durham QM Births Digest as follows:-

Sarah	b 7.viii.(October)1726	buried 28.iii.(May)1737
Mary	b 28.vii.(September)1727	" 9.viii.(October)1727
John	b 26.v.(July)1728	" 5.vi.(August)1728
- 4 Durham QM Burials Digest: she was buried on 14.iii.(May)1743, the wife of Jonathan
- 5 The wedding was at Trawden in Lancashire on 17.iii.(May)1745; he is described as the son of John and Sarah deceased, she as of Trawden, the daughter of Henry and Mary Birtwistle, late of Crawshawbooth (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 6 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Margaret	b 18.viii.(October)1750
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- 7 J.Frd's.Hist.Soc.vol.XV p.17
- 8 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: he is described as "a minister about 33 years."

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RAINE, Jonathan (1698-1773)

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SEE ALSO:- incidental reference J.Frds.Hist.Soc. 86, 87

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RAINE, Margaret (1711/12-1796) born Birtwistle

Margaret Birtwistle was born at Rossendale xi. [i.e. Jan.] 1711/2, the daughter of Henry and Mary Birtwistle of Crawshawbooth, Rossendale, Lancs (1). She began her ministry about her 23rd year, and travelled considerably.

She married, 17.iii./May 1745 at Trawden, Lancs, Jonathan Raine of Sunderland Sunnyside near Sunderland, son of John and Sarah Raine (2). After living at Sunderland for a short period they both returned to live within the compass of Marsden MM. They were much given to hospitality, and extended sympathy and kindness to many both within and outside the Society.

\*She was truly exemplary in the exercise of her gift in the ministry, clear and pertinent in her expressions, free from all unbecoming gestures, weighty and reverent in her deportment. The spirit of grave and supplication was frequently poured out upon her, in which she had near access to that River, the streams of which make glad the city of God'.

She died 27 November 1796 at Sunnyside, Lancs, and was interred at Crawshawbooth, aged nearly 85 years, and a minister about 62 years, 1 December (3).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Marsden MM in TCMD vol.4 p.111

#### NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 Lancs QM Births digest

2 Lancs QM Marriages digest

Jonathan Raine was born 5.v./July 1698. He died 27 Nov. 1773

- Durham QM Births digest

Lancs QM Burials digest

#### Children:

Margaret born 18.viii./Oct. 1750

- Lancs QM Births digest

3 Lancs QM Burials digest

RAISLEY, Giles ( -1771)

Giles Raisley, who was in 1725 of Alston Moor (1) had a sister, Mary, who in 1716 married Richard Calvert, later of Greystoke parish, Cumberland (2).

Giles Raisley was married in 1725 to Hannah Alsop (3): no children of the marriage are recorded in Quaker registers (4).

Giles Raisley of ~~Alston~~ Alston died 18 January 1771 (5). Hannah Raisley of Alston, Cumberland, died 18 February 1783, aged 79 years (6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 So described in the entry relating to his marriage
- 2 The marriage was at Garrigill (4 miles south of Alston) on 28 February 1716: Richard Calvert is said, in 1743, to be of Red Sike, a farm in the parish of Greystoke, Cumberland (information from Robert Woof, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, July 1978)
- 3 The marriage was at Burnfoot on 14 i 1725 [i.e. probably March 1724/5 but possibly 1725/6]: his surname is spelt Raisley and he is described as being of Lilly hole in Alstone More, no description of parents' names being given; she is described as daughter of Charles Alsop of Broadwood hall in Alendail (Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 None traced in Cumberland & Northumberland Births Digest or Supplement
- 5 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest: no age or description is given
- 6 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest: no description of her is given, but it seems probable that she is to be identified with the widow of Giles

No further entries under Raisley, Raisley or Rasley (Raslay) have been (1976) traced in the Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births, Marriages or Burials Digests or Supplements apart from the following:-

William Raslay of Wathwhate, buried at Mosedale on 19 ii [April] 1723 (Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest: no date of death, age, or description is given)

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

WBE:

RAISTRICK, Arthur,

WBE gives information about this Friend who is  
still living so we are not including it.

RAJCHMAN, Ludwik ( - 1965 )

Ludwik Rajchman was not a Friend but was known to many. As first director of the Health Organisation of the League of Nations, as a founder of U.N.N.R.A. and as one who had much to do with the creation of U.N.I.C.E.F. his work brought him into contact with many Friends. But before this, in 1919 as a high official in the newly formed Polish Ministry of Health he played a considerable role in getting the Friends War Victims Relief Committee mission into Poland and in supporting it while there and the mission owed much to his friendly advice and assistance.

He died in about the summer of 1965 (1) at his home in France.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE      The Friend Vol. 123 (1965) p. 940

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. The brief note in The Friend gives no other details.

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RALLEY, John

Minister, he preached in London.

| 1682, imprisoned in Hartfordshire.

John Smith's Ms., 3:13

Besse, 1:252

RALPH, Ann (1754-1821) after 1789 Ramplen

[Ann Ralph, daughter of Benjamin Ralph ( - ) and  
his wife Mary (born ) of  
Mendlesham in Suffolk, was married in 1789 to Stephen  
Ramplen (1752?-1816 qv).]

See RAMPLEN, Ann (1754-1821) born Ralph ]

RAMAGE, Donald ( 1902 - 1982 )

Donald Ramage was born at Crewe on April 20, 1902 (1) of Congregational parents. At the age of 16 he went to Manchester University to study medicine and for seven years was in Dalton Hall where he came under the influence of the Quaker connections. After taking his MB and MD degrees he went to Liverpool to qualify in Radiology. In 1929 he went to Newcastle and a year later he married Lydia Metman Lymond ( 1904 - ) who had been a childhood friend. They worked as members of St. James Congregational church in the Pandon Mission in one of the poorer parts of the town. With the outbreak of war he registered as a C.O. and continued in his practice as a consultant radiologist. He became secretary of the local Fellowship of Reconciliation group where he once more came into contact with Friends and in 1942 he and Lydia left the Congregational church and joined the Society of Friends. In Newcastle meeting by first of all working to revive the children's meeting he helped to bring life to the whole meeting. He was greatly concerned with extension work, organising discussion and study groups and served as overseer, elder and clerk for many years. He was clerk of his preparative meeting, monthly meeting and Durham Quarterly meeting (2) and a member of Meeting for Sufferings and other committees.(3) He also served as clerk to London Yearly Meeting from 1960 - 1964. The current edition of Advices & Queries was agreed under his clerkship of Yearly Meeting in Newcastle in 1964.

He was a kindly helpful and approachable man, a man of outstanding abilities which he used with his possessions as God's gifts which he shared with others. He had a wide and varied knowledge of many subjects, was an interesting talker with a deep knowledge of the Bible, for the better study of which he learned Greek. In addition he was an excellent cook and a painter of pictures.

He died at home on December 2, 1982 aged 80.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend. Vol.140 (1982 ) p. 1661

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Date given in Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.
2. Index of Clerks - Friends House Library.

Newcastle PM 1945 - 1947  
Newcastle MM 1948 - 1951  
Durham QM 1953 - 1959  
Newcastle PM 1969

3. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.

Meeting for Sufferings	1950 - 1967, 1978 - 1982.
Agenda Committee	1951/2, 1968/9.
Christian Discipline I & II	1955 - 1959
Committee on Clerks	1954 - 1955, 1974 - 1978
Friends Service Council	1960 - 1965
Homes Service Committee	1951/2 - 1976
Nominations Committee	1968 - 1972

RAMPILEN, Ann (1754-1821) born Ralph

Ann Ralph, the daughter of Benjamin Ralph ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Mendlesham in Suffolk, was born there on 14 January 1754(1).

She was married in 1789 to Stephen Ramplen (1752?-1816 qv), a glazier of Ipswich in Suffolk and there were two children(2).

Ann Ramplen of Ipswich died on 12 January 1821, at the age of sixty seven(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see RAMPILEN, Stephen (1752?-1816 qv)
- 3 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Stephen

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

RAMPLEN, Eliza (1823-1910) after 1867 Gregory

[Eliza Pamplen, daughter of Stephen Ramplen (1791-1863 qv) and his wife Mary (born Sawer, 1790?-1858 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk, was married in 1867 to William Gregory (1820-1895 qv).]

See GREGORY, Eliza (1823-1910) born Ramplen ]

RAMPLEN, Maria (1819-1889) after 1846 Gregory

[Maria Ramplen, daughter of Stephen Ramplen (1791-1863 qv)  
and his wife Mary (born Sawer, 1790?-1858 qv) of Ipswich  
in Suffolk, was married in 1846 to Frederic Gregory  
(1823-1907 qv).]

See GREGORY, Maria (1819-1889) born Ramplen ]

RAMPLEN, Mary (1790?-1858) born Sawer

Mary Sawer, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced, was born about the year 1790(1).

She was married some time prior to 1812 to Stephen Ramplen (1791-1863 qv), a tallow chandler and grocer of Ipswich in Suffolk and there were eleven children(2).

Mary Ramplen of Ipswich died on 9 May 1858, at the age of sixty eight(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 68 at death. Her birth is not traced in Suffolk QM or London & Middlesex QM Births Digests
- 2 For marriage and children see RAMPLEN, Stephen (1791-1863)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Stephen

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1859, p 147: 2 line entry for death

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

RAMPLEN, Sarah (1814-1889) after 1840 Sawer

[Sarah Ramplen, daughter of Stephen Ramplen (1791-1863 qv) and his wife Mary (born Sawer, 1790?-1858 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk, was married in 1840 to John Sawer (1815-1887 qv).]

See SAWER, Sarah (1814-1889) born Ramplen ]

**RAMPLIN, Stephen (1752?-1816)**

Stephen Ramplen, the son of Richard and Mary Ramplen of Ipswich in Suffolk, was born about the year 1752(1).

He became a glazier at Ipswich(2) and was married in 1789 to Ann Ralph (1754-1821 qv) of Mendlesham in Suffolk(3); there were two children(4).

Stephen Ramplen of the parish of St Mary Elms in Ipswich died on 15 April 1816, at the age of sixty four(5).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Aged 64 at death. His birth is not traced in Suffolk QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Mendlesham on 8 October 1789: he is described as a glazier of Ipswich in Suffolk, the son of Robert and Mary Ramplen of Ipswich; she is described as of Mendlesham, the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Ralph of Mendlesham in Suffolk (Suffolk QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Suffolk QM Births Digest as follows:-  
\*Richard b 6 June 1790  
Stephen qv b 1 Nov 1791 m Mary Sawer (1790?-1858 qv)  
\*No marriage traced in Suffolk QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1850
- 5 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: he is described as a plumber, glazier and printer

**SEE ALSO:-**

Annual Monitor 1818, p 20: 4 line entry for death; his name is spelt Ramplin

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

**RAMPLIN, Stephen (1791-1863)**

Stephen Ramplen, the son of Stephen Ramplen (1753?-1816 qv) and his wife Ann (born Ralph, 1754-1821 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk, was born there on 1 November 1791(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1800 to 1804(2).

He became a tallow chandler and grocer at Ipswich(3) and was married some time prior to 1812 to Mary Sawer (1790?-1858 qv) (4); there were eleven children(5). Later in life he became a tea dealer(6).

Stephen Ramplen of Ipswich died on 4 March 1863, at the age of seventy one(7).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: his father is described as a glazier
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 50, entry no. 2212: his name is spelt Ramplin
- 3 He is so described in the birth entries for his children
- 4 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 5 Listed in Suffolk QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Mary Ann	b 2 Oct 1812	m 1845 Charles Barnard (1819-1902 qv)
Sarah qv	b 21 Aug 1814	m 1840 John Sawer (1815-1887 qv)
*Stephen	b 26 Aug 1816	
Richard	b 19 May 1818	d 30 Aug 1821
Maria	b 23 June 1819	m 1846 Frederic Gregory
*Richard	b 12 May 1821	
Eliza qv	b 25 Jan 1823	m 1867 William Gregory (1820-1895 qv)
*Elizabeth	b 7 Feb 1825	
Caroline	b 14 Dec 1826	d 26 July 1827
John Spurling	b 26 Dec 1827	d 3 Oct 1833
*Joseph	b 26 Jan 1829	
- \*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1890
- 6 He is so described in his burial entry, note 7
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a tea dealer and agent

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

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(prepared by RB)

RAMSEY, Susanna E.

Member and Elder of Bear Creek Mo. Mtg, Iowa

1903-07 Clerk, Women's Mtg., Iowa Y. Mtg. (Conservative)

d. 17 May 1919, aged 71 yrs.

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 392  
The Friend, (Phila.), 92(1919), 634

RANDALL, Elizabeth ( -1732) after 1677 Sweetapple

[Elizabeth Randall of Bereton in Devonshire, details of whose parentage are not at present (1984) traced, was married in 1677 to Benjamin Sweetapple ( -1747 qv) of Alresford in Hampshire.

See SWEETAPPLE, Elizabeth ( -1732) born Randall ]

RANDALL,Elizabeth (1693 ? - 1767) after about 1712 Peas, and after 1745 Fennell

ELIZABETH RANDALL, daughter of Samuel ( ) and  
Rebecca (born , - ) Randall married George Peas  
of Limerick about 1712 and in 1745 married again to Joshua Fennell  
of Kilcommon.

SEE FENNELL,Elizabeth (1693 ? - 1767) formerly Peas,born Randall

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RANDALL, Hannah (1787-1847) born Boxall

Hannah Randall was the daughter of George and Elizabeth Boxall of Dawley, near Coalbrookdale, and was born there in February 1787. She was married in 1820 to Thomas Martin Randall, and whilst a member ~~X~~ of Coalbrookdale Meeting, first appeared in the ministry, being recorded by Shropshire M.M. in 1835.

In 1840 the family removed to Shelton in the Potteries, but for the remainder of her life great bodily weakness frequently prevented her from attending meetings. Her communications were generally brief, but solemn and weighty.

She died on 7 May 1847 aged 60 years. Her body was interred in Friends burial ground at Leek.

Testimony of Staffordshire M.M. in] Testimonies 1848, p.3.

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Additional reference

RANDALL, Hannah, nee Boxhall, 1787-1847

1772, published Account of the principles  
and discipline of the Society called Friends.  
(W.E.C says of this, "A valuable work, Heriot wrote.")

Hannah Randall

Am. Mon. (N.S.), 6 (1848): 113

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RANSOM, Ann (1759-1838) born Brown

Ann Brown, daughter of William and Ruth Brown of Ampthill, Bedfordshire, was born on 29 July 1759 (1).

She married in 1782 John Ransom (1749-1828 qv) of Hitchin, and there were 6 children (2). She "appeared amongst her friends as a minister" about the year 1793 and "became serviceable in the Church and at many different times...visited in Gospel love the meetings, and some of the families of friends in several Counties" (3).

She "became gradually reduced to a state of great mental and bodily weakness, which commenced a few years before her decease". She died 30 March 1838, aged 78 years (4), a minister about 45 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Hitchin MM in TCMD vol 6 p 167

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: no occupation for her father is given
  - 2 For particulars of the marriage and children, see RANSOM, John (1749-1828).\* Ann Ransom is not mentioned in R.L. Hins, History of Hitchin, 1929
  - 3 Quotation from Testimony. Richard Cookin notes her as engaged in the ministry at Westminster meeting in the course of YM 1805 (N. Penney, Pen pictures, 1930, p 94; brief biographical note p 97)
  - 4 Digest of Deaths deriving not from a burial note but from Annual monitor 1839 p 41, in each place the surname being spelt "Ransome" in error
- \* The testimony states that she "became a member of this Meeting by her Marriage in 1781 with our late friend John Ransome" but the marriage was in fact 16 January 1782.

There is no reference to her in J. Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45 other than that in Pen pictures referred to in note 3

RANSOM, Ann (1759?-1838) born Brown

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Ann Ransom was a minister, of Hitchin, wife and widow of John Ransom.

Testimony  
Annual monitor 1839

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.97

see also next pg

RANSOM, Ann (1759?-1838) born Brown

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Ann Ransom was the daughter of William and Ruth Brown of Ampthill, Bedfordshire. She became a member of Hitchin Meeting when she married John Ransom in . She became a minister in 1793; and died in 1838, when she was 79

Testimony of Hitchin M.M. in MS Test. vol.6 p.167

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RANSOM, Anna Mary (1825-1884) born Southall

Anna Mary Southall, the daughter of Thomas Southall ( - ) and his wife Sarah (born ) of Birmingham, was born there on 20 July 1825(1).

She was married in 1858 to William Ransom (1826-1914 qv), a manufacturing chemist of Hitchin in Hertfordshire and there were four children(2). Her husband trained as a chemist and worked for a time with the Southalls at Birmingham(3).

Anna Mary Ransom of Hitchin died on 22 May 1884, at the age of fifty eight(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest: her father is described as a chemist
- 2 For marriage and children see RANSOM, William (1826-1914)
- 3 See entry for RANSOM, William (1826-1914)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of William

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1885, p 149: 2 line entry for death

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 11, p 17: vol 33, pp 26,27n

RANSOM, Caroline (1814-1891) aftw. Read

[ Caroline Ransom, daughter of John Ransom and his wife  
Hannah (nee ) was married in to  
William Pryor Read

see READ, Caroline (1814-1891) born Ransom ]

RANSOM, Dora (1870-1913)

See RANSOM, Theodora (1870-1913)

WBE:

RANSOM, Edwin, 1841-1927

b. Aug. 19, 1841 at Grove Mill, Hitchin, son of

ed. School of Benj. Abbott, later under Mary  
Radley.

1870 travelled to Russia and Persia.

m., 1871, Amy Wright of Birmingham. 7 sons, 2  
daughters. Amy Ransom died in 1920

1866, visited Phila.. Was at that time prop-  
rietor of Bedfordshire Times and Independent. He took  
that post in 1872 and held it until 1879.

1885 Mayor of Bedford and later Justice of the  
Peace. He was active all his life in religious and  
philanthropic movements.

d. April 29, 1927 at Bedford in his 86th year.

The Friend (London), 67(1927): 571 (portrait)

RANSOM, Eliza (1852-1904) born Townson

Eliza Townson, the daughter of Benjamin Townson ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Liverpool, was born there on 26 November 1852(1).

She was married in 1881 to Theodore Ransom (1857-1932 qv), a merchant of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, but the marriage was childless(2).

Eliza Ransom of Grove House, Hitchin died on 25 December 1904, at the age of fifty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a surgeon
- 2 For marriage see RANSOM, Theodore (1857-1932)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Theodore

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

RANSOM, Francis (1859-1935)

Francis Ransom, the only son of William Ransom (1826-1914 qv) and his wife Anna Mary (born Southall, 1825-1884 qv) of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, was born there on 18 May 1859(1).

The family had long associations with pharmacy and Francis Ransom was registered as a pharmaceutical chemist in 1883. He entered his father's firm in 1884 and was chairman of the board from 1913 until his death. He was the founder of the Ransom Fellowship for pharmaceutical research, in memory of his father.

He played a prominent part in the public life of Hitchin. He was a benefactor of the local hospital, for many years a member and chairman of the Hitchin Guardians and for eighteen years chairman of the local gas company. The Ransom Playing Fields were a gift from him for the children of Hitchin. Like his father, he took a keen interest in education and was governor and manager of several local schools, often coming to the aid of needy scholars. He was a justice of the peace for Hertfordshire. His private recreations were botany and stamp collecting and he was also one of the earliest cyclists, being president of the Hitchin Cycling Club in the 1870s.

He was married in 1891 to Priscilla Maud Lucas of Hitchin(2) and there were seven children(3). His wife left the Society some time before 1915, gradually taking the children with her(4).

Francis Ransom of Newlands, Hitchin died on 19 December 1935, at the age of seventy six(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 94 (1936) p 7

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Hitchin on 29 April 1891: he is described as a bachelor, a manufacturing chemist of Bedford Row, Hitchin, the son of William Ransom, a manufacturing chemist; she is described as a spinster of Weston House, Hitchin, the daughter of Joseph Lucas (deceased), an accountant (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-

John	b 5 Aug 1892
Philip Lucas	b 2 Jan 1894
Hubert William	b 6 July 1896
Christopher	b 11 April 1899
Edward	b 14 May 1902
Angela	b 7 May 1903
Richard Francis	b 8 July 1906

d 16 May 1902, aged 2 days

No marriages are traced in the Digest of Marriages for any of these children to 1963
- 4 Bedford QM printed lists of members: in 1915 his wife and two children are described as non-members and in 1917 his wife and five sons are described as non-members. In 1919 none of the family appear in the Hertford & Hitchin MM list, but by 1920 Francis Ransom is back alone. From 1923 to 1934 his wife and family are described as non-members.

RANSOM, Francis (1859-1935)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a manufacturing chemist

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 7, p 196: reference to British Pharmaceutical Conference at Cambridge, at which he presided

RANSOM, Hannah (1789-1842) born Burgess

Hannah Burgess, daughter of John and Hannah Burgess of Ridlington Park, parish of Ridlington, Rutland, was born there on 4 April 1789 (1).

She married in 1812 John Ransom (1787-1867 qv) of Hitchin: there were 7 children (2).

Hannah Ransom of Hitchin died 18 March 1842 aged 53 years (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Warwick Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest: her father is described as farmer
- 2 For particulars of the marriage and children, see RANSOM, John (1787-1867). She is not mentioned in R.L. Hine, History of Hitchin, 1929
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as wife of John

J Friends hist soc vol 11 p 17n mentions her in a footnote identification of her daughter in law, Anna Mary Southall (1825-1884): there is no other mention of her in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

RANSOM, John (1749-1828)

John Ransom, son of Joseph (1716-1779 qv) and Ann (born Laundry) Ransom of Hitchin, Herts, was born there on 26 x [December] 1749 (1). He was at school at Church House, Hitchin, at the time that Eugene Aram was usher (2). He then became a mealman and miller in Hitchin (3), being described as "a portly man, with large wig and dark-brown top-boots" who "was usually seen on horseback, and was in that position said to much resemble 'the old king'" (4).

He married in 1782 Ann Brown (1759-1838 qv) (5): there were 6 children (6).

John Ransom of Hitchin died 28 April 1828, aged 79 years (7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: no place of birth, parents' residence or father's occupation is given. The entry for Joseph Ransom makes clear that he was of Hitchin
- 2 R.L. Hine, History of Hitchin, 1929, vol 2 p 317n: "JR had been a pupil at Church House in Eugene Aram's time, but he could never be brought to speak of him". Eugene Aram had become usher in 1750
- 3 He is described as mealman in the entry concerning his marriage (1782). Hitchin is shown as the place of birth of his children (1784-93) but no father's occupation is given. He is described as miller by Hine, op cit vol 2 p 261n
- 4 Hine, op cit, vol 2 p 261n, quoting from a correspondent to the Herts mercury, 20 December 1902, relating to Harriet Mellon, maid successively to Hagger of Dicker Mill, Hertford, and to John Ransom. There is no reference to JR in that part of Hine reprinted as A mirror to the Society of Friends, 1929
- 5 The marriage was at Ampthill on 16 January 1782: he is described as mealman, of Hitchin, co of Hertford, son of Joseph and Ann Ransom of Hitchin, co of Hertford; she is described as of Ampthill, co of Bedford, daughter of William and Ruth Brown of Ampthill, co of Bedford (Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest)
- 6 Listed in Beds & Herts QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Joseph	b 15 Oct 1784	d 8 Nov 1819 aged 35 yrs
William Brown	b 21 Dec 1785	d 10 April 1795 aged 9 yrs
John qv	b 9 May 1787	m 1812 Hannah Burgess
Joshua qv	b 22 July 1789	m 1838 Maria Burgess
Elizabeth qv	b 31 March 1791	m 1828 Joseph Sharples (1791-1871 )
Mary qv	b 31 March 1793	m 1826 William Exton (1786-1851 qv)

The family chart of the descendants of Richard Ransom (1649-1716) (Friends House Library, vol AA/102) confirms these facts
- 7 Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest: no occupation for him is given. He was in fact aged 78 years

There is no reference to him in J Friends hist soc vol 1-45 other than a mention of him in N. Penney, Pen pictures, 1930, p 97n, as being the husband of Ann

RANSOM, John (1787-1867)

John Ransom, son of John (1749-1828 qv) and Ann (born Brown, 1759-1838 qv) Ransom, was born at Hitchin, Herts, on 9 May 1787 (1).

He was a mealman in Hitchin and subsequently a farmer (2).

He married in 1812 Hannah Burgess (1789-1842 qv) (3): there were 7 children (4).

John Ransom of Hitchin died 16 June 1867, aged 80 years (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: no occupation for his father is given
- 2 Described as mealman in the entries concerning his marriage (1812) and the births of his second to fifth children (1814-21); described as farmer in the entries concerning his youngest two children (1826-32); no occupation given in the entry concerning his eldest child (1813)
- 3 The marriage was at Oakham FMH on 22 April 1812: he is described as of Hitchin, co of Hertford, mealman, son of John & Ann Ransom of Hitchin, co of Hertford; she is described as daughter of John and Hannah Burgess of Ridlington Park, co of Rutland (Warwick Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest as follows:-

Maria	b 4 Oct 1813	m 1841 as 1st wife Robert Marsh (1812-1869 qv)
Caroline qv	b 25 Oct 1814	m 1857 William Pryor Read (1803-1881 )
Joseph	b 21 May 1817	d 18 Aug 1860 aged 43 yrs
Jane	b 14 Sept 1819	d 24 Nov 1819 aged 10 weeks
Alfred qv	b 20 July 1821	
William qv	b 28 Jan 1826	
Jane	b 15 Jan 1832	
- 5 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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J Friends hist soc vol 11 p 17n mentions ~~him~~ in a footnote identification of his daughter in law, Anna Mary Southall (1825-1884): there is no other mention of him in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

**RANSOM, Joseph (1686/7 or 1687/8-1763)**

Joseph Ransom, the son of Richard Ransom (1649-1716 qv) and his wife Phoebe (born -1727 qv) of Cromer in Norfolk, was born there on 22.i.1687 [i.e. probably March 1686/7 but possibly March 1687/8] (1).

He was married in 1714 to Mary Burr (1682?-1747 qv) (2) and there were five children (3).

Joseph Ransom died on 7 February 1763 (4).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 Ransom family tree, Friends House Library, vol AA/102: the marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 3 Listed in Beds & Herts QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and given in the Ransom family tree, loc cit, as follows:-

Mary	b 14 iv [June] 1715	m 1746 Isaac Sharples
Joseph qv	b 27 v [July] 1716	m (1) 1744 Anna Laundry (1719-1763 qv)
		(2) 1765 Mercy Bland (born Bell, 1728-1811 qv)
Richard	b 3 ix [Nov] 1717	d 6 Oct 1753
John	b	d 4 iv [June] 1729
Elizabeth	b	d 1719

In the Ransom family tree, loc cit, the order of birth of the children is given as follows:- Mary, Joseph, John, Elizabeth and Richard

- 4 Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest: there is no description of him and his age at death is not given

**SEE ALSO:-**

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 12, p 13

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RANSOM, Joseph (1716-1779)

Joseph Ransom, the son of Joseph Ransom (1686/7 or 1687/8-1763 qv) and his wife Mary (born Burr, 1682?-1747 qv) of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, was born there on 27.v.[July] 1716(1).

He appeared in the ministry when he was about twenty three and "was exercised to the comfort and Satisfaction of his Friends," but in middle life his gift suffered an eclipse and he seldom appeared in testimony. Towards the end of his life his appearances in the ministry once again became more frequent and he publicly acknowledged the mercy of God in forgiving much.

He was married in 1744 to Ann Laundry\*(1719-1763 qv) of Royston in Hertfordshire(2) and there were four children, only two of whom survived infancy(3). He married secondly in 1765 Mercy Bland (born Bell, 1728-1811 qv) of London(4), but there were no children of the second marriage(5).

Joseph Ransom of Hitchin died on 8 January 1779, aged nearly sixty three(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony extracted from the answers to the Queries in Hertfordshire QM 1779 in TCMD vol 3, p 142

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Royston on 13.ii.[April] 1744: he is described as the son of Joseph and Mary Ransom of Hitchin; she is described as the daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Laundry of Royston (Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Beds & Herts QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Joseph q,v	b 15 i 1745 [i.e.]	d 10 Oct 1784
	March 1744/5]	
Thomas Laundry	b 30 vii [Sept] 1746	d 11 ix [Nov] 1746
Laundy	b 30 xi 1747 [i.e.]	d 20 iii [May] 1748
	Jan 1747/8]	
John qv	b 26 x [Dec] 1749	m 1782 Ann Brown (1759-1838 qv)
- 4 The wedding was at Tottenham on 16 May 1765: he is described as a mealman of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, the son of Joseph and Mary Ransom of Hitchin; she is described as the widow of Stamper Bland and daughter of Benjamin Bell of Leadenhall Street, London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 No children are traced in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest
- 6 Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

\*She is given as Anna in the entry concerning marriage, but Ann in her birth and death entries and those relating to her children

SEE ALSO:-

Ransom family tree, Friends House Library, vol AA/102  
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 12, p 13: vol 32, p 77

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RANSOM, Joseph (1716-1779)

Joseph Ransom, the son of Joseph and Mary Ransom of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, was born there on 27.v.(July)1716(1); his mother may have been Mary Ransom (born Burr, 1682-1747 qv). He appeared in the ministry when he was about twenty three and "was exercised to the comfort and Satisfaction of his Friends," but in middle life his gift suffered an eclipse and he seldom appeared in testimony. Towards the end of his life his appearances in the ministry once again became more frequent and he publicly acknowledged the mercy of God in forgiving much.

He was married in 1744 to Anna Laundry(2) and there were four children(3). After her death he married in 1765 Mercy Bland (1728-1811 qv) of London(4), but there were no children of this second marriage(5).

He died on 8 January 1779 aged nearly sixty three(6) and was buried at Hitchin in Hertfordshire.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony extracted from the answers to the Queries in Hertforshire QM 1779 in TCMD vol 3, p 142

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Royston on 13.ii.(April)1744: he is described as the son of Joseph and Mary Ransom living at Hitchin; she is described as the daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Laundry living at Royston (Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Beds & Herts QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests:-

Joseph	b 15.i.1745 (i.e. March 1744/5)	who d 10 Oct 1784
Thomas Laundry	b 30.vii.(Sept)1746	who d 11.ix (Nov) 1746
Laundry	b 30.xi.1747 (i.e. Jan 1747/8)	who d 20.iii.(May) 1748
John	b 26.x.(Dec)1749	who m Ann Brown (1759-1838 qv)
- 4 The wedding was at Tottenham on 16 May 1765: he is described as a mealman of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, the son of Joseph and Mary Ransom of Hitchin; she is described as the widow of Stamper Bland and daughter of Benjamin Bell of Leadenhall Street, London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

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RANSOM, Joseph (1744/5-1784)

Joseph Ransom, the eldest son of Joseph Ransom (1716-1779 qv) and his first wife Ann (born Laundy, 1719-1763 qv) of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, was born there on 15.1.1745 [i.e. March 1744/5] (1)

He became a wealdman at Hitchin (2).

RANSOM, Joseph (1716-1779), apparently unmarried (3), died 1779.

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

5 No children are traced in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest  
6 Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Descendants of Richard Ransom 1649-1716, a family chart, Friends

House Library vol AA/102

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 12, p 13; vol 32, p 77

RANSOM, Juliet (1853-1929)      after 1895 Grace

[Juliet Ransom, daughter of Alfred Ransom (1821-1911 qv)  
and his wife Lucy (born Manser, 1814-1903 qv) of  
Hitchin in Hertfordshire, was married in 1895 to  
Watson Grace (1862-1901 qv) of Hitchin.

See GRACE, Juliet (1853-1929)      born Ransom ]

RANSOM, Lucy (1814-1903) born Manser

c/ Lucy Manser, the daughter of William Manser (1780-1853 qv) and his wife Priscilla (born Tyler, 1787-1844 qv) of Hoddesden in Hertfordshire, was born there on 4 June 1814(1).

She was married in 1849 to Alfred Ransom (1821-1911 qv), a farmer of Hitchin in Hertfordshire and there were five children(2). She shared in much of her husband's philanthropic work and was a regular attender at meetings for worship and discipline(3).

Lucy Ransom of Benslow, Hitchin died on 21 October 1903, at the age of eighty nine(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: her father is described as a miller
- 2 For marriage and children see RANSOM, Alfred (1821-1911)
- 3 See entry for RANSOM, Alfred (1821-1911)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Alfred

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

RANSOM, Maria (1802-1885) born Burgess

Maria Burgess, daughter of John and Ann Burgess of Great Wigston, Leicester, was born there on 17 November 1802 (1).

She married in 1838 Joshua Ransom (1789-1863 qv) of Hitchin: there was one child (2).

At some time after 1873 she returned to Leicester, settling in Belmont Villas, New Walk (3).

Maria Ransom, of New Walk, Leicester, died 25 May 1885, aged 82 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Warwick Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest: no occupation for her father is given
- 2 For particulars of the marriage and child, see RANSOM, Joshua (1789-1863)
- 3 Her name is added in MS to the Leicester list in the 1873 printed Warwick Leicester & Stafford QM list of members, Friends House Library
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as widow of Joshua

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

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RANSOM, Mary (1682?-1747) born Burr

Mary Burr, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced, was born about the year 1682(1).

She was educated as a Friend and received a gift in the ministry about the year 1707. She travelled into the north of England and to Scotland and later to other parts of England, including London. "Her Ministry was plain and powerful, and had often a very great Reach on the Meeting, and tended very much to gather the Minds of People to the Gift of God in themselves."

She was married in 1714 to Joseph Ransom (1686/7 or 1687/8-1763 qv) and there were five children(2).

Mary Ransom died on 4.x.[December] 1747 and was buried in Friends burial ground at Hitchin in Hertfordshire(3). She was aged about sixty five and had been a minister for about forty years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

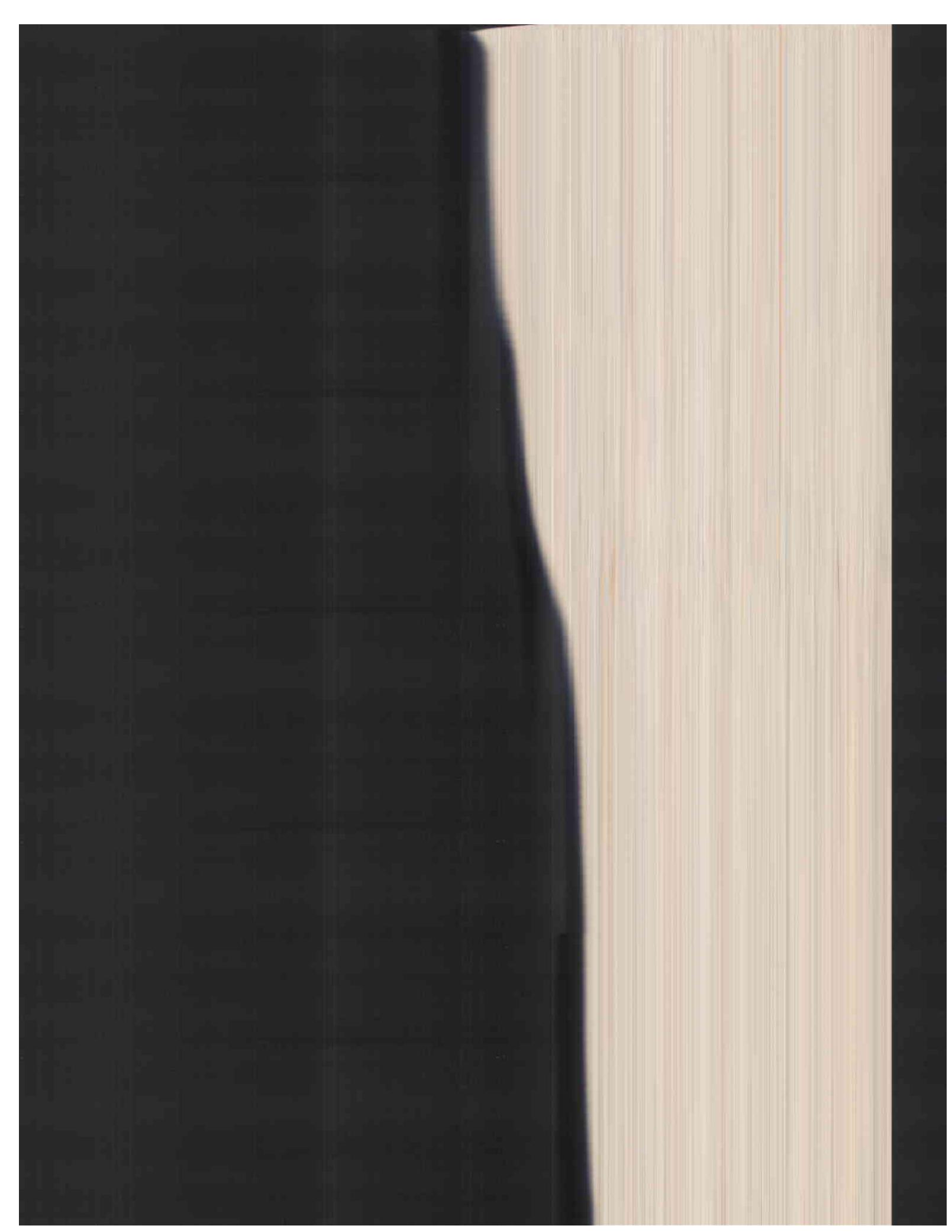
Testimony of Hitchin MM in TCMB vol 1, p 282, printed in A Collection of Testimonies, 1760, p 206

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 65 at death. Her birth is not traced in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest. Her maiden name is given in the Ransom family tree, Friends House Library, vol AA/102, which gives the year of her birth as 1678, But Mary Burr who was born in 1678 died, according to Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest, in 1780
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children see RANSOM, Joseph (1686/7 or 1687/8-1763)
- 3 Beds & Herts QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Joseph

SEE ALSO:-

- John Smith's MS, 3:1, Haverford College  
Joseph Smith's Catalogue, vol 2, p 471  
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 12, p 13



1. No entry traced in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Quaker Martyrs Digest

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

Testimony of Hitchin Mm in TQMD vol. I p.282, printed in A Collection  
of Testimonies 1760, p.206

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

Mary Ransom was born about the year 1682 (1), and was a member  
of Hitchin Meeting. She was educated as a Friend, and received the  
gift of Ministry about the year 1707, travelling into the north of  
England and to Scotland, and later to other parts of England including  
London.

"Her Ministry was plain and powerful, and had often a very great  
reach on the Meeting, and tended very much to gather the Friends of  
People to the gift of God in themselves."

She died 4.x. [December] 1747, and was interred in Friends Burial  
Ground, Hitchin, aged about sixty five years, and a Minister about  
forty years.

RANSOM, Mary (1682?-1747) born

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WBE:

Additional references

RANSOM, Mary, c.1682-1747

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John Smith's Ms. 3:1

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:471

WBE:

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RANSOM, Mercy, nee Bell, 1728-1811, afterwards Bland  
b. Aug. 15, 1728 in London, Eng., daughter of  
Benjamin and Mercy (Wragg) Bell.

ed. Tottenham. Came to know many distinguished  
Friends, like the Fothergills because they were enter-  
tained in the family home.

m. 1757, Stamper Bland. (d.1761)

m. (2d) Joseph Ransom. (d.1779)

1784 recognized a minister and travelled in  
Britain and Ireland at times accompanied by Sarah  
Crawley.

1802 had a fall, which disabled her from travelling  
for a while. Was sometimes conveyed to Meetings in  
a chair. Kept a diary.

d. May 25, Hitchin, Herts., aged 83 years.

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 12:9

Piety Pro (11th part) (Phila. ed.) 4:26

Jos Smith's Cat., 2:471

Frds, Biog.:2

RANSOM, Mercy (1723-1811) formerly Bland, born Bell

Mercy Bell, the tenth child and fifth daughter of Benjamin Bell and his wife Mercy, born Bragg, of Leadenhall Street in London, was born there on 15 June 1728(1). Her father was a Quaker druggist, a citizen of London and a member of the Glover's Company. She was probably educated at Tottenham from 1738 to 1743. Many distinguished Friends were entertained in her family home and she came to know some of them, like the Pothergills, very well. She kept a neat and full diary of these visits and of her own spiritual battles.

At the age of thirty she was married in 1757 to Stamper Bland, a citizen and banker of Lombard Street(2); she was his second wife and there were no children. Stamper Bland did not long survive the marriage, but died on 7 May 1761 in his forty second year. After her husband's death Mercy Bland went to live in Norwich, probably to keep house for her widowed brother-in-law John Oxley, who had married her sister Elizabeth Bell.

In 1765 she married as his second wife John Ransom (1716-1779 qv of Hitchin in Hertfordshire(3)); there were no children of this second marriage and her husband died in 1779, leaving her a widow for the second time after only fourteen years of marriage. She continued to live at Hitchin until her death and was known as "steady and exemplary and always holding the things that are most excellent in the highest estimation." She was recorded a minister in 1784 and became well known throughout the country. She travelled extensively in Great Britain and Ireland and on some of her journeys had as her companion her old friend Sarah Crawley. She was greatly valued and revered by her relations and friends and her advice and counsel were often sought.

In 1802 she had a fall which prevented her from travelling for a while and she was sometimes conveyed to meeting in a chair. Mercy Ransom of Hitchin died on 25 May 1811 at the age of eighty three(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Journal of the Friends Historical Society vol 12 (1915) pp 9-16

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 There is no entry in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest
- 2 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 17 March 1757: he is described as a citizen and banker of Lombard Street, London, the son of John and Elizabeth Bland of Lombard Street; she is described as the daughter of Benjamin and Mercy Bell, late of Leadenhall Street, London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

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RANSON, Mercy (1728-1811) formerly Bland, born Bell continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 3 For marriage see RANSON, John (1716-1779)  
4 Beds & Herts QH Burials Digest: she is described as a widow

SEE ALSO:-

- Piety Promoted (11th part) (Phila. ed.) vol 4, p 26  
Friends' Biographies vol 2  
TCMD Vol 4, p 316  
Annual Monitor 1813, p 22: 4 line entry  
Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 2, p 136: vol 12,  
p 181: vol 13, p 14: vol 15, p 19: vol 27, p 31

PUBLICATIONS

Some Remarks by way of a Diary, written during a long confinement by lameness \* \* \* \* \* 1816

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

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RANSOM, Phoebe ( -1727) born

Phoebe Ransom, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced(1), was the wife of Richard Ransom (1649-1716 qv), a miller of North Walsham near Norwich in Norfolk; there were ten children(2).

Her husband was a convinced Friend and one of earliest publishers of Truth, undergoing fifteen years' imprisonment for his beliefs(3).

Phoebe Ransom died at Cromer in Norfolk on 26.vi.[August] 1727(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her age at death is not given. Her date of birth is not given in the Ransom family tree, Friends House Library vol AA/102, nor is it traced in Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest, as her maiden name is not known
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children see RANSOM, Richard (1649-1716)
- 3 Norfolk & Norwich QM Burials Digest: no description of her is given

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 12, p 13

RANSOM, Richard (1649-1716) 2

Richard Ransom, details of whose parentage are not at present (1982) traced, was born in the year 1649(1). He was a miller of North Walsham, near Norwich in Norfolk.

He was convinced of the truth of the principles of the Society of Friends in the year 1676 and in the same year he married Phoebe (born -1727 qv) (2); there were ten children(3). He suffered for his faith and from 1685 he endured a total of fifteen years' imprisonment in Norwich castle, principally for non-payment of tithes. He travelled extensively in the service of truth in England and Wales; in 1700 he visited Scotland(4) and in 1715 he went to Ireland(5). He was also deeply concerned for the spiritual welfare of his children.

In 1716 he was travelling in Gloucestershire when he contracted small-pox, from which he died. Richard Ransom was buried at Bristol on 10.ix. [November] 1716(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Piety Promoted (1854 ed.) vol 2, pp 118-121

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Ransom family tree, Friends House Library, vol AA/102
- 2 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 3 Listed in Norfolk & Norwich QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and given in the Ransom family tree, loc cit, as follows:-

Richard	b 17 iii [May] 1678	m 1708 Hannah Thompson
John	b 4 iii [May] 1690	m 1708 Mary Watling
Phoebe	b 16 xii 1681 [i.e. Feb 1681/2]	d 26 vi [Aug] 1727
Isaac	b 3 xii 1683 [i.e. Feb 1683/4]	m 1715 Hannah Davey
William	b 11 x [Dec] 1685	d 23 ii [April] 1762
Joseph qv	b 22 i 1687 [i.e. probably March 1686/7 but possibly March 1687/8]	m 1714 Mary Burr (1682?-1747 qv)
Robert	b 20 iv [June] 1690	m 1717 Sarah Davey
Benjamin	b 7 v [July] 1692	buried 14 ii [April] 1695
Hannah	b 21 v [July] 1694	d 5 x [Dec] 1714
Micah	b 26 vi [Aug] 1698	m (1) Ann (2) Susanna
- 4 J Friends Hist Soc vol 10, p 215: list of travelling Friends
- 5 J Friends Hist Soc vol 12, p 172: list of travelling Friends
- 6 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given; his name is given as Ransome

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 12, p 13

Joseph Besse, A collection of the sufferings, 1753, vol 1 p 517

For a letter to Norwich meeting, see Pickworth, Charge of error, 1716, p 229 (Joseph Smith, Descriptive catalogue, vol 2, p 471)

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RANSOM, Richard, -1716 (or Ransome)

b. Norwalsome, near Norwich.

A miller, byt trade.

c.1676, convinced and joined Friends.

1685, imprisoned for nearly 15 years in Norwich Castle. Then travelled as a minister in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

1716 While on his travels was taken ill in Gloucestershire. Turned out to have small-pox.

d. November 8, 1716 at Bristol.

Besse, 1:517

Piety pro., (1718), 195

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:471

Theodora (1870-1913)

Dora Ransom, the youngest daughter of William Ransom (1826-1914 qv) and his wife Anna Mary (born Southall, 1825-1884 qv) of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, was born there on 1 October 1870(1).

She had a loving, gracious and gentle personality and a great admiration for the work of Robert Louis Stevenson. She had been in Apia, but had not had time to visit Vae during her life, endured much suffering in her life, but it was filled with sympathy; her insight always abounds of kindness, born of true and loving sympathy; her insight always abounds of kindness, receiver needed, rather than what the giver had to give. At the age of forty three(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE  
*The Friend* vol 53 (1913) p 705

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births:  
2 Digest of Deaths:

Anna Mary

her father is described as a chemist  
she is described as the daughter of William and

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

RANSOM, Theodore (1857-1932)

Theodore Ransom, the younger son of Alfred Ransom (1821-1911 qv) and his wife Lucy (born Manser, 1814-1903 qv) of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, was born there on 14 December 1857(1). He was educated at Olivers Mount School, Scarborough and returned to Hitchin to spend the rest of his life there, first farming and then manufacturing hand made bricks. The Ransom connection with Quakerism dates from the seventeenth century, when Richard Ransom (1649-1716 qv), a convinced Friend, suffered fifteen years' imprisonment for his beliefs; they originally came from Norfolk and migrated to Hitchin towards the end of the seventeenth century.

Theodore Ransom was twice married and both marriages were childless(2). He married firstly in 1881 Eliza Townson (1852-1904 qv) of Everton(3); he married secondly in 1913 Alice Maud Ellis (born Sheppard, 1876-1958 qv), the widow of Douglas Ellis (1861-1912 qv) (4).

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He followed in the footsteps of his forbears and devoted much time to the affairs of the Society, chiefly in his own quarterly, monthly and preparative meetings, where his sound advice and judgment and quiet service were always available. His regular attendance and readiness to undertake duties requiring time and detailed attention, his friendliness, courtesy and unassuming ways won him the esteem of his colleagues. He served on many public bodies outside the Society and took a full share in local government, as a member of the Urban Council of Hitchin and of the county council of Hertfordshire. His record of work for the public good was remarkable; he served on the County Education Committee, the Public Assistance Committee and the North Herts and South Beds Hospital Committee. He was a justice of the peace from 1908.

He threw himself wholeheartedly into the temperance movement and helped to found and carry on for half a century the Hitchin Blue Cross and Temperance Brigade. Being an athlete himself in his younger days, he was able to assist greatly in this side of the Brigade's activities and was a force in attracting many of the two thousand young men who passed through the membership lists in the course of the Brigade's existence.

He gave the same diligent service to the Society of Friends, serving in many offices with care and attention to all the details of the work. He served on the Home Service Committee from 1895 to 1897(5) and was clerk to Hertford & Hitchin Monthly Meeting for a period ending in 1908(6). He was most regular in his attendance at meetings for worship and his carefully chosen Bible readings and vocal prayer gave evidence of his deep religious life. Those who knew him best felt that the words on his memorial card truly represented the spirit of his life & "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."

Theodore Ransom of Hitchin died on 27 December 1932, at the age of seventy five(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 91 (1938) p 28

Testimony of Hertford & Hitchin MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1933,  
p 219

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 No children are traced in the Digest of Births for either marriage
- 3 The wedding was at Liverpool on 22 September 1881: he is described as a bachelor, a merchant of Hitchin, the son of Alfred Ransom, a brick and tile manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of Everton, the daughter of Benjamin Townson, a surgeon (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 The Friend vol 53 (1913) p 518: on 26 July 1913 at Christ Church, North Brixton, Theodore Ransom of Grove House, Hitchin, married Alice Maud, widow of Douglas Ellis of Tre' Arddw, Highbury Road, Hitchin
- 5 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
- 6 List of clerks, Friends House Library
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a merchant

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

RANSOM, Theodore (1857-1932)

Theodore Ransom, younger son of Alfred and Lucy Ransom, was born on the 14th December 1857 in Hitchin, where, with the exception of his time at Olivers Mount School, Scarborough, he lived all his life, first farming and then manufacturing hand made bricks.

He married twice, first Eliza Townson of Liverpool who died in 1904 and then in 1913 Alice Maud, widow of Douglas Ellis.

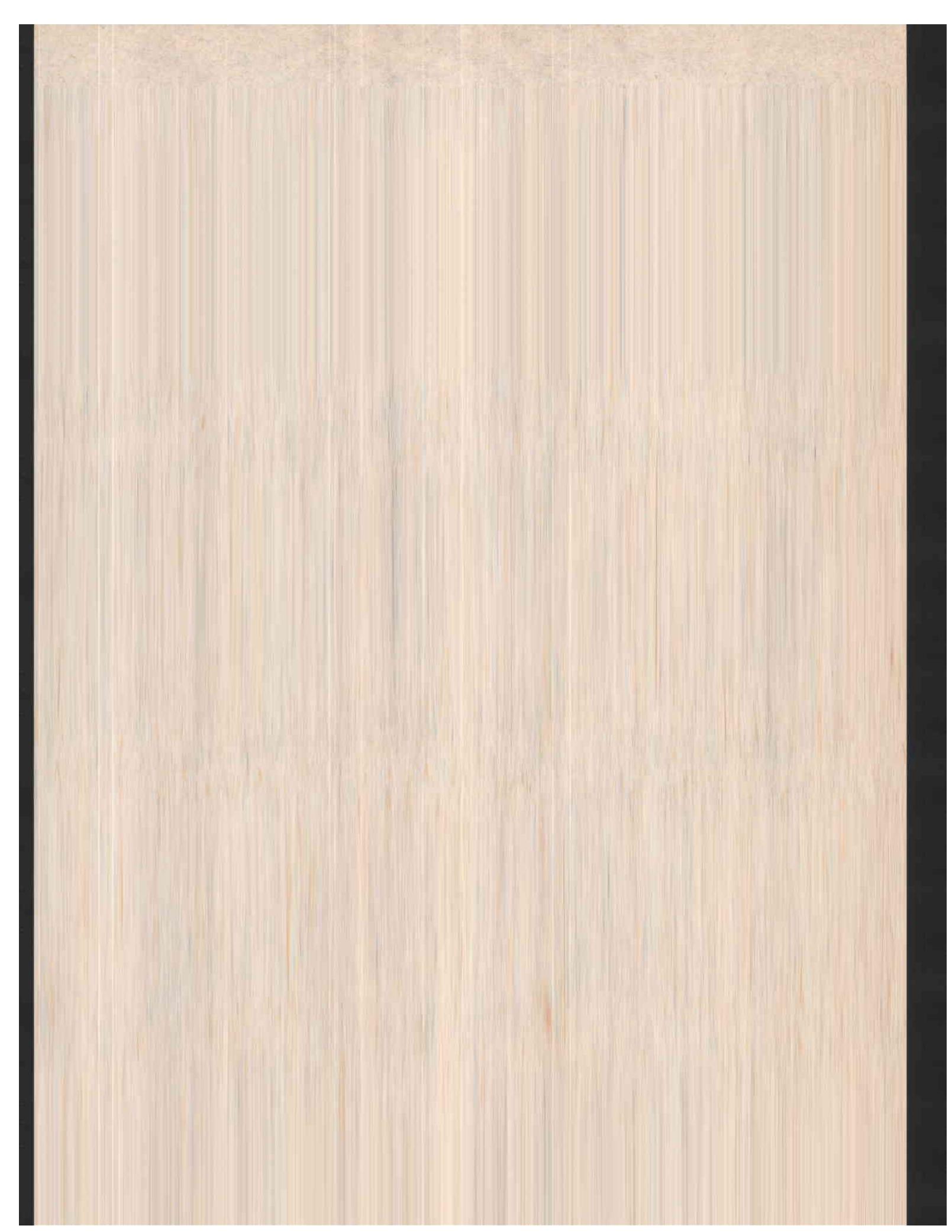
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He threw himself whole heartedly into the Temperance Movement and with his own attachment to athletics and skill in games, the work of the Blue Cross Temperance Brigade acquired an important position in the life of Hitchin and many of its members carried its ideals with them to far distant places.

He gave the same diligent service to our own Society, serving in many offices with care and attention to all details of the work. He was most regular in his attendance at the Meeting for Worship. His carefully chosen Bible readings and vocal prayer gave evidence of his deep religious life.

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RANSOM, William (1826-1914)

William Ransom was fifth in descent from Richard Ransom of North Walsham, Norfolk, who joined Friends in 1676, and spent nearly fifteen years in gaol during the period of the great persecution. He was the son of John and Hannah Ransom of Hitchin, and was born there on 28 January 1826 (1). He trained as a pharmaceutical chemist and worked first with Southalls of Birmingham, and later in his own business at Hitchin. He was one of the earliest members of the Pharmaceutical Society. He developed his business to a large manufacturing concern, with the distillation of the essential oil of lavender as one of its chief products. He grew his own lavender.

He married in 1858 Anna Mary Southall (2): there were 4 children (3)

He served the Society of Friends faithfully as Elder and Overseer. He was for many years Clerk of Hertford & Hitchin Monthly Meeting, and for a time Clerk of Bedfordshire Quarterly Meeting. He attended Meeting for Sufferings and Yearly Meeting regularly. The Adult School at Hitchin was one of his great interests, and he was a concerned worker for the Friends Foreign Mission Association, of which he was one of the founders. He quite frequently took vocal part in the Meeting for Worship "in a few words of reverent utterance of prayer or exhortation". His theological ideas broadened as he advanced in age, in harmony with scientific research. He always took a keen interest in scientific and antiquarian matters, and was a great gardener. He was a Fellow of the Linnaean Society and of the Society of Antiquaries. He was the first President of the Hitchin Natural History Society and encouraged natural history pursuits in his neighbourhood, being himself a great collector of many and various objects.

In public life he took a share in local government work, worked for temperance, and better living conditions for the poorer classes. For twenty two years he served on the Hitchin Local Board, and its successor the U.D.C., and for fifteen years was Chairman of the former body. He was one of the first members of the Herts County Council, and was also a magistrate. For thirty years he was a Guardian of the Poor, and he devoted much of his time to local and county hospitals and asylums.

He died on 1st December 1914, aged 83 (4)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual Monitor 1916 p.113

REFERENCES & NOTES :

- 1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest; his father is described as farmer
- 2 The wedding was at Birmingham FMH on 16 April 1858: he is described as manufacturing chemist, of Hitchin, son of John Ransom, gentleman; she is described as spinster, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, daughter of Thomas Southall, chemist (Digest of Marriage Registers)

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RANSOM, William (1826-1914) continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES (cont)

- 3 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows:  
Francis b 18 May 1859  
Margaret b 17 June 1861  
Charlotte b 27 December 1865  
Theodora b 1 October 1870
- 4 For an account of his funeral see vol RR/1 (Friends House); a note on his will is given in vol RR/6 and vol VV/53

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RANSOM, William, 1826-1914

b. 1826, Hitchin (?), Eng., son of John  
and Hannah (Burgess) Ransom.

Became a pharmaceutical chemist.

m., 1858, Anna Mary Southall of Birmingham.

They had children.

W.R. was an overseer and elder and occasionally  
appeared in the ministry. Also was member of meeting  
for sufferings.

Undertook various civic duties and was active in  
local adult schools. Personal interests included  
botany and the collecting of antiques.

d. Dec. 1, 1914 at Fairfield, Hitchin, in his  
89th year.

The Friend (London), 54(1914): 896, 941(portrait)  
An. Mon. (N.S.), 104 (1916):113

RANSOME, Anna Maria (1772?-1832) aftw. Fuller, later Gales

[Anna Maria Ransome was the daughter of Joshua  
Ransome of Wells and his wife Rebecca  
(nee )

In she married Travel Fuller ( - )  
of Yarmouth, and in Thomas Gales of  
North Runcorn

see GALES, Anna Maria (1772?-1832) formerly  
Fuller, born Ransome.

RANSOME, Edwin Oakes

( 1897 - 1962 )

at Warrington, Lancs, on 16 September

Edwin Ransome was born ~~in about~~ 1897 (1) the oldest child of Harold Edwin  
( ) and Alice Jane ( b. Oakes ) Ransome of Birmingham.

He was educated at Bootham School, York and after the first world war at Manchester University where he was housed in Dalton Hall. During the war he served in the SSA 14 convoy of the Friends Ambulance Unit. In 1926 he joined Barrow's Stores in Birmingham and began his long service to the Society in Birmingham to which he was to contribute greatly. In 1934 he married Hilda Stafford Allen (2) and they seem to have joined Bull Street Meeting where he became clerk to the Premises Committee and played an outstanding part in all the negotiations and plans for the redevelopment of the site and the provision of new buildings for the Society as the needs of the city in the surrounding areas made changes inevitable. He served as an elder for many years and was also registering officer for Warwickshire Quarterly Meeting and also clerk to the Quarterly Meeting for a period.(3) In recent years he served as chairman of the Committee of Management of the home for elderly Friends at " Woodlands ".

Outside the Society he served as a magistrate in the city for almost twenty years and was chairman of the Probation Committee for most of that time, during which the probation service undertook much pioneer work and doubled in size. He was chairman of the committee responsible for Newel House, a Birmingham hostel for discharged prisoners and was prominent in the organisation of the West Midlands Area of the Margery Fry Memorial Fund. He was also chairman of the Royal School for Deaf Children at Edgbaston and at Martley.

He was a keen mountaineer, a member of both the Alpine and the Fell and Rock Clubs, a lover of the country and valued above all a happy and united family life.

He died on July 26 1962 aged 64.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 120 (1962) p. 1054

NOTES & REFERENCES

1. ~~We have no date of birth he was aged 64 at death.~~ The Friend ns vol 37 p 662
2. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place on September 12, 1934 at Friends House. He was described as bachelor, company secretary. She was described as spinster, physical training instructress.
3. Index of Clerks - Friends House Library.  
Selly Oak PM 1928 - 1929  
Warwick, Leics & Stafford QM. 1928 - 1934.

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RANSOME, Edwin Rayner (1823-1910)

Edwin Rayner Ransome was born at Colchester in 1823 and was left motherless at the age of seven years... At ten he began a happy school life at Neuweid. The Moravian influence with its earnest simple spirit, its missionary fervour and its evangelical theology stamped a life-long impress on him.

Later followed years of apprenticeship during which, in 1840, he joined the Society of Friends. His father had come from a long line of time-honoured Friends but had ceased to be a member on his marriage with a non-member.

After further business training at Ipswich with his uncles, James and Robert Ransome, and subsequently in partnership with a cousin he started a new business in London. In 1853 he married and settled in Wandsworth.

Though diligent in business, he was never absorbed by it. He did good work for Peace and Temperance. As Clerk for thirty-three years of the Continental Committee of the Meeting for Sufferings, he came into close contact with many scattered members of the Society in the Colonies. In particular, Hobart School owes more to him than can be told.

The welfare of his own Meeting and Monthly Meeting lay very near his heart. For several years he was Clerk to the Monthly Meeting ("and felt it," he said, "a joy to serve the Master in this capacity.")

He was full of eager interest in all experience and alive to the very finger tips. He once said he had "never a dull moment in his life." He was an enthusiast for nature study and collected geological specimens till it became a problem where to put them.

In forming his ideas and conclusions he was most independent and if sometimes intellectually unyielding, he kept very close in heart to his fellows.

He was recorded a Minister in 1889. His ministry was characterised by brightness, reality, and freshness of spirit; it was the message of a man strong in faith and yet full of child-like simplicity. Some of his hearers were equally impressed by his after-meeting action when he missed no chance of greeting and welcoming any stranger and offering hospitality.

E.R. Ransome died on the eve of Yearly Meeting, 1910. He had been a member of Kingston Monthly Meeting for fifty-seven years and "he left the world brighter and better because he had lived in it."

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Kingston MM in YM Proc. 1911 p.253

OTHER PRINCIPAL SOURCES TO BE EXAMINED

The Friend 1910 p.407

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Rawsome, Edwin Rayner, (1823-1910) cont.

Australian Friend 1910 p.363  
Annual monitor 1911 p.139

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Additional information

RANSOME, Edwin Rayner, 1823-1910

b. June 28, 1823 in Colchester, England, son of  
Richard and Eliza (Wilder) Ransome.

m., 1852, Elizabeth Hunton (d.1853)

m., (2d), 1859, Elizabeth Watlock. 1 son

m., (3d), 1875, Jane Henrietta Dawson. 4 sons  
and 5 daughters.

1896, wrote The Atonement... This is a collection  
of sayings of early Friends.

d. May 17, 1910 at Wandsworth, Eng., aged 86 years.

No additional references given

RANSOME, Ellen (1825- ) after 1847 Wallis

[Ellen Ransome, daughter of Richard Ransome ( - )  
and his wife Eliza Wilden (born  
of Norwich, was married in 1847 to Abraham Wallis  
(1822- qv). }

See WALLIS, Ellen (1825- ) born Ransome ]

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RANSOME,      Felix Harold      ( 1902 - 1981 )

Felix Ransome was born on August 5, 1902 at Naunton Beauchamp, Worcs. the son of Harold Edwin and Alice Jane Ransome.(1) When he left school he went first to Lincolnshire as a pupil farmer where he met his future wife Marjorie Cragg. He then graduated from Reading University and returned to farming in Lincolnshire. He was married in 1928 (2) and later they moved to Wellingborough where he worked with the Peace Pledge Union. During the second world war as a conscientious objector he worked for the war agricultural committee in Hampshire and then became principal of Sparsholt Agricultural College. During this period he helped to establish the Friends meeting at Winchester. He also served for a short time on Meeting for Sufferings.(3) At some point he was director of studies at Avoncroft College in Worcestershire. Later he entered the Agricultural Advisory Service and returned to Lincolnshire where he and his wife joined Brant Broughton meeting to which he became a great strength and support. At Brant Broughton as earlier at Wellingborough he gave service as clerk to his meeting.(4)

In his retirement he took on the task of re-organising the Lincolnshire Red Cattle Society to great effect in the exporting of that breed. He was a man with a great sense of humour, a welcoming smile, a vigorous and energetic personality, always ready to help and advise wherever possible and his ministry was deeply appreciated.

He died on September 24, 1981 aged 79.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 139 (1981) p. 1360

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Birth Digest. His father is described as a ret'd gas engineer.
2. The Friend 1928 p. 252. The marriage took place at Hough on the Hill, Lincolnshire on March 15, 1928. She was Florence Marjorie Cragg, daughter of Thomas W. Cragg, farmer.
3. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library  
Meeting for Sufferings - 1940/1941.
4. Index of clerks - Friends Ho. Library.  
Wellingborough PM 1936 - 1938  
Northampton & Wellingborough MM 1939 - 1940.  
Brant Broughton PM 1949 - 1968, 1976.

WBE:

RANSOME, James, 1782-1849

b. 1782

son of Robert

and Mary (Raven)Ransome (Sr.)

1795, entered his father's business at Ipswich where they made ploughs by a process of cold-chilling. Later his brother joined him in the partnership. The firm at one time employed as many as 1400 men. The expansion of the railway systems called for many cast iron items, which this firm could supply.

J.R. was much respected and loved by his employees.

m., 1805 Hannah Hunter of Southwold. children.

J.R. was both benevolent and sympathetic. He was active in the firm until a year or two only before his death.

d. Nov. 22, 1849 at Ipswich, aged 67 years.

Bmog. Cat., 554

An. Mon. (N.S.) 9(1851):51

The Friend (London), 7(1849):233

WBE:

RANSOME, James Allen, 1806-1875

b. 1806 at Ipswich, England, son of James and Hannah (Hunter) Ransome.

ed. at Colchester.

Apprentice in the family firm of Ransome and Sons. By 1829 he was received as a partner.

m., 1829, Catherine Neave and lived 9 years at Yoxford. Their home offered cheerful hospitality.

1865 was made an Alderman of his town.

Expressed regret that he had allowed business to keep him from serving his master more in the religious sphere.

d. April 29, 1875 at Ipswich, Eng., aged about 69 years.

Biog. Cat., 559

An. Mon. (N.S.), 34(1876):146

The Friend (London), 15(1875):176

RANSOME, Jane (1820-1866) after 1851 Corder

[Jane Ransome, daughter of James Ransome (1782-1849 qv)  
and his wife Hannah (born  
of Ipswich in Suffolk, was married in 1851 to Frederic  
Corder (1818-1908 qv) of South Shields and Ipswich.

See CORDER, Jane (1820-1866) born Ransome ]

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RANSOME, John (1711-1762)  
also WBE

John Ransome was born 20.ii [April] 1711 at Southrepps, Norfolk,  
the son of John and Mary Ransome (1)

He married 15.x. [Dec.] 1732, at Lammas, Norfolk, Martha Springall  
of N. Walsham (2).

He came forth in the ministry about his 28th year. 'The Testimony given him to bear was truly comfortable, his Openings deep & instructive'. He was also an elder and overseer, and in these capacities 'his Mind being filled with unbounded Charity & Love, Counsel and Reproof were well received from him; and as he felt deeply for the Infirmitiess of all, so he exposed the failings of none'. He was very successful in reconciling differences between his neighbours and Friends. He was very serviceable in maintaining the discipline both in MMs and QMs, and during his travels in the ministry. He was concerned to establish meetings of ministers and elders, and to encourage the Women's MMs. and QMs within Norfolk. He was a regular attender of London YM, where he contracted his last illness, notwithstanding which, on his way home, he visited several meetings in Herts., Essex and Suffolk.

He died at his home in North Walsham 2 July 1762, in his 52nd year, and was buried in Friends Burial Ground there, 6 July (3).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimonies of Norfolk QM, Norwich MM, in TCMD vol.2 pp.160, 162

#### NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births digest
- 2 Norfolk & Norwich QM Marriages digest. He is described as Single Man of North Walsham  
Martha Springall's birth is not in Norfolk & Norwich QM Births digest. She died 27 April 1771 - Norfolk & Norwich QM Burials digest

#### Children:

John	born 18.ix. [Nov.] 1733	died 15.xii.1733 [i.e. Feb. 1733/4]
John	born 22.v. [July] 1736	
Sarah	born 2.ix. [Nov.] 1737	died 5.xi.1742 [i.e. Jan 1742/3]
Joseph	born 6.xii.1738 [i.e. Feb. 1738/9]	died 22.xii.1738 [i.e. Feb 1738/9]
Martha	born 2.ii. [Apr.] 1741	died 6.viii. [Oct.] 1741
	- Norfolk & Norwich QM Births digest	
	Norfolk & Norwich QM Burials digest	

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RANSOME, John (1711-1762) contd.

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3 Norfolk & Norwich QM Burials digest

SEE ALSO

Piety promoted (1854 ed.) vol.2 p.383

J.H. Fox, The woollen manufacture at Wellington, Somerset  
(London 1914) p.16

Notice of death (Vol.00/112)

WBE:

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RANSOME, John, c.1711-1762

Piety pro., 8th part, 383

WBE:

RANSOME, John Alfred, 1873-1920

b. 1873 son of Edwin R.

and Elizabeth (Watlock) Ransome.

Apprenticed to a firm of engineers in Croydon.

Helped out with Adult Schools.

m., 1903, Helen Morland and made their home chiefly at Warrington.

Purchased a business at Reigate.

1914-18 worked for War Victims Committee and helped organize Enham Colony for disabled soldiers. He resigned the managing directorship of a firm for reasons of conscience.

d. Sept. 15, 1920 in Belfast, Ireland from blood poisoning and pernicious anaemia.

The Friend (London), 60(1920):628,658 (portrait)

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RANSOME, Joseph (1714-1790)

Joseph Ransome, the son of John and Mary Ransome of South Repps in Norfolk, was born there on 12.ii.(April)1714.(1) His father died when he was very young and his mother was left with six children to bring up alone; she also died when Joseph was eighteen. He was educated carefully in the way of Truth and was a serious minded and religiously inclined young man. In 1738 he married Hannah Allen(2), but her early death left him a widower with six young children(3), of whom only one survived him. Shortly after his marriage, when he was about twenty six, he was called to the work of the ministry and this he approached very diffidently, until by experience he became more peaceful and resigned in his labours.

In 1763 he moved with his family from Walsingham to Yarmouth, where he was received as a minister in good esteem and came to be greatly valued for his service in meetings for worship and discipline. He made several journeys into neighbouring counties and although in his later years his health prevented him from travelling far he was diligent in attendance at his own meeting and his ministry shone with increasing brightness.

He died on 25 January 1790(4), aged about seventy six and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Yarmouth, a minister for about fifty years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Lammas MM 6 March 1790 in TGMD vol.3 pp.403-6

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Wells on 24.x.(December)1738: he is described as living at Pakenham; she is described as living at Wells (Norfolk & Norwich QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Norfolk & Norwich QM Births Digest as follows:-

Mary	b 2.ix.(November)1740
John	b 23.x.(December)1741
Mary	b 23.x.(December)1744
Phebe	b 25.v.(July)1745
Joseph	b 7.ii.(April)1746
Martha	b 14.vii.(September)1753
- 4 Norfolk & Norwich QM Burials Digest: he is described as a minister

RANSOME, Mary (1709-1779) aftw. Kirby

[ Mary Ransome, daughter of John Ransome of  
Southrepps, Norfolk, and his wife Mary (nee  
\_\_\_\_\_) was married in  
to Samuel Kirby

see KIRBY, Mary (1709-1779) born Ransome

WBE:

RANSOME, Robert, 1753-1830

b. 1753 in Wells, England, son of  
Richard and Ransome.

Apprenticed to an ironmonger in Norwich. Then  
started a small iron foundry himself.

m., 1782, Mary Raven children.

1785 took out a patent for a tempered cast iron  
plow share. Moved his factory to Ipswich, accompa-  
nied by a single workman. This move developed into  
the noted Orwell Works, Ransomes, Sims and Jeffries,  
Ltd. whose plant in 1951 occupied over 40 acres.

1803 patented a new type plough share which wore  
sharp as does a cat's claw.

1808 introduced "the interchangeable part" thus  
saving much annoyance and delay.

Planned the first Gas Company which was in  
operation by 1817.

After retirement he made a telescope and taught  
himself the skill of copper engraving.

d. 1830 at Ipswich (?), aged about 77 years.

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Raistrick, Qu. in Sc. & Industry, 210 (pportrait op.208)

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 19:51

WBE:

RANSOME, Robert (Jr.), 1795-1864

b. 1795 at Ipswich (?) son of Robert  
and Mary (Raven) Ransome.

In his youth inclined to taste worldly amusements, but returned to Quaker ways.

1818 became a partner in the family plough and iron business. He was a travelling agent.

m., 1828, Sarah Coleby. (d.1863) of Norwich.

An Overseer and an Elder in his meeting. He was noted along with his brother James for his care and interest in the welfare of the workmen in his plant.

Nov. 6, 1864 while on a trip down the Rhine where he got paralysis, and died.

Biog. Cat., 547

An. Mon. (N.S.), 24(1866):148

Fuds. Qu. Exam., 42 (1908):317

The Friend (London), 4(1864):295

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RANSOME, Susannah (1715-1797)

Susannah Ransome(1), who appeared in the ministry when she was about forty two, came to live within the compass of Bury MM late in life. Her ministry was short, lively and edifying and she "became a lively example to all who knew her, eminently Cloathed with that Charity which thinketh no Evil, a lover of peace and a peace maker."

She died aged eighty two on 27 November 1797 and was buried in Friends burying ground at Sudbury. She had been a minister for about forty years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Bury MM 1 March 1798 in TCMD vol.4 pp.120-121

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM and Essex QM Digests of Births: her birth is not recorded
- 2 Suffolk QM Digest of Burials: she died on 27 November 1797 at Sudbury in Suffolk