

WATT, Barbara

( - 1973 )

The first reference at present traced of this Friend appears in 1968, when she is recorded as a member of Hampstead Meeting.(1)

Her special service was in child care and she worked for the Child Care Dept. of the Islington Borough Council. She was also a member of Friends Community Relations Committee.

She was fatally injured in a car accident late in January 1973.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE      The Friend      Vol 131 (1973) p. 116

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. London & Middlesex G.M. Printed list of members shows her as a member attending Hampstead Meeting in 1968.

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WBE: Additional Information.

WATT (OR WATTS), George, -1688.

London, Eng.

Sometimes spoke in Steeple houses.

1685, discharged out of the King's Bench.

Paid £1000 a year to poor widows, orphans, French refugees and in wages.

1673, Tythes, no Gospel-Ordinance.

Compassed with many infirmities.

d. 3 Aug. 1688, Barnet, near London, Eng.

(Note: There was a George Watts of Audley, Essex.  
Besse, 1:461.)

Concerning... George Watt  
[Fox, George,] A Testimony (to him), 1688.

Besse, 1:480,484.

Smith II:867.

WATTS, Agatha (Jackson) (1861-1923) born Jackson

Agatha Jackson, the eldest daughter of William and Agatha Jackson of Manchester, was born there on 8 July 1861(1). Her father was the first Manchester Friend to escape being disowned for marrying outside the Society. Educated at Manchester High School for Girls and at the Women's College, Brunswick Street, she wished to qualify for teaching, but gave up her career for marriage.

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She was married in 1885 to Challacombe Watts (1858-1935 qv), a builder and joiner of Manchester and there were seven children(2). She devoted the next twenty years of her life to bringing up her family, but when her growing sons and daughter were one by one leaving school and making their own way in the world she was free to take up outside interests, which thenceforward occupied a great part of her life. \*

She threw herself with joyful enthusiasm into the work of the No-Conscription Fellowship and of the Women's International League. Whenever a speaker was needed for a difficult meeting, she went and gave her message so fearlessly and with such conviction that she always commanded attention and respect. When the war came her home was the centre for the Fellowship and all her sons were conscientious objectors. She worked to help the families of interned aliens and the families of men in prison for conscience sake. When the Women's International League, of which she was honorary secretary of the Manchester Branch for several years, sent its delegation to Ireland in October 1920, at a time of great danger and difficulty, she gladly joined it, returning to Ireland again under a strong concern both in 1921 and 1922.

In March 1923, although already aware of failing health, she went out to Russia to nurse her son Arthur (1888-1958 qv) and was able to complete her mission and bring him home towards the end of some weeks.

Agatha J. Watts of Manchester died on 28 June 1923, at the age of sixty one(3).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 63 (1923) p 559

Testimony of Hardshaw East MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings, 1924  
p 175

\* "She took a keen interest in the Young Friends Movement, then in its infancy, and many gatherings were held at her house for study and social intercourse" (Testimony)

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WATTS, Agatha (Jackson) (1861-1923) born Jackson continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a tea dealer
- 2 For marriage and children see WATTS, Challacombe (1892-1935) / 1857
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Challacombe

SEE ALSO:-

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| Account of funeral, Manchester Guardian 2 July 1923                               | News                           |
| Memorial service held in Manchester Cathedral,<br>Co-operative News, 19 July 1925 | 092.4 WAT<br>News<br>092.4 WAT |

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

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WATTS, Agatha [Jackson] (1861-1923) born Jackson

Agatha Jackson, the eldest daughter of William and Agatha Jackson, was born in Manchester on 8 July 1861 (1). Her father was the first Manchester Friend to escape being disowned for marrying out.

Educated at Manchester High School for girls, and at the Womens' College, Brunswick Street, she wished to qualify to teach, but gave up her career for marriage.

In 1885 she married Challacombe Watts of Manchester (2): there were seven children (3). She devoted the next 20 years of her life to bringing up her family; after that she found other opportunities for service, and was especially helpful to the Young Friends Group.

When war came her home was a centre for the No Conscription Fellowship. All her sons were conscientious objectors. She worked to help the families of interned aliens, and the families of men in prison for conscience sake. She was for several years hon.secretary of the Manchester branch of the Womens International League, and undertook much public speaking.

After the war (about 1922) she made a journey through Ireland on a mission of reconciliation. In March 1923, although already aware of failing health, she went out to Russia to nurse her son Arthur; after his recovery she felt her work to be accomplished. She died three months later, on 28 June 1923.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Hardshaw East MM in YM Proc. 1924, p.175

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Digest of birth notes; her father is described as a tea dealer
- 2 The wedding was at Ashton-upon-Mersey on 15 October 1885: he is described as bachelor, joiner, of Low Broughton, son of John Watts, joiner; she is described as spinster of Old Trafford, daughter of William Jackson, tea merchant. (Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 3 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows :-

Harold	born 19 July 1886
Arthur	b. 9 Feb 1888
Frank	b. 18 Oct 1889
Renshaw	b. 19 June 1891
Ethel Amelia	b. 6 Dec 1894
Ashton	b. 25 Nov 1898
William	b. 14 Sept 1901

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WATTS, Agatha [Jackson] (1861-1923) born Jackson Contd.

SEE ALSO :

- Account of funeral, Manchester Guardian 2.vii.23 News  
092.4 WAT
- Account of, The Friend vol.63 n.s. (1923) p.559
- Memorial service held in Manchester Cathedral,  
Co-operative News, 19.vii.1925 News  
092.4 WAT

Arthur Watts, the son of Challacombe Watts (1858-1935 qv) and his wife Agatha (born Jackson, 1861-1923 qv) of Stretford in Lancashire, was born there on 9 February 1888(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1900 to 1903. On leaving school he entered his father's joinery business and later studied at the College of Technology.

He was an active supporter both of the Labour party and the Adult School movement, both interests resulting from his concern for the condition of the working class. He also played a leading part in the activities of Manchester Young Friends. In his early twenties he and his brother Renshaw worked their way out to Australia on a Norwegian cargo ship and immediately took part in the campaign, then being organised by Australian Friends, to combat the recently enacted conscription laws. Returning to England in 1914, he went to France with the Friends' War Victims Relief Committee.

On the introduction of conscription he returned to England and threw himself into work for peace. He was imprisoned as a conscientious objector and with Edith Ellis and Harrison Barrow he stood trial at the Guildhall for his part in publishing a Friends' peace pamphlet. He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, but it was later decided that this was illegal as he was an Australian subject(2).

In 1920 he went with a relief team to Russia to help in the struggle against famine which was devastating the country. After his return to England he became engaged to Margaret Sturge Thorp, whom he married in Australia in 1925(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4). Later in the 1920s he went out to Russia again as an engineer and with a few short interludes remained there for the rest of his life. His knowledge of constructional work was greatly appreciated and he was appointed superintending engineer for the construction of a large steel foundry(5). He is shown as a member of Sydney Monthly Meeting in 1932, with an address in Russia, but thereafter he disappeared from the Sydney Monthly Meeting records and Margaret S. Watts is shown alone(6). The marriage appears to have broken down and he later re-married in Russia, to an unknown woman who shared much of his Quaker beliefs(7).

Arthur Watts died on 20 March 1958(8).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 77, 1958, p 67  
The Friend vol 116 (1958) p 646

## REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a joiner
- 2 The Friend vol 58, (1918) pp 352, 442-3: see news cuttings regarding imprisonment and decision of court
- 3 The Mount Register 1931: the marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 4 No children are traced in the Digest of Births, or referred to in the information at present (1979) available
- 5 The Friend vol 92 (1934) p 1060
- 6 Australian MM List 1932: Arthur Watts is shown as a member of Sydney MM, c/o Anna L. Strong, Moscow News, Strastnevi Blod, Moscow; Margaret S. Watts is shown as of 'The Haven', King's Avenue, Balgowlah, Manly.  
In the Australian MM List for 1935 Margaret Thorp Watts is shown as c/o New South Wales Society for Crippled Children, Sydney; a member of Sydney MM. Arthur Watts is not shown in 1935, 1938 or 1941
- 7 There is no information at present available about her and the second marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages. It is known that she spoke no English (The Friend, vol 116 (1958) p 646)
- 8 The Friend vol 116 (1958) p 646: the place of his death is not given

SEE ALSO:-

Story of an uncensored leaflet, Friends Service Committee 1919:

B221/200

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

WATTS,      Ashton      ( 1898 - 1975 )

Ashton Watts was born on November 25, 1898 in Manchester, the son of Challacombe ( ) and Agatha Jackson ( b ) Watts. The family were members of Mount St. Meeting and were all active in Friends' service particularly during the first world war when successive members of the family, including Ashton, served with Friends' War Victims Relief Committee.

Ashton was educated at Ackworth from 1910 - 1916 and after the war took a degree at the Sorbonne and a first class honours degree at the University of London. He then returned to Ackworth school to teach French in 1922 and stayed there until his retirement in 1961. He was a popular teacher, highly esteemed by pupils and colleagues alike and was a keen sportsman, being mainly interested in hockey, soccer and in cricket. He married in 1922 Yvonne Laurent who was a great support throughout his life.(1) They had one daughter, Clare.

On his retirement they moved to Sheepscombe, Gloucestershire, where he became a valued member of his new monthly meeting.(2) He served also as representative of Gloucester & Nailsworth MM on Meeting for Sufferings from 1968 - 1973 (3) and brought a deep insight to his service.

He died on October 12, 1975 aged 76 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend. Vol. 133 ( 1975 ) p. 1361

Ackworth Old Scholars' Association Annual Report  
No. 95. 1976.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Yorkshire QM printed list of members for 1924 records him in membership at Ackworth, with Yvonne as an attender.
2. Western QM printed list of members for 1964 records them both as members at Painswick Meeting.
3. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library.

WATTS, Challacombe (1857-1935)

Challacombe Watts, the son of Joseph and Hannah Watts of Bristol, was born at Brantford in Canada on 7 July 1857(1). When his parents returned to England they moved to Manchester and sent him to school first at Penketh and later to Ackworth from 1867 to 1871. On leaving school he entered his father's business of builder and joiner and carried it on for fifty six years.

He was married in 1885 to Agatha Jackson (1861-1923 qv) of Old Trafford, Manchester(2) and there were seven children(3). He was an active Friend of Manchester Meeting, a member who shunned the limelight, but who in indirect and quiet ways helped to make the Society a real power. He was deeply sympathetic and helpful in all his wife's work for peace. He was always cheerful and ready to undertake unattractive meeting duties and was a voluntary visitor to many homes.

He was a keen Liberal, for some time being chairman of the Central Division of the city and he always took a lively interest in municipal affairs. He enjoyed cycling and walking and was a member of the Rucksack Club. In later years he was overshadowed, but not handicapped, by acute arthritis. Finally, he had to retire to a Home, but he retained his cheerfulness to the end of his life.

Challacombe Watts died at the Northern Counties Hospital for Incurables at Heaton Mersey on 19 June 1935, at the age of seventy seven(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 93 (1935) p 598

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 54 (1935) p 87

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 The Friend Births, vol 15 (1857) p 152

2 The wedding was at Ashton-upon-Mersey on 15 October 1885: he is described as a bachelor, a joiner of Low Broughton, the son of Joseph Watts, a joiner; she is described as a spinster of Old Trafford, the daughter of William Jackson, a tea merchant (Digest of Marriages)

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WATTS, Challacombe (1858?-1935)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

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

*Harold qv	b 19 July 1886	m in Norway, not traced
Arthur qv	b 9 Feb 1888	m (1) 1925 Margaret Sturge Thorp (The Mount Register, 1931) (2) in Russia, unnamed
*Frank qv	b 18 Oct 1889	m 1944 Barbara Morris
Renshaw	b 19 June 1891	m 1920 Gertrude Emily Brown NM
Ethel Amelia	b 6 Dec 1894	m 1924 Eugene Alvin Dungan
Ashton qv	b 25 Nov 1898	m 1922 Yvonne Laurent
William qv	b 14 Sept 1901	m 1929 Kate Parker

\*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages

4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired builder

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

WATTS, Frances Marjorie (1892-1967) born Clark

1892- Frances Marjorie Clark, the daughter of Joseph Henry Clark (1856-1941 qv)  
1908 / and his wife Janet, (born Taylor) of Doncaster, was born there on  
qv ) 18 January 1892(1).

She was married in 1923 to Harold Watts (1886-1950 qv), an employment manager with Cadburys of Bournerville, Birmingham and there were three children(2).

Frances Marjorie Watts of Bournerville died at her home on 3 May 1967, at the age of seventy five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a tanner
- 2 For marriage and children see WATTS, Harold (1886-1950)
- 3 The Friend Deaths, Friends House Library: she is described as the widow of Harold Watts

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

WATTS, Frank (1889-1971)

1857

Frank Watts, the son of Challacombe Watts (1858?-1935 qv) and his wife Agatha (born Jackson, 1861-1923 qv) of Stretford in Lancashire, was born there on 18 October 1889(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1903 to 1905. On leaving school he entered the family business of shop and office fitters in central Manchester and spent a year gaining experience in Canada.

In 1914 he joined with two of his brothers the Friends War Victims Committee in France. There his main service was the setting up of a works camp at Dôle in the Juras, where he supervised the wood-working machinery department preparing prefabricated houses for the peasantry made homeless by the war. He remained there until the camp was closed in 1919. Shortly afterwards he joined his brother Arthur (1888-1958 qv) in Russia, administering famine relief, but he contracted Typhus.

On returning to England he assumed greater responsibility for the business and succeeded his father on the latter's retirement. He was married in 1944 to Barbara Morris of Nantwich(2), but no children of the marriage are at present (1979) traced(3). He and his wife retired to the Lake District in 1954. He was notable for his honesty in thought and deed and for the help he gave to young Friends. He was also a supporter of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and played an active part in many neighbourhood activities in Kendal and the surrounding district. He loved making things and his toys were very popular at local sales of work.

He occupied his leisure hours camping and walking in the Lake District and the French Alps, playing bridge and tinkering with anything mechanical. He died very peacefully after a brief illness on 3 January 1971, at the age of eighty one(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 90 (1971) p 95

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

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WATTS, Frank (1889-1971)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a joiner
- 2 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 4 There is no record of his death in The Friend Deaths 1970-4, Friends House Library

WATTS, George ( -1688)

George Watts belonged to Peel MM living in the parish of St Botolph, Aldersgate. He was a member of the Meeting for Sufferings, representing Ely and Lincolnshire, in 1676. He accompanied Fox to Holland in 1677 (p.237) and 1684 (Ell.Text, ii.397). See 93.2. On his return he entertained Dutch Friends at his house (p.110). Fox was frequently at his town-house and also at his country-house at Enfield. John Gratton (1641?-1711/12) tells us in his Journal, p.105, that while he was in Derby Jail in 1684, he was the means of the conversion of the jailer's eldest son and that, with the consent of the lad's parents, Gratton took him to London and 'placed him with an honest Friend, George Watts, where he did well', married, 'and grew rich every way'. Watts was doubtless referred to in the Itinerary Journal by his initials but it is difficult to state whether 'G.W.' refers to him or to George Whitehead. In First-Days Meetings we read: '1683/4, 12mo. 3, Gracechurch Street. Kept out in Grace's street abot half an hour, then permitted into ye yard where ffrds stood peaceably G. Watts declaring, & Marr. ffarmb. & G. Wts praying ye meeting ended, it being a very cold frosty morning, ye Cobles kept within ye meetinghouse, having shut ye doors, till ended' (p.216). Fox wrote a Testimony to his friend.

Mss in Friends House, some relating to Friends on the European Continent

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925 p.305

WATTS, Harold (1886-1950)

Harold Watts, the son of Joshua Watts, was born on 7 April 1886. He joined the Society of Friends at Henley on Thames shortly before the first world war, during which he served with the Friends Ambulance Unit. In 1914 he was one of the original group who, after training at Jordans, plunged into the horrors of the sheds at Dunkirk, where hundreds of wounded Frenchmen were lying without any medical care. Later, in the civilian typhoid hospital at Ypres and on two ambulance trains, of which he was senior N.C.O., he showed great qualities of leadership. From 1916 he was in charge of personnel and in 1918, when two hundred civilians died of poison gas in the emergency hospital at Courtrai, he was a tower of strength to the overpressed staff of which he was temporarily in charge.

In 1919 he took up a post as labour manager of Cadbury's Works and became a member of Cotteridge Meeting, Birmingham, being an overseer for several years. He was married in 1923 to Frances Marjorie Clark (1892-1967 qv) of Doncaster(1) and there were three children(2). With his wife he threw open his home for the service of the Meeting and it was a refuge for many young men training in the second Friends Ambulance Unit camps.

He had a distinguished industrial career and had a personal knowledge of the many thousands of men and boys at Bournville. He served on the Men's Works Council, of which he became Management Vice-Chairman. He organised three Quaker Employers' Conferences in 1928, 1938 and 1948. During the difficult years of the 1930s depression he was concerned to help with the problem of long term unemployment. He frequently visited the distressed areas, particularly South Wales and Durham, and introduced many young people to work in the Midlands. He started the Birmingham Association for the Relief of the Distressed Areas and through this organisation whole families were moved to the more prosperous Midlands.

From the earliest days of the Nazi oppression in Germany he helped with the problems of refugees and aliens and assisted in re-organising the work of the Germany Emergency Committee at Friends House. He also served on the committees of Sidcot School and Sibford School.

He was an original thinker and again and again he was ahead of others in seizing opportunities in times of crisis. He had remarkable tenacity and unbounding energy and humanity. His Christianity was demonstrated in what he did and how he did it and "his frequent ministry was deep and original, arising out of his personal experience, wide reading and his contacts with life. He was a pillar of strength

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in his regular attendance at meeting, in his faithfulness in Committee and administration work, and in his wise and considered judgements." (Testimony) He was the friend of thousands with whom he came into contact and the enemy of none.

Harold Watts of 118 Bourneville Lane, Birmingham died on 9 March 1950, at the age of sixty three and was cremated at Marseilles(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 108 (1950) pp 214-215

Testimony of Cotteridge PM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1951, p 219

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Jordans on 3 January 1923: he is described as a bachelor, an employment manager, the son of Joshua Watts, a tailor and outfitter; she is described as a spinster of Doncaster, the daughter of Joseph Henry Clark, a tonner (Digest of Marriages)
- 2 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Joshua	b 23 May 1924	m 1954 Ursula Mary Ward
Richard	b 30 June 1926	m 1955 Veronica Jane Newberry
Edward Ronald	b 15 Feb 1930	m 1959 Therese Elizabeth Ellen Roper
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as retired

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

WATTS, Harold (1886-1950)

Harold Watts was born 7 April 1886. He joined the Society of Friends at Henley on Thames shortly before the 1914-18 war, during which he served in the Friends Ambulance Unit. In 1919 he took up a post as Labour Manager of Cadbury's Works and became a member of Cotteridge Meeting, being an Overseer for several years. With his wife he threw his home open to the service of the Meeting, and it was a refuge for many young men training in the second FAU camps.

During the years of depression in the 1930's he helped with the Association for the Relief of Distressed Areas (Barda); he served on the German Emergency Committee, and on Sidcot and Sibford School Committees. y/

'His frequent ministry was deep and original, arising out of his personal experience, wide reading and his contacts with life. He was a pillar of strength in his regular attendance at meeting, in his faithfulness in Committee and administration work, and in his wise and considered judgements.'

He died 9 March 1950.

Testimony of Cotteridge PM in YM Proc. 1951, p.219

WATTS, Harold (1886-1971)

1857

Harold Watts, the eldest son of Challacombe Watts (1858-1935 qv) and his wife Agatha (born Jackson, 1861-1923 qv) of Chorlton Medlock in Manchester, was born there on 19 July 1886(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1899 to 1901.

On leaving school he entered the firm of Oliver Partington & Co. Ltd, pulp and paper manufacturers and was soon transferred to their mills near Oslo in Norway, later taken over by the Norwegian firm of Borregard. He remained with them in various administrative posts until his retirement. He married a Norwegian girl(2), who died shortly after he retired, and they had one son named William(3).

During the German occupation he was interned for a period and suffered considerable hardship. He later took part in the resistance movement. His main hobbies were sea fishing, sailing and forestry. In his later years he was somewhat handicapped as the result of a road accident, aggravated by his privations during the war.

Harold Watts died at Fredrickstad in Norway on 2 November 1971, at the age of eighty five(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 91, 1972, p 80

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a joiner
- 2 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 His birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 4 The Friend Deaths 1970-4, Friends House Library

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

WATTS, Margaret Sturge ( 1892 - 1978 ) b. Thorp.

Margaret Thorp was born on 12, June 1892, in Liverpool, where her father was a doctor. She was a daughter of James Herbert and Ann Sturge (b. Ellyott) Thorp.(1) She attended the Mount School, York in 1909 and the family seems to have left Liverpool shortly after the outbreak of the first world war.(2).

During the first world war she showed much courage in the fight against conscription, on one occasion being knocked down and thrown out of a rally to which she returned.(3) but later on she worked with Quaker relief teams in Europe and was one of the first welfare workers into Russia after the revolution. With Quaker Relief Service she co-operated with the British Red Cross Society and worked in famine areas of the Volga provinces on the newly formed Soviet Union in 1919. Back in Australia she embarked on an extensive lecture tour to raise funds to buy food for the thousands starving as a result of the worst drought in recorded history.

In 1925 she married, at Langside, Killara, N.S.W. Arthur Watts (1888 - 1958 qv) a son of Challacombe and Agatha Watts of Manchester, England but the marriage was not a success and was later dissolved.(4)

By the end of the second world war she was again serving with Quaker relief teams in Europe and in 1947 she again toured Australia to raise funds for the relief work being carried out by the British Red Cross in Europe. Her results were outstanding. Again in 1948 she made another lecturing tour, this time on behalf of the United Nations and this tour launched the Commonwealth's contribution to UNICEF. She was the first welfare worker with the New South Wales Society for Crippled Children and her pioneering work in this field did much to condition public opinion favourably towards handicapped children. She was a founder member of the New Settlers League which later became the Good Neighbours Council of New South Wales. As organising secretary from 1950 - 1962 she helped to lay the foundations for the successful integration of the unprecedented inflow of Australia's post war migrants from more than fifty national backgrounds. Even in retirement she served on five welfare committees. She also helped to raise funds for the victims of the Vietnam war, being a member of the Australian committee of the Gordon Barclay Vietnam Fund.(5)

In 1957 she was awarded the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for her services to the community and in 1975 she was nominated and selected as Senior Woman Citizen of the Year.

She died on May 5, 1978, aged 86.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES.

The Friend Vol. 137 (1979) p. 208

Memoir prepared for the Memorial Service held at St. Stephen's Church, Sydney on 27, June 1978, which was made available to SGJ.

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WATTS, Margaret Sturge ( 1892 - 1978 ) b. Thorp. continued

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Birth Digest. Her father is described as a physician and surgeon.
2. Lancs & Cheshire QM printed lists of members record the family in 1914 but there is no entry in 1916.
3. This is taken from the obituary in The Friend, but we have no knowledge of how or when or where this occurred.
4. Notice in The Friend. 1925 p. 1034. The marriage took place according to the usage of the Society of Friends on 1st October 1925. He was the son of Challacombe and Agatha Watts of Manchester, England. In his DQB entry it is recorded that he was shown in 1932 as a member of Sydney MM but with an address in Russia. He appears to have married in Russia some years later a Russian woman whose name is unknown to us, but who shared much of his Quaker belief.
5. Personal knowledge. SGJ.

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WATTS, Peter John Ruwald ( 1926 - 1977 )

Peter John Watts was born at Edgware on October 19, 1926, the son of Leonard Copeland ( ) and Winifred Jane ( ) Watts.(1) He was educated at Saffron Walden. When he was about 15 years old he went as a scholar to West Town School, Pennsylvania, returning in 1944 at the age of 18, to study engineering, at Imperial College. He was granted exemption from military service and joined the Friends Ambulance Unit doing service in France. On his return from France he resumed his studies and graduated in 1950, when he joined his father's firm of consulting engineers, in which he later became a partner. He was elected president of his professional association, the Institute of Heating and Ventilating Engineers and was among those who negotiated its change into the Chartered Institute of Building Services. In this transitional period he chaired the assessment panel created to effect the transfer of members. His keen interest in advanced technical education led to his appointment as a governor of the Polytechnic of the South Bank.

In about 1952 he changed his name to Copeland-Watts<sup>(2)</sup> and shortly after this he married Isabel Kinnish (3) and they had two children, Paul (1955) and Claire (1957). Their home was a happy one, he was interested in gardening and bee-keeping and was a member of various local naturalist societies. He was widely read and was also interested in cookery and clock repairing.

For about twelve years they were members of Golders Green Meeting for which he served as treasurer for a number of years until 1966 when the family moved to Stoke Poges and they joined Uxbridge meeting.(4) He served as clerk of Westminster MM from 1970 - 1973, and as treasurer from 1976m he also served on Six Weeks Meeting. He maintained a close interest in his old school of Saffron Walden, was a member of the Board of Governors for ten years and also became its treasurer, working hard for the good of the school. He was also involved in the management of the Swarthmore Homes for the Elderly at Gerrards Cross. He was an intensely practical man of great integrity who served the Society well.

He died on June 4, 1977 aged 50.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Westminster MM

Y. M. Procs. 1978 pp 260/261.

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WATTS, Peter John Ruwald ( 1926 - 1977 )

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REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Birth Digest.
2. London & Middlesex QM printed list of members for 1952 records him as living at Golders Green with his parents under the name Watts. The list for 1954 records him as married under the name of Copeland-Watts, which is the name given in the marriage digest.
3. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Purley FMH on April 5, 1952. He is described as Peter John Ruwald Copeland-Watts, bachelor, heating engineer. She as Muriel Isabel Kinnish, spinster, daughter of Edgar D. Kinnish, insurance company manager. Edgar Kinnish was also the registering officer.
4. London & Middlesex QM printed list of members for 1968 records them at Uxbridge.

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WBE:

WATTS, Richard

of Didmarton, Glous., Eng.

1753, A Quaker's Answer to a Parson's Letter. (Note:  
Meeting for Suff. did not have unity with it.)

1754, A Quaker's Letter to a Persecuting Priest.

1754, A Quaker's Letter to the World in General.

1756, A Quaker's Fifth Letter.

1774, The Mystery of the Revelations Revealed.

WATTS, William (1901-1970)

William Watts, the youngest son of Challacombe Watts (1857-1935 qv) and his wife Agatha (born Jackson, 1861-1923 qv) of Urmston in Lancashire, was born there on 14 September 1901(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1912 to 1918, where his main interests lay in the workshop and the football field. On leaving school he served in France under the Friends War Victims Relief Committee erecting pre-fabricated houses for peasants who were unable to return to their shattered villages.

On returning to England he joined the family business of shop and office fitters in central Manchester. He was married in 1929 to Kate Parker of Manchester(2) and there was one child(3). He continued to work as a skilled craftsman until a severe illness in 1964 compelled him to retire early.

He was very loyal to Ackworth. For many years he visited the school to watch the Whitsuntide cricket match and was an unfailing attender at Manchester Guild Meetings and outings. He was a faithful member of Cheadle Hulme Meeting and was absent only when he served as an elected member at other meetings, a duty which he always accepted and enjoyed. Because of his knowledge of the building trade his advice was always sought on any matter of alteration or repairs. He sometimes spoke in the ministry, but briefly in the form of a short story or a few impressive remarks. His main interests were chess - he played for the Longsight and District Chess Club - crosswords and reading. He had a great amount of factual information and a love of history. He was a quiet man who suffered adversity with placid fortitude and enjoyed his simple pleasures in serenity.

William Watts died in hospital at Stockport on 1 January 1970, at the age of sixty eight(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 89 (1970) pp 91-2

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a joiner
- 2 The wedding was at Eccles on 24 April 1929: he is described as a bachelor, a builder of 13 Birch Lane, Longsight, Manchester, the son of Challacombe Watts, a builder; she is described as a spinster, a teacher of 20 Brentwood, Pendleton, Manchester, the daughter of Thomas Parker (deceased), a butcher (Digest of Marriages)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 3 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-  
\*Andrew Lawrence b 30 June 1938
- \*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages or The Friend to 1975
- 4 The Friend Deaths 1970-4, Friends House Library: he is described as of Cheadle, Cheshire

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

WAUGH, Dorothy (1636?- ) aftw. Lotherington

[Dorothy Waugh, daughter of  
Waugh of Hutton, Westmorland, was married in  
to William Lotherington of Whitby.

see LOTHERINGTON, Dorothy (1636?- ) born Waugh ]

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WBE: Additional Information.

Waugh, Dorothy, (Lotherington), ca.1636-

Servant of John Camm's of Camsgill, Eng.

1657, imprisoned in New Amsterdam.

1657, preached with Sarah Gibbons in Rhode Island.

Walked 90 miles in winter to Salem, Mass. Kindly received.

Then went to Boston where they were soon imprisoned and dreadfully whipped.

Helped by the Swarthmore Fund.

One of the Valiant Sixty.

SEE LOTHERINGTON, Dorothy, nee WAUGH, CA. 1636- .

Besse, 1:11,114,123,187; 2:178,180,182,184.

Penney<sup>ed.</sup>, Jour. Geo. Fox, 2:472.

Ross<sup>j</sup>, Margaret Fell, p. 52.

Braithewaite, Begin. of Qu. 93, 236 n.

Evans, Friends of the 17th Cent., p.176.

WAUGH, Jane ( -1674) aftw. Whitehead

[Jane Waugh, daughter of  
Waugh of Hutton, Westmorland, was married in 1664  
to Thomas Whitehead of South Cadbury, Somerset.

see WHITEHEAD, Jane ( -1674) born Waugh ]

WBE Additional Information.

Waugh, Jane (Whitehead), -1674.

Servant with her sister in the Camm household.

1653, imprisoned in Cheshire.

Quite illiterate.

One of the Valiant Sixty.

SEE WHITEHEAD, Jane, nee WAUGH, -1674.

Braithwaite

Begin. of Qu., p. 199.

Penney<sup>ed</sup>, Jour. of Geo. Fox, 2:467.

Besse, 1:99, 564, 565, 568.

Short Jour. Geo. Fox, p. 329.  
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WAUGH, Rosa

( 1882 - 1971 ) after 1915 Hobhouse.

Rosa Waugh, daughter of Benjamin Waugh (1839 - 1938)  
married Stephen Henry Hobhouse at Westminster FMH  
on May 15, 1915.

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HOBHOUSE, Rosa ( 1882 - 1971 ) b. Waugh

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WAY, Amanda J.

in NAW  
1828-1914

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Quaker minister.

Lived at Pleasanton, Linn Co., Kansas. Came to Kansas from Maine.

1880, one of the leaders in the campaign that gave Kansas the Prohibitory Law.

Possessed a gentle, quiet manner; appealed to the moral sentiment of the voters against the evils of what was termed in that day "the demon Rum".

d. March 1914, at Whittier, Calif.

The Am. Fd., 2(1914), 194

WAY, Charlotte (c1780-1842)

Charlotte Way was born about 1780 (1). She was a member of Coggeshall MM in 1826 when she received a certificate to Southwark MM (2). She lived in Peckham, first at Hill Street, and then in Peckham Rye Lane, and conducted a school for 'a limited number of Friends' children', both day pupils and boarders (3). From Peckham she moved to Upton, in Essex, in 1831, becoming a member of Ratcliff & Barking MM, and then in 1832 to Stoke Newington (4). She died there, a member of Gracechurch Street MM, on 12 September 1842 (5).

NOTES & REFERENCES

- 1 Digest of Deaths gives her age in 1842 as about 62; no entry for her birth, as Charlotte Way, has been traced in Essex, London & Middlesex, or Suffolk QM Births Digests
- 2 Southwark MM women's minutes, vol 5 (1820-1829), 15 August 1826, which minuted the receipt of her certificate from Coggeshall MM; Southwark MM certificate book 1820-1849.
- 3 Southwark MM List of members, n d [c1825-1837]; prospectus for the school, undated, which gives the annual fee as 30 guineas (LSF: tract vol N/176)
- 4 Ratcliff & Barking MM List of members 1821-1837; Gracechurch Street MM List of members 1822-1843
- 5 Digest of Deaths. No reference to her has been traced in the Annual monitor, or in JFHS vols 1-45.

WAYTE, Thomas ( -1695)

Thomas Wayte was a prominent York Friend and a bookseller and printer, also a local agent for the publications of Friends (Jnl. FHS ii.v). In 1677 we find him sending to Marthmoor for juniper berries (Swarth. Account Book, p.419). His printing office was in the Pavement. His name appears in a list of booksellers and printers prepared by Henry R. Plomer and printed in 1907.

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Wayte married Mary Smith (d.1689) a Minister 'who laboured much in the Ministry & in laying firs -' in authority' (FPT p.318)  
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gs before such as were in  
in First-days Meetings, pp.  
uments issued by York  
Beckwith, Mary Lindley and

William Wayne Jr.  
joined Phila Soc for Allegheny  
in Public Prison in 1813.  
See Membered Prison Soc  
the fees of the Pa. Abolition Society may  
have been paid by Convention - Check  
Margaret Bacos book by that organization

p.xliv

25, p.355

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WBE:

WEARE, George

Saffield, Scotland.

Some uncertainty as to whether he left Friends or not.

His name appears first among those mentioned in this book: 1657, The Doctrines & Principles of the Priests of Scotland, Contrary to the Doctrine of Christ and the Apostles. (London) Twice reprinted.

Smith II:868.

F.H.L. SW. BX7614.

WEARE,        James

( 1879 ? - 1968 )

James Weare was born in about the year 1879.(1)

We know nothing of his early life but in 1900 he was appointed a carpenter at Sidcot school and remained there in that capacity until he retired in 1958.

He served under seven headmasters and the biographical note records " his mastery of his craft and his friendship were very precious things to all who knew him ".

He died after a short illness on September 11, 1969 aged 89.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE     The Friend   Vol 127 (1969) p. 82

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 89 at death.

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WEATHERALD, Elizabeth (1730?-1784) formerly Ryley, born

See WEATHERALD, Elizabeth (1730?-1784) formerly Ryley, born

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WEATHERALD, Elizabeth (1730?-1784) formerly Ryley, born

Elizabeth Weatherald was born about 1730.(1) Her mother's first name was Ann.(2)

She married firstly, Ryley.(3) She lived at or near Halifax, Yorks.

She married, secondly, 14 December 1757 at Bainbridge, Joseph Weatherald of Brough Hill nr. Bainbridge, son of Joseph, a husbandman, and Isabel his wife.(4)

She first appeared in the ministry about 1766. She visited within Yorkshire and adjacent counties, and in 1778 visited the cities of London, Norwich and Bristol, and other parts of the southern counties. When she visited families she was 'often Baptized into the States of the People'. She was very serviceable in preparative meetings and in the Women's MM, wherein she laboured to promote good order. 'She was a Loving & Affectionate Wife, a tender and prudent Parent, and kind Neighbour'.

She died 18 Jan. 1784, and was buried at Friends Burying Ground, Bainbridge, 21 Jan. (5)

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Richmond MM in TCMD vol. 4 p.271

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#### NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 Her age at death was about 54 - TCMD
- 2 Works QM Marriages digest, 1720-1837
- 3 Not in Yorks QM Marriages digest 1720-1837. A Thomas Riley of Skircoat near Halifax died 1 April 1757  
- Yorks QM Burials digest 1570-1776
- 4 Yorks QM Marriages digest 1720-1837. Joseph Weatherald was born 8.xi.1728 [i.e. Jan. 1728/9]. His death is not in Yorks QM Burials digest 1776-1837 - Yorks QM Births digest 1578-1776

#### Children:

Joseph	born 20 Nov. 1758	died 9 Jan. 1759?
Ann	born 20 May 1760	died 11 Oct. 1778
Isabel	born 3 Jan. 1762	died 28 Oct. 1890
Elizabeth	born 18 March 1764	
Peggy	born 30 Jan. 1766	
Martha	born 12 Feb. 1768	
Jane	born 9 Jan. 1770	
George	born 31 Dec. 1772	- Yorks QM Births digest 1578-1776 Yorks QM Burials digest 1570-1776s/

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- 5 Yorks QM Burials digest 1776-1837

1776-1837

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WEATHERHEAD, Mary (1630?-1658)

See also Witherhead, Mary

In the list of passengers aboard the Speedwell, 1656 (Holders of Holderness, 1902, p.23) Mary Weatherhead is described as a Quaker, of Bristol, aged 26. Having been, with others, banished from New England, she joined the next band of trans-Atlantic Quaker preachers who were landed in the New World from the Woodhouse, in July, 1657. She first visited New Amsterdam (New York) and then Rhode Island and later New England. In 1658 took place the affecting event of the death by drowning of Mary Clark, Richard Doudney and Mary Weatherhead. Fox gives a fuller statement respecting her death (p.336)

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.478

WEATHERILL, William (1824? - 1894)

William Weatherill of Leavening, near Malton, Yorkshire, was born in 1823 or 1824 and was converted to Quakerism early in life. Although deaf and dumb, he regularly attended Meetings for Worship, walking six miles to Malton Meeting until increasing age compelled him to make the journey on horseback.

After a painful illness, born with Christian fortitude, William Weatherill died on 21 July 1894 aged 70 (1).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1895 p.192

~~NOTES AND REFERENCES AND NOTES~~

*Burial Notes*

- 1 The entry in the Digest of ~~Registers of Deaths~~ describes him as a basketmaker.

WEATHERLEY, George ( -1686)

George Weatherley lived at Colchester, Essex. He was helpful in the conviction of Giles Barnardiston. He was committed to the Moot Hall, in Colchester, in 1660, for refusing the oath of allegiance. Messages of love from various Friends in Holland are noted in Steven Crisp and his Correspondents, 1892. His occupation was that of maltster (Fell-Smith: James Parnell, 1907, p.52). In 1666 he married Mary Reed, of Colchester, widow. He died in 1686, aged 62 and his wife in 1697, aged 60. See Jnl FHS xxiii.52

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Shart Journal, 1925, p.363

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WEAVER, Mary Jane, (Brown), 1833-1924.

b. 20 July 1833, Glens Falls, N.Y., dau. of Brown.

1855, m. Jesse F. Weaver (d. 1867) (children)

Joined Friends. Minister and Evangelist.

Active in the W.C.T.U.

1875, started Friends' Mtg. at Bushville, N.Y.

1882, moved to Batavia, N.Y.

d. 18 Sept. 1924, Batavia, N.Y., age 91.

WEAVER, Richard

Richard Weaver was a 'joiner, in Lancaster' (address of Letter 469, G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952). cf. Besse, i.303, 305; Lancaster Q.M. MS Book of Sufferings, quoted by Brockbank, R.H., 83 (in quotation ib., 84, from L.E.F., 36, read Cleaton for Weaver).

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.75

WBE:

WEB, Christian

Shadwell, London, Eng.

1659, A Warning to all Such Who are Making a Profession of God, Christ and the Scriptures.

WEB[B], Christian

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note: Smith II p.868 entry states: he died.....

Digest of burials London & Middx Q M in Frds Hse Lib., Lond entry:  
Christian Webb died 13 x 1678 age about 70; Psh of Pauls, Shadwell  
Co.of Middlesex; wife of Edward; died of a Fever.

Besse, 1:366. (Index. Can't find it in text.)

Smith, II:868.

Whiting, John: Catalogue of Friends books, ... (noq): 202-3 B2c

WEBB, Anna Marion (1880-1909) aftw. Pim

[Anna Marion Webb, daughter of Albert and Emilie M. Webb  
of Dublin, was married in 1902 to Albert F. Pim

see PIM, Anna Marion (1880-1909) born Webb]

WBE:

[WEBB, Beatrice—nee Potter, 1858-1943.]

b. 1858, Gloucester, Eng., dau. of Richard Potter.

Lived incognito among Lancashire cotton operatives  
and worked as a "trouser-hand" in London "sweat shops."

Joined the Fabians.

m. in 1892, Sidney Webb, and lived at Chelsea.

1887, became Herbert Spencer's executor.

With her husband produced many volumes upon Trade  
Unions, Co-operative Societies, Local Gov't., and the Soc-  
ialist Commonwealth.

Author of My Apprenticeship.

d. March 1943 in her 86th year.

The Friend (London), 1943, 101:312.

Frd's. Quart. Exam., 1943, 77:145.

WBE:

WEBB, Benjamin, fl. 1831.

Editor of The Delaware Free Press, Wilmington, Del.

Disowned for ultra-liberal views in regard to the Scriptures and the Christian religion.

1831, The Authenticity of the Scriptures, Wilmington, Del.

(No references given.)

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WBE:

WEBB, Deborah nee Brooks, 1830-1895.

b. 19 March 1830, Scituate, Mass., dau. of Adam and Hepzibah Brooks.

Family removed to Phila., Pa.

Fond of gay dress. Determined never to be a Friend.

ca.1848, scholar at Westtown School.

1851, opened a school at West Chester, Pa.

1859, returned to Parkerville, Pa.

1861, Teacher at Cantwell's Bridge, Del., later at Cinnamom, N.J., then Parkersville, Pa., finally teacher at Frds' Select School.

Minister.

m. in 1883 Stephen A. Webb of Parkerville, Pa. 1884,  
he died of pneumonia.

d. 10 Nov. 1895, near Parkerville, Pa., in her 66th year.

Diary and Letters of Deborah B. Webb, Phila., 1898.

The Friend, (Phila.), 69:160.

WBE:

WEBB, Elizabeth, ca.1663-1726/27.

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Gloucestershire, Eng.

Church of England.

ca.1682, convinced.

m. Richard Webb. (issue.)

When 19 or 20 passed through deep exercises. She was a servant to great persons and had great conflicts to avoid giving titles and in using singular pronouns to single persons.

Travelled into the north of England.

1697, sitting in meeting in Gloucester, England, her spirit was borne towards America. Came to America with Mary Rogers, landing in Virginia. 1699, returned to England, with Elizabeth Lloyd and Thos. Chalkley.

1700, came again to America.

1704 or 1702, settled near Birmingham, Chester Co., Pa. Planted blue-bottles, (Muscaria botryrides) which have spread in that neighborhood.

1710, visited England.

1712, Letter to Anthony William Boehm, chaplain to Prince George of Denmark.

1712, returned to Pa.

1720, Richard Webb died.

| 1724, went to minister in New England with Jane Brinton, a Friend "in a private station," i.e. not a minister.

d. 6 Nov. 1726/27, aged 63.

WBE:

WEBB, Elizabeth, ca.1663-1726/27, page 2.

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The Friend (Phila.), 29:77, 268; XII:79, 93, 142.

Bul. Frds'. Hist. Assn., 19, No. 1, 72.

Kite, Incidents, p. 300.

Friends Lib., (Phila.), VI:11; XIII:163.

Smith II:869.

F.H.L. Sw. EX 7615.

John Smith's ms., 3:521.

WBE:

WEBB, Gertrude, ca.1856-1934.

b. ca.1856.

1873, took up kindergarten work, in which she was very successful.

1881, opened a school of her own and conducted it until 1905.

Worked for peace and internationalism.

Was widely read and had an independence of thought and judgement.

d. 2 Dec. 1934, Dublin, Ire., age 78.

WBE:

1926

WEBB, Helen

Dublin, Ire., dau. of James Henry Webb,

Medical studies in London.

Medical officer for 18 years at Parents' National Education Union of St. Paul's Girl's School

Wise in diagnosis, excellent in treatment.

Became somewhat crippled.

d. 29 Jan. 1926, Welwyn Garden City, bur. at Jordans.

WBE:

WEBB, Henry

1871, The Gospel Church Delineated From the New Testament &c.

The Glorious Gospel Unfolded, &c.

Smith, Suppl. p. 351.

WBE:

WEBB, John

Steel Yard, Upper Thames St., London, Eng.

Apparently a Methodist converted to "Quakerism" by Barclay's Apology.

1753(?), An Appeal Unto the Honest and Sincere-Hearted Among the People Called Methodists and Quakers; 1756, The Suffering Case of John Littell, Fairly Stated Between Him and His Brethren: Showing in What Manner He Has Been Afflicted in Prison For About Ten Years Past, On Account Of His Christian Testimony.

He upbraids Friends for allowing costly weddings and worldly dressing. He says, "I am esteemed a member" (of the Monthly Mtg. in White-heart-court, Grace -church-street.)

There is some uncertainty as to whether he left the society or not.

WBE:

WEBB, John Richard, 1874-1938.

b. 9 Jan. 1874, Sunbury, Ont., Canada, s. of William  
and Elizabeth Ann (Hodgson) Webb.

ed. at Pickering College and Queens Univ., Kingston,  
A.B., in 1910.

1910, pastor Well and Township, Ontario.

m. 1907, Margaret Hubbs Dorland (3 children)  
Pastor of Rockwood, Ont., (4 years)

Pastor Newmarket, Ont., (4 years)

1916, Haverford College, Pa., Grad. Student.

Pastor of Mtg. at East Main St., Richmond, Indiana.

Assistant Editor of Am. Friend.

1921-22, Taught Greek and Latin at Earlham College.

Brief Illness.

d. 24 June 1938, Richmond, Indiana, in his 64th year.

Mat. Cat. Haverford College, p. 728.

Am. Friend, 1938, 26:298 (portrait.)

WEBB:

WEBB, Maria nee Lamb, 1804-1873.

b. 1804, near Lisburn, N. Ire., dau. of Thomas and Dorothy Lamb.

Dublin, Ire.

m. 1828, William Webb, and moved to Belfast. Death of eldest son was a great trial. Their children chiefly received education at home.

1848, her family removed to Dublin.

1860, declining health limited her activities, but her pen was busy.

She was gifted with mental endowments of no small order.

1851, Modern Geography Simplified, Reprinted; 1857, Annotations on Dr. D'Aubigne's Sketch of the Early British Church; 1865, The Fells of Swarthmore Hall; 1867, The Penns and Penningtons.

Suddenly.

d. 8 Jan. 1873, Dublin, Ireland, aged 68.

The Friend (London) 1873, 19:38 and 46.

Smith II, p. 869.

An. Mon., (N.S.) 32:220.

Biog. Cat., p. 686.

WEBB, Marion (1880-1909) aftw. Pim

[Marion Webb, daughter of Albert and Emilie M Webb of  
Dublin, was married in 1902 to Albert F. Pim

see PIM, Anna Marion (1880-1909) born Webb]

WBE:

WEBB, Mary, ca.1617-1697.

b. ca.1617.

m. Webb.

1659, I Being Moved of the Lord Both (to) Call Unto You  
That Are Gathered Together In Parliament.

1662, Imprisoned in Somersetshire.

Widowed.

d. 26 Dec. 1697, Horslydown, aged ca.80.

Besse, 1:591.

Smith II:870.

Penney, N.<sup>ed.</sup>  
Short Jour. Geo. Fox, p. 323.  
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Maurice Webb was born in London in 1889, he left school at the age of fourteen and entered a small publishing firm. He was interested then largely in music and the arts, which together with walking tours in Europe, night classes and extensive reading constituted his own form of higher education. He was a conscientious objector in the first world war and he and his wife Ruth, whom he married in 1915 took up landwork. Later they ran a convalescent home for conscientious objectors. After the war he was for a time secretary to the London Vegetarian Society.

In 1921 they left England and he joined a publishing firm in Durban, S. Africa. He had been an attender at Friends meetings while in London and joined the Society after settling in Durban. There he continued his interests by founding the Durban Library Group, in lecturing for the W.E.A. in music and literary criticism, in founding the Durban Repertory Theatre and in launching a short lived journal (Voorslag). But he also became deeply involved with the problems of race and it is for his work in this field that he will be most remembered. He founded or helped to found a Bantu Social Centre, hostels for Africans (and later Indian) delinquent boys, branches of the Child Welfare Society and of the Social Services Association, a legal aid bureau and the United Council of Social Agencies. He appeared before many commissions on the problems, beginning with the deWaal commission on the Durban riots in 1929. By 1945 he was an active member of thirty four different committees, being chairman or secretary of many of them. He was a co-founder of the South African Institute of Race Relations of which he was later president. He was equally concerned in more domestic occasions and for many years his home was the centre of an interracial study group.

In 1926 he was nominated by the government to the Council of Natal University College, later the University and served until 1948 when the change in government made his appointment unacceptable. He was also for thirty years connected with Adams College, the teacher training college, industrial school and high school for Africans just outside Durban and as chairman of the Council of Governors gave great service there.

At the end of the second world war he toured Quaker relief projects in Europe and lectured to raise funds, back in S. Africa he became chairman of the Indo-Europe Council and founded the Mini Holiday Camp for Africans and the David Lainian Community Centre for Indians. He was appointed a member of the S. African delegation to the 1953 Commonwealth Conference in Lahore - this - international affairs linked with his intense concern for the unity of the Christian church - reflected another aspect of his life's work. He was the Commissioner for South Africa on the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.

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WEBB, Maurice

( 1889 - 1966 ) continued *V*

In 1961 he and his family moved to Rhodesia and in Bulawayo he continued his community interests, helping to found the Bulawayo Council of Churches and becoming chairman of its International Affairs Committee. In 1963 he was ill in London when he suffered a stroke on his way to America for a churches conference on international affairs but recovered to return home.

He was a man of deep spiritual experience, a prophet against the evils he saw and a champion of the oppressed. He was a speaker of exceptional fluency, he prepared pamphlets and articles for a wide range of journals in which his wife ably assisted him. Above all else was his membership of the Society of Friends and his deep personal faith, he was a most faithful attender at Meeting. He served as clerk of Southern Africa Y.M. from 1940 - 1945 and was greatly concerned for the development of the Society in S. Africa.

He died peacefully in his sleep in the night of January 24/25, 1966 at the age of 76.

PRINCIPAL SOURCEThe Friend Vol. 124 (1966) pp. 92, 158, 223/4.

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WEBB, Norval Ellsworth, 1898-1975.

b. 1898.

ed. A.B. 1920, Earlham College; B.D. 1926, Hartford Theological Seminary.

m. , Amie Purdy; son and dau.

Pastor, Clinton Corners Friends Meeting [N.Y.] and New Castle Friends Meeting, New Castle, Ind. Pastor, First Friends Meeting, Richmond, Ind. for fourteen years. President of the ministerial associations in both New Castle and Richmond.

Instructor, Religion Department, Earlham College, Richmond, Ind. for five years.

1950-1955, clerk of Five Years Meeting, serving on the Executive and Central Committees during that time.

1957-1968, general superintendent of Western Yearly Meeting.

During post-retirement years, served as supply minister to West Union Monrovia and Monrovia, Ind. Friends meetings. Member, Plainfield [Ind.] Friends Meeting.

d. 5 February 1975, age 76, St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind.

Quaker Life 16(1975):35.

Who's Who Among Earlhamites 1847-1967, 354.

The Earlhamite, spring 1975, p. 26.

WBE:

WEBB, Richard Davis, 1805-1872.

b. 19 Feb. 1805, Dublin, Ire., s. of James and Deborah Webb.

m. 1833, Hannah Waring. (4 children.)

ca. 1857, resigned his membership.

Was active in working against slavery. Welcomed abolitionists in his home.

Engaged in temperance work and was intimate with "Father" Matthew.

Visited Wordsworth, Maria Edgeworth, and Whittier in their homes.

Published the Anti-Slavery Advocate.

Author of Life of John Brown.

d. 14 July 1872, Dublin (?), age 67.

WEBB, Thomas Edward (1863?-1878)

Thomas Edward Webb, the twin son of Thomas Waring Webb and his wife Sarah, born Walpole, was born at Killenure near Mountrath in Ireland about the year 1863(1). He was educated at Wigton School in Cumberland and then at Bootham School, York from 1876 to 1877(2).

Arrangements had been made to place him out in business, when he complained of not feeling well. His illness developed into congestion of the lungs, from which he suffered much pain and he was also distressed in mind, when he realised how ill he was, by what he felt to be the superficial nature of his religious faith. He received some comfort from his sisters, who nursed him tenderly, but he died at Ballitore on 24 February 1878, at the age of fifteen.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1879, pp 161-165

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 15 at death. See also Bootham School Register 1935, p 438
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 438

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

WEBB, Thomas Henry (1844-1925)

Thomas Henry Webb was born at Dublin in 1844, the son of Thomas (1806-1884) and Mary Webb (1810-1898 born Fisher). He was educated at Newtown School, Waterford, where he was a pupil from 1855 to 1859, and at Bootham School, York, from 1859 to 1860 (1).

On 5 May 1870, at Ballitore, he married Elizabeth Emily Chandlee (2); four children of the marriage are recorded (3).

Thomas H. Webb became chairman of an hotel company, from which he retired in 1908. At one time he served as treasurer of the Home Rule League, working with Isaac Butt and Charles Stewart Parnell. He was an active member of peace and temperance societies. For a number of years he was treasurer of Dublin MM, and a member of its finance committee, as well as serving on the law committee of Leinster QM (4). In 1896 he published, under the pseudonym 'A Leinster Friend', The Society of Friends in Ireland in 1896, which surveyed the numerical decline of the Society and suggested that Friends in Ireland should take a greater part in social and philanthropic work within Ireland. He took a keen interest in Irish Quaker genealogy, and compiled a number of family pedigrees, now part of the manuscript collections at Friends Historical Library, Dublin (5). He was a member of the Dublin Society for Psychical Research, and in 1917 published Light on the future, extracts from his notes on the subject.

Elizabeth Emily Webb died on 4 October 1907 (6); Thomas Henry Webb died on 13 December 1925, in his 82nd year, at a London nursing home (7).

MAIN SOURCE

Bootham School register, 1935, p 438

REFERENCES & NOTES

1 List of scholars at Newtown School, 1892, p 19 (no.718)

2 The Friend vol 10 (ns), 2 June 1870, p 154: the announcement of the marriage describes him as son of Thomas and Mary Webb of Dublin, and she as fourth daughter of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Chandee of Baltinglass.

3 Given as follows in the Bootham School register, loc cit.

Roger	b	1871
Rebecca Chandlee	b	1872
James Henry	b	1873
Grace Isabel	b	1876

Rebecca Chandlee Webb's name occurs neither in the 1873 nor the 1881 Leinster QM List of members with the rest of the family, which suggests her death as an infant.

4 Leinster QM Lists of members, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1913. He also served on the Yearly Meeting's Committee of Ireland YM from 1892 to 1925 (Ireland YM Proceedings, 1892-1925).

5 Ireland YM Proceedings, 1926, p 9, min. 27, notes the legacy.

6 The Friend, vol 47 (ns), 11 Oct 1907, p 686: notice of death, where she is described as Elizabeth Emily, wife of Thomas Henry Webb, aged 72 years.

7 Ibid., vol 66 (ns), 1 Jan 1926, p 24: notice of death

WEBBER, Bridget

( - 1972 ) born

We have no information ( 1977 ) of Bridget Webber's early life. For some time prior to 1972 she had been living in the Solomon Is. where her husband Roger Webber was engaged in medical work.

The obituary notice in the Friend records that Roger was a former work camp member and that they had formerly been connected with a north London meeting.(1)

She was killed in the Delhi air crash of 1972 on her way home to England with their two children Lucy and Sophie.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol 130 (1972) p.916.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Attempts to check this statement have so far failed. The printed lists of members for London & Middlesex QM ( later GM ) from 1950 to 1970 do not contain any reference to them, neither do those of Essex & Suffolk QM/GM from 1963 onwards.

WEBSTER, Ann (1828-1864) after 1853 Rowntree

(Ann Webster, daughter of George and Eleanor Webster of Halifax, was married in 1853 to John Rowntree (1821-1894 qv).)

See ROWNTREE, Ann (1828-1864) born Webster )

WBE:

WEBSTER, Anna, ca. 1727-1762.

b. ca. 1727, a poor orphan child.

m. John Webster, an Elder of Plainfield, N.J. (children)  
Elder.

"Consider the poor and administer to their necessities."

d. 20 May 1762, in her 36th year.

The Friend, (Phila.) 33:84.

A Coll. of Mem., Phila.,<sup>1</sup> (Testimony of Woodbridge Mo. Mtg.  
N.J.), p. 212, 1787.

WEBSTER, Dorothy Mary ( 1916 - 1975 ) b. Barnes.

Dorothy Barnes was born in Salford on September 11. 1916, into an Anglican family. She was the youngest of three children of Emanuel Barnes, a carpenter and his wife Annie, and she was educated at Pendleton High School. She read history, gaining a B.A. degree, at Manchester University and then began teaching at Wallasey.

She apparently joined Friends in Manchester ( Mount St. ) in 1941 (1) and at some time during the same year married Walter Webster, an accountant, they settled for four years in Manchester (2) but he was appointed bursar to the Quaker schools in York in 1945 and they moved to York. (3) (5). They had two daughters, Hilary and Elizabeth,(4) and while they were still young she took a degree in Theology by correspondence course and then joined the Mount school as its first specialist teacher in religious education. For more than eighteen years her sound scholarship, living faith and her warm and practical humanity had a great influence on pupils and colleagues alike. She retired from this post in 1970 intending to take up more work for the Society but ill health made this impossible.

Dorothy Webster served Clifford St. meeting at York as elder and overseer, she was clerk to the Committee on Christian Relationships and served as representative to the British Council of Churches and to the 1973 church leaders' conference in Birmingham. She was also a frequent contributor to Quaker journals. She served on several central committees.(6)

The last five years of her life were a long battle with illness and operations and she died in hospital in York on October 17, 1975, aged 59.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES      The Friend. Vol. 133 (1975) p. 1387

Testimony of York MM.

Y.M.Proc. 1975. pp 199/200.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Lancashire & Cheshire QM printed lists of members show her as a member of Mount St. meeting in 1941, she is not recorded in 1940.
2. The same lists for 1942 record her as a member and Walter as an attender still at Mount St. but in 1943/5 they are shown, both as members, under Wythenshawe.
3. The same lists for 1947 show them as members living at Bootham.
4. Digest of Births. the children are - Hilary Ruth b 28. 3. 43  
Elizabeth Mary b 10. 8. 45
5. Yorkshire QM printed list of members for 1950 records them as members of Clifford St. meeting at York.
6. Meeting for Sufferings 1971 -,1974  
Committee on Christian Discipline I & II 1956 - 1959  
Committee on Christian Relationships - 1966 until her death.  
Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library.

WEBSTER, Edith Mary (1867-1956) after 1890 Brady

[Edith Mary Webster, daughter of Joseph Webster (1824-1893 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Brady, 1828-1891 qv) of Darlington in county Durham, was married in 1890 to William Edward Brady (1862-1949 qv) of Barnsley in Yorkshire.

See BRADY, Edith Mary (1867-1956) born Webster ]

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WEBSTER, Eleanor Elizabeth (1858-1925) after 1886 Brady

[Eleanor Elizabeth Webster, daughter of Joseph Webster (1823-1893 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Brady, 1828-1891 qv) of Darlington, was married in 1886 to Foster Edmunds Brady (1859-1944 qv) of Barnsley in Yorkshire.

See BRADY, Eleanor Elizabeth (1858-1925) born Webster ]

WEBSTER, Elizabeth (1828-1891) born Brady

Elizabeth Brady, the daughter of William Brady (1799-1859 qv) and his wife Mary Ann (born Brearey, 1802?-1830 ) of Dewsbury in Yorkshire, was born there on 10 August 1828(1).

She was married in 1853 to Joseph Webster (1823-1893 qv), a woollen draper of Darlington in county Durham and there were six children(2).

Elizabeth Webster of Darlington died on 28 March 1891, at the age of sixty three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a draper
- 2 For marriage and children see WEBSTER, Joseph (1823-1893)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Joseph

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

WBE:

WEBSTER, Emma D. nee Speakman, 1848-1934.

b. 17 Dec. 1848, East Fallowfield, Chester Co., Pa.,  
dau. of Cyrus Newlin and Sarah Ann(Cloud) Speakman.

Teacher.

m. 1893, Edmund Webster. (d. 1919.)

Treasurer of Women's Southern Homeopathic Hospital.

Later President.

19 -?, A Buck Hill Idyll, (Phila.)

1907, Buck Hill Idylls, (Phila.)

1930, The Speakman Family In America.

d. 13 Nov. 1934, Wynnewood, Pa., in her 86th year.

Friends Intelligencer, 1934, 91:755,770.

F.H.L. Sw. BX7617.

WEBSTER, Hannah (1805-1856) after 1831 Binns

[Hannah Webster, daughter of George Webster ( - )  
and his wife Ann (born  
of Storthwaite in Yorkshire, was married in 1831 to David  
Binns (1799-1883 qv).]

See BINNS, Hannah (1805-1856) born Webster ]

WBE:

WEBSTER, John, 1610?-1652?

1699, The Saint's Guide: or Christ the Rule. . . . Third  
Edition, London. Endorsed, April (sic) 28, 1663. Wm<sup>w</sup> 1212

WEBSTER, John (1610?-1652) 9/86

note: 1610-1682 [not 1652]

ref: DNB, vol.50, p.125

Not in Smith, says WBE. No other references given.

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WEBSTER, Joseph (1823-1893)

Joseph Webster, the son of George Webster ( - ) and his wife Eleanor (born ) of Halifax, was born there on 14 September 1823(1).

He became a woollen draper at Darlington(2) and was married in 1853 to Elizabeth Brady (1828-1891 qv) of Birstwith in Yorkshire(3); there were six children(4). About 1867 he became a merchant tailor(5).

Joseph Webster of Darlington died on 17 January 1893, at the age of seventy(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3 and in the birth entries for his four eldest children
- 3 The wedding was at Darley on 11 August 1853: he is described as a bachelor, a draper of Darlington, the son of George Webster, a grocer; she is described as a spinster of Birstwith, the daughter of William Brady, a yeoman (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Mary Ann	b 3 July 1854	d 28 Sept 1854
Joseph Brady	b 6 March 1856	m 1862 Sarah Jane Adamson
Eleanor		
Elizabeth qv	b 19 July 1858	m 1886 Foster Edmunds Brady (1859-1944 qv)
Charles Edward	b 15 Feb 1863	d 26 April 1870
*Annie	b 11 March 1865	
Edith Mary qv	b 23 July 1867	m 1890 William Edward Brady (1862-1949 qv)
- 5 \*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920
- 6 He is so described in the birth entry for his youngest child in 1867
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a merchant tailor

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

WEBSTER, Mary Jane (1840-1865) after 1862 Collinson

[Mary Jane Webster, daughter of William Webster ( - )  
and his wife Alice (born  
of Storthwaite in Yorkshire, was married in 1862 to Samuel  
Collinson (1836-1911 qv) of North Cave in Yorkshire.

See COLLINSON, Mary Jane (1840-1865) born Webster ]

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WEBSTER, Rachel (1790? - 1834)

Rachel Webster, a minister for 8 years, died in 1834  
at the age of 44, at Carr End, Yorkshire

(brief minute)

Testimony of Richmond M.M. / in MS Test. vol.6 p.75

WEBSTER, Sarah (1711-1787) aftw. Armitage

[Sarah Webster, daughter of Matthew Webster of Selby and  
his wife Sarah (nee ) was married in 1743  
to John Armitage

see ARMITAGE, Sarah (1711-1787) born Webster ]

WEDGWOOD, Camilla Hildegarde (1901-1955)

Camilla Hildegarde Wedgwood was born on 25 March 1901, the daughter of Josiah Clement Wedgwood (1872-1943), first baron Wedgwood, and his first wife, Ethel Kate Wedgwood ( -1952, born Bowen); she was educated at the Orme Girls' School, Newcastle, Staffordshire, at Bedford College, London and Newnham College, Cambridge, where she gained her BA in 1923 and MA in 1927 (1).

She appears to have joined Friends at Cambridge about 1925, transferring her membership to Westminster & Longford MM on moving to London in 1926 (2). She retained her membership in Westminster & Longford MM until the late 1930s, when her membership was transferred to Sydney MM, Australia, following her appointment in 1935 as principal of the Women's College, University of Sydney (3).

Camilla H. Wedgwood appears to have ceased to be a member of Sydney MM by 1945 (4). She died on 17 May 1955 (5).

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 Who was who 1941-1950 and 1951-60; DNB 1941-1950.
- 2 A certificate of removal for Camilla H. Wedgwood from Cambridge Huntingdon & Lynn MM was accepted by Westminster & Longford MM on 16 December 1926 (Westminster & Longford MM removals certificate register, LSF); she appears in the Norfolk Cambridge & Huntingdon QM List of members 1926, under Cambridge meeting, and not in the (immediately preceding) 1924 List.
- 3 She appears in London & Middlesex QM Lists of members up to and including 1936 under Golders Green meeting, with the address 43 Belsize Park, [London] NW3, and in the 1937 List as residing in New South Wales. She had been lecturer in anthropology in the University of Sydney, 1928-1930; temporary lecturer, Department of African Life & Languages, in the University of Cape Town, 1930; research fellow of the Australian National Research Council, for work in New Guinea, 1932-1934; and to have conducted fieldwork in Nauru in 1935. (Who was who 1951-1960). She appears in Australia GM Lists of members 1938 and 1941.
- 4 She does not appear in the 1945 Australia GM List of members; the explanation may be her service from 1944 to 1946 with the Australian Women's Services, with the rank of temporary lieutenant-colonel (Who was who 1951-1960).
- 5 Ibid.; at the time of her death she was a lecturer in the Australian School of Pacific Administration, Mosman, NSW.

WEDMORE, Anne Grace (1847-1915) born Joseph

Anne Grace Joseph was born at Pencaebach, near Merthyr Tydfil on 24 December 1847, the eldest child of David and Margaret Joseph. The family were active workers in the Baptist Church, in which Anne was brought up. Her mother being very delicate, she had from an early age to care for her younger brothers and sisters. For her own education she had at first a governess at home, but later she went to a school at Merthyr and later to one at Highbury, London.

On leaving school she remained at home, but entered fully into the life around her, teaching in the Sunday School, and caring for the sick and poor. In the winter of 1864-5 the family moved to Ely Rise, near Cardiff, and in 1869 to Bristol. On 17 September, 1872 she married Edmund Tolson Wedmore, second son of Thomas and Rachel Pole Wedmore. About a year after her marriage she joined the Society of Friends with which she had long been in sympathy. She threw herself whole-heartedly into the service of the Society, attending Yearly Meetings and Quarterly Meetings, and in 1903 she was appointed representative to the Conference on Ministry, held at York. Her six children made large claims on her time, but for over thirty years she was active in the Bristol Guardian House, a training home for girls.

In 1905 she had a serious breakdown which forced her to live as an invalid for the rest of her life. But in her invalid room her sense of responsibility was as keen as ever, and her sympathy as ready. She wrote many letters to her large circle of friends, and took a great interest in her grandchildren. In spite of great natural seriousness, she had a keen sense of humour, which helped her immeasurably during the long years of physical weakness. She missed Meetings for Worship intensely and was very grateful when Friends took time to come and minister to her.

She died on 19 February 1915 aged 67, and was buried in the ancient burial ground at Kingsweston, near Bristol. 'A good daughter, a good wife, a good mother, intrinsically good, in her inner self'.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1916 p.173

WEDMORE, Marian Isabella (1857-1896)

Marian Isabella Wedmore, daughter of Thomas and Rachel Wedmore, was born at Stoke Hill Cottage, Stoke Bishop, Bristol on 18 March 1857 (1). She was lame as a child and had to endure several painful operations on her foot. Her different life from other children helped her imagination to develop and she began to write stories whilst still a child. From a bright, intelligent, sweet-tempered child she grew into a high-minded girl, gentle, dreamy and unselfishly helpful. At school she was characterised by deep thoughtfulness, a keen spirit of enquiry and great purposefulness. Botany, physiology, politics, all interested her. She was keenly aware of the importance of prayer; she was very conscientious and concerned to know the will of God and to do it. She had a great appreciation of Quaker silence and had courage to speak and pray when called on to do this. She was a comforter and help to many, friendly, enthusiastic and with a strong sense of humour.

Isabella died at the age of 39 on 25 November 1896, and was buried in the graveyard at Lawrence Weston.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual Monitor 1898 p.175 - which gives second name as Isabelle

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes. Her father is described as a farmer

WEDMORE, Samuel Edgar (1871-1890)

Samuel E. Wedmore, son of Samuel and Ellen Wedmore, was born at Cotham near Bristol on 16 July 1871 (1). He was gentle, with a mind of singular purity, very sensitive and conscientious in all matters, and with an early passion for fair play; and was beloved by all. He was delicate and took great delight in study. On leaving school at 18 he entered a business house, and although this was not to his taste, he strove most truly to let his light shine in his daily occupation. He was very helpful to young Friends. Later he became a teacher. His favourite text was "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the Power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth". Unhappily a chill developed into pneumonia, and he died at Sidcot on 16 November 1890, aged 19.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

b/c      Annual Monitor, 1892 p.158

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Digest of Births; his father is described as wholesale grocer

WEDMORE, Sarah (1810?-1880) after 1859 Wilmot, born Dyer

[Sarah Dyer, daughter of Samuel and Mary Dyer of  
Failand in Somerset, was married firstly in 1835  
to Joseph Wedmore (1802?-1852 qv) of Portishead.  
She married secondly in 1859 James Wilmot (1797-  
1884 qv) of Bristol.

See WILMOT, Sarah (1810?-1880) formerly Wedmore, born Dyer ]

WEEKES, Anna (1848-1891) born Walker

*Walker*

Anna ~~Weekes~~, second daughter of John and Sarah Walker of Ackworth, was born there on 3 June 1848 (1). She learnt the business of a confectioner, in Leeds, and about 1874 settled in a business of her own in Lancaster. Here she took part in Sunday School and Temperance work.

AW was apt to keep in the background; her life was one of those quietly influential ones which appear mostly commonplace. In 1889 she married G. H. Weekes (2) and was driving to meet him when she met with a fatal accident, and died on 23 August 1891, aged 43. The funeral was at Friends Burial ground at Lancaster.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

1/2 Annual Monitor, 1892 p.<sup>161</sup> 62

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes: her father is described as baker
- 2 The wedding was at Ackworth on 15 January 1889: He is described as widower, tea & coffee merchant, of Lancaster, son of George Weekes, grocer; She is described as spinster, confectioner, of Lancaster, daughter of John Walker, baker, (Digest of Marriages)

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WEEKES,      Dorothea Fanny ( 1881 - 1973 ) after 1909 Rowland.

Dorothea Fanny Weekes was married in 1909 to  
Wilfrid Rowland.

SEE

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

S.G.J. 1976.

WBE:

WEEKES, Refine, 1759-1823.

b. 1759.

Author of: 1805, The Advantages and Disadvantages of the Marriage State; 1820, Poems on Religious and Historical Subjects; 1820, The Age of Liberty. A Poem. (N.Y.) 1822, Life of William Penn & other Poems; 1824, Refine Weekes Plea; 1825?, Poems on Religious and Historical Subjects.

d. 1823, New York, N.Y., age 64.

Smith II:871.

F.H.L. at Sw. BX 7615.

WEEKS, Elizabeth Mary (1807-1852) after 1829 Corder

[Elizabeth Mary Weeks, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1983) traced, was married in 1829 to James Corder (1798-1894 qv).]

See CORDER, Elizabeth Mary (1807-1852) born Weeks ]

WEEVER, William

(fl. 1675)

The Birth Registers for Lancashire reveal the existence of a William Weever at Hawkshead, to whom children were born in 1672, etc., but there is no further trace of him among marriages or deaths.

There was a Quaker family of Weaver seated at Poulton, near Preston, of which one member was William (d.1697/8; buried at Brewers Yard Burial Ground, Little Eccleston, for which place see Jnl FHS iv.37).

Note by Norman Penney in 'The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell'  
1920, p.568

WBE:

WEIGHTMAN, Mary

Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, Eng.

Kept a boarding school.

1787, The Polite Reasoner, &c.

1787, The Juvenile Speaker, &c.

- A Short System of Polite Learning, &c.

1791, The Friendly Monitor, &c.

MS:

WEIGL, Valerie, c. 1894-1982

b. c. 1894, Vienna, Austria.

ed. Vienna University Musicological Institute, Austria;  
1953, M.A., Columbia University, New York.

m. Karl Weigl, d. 1949. Children.

Composer, pianist, music therapist, peace activist.

1938, With husband, moved to New York City.

1942-49, Music teacher, Westtown School, Pa.

c. 1950, Suffered serious injury to shoulder; lengthy  
period of rehabilitation.

1955-65, Staff member, Chief Music Therapist, New York  
Medical College.

1963, Co-founder, Arts for World Unity Committee.

1964-c.1972, Chairman, Friends' Arts for World Unity Committee.

1973, Awarded recording grants by the American Composers  
Alliance and the Mark Rothko Foundation.

1976, Completed her cantata entitled, "The People, Yes!"  
with support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Has set numerous Friends' poems to music.

With husband, performed benefit concerts for AFSC. Teacher,  
Institute for Avocational Music and the American Theatre Wing,  
New York. Director of music, fourteen years involvement, Cerebral  
Palsy Rehabilitation Center and School, Roosevelt, L.I. Author,  
several papers on music therapy.

Member, Morningside Heights Friends Meeting, New York City;

WEIGL, Valerie, c. 1894-1982. (Page 2)

Wider Quaker Fellowship; various composers' and musicians' organizations. Active political involvement through work with Fellowship of Reconciliation, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and Women's Strike for Peace.

d. Dec. 25, 1982, New York. Age 88.

Friends' Journal. 25 (March 15, 1979) 12.

New York Times. January 6, 1983.

Pamphlet File, Quaker Collection, Haverford College Library.

WELCH, Frank ( 1878 ? - 1968 )

Frank Welch was born in about the year 1878.(1)

He worked as a young man with the Highway Club of the East End of London. Later he provided near his home at Pinner a site for a permanent camp for his East End friends, which gave shelter to refugees from Nazi Germany and to bombed-out Londoners. He was a member of Uxbridge meeting.(2) Some time later he gave the site of the camp for the building of flats for old people.

He died at his home at Pinner on January 10, 1968 aged 90.(3)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE      The Friend Vol.126 (1968)    p. 592.

REFERENCES & NOTES

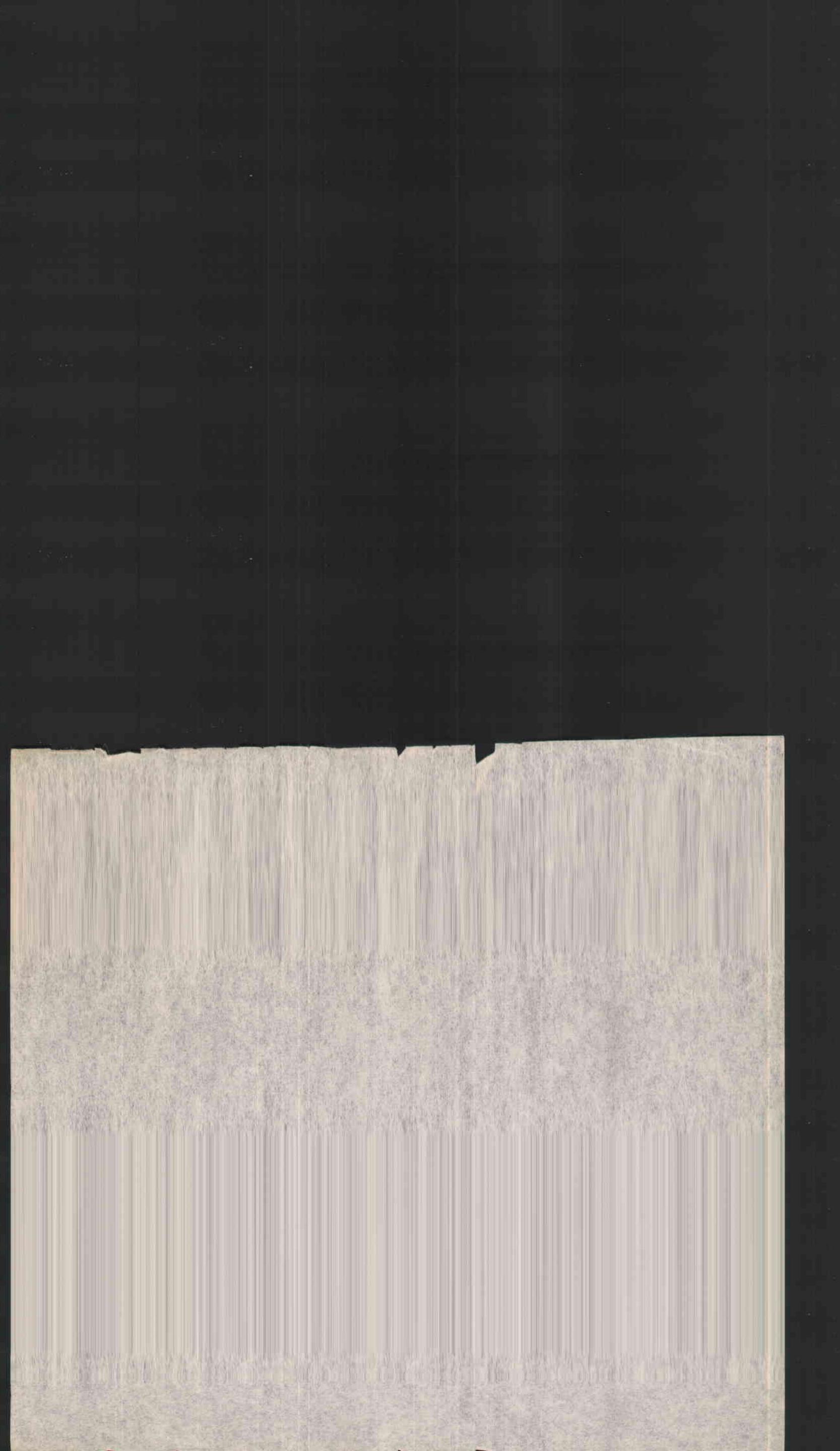
1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 90 at death.
2. London & Middlesex QM printed list of members first records him as a member at Hxbridge in 1936.
3. In his memory Uxbridge Friends planted in their meeting house garden a seedling of the famous 500 year old wild rose which grows on the wall of the Hildesheim Cathedral in E. Germany.

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WELCH, Martha Louisa (1855/-1938) after 1882 Gibbins

[Martha Louisa Welch, daughter of William Welch, became in  
1882 the second wife of John Gibbins (1848-1931 qv).]

See GIBBINS, Martha Louisa (1855/-1938) born Welch ]



William Welch was a merchant of Rotterdam in 1663 (Extracts from State Papers, p.181 - Cal. S.P. Dom. 1663-4, p.366). He appears to have been led away for a while in sympathy with the Hat-men 1669 (Steven Crisp and his Correspondents, 1892, p.24). About 1669, with William Penn, William Meade, William Shewen, John Osgood, Samuel Newton, Stephen Crisp, Crancis Moore, he signed a petition to the King against convictions as Popish Recusants, etc. (Jnl FHS, xi.136), and in 1672 his signature is appended, with those of G. Whitehead, Gerard Roberts, John Osgood, Thomas Moore, and Ellis Hookes to a letter to Friends in Colchester (Steven Crisp p.8, see p.17). Welch held appointments among London Friends in 1668 and for London MM in 1672 (Sundry Ancient Epistles, pp.35,41). In 1680 Welch wrote from Stoke-by-Nayland, Co. Suffolk, a Testimony to Giles Barnardiston, see The Life of Christ, etc., 1681.

William Welch, presumably the same, was in Scotland in 1657. The statement in vol.i p.297, that 'Will: Welchs wiffe' was convinced is verified by the extract of a letter among Thurloe Papers, dated Leith, 19 Sept. 1658, which states: 'This day Mr William Welch tould mee that his wife, Sarah Welch, who is one of the cheefe of the Quakers tould him' etc. (Jnl FHS, viii.165). In a letter from Penn to Margaret Fox, among the Thirnbeck MSS in Friends House, dated London 29.viii.1684, we read: 'yt day Wm Welch was to leave ye place yt in regard to his low estate I had putt him in to go to Jersy, he fell sick & in 3 or 4 days departed this life' (Jnl FHS ix.143).

There was a William Welch, perhaps the same Friend, belonging to Horsham M 1668 who contributed towards an early Loan Fund (Jnl FHS, iv.163) and for whom the King signed a release, c.1668, from a sentence of premunire while lying in Horsham Jail (Extracts from State Papers, p.295 - Cal S.P. Dom. 1668-9, p.323), and William Welch was released from the Fleet Prison by the 'General Pardon' of 1672 (ibid. pp.343, 353 - Cal. 1671-2, p.489).

In 1682 William Welch, of Stoke-by-Nayland, was convicted and imprisoned ('The Norwich Case' by Arthur J. Eddington, in Norfolk and Norwich Archae. Soc. vol.xxii (1924), 17-44).

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.359

WBE:a

WELCH or WELSH, William, -1684.

b.

m. Sarah ; one daughter.

Sept. 1681, purchased property in West Jersey.

1683, sold land in West Jersey to John Marshall.

Merchant and/or tanner, came from London in the 1680's; settled in New Castle County, Penna., now Delaware.

An intimate of William Penn in England, was made a Provincial Judge in the initial appointments; was not a large Penna. landholder like most of the appointees, but owned much land in West Jersey; active in West Jersey and Penna. politics.

Sept. 1684, Penn departed, left W. W. and others on Provincial Court and Phila. County Court in charge of the colony, but W. W. died a few months later.

4th mo. 3, 1684, on committee of investigation of Lord Baltimore; 1684, may have been Deputy Governor of Jersey, and was appointed to succeed Edward Byllynge as Governor of Jersey, but was rejected by the Jersey Assembly.

d. 1684.

1686, Newark Monthly Meeting held at the house of his widow . Noncupative will dated 7 Mar. 1686/7, leaving worldly possessions first to daughter Susannah, and then to his wife.

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WBE:

~~WELD~~ ~~GRIMKE~~, Angelina Emily, formerly ~~afterwards~~ ~~Weld~~, Grimké, 1805-1879

b. Feb. 20, 1805 at Charlestown, S.C., daughter of John Faucheraud and Mary (Smith) Grimke. Moved to Philadelphia.

1823 received upon request by Phila. Mo. Mtg.

1836 wrote Appeal to the Christian women of the South.

1837 published Slavery in America.

1838 m. Theodore Dwight Weld. Had one son.

A.E.G.Weld spoke in Penna. Hall, just before its burning.

1838, disowned for marrying out.

An ardent advocate of emancipation and of women's rights, a lecturer and a friend of Whittier's.

d. Oct. 26, 1879 in Hyde Park, Mass., aged about 74.

1838 published Letters to Catherine E. Beecher in reply to "An essay on slavery and Abolitionism."

Hinshaw's Ency. II:537, 743

DAB, VII:634

Drake, Quakers and Slavery in America, 157-8, note 173

Birney, The Grimke sisters

Murphy, Carol, "Two Desegregated Hearts," Quaker History 53 (1964), p. 87.

WELLS, Alfred (1841-1912)

Alfred Wells, the son of Joseph Wells (1814-1899 qv) and his wife Priscilla (born Wallis, 1820-1881 qv) of Kettering in Northamptonshire, was born there on 7 March 1841(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1852 to 1856(2) and always spoke of his schooldays with much pleasure. He particularly enjoyed the outdoor work and gardening, but this did not interfere with his studies, at which he did well.

After leaving school he was apprenticed to the grocery trade at Birkenhead and on the completion of his apprenticeship he joined his father in the family grocery business at Kettering. He worked very hard and rarely missed a day in the business.

He was married in 1866 to Margaret Allen (1837-1917 qv) of Chelmsford in Essex(3) and there were six children(4), all of whom were educated at Ackworth. After his marriage he continued to live in Kettering for four years and then he took up farming and moved to Isham, where he lived for forty one years, going in to Kettering to business every day.

He was a lifelong member of the Society of Friends and a regular attender at meetings for worship, but he did not take a very active part in the work of the Society.

Alfred Wells of the Manor House, Isham near Kettering, died on 21 May 1912, at the age of seventy one(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 31 (1912) p 115

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a grocer
  - 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 162, entry 7304: from Kettering
  - 3 The wedding was at Chelmsford on 5 September 1866: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer of Kettering, the son of Joseph Wells, a grocer; she is described as a spinster of Chelmsford, the daughter of Joshua Allen (Digest of Marriages)
  - 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Margaret qv	b 16 Jan 1869	m 1904 John Henry Thursfield (1868-1940 v)
James Allen qv	b 19 March 1870	
Mabel qv	b 26 July 1872	
Hubert qv	b 22 March 1874	
Priscilla Wallis qv	b 5 April 1876	
Mary Sophia qv	b 10 Aug 1877	
  - 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a farmer
- Apart from that of Margaret, no marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1924

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

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[Fardon]  
WELLS, Catherine / (1837-1924) born Fardon

Catherine Fardon, the daughter of Ephraim Fardon (1795-1867 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Wells, 1800-1882 qv) of Reading in Berkshire, was born there on 19 July 1837(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1848 to 1851.

She was recorded a minister of the Society in 1868 and visited many meetings within the compass of her quarterly meeting. She was married in 1882 to William Frederic Wells (1843-1921 qv), but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

On her marriage she became a member of Stoke Newington Meeting and supported her husband in his work for the Society. Among her many interests were the Friends Temperance Union, the John Horniman home for children at Worthing in Sussex and the George Sturge Convalescent Home at Folkestone in Kent.

Catherine Wells of 79 Lordship Road, Stoke Newington, died on 4 January 1924, at the age of eighty six(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Testimony of Devonshire House MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1924, p 178  
Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 43 (1924-5) p 90

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest nor in the Digest of Births
- 2 For information relating to her marriage see WELLS, William Frederic (1843-1921)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William Frederic

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1945

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WELLS, Catherine (1837-1924) born Fardon

Catherine Fardon, the daughter of Ephraim and Sarah Fardon of Reading, was born there on 19 July 1837. She was educated at Ackworth School. She was recorded a minister in 1868 and visited many meetings eithin the compass of the Quarterly Meeting. In 1882 she married William Frederic Wells (1843-1921, qv) and supported him in his service for the Society. One her marriage she became a member of Stoke Newington Meeting. Among her many interests were the Friends Temperance Union, the John Horniman home for children at Worthing and the George Sturge Convalescent Home at Folkestone. She died on 4 January 1924 aged 86 years.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Testimony of Devonshire House MM in YM Proc. 1924 p.178  
Ackworth old scholars assoc. rep., 43 (1924-5) p.90

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WELLS, Constantia (1848?-1940) formerly Fardon, born Simmons

Constantia Simmons, the daughter of Lewis and Constantia Simmons of Burnham in Buckinghamshire, was born about the year 1848(1). She was educated at a school in High Wycombe.

She was accepted into membership of the Society of Friends at Reading in Berkshire in 1872 and in 1879 she was married to Edwin Fardon (1835-1885 qv), a tea dealer of Bristol; the marriage was apparently childless(2). About this time she received a minute for service to several small meetings with Sarah Jane Lury (1847-1906 qv), the youngest elder of Bristol Meeting, Constantia being the youngest recorded minister.

as his second wife

She married secondly in 1891 John Wells (1834-1923 qv) of Sibford Gower in Oxfordshire, but this marriage was also childless(3). She and her husband toured meetings in Scotland and Northern England on a tandem bicycle.

After her husband's death in 1923 she moved to Chelmsford in Essex and from then until 1934, when she went to live at Streatham for a short time, she travelled eighteen thousand miles in her bath chair, visiting members of the meeting and frequently travelling a hundred miles a week in the summer. On one occasion she even went alone in her chair from Chelmsford to quarterly meeting at Colchester. In the busy streets of Streatham, because of her failing eyesight, she had to have a companion.

Constantia Wells of 44 Wantz Road, Maldon in Essex, died on 17 February 1940, at the age of ninety two(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 98 (1940) p 126

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 92 at death
- 2 For marriage see FARDON, Edwin (1835-1885)
- 3 For marriage see WELLS, John (1834-1923)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of John

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

WELLS, Elizabeth (1722?-1808) born Barret

Elizabeth Barret of Adderbury in Oxfordshire, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the daughter of George Barret and was born about the year 1722(1).

She was married in 1750 to Thomas Wells (1724-1803 qv), a cordwainer of Adderbury and there were five children(2).

Elizabeth Wells died on 10 December 1808, at the age of eighty six(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 86 at death: her birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see WELLS, Thomas (1724-1803)
- 3 Northants QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Thomas of Byfield, Northants

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

WELLS, Elizabeth (1833-1890) born Knock

Elizabeth Knock, the daughter of Ezra Knock (1799-1860 qv) and his wife Ann (born ) of Sibford Gower in Oxfordshire, was born there on 19 February 1833(1).

She was married in 1863 to John Wells (1834-1923 qv) of Sibford Gower and there were five children(2).

Elizabeth Wells of Sibford Gower died on 29 April 1890, at the age of fifty seven(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father is described as a watchmaker
- 2 For marriage and children see WELLS, John (1834-1923)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is erroneously described as the widow of John

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

WELLS, Ernest (1871-1953)

Ernest Wells, the son of Robert Wallis Wells (1843-1898 qv) and his wife Louisa (born Hutchinson, 1844-1938 qv) of Northampton, was born there on 5 April 1871(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1882 to 1886(2).

On leaving school he became an apprentice teacher at Sibford School and later studied at the Flounders Institute and at Christ's College, Cambridge; he was a graduate of both Cambridge and London.

He was married in 1902 to Frances Eleanor Wallis (1871?-1954 qv) of Kettering in Northamptonshire(3) and there were two children(4).

He was a master at Ackworth School from 1894 to 1896(5). For two years he was headmaster at Wotton-under-Edge and later headmaster at Alcester Grammar School for twenty one years. In 1917 he served as High Bailiff for Alcester.

He retired in 1933 to Headington near Oxford, where for a time he was on the local parish council and a local school manager. He also served on the Ackworth School Committee and on the Education Committee from 1911 to 1914(6).

He was a great lover of the countryside and had a natural aptitude for cricket, tennis and golf; while up at Cambridge he represented the University both at football and tennis. He was a modest man, with a generous, unselfish appreciation of the achievements of others, which endeared him to all his friends. He was a loyal friend and a wise and sympathetic counsellor to those in trouble.

Ernest Wells of 1 Hillview, Headington, Oxford, died on 11 November 1953, at the age of eighty two(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 73 (1954) p 61

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a coal merchant
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 8, entry 9748: from Ackworth
- 3 The wedding was at Kettering on 30 December 1902: he is described as a bachelor, a schoolmaster of Steep, the son of Robert Wallis Wells, a retired schoolmaster; she is described as a spinster of London Road, Kettering, the daughter of Samuel Wallis, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-  
\*Janet Wallis b 20 June 1906  
Barbara Wallis b 1 Nov 1909 m 1936 William Henry Banks NM  
\*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1963
- 5 Scholars and Teachers of Ackworth School 1879-1900, p 56
- 6 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired headmaster

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

WELLS, Frances Eleanor (1871?-1954) born Wallis

Frances Eleanor Wallis of Kettering in Northamptonshire, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the daughter of Samuel Wallis, a farmer, and was born about the year 1871(1).

She was married in 1902 to Ernest Wells (1871-1953 qv), a schoolmaster and later headmaster of Alcester Grammar School and there were two children(2).

Frances Eleanor Wells of 36 Woodfield Lane, Ashtead in Surrey, died on 23 November 1954, at the age of eighty three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 83 at death: her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 For marriage and children see WELLS, Ernest (1871-1953)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Ernest

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

WELLS,      Frances Elizabeth      ( 1874 - 1975 )      b. Wells.

Frances Wells was born at Sibford Gower on June 12, 1874, the daughter of John ( ) and Elizabeth ( ) Wells.(1)

She was educated at Sibford School and was presumably trained in child nursing(2) and then in 1898 she married her cousin George William Wells ( 1860 - 1927 ).(3) They lived at Lewes until about 1909.(4) and then later in about 1915 moved to Street, in Somerset.(5)

For forty years she gave willing and happy service to Street Infant Welfare Centre, a service which she extended into all her relationships in a caring love for all. She was a well-loved overseer of the meeting also for over 40 years. Her husband died in 1927 and one of her sons, Wilfred, was her sole companion and attendant for many years. She was keenly interested in cricket and would often spend a day watching the Somerset County Eleven play. She was also a lover of flowers and her 100th birthday was celebrated by the planting of a 'Peace' rosebush in the Meeting House garden.

She died some six months later on January 15, 1975 at her home at Street, aged 100 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE      The Friend      Vol 133 ( 1975 ) p. 218

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Digest of Births, her father is described as 'gentleman'.
2. The obituary in The Friend records that she nursed at a Dr. Barnade's home in Sussex before moving to Street. No records have been found of this period.(1977)
3. Digest of Marriages. The marriage took place at Sibford Gower on July 29, 1898. He is described as ' tailor and outfitter of Lewes '.
4. Sussex, Surrey & Hants QM printed lists of members first record them as members in 1899, at Lewes. The entries continue until 1909.
5. Bristol & Somerset QM printed list of members for 1915 records them under Street Meeting as members of another MM.

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WELLS, Frances Elizabeth (1874-1975) born Wells

Frances Elizabeth Wells, the daughter of John Wells (1834-1923 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Knock, 1833-1890 qv) of Sibford Gower in Oxfordshire, was born there on 12 June 1874(1). She was educated at Sibford School and was presumably trained in child nursing(2).

She was married in 1898 to her cousin George William Wells (1860-1927 qv), a tailor and outfitter of Lewes in Sussex and there was one child(3). They lived at Lewes until about 1909(4) and in about 1915 moved to Street in Somerset(5).

For forty years she gave willing and happy service to Street Infant Welfare Centre, a service which she extended into all her relationships in a caring love for all. She was a well-loved overseer of the meeting also for over forty years.

After her husband's death her son Wilfred was her sole companion and attendant for many years. She was keenly interested in cricket and would often spend a day watching the Somerset County Eleven play. She was also a lover of flowers and her hundredth birthday was celebrated by the planting of a 'Peace' rosebush in the Meeting House garden.

Frances Elizabeth Wells died at her home at Street on 15 January 1975, at the age of one hundred.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 133 (1975) p 218

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a gentleman
- 2 The Friend, loc cit, records that she nursed at a Dr Barnado's home in Sussex before moving to Street. No records have been found of this period
- 3 For marriage and issue see WELLS, George William (1860-1927)
- 4 Sussex, Surrey & Hants QM printed lists of members first records them as members in 1899, at Lewes: the entries continue until 1909
- 5 Bristol & Somerset QM Printed lists of members for 1915 records them under Street Meeting as members of another MM

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

WELLS, Frederic (1845-1901)

Frederic Wells, the son of Joseph Wells (1814-1899 qv) and his wife Priscilla (born Wallis, 1820-1881 qv) of Kettering in Northamptonshire, was born there on 30 April 1845(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1856 to 1860(2).

After leaving school he was apprenticed to William Satterthwaite, a tea dealer of Manchester, but he subsequently became a boot and shoe manufacturer at Burton Latimer in Northamptonshire(3). After his marriage he moved to Kettering(4).

He was married in 1868 to Lucy Stretch (1846-1925 qv) of Penketh in Lancashire(5) and there were four children(6).

Frederic Wells of Kettering died on 19 December 1901, at the age of fifty six(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 22 (1902) pp 111-112

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 170, entry 7676: from Kettering
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 5
- 4 His three eldest children were all born at Kettering, when he is described as a shoe manufacturer
- 5 The wedding was at Penketh on 30 April 1868: he is described as a bachelor, a shoe factor of Burton Latimer in Northamptonshire, the son of Joseph Wells, a grocer; she is described as a spinster of Penketh, Lancashire, the daughter of Joseph Stretch, a draper (Digest of Marriages)
- 6 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

*Frederic	b 19 July 1870	
Robert Joseph	b 16 March 1873	m 1899 Mabel Rutland Heath
Lucy	b 27 Nov 1875	m 1897 William Alfred Hinton NM
*Helen	b 21 Nov 1881	
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as formerly a shoe manufacturer

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

WELLS, George (1789-1873)

George Wells, son of John ( ) and Mary (born ) Wells of Shipston on Stour, was born there on 11 September 1789 (1).

He became a watchmaker in that town (2).

He married in 1826 Rebecca Lamley (1790-1859 qv) (3): there were 2 children (4).

After his wife's death he moved to Banbury, Oxon. He died there on 27 December 1873, aged 84 years (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford Worcester & Wales QM Births Digest: the place of birth is spelt Shipston-upon-Stover, and his father is described as clock-maker
- 2 So described in entries relating to his marriage and to the births of his children (1826-1834)
- 3 The marriage was at Shipston on 1 June 1826: he is described as of Shipston, watchmaker, son of John & Mary Wells (deed); she is described as daughter of John & Sarah Lamley, late of Tredington (Warwick Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Warwick Leicester & Rutland QM Births and Digest, in Digest of Marriages and elsewhere as follows:-

Samuel qv	b 1 June 1829	m (1) 1858 Louisa Blunsom (1836-1873 qv); (2) 1874 Sarah Blunsom (1850-1922 qv)
John qv	b 10 April 1834	m (1) 1863 Elizabeth Enoch (1833-1890 qv); (2) 1891 Constantia Fardon (born Simmons, 1848?-1940 qv)
- 5 Digest of Deaths (described as "gentleman"); Annual monitor 1875 p 193; The Friend ns vol 14 (1874) p 44 ("at his residence, Banbury"). His son John had moved from Banbury to Sibford by the time of his marriage in 1863

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

WELLS, Hannah (1697-1745) after 1718 Waring

[Hannah Wells, daughter of John Wells ( - )  
and his wife Jane (born  
of Farringdon in Berkshire, was married in 1718 to  
Elijah Waring (1697-1769 qv) of Witney in Oxfordshire.

See WARING, Hannah (1697-1745) born Wells ]

WELLS, Hubert (1874-1948)

Hubert Wells, the second son of Alfred Wells (1841-1912 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Allen, 1837?-1917 qv) of Isham near Kettering in Northamptonshire, was born there on 22 March 1874(1).

He was educated at Ackworth School from 1885 to 1889(2). At school he excelled at games and played for both the school cricket and football teams.

On leaving school he was apprenticed to the drapery trade with the Quaker firm of Harlock at Nantwich in Cheshire. He continued in the same line of business and eventually became a partner in a firm at Preston in Lancashire.

He retired from business in 1931 and devoted himself to his garden and his poultry, for an outdoor life and farming had always been his real interest.

Hubert Wells died on 29 August 1948, at the age of seventy four(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 68 (1949) p 69

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a farmer  
AOSA Reports, loc cit, gives the year of his birth as 1872
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 14, entry 10034: from Isham
- 3 Digest of Deaths: the precise date of his death and his age at death are not given: there is no description of him  
AOSA Reports, loc cit, gives his age at death as 76

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

WELLS, James Allen (1870-1941)

James Allen Wells, the son of Alfred Wells (1841-1912 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Allen, 1837?-1917 qv) of Kettering in Northamptonshire, was born there on 19 March 1870(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1881 to 1885(2).

After leaving school he served his apprenticeship as a grocer with Stanley Newman (1837-1912 qv) of Leominster in Herefordshire and then entered his father's business.

He was widely known and respected as a man of few words, but as one whose decision once given could be relied upon. He had a great affection for children and animals, who were always attracted to him. All his life he was keenly interested in football and rarely missed seeing matches that were played at Kettering. He retired in 1936, after being in business for forty five years.

James Allen Wells of Kettering died on 21 November 1941, at the age of seventy one(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 61 (1942) p 79

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 5, entry 9666: from Isham
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired grocer

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

WELLS, John (1834-1923)

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John Wells, the son of George Wells (1789-1873 qv) and his wife Rebecca (born Lamley, 1790-1859 qv) of Shipston-on-Stour in Worcestershire, was born there on 10 April 1834(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1844 to 1849. He was a natural student and developed a great interest in natural history and literature.

After leaving school he trained as a pharmacist and for a few years carried on a business as a chemist and druggist at Banbury in Oxfordshire. But after a while he gave up his business and moved to Sibford, to enjoy a country existence. There he married firstly in 1863 Elizabeth Enock (1833-1890 qv) of Sibford Gower(2) and there were five children(3). He married secondly in 1891 Constantia Fardon (born Simmons, 1848?-1940 qv), a widow of Bristol(4), but this second marriage was childless(5).

John Wells lived a quiet, uneventful village life, making good use of his limited gifts on every available occasion. For a period of over thirty years he acted as secretary and book-keeper to Sibford School, devoting unstinted time and effort in the interests of the school. He loved reading and his tastes covered a wide range; he was especially fond of quoting the poetry of Cowper.

He was recorded a minister on 7 October 1891 by Banbury Monthly Meeting and was remembered as 'an enduring example of faithfulness in little things' showing 'how much even the small gift, the one talent, can contribute to the service and well-being of the Church.' (Testimony) His service was valued by young and old alike and 'He travelled all the way with thanksgiving and praise.' (Testimony) (6)

John Wells of Prospect Villa, Sibford Gower, died on 21 January 1923, at the age of eighty eight(6).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 42 (1923) p 91

Testimony of Banbury MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1923, p 290

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a watchmaker
- 2 The wedding was at Sibford Gower on 19 June 1863: he is described as a bachelor, a gentleman of Sibford Gower, the son of George Wells, a gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Sibford Gower, the daughter of Ezra Enock, a clock and watchmaker (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

*John Henry	b 7 Nov 1864
*Samuel Arthur	b 1 May 1867
*William	b 25 Feb 1869
Ann Rebecca	b 8 Jan 1872
Frances Elizabeth qv	b 12 June 1874
	d 10 Oct 1956, aged 84
	m 1898 George William Wells
	(1860-1927 qv)

\*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 The wedding was at The Friars, Bristol, on 23 September 1891: he is described as a widower, a gentleman of Sibford Gower near Banbury, the son of George Wells (deceased), a gentleman; she is described as a widow of 4 Cotham Road, Bristol, the daughter of Lewis Simmons (deceased), a grocer (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 6 Friends House Library list of recorded ministers, 1861-1924
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

SEE ALSO:-

The Friend vol 63 (1923) p 89: 15 line obituary which adds nothing to the information given

Obituary, Banbury Guardian, 25 January 1923:

News 092.3 Wel.

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

WELLS, John (1835?-1923)

John Wells, living his quiet, uneventful village life, making good use of his limited gifts on every available occasion, was remembered by his monthly meeting as 'an enduring example of faithfulness in little things' showing 'how much even the small gift, the one talent, can contribute to the service and well-being of the Church'.

'He travelled all the way with thanksgiving and praise', dying 21 January 1923 aged 88 years (\*).

Testimony of Banbury MM in YM Proc. 1923, p.290

References and notes

\* Digest of burial notes 1837-1961

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WBE:

WELLS, JOHN I., 1769-1832.

b. 4 Mar. 1769, East Hartford, Connecticut.

Presbyterian.

m.

ca. 1810, Joined Friends. Minister.

1808, An Essay on War.

1810, 1812, An Essay on War.

— APPamphlet against the use of Ardent Spirits.

1829, Letter to Hannah Warrington, Moorestown, N.J., giving his impressions of Elias Hicks and of the course E.H. was adopting.

A disease seated in his brain.

d. 12 Apr. 1832, Hartford, Conn., aged 63.

Mem. N.Y., (1836), p 19: bound with BX7720  
Qu. Col. Hav. College. ms. N5 m5  
(1825)

Smith II:871.

The Friend (Phila.) <sup>224</sup> 5:408.

F.H.L. Sw. BX7616.

**WELLS, Joseph (1814-1899)**

Joseph Wells, the son of William Wells (fl 1811-1842 qv) and his wife Mary (born 1782?-1842 qv) of Warkton in Northamptonshire, was born there on 19 November 1814(1). His father was received into membership of the Society of Friends, being convinced by the preaching of William Forster (1784-1854 qv). Joseph was educated at Ackworth School from 1826 to 1828(2), filling the post of lodge keeper before he left.

From 1829 to 1836 he was apprenticed to a grocer at Leicester and at the conclusion of his apprenticeship he spent some time in the business of W.Clayton at Dunmow in Essex. He then set up in business for himself at Leicester and finally joined Robert Wallis (1782-1860 qv) in partnership at Kettering in Northamptonshire. He was married in 1839 to Priscilla Wallis (1820-1881 qv), his partner's daughter(3); there were six children(4). He lived for sixty years in the old house attached to the business premises, rarely going from home for more than a day.

Although he was not a public speaker, he served Kettering well and supported numerous branches of philanthropic work, the chief of which was the temperance movement.

He kept up a steady interest in Ackworth School and sent all his children there. Because of his affectionate appreciation of all that the school had done for him he was inclined to look with disfavour on modern improvements, which seemed to his spartan temperament needless luxuries, and he feared that increased cost might put the school beyond the reach of some Quaker children.

He took no vocal part in meeting for worship, but nothing was allowed to interfere with his attendance, both on Sunday and during the week, until age and infirmity kept him at home. His interest in local and Quaker affairs and in his business remained with him until the end of his life.

Joseph Wells of Kettering died on 17 January 1899, at the age of eighty five(5).

**PRINCIPAL SOURCE**

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 18 (1899) p 76

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Northants QM Births Digest: his father is described as a carpenter
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 111, entry 5012: from Warkton
- 3 The wedding was at Kettering on 20 November 1839: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer of Kettering, the son of William Wells, a carpenter; she is described as a spinster of Rothwell Lodge, the daughter of Robert Wallis, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-
- |                  |                 |  |
|------------------|-----------------|--|
| Alfred qv        | b 7 March 1841  | m 1866 Margaret Allen<br>(1837?-1917 qv)   |
| Robert Wallis qv | b 9 Sept 1843   | m 1868 Louisa Hutchinson<br>(1844-1938 qv) |
| *Frederick       | b 30 April 1845 |  |
| Mary Maria       | b 19 March 1847 | m 1872 William Gill Goosey NM              |
| *Joseph Henry    | b 20 July 1849  |  |
| Margaret         | b 14 Aug 1854   | d 30 Sept 1854, aged 6 weeks               |
- \*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a grocer

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

WBE:

WELLS, Lindley A., 1862-1933.

b. 26 Jan. 1862, Indiana, U.S.A.

ed. at Union High, Westfield, Ind.

1880, family moved to Nebraska and later to Kansas.

1883, m. Lucinda E. Jones of Rose Hill. (3 children.)

L.A.W. did farming.

1886, recorded as a minister.

Pastor: Savonburg, Kansas.

Barclay, Kansas

Greenfield, Ind.

Monrovia, Ind.

Vermillion, Ill.

Greenleaf, Idaho

Long Beach, Calif.

Berkeley, Calif.

Portland, Ore.

Seattle, Wash.

Sup't. and general Evangelist of Calif. and Ore. Y. Mtgs.

1895, visited New York, Canada, and N. England Y. Mtgs.

d. suddenly while visiting, 6 June 1933, Chico, Calif.,  
in his 71st year.

WELLS, Louisa (1844-1938) born Hutchinson

Louisa Hutchinson, the daughter of Procter Hutchinson (1808-1906 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Woolley, 1818-1851 qv) of Gedney in Lincolnshire, was born there on 16 April 1844(1).

She was married in 1868 to Robert Wallis Wells (1843-1898 qv), a coal merchant of Northampton and there were two children(2). Her husband spent part of his life as a teacher at Ackworth School(3).

Louisa Wells of 41 Delbush Avenue, Headington, Oxford, died on 23 September 1938, at the age of ninety four(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 For marriage and children see WELLS, Robert Wallis (1843-1898)
- 3 See entry for WELLS, Robert Wallis (1843-1898)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Robert Wallis

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

WELLS, Lucy (1846-1925) born Stretch

Lucy Stretch, the daughter of Joseph Stretch (1806-1846 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Neild, 1810-1875 qv) of Nantwich in Cheshire, was born there on 25 April 1846(1).

She was married in 1868 to Frederic Wells (1845-1901 qv), a shoe manufacturer of Kettering in Northamptonshire and there were four children(2).

Lucy Wells of Bryn Enrynn, Woodland Avenue, Hornchurch in Essex, died on 2 March 1925, at the age of seventy eight(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a draper
- 2 For marriage and children see WELLS, Frederic (1845-1901)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Frederic

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

WELLS, Mabel (1872-1950)

Mabel Wells, the daughter of Alfred Wells (1841-1912 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Allen, 1837?-1917 qv) of Isham near Kettering in Northamptonshire, was born there on 26 July 1872(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1883 to 1887(2).

She was prominent in social work in the Kettering district, particularly in connection with the welfare of boarded out children. She also took a keen interest in temperance work. She was a convinced pacifist and did much work for the Peace Society. During the second world war she and her sister entertained evacuees at their home.

For many years she ran a private school in Kettering for a small number of pupils.

Mabel Wells of 2 Park View, Kettering, died on 11 January 1950, at the age of seventy seven(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 69 (1950) p 66

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 10, entry 9861: from Isham
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster

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

WELLS, Margaret (1837?-1917) born Allen

Margaret Allen of Chelmsford in Essex, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the daughter of Joshua Allen and was born about the year 1837(1).

She was married in 1866 to Alfred Wells (1841-1912 qv), a grocer of Kettering in Northamptonshire and there were six children(2). Her husband also subsequently took up farming at Isham near Kettering(3).

Margaret Wells of Kettering died on 31 December 1917, at the age of eighty(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 80 at death: her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 For marriage and children see WELLS, Alfred (1841-1912)
- 3 See entry for WELLS, Alfred (1841-1912)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Alfred

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

WELLS, Margaret (1869-1937) after 1904 Thursfield

[Margaret Wells, daughter of Alfred Wells ( - )  
and his wife Margaret (born  
of Isham in Northamptonshire, was married in 1904 to  
John Henry Thursfield (1868-1940 qv).]

See THURSFIELD, Margaret (1869-1937) born Wells ]

WELLS, Mary (1755-1831) after 1788 Collins

(Mary Wells, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Wells of Adderbury, was married in 1788 to Richard Collins (1744-1837 qv).)

See COLLINS, Mary (1755-1831) born Wells )

WELLS, Mary (1782?-1842) born

Mary Wells, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1984) traced, was born about the year 1782(1).

She was married prior to 1811 to William Wells (fl 1811-1842 qv), a carpenter of Warkton in Northamptonshire and there were five children(2).

Mary Wells of Warkton died on 29 October 1842, at the age of sixty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 60 at death
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children see WELLIS, William (fl 1811-1842)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is wrongly described as the son of William

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

WELLS, Mary Sophia (1878-1951)

M. Sophia Wells was born 10 August 1878 at Isham, near Kettering, the daughter of Alfred and Margaret Allen Wells. She was educated at Ackworth and at the Mount School. She joined the staff of Ayton School as a Junior Assistant in 1899 and after a brief period at Penketh School she returned to Ayton as Headmistress, a post which she held until her retirement in 1938.

On her return to Kettering on retirement she brought new life to the small meeting there, and served as Clerk until her death. She was also Clerk of the Monthly Meeting for some years.

She undertook much public work in Kettering, becoming President of the local Free Church Council; she assisted the International Children's Help Committee and organised clothing collections for the Friends Relief Service.

'She was a woman of high and unflinching principle, whose example set a standard of devotion to duty for all who came into contact with her. Small children found her kindly and lovable; older boys and girls regarded her with respect and affection.'

She died 15 April 1951

Testimony of Northampton & Wellingborough MM in YM Proc. 1952, p.169

WELLS, Priscilla (1820-1881) born Wallis

Priscilla Wallis, the daughter of Robert Wallis (1782-1860 qv) and his wife Maria (born Burley, 1789?-1864 ) of Kettering in Northamptonshire, was born there on 26 January 1820(1).

She was married in 1839 to Joseph Wells (1814-1899 qv), a grocer of Kettering and there were six children(2).

Priscilla Wells of Kettering died on 4 February 1881, at the age of sixty one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Northants QM Births Digest: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 For marriage and children see WELLIS, Joseph (1814-1899)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Joseph

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1882, p 148: 2 line entry for death, the wife of Joseph Wells

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

WELLS, Priscilla Wallis (1876-1931)

Priscilla Wallis Wells, the third daughter of Alfred Wells (1844-1912 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Wallis, 1837?-1917 qv) of Isham near Kettering in Northamptonshire, was born there on 5 April 1876(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1887 to 1891(2).

After leaving school she lived at home and soon became an efficient and clever housekeeper. She was very fond of reading and spent many hours knitting and reading, as she was never strong enough for any vigorous exercise. Her garden was a great source of delight; she had green fingers and was able to rear any plant, however delicate.

When the family moved to Kettering in 1913 many new interests came into her life and she had a large circle of friends.

Priscilla Wallis Wells of Park View, Kettering, died after a brief illness on 24 November 1931, at the age of fifty five(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 51 (1952) p 102

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 17, entry 10168: from Isham
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the daughter of Alfred and Margaret

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

WELLS, Rebecca (1791?-1859) born Lamley

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We have to record the decease of our dear friend  
Rebecca Wells, wife of George Wells, of Shipston-on-  
Stour, who for twenty years was a minister in good  
esteem amongst us. She was the daughter of John and  
Sarah Lamley of Tredington. Her mother's extensive  
ministerial labours are well known.

Our dear friend first appeared in the ministry at  
the close of the year 1838, and was recorded a minister  
in 1843. During the next five years she paid religious  
visits to the families, as well as meetings of Friends  
in her own Quarterly Meeting, in those of Berks and  
Oxon, Buckingham and Northampton, and the General Meeting  
of Dorset and Hants.

About four years before her death, it pleased  
Divine Providence to afflict her with the total loss of  
her sight, a dispensation which she bore with true  
Christian resignation. Though her last illness was  
not marked by much expression of her religious feelings,  
it was manifest that her faith failed not, and that her  
trust in the prospect of death was in her Lord and  
Saviour alone.

She died the 29th of third month, and was buried at  
Shipston-on-Stour, the 5th of fourth month, 1859; aged  
sixty-eight years.

Complete minute of South Warwickshire M.M. in Testimonies  
1860, p.10

WELLS, Robert Wallis (1843-1898)

Robert Wallis Wells, the second son of Joseph Wells (1814-1899 qv) and his wife Priscilla (born Wallis, 1820-1881 qv) of Kettering in Northamptonshire, was born there on 9 September 1843(1). He was educated at Ackworth School 1854 to 1858(2).

Wells, Richard 1734-1801  
Only man Manager of Phila  
Soc for Assisting Distressed  
Prisoners<sup>1776</sup> & Charter Member of  
Phila Soc for Alleviating the  
Miseries of Public Prisoners 1787  
Sec of 1776 Soc + V. Pres 1787 Soc  
Member State Leg.  
Joined Soc for Abolition of Slavery  
1790 appointed by Mayor as  
a member Board of Inspectors  
for Walnut St. Jail  
See *Elizabeth Jointis?*  
Member Pres Soc under 1776 date

years at the Flounders Institute  
own School, Waterford in Ireland  
Ackworth for another two years and  
to the family of William Malcomson

became a coal merchant(3). In  
(1844-1938 qv) of Gedney in Lincoln-

returned to Ackworth School as a  
d he was a strict disciplarian, never  
s. His lively style, love of fun and  
d to carry the boys with him, although  
s lay in history and mathematics and in  
tlet, both in lively and thoughtful  
n for the younger members.

After his return to Ackworth his health  
aching as a career. He returned to  
provement, but he never fully recovered.  
illness Robert Wallis Wells of Kettering  
f fifty four(6).

Reports 17 (1898) pp 82-83

described as a grocer

2 List of Ackworth School 879, p 168, entry 7557: from Kettering

3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4

4 The wedding was at Spalding on 23 July 1868: he is described as a bachelor,  
a coal merchant of 7 St Giles Street, Northampton, the son of Joseph Wells,  
a grocer; she is described as a spinster of Albert Street, Spalding, the  
daughter of Procter Hutchinson, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)

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

\*Maria b 5 June 1869

Ernest qv b 5 April 1871

m 1902 Frances Eleanor Wallis

(1871?-1954 qv)

6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired coal merchant

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

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*21* Samuel Wells was born at Shipston-on-Stour on ~~1st of sixth month~~ 1829, the eldest son of George and Rebecca Wells. He went to school at Charlbury and Ackworth and was then apprenticed to John Seekings a grocer in Birmingham. He was afterwards employed by Joseph Rowntree of York and later by Joseph Theobald of Bath. In about 1855 he commenced business as a grocer in Northampton. Here, in 1858, he married Louisa Blunsom, but this union, a very happy one, ended in 1873 when his wife died, leaving him with five young children. He subsequently married Sarah Blunsom, and this union, lasting for nearly thirty five years, was wonderfully blessed in mutual sympathy and service and happy family life. There were six children by this second marriage.

There is no outward evidence that Samuel Wells ever experienced a definite religious crisis but it might be said that he 'feared the Lord from his youth up.' 'Family visits' of ministering Friends (a feature in the Society in the early days of Samuel Wells) were referred to by him as a helpful influence upon him.

*21* He was recorded a Minister in 1890. In his ministry and in his gifts as an Elder his spirit of discernment was manifest. A weekly Bible Reading Meeting was a much loved and long continued service. He was an almost constant attender at Monthly and Quarterly Meetings and frequently also at Yearly Meeting. His clear judgment and conciliatory manner made him at once a useful contributor at Meetings for Discipline and a genial and welcome guest at Friends' houses. An important place in his life was given to establishing common ground with those of other denominations. 'The unity of the Spirit' was strikingly realized in his relations with other Ministers of the town; and the 'Fraternal Meetings', the Conventions for Deepening of Spiritual Life, and the British and Foreign Bible Society were some of the causes with which he was very actively associated.

*21* Samuel Wells enjoyed remarkably good health until the eighteen months prior to his decease. His painful and wearying illness, borne with much patience, only emphasized his unselfishness, courtesy and thoughtful consideration for others and his unwavering faith in the atoning sacrifice of his Lord and Saviour.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Northampton & Wellingborough M.M. printed in Y.M.Proc.1909 p.278

WELLS, Sarah (1800-1882) after 1831 Fardon

[Sarah Wells, daughter of John Wells ( - )  
and his wife Elizabeth (born  
of Shipston-on-Stour in Worcestershire, was married  
in 1831 to Ephraim Fardon (1795-1867 qv) of Reading.

See FARDON, Sarah (1800-1882) born Wells ]

WELLS, Sophia (1878-1951)

see WELLS, Mary Sophia (1878-1951)

WELLS, Thomas (1724-1803)

Thomas Wells, the son of William Wells ( - ) and his wife Sarah (born ) of Banbury in Oxfordshire, was born there on 27.vii.[September] 1724(1).

He became a cordwainer at Adderbury in Oxfordshire(2) and was married in 1750 to Elizabeth Barret (1722?-1808 qv) of Adderbury(3); there were five children(4).

Thomas Wells of Byfield in Northamptonshire died on 18 January 1803, at the age of seventy nine(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Adderbury on 6.ii.[April] 1750: he is described as a cordwainer of Adderbury, Oxfordshire; she is described as a spinster of Adderbury, Oxfordshire, the daughter of George Barret (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

John	b 4 xii 1751 [i.e. Feb 1751/2]	m 1785 Mary French
George	b 13 March 1753	m 1816 Alice Payne (born Lee) (Northants QM Marriages Digest)
Mary qv	b 10 Feb 1755	m 1788 Richard Collins (1744-1837 qv) (Northants QM Marriages Digest)
*Hannah	b 1 April 1757	
Elizabeth	b 18 March 1759	m 1798 Thomas Seaton (Northants QM Marriages Digest)
- \*No marriage traced in Berks & Oxon QM or Northants QM Marriages Digests
- 5 Northants QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

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WELLS, Thomas (1799-1879)

Thomas Wells was born in 1799 at Tewkesbury, Glos., his parents being Wesleyans, and joined the Society as a young man. In 1824 he moved to Worcester where he lived until 1827, when he emigrated to Philadelphia, and was recorded a minister there in 1834.

He travelled extensively in America, visiting most of the meetings on that continent during his thirty five years' residence, and several of these years were spent in missionary work amongst the North American Indians.

In 1863 Thomas Wells returned to England, and thereafter visited every Monthly Meeting and almost every Particular Meeting in Great Britain and Ireland.

The poor were the especial objects of his sympathy; he visited the aged and infirm in their homes, administering to their necessities spiritually, and as far as he was able, in temporal matters also.

'His ministry was sound and edifying, his doctrinal views being clearly defined and expressed in simple language. To this was added an earnestness and fervour which not infrequently left a deep impression on those who heard him .... He was bold and unflinching in testifying to others what he believed to be the whole counsel of God, and he frequently had a remarkable insight into the spiritual condition of those he addressed both in public and in private. We esteemed our friend as a humble-minded, earnest, faithful Christian minister'.

Thomas Wells died at Great Ayton, Yorkshire on 25 July 1879.

WBE: Additional Information.

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WELLS, Thomas, 1799-1879.

ca. 1801, 1802, his mother died.

ca. 1810, father also died.

ca. 1815, was induced to attend meetings of Friends and finally joined the Society.

1834, acknowledged a minister in Phila.

Removed to Cincinnati where he found employment in Friends' Schools for Indians & Negroes.

1862, his wife died.

Bequeathed \$1000 to Kansas Y.M. for educational purposes.

Made a triumphant ending.

J.F.H.S. 19:108.

An. Mon., N.S., 38:173.

WELLS, William (

- 1678)

William Wells and his wife Ann lived at Knighton near Leicester. It was probably their daughter Elizabeth who married John Fox in 1680 'at the house of Widow Wells'. William Wells died in 1678 and his wife died in 1690. They were buried in their own garden-ground.

There is little to be recorded of many of these Friends visited by Fox on his journey South. They lived lives apart from the constant movement of 'publick friends', but they valiently upheld the light of Truth in the places where they lived and suffered. We honour them though we know little of them.

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.356

WELLS, William (fl 1811-1842)

William Wells, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1984) traced(1), was a carpenter of Warkton in Northamptonshire(2).

He was married prior to 1811 to Mary (born 1782?-1842 qv)(3) and there were five children(4).

The date of his death is not at present (1984) traced, but he was still living in 1842(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 His birth is not traced in Northants QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in the birth entries for his children
- 3 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 4 Listed in Northants QM Births Digest and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 5 March 1811	
James	b 28 Sept 1812	
Joseph qv	b 19 Nov 1814	m 1839 Priscilla Wallis (1820-1881 qv)
William	b 12 Nov 1816	
John	b 8 Nov 1818	

With the exception of Joseph, no marriages are traced for any of these children in Northants QM Marriages Digest nor in the Digest of Marriages to 1880

- 5 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths, but at the time of his wife's death in 1842 she is described as his wife

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

WBE:a

WELLS, William, 1885-1973.

b. 1885.

From Ipswich, England.

Hairdresser by trade.

Active in Yearly Meeting and local Meetings; a well known figure.

Printed sixteen little booklets of scripture from the New Testament at his own expense to hand out to people; gave away nearly 45,000 copies in his lifetime.

Member Ipswich Meeting.

Described as bearded "Father Christmas"-like figure.

d. 3 Feb. 1973.

The Friend (London) 131:147.

WELLS, William Frederic (1843-1921)

William Frederic Wells, the son of William Wells ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of West Hackney, was born there on 26 November 1843(1). He was educated at Epping and at Grove House School, Tottenham. The whole of his life was spent in London, mostly in the service of the Society.

He was married in 1882 to Catherine Fardon (1837-1924 qv) (2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3).

Although he was not educated at Ackworth School, he served for many years on the Committee and was a member at the time of his death. He retired from business while still a young man, devoting the remainder of his life to the Society, which he served in a variety of capacities for over fifty years. For fifty one years he was doorkeeper to London Yearly Meeting; from 1878 to 1921 he was clerk to Devonshire House Monthly Meeting (4) and for forty four years clerk to the Six Weeks Meeting(5). For over forty years he served, first as secretary and later as treasurer, the Friends Temperance Union and for about the same period was the mainstay of the Friends Institute. He was involved in many other aspects of Friends' work(6).

He had a wonderfully accurate and detailed knowledge of the work of the Society and was always ready to put his information at the disposal of those who consulted him. He was remarkable for the soundness of his judgment, but was always prepared loyally to carry out the decision of the meeting, even if it did not meet with his approval.

His ministry was rarely the ministry of speech. He was a reticent man, but his ready sympathy, freely given advice, his ever ready knowledge became more fully evident towards the end of his life.

William Frederic Wells of 79 Lordship Road, Stoke Newington, died suddenly, as the result of an accident during the course of his work at Devonshire House, on 23 August 1921, at the age of seventy seven(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Testimony of Devonshire House MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1922, p 322  
Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 41 (1922) p 92

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages \*
- 3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 4 Index of Clerks, Friends House Library
- 5 He was appointed in 1871 to serve on the Six Weeks Meeting: became clerk in 1873, treasurer in 1878 and clerk in 1880

\* 2 (cont) The marriage was at Bristol on 21 September 1882: he is described as of Stoke Newington, near London; she is described as of Queen's Crescent, Reading (The Friends ns vol 22 (1882) p 265, not giving fuller information on the place of marriage). WFW and Catherine Fardon were first cousins: the regulation disallowing first cousin marriages according to Quaker usage was not removed from discipline until Yearly Meeting 1883

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 6 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library, gives his service as follows:-
- |                             |   |                        |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Meeting for Sufferings      | - | 1884-1921              |
| Agenda                      | - | 1910-1921              |
| Bookshop                    | - | 1916-1921              |
| Education                   | - | 1902-1908              |
| Finance                     | - | 1903-1921              |
| FFMA                        | - | 1896-1899              |
| Office arrangements         | - | 1890-1921              |
| Premises (Devonshire House) |   | 1915 or earlier - 1921 |
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired corn broker

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 (Friends, Hs vol VV (80))

SEE ALSO:-

- Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 5, p 54: vol 6, p 107:  
 vol 19, p 64:

WELLS, William Frederic (1843 - 1921)

William Frederic Wells was born 26 November 1843 to William and Mary Wells of West Hackney.

He was educated at Epping and at Grove House School, Tottenham and in 1882 married Catharine Fardon. The whole of his life was spent in London, mostly in the work of the Society.

For fifty-one years he was Doorkeeper to the Yearly Meeting and was for many years on its committees: finance, agenda and premises; for forty-seven years he was clerk to Devonshire House monthly meeting and for forty-four years clerk to Six Weeks Meeting; for over forty years he served, first as secretary and later as treasurer, the Friends Temperance Union; and for about the same period he was the mainstay of the Friends Institute. He was involved in many other aspects of Friends' work.

His ministry was rarely the ministry of speech. His uprightness, judgement and particularly the way in which he was ready to carry out loyally the decision of a meeting wherein his own view had not prevailed, were noteworthy facets to his character.

A reticent man, his ready sympathy, freely-given advice, his ever-ready knowledge became evident more fully towards the end of his life.

He died suddenly on the 23. August 1921 during the course of his work at Devonshire House.

Testimony of Devonshire House MM in YM Proc. 1922, p.322

WBE: Additional Information.

WELLS, William Frederick, 1843-1921.

1875, Member of Mtg. for Sufferrings.

1882, he and his wife lived at Stoke Newington.

Director of Friends' Provident Inst. for 30 years.

Died as the result of an accident, (falling heavily  
down stairs.)

The Friend, (London), 1921, 61:584 (portrait)

WELLS, William Levitt (1853-1918)

William Levitt Wells was born on 6 August 1853 in Northamptonshire and was educated at Ackworth School.

He married Elizabeth Lucy, daughter of Martin Lidbetter, and a few years later with his wife and young family emigrated to Tasmania where he built up a large business in Latrobe.

The injunction 'Forget not to entertain strangers' was remembered by him with joy, and many Colonial and English Friends had pleasant memories of time spent in his home.

William Levitt Wells died on 15 April 1918.

Testimony of Hobart MM in YM Proc. 1919, p.350

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WBE:

WELSH, Joseph, 1651-1715.

b. 1651, Alesbury, Bucks., Eng.

m. (children)

1674, convinced.

| 1676, minister.

A faithful labourer in Chesham and in other adjacent meetings.

d. 2 Oct. 1715, bur. Chesham, age ca. 63., a minister ca. 39 years.

Piety Prom., 1718, 173.

WERE, Anna (1719-1788) after 1745 Fox

[Anna Were, daughter of Thomas Were ( - ) and  
his wife Sarah (born ) of  
Burlisccombe in Devonshire, was married in 1745 to  
Edward Fox (1719- qv).]

See FOX, Anna (1719-1788) born Were ]

WERE, Elizabeth (1755-1780?) after Fox

[Elizabeth Were, daughter of Thomas Were ( - )  
and his wife Elizabeth (born )  
of Wellington Meeting in Somerset, was married some time  
prior to 1779 to George Fox (1746-1816 qv).]

See FOX, Elizabeth (1755-1780?) born Were ]

WERE, Frances (1776- ) born Binns

Frances Binns, the daughter of Jonathan Binns (1743/4-1829 qv) and his wife Anna (born Debell, 1735-1814 qv) of Looe in Cornwall, was born there on 13 April 1776(1).

She was married in 1798 to Nicholas Were (1778-1843 qv) of Wellington in Somerset and there were five children(2).

The date of her death is not at present (1981) traced(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see WERE, Nicholas (1778-1843)
- 3 Her death is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM or Cornwall QM Burials Digests or in the Digest of Deaths, or given in the Binns Notebook, Friends House Library MS vol S 494, p 54

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

WERE, Hester (1774-1810) born Ash

Hester Ash, the daughter of Edward Ash (1745-1818 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Beck, 1743/4-1823 qv) of Thomas Street, Bristol, was born there on 8 March 1774(1).

She was married in 1800 to Joseph Were (1774-1804 qv), a linen merchant of Bristol and there was one child, born in 1802(2).

Hester Were of James Place, out parish of St James, Gloucester, died on 25 August 1810, at the age of thirty six(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given, but he is described as a distiller in entries for siblings
- 2 For marriage and issue see WERE, Joseph (1774-1804)
- 3 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Joseph

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

WERE, Joseph (1774-1804)

Joseph Were, the son of Joseph Were ( ) and his wife Elizabeth (born ) of King's Square, Bristol, was born there on 26 December 1774(1).

He became a linen merchant in Bristol(2) and was married in 1800 to Hester Ash (1774-1810 qv) of Bristol(3); there was one child, born in 1802(4).

Joseph Were of Bristol died on 18 January 1804, at the age of twenty nine(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father's occupation and his mother's name are not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Bristol on 4 July 1800: he is described as a linen merchant of Bristol, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Were of Bristol; she is described as the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Ash of the city of Bristol (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Joseph b 4 Aug 1802  
No marriage traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest nor in the Digest of Marriages to 1860
- 5 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

WERE, Mary ( -1796) after 1749 Fox

[Mary Were, daughter of Thomas Were of Wellington in Somerset, was married in 1749 to George Croker Fox (1727/8-1781 qv).]

See FOX, Mary ( -1796) born Were ]

WERE, Mary (1741-1805) born Colesworthy

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Mary Colesworthy was born 10.<sup>th</sup> July 1741, the daughter of George <sup>v/</sup> and Sarah Colesworthy of Nicholas St., Bristol (1), where she resided during her younger years. She afterwards removed to Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, with her mother.

In her early life she indulged a propensity for gaiety in dress, but in her 20th year, after many 'deep baptisms' she became a pattern of plainness, and about her 22nd year was called to the ministry. Her first appearance was in supplication at a public meeting at an inn in Carmarthenshire.

During the years 1764 to 1770 she travelled diligently in the ministry through divers parts of England and Wales.

*London YM's, the circular  
YM's for the Westerncos,*  
She married 7 June 1771, at Redstone, Pem., Nicholas Were, merchant, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Were of Wellington, Som., where she settled.(2) Subsequently she visited at different times most parts of Wales and the West Country, and attended Quarterly and other meetings, until prevented by infirmity from travelling further than her own QM and MM, of which (as also her own particular meeting) she remained a diligent attender.

*cap* 'As a minister her communications were weighty & edifying; careful not to move therein without an evident sense of divine requiring, she was often favoured to reach the witness in others... Her exemplary life, patient suffering & gospel labours endeared her much to her friends'.

She died, after an illness of 8 days, 15 July 1805, and was interred at Friends Burial Ground, Spiceland, 19 July.(3)

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of West division of Somerset MM in TQMD vol.4 p.234

#### NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births digest
- 2 Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Marriages digest.  
Nicholas Were's birth is not in Bristol & Somerset QM Births digest. He died 21 March 1796, aged 65  
- Bristol & Somerset QM Burials digest

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WERE, Mary (1741-1805) born Colesworthy

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Children:

Sarah	born 7 March 1772	died 3 August 1774
Nicholas	born 21 Sept. 1773	died 21 August 1774
Sarah	born 24 May 1775	
Elizabeth	born 19 June 1776	
Nicholas	born 23 May 1778	
Katherine	born 8 June 1779	
Mary	born 11 Nov. 1781	

- Bristol & Somerset QM Births digest  
Bristol & Somerset QM Burials digest

3 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials digest

SEE ALSO

Memoir of the life and religious experience of Priscilla Hannah Gurney (Bristol) 1834 p.75  
S. Stansfield, Memoirs of Ruth Fellows (Liverpool 1829) p.106

WERE, Mary (1772-1823) born Ash

Mary Ash, the eldest daughter of Edward Ash (1745-1818 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Beck, 1743/4-1823 qv) of Thomas Street, Bristol, was born there on 25 February 1772(1).

She was married in 1795 to Thomas Were (1771-1833 qv), a linen merchant of Bristol and there were four children, born between the years 1796 and 1802(2).

Mary Were of Ashley, Gloucester, died on 11 March 1823, at the age of fifty one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given, but he is described as a distiller in entries for later siblings
- 2 For marriage and children see WERE, Thomas (1771-1833)
- 3 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Thomas

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

Friends Births  
Henry 17 Dec 1801  
Nicholas 17 March 1803  
Thomas Beaumont 16 Aug 1806  
Jonathan 25 April 1809  
No marriage and burial for any of these children in Bristol & Gloucester QM,  
Cornwall & Devonshire Burials or in the Index of Burials to 1860  
Digest of Deaths: no description of her death

WERE, Thomas (1771-1833)

Thomas Were, the son of Joseph Were ( ) and his wife Elizabeth (born ) of King's Square, Bristol, was born there on 18 October 1771(1).

He became a linen merchant of Bristol(2) and was married in 1795 to Mary Ash (1772-1823 qv) of Bristol(3); there were four children, born between the years 1796 and 1802(4).

Thomas Were of Clifton, Bristol, died on 4 November 1833, at the age of sixty two(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3 and in the birth entries for his children
- 3 The wedding was at Bristol on 3 November 1795: he is described as a linen merchant of Bristol, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Were of Bristol; she is described as the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Ash of Bristol (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 20 Aug 1796	
Thomas	b 12 June 1798	d 3 July 1799, aged 1 year
Thomas Barnwell	b 15 June 1800	
Maria	b 23 Oct 1802	d 9 Jan 1817, aged 14 years

No marriages traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest nor in the Digest of Marriages to 1860
- 5 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: he is described as a gentleman

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1835, p 50: 1 line entry for death

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

WERE, William (fl 1680)

see WARE, William (fl 1680)

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WERNER, Amelia, afterwards Swayne, 1893-1973.

see SWAYNE, Amelia, nee Werner, 1893-1973.