

WBE:

LEAN, William, ca 1805-1876

b. ca 1805 and lived near Birmingham, Eng.

Became headmaster of a Friends School in Birmingham.

(See biogss sent by Br. Friends -BC)

m. Hannah Scarnell. (children)

1838 wrote Brief observations on a pamphlet by Isaac Crewdson etc.

1868 wrote A letter to Robert Charleton; occasioned by his "Thoughts on Barclay's Apology"

d. March 2, 1876 at Edgbaston, Birmingham, England,  
aged 71 years,

The Friend (London), 16(1876):98

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:97; Sup. 226

William Scarnell Lean, the eldest son of William Lean (1805?-1876 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Scarnell, 1805-1891 qv) of Camp Hill, Birmingham, was born there on 3 June 1833(1).

He came of a family interested in education. His grandfather Joel Lean had a private school at Fishponds near Bristol and his grandmother was a woman of great ability and force of character. As a child and as a schoolboy William Scarnell Lean was by no means robust in health and seldom took part in active games, but he was a scholar by nature as well as by his father's wish and started on French and Latin when he was four years old.

In 1850, at the age of seventeen, he went to Bootham School, York, as a junior teacher on the footing of an apprentice and for three years taught in the lowest classes. He then went on to train at the Flounders Institute under Isaac Brown (1803-1895 qv).

At the conclusion of his training he became tutor at Darlington to John Henry Backhouse (1833-1869 qv) and the latter's cousin Frank Pease. Pease, John Backhouse was delicate and needed fresh air, so that William Scarnell Lean had the opportunity for riding and outdoor exercise. He accompanied his two pupils to the south of France, Italy and the United States. He also cultivated a love of natural history and water colour painting, which was a solace to him until the end of his life.

In 1861 he entered University College, London and took his MA degree in classics in 1864. In the same year he married Marianna Bevan (1837-1921 qv) of London(2) and there were ten children(3). They settled in Torrington Square, London and William Scarnell Lean took up the post of classical master at University College School, also doing some private coaching. While living in London he helped William Booth, later to become the founder of the Salvation Army, in his evangelical work. He was recorded a minister by Westminster & Longford Monthly Meeting on 12 January 1865, resigning in April 1899(4). His sermons were famous, among them a funeral oration for John Bright (1811-1889 qv) and an address to London Yearly Meeting in 1887 on the Richmond Declaration of Faith. His ministry was sometimes described as especially adapted to more cultured minds, but he took a wide view of his responsibilities as a preacher of the Gospel.

In 1866 he began to study law with a view to becoming a barrister, but after a time he realised that this profession would not be favourable to the gift he realised he had been given as a preacher and he turned his back on a career which, for a man of his ability, would have meant certain success. In 1870 Isaac Brown resigned his post as principal of the Flounders Institute; William Scarnell Lean was appointed to succeed him and may be said to have entered upon the important work of his life.

Knowing from experience the deficiencies alike in scholarship and training of many teachers, he set himself for twenty nine years to raise the standard for admission to the Institute and lengthen the time spent there. His influence was incalculable. His intense concentration, his simplicity and his aloofness from all that was ~~maxim~~ small or ungenerous were coupled with a fearlessness in obeying the call of duty and to be brought into contact with him daily was of untold benefit to his students.

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\* Annual monitor 1909 p 68 wrongly states that he spoke on the Richmond Declaration at Yearly Meeting 1887: the Richmond Conference was held 23-27 September 1887 and the report and declaration were considered by London Yearly Meeting at two sessions on Wednesday 29 May 1888

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LEAN, William Scarnell (1833-1908)

William [Scarnell] Lean, son of William and Hannah (born Scarnell, 1805-1891, qv) was born at Camp Hill, Birmingham on 3 June 1833. He was the eldest of a family of three sons and five daughters, the youngest of whom, Anna Maria, qv, was to become the wife of Frederick Andrews of Ackworth. His grandfather Joel had been a renowned schoolmaster at Fishponds, Bristol, and his father was head of the Friends School at Camp Hill and later of a school at Edgbaston, where William Scarnell Lean became a pupil teacher. From 1850 he taught at the Friends School, York, until in 1853 he trained at the Flounders Institute, then under Isaac Brown.

He became tutor at Darlington to John Henry Backhouse (1833-1869, qv) and the latter's cousin Frank Pease, and travelled with them to the South of France and to Italy and the USA. In 1861 he began to attend classes at University College, London, being one of the first Friends to do so, and took his MA in Classics.

In 1864 he married Marianna Bevan (1), daughter of Dr Thomas Bevan, qv; there were 10 children (2).

In the same year he took up the post of classical master at University College School. While living in London he helped William Booth, later to become founder of the Salvation Army, in his evangelistic work. His eloquence was much admired. He was recorded a minister by Westminster & Longford YM and his sermons were famous, among them a funeral oration for John Bright and an address at the 1887 YM on the Richmond Declaration of Faith.

In 1870 he became Principal of the Flounders Institute at Ackworth, a position he held for 29 years. When the Institute moved to Leeds in 1894 he found himself in a somewhat unsympathetic atmosphere and left the Society of Friends to become a curate in the Church of England: he was ordained in 1901 and worked in Leeds and Birmingham. In 1907 he withdrew from the Church and in the autumn of that year was re-admitted to membership in the Society.

In July 1908 he was present at the Centenary Celebrations at Sidcot School, where his son Bevan Lean was then headmaster, but shortly after this took a chill which developed into pneumonia.

He died on 11 July 1908.

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LEAN, William Scarnell (1833-1908) contd

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PRINCIPAL SOURCE  
Annual monitor 1909 p.51

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Rochester on 15 September 1864. He is described as bachelor, tutor, of London, son of William Lean, insurance agent; she is described as spinster, of Darlington (Digest of Marriage Registers). She was born 16 February 1837 at Queen St, Cheapside, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Marshall Bevan (London & Middlesex QM Births Digest)
- 2 Listed in Digests of Birth/Notes as follows: and Burial

Bevan, qv	b 8 Aug 1865
Mary	b 18 May 1867
Gertrude Hannah	b 14 Aug 1868
Helen Sophia	b 7 May 1870
Arthur Llewelyn	b 3 July 1871
Ethel	b 16 Dec 1872
Wilfred	b 11 Oct 1874
Clement	b 5 July 1876
Francis William	
Le Blount	b 11 Nov 1878
Edmund Wylde	b 22 July 1881

SEE ALSO

- Friend n.s. vol.38 (1898) p.39; n.s. vol.39 (199) p.248;  
n.s. vol.48 (1908) pp.476, 515
- Bootham vol.4 (1908) p.133; vol.4 (1909) p.358
- Between the Cupolas p.88
- Friends intelligencer vol.72 (1915) p.706 (recollections by Albert J. Edmunds)

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LEAN, William Scarnell, 1833-1908

b. June 3, 1833 at Camp Hill, Birmingham, Eng., son of William and Hannah (Scarnell) Lean. William was frail and small for his years while a boy.

1850-53 junior teacher at York.

1853 entered Flounders Institute. Also visited United States with John Henry Backhouse.

1861 removed to London and attended University College.

1864 m. Marianna Bevan - children.

1865 wrote Essay on Faith

1866 began the study of law but abandoned it.

Recorded a minister. Assisted William Booth in evangelistic work, before W.B. took the title of General.

1870 became Principal of Flounders Institute.

1874 wrote Familiar Notes on Modes of Teaching English

1899 resigned his post at Flounders (which had been moved to Leeds, Eng.) and joined the Church of England.

1907 applied for readmission into the Society of Friends, and was welcomed back.

d. July 11, 1908 at Edgbaston, Birmingham, age 75

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:97

The Friend (London), 48(1908):575 portrait

An. Mon. (N.S.) 96(1908):51

The Friend (Phila.), 90(1916):244

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 20:63

WBE:

LEAPER, Joseph

London, England.

Author of Some account of the present state of the Cultivation... of East India Sugar, by the Labour of free people, etc.

1794 wrote East India Sugar, Raw and Refined...

Also imported a quantity of maple tree sugar from Canada, being the first introduction on a commercial plan. Both the above enterprises reflect the effort to avoid using products of slave labor.

Jos, Smith's Cat., Sup. 226

LEAPER, Thomas ( -1680)

Thomas Leaper lived at Capernwray, S.E. Lancashire (Suff.i.323). References to his imprisonment at Lancaster, 1654-5, appear in the Swarth.MSS.(i. 380, iv. 29,41). Other Friends of the same name lived in S.E. Yorkshire (FPT).

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.415

WBE:

LEARY, Thomas

Waterford, Ireland.

1800 wrote A serious address to people...

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:97

LEATHAM, Charles Albert (1825-1858)

Charles Albert Leatham, the son of William Leatham (1783?-1842 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Walker, 1792-1871 qv) of Heath in the parish of Kirkthorpe in Yorkshire, was born there on 20 September 1825(1).

He became an engineer at Southend, Darlington in county Durham(2) and was married in 1851 to Rachel Pease (1831-1912 qv) of Southend, Darlington(3); there were six children(4).

Charles Albert Leatham of Cleveland Lane, Middlesborough, died on 11 March 1858, at the age of thirty two(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a banker
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Darlington on 6 March 1851: he is described as a bachelor, an engineer of Southend, Darlington, the son of William Leatham, a banker; she is described as a spinster of Southend, Darlington, the daughter of Joseph Pease, a merchant (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths and given in R.S.Benson, Descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson, 1912, pp 140-154 as follows:-

Rachel Mary	b 8 March 1852	m 1874 John Theobald Butler
Emma	b 22 Feb 1853	m 1875 Alfred Richardson
Margaret	b 9 April 1854	m 1875 William McDonald Bottome
Elizabeth	b 9 May 1855	m 1880 Leonard Pelly
Jane Gurney	b 16 Feb 1857	m 1878 John Gurney Richard Pelly
Male child	b 24 April 1858	d 26 April 1858

Of these marriages, only that of Emma to Alfred Richardson is traced in the Digest of Marriages

- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an iron master

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

LEATHAM, Edward Aldam (1828-1900)

Edward Aldam Leatham, the son of William Leatham (1783?-1842 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Walker, 1793-1871 qv) of Heath near Wakefield in Yorkshire, was born there on 2 August 1828(1).

He came of an old Quaker family, one of his ancestors being Robert Leatham who was imprisoned in York Castle in 1664 under the Conventicle Act, for attending a meeting of public worship. Edward was a Friend throughout his life. He was a banker(2) and on six occasions he was returned as member of Parliament for Huddersfield, the first time being in 1859. He was a strong supporter of the non-conformist standpoint and was a fluent speaker. He was the first member to introduce the question of the ballot into the House of Commons. He retired from Parliament in 1886, after twenty four years of Parliamentary life, interrupted only by a brief period from 1865 to 1868, when he was without a seat. In 1891 he was High Sheriff of Gloucestershire.

He had married in 1851 Mary Jane Fowler (1831-1891 qv) of Corsham in Wiltshire(3) and there were eight children(4).

Edward Aldam Leatham of Miserden Park, Cirencester in Gloucestershire, died on 6 February 1900, at the age of seventy one(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 40 (1900) pp 101-102

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a banker
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3 and in the birth entries for all his children
- 3 The wedding was at Melksham on 29 October 1851: he is described as a bachelor, a banker of Heath near Wakefield in Yorkshire, the son of William Leatham, a banker; she is described as a spinster of Elm Grove near Corsham in Wiltshire, the daughter of John Fowler, a wine merchant (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Arthur William	b 10 Aug 1852	
Mary Janet	b 26 Oct 1853	m 1873 Edward Robson Whitwell
Beatrice	b 4 Feb 1856	
John Fowler	b 7 April 1857	
Albert Edward	b 9 Aug 1859	
Harold	b 23 Aug 1861	
Margaret Hildah	b 15 July 1865	
Ethel	b 8 Dec 1867	

Apart from the marriage of Mary Janet in 1873, no marriages are traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920, for any of these children

- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

LEATHAM, Margaret (1792-1871) born Walker

Margaret Walker, the daughter of Joshua Walker (1746-1817 qv) and his wife Mary (born Arthington, ) of Leeds in Yorkshire, was born there on 29 January 1792(1).

She was married in 1813 to William Leatham (1783?-1842 qv), a banker of Wakefield in Yorkshire and there were seven children(2). About 1825 the family moved to Heath, near Wakefield(3).

Margaret Leatham of Heath died on 7 January 1871, at the age of seventy eight(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a physician
- 2 For marriage and children see LEATHAM, William (1783?-1842)
- 3 See entry for LEATHAM, William (1783?-1842)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1872, p 136: 2 line entry for death

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

LEATHAM, Mary Jane (1831-1891) born Fowler

Mary Jane Fowler, the daughter of John Fowler (1792-1861 qv) and his wife Rebecca (born Hull, 1798-1842 qv) of Melksham in Wiltshire, was born there on 18 August 1831(1).

She was married in 1851 to Edward Aldam Leatham (1828-1900 qv), a banker and for many years member of Parliament for Huddersfield and there were eight children(2).

Mary Jane Leatham of Miserden, Cirencester in Gloucestershire, died on 24 November 1891, at the age of sixty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: her father is described as a wine merchant
- 2 For marriage and children see LEATHAM, Edward Aldam (1828-1900)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Edward Aldam

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

LEATHAM, Priscilla (1819- ) born Gurney

Priscilla Gurney, the daughter of Samuel Gurney (1786-1856 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Sheppard, 1784-1856 ) of Upton in the parish of West Ham in Essex, was born there on 10 October 1819(1).

She was married in 1839 to William Henry Leatham (1815-1889 qv), a banker of Heath in Yorkshire and there were apparently seven surviving children(2). Her husband left the Society of Friends to join the Anglican church in the 1840s and it is probable that she left with him(3).

The date of her death is not at present (1982) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see LEATHAM, William Henry (1815-1889)
- 3 See entry for LEATHAM, William Henry (1815-1889)
- 4 Her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

LEATHAM, Rachel (1831-1912) after 1875 Fowler, born Pease

[Rachel Pease, daughter of Joseph Pease (1799-1872 qv) and his wife Emma (born Gurney, 1800-1860 qv) of Darlington in county Durham, was married firstly in 1851 to Charles Albert Leatham (1825-1858 qv). She married secondly in 1875 William Fowler (1828-1904 qv).]

See FOWLER, Rachel (1831-1912) formerly Leatham, born Pease ]

LEATHAM, William (1783?-1842)

William Leatham, the son of John and Elizabeth Leatham of Pontefract in Yorkshire, was born about the year 1783(1).

He became a banker at Wakefield in Yorkshire(2) and was endowed with good natural abilities for the profession he had adopted and which he followed throughout his life. He was also much occupied in matters of a public nature and was brought into contact with people of rank and influence and of other religious denominations.

His contacts weakened the hold his religion had upon him and caused him to give undue time to worldly affairs, although he was deeply attached to the principles of the Society. At the end of his life he deeply regretted that he had not given more time to his spiritual welfare, although he had always striven to bring up his children in the way of truth.

He had married in 1813 Margaret Walker (1792-1871 qv) of Leeds(3) and there were seven children(4). About 1825 he moved to Heath, near Wakefield(5).

William Leatham of Heath died on 19 October 1842, at the age of fifty nine(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE  
Annual Monitor 1844, p 58

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 59 at death. His birth is not traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest

2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3 and in the birth entries for all his children

3 The wedding was at Gildersome in Yorkshire on 21 July 1813: he is described as a banker of Wakefield, Yorkshire, the son of John, a banker and Elizabeth of Pontefract, Yorkshire; she is described as the daughter of Joshua, a physician and Mary Walker of Leeds, Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)

4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births and Burials Digests and in the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

John Arthington	b 29 March 1814	d 24 May 1857, aged 43
William Henry qv	b 6 July 1815	m 1839 Priscilla Gurney (1819- qv)
Joshua Walker	b 27 Aug 1817	d 9 Feb 1819, aged 1½ years
Margaret Elizabeth	b 20 Nov 1819	m 1847 John Bright (1811-1889 qv) as his second wife
Mary Walker	b 5 Sept 1821	m 1842 Joseph Gurney Barclay (1816-1898 qv)
Charles Albert qv	b 20 Sept 1825	m 1851 Rachel Pease (1831-1912 qv)
Edward Aldam qv	b 2 Aug 1828	m 1851 Mary Jane Fowler (1831-1891 qv)

5 His five eldest children were born at Wakefield (1814-1821); his two youngest children were born at Heath (1825-1828)

6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a banker

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1843, p 50: 3 line entry for death

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

LEATHAM, William Henry (1815-1889)

William Henry Leatham, the second son of William Leatham (1783?-1842 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Walker, 1792-1871 qv) of Wakefield and Heath in Yorkshire, was born at Wakefield on 6 July 1815(1). He became a scholar at Grove House School, Tottenham in 1830(2).

His father was a banker at Heath and he entered the banking business(3). He was married in 1839 to Priscilla Gurney (1819- qv) of Upton in Essex (4) and there were apparently seven surviving children, although only three were recorded by the Society(5).

He appears to have become an Anglican in the 1840s and served as Liberal member of Parliament for Wakefield from 1865 to 1868 and for the south division of the West Riding of Yorkshire from 1880 to 1885. He lived at Hemsworth Hall, Pontefract in Yorkshire from 1851 and was an author of poems, ballads and a drama(6).

William Henry Leatham died on 14 November 1889(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Dictionary of National Biography vol 32, p 329

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a banker
- 2 Pupils of Grove House School, Tottenham, Friends House Library
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Plaistow on 21 March 1839: he is described as a bachelor, a banker of Heath in Yorkshire, the son of William Leatham, a banker; she is described as a spinster of Upton, West Ham, the daughter of Samuel Gurney (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-

*Samuel Gurney	b 13 Dec 1840	
Margaret Elizabeth	b 21 Jan 1842	d 20 Sept 1842
Priscilla Mary	b 29 March 1843	d 21 Nov 1851, aged 8
- 6 \*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 7 Joseph Smith's Catalogue vol 2, p 97: Supp. p 227
- 7 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

WBE:

LEATHAM, William Henry, 1815-

b. 1815 at Wakefield, England, son of  
William and Leatham. His father was a banker.

m. 1839 Priscilla Gurney of Upton, Essex.

Served as Member of Parliament. Lived at Hems-  
worth Hall, Pontefract, Yorks, England. He was an author  
of poems, ballads and a drama.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:97; Sup. 227

WBE:

LEATHER, John Petty, ca. 1859-1929

b. ca 1859

m. Mary

Succeeded his father as chief engineer of the  
borough of Burnley.

A useful member of Marsden Monthly Meeting.

Removed to Letchwprth where he took part in open-  
air meetings.

d. Dec. 24, 1929 as a result of an accident, aged  
70 years.

The Friend (London), 70(1930):24, 57 (portrait)

LEATHER, Muriel (1903-1960) born Little

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Muriel Little was born on 13 January 1903. After leaving Ackworth School she joined the Manchester Young Friends and soon became their Secretary. Later she helped form the Lancashire and Cheshire Quarterly Meeting Young Friends Committee, of which she became its first Treasurer. Her interest in younger Friends remained throughout her life. Before coming to Blackburn in 1930 at the time of her marriage to Arnold J. Leather, she was a member of Stockport Meeting. Under its influence and that of a Quaker home she acquired the groundwork of a dedicated life which flowered to a great many activities inside and outside the Society of Friends. As president of the Blackburn Women's Adult School she shared in their concern for starting a Club to help unemployed women. The Sunshine Club as it came to be called met weekly in the Friends' Meeting House for over twenty one years. For many years Muriel Leather served on the Blackburn Old People's Welfare Committee. This involved her in the oversight of the Liverpool House for elderly women. For ten years she was Treasurer of the Lancashire and Cheshire Committee on Homes for the Elderly, with especial interest in the Home at 'Beechville' Bolton, and was active in setting up the Liason Committee of Quaker Homes for the Elderly.

Muriel Leather's work in the Society knew no limits: she was one of the main supports of Blackburn Meeting, giving generously of her time to the Children's Classes, and serving on Committees, including Elders and Overseers. In addition she was Clerk and Registering Officer of Preston Monthly Meeting, and a member of Meeting for Sufferings. Her ministry was greatly valued being helpful and uplifting.

She died on 20 August 1960.

Principal source

Testimony of Preston MM in YM Proc. 1961 p.87

MBE:

LEAVENS, Elizabeth, (sometimes called Heavens) afterwards  
Holme

see HOLME, Elizabeth, nee Leavens

LEAVER, John (1711-1794)

John Leaver, the son of John Leaver ( - ) and his wife Dorothy (born ) of Nottingham, was born there on 9.vi.[August] 1711(1).

He was a grazier(2) and was married firstly in 1740 to Mary Petchell (1717/8-pre 1756 qv) (3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4). He married secondly, prior to 1756, Mary Payne (1720-1789 qv) (5) and there were three children(6).

John Leaver of Nottingham died on 6 February 1794, at the age of eighty two(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Derby & Notts QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his burial entry, note 7
- 3 The wedding was in eighth month [October] 1740: no description of either party is given (Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 No children are traced in Derby & Notts QM Births Digest
- 5 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 6 Listed in Derby & Notts QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Ann	b 22 Sept 1756	d 22 March 1777
Mary	b 19 March 1760	d 24 May 1783
Dorothy	b 22 Feb 1763	d 27 March 1782
- 7 Derby & Notts QM Burials Digest: he is described as a grazier

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

LEAVER, Mary (1717/8-pre 1756) born Patchell

Mary Patchell, the daughter of John Patchell ( - ) and his wife Elizabeth (born ) was born on 7.xi.1717 [i.e. January 1717/8] (1).

She was married in 1740 to John Leaver (1711-1794 qv), a grazier of Nottingham, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

The date of her death is not at present (1982) traced(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: her place of birth and her father's occupation are not given, but the register was surrendered by Spalding & Wainfleet MM
- 2 For marriage see LEAVER, John (1711-1794)
- 3 Her death is not traced in Derby & Notts QM or Lincolnshire QM Burials Digests, but her husband made a second marriage prior to 1756

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

LEAVER, Mary (1720-1789) born Payne

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Mary Payne, the daughter of John Payne (1651-1723 qv) and his wife Anne (after 1737/8 Law, born Aldam, 1687-1782 qv) of Newhill Hall in Yorkshire (a house which in 1919 was still owned by the same Quaker family) (1), was born there on 27.i.[March] 1720(2). Her father died when she was very young, but her mother educated her carefully in the beliefs and principles of the Society and being faithful thereunto she was eventually called to the work of the ministry. Her first appearance in public testimony was about the year 1753, when she was thirty three: "she was endowed with a good natural Capacity, her ministry lively and edifying, she was frequently concerned to stir up the lukewarm to religious duty & to make a right use of their time & Talents received."

She married John Leaver (1711-1794 qv) soon after she appeared as a minister and they settled in Nottingham, where they had three daughters(3). She preferred retirement and a quiet life, but feeling it her duty to travel in the service of the ministry she visited most of the counties of England and in 1773 she went to America. Towards its close her life was saddened by the death within the space of a few years of all three of her daughters.

Mary Leaver died on 15 December 1789(4) at the age of about sixty nine and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Nottingham, a minister for about thirty six years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Nottingham MM 8 April 1790 in TCMD vol 3, pp 395-7

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 J Friends Hist Soc vol 16, p 16
- 2 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 3 For information relating to her marriage and children see LEAVER, John (1711-1794)
- 4 Derby & Notts QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of John, a grazier

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 10, pp 120, 131, 297: vol 16, pp 11, 120: vol 22, p 20: Sup 7 (Thomas Pole) p 6

LEAVER, Mary (1759-1796) born Rowntree

Mary Rowntree, the daughter of William Rowntree (1727-1798 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Hebron, 1734-1801 ) of Riseborough in Yorkshire, was born there on 12 February 1759(1).

She was married in 1790 to Richard Leaver (1750/1-1827 qv) a grocer and tallow chandler of Mansfield in Nottinghamshire and there was one child(2).

LEAVER, Mary (1720-1789) born Payne November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the age of thirty

Mary Payne, the daughter of John and Ann Payne of Newhill Hall, Yorkshire (a house which in 1919 was still owned by the same Quaker family)(1), was born there on 27.i.(March)1720.(2) Her father died when she was young, but her mother educated her carefully in the beliefs and principles of the Society and being faithful thereunto she was eventually called to the work of the ministry. Her first appearance in public testimony was about the year 1753, when she was thirty three; "she was endowed with a good natural Capacity, her ministry lively & edifying, she was frequently concerned to stir up the lukewarm to religious duty & to make a right use of their time & Talents received."

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Testimony of Nottingham MM 8 April 1790 in TGMD vol 3 pp 395-7

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 J Friends Hist Soc vol 16 p 16
- 2 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: she was born within the compass of Balby MM
- 3 There is no record of her marriage in Yorkshire QM or Derby & Notts QM Marriages Digests
- 4 Listed in Derby & Notts Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Ann	b 22 Sept 1756	d 22 March 1777
Mary	b 19 March 1760	d 24 May 1783
Dorothy	b 22 Feb 1763	d 27 March 1782
- 5 Derby & Notts QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of John, a grazier

SEE ALSO:- Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 10 pp 120, 131,  
297, vol 16 pp 11, 120, vol 22 p 20, Supp 7 p 6

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LEAVER, Mary (1791-1831) after 1814 Howitt

[Mary Leaver, daughter of Richard Leaver (1750/1-1817 qv) and his wife Mary (born Rowntree, 1759-1796 qv) of Mansfield in Nottinghamshire, was married in 1814 to Emanuel Howitt (1791-1857 qv).]

See HOWITT, Mary (1791-1831) born Leaver ]

**LEAVER, Richard (1750/1-1817)**

Richard Leaver, the son of Richard Leaver ( - ) and his wife Elizabeth (born ) of Oakham, was born there on 23.xii.1750 [i.e. February 1750/1] (1).

He became a grocer and tallow chandler at Mansfield in Nottinghamshire(2) and was married in 1790 to Mary Rowntree (1759-1796 qv) of Riseborough in Yorkshire(3); there was one child(4).

Richard Leaver of Mansfield died on 23 September 1817, at the age of sixty six(5).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland 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 Pickering in Yorkshire on 23 July 1790: he is described as a grocer and tallow chandler of Mansfield in Nottinghamshire, the son of Richard and Elizabeth Leaver of Oakham in Rutland; she is described as the daughter of William and Hannah Rowntree of Riseborough in Yorkshire (Derby & Notts QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Derby & Notts QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-  
Mary qv b 16 Nov 1791 m 1814 Emanuel Howitt (1791-1857 qv)
- 5 Derby & Notts QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

**SEE ALSO:-**

Annual Monitor 1818, p 17:- "He was attending a meeting respecting the Bible Society, at Creasby, a village about 10 miles from Mansfield; and just before the meeting was opened, was suddenly taken ill, and expired in the place of worship, in which the meeting was held. This awful event induced the company to postpone the meeting till the next day."

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

LEAVER, Sarah Horsman ( 1862 ? - 1963 ) b. Uttley (1)

Sarah Uttley was born in about the year 1862.(2) She was educated at Ackworth School leaving at the age of 14 in 1876 and remained ever since a member of the old scholars' association. In 1884 she married Charles O Leaver ( - 1945 ) and they lived successively at Leeds (4), New Brighton and Lytham until 1926 when on his retirement they moved to Tottington, near Bury, and she became a member of Holcombe Brook Meeting.(5)

She was a woman of gracious physical presence who gave herself in love for others and whose understanding and sympathy won the affection of all who knew her.

She died peacefully in her sleep on August 15, 1963, aged 101 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 121 (1963) p. 1064

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. The obituary states that her parents were buried at Rochdale Friends Burial Ground but it has not been possible to trace membership lists including their name. Her maiden name has been obtained from the Ackworth School Register in Friends Ho. Library.
2. We have no date of birth, she was aged 101 at death.
3. The obituary states also that the marriage took place at Rochdale, but there is no record in the Digest of Marriages. Also no record of the marriage has been traced in The Friend for 1883, 1884 and 1885. Charles Leaver was not in membership.
4. Yorkshire QM printed list of members for 1890 records Sarah Leaver as a member at Leeds. There is no mention of her husband.
5. Lancashire & Cheshire EM printed list of members for 1928 records her at Lytham.

LECKY, Anna Jemima (1796-1881) after 1831 Pim

[Anna Jemima Lecky, daughter of William and Blessing (born Elly) Lecky, was married in 1831 to Joseph Robinson Pim (1787-1858 qv).]

See PIM, Anna Jemima (1796-1881) born Lecky ]

LECKY, Hannah (1797-1829) aftw Pim

[ Hannah Lecky, daughter of John  
and Susanna Cork, was married in 1819 to Joseph Robinson Pim  
Lecky of of .

see PIM, Hannah (1797-1829) born Lecky

LEE, Mary Helena ( 1889 - 1974 ) b. Dyall

Mary Dyall was born on October 1, 1889, the youngest daughter of William H ( ) and Emily Dyall of Newcastle upon Tyne.(1)

On June 17, 1914 she married James Henry Lee at Newcastle upon Tyne,(2) and later in about 1932 they moved to Liverpool.(3) She served as clerk to Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting from 1935 - 1938 and again from 1941 - 1943, and as clerk to Lancashire & Cheshire Quarterly Meeting for four years from 1946 - 1949. She also served for many years on Meeting for Sufferings, Friends Service Council and on other central committees.(3) She paid visits to Greece and India and inspired Quaker and non-Quaker support for projects in these countries. She was greatly loved as an elder and was deeply concerned both with Bible study and with the depth of worship and her help and guidance was sought by many Friends in study groups and in the smaller meetings. Her membership of the Home Service Committee particularly helped her in this connection.

In the autumn of 1959 she was taken ill and this gradually developed into an increasing illness which caused her to have to withdraw from all outside activity and latterly to retire to a nursing home. This was a great loss to the Prescot magistracy which she had served so arduously, as well as to the various forms of Quaker service to which she had given so much. During the earlier part of her illness she gladly joined in the task which the Friends House Library was initiating of building up a Dictionary of Quaker Biography and began summarising testimonies to deceased Friends. Unfortunately when she had completed between two and three hundred entries her deteriorating health forced her to relinquish this task.

She died on December 31, 1974 aged 85.(4)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Hardshaw West MM  
Y.M.Proc. 1976 pp 184/5.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. There is not entry in the Birth Digest. These details of her parentage are taken taken from the Marriage Notice in the Friend for 1914. p. 518
2. Marriage Notice in The Friend 1914 p. 518. The marriage took place at Newcastle upon Tyne FMH.
3. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library  
Meeting for Sufferings 1936 - 1948/9, 1950/1 - 1957/8  
Friends Service Council 1936 - 1939, 1940/1 - 1959  
Home Service Committee  
Revision Cttee - Faith & Practice 1955 - 1959.  
Agenda Cttee. 1943/4p 1948/51. Clerks Cttee. 1943/4, 1950/52.
4. The Testimony cited above records that she died in her 85th year.  
According to the facts given she was aged 85 at death. i.e. in her 86th yr.

WBE:

Additional information

LECKY, Mary James, 1796-1873

b. 1796 at Kilnock, near Tullow, Ireland,  
daughter of James and Mary Lecky.

An. Mon. (N.S.), 32:126

Ms., Diary of Charles Evans (1861)

J/ LECKY, Jane (1687-1739) aftw. Gee

[ Jane Lecky, daughter of Robert Lecky and his wife Mary (nee Watson) was married in 1714 to John Gee

see GEE, Jane (1687-1739) born Lecky ]

LECKY, John (1764-1859)

John Lecky was the eldest son of Robert Lecky of Youghall (d.1772). He married in 1796 Susanna, daughter of Robert Joseph Jacob of Waterford.

J. Friends hist. soc. vol.15, 20

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.48

LECKY, Mary James (1796-1873) 2

Mary James Lecky was born at Kilnock, County Carlow, in 1796, a birthright Friend. She was warmly attached to the Society and was an Elder for many years.

She often accompanied ministering Friends in their journeys and visited many of the meetings in the compass of London Yearly Meeting, as well as those in her own. In 1867 she attended the opening of Canada Yearly Meeting and on two occasions accompanied Friends on religious service to Norway.

'Mary James Lecky was a faithful steward of her wealth; her liberality was great and many found her an openhanded and sympathising friend. She was careful in her daily walk, to exemplify that brightness and cheerfulness which so becomes the Christian, and of which she gave increased evidence during the last years of her life'.

'The memory of this dear friend and mother in the Church will be cherished in the hearts of many who knew and loved her. In devotedness to her Lord, and in an humble walk with Him and in love to his followers and cause, she has left a bright example, which we desire to remember with gratitude.'

She died 4 February 1873.

Testimony of Carlow MM in YM Proc. 1874, p.i.

LEE, Percy

( 1906 - 1979 )

Percy Lee was born in the year 1906 in South Wales. After leaving school he worked for a short period in a coal mine, but being a dedicated Baptist he decided to study for the Ministry and to become a missionary. His studies at Swansea, Harlech and Woodbrooke, however, turned his attention to youth work and he became a Y.M.C.A. organiser in South Wales. At Woodbrooke he met his future wife, Frieda, a Swiss girl then at Kingsmead. In 1941 he was appointed a probation officer at Shrewsbury and in 1953 was transferred to Bournemouth. Soon after this he became a member of the Society of Friends.(1)

He was a great support to the meeting, served as convenor of MM elders and represented the meeting of the Bournemouth Free Church Council. His ministry was greatly valued, he had an outstanding knowledge of the Bible. He was a good probation officer and his qualities were demonstrated by the large attendance at the meeting for thanksgiving which included a number of his former colleagues and magistrates. He had a good sense of humour and a ready smile for all.

He died on October 28, 1979, aged about 73.(2)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 137 (1979) p. 1522

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Sussex, Surrey & Hants YM printed lists of members record him as an attender in 1957 and as a member in 1961/62, with his wife still an attender.
2. We have no exact date of birth in 1906.

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WBE:

LECKY, R.

Cork, Ireland.

1846, with J. Lecky constructed the first screw steamer, called the "Rattler". The same firm built the first double dredger, having a chain of buckets on each side.

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 19:53

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LEGERTON, FAMILY of

(Essex)

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LEGERTON, FAMILY of

(Essex)

WBE:a

LEE, Anthony, 1678-1763.

b. 1678, Kerkley Woodhouse, near Mansfield, England and raised as a member of the Church of England.

1700, came to Phila. with two brothers; captured by and rescued from pirates in the course of the voyage.

On arrival, was apprenticed to a Quaker butcher, Thomas Smith, in Darby.

Began attending Friends Meetings; applied for and received membership in Darby Monthly Meeting, where he met his future wife.

m. Mary Whitaker, 1712 (no record of marriage at Darby Monthly Meeting); nine children: Sarah (1st), Thomas, Sarah (2nd), John, Samuel, Mary, Hannah, Esther, and Mordecai; all except Sarah (1st), who died in infancy, married and had large families.

1714, moved to Gwynedd, lived with members of the John Hughes family.

1718, laid claim to 440 acres of land in Oley Valley, one mile west of present village of Pleasantville, Pa.

Built log cabin and moved family there the next year.

First Quaker settlers in what is now Berks County.

ca.1720, 1st meeting of Friends in Oley held in Lee home, as Quaker population began to grow in Oley Valley.

WBE:a

LEE, Anthony, 1678-1763, page 2.

1737, Oley Meeting established as separate Monthly Meeting; Anthony appointed elder; 1738, Mary appointed overseer.

Presided in early magistrate courts, before the establishment of Berks County.

1750, built stone house near former log dwelling; this remained a Lee residence until ca.1870 when it was dismantled and replaced.

d. 12 Jan. 1763, at Oley, in his 85th year; buried at Exeter Meeting.

Owned nearly 1000 acres in Berks Co. at time of death; Bequeathed to youngest son, Mordecai; Other lands in Hardwick Township, West Jersey, were left to his wife who died the next year.

Hist. Review of Berks Co., Pa., July 1952.

The Friend (Phila), 33:116.

LEE, Florence Emily ( 1897 - 1973 )

Florence Lee was born at Pangbourne on November 4, 1897, the daughter of Thomas James and Emily Ada Lee.(1) / (1859?-1953, qv)

She was educated at Sibford, and later worked in Friends' House for over twenty five years, most of the time on the staff of the Home Service Committee. In addition she served the Society in many other ways, being clerk to Devonshire House MM from 1936 to 1938 and clerk of New Southgate Meeting from 1948 to 1951.(2)

In 1961 she moved to Lewes, where she served the meeting as resident Friend, until about 1969/70 (3) when she retired and went to live at the Bernhard Baron Cottage Homes, at Polegate. During this time also she represented Sussex, Surrey & Hampshire QM on Meeting for Sufferings from 1961/2 to 1964/5.(4)

She died at Polegate on December 31, 1973, aged 76.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE      The Friend Vol 132 ( 1974 ) p 86

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Digest of Births Her father is described as missioner, employed by the Home Mission Committee, [the forerunner of the Home Service Cttee]
2. Register of Clerks etc. London & Middlesex QM. Friends House Library.
3. Sussex, Surrey & Hants QM, later Sussex & Surrey GM printed list of members show her as a member of Lewes Meeting residing at the FMH in Friar's Walk from 1961/2 until 1967/8. the 1969/70 list gives her address as the BBCH, Polegate.
4. Typescript Committee index. Friends House Library.

SGJ.1976.

WBE:

2X

LEE (or Lea), Francis

A minister

1671 was present at General Meeting in Wales.

John Smith's Ms. II:425

Davies, An account of the convincement... of Richard Davies

WBE:

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LEE, Hannah, nee

b.                              in                              England.

m. John Lee, of Chester County, Pa.

1702 present at General Meeting of ministering  
Friends at Philadelphia, Pa.

John Smith's Ms. II:413

WBE:

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LEE, John, -1726

m. Hannah (See biog. sheet)

1702 visited the Jerseys and Long Island. A very serviceable minister. He was a friend of Thomas Chalkley and travelled with him many miles.

1710 visited New England with Joseph Kirkbride.

d. late in December of 1726 in Chester County, Pa.

John Smith's Ms. II:413

Phila. Y. M., A Col. of Mem., 168

Journal of T. Chalkley, 203

WBE:

LEE, Mary, afterwards, Knowles, ca 168401735

see KNOWLES, Mary, nee Lee

WBE:a

LEE, Mary, nee Whitaker, 1694-1764.

b. 1694, possibly in Darby Pa., dau. of  
Charles and Sarah Whitaker.  
m. 1712, Anthony Lee; 9 children.  
Active in founding Oley Monthly Meeting, 1737.  
d. 8 Feb. 1764, Oley, Pa., in her 71st year; buried  
at Exeter Meeting.

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Hist. Review of Berks Co., Pa., July 1952.

WBE:DQB, LEE, Anthony, 1678-1763.

WBE:

LEE, Nancy L., 1851-1931

b. April 6, 1851 at New Salem, near Randalmen, N.C.

Lived at New Garden, N.C.

1889 went to work at Hussey Institute at Matamoros,  
Mexico where she served as matron for about 5 years.

1894 had a year's rest.

1895 became director of New York Friends School in  
C. Victoria, Mexico. Ill health later caused her to  
remove to Matamoros.

1931 she went to Chattanooga, Tenn.

d. Sept. 15, 1931 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Am. Friend, 19(1931):755 (portrait)

WBE:

LEE, Thomas, ca 1752-1830

b. ca 1752

m.

Elder of Exeter, Pa. Meeting. He was a good example of a true Christian. In his last sufferings he often expressed gratitude for the loving care he received.

d. Oct. 20, 1830 in Berks County, Pa. in his 79th year.

Piety pro., 12th part., 95

The Friend (Phila.), 4:143

WBE:

LEECH, Toby, 1651/52-1727

b. Known to have been baptisied on  
1 I 1652 at Cheltenham, England, son of Tobias and Jane  
(Halinge) Leech.

1679 m. Esther Ashmead (d.1727) 8 children.

1682 came to Pennsylvania and settled in Cheltenham  
Township where he lived as a country gentleman.

1690 followed George Keith in a separation.

He conducted a business in milling, tanning and  
baking and was the owner of extensive real estate.

Left Friends and joined the Church of England.

Served as member of the Assembly in 1713-15, 1717,  
1719.

d. 13 XI 1727 at Cheltenham (?), Pa., aged 74 years.

Bul. Frds. Hist. Assn, 38

Bul. Old York Road Hist. Soc., 11:27

Shoemaker, Genealogy of Shoemaker Family, 12

WBE:

LEEDOM, Benjamin J.

b. in Philadelphia, Pa.

ed. 1817 at Westtown School, #49 of the 2dd thousand.

1869, Bluffland.

1883 wrote Westtown under the old and new  
regime.... (Printed in Würzburg, (!) Ger.)

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7628

WBE:

LEEDS, Morris Evans, 1869-1952

b. March 6, 1869 in Phila. Pa., son of Barclay R. and Mary (Maule) Leeds.

ed. Westtown School - 1886; Haverford College, B.S. in 1888.

1888-90 teacher at Westtown School.

1890-99 employed by Queen & Company. During 1892 - 1893 attended the University of Berlin.

1899-1903 managing partner in Morris E. Leeds & Co.

1903-39 president of Leeds & Northrup Company, manufacturers of precision instruments. M.E.L. was an inventor and developer of electric and heat measuring instruments of various sorts useful in heavy industry.

6/12/26 m. Hadassah J. Moore. 2 daughters.

1909 - 52 member of the Corporation and the Board of Haverford College. From 1928-1945 served as President of the Board of Managers. Also was active on the School Board of Philadelphia.

1938-48 President of the Philadelphia School Board.

Co-author of Toward Full Employment. Deeply interested in botany and the outdoor life and a member of many scientific and cultural societies. Integrity and liberality were outstanding characteristics.

d. Feb. 8, 1952 in a hospital near Lake Wales, Fla. in his 83rd year.

WBE:

LEEDS, Wilmer Pancoast, 1859-1885

b. Jan. 12, 1859, son of Allen T. and Hannah P.  
Leeds.

ca. 1873 he joined Friends at Tuckerton particular  
meeting of Egg Harbor Monthly Meeting.

ed. 1873-77 at Westtown School.

1877-78 an assistant teacher at Westtown School.  
The next year he was a regular teacher there.

1880-1882 attended Haverford College and in  
1882 was First Scholar there.

Later became teacher at Friends Academy at  
Moorestown, N.J. and was generally beloved.

d. Aug. 10, 1885 at Atlantic City, N.J. in his  
27th year.

The Friend (Phila), 59:32

Piety pro., 12th part, 461

Hav. Col., Mat. Cat. 207

Hole, Westtown through the years; Catalogue (Index)

LEEF, Ann (1806?-1861) born

Ann Leef, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1977) traced, was born about the year 1806(1). In the early part of her life she lived for eleven years at The Retreat in York, first as a domestic assistant and afterwards as a nurse. During this time she received a severe injury from a patient in her care and this caused her great suffering to the end of her life.

She was married to William Leef(2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3). Because of the injury she had received she was seldom able to go to meeting and felt this a great privation; when she did go, it invariably increased both her nervous and physical suffering, until at length she came to the conclusion that impossibilities are not required by God. In the autumn of 1860 she made a great effort to attend quarterly meeting at Leeds, but although she felt it to be a time of spiritual refreshment it made her very ill.

She died at Huddersfield on 10 March 1861, at the age of fifty five(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1862, pp 95-98

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 55 at death. There is no entry in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 The marriage is not traced in Yorkshire QM, Lancashire QM, Durham QM, Westmorland QM, London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests or the Digest of Marriages
- 3 No children are traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest or in the Digest of Births
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of William; her name is spelt Leaf: the spelling "Leef" is, however, consistent in other entries such as her husband's second marriage in 1863 to Martha Akam (Digest of Marriages) and the deaths of Martha in 1872 and William in 1889 (Digest of Deaths): also the Brighouse MM 1868 printed list of \*  
H.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

\* members, sv Huddersfield

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LEEEKE, John ( -1685)

The record of convincement at Selby, c.1652, states, 'Dear John Leake and Ann, his wife... were the first convinced' (F.P.T.) John Leake married Ann Reynolds in 1651, and the latter died at the birth of their second daughter in 1653, the widower subsequently marrying Ellinor Glove. There is frequent reference to Leake in Suff. He was liberated by the 'Pardon' of Charles II in 1672, but according to the Burial Register, he died a 'prisoner for the Testimony of the Truth'.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.400

LEES, Alice Margaret ( 1888 - 1976 ) after 1915 Stubbs.

Alice Margaret Lees married  
Clifford Stubbs at Chengtu, China,  
in 1915.

SEE

STUBBS, Alice Margaret ( 1888 - 1976 ) b. Lees

SGJ Dec. 1977

LEES, Emma (1831-1889) born Burtt

Emma Burtt, the daughter of William Burtt (1791-1883 qv) and his wife Mary, born Petchell, of Leadenham in Lincolnshire, later of Hull and Selby in Yorkshire and finally of Wellingore in Lincolnshire, was born in Yorkshire on 27 April 1831(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1842 to 1845(2) and after leaving school she went to Wakefield to keep house for her brother Thomas (1823-1892 qv). Here she met William Lees, whom she afterwards married(3). They lived at Holly Bank, Eccles, where their seven children were born(4); five of the children were educated at Ackworth and two daughters died in childhood.

She remained a member of the Society and died at Eccles on 3 February 1889(5), in her fifty eighth year.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Mary Bowen Burtt, The Burtt's, a Lincolnshire Quaker Family, 1500-1900,  
Hull, 1937, p 174

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a grazier
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, London 1879, p 144
- 3 There is no record of the marriage in the Digest of Marriages
- 4 No children are recorded in the Digest of Births, but Mary Bowen Burtt, op cit genealogical tables lists the following:-

Martha Jane	b 1856	who m G.I.Murray and d 1920
Emily	b 1858	who m J.Copeland and d 1914
Mary Burtt	b 1861	who m J.B.Bindloss and d 1927
William Burtt	b 1865	who m B.Maitland
Herbert	b 1871	who d 1894
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Eccles, the wife of William

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45  
~~or in the typescript list of Ackworth Old School Association Reports, Friends House Library~~

The Annual Monitor 1890, p 100 carries a 1 line entry for her death

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LEES, Esther (1764 - 1826) born Roberts

Esther Roberts was born on 19 October 1764, the daughter of Thomas and Judith Roberts of Wooldale (1). She received a guarded education and on her marriage with Benjamin Lees in 1785 she became a member of Marsden MM.

She first appeared in the ministry about her fortieth year; though she did not travel much, at one time she visited the families of those who had forfeited their membership in some parts of Pontefract MM, and at another time she paid a similar visit within her own MM. She was a regular attender at meetings for worship and for discipline, at times travelling many miles on foot to be present.

"Her humility, childlike simplicity and honest zeal were truly instructive, and her conduct and demeanour gained her much esteem in the neighbourhood where she lived; being ever willing to do good, and to sympathise with the afflicted, for whom she had often a word of comfort and encouragement."

Esther Lees died on 18 May 1826, aged about 62 years and a minister about 22 years; she was buried at Rochdale.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Marsden MM in TCMD, vol. 5, p. 263.

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: no occupation of her father is given.

LEES, Henry (1827-1894)

2X

Henry Lees was born at Wooldale about the year 1827, the son of Daniel Lees. He was educated at Ackworth School, where he also served his apprenticeship. He was one of the first students at the Flounders Institute, and was also a teacher at Sidcot School.

Trouble with his eyes compelled him to give up teaching, and he was later employed as a Temperance missionary, and latterly as a home missionary in Huddersfield. He was recorded as a minister by his local meeting.

'As a minister he will be much missed. He had received an excellent gift, which was diligently exercised both in his own meeting and in others. His testimony was sound and scriptural with regard to the offering of our Lord for the sins of men, to the all-sufficiency of Christ for the wants of his Church, and with regard to the need for each to experience the new birth unto righteousness.'

Henry Lees died 17 February 1894.

Testimony of Brighouse M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1894, p.171

WBE:

LEES, John

1772, invented a perpetually revolving cloth,  
called a feeder, upon which a given weight of cotton  
was spread, and by it conveyed to a cylinder.

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 19:54

LEES, Margaret (1888-1976) after 1915 Stubbs

[A. Margaret Lees, daughter of  
Lees, was married in 1915 to Clifford Stubbs (1888-  
1930 qv).]

see STUBBS, Alice Margaret (1888-1976) born Lees ]

LEES, Mary (1748?-1800) after 1770 Holme

[Mary Lees, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Lees  
of Burton in Lancashire, was married in 1770 to  
William Holme (1738?-1810 qv) of Reddish in  
Lancashire.

See HOLME, Mary (1748?-1800) born Lees ]

LEES, Sarah (1762-1823) aftw. Doyle

[ Sarah Lees, daughter of Joshua Lees of Rastrick near Brighouse ( - ) and his wife Ann, born ( - ) was married in to Joseph Doyle of Cork ( - ) ]

see DOYLE, Sarah (1762-1823) born Lees ]

LEFEBURE, Isabel ( 1888 - 1979 ) b. Clark

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LEFEBURE, Mary Isabel ( 1888 - 1979 ) b. Clark

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LEFEBURE, Mary Isabel ( 1888 - 1979 ) b. Clark

, 1888-1979 av)

(1896-  
1941 av)

Isabel Clark was born on February 23, 1888 at Doncaster, a daughter of Joseph Henry and Janet ( b. Taylor ) Clark. (1) She was educated at Ackworth and The Mount, she entered Ackworth at the age of seven years. Her mother had been trained as a nurse and after a spell in one of Dr. Barnardo's Homes Isabel trained at University College Hospital. In the first world war she served as a nurse in France, becoming a sister in an advanced dressing station. On August 3rd 1917, during a short leave, she married Victor Lefebure (2) and was back in France within 24 hours of the wedding. After the war she returned to Hampstead where she served the Meeting for many years, as chairman of the premises committee and as P.M. clerk for a short time. (3) She served on other committees, for Jordans, for Distressed Gentlefolk, for Hoxton Girls' Guild of Good Life ( actually a working girls' club ). She was a woman of deep faith and simple loyalty to the Quaker tradition, direct and firm but kind in word and action, a good organiser, sensible and understanding. She was a great letter writer and did untold good in all sorts of ways. In about 1964 she moved to the Winchester area (4) where she helped Winchester Meeting in its moves to establish permanent premises. She gradually lost much of her sight and was unable to move freely but she helped her daughter and a son-in-law in the establishment of a home for the elderly at Headbourne Worthy House, where she herself spent her last years.

She died on June 17, 1979 at the age of 91.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Southampton & Portsmouth MM and Others.

Y.M.Procs 1980 pp 160/161.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Birth Digest. Her father is described as a tanner.
2. The marriage took place at Doncaster FMH. It is not recorded in the Digest of Marriages but is reported in Vol. 29 of Westminster & Longford M.M. Minutes. p. 218 MM held August 16. 1917. Minute 5. Victor Lefebure was not in membership of the Society.
3. Index of Clerks - Friends Ho. Library. Hampstead PM 1933-1934.
4. Sussex Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members for 1965/6 records her at Winchester as a member of another Monthly Meeting.

LEGERTON, FAMILY of

(Essex)

SOURCE OF INFORMATION :

Curtis C. Legerton of California, on whose behalf a search was made in 1958

ACTION TAKEN BY LIBRARY :

No reference to the name Legerton or Ledgerton occurs in the following register digests :

Essex  
London & Middlesex  
Suffolk (births only searched)  
England & Wales to 1875

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WBE:a

LEGGETT, Hannah, nee Hoag, 1833-1910.

b. 14 April 1833, Wolfboro, N.H., dau. of Lindley M.  
and Huldah (Varney) Hoag. Her father was a famous Friends'  
minister.

ed. at Friends' Boarding School (Moses Brown School)  
Providence, R.I.

m. Thomas H. Leggett (d. 1900)

ca. 31 years old, recorded a minister.

Did pastoral work in N.Y.C., Flushing, L.I., and was  
for many years, pastor of Clinton Center, Dutchess Co.,  
New York. Hundreds were blessed by her ministry.

Pneumonia.

d. 2 Jan. 1910, Bushville, Batavia, N.Y., her 77th year.

Am. Frd., 17(1910):25,29.

LEICESTER, Arthur Chamney (1849-1871)

Arthur Chamney Leicester, the son of Chamney Leicester (1823- qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Ashworth, 1826-1852 qv) of Tranmere, Liverpool, was born there on 26 March 1849(1). His mother died when he was very young and, with the exception of a few years in Tasmania, the whole of his short life was spent at Ackworth School.

He was a scholar from 1863 to 1865, his address being given as Melbourne(2). He was not brilliant and learning did not come easily to him, but he had an unfailing liveliness and fondness for conversation, which together with an affectionate and sympathetic disposition, combined to fit him admirably for his future vocation as a teacher.

He was an apprentice teacher at Ackworth School from 1865 to 1869(3) and he won the warm affection of his pupils, caring as much for their spiritual well-being as for their progress in their studies. After leaving Ackworth in 1869 he went to the Flounders Institute and there, having more leisure, he joined with a fellow student in opening an evening class in the neighbouring village of Funston. For part of the afternoon he also taught regularly in the Primitive Methodist School nearby. He had the cause of temperance very much at heart and worked for the local Temperance Society. During all this time he pursued his studies with his usual zeal and enjoyed leisure activities such as cricket and skating.

But in the spring of 1871 his health began to fail and he developed congestion of the lungs. Arthur Chamney Leicester of Ackworth died on 16 June 1871, at the early age of twenty two(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1872, pp 136-142

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a corn factor
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 183, entry 8260
- 3 Teachers and Officers of Ackworth School, 1779-1894, p 45
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a student

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

LEICESTER, Chamney (1823- )

Chamney Leicester, the son of Peter Leicester ( - ) and his wife Alice (born ) of Runcorn in Cheshire, was born there on 1 September 1823(1).

He became a corn merchant at Rock Ferry in the county of Chester(2) and was married in 1848 to Elizabeth Ashworth (1826-1852 qv) of Turton in Lancashire(3); there were two children(4).

The date of his death is not at present (1981) traced(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a corn dealer
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Little Bolton on 13 April 1848: he is described as a bachelor, a corn merchant of Rock Ferry in the county of Chester, the son of Peter Leicester, a corn mercant; she is described as a spinster of Turton near Bolton, the daughter of John Ashworth, a land agent (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths and given in the Binns Notebook, Friends House Library, MS vol S 494, p 77 as follows:-

Arthur Chamney	b 26 March 1849	d 16 June 1871, aged 22
		(at Ackworth)
Ashworth	b 3 Nov 1850	d 5 June 1869, aged 18
- 5 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

LEICESTER, Elizabeth (1826-1852) born Ashworth

Elizabeth Ashworth, the daughter of John Ashworth (1796- qv) and his first wife Sarah (born Naish, 1794-1838 qv) of Turton in the parish of Bolton le Moors in Lancashire, was born there on 31 October 1826(1).

She was married in 1848 to Chamney Leicester (1823- qv), a corn merchant of Rock Ferry in the county of Chester and there were two children(2).

Elizabeth Leicester of Rock Ferry died on 3 August 1852, at the age of twenty five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a land agent
- 2 For marriage and children see LEICESTER, Chamney (1823- )
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Chamney

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1853, p 156: 2 line entry for death

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

LEICESTER, Helen (1874-1937) after 1919 Reynolds

(Helen Leicester, daughter of Mark and Elizabeth Bowles  
Leicester of Birkenhead, was married in 1919 to  
Alfred Player Reynolds (1876-1961 qv).

See REYNOLDS, Helen (1874-1937) born Leicester )

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LEICESTER, James (1816-1894)

James Leicester, the son of Thomas Leicester ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Halton in the parish of Runcorn in Cheshire, was born there on 14 October 1816(1).

He became a flour dealer in Liverpool(2) and was married in 1851 to Sarah Ann Smith (1827-1901 qv) of Great Bolton in Lancashire(3); there were eight children(4).

James Leicester of Oakfield Park, Liverpool died on 10 August 1894, at the age of seventy seven(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a shopkeeper
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3 and in the birth entries for his children
- 3 The wedding was at Little Bolton on 13 March 1851: he is described as a bachelor, a flour dealer of 16 Springfield, Everton, Liverpool, the son of Thomas Leicester, a grocer; she is described as a spinster of Deansgate, Great Bolton, the daughter of Francis Smith, a woollen manufacturer (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digest of Births and given in the Binns Notebook, Friends House Library, MS vol S 494, p 79 as follows:-

Francis James	b 21 Dec 1851
Walter	b 24 July 1853
Frederick	b 10 Aug 1855
Edwin Binns	b 12 July 1857
Sarah Louisa	b 8 July 1862
Annie	b 23 Oct 1864
Letitia	b 5 March 1868
Alfred Ernest	b 8 Dec 1873

No marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1930
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as out of business

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

LEICESTER, Sarah Ann (1827-1901) born Smith

Sarah Ann Smith, the daughter of Francis Smith (1798-1828 qv) and his wife Ann (born Binns, 1801-1834 qv) of Rawden in the parish of Guiseley in Yorkshire, was born there on 18 December 1827(1).

She was married in 1851 to James Leicester (1816-1894 qv), a flour dealer of Liverpool and there were eight children(2).

Sarah Ann Leicester of Oakfield Road, Anfield, Liverpool, died on 11 February 1901, at the age of seventy four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a clothier
- 2 For marriage and children see LEICESTER, James (1816-1894)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of James

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

LEIGHTON, Deborah (1695-1773) born Fell

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Fell.

Deborah Leighton was born at Caldbeck, Cumberland, 27.ii.April 1695, the daughter of John and Ruth Fell (1) of Longlands, parish of Uldale (2). She ~~was~~ was brought up as a Friend, and came forth in the ministry about 1720, travelling in many parts of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1730 she married, at Caldbeck, Nathan Leighton (Lightin) of Crook, in Westmorland (3) and settled in Preston Patrick, near Kendal, and after her marriage travelled again in England, Wales and Ireland. In 1768 her husband died and she removed to Kendal, and a year later to Cockermouth.

'She was of an amiable & cheerful disposition, an affectionate wife, a loving Friend, and a kind neighbour... We have reason to believe, she was favoured with that divine assistance as rendered her Ministry serviceable to others, & brought that Peace to her own Mind, which the World could ~~neigh~~ neither give or take away'.

Deborah Leighton died on 24 October 1773, aged about 78 years and a minister about 53 years. She was buried at Cockermouth 26 October (4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Pardshaw MM in TCMD vol.2 p.445

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 Not in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births digest

2 Cumb. & Northumb QM Marriages digest supp.

3 ibid. The date of marriage is not given.

Nathan Leighton's birth is not in Westmorland QM Births digest.

He was buried 20 March 1768

- Westmorland QM Burials digest

No children in Westmorland QM Births digest

4 Cumberland QM Burials digest

LE MARE, Ernest Bristow ( 1861 ? - 1963 )

Ernest Le Mare was born in Manchester in about the year 1881.(1) He was educated at Manchester Grammar School and at Owen's College and gained a B.Sc. degree and then accepted a travelling Fellowship. In 1906 after four years with the American Can Company he joined the firm of Pilkington Brothers at St. Helens where he stayed until his retirement in 1947. He served as an officer in the 1914 - 1918 war but came to understand the source and strength of the conscientious objection of his brother Arthur Stanway Le Mare ( 1876 - 1942 qv) and later became an active member of the Society of Friends.(2) He was a great support to the meeting at St. Helens, served as its clerk (3) and also served on Friends Central Committees.(4)

Outside the Society he was involved in a great deal of welfare work both in the factories and in the town and was a quiet and unassuming philanthropist, many of whose good works are quite unknown. He and his wife Helen Jane were jointly involved in all these activities. In about 1948 they moved to Grange over Sands where again he was a great support to Cartmel meeting and in the Monthly and Quarterly meetings. He also served as clerk to Westmorland MM elders.

He died at his home on April 18, 1963 aged 82.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 121 (1963) p. 862

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 82 at death.
2. Lancashire & Cheshire QM printed lists of members record him as an attender in 1932 and as a member in 1934,
3. Index of Clerks - Friends House Library.  
St. Helens AM/PM 1933 - 1942
4. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.  
Meeting for Sufferings 1947/8 - 1952/3.  
Home Service Committee

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LEONARD, Grace Lilian

( 1888 ? - 1973 )

b. Wright-Diggens

Lilian Wright-Diggens was born in about the year 1888.(1)

On 11 June 1918 she married Percy A Leonard at Watford (2) and shortly afterwards they both joined the Society.(3)

At her death, therefore, she had been a member of Watford Meeting for fifty five years. There she was greatly loved for her serene goodness and cheerful spirit. She was an Elder of the Meeting and although in later years illness curtailed her activities she continued to do whatever she could for the meeting.

She represented Bedfordshire QM on Meeting for Sufferings from 1928/9 to 1934.(4) She served on Penal Reform Committee for some years during the 1930s and from 1939 to 1970 was a member of Home Service Cttee. She died at Watford on October 3, 1973 at the age of 85 years. (4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE    The Friend    Vol 131 (1973) p. 1356

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Aged 85 at death.
2. Digest of Marriages. The marriage took place at Watford FMH. Both parties are recorded as being non-members. He is described as bachelor, clothier's assistant, son of William Frank Leonard, clothier; she as spinster, companion, daughter of Joseph Hazel Wright-Diggens, builder.
3. The Bedfordshire QM printed list of members shows them both as members in 1920, but not in the 1918 list.
4. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library.

LEONARD, Lilian (1888?-1973) born Wright-Diggens

See LEONARD, Grace Lilian (1888?-1973) born Wright-Diggens

LEONARD, Percy Albert ( 1894 ? - 1980 )

Percy Leonard was born in about the year 1894.(1) Little is known of his early life but he was a conscientious objector during the first world war and his experiences with those of others are recorded on tape in the Imperial War Museum. It was during the war that he came into contact with Quakers and also met his future wife Grace Lilian Wright-Diggens (1888 - 1937 qv.) They were married in 1918 (2) and shortly afterwards must have joined the Society.(3) He gave devoted service to his local and monthly meetings and to the Society generally for some sixty years. The growth of the meeting at Watford is greatly due to the help and hospitality which he and ~~Friends~~ / gave in its early / Lilian days and to the work he put in in seeking a site and raising funds. He was deeply concerned for the welfare of small meetings and visited widely individuals and groups for as long as he was able.

He served as overseer and elder and as clerk of Watford meeting from 1920 - 1934 and as clerk of Luton & Leighton MM from 1938 to 1948.(4) He also served on Friends central committees.(5) He was a man of sincerity and of single minded and faithful devotion to the vision of Quakerism which dominated his life.

He died on September 20, 1980, aged 86.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 138 (1980) p. 1282

Death notice for age and date of death p. 1228

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 86 at death.
2. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Watford FMH on June 11, 1918. Both were described as non-members, he as bachelor, clothier's assistant, she as spinster, companion, daughter of Joseph Hazel Wright-Diggens, builder.
3. Bedford QM printed list of members for 1920 records them both as members. They are not mentioned in the 1918 list.
4. Index of Clerks - Friends Ho. Library.
5. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.

War & Social Order 1925 - 1928  
Home Service Cttee

SGJ.JAN'81

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LEONARD, Philip

Minister

1681, present at the First Yearly Meeting in Wales.

John Smith's Ms., II:443

Davies, Journal of Richard Davies, 175

Frieda Le Pla was born in about the year 1893 (1) the eldest of three daughters of a Congregational minister of Huguenot/Irish descent. When she was sixteen the family settled in Beaconsfield, where she seems to have lived for the remainder of her life. She had little formal education but was keenly interested in a variety of subjects, and by reading learned a great deal about them. While still in her teens she and her sister were running a little school in the local manse although her ambition was to be a writer and she began to write stories and articles. When she was twenty, however, she began to lose her sight and by the age of 30 she was totally blind, this was accompanied by an increasing deafness which by about the age of 40 was also total.

But with the aid of devoted friends she continued to write books, articles and in later years particularly, stories for children. She wrote on Quakerism, vivisection (she was vice-president of the Friends Anti-Vivisection and Animal Welfare Society) and on Ireland, to which she was devoted and about which she was deeply concerned. She was a founder member of the National Deaf-Blind Helpers League and since 1928 did much for this, including the writing of an authoritative book on the problems of the deaf-blind called "Glimpses into a Hidden World".

In her mid-twenties she became interested in Quakerism and visited Jordans frequently where she met many Friends, and in about 1923 (2) she joined the Society, while she could hear at all she was taken to meeting by sighted Friends who would tell her about it afterwards. Until her death she regularly had the contents of *The Friend* summarised in Braille, picked out items she wanted in full and after reading them sent them around a circle of blind and deaf-blind friends.

She died on March 28, 1978, aged 85.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE      *The Friend*    Vol 136 (1978)    p. 710

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 85 at death.
2. Bedfordshire QM printed list of members for 1926 records her as a member at Jordans, there does not appear to be any previous entry.

LESAGE, Benjamin

( 1955 - 1981 )

Benjamin Lesage was a young French Friend of both British and French nationality who was born at Haslemere, Surrey on December 22, 1955. He spent most of his short life in France, knew the tension and frustration of unemployment but last year working for the Winged Fellowship Trust he had discovered some of his happiest hours. Since then he had been doing a variety of accounting jobs at his home in one of the more inaccessible suburbs of Paris, but he was well known to Friends at the Paris Centre where he would be seen asking how many would be staying after meeting for the lunch he had prepared. He was tall, red-haired and in recent years had also begun to travel spending a period at Woodbrooke and in America. The journey through the United States had made a deep impression on him.

He was found dead in inexplicable circumstances in October 1981 no date of his death is given in the obituary. He was aged only 25. /e

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 139 (1981) p. 1332

SGJ. NOV.'81

WBE:

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LESEAULT, Charles, 1869-1922

b. March 22, 1869 at Dubuque, Iowa, son of Prosper and Bridget Lescault.

Family moved to Coalfield, Ia. where C.L. worked in the mines. His parents were Roman Catholics.

1898 he attended a revival meeting. Then joined Friends and became a preacher.

m. 1902 Lenna E. Norris of Dows, Ia. Devoted himself almost entirely to preaching and was pastor at Cherokee, Okla. for 4 years. Later served at Spiceland, Ind., Haviland, Kansas and at Los Angeles, Calif. His final post was at Earlham, Ia.

d. Aug. 22, 1922 on his way to Yearly Meeting near Des Moines, Ia., aged about 53 years.

Am. Friend, 10(1922):722 (portrait)

LESLIE, Annie Elizabeth (1869?-1961) <sup>1908?</sup> aftw/<sup>er</sup> Fox

[Annie Elizabeth Leslie, daughter of

married Marshall Fox ~~in~~ about 1908

see FOX, Annie Elizabeth (1869?-1961) born Leslie]

LESLIE, Mary (1782?-1862) after 1807 Wright

(Mary Leslie, daughter of Robert and Mary Leslie of  
Gosport in Hampshire, was married in 1807 to  
Francis Wright (1774-1850 qv).)

See WRIGHT, Mary (1782?-1862) born Leslie )

WBE:

with additional information

LESTER, John Ashby, 1871-1969.

b. 1 Aug. 1871, Penrith, Cumberland, England, s. of Edward and Mary Hannah (Ashby) Lester. His father was a miller.

ed. ca. 1888, at Ackworth School, where Isaac Sharpless saw him playing cricket and determined that he should come to Haverford College. Taught at Ackworth for several years before emigrating to U.S.A. following his family to Westport, Missouri. Entered Haverford College, 1892. President of the Freshman Class. Active in football and cricket. President of A.A. in 1896 and Captain of the Cricket team, English tour, 1896. A.B., 1896; M.A., 1897. First Haverford Graduate Fellow to study at Harvard, 1897-1898. Ph.D. from Harvard, 1900 in English.

1902-1907, teacher of English, William Penn Charter School, Phila., Pa.

1907-34, taught at the Hill School, 1927-34, head of the English Department.

m. c. 1911 Margaret Ashmead Garrigues at Haverford, Pa.  
(1 dau. and 1 son.)

c. 1918, with his wife, helped establish Wyncroft School.  
Active in Buckingham Meeting, 1934-47.

1934-41, Exec. secretary, Frds. Council on Education, Phila.

1929, Educational Records Bureau, 1936, Board's sec'y until 1941.

WBE:

with additional information

LESTER, John Ashby, 1871-1969, page 2.

1946, the family moved to Wayne and became interested in Radnor Meeting. 1947, joined Radnor Meeting.

1931, The Place of the Quaker School in Contemporary Education; 1936, A Wider View of Religious Education...  
1938, The Ideals and Objectives of Quaker Education.

d. 4 Sept. 1969, Haverford, Pa., in his 98th year.

The Friend 104(1930-1):459; 106(1932-3):339,399.

Hav. Coll. Mat. Cat., 350.

Leaders in Education, (1948), 643.

F.H.L.Sw. BX 7619.

1883?

LESTER, Muriel

( 1893<sup>7</sup> - 1968 ? )

Muriel Lester was not a member of the Society of Friends but was well known to many in her work for peace and social justice.

She began her work as a young woman with her sister Doris in the East End of London and took a room in Bow to live and work in what was then a squalid area. They took factory girls to the theatre and on holiday, opened a nursery school and a 'teetotal pub'. From this beginning grew Kingsley Hall, Bow which became a centre for social work of a wonderful quality and at which Gandhi stayed when he visited London in 1931. As a member of the Poplar Borough Council between the wars she fought to preserve and extend the maternity and child welfare services.

In 1933 she became the travelling secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, a job which took her around the world more than once until she laid it down at the age of 75. In about 1964, shortly after her 80th birthday the Borough of Poplar conferred on her the Freedom of the Borough and she replied in a speech full of warm humour and humanity with the vigour of one half her age.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend

Vol. 126 (1968) pp 178/9.

SGJ OCT. '78

## LE TALL, Benjamin (1805?-1883)

Benjamin Le Tall was born in 1805 or 1806 (1). He was the son of John, a schoolmaster (2).

Benjamin was a surgeon, and lived in Handsworth Woodhouse near Sheffield (2). He married three times, the first, to Mary, before 1837: she died in 1854 (3). Two years later he married Susanna Bower of Doncaster, who died little over a year later, following the birth of a child (4). His third marriage in 1859 was to Mary Burton (1825-1889) of Sheffield (5).

Benjamin Le Tall died on 17 January 1883, aged 77 (6).

### NOTES & REFERENCES

- 1 No record in Yorks QM Digest of births.
- 2 Information from the Digest of marriages for both second and third marriages (see below)
- 3 There is no record of his first marriage in Yorks QM Digest of marriages. One child, Benjamin, is recorded in the Yorks QM Digest of births, born 3 iv 1837: he died on 4 i 1854 aged 16½. William James Le Tall, qv, may have been a child of this marriage; Frederick Tindall Le Tall (who died aged 41 on 20 xi 1887) was probably another - the Digest of burials gives his address as Handsworth Woodhouse, and he is recorded as a member of Woodhouse meeting in the 1881 Balby MM members list. \*
- 4 Digest of marriages: Benjamin Le Tall, surgeon and widower married Susanna Bower, daughter of George (farmer) of Doncaster, at Doncaster on 31 December 1856. A child, Benjamin Bower, qv, was born on 25 i 1858 (Digest of births); Susanna died on 2 February 1858 according to the Digest of burials. There is no record of her birth in the Yorks QM Digest of births, but her age at death is given as 41.
- 5 Digest of marriages: Mary was the daughter of Mary and John Burton (butcher) of Sheffield, and the marriage took place in Sheffield on 21 iv 1859. Mary's birth is recorded in the Yorks QM Digest of births on 8 i 1825.

Children are recorded in the Digest of births as follows:

John	b. 19 viii 1861
Emanuel	16 iii 1864 (d. 8 v 1864)
Mary Susanna	24 ix 1866

Mary Le Tall died on 22 October 1881 (Digest of burials). Benjamin and Mary Susannah [sic] are listed under Woodhouse meeting in the 1881 Balby MM list of members, in which Mary's name is printed but was apparently deleted during the year.

### 6 Digest of burials

\*Bootham School register (1935) confirms that both W.J. and F.T. Le Tall were his children (p 241)  
Frederick Tindall Le Tall's birth date is given here as 1846

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LE TALL, William James (1840/-1904)

William James Le Tall was born in 1839-1840 (1). He was probably the son of Benjamin (1805?-1883), qv, and his first wife Mary. (2)

W. J. Le Tall became a doctor in the village of Hackenthorpe, near Benjamin Le Tall's home in Handsworth Woodhouse and between Sheffield and Rotherham. He was married: his wife Mary Staniforth Le Tall died in 1904 aged 60 (3). He wrote a number of small books, on religious subjects and on the local history of Handsworth (4).

He died on 18 September 1904 (5).

NOTES & REFERENCES

- 1 There is no record of his birth in Yorks QM Digest of births or in the Digest of births (1837- ). His age at death is given as 64.\*
- 2 One child of Benjamin and Mary is recorded, born in 1837. Mary died aged 46 in 1854. For further details see entry for Benjamin.\*
- 3 There is no record of the marriage in the Digest of marriages, nor of any children in the Digest of births. The Digest of burials gives her date of death as 17 i 1904.
- 4 Referred to in, for instance, catalogues of Sheffield Public Library, and the Library of the Society of Friends, London.
- 5 Digest of burials.

\*Bootham School register (1935)p 241 confirms that he was the son of Benjamin and Mary, and gives his birth date as 1840

WBE:

LeTall, Benjamin Bower, 1858-1906

b. 1858 Handsworth, Woodhouse, near Sheffield  
England, son of Benjamin and Mary LeTall.

1866-69 at Penketh, then at Ackworth, 1869071,  
later at Bootham. Also at Flounders Institute, Owens  
College, Manchester and University College, London.

1883 travelled in Italy and farther East.

1884 teacher at Bootham School.

m., 1901, Janet Drummond Wilson.

Went out to New Zealand and became a school master  
at Hobart in Tasmania.

Author in 1884 of The Ferns of York; 1885, The chief  
dates of history...; 1877-1888 The Natural History Journal...

d. Aug. 16, 1906 in Gloucester, aged 48 years.

An. Mon. (N.S.) 65(1907):112

Bibliog. of Ackworth, 21

Bootham School, Register, 145

The Friend (London), 47(1906):574

LETCH, Harry

( 1906 - 1970 )

Harry Letch was born on April 6, 1906 in Birtley, Co. Durham, a mining community which developed in his lifetime into a place of less specialised industry.

At the age of 14 he left school and went to work in the pits. He was aged 20 at the time of the 1926 general strike and never forgot the privations and bitterness of the seven month long coal strike which followed. He married and some of his eight children were born while he was unemployed. He retired early because of ill health and spent the last five years taking a vigorous part in the life of Birtley, and in activities connected with the Society of Friends.

His first contact with the Society came in the early 30s, through relief work carried out by Friends in Birtley, but it was not until many years later that through an advertisement he contacted Friends again and became a member in 1960.(1) He was greatly valued by Newcastle meeting, both as an overseer and in his work as a prison visitor and as a doorkeeper at the Meeting House, where he made all welcome by his warmth and friendliness. He took his part in Monthly Meeting and General Meeting and his sincerity, firm faith and sense of humour helped all who came into contact with him.

He died on May 8, 1970 aged 64.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Newcastle MM.

Y.M. Procs. 1971 pp 201/3.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Durham QM printed list of members for 1960 records him as an attender, the list for 1962 as a member.

LETCHWORTH, John, ca 1758-1843

b. ca. 1758.

son of John and Diana (see marriage cert. in MS coll.)

1783 m. Elizabeth (?) Kite (d. 1834)

They were neighbors of Joseph and Deborah Hunt.

A minister. Was careful to stop in time in his ministry.

1819 with Isaac Pennock made a visit to several tribes of Indians, going as far west as Kentucky, in a period of dry weather.

d. April 12, 1843 at Phila. Pa. in his 85th year.

John Hunt's Journal (Dec. 12, 1819)

The Friend (Phila.), 16(1843):244

Hinsaw's Encyc., II:579, 751

MS Coll: marriage certificate

transfer of meeting membership for John Sr's children

see also Barclay's Apology Baskerville ed. c.5

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LEETCHWORTH, Thomas, 1739-1784

b. 1739, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, England,  
son of Robert and Elizabeth Letchworth.

ca. 1758 a minister.

ed. under Joseph Dancer of Hertford, England.

ca 1755 moved to Southwark, London, England. Was  
apprenticed to J. Brecknock of Epping.

m. They had several children. His  
wife was a woman of considerable means.

T.L. was author of a number of tracts published from  
1766 - 1794. His A Morning and Evening's Meditation, or,,  
a Descant on the times, was reprinted by B. Franklin and  
D. Hall in Phila. with an edition of 500 copies.

d. Nov. 7, 1784 at Newbury, aged about 46 years.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:100; Sup., 229

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7615

Mathews, Life and times of T(homas) L(etchworth)

LETTSOM, John Coakley (1744-1815)

John Coakley Lettsom was the well known London doctor, assisted into fame by John Fothergill. There is much reference to him in C.F. Jenkins' 'Tortola'. He was born in the Virgin Islands and died in London.

"memoirs, 1817

J. Smith: Catalogue

J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 6,7,9,10,13,16,20,21

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.99

WBE:

Additional information

Lettsom. John Coakley, 1744-1815

b. 22 XI 1744 Little Van Dyke, near Tortola, West Indies, son of Edward and Lettsom.

Placed under the care of Dr. John Fothergill, he went to grammar school in Warrington, Eng. and was placed with Dr. A. Sutcliff in Yorkshire for some years.

1767 In this year he had £ 500 less than nothing!

ed. still further at Edinburgh, Leyden and visited Paris, France before returning to practice in Tortola.

m. Ann Miers and a considerable fortune.

1769 settled in London, Eng. and practiced medicine.

He succeeded to the practice of Dr. Fothergill in 1780.

1770 founded a general dispensary in Aldergate St., London. The next year he was elected to the Royal Society. He founded the Sea-bathing Infirmary at Margate and helped establish the Royal Humane Society.

1772 published The natural history of the tea-tree.

(1774) The Naturalist's and Traveller's Companion. In 1783 he wrote Life of Dr. Fothergill.

1798 he accepted a commission in the Volunteer Forces in fear of French invasion!!

d. Nov. 1, 1815 and was buried at Bunhill Fields, London, in his 71st year. Whitten, Qu. Pictures, Ser. 1:32  
Biog. Cat., 423 portrait Abraham, Lettsom, his life...

Lippincott's Biog. Dict., 1539

Friends Lib. (Phila.), IX:270

WBE:

LEVICK, Elizabeth Jones, nee Wetherill, 1789-1886

b. June 5, 1789 at Phila., Pa., daughter of Isaac  
and Mary (Jones) Wetherill.

ed. carefully under Ann Gilbert and Ann Bedford.

Attended lectures on botany.

Member of Phila. Monthly Meeting for the Southern  
District.

m. 1816 Ebenezer Levick. 5 children. Transferred  
membership to the Northern District Mo. Mtg. By intellect  
and character E.W.L. occupied a high place. People of  
other faiths and nationalities became her friends and  
admirers.

1869, transferred membership to Western District.

ca. 1872 had cataracts removed from her eyes,  
after which she enjoyed excellent vision. Her memory  
was remarkable.

d. Nov. 21, 1886 in Phila. Pa., aged 97 years.

The Friend (Phila.), 60:160

Jordan, Col. Fam. of Phila., 1121 (portrait)

Frds. Review, 40:329

Frds. Intel., 43:760, 794.

WBE:

LEVICK, James Jones, M.D., 1824-1893

b. July 28, 1824 in Phila., Pa., son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Jones (~~Wetherill~~) Levick.

ed. 1840 Haverford College and later at University of Penna. in medicine.

Resident physician at Penna. Hospital of Phila.

A member of 12th Street Meeting, Phila. Also active in Historical Society of Penna. and the Academy of Natural Sciences.

Published 1880, The early history of Merion. An old Welsh pedigree; 1880, The early Friends...; 1886, The early physicians; 1887, The early Welsh Quakers. Also other works listed in Hav. Col., Mat. Cat., 23.

d/ June 25, 1893, in Phila. in his 69th year.

Jordan, Col. Fam. of Phila., 1124

Pa. Mag. of Hist. & biog. IV (1880), 301-328

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup., 232

The Friend (Phila.), 66:408

Frds. Intel., 50:409

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

WBE:

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LEVICK, Samuel Jones, 1819-1885

Aug. 30, 1819 at Phila., Pa., son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Wetherill (Jones) Levick. The family was of French ancestry.

ed. 1829-1832 Westtown School.

Recorded a minister in 1842. He worked for peace and the freedom of slaves.

1840 with his father made an extensive trip through the western states.

m., 1841, Ellen Foulke of Richland, Bucks Co., Pa. 1 child, Jane. Ellen died in 1842.

m. (2d) Susanna Morris Mather of Gwynedd, Pa. 5 sons. The marriage took place in 1844. In 1848 the family removed to Philadelphia.

1857-1874 The family lived again in Quakertown in the bounds of Richland Monthly Meeting.

1876 worked for the abolition of slavery and intemperance. Served as an officer of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

d. April 19, 1885 and was buried at Merion, Pa. in his 65th year.

Roberts, Old Richland families

Hinshaw's Encyc., 2:805, 888

Fuds. Intelli., 42:169, 355

Jordan, Col. Fam. of Phila., 1124 (portrait)

Hav. Col., Qu. Coll., Matlack, Book 18, p.38

WBE:  
Additional information

LEVIS, Elizabeth, afterwards Shipley, 1690-1777

see

Shipley, Elizabeth, nee Levis, 1690-1777

See also *Levi*.

1751 removed from New Haven, Connecticut to New Milford, Connecticut.

1761, the wife of John Shipley, minister and missionary, removed to New Milford and became an adherent spiritualy, friend & wife of George Whitefield.

d. March 17, 1777 at New Milford, Conn. aged 86.

The Friend Miller, 1777,

referred to above

Conn., Friends' Meeting, October

1st, Baltimore, Md., May 1, 1777

LEVITT, Isaac (1792 or 1794-1862)

Isaac Levitt, the son of Isaac and Hannah Levitt of Coggeshall in Essex, was probably born there on 17 March 1792(1), although the Annual Monitor 1864, p 53 gives the date of his birth as 11 November 1794. He started in business as a boot and shoemaker at Woodbridge in Suffolk(2) and in 1820 was married to Caroline Walpole of Long Stratton in Norfolk(3); there was one child(4). Caroline Levitt died in 1823(5) after only two years of marriage, followed shortly afterwards by the death of their baby daughter.

(1790-  
1877 xv) In 1831 Isaac left Woodbridge to take up the situation of  
shoemaker to Ackworth School and in 1832, having been a widower for  
about ten years, he married Mary Donbavand, the daughter of Joseph  
Donbavand, who had been writing master at the school(6). It was a  
very happy marriage, but there were apparently no children(7).

Isaac Levitt was a meek and quiet man, feeling tenderly for the poor and distressed and often helping them beyond what he could afford. He loved to spend his evenings and the intervals in his work in reading the Bible, valued the privilege of meeting his friends for worship and as far as his influence extended it was wholly good. He was slow to speak of his own religious experience and careful not to express more than he felt, but love and gratitude to Jesus Christ was the ruling principle of his life.

He retired from Ackworth in 1860 and died after a lingering illness on 8 November 1862(8).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1864, pp 53-58

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 There is an entry in Essex QM Births Digest for the birth at Coggeshall of Isaac, the son of Isaac, a carpenter, and his wife Hannah, on 17 March 1792. There is no entry for the early death of this child, nor for the birth of a second son called Isaac on 11 November 1794
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Ipswich on 6 December 1820: he is described as a boot and shoemaker of Woodbridge in Suffolk, the son of Isaac and Hannah Levitt of Coggeshall in Essex; she is described as of Ipswich, the daughter of Robert and Martha Walpole of Long Stratton in Norfolk (Suffolk QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 Listed in Suffolk QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-  
Caroline b 11 Dec 1822 who d 16 April 1823
- 5 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: she died on 28 Feb 1823, the wife of Isaac
- 6 The wedding was at Ackworth in Yorkshire on 18 October 1832: he is described as a boot and shoemaker of Ackworth, the son of Isaac, a carpenter, and Hannah (both deceased); she is described as the daughter of Joseph, a schoolmaster, and Lydia Donbavand (both deceased) (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 7 No children are traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest or in the Digest of Births
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as out of business; his age at death is given as 68

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

SEE ALSO

- The Friends ns vol 2 (1862) p 310  
Teachers & officers of Ackworth school, 1895, p 94

WBE:

LEVITT, Isaac, 1794-1862

b. Nov. 11, 1794 at Coggeshall, Essex, Eng., son  
of Isaac and Hannah Levitt.

Entered business at Woodbridge, Suffolk, Eng.

m., 1820 Caroline Walpole of Long Stratton. She  
died about 1822.

1831 became a shoemaker at Ackworth School.

m. (2d) 1832 Mary Donbavand.

1860 retired from the school.

d. Nov. 8, 1862 after a long illness at Ackworth,  
age 68.

The Friend (London), 2 (N.S.), 1862:310

An. Mon. (N.S.), 22 (1864):53

LEVITT, Mary (1790-1831) after 1819 Impey

[Mary Levitt, daughter of Robert Levitt ( - )  
and his wife Elizabeth (born  
of Little Coggeshall in Essex, was married in 1819 to  
William Impey (1790-1840 qv) of Earls Colne in Essex.

See IMPEY, Mary (1790-1831) born Levitt ]

LEVITT, Mary (1790-1875) born Donbavand

Mary Donbavand, the daughter of Joseph Donbavand (1758-1831 qv) and his wife Lydia (born Waring, 1760-1821 qv) of Ackworth in Yorkshire, was born there on 2 October 1790(1).

Even as a young girl she was of a religious turn of mind, although she moved in a humble circle and filled no conspicuous or prominent place in the world. She was a woman of warm affections and neighbourly kindness, ready to sympathise with those in trouble and to give practical help where it was needed.

She lived for a time with the family of William Alexander (1768-1841 qv) of York, but after her mother's death in 1821 she returned home to look after her father. About 1828 he became paralysed and she nursed him tenderly for the three years preceding his death in 1831. She was married in 1832 to Isaac Levitt (1792 or 1794-1862 qv), a boot and shoe maker of Ackworth, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

She was distinguished by great cleanliness and neatness in her house and person. Her marriage lasted for thirty years and then she had once again to nurse a paralysed patient to his death in 1862. She survived her husband for about twelve years, living contentedly in a small cottage where she delighted to dispense hospitality. She had the grace of Christian charity and was always prepared to suffer wrong rather than to commit it. She was both generous and just, living for the most part in much happiness and loved by all who knew her. She was sometimes depressed during her widowhood, but had an unshakeable faith in the mercy of God; she was a humble, simple-minded Christian, contented with small things.

Mary Levitt of Ackworth died on 11 February 1875, at the age of eighty four(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1876, pp 113-116

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a school-master
- 2 For marriage see LEVITT, Isaac (1792 or 1794-1862)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Isaac

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

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LEVITT, Samuel Isaac (1822?-1893)

Samuel Isaac Levitt arrived in Melbourne from Adelaide in the year 1854, and some time afterwards began business at St. Kilda. He was Clerk to the Melbourne Monthly Meeting from 1855 to 1867. He was recorded a Minister by his meeting in 1867.

'His utterances were simple and brief, but were frequently felt to come in their very brokenness with a power and directness that made them weighty and precious to those whom he addressed.'

Shortly before his death Samuel I. Levitt removed from Victoria with his wife to live with his nephew, William L. Wells, of Latrobe, Tasmania, where he died 7 September 1893, aged seventy one years.

Testimony of Melbourne MM in YM Proc. 1894, p.161

LEWIS, Amy (1893-1951) born

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Amy Lewis was born 11 February 1893, her mother being nominally Church of England and her father an agnostic. She graduated with honours in history from University College, Cardiff, in 1917, and while there met Warren D. Lewis, whom she married in 1919.

Amy and Warren Lewis joined the Society of Friends at Stockport in 1920 and some years later moved to Eccles where their home became a centre for countless men and women who needed to talk out problems and seek for blessing.

Amy Lewis' work for the Society and for the workers of Friends Relief Service was so personal and of such devoted quality that she became widely known throughout the Yearly Meeting and beyond - perhaps because human needs always came before the claims of the councils and committees on which she served.

'The richness of her sympathy and understanding flowed from the depths she found in Meeting for Worship. Her ministry and her vocal prayer were often moving, uniting the meeting in deep communion. She also knew when to be silent and strove to help those to whom vocal ministry was more difficult. She was a practical mystic who achieved an almost complete self-discipline, coupled with a kindly and understanding tolerance of the failings of others.'

She died 28 March 1951

Testimony of Hardshaw East MM in YM Proc. 1952, p.167

WBE:

LEWIS, Charles E., 1864-1912.

b. March, 1864, near Stuart, Iowa.

ed. 1886-1893 at Penn College, Iowa. Interrupted his college career in order to do surveying, teaching and developing of a new district in northwest Texas. He worked with cowboys and teamsters.

1893, professor at Pacific College. He became active in Oregon Yearly Meeting. Later became pastor of Friends Church, Newberg, Oregon. *Helped build up several small Oregon meetings.*

m. 1895, Daisy Stanley, Newberg, Oregon. She died a year later.

m. 1900, Sarah Vore.

Acting President of Pacific College on two occasions.

Pastor in Denver, Colo. for a time.

1908-1910, position at Whittier College from which he was forced to resign because of bad health; also some feeling that a doctrinal difference existed.

1910-1912, engaged in government dredging work in Honolulu.

1912, Whittier College called upon him to raise money for their endowment fund. He died several weeks later.

d. 4. June 1912, Whittier, Calif., aged 48.

Rosenberger, A Souvenir of Friends Schools... (portrait)

Am. Frd., v. 19(1912):446,445.

WBE:

LEWIS, David J., 1859-1899

b. May 29, 1859 at Pittsburgh, Pa., son of  
D. A. and Diana Lewis.

As a boy he made money by sale of newspapers.  
1872 the family removed to Wheeling, W. Va. and  
D.J.L. was employed in a rolling mill.

1872 removed to Portsmouth, O. and was a farmer for  
six years, until 1880. He joined the Methodist Church.

ca 1899 he joined Friends and served as pastor of  
Raisin Valley, Mich. and in the evenings at Tecumseh,  
Mich. Was superintendent of evangelical work there.

d. Feb. 16, 1899 in his 40th year.

Lewis, Word and work. (portrait)

LEWIS, Elizabeth (1690-1777) aftw. Shipley

[ Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Samuel Lewis of  
Chester County, Pennsylvania, and his wife  
(nee )  
was married in 1728 to William Shipley, as his  
second wife ]

see SHIPLEY, Elizabeth (1690-1777) born Lewis ]

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LEWIS, Ellis (1677?-1764)

*also WBE*

Ellis Lewis of Tythunygarreg (Tyddin y Garreg) near Dolgelly was born about 1677, (1) of believing parents.

2/ He first appeared in the ministry in his 13th year, 'in a remarkable and tendering manner', in the English language (which he was not used to).

l.c. During a long life he travelled in the ministry a great deal, both in Wales and in various parts of England, 'adorning the doctrine he preached by an innocent life and conversation', and ✓/ was well esteemed by Friends...'. During the last years of his life he was rendered incapable of travelling by infirmity. 8/ & /

v/ He died 23 Nov. 1764, aged 87, and was buried at Friends Burying Ground at Tythunygarreg 28 Nov. (2)

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Wales YM in TCMD vol.3 p.250

#### NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 An 'Alice Lewis', whose parents were James and Cybles Lewis of Landewy, was born 15.iii.1677  
- Hereford, Worcs & Wales QM Births digest  
Not in Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Marriages digest
- 2 Not in Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Burials digest

#### SEE ALSO

Piety promoted (1854 ed.) vol.3 p.74

WBE:

LEWIS, Elizabeth Sheppard, 1875-1973.

b. November 1875.

m. 192-, Dr. O. G. L. Lewis (d. 1948), a Philadelphia dentist.

For years she was a teacher of natural science. Taught nature study classes for children.

1967, retired from position as receptionist for the Friends Institute in Philadelphia.

1967-1970, worked one day a week at the Friends Journal office.

1968, began jogging around the block every morning before breakfast.

1969, had 1,500 copies of Dr. Edward Wildman's This Week Out of Doors reprinted at her own expense to sell and give away.

Member of Valley Friends Meeting near King of Prussia, Pa. Frequently attended the sessions of Philadelphia Y. M.'s Meeting for Social Concerns.

d. 1 November 1973.

Friends Journal 20(1974):239.

WBE:

LEWIS, Enoch, 1776-1856

Jan. 29, 1776 in Radnor Township, Pa., son of Evan and Jane (Meredith) Lewis.

As a child she preferred reading to play. Was instructed by William Waring in Philadelphia, Pa.

1791 taught at Radnor School, then in 1794 was asked to teach at Friends Academy at 4th and Chestnut Sts., Phila.

1795 helped do a survey for the city of Erie, Pa.

m. 1799, Alice Jackson. She died in 1814 of tuberculosis.

1799-1808 teacher at Westtown School. Also 1831-34.

1808 had a private school with Jesse Kersey at New Garden, Penna.

m. (2d) 1815 Lydia Jackson (d. 1846)

1815 - 1855 published a number of books and tracts on teaching subjects and also Quaker personalities and testimonies.

1847 became editor of Friends Review a <sup>4</sup>Quaker publication  
d. July 14, 1856 in Phila. (?), Pa., aged 80 years.

\* Hamm, Thomas Transformation of Amer. Quakerism p.48  
Friends Review, 9:777

<sup>4</sup> Hole, Westtown through the years, 107 et seq.

Comly, Frds. Misc., II:193

Jos Smith's Cat., 2:107; Sup. 233.

Weeks, So. Qu. and Slavery, 356  
Lewis, A <sup>memoir</sup> memorial of Enoch Lewis

Deweese, A Century of Westtown history, 50 (portrait)

WBE:

LEWIS, Evan, 1762 - 1834

b. Radnor Township, Pa., son of Evan  
and Jane (Meredith) Lewis and brother of Enoch Lewis (see biog.)  
ed. to be a tanner, he then went into school  
teaching and had a school for girls in Westchester  
County, New York.

m. Sidney Ann who remained with Orthodox  
Friends at the separation even though Evan Lewis sided  
with the liberal group.

1829 author of A review of the testimony issued by  
the Orthodox Seceders from the monthly meetings of  
Westbury and Jericho, against Elias Hicks.

1832 editor of The Friend, or Advocate of Truth,,  
New Series.

1831, An Address to Christians of all denominations  
on... admitting slaveholders to... church membership.

1833, An Address to the coloured people of Phila.

Autobiography of George W. Taylor, 30

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:108; Sup. 233

Hurnard, A memoir, 51, 52

Fuds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7616

*Info from Am. Antiqu. Soc., citing W.W. Lewis: Genealogy of the  
family of Henry Lewis. 2d ed. Schenectady 1970  
p 34-35*

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LEWIS, Georgina [King] (1847-1924) born Stoughton

Georgina Stoughton was born on 27 March 1847, the last surviving daughter of Dr John Stoughton (well known as a preacher and writer of ecclesiastical history). She wrote biographies of her father, J.G. Whittier and Elizabeth Fry. She did social work among the cabmen of Ealing and helped in the building of a mission hall as a centre for mothers.

At the age of 54 her activities became much wider. In 1901 she went on a mission to the concentration camps in South Africa during the Boer War. Later she made 3 visits to Bulgaria on relief work for refugees. On one of these journeys she carried nearly £1,000-worth of gold on her person, she and her companion Catherine Tonjoroff being accompanied by an escort of soldiers and the head of the police.

In 1906 she had a private interview with Pope Pius X on behalf of Congo sufferers. In 1910 she was a member of a delegation to the Portuguese government on the subject of slavery in S. Thome and Principe.

In 1892 she had married Henry King Lewis, founder of the medical publishing house of that name. He died in 1897.

She joined Friends in 1898 and was soon afterwards recorded as a minister. She had friends of all denominations and believed that the truths of religion should unite not divide us. She worked for temperance. Her last act was to give Ruskin House to the Trades Unions of Croydon.

She died at Croydon on 5 December 1924.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Kingston MM in YM Proc. 1925 p.178.

WBE:

Additional references

LEWIS, Georgiana King, nee Stoughton, 1847-1924

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Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 22:63

The Friend (London), 64(1924):1090,1098 (portrait);  
39 (1899):405

WBE:

LEWIS, John, 1716-1789 ~~11.159~~

Haverford West, Wales.

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1759 wrote Brief observations on a pamphlet  
entitled, "The history of modern enthusiasm, from the  
Reformation to the present Times;" so far as relates to  
the people called Quakers.

(The body of this compilation is made up of quotations from  
the Holy Scriptures, from Friends' writings, from the  
Collects of the Established Church, and from noted preachers,  
all emphasizing the necessity and desirability of immediate  
inspiration.)

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:108

John Lewis, the son of James and Catherine Lewis, was born within the compass of the monthly meeting for the South Division of Wales on 27.vii.(September)1716.(1) His parents were active members of the Society and he appeared in the ministry when he was about twenty one years of age. "He Zealously laboured both at Home and in different Parts of the Kingdom and visited the northern Parts of England with Part of Scotland in company with John Bevington in or about the year 1750 and we have no Doubt but his Services in those visits were very acceptable. He was diligent in his Attendance of Meetings at home and in different Parts of the Principality, especially the Yearly Meetings . . . His publick Appearances to the last were lively."

In 1734 he married Elisabeth Hanbury(2) and there were five children of the marriage.(3)

He apparently lived at Trewern House, where there was a small private burial ground used by Friends, which in 1876 was presented to the Society by a descendant of the family.(4) John Lewis was buried there after his death at Haverfordwest on 21 May 1789; he was aged about seventy two and had been a minister for about fifty two years.(5)

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of QM held at Haverfordwest 20 September 1791 in TCMB vol.3 pp.435-6

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: his place of birth and his father's occupation are not given
- 2 The wedding took place on 9.viii.(October)1734; he is described as the son of James Lewis of the parish of Landdewi in the county of Pembroke; she is described as the daughter of Charles Hanbury of Pontymoil in the county of Monmouth (Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest as follows:-  

Hanbury	b 15.iii.(May)1738	d 6.vii.(Sept.)1738
James	b 20.vi.(August)1741	death not traced
James	b 18.xii.1742 (i.e.Feb.1742/3)	d 1.v.(J <sup>u</sup> ly)1746
John	b 18.xii.1742 (i.e.Feb.1742/3)	
James	b 24 July 1756	
- 4 J.Frs.Hist.Soc. vol.II (1905) p.45
- 5 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:- incidental mention J.Frs.Hist.Soc. vol.XII p.180

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LEWIS, Lesley (1888-1968) born Griffith

f/ Lesley Lewis was born on 9 July 1888 in Bromley, Kent, the daughter of Frank Griffith, JP, a member of the Presbyterian Church of England and Bromley's first Mayor. One of six children, Lesley went to a private school at Bromley and then to a Swiss finishing school. She later studied for a time at Bedford College, London.

D She began to move away from the affluence of her upbringing and by 1914 was having close experience of poverty in Bermondsey. She also became converted to pacifism and joined the Labour Party. In her the strands of political and social revolutionary effort and Christian faith were fused.

e/ She became the first Presbyterian Church sister, working with the underprivileged in Kentish Town. In 1920 she married her brilliant cousin, the Rev. John Lewis who shared her loyalty to Christian Socialism.

Moving to Ipswich in 1930, her dynamic presence altered the course of that town's local history. She was a Labour member on the town council and was Mayor in 1953-54. She became Chairman of the Education Committee, which for her meant playing a full part in the lives of the schools, and not simply making decisions in committees, Ipswich Civic College owed its final emergence as much to her as to anyone. She championed the idealism and unconventionality of the # young, and for her a generation gap did not exist. In the 1930s she was secretary of the local Committee Against Malnutrition, which by its statistics helped nationally to win the campaign for school meals and milk. In the New Year Honours for 1968 she received the OBE for services to local government in Ipswich.

Alongside her public work, Lesley Lewis was a most resourceful mother, having the care of her three sons after the dissolution of her marriage.

a/ In 1950 she was welcomed into membership of Woodbridge Monthly Meeting, and became a much-valued and much-loved member. She attended faithfully Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings, despite her increasing deafness. Her cogent ministry had always a bracing element of challenge. She had an indomitable faith in God's workings through man, and in man's mission under God.

While valuing her membership, she was never wholly satisfied with the Society, feeling that Friends were often too cautious and respectable. She herself was a stalwart supporter of CND and the Fellowship of Reconciliation, as well as serving some years on the

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LEWIS, Lesley (1888-1968) born Griffith continued

Friends Peace Committee. Although widely cultured and well-read, she had great humility and identified herself completely with the e/ underprivileged whom she worked for.

Lesley Lewis died on 27 December 1968.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Woodbridge MM in YM Proc. 1969, p.182

WBE:a

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LEWIS, Lucy (Biddle), 1861-1941

b. 26 Sept. 1861, Sharon Hill, Del. Co., Pa., dau.

Clement M. Biddle and w. Lydia C.

m. John Reece Lewis (s. Mordecai and Sarah W., Media, Pa.);  
b. 13 Apr. 1856, d. 8 Oct. 1898), on 25 Sept. 1884 at her  
father's home. Ch.: Lydia Cooper Lewis (b. 20 July 1885;  
m. John Rickman); Clement Biddle Lewis (b. 27 June 1888;  
m. Barbara Lou Stover).

Helped organize Owen Ave. Friends Meeting, Lansdowne,  
Pa. (Hicksite). Devoted life to work for AFSC from its in-  
ception in 1917, serving in various capacities: Coal Relief  
Committee; Chairman, Committee on Women's Work; Board of  
Directors from (at least) 1927 to her death.

Mem. Joint Peace Committee of two Phila. Y. Mtgs.,  
School Committee for George School, Board of Managers of  
Swarthmore College (from 1908 to her death), nat'l. chairman  
of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, DAR  
(felt need to maintain mem. because it provided L.B.L. with  
the opportunity to state her views, which were often diametrically  
opposed to those of DAR).

Admired by those with whom she worked, Hannah Clothier Hull  
writes that one of L.B.L.'s gifts was "ability to choose others  
for service." Her tolerance and clear-thinking at Phila. Y.  
Mtgs. during difficult post-war years noted with gratitude.

d. 14 Jan. 1941, Lansdowne, Pa., after a long illness.  
Memorial service held 19 Jan 1941, at Friends Meeting House,  
Owen and Stratford Aves., Lansdowne, Pa.

WBE:a

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LEWIS, Lucy (Biddle), 1861-1941 cont'd.

Biddle, Henry D. Owen Biddle and his Descendants. Phila., 1927.  
74-87.

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**LEWIS, Margaret (1681-1744)**

Margaret Lewis(1) of Tuddinagareg near Dolgelly in Merionethshire became responsive to the light of Christ in her heart when she was young, but she did not appear in the ministry until she was about thirty three. "In her Labour in the Service of the Gospel the Power & Wisdom of God did Appear, and Qualified her Ministry to Divide the Word aright; in her Doctrine, She was very acceptable to us, at her particular Meeting as well as other Meetings adjacent where her Lot was Cast; and she did not Speak as a Scribe, but as one having Authority from the giver of the Gift, to make the Careless, and bring Surprise on the Hypocrite in Sion; Her Doctrine fell as the Dew of Consolation unto the Mourners; and it may be said of her, that she was one that was very Serious against Pride & the Vain Glory of the World, & the fashions thereof, and the Corrupt fellowship of the same."

She died apparently unmarried(2) aged sixty three on 8.i.i.(April)1744.(3)

**PRINCIPAL SOURCE**

Testimony of Merioneth MM 4.i.i.(April)1745 in TGND vol.1 p.230

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Her birth is not traced in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest
- 2 There is no record of a marriage in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest
- 3 Her death is not traced in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest

LEWIS, Mary (1686-

) aftw.

, born Hayes

Mary Hayes was born in 1686 and married Evan Lewis in 1704. She was an overseer in Newtown Meeting, Pa, in 1707. She visited England and Ireland in 1735 to 1736 (1). After her return her husband died, and she was re-married.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :-

Information from Sophie M.Drinker, 1963

REFERENCES AND NOTES :-

1. A certificate from Goshen MM, Pa, 20.xi.1734 [i.e. Jan. 1734/5] was produced at the Morning Meeting on 5.iii [May] 1735 (Morning Meeting Minutes vol.5 p.25) A returning certificate was authorized by the Morning Meeting on 23.vi [Aug.] 1736, and signed 30.vi.[Aug.] 1736 (Morning Meeting Minutes vol.5 p.53) For references to her in Ireland see J.Friends hist.soc.vol.10, pp.235,236. She was at Bristol on 8.iv [June] 1735: see Kelsall Transcript Diaries vol.7 p.26

WBE:

LEWIS, Mary, nee , later Walln.

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Walln, Mary, nee afterwards Lewis, later Walln.

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LEWIS, Mary (1763- ) after 1785 Prichard

LEWIS, Mary (1757-1814) born Beesley 24

Mary <sup>Beesley</sup> Lewis, the daughter of Thomas and Hannah Beesley was born in Worcester in 1757. When she was 29 she became a minister.

In 1803 she married James Lewis and moved to Trimant, Monmouthshire. Here she was 'a bright example for her liberality to the poor.'

She retired to Leominster in 1811, and died in 1814 at the age of 57

Testimony of Leominster & Ross M.M. in MS Test. vol.5 p.38

WBE:

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LEWIS, Richard

Germantown, Phila. Pa.

A minister who in 1714 was present at the Meeting  
of Ministering Friends held at Burlington, N.J.

1722 proposed attending General Meeting at Flushing,  
Long Island, N.Y.

d. ca. 1728 and was buried at Germantown, Pa,

John Smith's MSS., II:421

LEWIS, William (1753-1816)

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William Lewis, born in Bristol, was brought up by his parents in the Church of England. He spent his youth in 'eager pursuit of lying vanities' until he was 22, when, after visits to other denominations, he settled for the Friends mode of worship. However he still wrestled with a desire 'for worldly gratification' which nearly got the better of him; but he suffered a severe illness which convinced him of the error of his ways.

He joined Friends in 1798, and although he did not minister much outside Bristol he was much appreciated there.

He died in 1816 at the age of 63, having been a minister for 14 years.

Testimony of Bristol M.M. in MS Test. vol.5 p.72

LIDBETTER, Aaron (1787?-1854)

Aaron Lidbetter, the youngest son of Thomas Lidbetter and his wife Susanna (born 1752?-1833 qv) of Sompting in Sussex, was born about the year 1787(1).

His father was a churchwarden of the parish church of Sompting and Aaron was brought up in the faith of the Church of England. His sister Mary (1779?-1834 qv) joined the Society of Friends in 1799; Aaron spent some time at Poole in Dorset and, perhaps influenced by his sister's example, he was accepted into membership of the Society while living there. On his return home he brought with him a certificate of membership(2).

He became a draper at Southwick in Sussex(3) and was married in 1819 to Elizabeth Etheridge (1789?-1861 qv) of Hoxton in Middlesex(4); there were three children(5).

Aaron Lidbetter of Southwick near Brighton died on 25 October 1854, at the age of sixty seven(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 67 at death
- 2 The story is recounted by Maude Robinson (1859-1950 qv) in "Was it high treason?" in her Wedded in Prison, London 1925, pp 74-87
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Reigate on 16 June 1819: he is described as a draper of Southwick in Sussex, the son of Thomas and Susanna Lidbetter of Lancing in Sussex; she is described as the daughter of John and Sarah Etheridge of Hoxton Town in Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest as follows:-

Sarah Ann	b 4 March 1821
Algernon Etheridge	b 27 July 1824
Henry Aaron	b 28 Nov 1828

No marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 6 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

[Ann Lidbetter, daughter of Thomas and Susanna

LIDBETTER, Adam (1785?-1829)

Adam Lidbetter, the son of Thomas Lidbetter and his wife Susanna (born 1752?-1833 qv) of Sompting in Sussex, was born about the year 1785(1).

His father was a churchwarden of the parish church of Sompting and Adam was brought up in the faith of the Church of England, but largely owing to the influence of his sister Mary (1779?-1834 qv) he was admitted into membership of the Society of Friends in 1809(2).

He became a tallow chandler at Brighton in Sussex(3) and was married in 1809 to Lucy Choat Martin (1786-1830 qv) of Brighton(4); there were eight children(5).

Adam Lidbetter of Brighton died on 15 February 1829, at the age of forty four(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 44 at death
- 2 The story is recounted by Maude Robinson (1859-1950 qv) in "Was it high treason?" in her Wedded in Prison, London 1925, pp 74-87
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Brighton on 22 June 1809: he is described as a tallow chandler of Brighton in Sussex, the son of Thomas and Susanna Lidbetter of Lancing in Sussex; she is described as the daughter of Edward and Hannah Martin of Brighton (Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Sussex & Surrey QM Births and Burials Digests and in the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Susannah	b 13 March 1810	d 25 April 1830, aged 20
*Hannah	b 9 Jan 1812	
*Lucy	b 10 April 1814	
Fanny	b 7 Oct 1816	m 1840 Timothy Swift
*Ann	b 26 Aug 1818	
Martin qv	b 21 Aug 1820	m (1) 1843 Elizabeth Serjeant (1818-1862 qv) (2) 1873 Eliza Walpole (1835-1907 qv)
Thomas	b 24 Aug 1823	m 1848 Deborah Wilson
Sophia qv	b 20 Nov 1825	d 25 Sept 1854, aged 28
- \*No marriages traced in Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1890
- 6 Sussex & Surrey 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

LIDBETTER, Arthur Edward (1846-1874)

Arthur Edward Lidbetter, the son of Martin Lidbetter (1820-1905 qv) and his first wife Elizabeth (born Serjeant, 1818-1862 qv) of Sidcot and Wigton, was born at Sidcot on 26 September 1846(1). He had a genial and attractive disposition, but it was not until he left home that he considered his religious beliefs seriously. His mother, whom he loved dearly, died when he was sixteen years old and a further break in his hitherto easy and pleasant home life occurred shortly afterwards, when he had to set about choosing a career for himself.

He was placed as an apprentice with a Friend at Birkenhead, where he was first inclined to examine the beliefs and practices of the Society in which he had been educated. On leaving Birkenhead he went to Bath, where he again greatly profited by the religious influence of the family in which he was placed. But unfortunately his constitution was delicate and both at Birkenhead and at Bath he had to return home for periods of varying length for the benefit of his health.

In the spring of 1873 he went to Ambleside to take over a business on his own account as a grocer. His business prospered, although he felt it right as a teetotaller to give up the sale of intoxicating drinks on which a great deal of the former owner's profit had depended. He became engaged to be married and his future looked very bright, but his health, which had for some time been failing, began seriously to decline.

Arthur Edward Lidbetter of Ambleside died on 13 May 1874, at the age of twenty seven(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1876, pp 116-121

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 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

LIDBETTER, Bridger (1784?-1856)

Bridger Lidbetter, the son of Thomas Lidbetter and his wife Susanna (born 1752?-1833 qv) of Sompting in Sussex, was born about the year 1784(1).

His father was a churchwarden of the parish church of Sompting and Bridger was brought up in the faith of the Church of England, but largely owing to the example of his sister Mary (1779?-1834 qv) he was accepted into membership of the Society of Friends in 1809(2).

He became a farmer at Dorton in Sussex(3) and was married in 1818 to Elizabeth Hilton (1792-1872 qv) of Brighton in Sussex(4); there were six children(5).

At some time after 1830 he moved to Middlesbrough, where he continued to farm(6). He died there on 8 June 1856, at the age of seventy two(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 72 at death
- 2 The story is recounted by Maude Robinson (1859-1950 qv) in "Was it high treason?" in her Wedded in Prison, London 1925, pp 74-87
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Lewes on 23 September 1818: he is described as a farmer of Dorton in Sussex, the son of Thomas and Susanna Lidbetter of Lancing in Sussex; she is described as the daughter of John and Sarah Hilton of Brighton in Sussex (Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Sussex & Surrey QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

*John Bridger	b 6 July 1819	d 6 Nov 1870, aged 51, late Leeds
James	b 18 Dec 1820	m 1852 Sarah Drewett
Sarah	b 3 March 1822	d 3 Sept 1831, aged 9
*Elizabeth	b 16 Nov 1824	
Joseph	b 7 Feb 1827	m 1853 Mary Elizabeth Blayds
Susanna	b 12 Nov 1830	d 29 May 1832, aged 17 months
- 6 \*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1880
- 7 All his children were born in Sussex, but he is described as a farmer of Middlesbrough in his burial entry
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a farmer

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1857, p 92: 2 line entry for death

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

LIDBETTER, Caroline (1785?-1857) born Turner

Caroline Turner, the daughter of James and Martha Turner of Southwick in Sussex, was born about the year 1785(1).

She was married in 1813 to Samuel Lidbetter (1782?-1849 qv), a farmer of Dorton in Sussex and there were five children(2).

Caroline Lidbetter of New Shoreham in Sussex died on 7 May 1857, at the age of seventy two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 72 at death. Her birth is not traced in Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see LIDBETTER, Samuel (1782?-1849)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Samuel

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

LIDBETTER, Deborah Ellen (1883-1966) after 1918 Hipsley

[Deborah Ellen Lidbetter, daughter of Thomas Lidbetter  
( - ) and his wife Ellen Louise (born  
), was married in 1918 to  
Edward Sanderson Hipsley (1873-1957 qv).]

See HIPSLEY, Deborah Ellen (1883-1966) born Lidbetter ]

LIDBETTER, Eliza (1835-1907) born Walpole

Eliza Walpole, daughter of William (1782-1853) and Mary (born Thompson, 1800-1881) Walpole, was born in Ireland on 30 April 1835 (1).

In 1867 she became housekeeper at Wigton School, continuing until 1893 (2). "She had a kind, motherly way with the boys and girls who were unwell, and if she prescribed cod-liver oil and Parish's food there was always a substantial arrowroot biscuit by way of consolation. In her time, tea for Sunday supper was introduced, and she made various changes in the table appointments, banishing the remaining metal dishes and substituting cleaner-looking crockery and glass" (3).

She married in 1875, as his second wife, Martin Lidbetter (1820-1905 qv), the superintendent of the school: there were 4 surviving children of the first marriage and 3 children of the second marriage (4).

She was in the station of elder (5).

Lidbetter  
After Martin and Eliza ~~&~~ retired from the school they ~~continued~~ moved to live at Burnfoot, Wigton (6).

Eliza Lidbetter of Wigton died 2 July 1907, aged 72 years (7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Henry Webb, The Walpole pedigree, pp 19, 23 (sections 36, 42) (MS, Friends House Library): her father's year of death appears to be wrongly given as 1854 (cf Annual monitor 1855 p 162, where the death of William Walpole of Ashbrook is given as 5 December 1853 (entry for death not traced in The Friend). Her mother died at Knockballymaher (Annual monitor 1883 p 133). Ashbrook is in Queens County (Leix): see The Friend ns vol 13 (1873) p 213
- 2 David W. Reed (ed), Friends school, Wigton, 1815-1953, 1954, pp 59, 321
- 3 Reed, op cit, p 59. See also Wigton Old Scholars Assoc rep 16 (1907) p 11 for a tribute to Eliza Lidbetter from Arthur H. Watson
- 4 For particulars of the marriage and family, see LIDBETTER, Martin (1820-1905)
- 5 So shown in Cumberland QM printed list of members 1897 (the first to indicate elders and overseers) and until the 1901 list: she is not shown as an elder in the list for 1905
- 6 Address as given in Cumberland QM printed lists of members 1897-1905
- 7 Digest of Deaths: she is described as widow of Martin

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

LIDBETTER, Elizabeth (1789?-1861) born Etheridge

Elizabeth Etheridge, the daughter of John and Sarah Etheridge of Hoxton Town in Middlesex, was born about the year 1789(1).

She was married in 1819 to Aaron Lidbetter (1787?-1854 qv), a draper of Southwick in Sussex and there were three children(2).

Elizabeth Lidbetter of Southwick died on 24 April 1861, at the age of seventy two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 72 at death. Her birth is not traced in London & Middlesex QM or Dorset & Hants QM Births Digests
- 2 For marriage and children see LIDBETTER, Aaron (1787?-1854)
- 3 Annual Monitor 1862, p 98: 3 line entry for death. Her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

LIDBETTER, Elizabeth (1792-1872) born Hilton

Elizabeth Hilton, the daughter of John Hilton ( - ) and his wife Sarah (born ) of Brighton in Sussex, was born there on 8 December 1792(1).

She was married in 1818 to Bridger Lidbetter (1784?-1853 qv), a farmer of Dorton in Sussex and there were six children(2). At some time after 1830 the family moved to Middlesbrough(3). Later, probably after her husband's death, she apparently moved to Leeds, where her eldest son was living(4).

Elizabeth Lidbetter of Leeds died on 28 March 1872, at the age of seventy nine(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see LIDBETTER, Bridger (1784?-1853)
- 3 See entry for LIDBETTER, Bridger (1784?-1853)
- 4 John Bridger Lidbetter is described as of Leeds in his burial entry
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Bridger

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

LIDBETTER, Elizabeth (1818-1862) born Serjeant

Elizabeth Serjeant, the daughter of John Serjeant and his wife Elizabeth, born Hill, of Bristol, was born there on 17 January 1818(1). She was educated at Sidcot School from 1827 to 1832(2).

She was married in 1843 to Martin Lidbetter (1820-1905 qv), the headmaster of Sidcot School and there were six children(3).

Elizabeth Lidbetter died two years after her husband became superintendent of Wigton School, on 22 January 1862, at the age of forty four(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father is described as a linen draper
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 183
- 3 For marriage and children see LIDBETTER, Martin (1820-1905)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Martin

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

LIDBETTER, Elizabeth (1855-1927) born Farrer

Elizabeth Farrer, the daughter of Isaac and Mary Farrer of Stockland Gate, Kendal, was born there on 3 March 1855(1).

She was married in 1881 to Thomas Lidbetter (1855-1934 qv), a grocer of Weston-super-Mare and there were three children(2).

Elizabeth Lidbetter of Terrick, Butlers Cross, Buckinghamshire, died on 14 January 1927 at the age of seventy one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a tea dealer
- 2 For marriage and children see LIDBETTER, Thomas (1855-1934)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Thomas

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

LIDBETTER, ETHELWYN ( 1882 - 1976 ) born ROWNTREE.

Ethelwyn Rowntree was born on April 22, 1882 at Sheffield, the seventh child of Charles John (1846 - 1925 qv.) and Mary de Horne (born Brightwen, 1847-1929 qv.) Rowntree. (1)

From school she was trained as a nurse and spent four years nursing at The Retreat under Dr. Bedford Pierce. There she was one of the first nurses to be awarded the "Tuke" medal. She then went on to train for sick nursing at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

In 1910 she married Hubert Lidbetter (1885 - 1966 qv.) (2) and they settled down as members of Golders Green meeting where they stayed (3) until 1958. For much of this time Ethelwyn Lidbetter was a wise and loving clerk to overseers. In addition she served on Meeting for Sufferings representing London & Middlesex QM (later GM) from 1948/9 to 1956/7. (4)

In 1958 they moved to Stanmore (5) and it was with her help that ground was found on which to build a new meeting house. The present (1976) Edgware Meeting House was designed by her son Martin.

There were two children of the marriage.(6)

The last five years of her life were spent at York with her daughter and son-in-law and she died peacefully in her sleep there, on January 12, 1976, aged 93.

The obituary in the Friend concludes "her serenity, loving smile, and strength of spirit will long be remembered by all who knew her."

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol 134 (1976) p 148

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Digest of Births. Her father is described as a manufacturer.
  2. Digest of Marriages. The marriage took place at Carlton Hill FMH, Leeds on September 9, 1910. She is described as spinster of 3, Oakfield Terrace, Headingley, Leeds, daughter of Charles John Rowntree, gentleman. Hubert Lidbetter, as bachelor, architect, of 26, Langdale Rd. Victoria Park, Manchester, son of Robert Martin Lidbetter, gentleman.
  3. London & Middlesex GM printed list of members shows them as members of Golders Green meeting in 1912
  4. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library.
  5. London & Middlesex GM printed list of members shows them as members of Edgware meeting in 1960.
  6. Digest of Births. The children are recorded as:-

Ethelwyn Margaret b 5. 7. 1912 who in 1939 William Kege  
Hubert Martin b 31. 10. 1914 Sessions  
(1917- )

LIDBETTER, Hubert ( 1885 - 1966 )

Hubert Lidbetter was born in Dublin in 1885, the son of Robert Martin ( 1844 - 1921 qv ) and Sarah Sophia ( b. Webb ) Lidbetter. He was educated at both Ackworth and Bootham schools and then because he was determined to be an architect, (his father and grandfather had been headmasters of schools), he was apprenticed to a firm of architects in Carlisle.

In 1910 he married Ethelwyn Rowntree ( 1882 - 1976 qv)(1) and on the outbreak of war in 1914 volunteered for the Friends Ambulance Units, he spent four years driving ambulances on the western front with Section Sanitaire Anglaise 14. After the war he moved to London and set up as an architect in partnership with Gerald Warren. He became an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1918 and was elected a Fellow in 1927. In 1926 he won the R.I.B.A. London Architecture Bronze Medal for the design of Friends House, in Euston Road, and went on to design meeting houses for Friends in many parts of the country and other buildings, such as the George Dadbury Hall in Selly Oak, Birmingham and the Salvation Army International Headquarters in Queen Victoria St. London. In 1950 his son Hubert Martin Lidbetter joined him in the firm. He was a member of the R.I.B.A. Council for some years, serving on its Registration Council, and as a Vice-president of the R.I.B.A. in 1942/3. He was chairman of the Board of Architectural Education and examiner to the R.I.B.A. and to other schools of architecture. In the second world war he continued to run his practice almost unaided and also took his duties at the local A.R.P. post. In 1961 he produced the profusely illustrated book ' The Friends Meeting House '. For many years he was also a valued member of the Achworth School Committee and also served on Friends Ho. Institute Committee from 1926 - 1928/9.(2). From 1936 to 1958 he was surveyor to Six Weeks Meeting.

In 1958 he and his wife moved out to Stanmore, in Middlesex, to a beautifully situated house designed by him and by his son to give them two separate houses under one roof. For most of their life they had been associated with Golders Green meeting, to which he had given good service, being for some years its treasurer and also serving on its premises committee, but on moving to Stanmore they became members of Edgware meeting. Again they helped locally to found a new meeting at Stanmore and his son Martin was asked to design the new meeting house.

He died on February 6, 1966 at the age of 80.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 124 (1966) pp. 155, 241, 247/8

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Carlton Hill F.M., Leeds on September 9, 1910.
2. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.

LIDBETTER, Lucy Choat (1786-1830) born Martin

Lucy Choat Martin, the daughter of Edward Martin ( - ) and his wife Hannah (born ) of Gravesend in Kent, was born there on 7 January 1786(1).

The family moved to Brighton in Sussex, where Lucy was married in 1809 to Adam Lidbetter (1785?-1829 qv), a tallow chandler of Brighton; there were eight children(2).

Lucy Choat Lidbetter of Brighton died on 22 March 1830, at the age of forty four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Kent QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see LIDBETTER, Adam (1785?-1829)
- 3 Sussex & Surrey QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Adam; her age at death is given as 45

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

Martin Lidbetter, the son of Adam and Lucy Choat Lidbetter of Brighton in Sussex, was born there on 21 August 1820(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1829 to 1834(2) and at the conclusion of his school days went as an apprentice teacher to Sidcot School with William Batt(1780-1869 qv), the headmaster at that time being Barton Dell (1807-1886 qv). When Barton Dell left Sidcot in 1839 there was considerable difficulty in filling his post, but Martin Lidbetter had made a great impression during his apprenticeship; he had made himself so useful to the school that three times he was voted a special honorarium and in 1841, at the completion of his apprenticeship he was made head teacher at a salary of £40 a year, increased in two years to £60 and ultimately to £120 a year(2). He was an excellent teacher, a firm disciplarian but with an active interest in the boys' hobbies and games(2b). He was married in 1843 to Elizabeth Serjeant (1818-1862 qv) of Weston-super-Mare(3) and there were six children(4).

He left Sidcot and had rather an unsettled period, during which he taught for a time at Croydon and then opened a private school in Nottingham, but in 1860 he gave this up to become superintendent of Wigton School in Cumberland, a position which he held for over thirty three years. His appointment led to a more settled period in the history of the school and his Christian influence and gift of managing people soon became apparent in the uplifting of its tone. He introduced co-education and the laboratory was one of the earliest to be equipped for practical work. He was deeply concerned for the welfare of the young people in his charge and also for the staff who served under him.

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His wife died in 1862 and in 1872 he married Eliza Walpole (1835/-1907 qv), the housekeeper at the school(5); there were three children(6). In 1890 he celebrated his seventieth birthday, marked by many tokens of appreciation and by the formation of the Wigton Old Scholars' Association and three years later he and his wife retired for a well earned rest.

## in 1893

On his retirement Martin Lidbetter continued to live at Wigton and to take an active interest in the affairs of the school during the remaining twelve years of his life. He was much respected in the town and his quiet Christian influence and devoted life bore a constant testimony to the sincerity of his beliefs. He also took a prominent part in the affairs of the Society; he was an overseer and an elder of Holm Monthly Meeting, was clerk to its meeting for ministry and oversight and was for some time clerk to Cumberland Quarterly Meeting.

Until late in life he took little vocal part in meetings for worship, but his service in this direction increased and deepened and he was recorded a minister by Holm Monthly Meeting in September 1899(7). As a minister he spoke from a well stored mind and well formed judgement.

Martin Lidbetter of Burnfoot, Wigton died after a single day's illness on 27 May 1905, at the age of eighty four(8), at that time the oldest living schoolmaster in the Society of Friends.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1906, p 105

The Friend vol 45 (1905) p 441

Francis A. Knight, A History of Sidcot School, 1808-1908, pp 113-114

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: his father is described as a tallow chandler
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 118, entry 5339
- 3 The wedding was at Sidcot on 22 November 1843: he is described as a bachelor, a schoolmaster of Sidcot in the parish of Winscombe, the son of Adam Lidbetter, a grocer; she is described as of Weston-super-Mare, the daughter of John Serjeant, a shopkeeper (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-  

Robert Martin qv	b 9 Aug 1844	m Sophia Webb (Dublin)
Arthur Edward qv	b 26 Sept 1846	d 13 May 1874 aged 27
Charles	b 19 March 1848	d 9 Feb 1850
Elizabeth Lucy	b 23 Aug 1852	m 1878 William Levitt Wells (1853-1918 qv)
Sophia	b 13 June 1854	d 17 July 1854
Thomas qv	b 13 Nov 1855	m 1881 Elizabeth Farrer (1855-1927 qv)
- 5 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 6 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-  

*William Walpole	b 16 June 1874	d 1 Feb 1959
Arthur Henry (Harry)	b 7 March 1876	d 4 Dec 1897 aged 21
*Mary	b 16 Oct 1878	
- 7 Recorded by Holm MM 17 Sept 1899: Friends House Library List of recorded ministers 1861-1924
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired schoolmaster
- 2a Francis A. Knight, A history of Sidcot school 1808-1908, 1908, pp 113-4
- 2b Knight, op cit, p 114
- 5 The marriage was at Dublin on 16 July 1873: she is described as "daughter of the late William Walpole, of Ashbrook, Queen's County" (The Friend ns vol 13 (1873) p 213). The Annual monitor obituary erroneously gives the year of marriage as 1872 and that of the death of his first wife as 1861.

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LIDBETTER, Martin (1820-1905)

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SEE ALSO:-

- Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 24, 1905, pp 107-8  
History of Wigton School, 1916, p 50: account of his headship  
Notice in vol CC/33, Friends House Library  
Proposed testimonial on his retirement - vol O/35, Friends House  
Library

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

LIDBETTER, Martin (1820-1905)

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Martin Lidbetter, the son of Adam and Lucy Choat Lidbetter was born at Brighton on 21 August 1820 (1). He went for five years to Ackworth School, then to Sidcot School as an apprentice teacher with William Batt, his headmaster being Barton Dell (1a). For a time he taught at Croydon and in Nottingham. In 1843 he married Elizabeth Serjeant (2): there were six children (3).

In 1860 he became Superintendent at Wigton School. He introduced co-education there and its laboratory was one of the earliest to be equipped for practical work. He is remembered for his fostering care of the young teachers who served under him. In 1872 he married as his second wife Eliza Walpole: there were three children (4). In Holm MM he acted as Overseer and Elder and was Clerk to QM and its Meeting for Ministry and Oversight. He retired in 1893 (5). As Minister he spoke more in his later years from a well-stored mind and well-formed judgment. He died on 27 May 1905, the oldest of living schoolmasters in the Society of Friends, being 84.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1906 p.105

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: his father is described as tallow chandler
- 1a For reference to this period see F.A. Knight, History of Sidcot School
- 2 The wedding was at Sidcot on 22 November 1843: she is described as of Weston-super-Mare, daughter of John Serjeant, shopkeeper (Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 3 Listed in Digests of Birth and Burial Notes as follows:-

Robert Martin	born 9 Aug. 1844, qv	died 13 May 1874
Arthur Edward	born 26 Sept 1846	died 9 Feb. 1850
Charles	born 19 March 1848	
Elizabeth Lucy	born 23 Aug. 1852	
Sophia	born 13 June 1854	died 17 July 1854
Thomas	born 13 Nov. 1855	

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LIDBETTER, Martin (1820-1905) cont.

4 Listed in Digests of Birth and Burial Notes as follows:-

William Walpole	born 16 June 1874	died 1 Feb. 1959
Arthur Henry (Harry)	born 7 March 1876	died 4 Dec. 1897
Mary	born 16 Oct. 1878	

5 For a proposed testimonial on his retirement see Friends House  
vol. 0/35. An account of his headmastership is given in  
History of Wigton school, 1916, p.50

SEE ALSO

The Friend n.s. vol. (1905) p.441  
Notice in vol. CC/33, Friends House

LIDBETTER, Mary (1779?-1834) after 1803 Gravely

[Mary Lidbetter, daughter of Thomas Lidbetter and his wife  
Susanna (born 1752?-1833 qv) of Sompting in  
Sussex, was married in 1803 to William Gravely (1775?-1832 qv).]

See GRAVELY, Mary (1779?-1834) born Lidbetter ]

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LIDBETTER, Robert Martin (1844-1921)

Robert Martin Lidbetter, the eldest son of Martin Lidbetter (1820-1905 qv) and his first wife Elizabeth (born Serjeant, 1818-1862 qv) of Sidcot, Nottingham and Wigton, was born at Sidcot on 9 August 1844(1). His father was for some time headmaster of Sidcot School, later teaching at Croydon and running a private school in Nottingham, but in 1860 he became superintendent of Wigton School in Cumberland and the family moved to Wigton.

For five years Robert Lidbetter taught at Wigton School as a junior master, later going on to Sidcot School. He left Sidcot to go to Ireland and for several years he ran a flourishing school in Dublin; while there he married Sarah Sophia Webb and there were three children, all born in Dublin(2).

In 1886 he returned to Wigton as senior assistant to his father, where he remained until 1891. He then started a private school in Workington, later moving to Carlisle where, with the assistance of his wife and daughters, he carried on a girls' school for several years. He retired from this in 1909, settling first at Wigton, then in Brigham and finally in Cockermouth.

In 1887, while living in Wigton, he was recorded a minister and it was there, too, that he founded an adult school which continued well towards the end of the first world war. In Carlisle he was president of the adult school in Fisher Street and frequently helped in the mission meetings at Willow Holme. He was clerk to Pardshaw Monthly Meeting from 1915 to 1918 and also held the position of clerk to the Extension Committee up to the time of his death. Towards the smaller meetings of the monthly meeting he felt an especial concern, particularly towards Pardshaw and his presence and ministry to the few Friends there was greatly valued.

Robert Lidbetter had many interests, including astronomy, in which field he was an expert, natural history and peace. In all things he showed a broad toleration for the views of others, taking an interest in any movement which was for the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth and often occupying the pulpit of places of worship outside the Society of Friends. "Faithful to the old truths, he preached Christ as the Saviour of men and often reminded his hearers that 'the kingdom of Heaven is within you.'"

Robert Martin Lidbetter of Henry Street, Cockermouth, died on 5 December 1921, at the age of seventy seven(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Pardshaw MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1922, p 301

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a schoolmaster
- 2 Dates of birth supplied as far as at present (1980) possible from Irish registers and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

*Hilda Mary	b 13 Nov 1881	
Bertha	b 22 Feb 1883	m 1920 Herbert Rowntree (1884-1957 qv)
Hubert qv	b 1885	m 1910 Ethelwyn Rowntree
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired schoolmaster and recorded minister

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

LIDBETTER, Robert Martin (1844 - 1921) 2

Robert Lidbetter was born at Sidcot in 1844 to Martin and Elizabeth (Serjeant) Lidbetter (i).

In 1860 his father became superintendent of Wigton School and the family moved to Wigton. For five years Robert Lidbetter taught there as junior teacher; later he taught at Sidcot School. For several years he ran a flourishing school in Dublin and, while he was there, married Sarah Sophia Webb.

In 1886 he returned to Wigton as senior assistant to his father, where he remained until 1891. He then started a private school in Workington, later removing to Carlisle, where, with the assistance of his wife and daughters, he carried on a girls' school for several years. He retired from this in 1909, settling first in Wigton, then in Brigham, and finally in Cockermouth.

In Carlisle he was president of the adult school in Fisher Street and frequently helped in the mission meetings in Willow Holme. It was in Wigton, too, that he founded an adult school which continued well towards the end of the 1914-18 war.

In 1887, whilst living at Wigton, he was recorded a minister. He was clerk to Pardshaw Monthly Meeting from 1915 to 1918 and also held the position of clerk to the Extention Committee up to the time of his death. Towards the smaller meetings of the monthly meeting, he felt an especial concern; towards Pardshaw in particular, and his presence and ministry to the few Friends there was greatly valued.

Robert Lidbetter had many interests: astronomy, in which field he was an expert; natural history; peace. In all things he showed a broad toleration for the views of others, taking an interest in any movement which was for the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth and often occupying the pulpit of places of worship outside the Society of Friends. 'Faithful to the old truths, he preached Christ as the Saviour of men and often reminded his hearers that "the kingdom of Heaven is within you".

He died in Cockermouth ~~the~~ 5 of December 1921.

Testimony of Pardshaw MM in YM Proc. 1922, p.301

References and notes

(i) Digest of registers of marriages 1837-1903

LIDBETTER, Samuel (1782?-1849)

Samuel Lidbetter, the son of Thomas Lidbetter and his wife Susanna (born 1752?-1833 qv) of Sompting in Sussex, was born about the year 1782(1).

His father was a churchwarden of the parish church of Sompting and Samuel was brought up in the faith of the Church of England, but largely through the example of his sister Mary (1779?-1834 qv) he was admitted into membership of the Society of Friends in 1803(2).

He became a farmer at Dorton in Sussex(3) and was married in 1813 to Caroline Turner (1785?-1857 qv) of Southwick in Sussex(4); there were five children(5).

Samuel Lidbetter of New Shoreham in Sussex died on 15 September 1849, at the age of sixty seven(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 67 at death
- 2 The story is recounted by Maude Robinson (1859-1950 qv) in "Was it high treason?" in her Wedded in Prison, London 1925, pp 74-87
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Brighton on 29 July 1813: he is described as a farmer of Dorton in Sussex, the son of Thomas and Susanna Lidbetter of Lancing in Sussex; she is described as the daughter of James and Martha Turmer of Southwick in Sussex (Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Sussex & Surrey QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 11 May 1814	d 16 April 1837, aged 23
Ellen	b 6 June 1816	m 1838 John Hutchinson
Samuel	b 8 Oct 1817	d 3 July 1835, aged 17
Martha	b 14 March 1819	m 1862 John Crackler
Jonathan	b 28 April 1821	d 13 April 1835, aged 14
- 6 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

LIDBETTER, Sophia (1825-1854)

Sophia Lidbetter, the daughter of Adam and Lucy Cheat Lidbetter of Brighton in Sussex, was born there on 20 November 1825(1); she was the sister of Martin Lidbetter (1820-1905 qv). Her parents died when she was very young and she grew into an impetuous and wayward child, showing little promise of the Christian character she eventually possessed. When she was eight years old she was sent to Ackworth School and during the five years she was there her conduct often caused anxiety.

After leaving school she was much exposed to the temptations and vanities of the world, but she was also fortunate in obtaining situations in the families of one or two Friends, where the mistresses were concerned for the spiritual well being of those in their care. They exercised a marked influence for good over the young and wilful Sophia and she not only felt herself indebted to them but grew to love them dearly.

In 1849, after some preparatory training at the Borough Road Normal School, she returned to Ackworth as a teacher and was given charge of the junior classes, comprising about half the school. Her natural hastiness of temper was checked and a disposition to self-aggrandisement yielded peacefully to the wishes of others. She showed every sign of developing into a useful member of the school staff when in the winter of 1853 she caught a severe cold, which settled on her chest and affected her lungs. She bore her slow decline in health with great patience and died peacefully at Ackworth on 25 September 1854(2), in her twenty ninth year.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1856 pp 126-137

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster, a school teacher

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

LIDBETTER, Susanna (1752?-1833) born

Susanna Lidbetter, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced, was born about the year 1752(1). She was the wife of Thomas Lidbetter, a churchwarden of the parish church of Sompting in Sussex.

She apparently had seven children(2) who all joined the Society when they were grown up(3). She herself was admitted into membership in 1811, probably after the death of her husband, who was never a member.

Susanna Lidbetter of Brighton died on 26 June 1833, at the age of eighty one(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The story is recounted by Maude Robinson (1859-1950 qv) in "Was it high treason?" in her Wedded in Prison, London 1925, pp 74-87  
Her husband's name is given there as John

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 81 at death
- 2 The children are given in Maude Robinson, op cit, and in Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest as follows:-

Thomas qv	b 1777?	m Anne
Mary qv	b 1779?	m 1803 William Gravelsy (1775?-1832 qv)
Susanna qv	b 1780?	m 1807 John Gravelsy (fl 1807-1811 qv)
Samuelqv	b 1782?	m 1813 Caroline Turner (1785?-1857 qv)
Bridger qv	b 1784?	m 1818 Elizabeth Hilton (1792-1872 qv)
Adam qv	b 1785?	m 1809 Lucy Choat Martin (1786-1830 qv)
Aaron qv	b 1787?	m 1819 Elizabeth Etheridge (1789?-1861 qv) (London & Mddx QM Marriages Digest)

Maude Robinson, op cit, gives Aaron as the eldest son, but the ages of these children and their year of birth are calculated from their age at date of death

- 3 They were admitted into the Society as follows:-

Thomas 1800  
Mary 1799  
Susanna 1803  
Samuel 1803  
Bridger 1809  
Adam 1809

Aaron apparently joined the Society during his residence at Poole; the date is at present (1981) not traced

- 4 Sussex & Surrey QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Thomas

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

LIDBETTER, Susanna (1780?-1826) after 1807 Gravely

[Susanna Lidbetter, daughter of Thomas Lidbetter and his wife Susanna (born 1752?-1833 qv) of Sompting and Lancing in Sussex, was married in 1807 to John Cravely (fl 1807-1811 qv).]

See GRAVELY, Susanna (1780?-1826) born Lidbetter ]

LIDBETTER, Thomas (1777?-1848)

Thomas Lidbetter, the eldest son of Thomas Lidbetter and his wife Susanna (born 1752?-1833 qv) of Sompting in Sussex, was born about the year 1777(1).

His father was a churchwarden of the parish church of Sompting and Thomas was brought up in the Church of England, but he joined the Society of Friends in 1800(2).

He began life as a farmer in Sussex, but by 1824 he is described as a merchant(3) and by 1826 as a coal merchant(4). He then apparently moved to Droitwich, where he became a salt agent(5).

He was married some time before 1807 to Anne(6) and there were nine children(7). His wife died in 1839(8).

Thomas Lidbetter of Droitwich died on 29 April 1848, at the age of seventy one(9).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 71 at death
- 2 The story is recounted by Maude Robinson (1859-1950 qv) in "Was it high treason?" in her Wedded in Prison, London 1925, pp 74-87
- 3 He is described as a farmer in the birth entries for his eight eldest children; in the entry for Edward, born in 1824, he is described as a merchant
- 4 He is so described in the burial entry for his daughter Mary, who died in 1826
- 5 He is so described in his burial entry, note 9
- 6 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales, except for Lancashire and Yorkshire, not yet checked
- 7 Listed in Sussex & Surrey QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

*William	b 18 July 1807	
Thomas	b 7 June 1809	m 1840 Martha Waterfall
Mary	b 24 July 1810	d 15 July 1826, aged 16
John	b 22 Jan 1812	d 19 Feb 1830, aged 18
*Sarah	b 7 July 1813	
*Joseph	b 23 Aug 1815	
*Simpson	b 20 July 1817	
Daniel	b 27 June 1819	d 27 Feb 1821, aged 20 months
*Edward	b 25 Sept 1824	

\*No marriages traced in Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1880

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 8 Digest of Deaths: she died 30 December 1839, aged 59  
9 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a salt agent

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

LIDBETTER, Thomas (1823-1908)

Thomas Lidbetter, the son of Adam Lidbetter (1785?-1829 qv) and his wife Lucy Choat (born Martin, 1786-1830 qv) of Brighton in Sussex, was born there on 24 August 1823(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1831 to 1838(2).

On leaving school he went on trial to Samuel Knight, a grocer of Pontefract in Yorkshire, but his love of the sea was so strong that he refused to sign his indentures and, if bound against his will, he said he would run away. So Brighton Friends, in whose care he was since the death of his parents, apprenticed him to Captain James Boddie, a Friend of Whitehaven in Cumberland. He prospered in his chosen profession and became captain of a ship at the early age of twenty one.

He was twice married. He married firstly in 1848 Deborah Wilson(3) and there were six children(4). He married secondly in 1879 Ellen Louisa Staples (1849?-1945 qv) of Hobart, Tasmania(5) and there were three children(6).

His first venture was the building of "The Swarthmore", an unfortunate and badly designed ship, which made the voyage out to Australia with a cargo of wool and after many vicissitudes eventually reached London with a cargo of gold. On her second voyage she was wrecked in the Bahamas.

On his return to London Thomas Lidbetter engaged with Richardson, Duck & Co. to superintend the building of a flotilla at Kurrachie for the navigation of the Indies. This led him to give up his sailor's life and become a merchant. About 1863 he moved to Bombay to enter into partnership with a firm of Parsee merchants, Doshabhai, Merwangee & Co., but the firm was ruined by the American civil war. Thomas Lidbetter then set up as an average adjuster in Bombay and for a time in Australia and New Zealand. He also held the position of notary public.

His sight began to fail and in 1889 he returned to England with his wife and three children. He settled first at Saffron Walden in Essex, where he became totally blind. He moved successively to Tenby and Wolverhampton and was unfailingly cheerful in his remaining years.

Thomas Lidbetter of Darlington House, Horden Road, Wolverhampton, died on 27 February 1908, at the age of eighty six(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 27 (1908) pp 100-101

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: his father is described as a tallow chandler
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 123, entry 5541: from Brighton
- 3 The wedding was at Dudley FMH on 10 August 1848: he is described as a bachelor, a ship captain of Grange Lane, Birkenhead, the son of Adam Lidbetter, a tallow chandler; she is described as a spinster of Dudley, the daughter of William Wilson, a draper (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digest of Births and New Zealand printed lists of members, 1876, p 22 as follows:-

Jane Ritson	b 23 Aug 1849
Margaret Ann	b 29 Dec 1852
Ann	b 18 May 1856
Amy	
Ida	b 1 Nov 1865
Wilson Thompson	

No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 5 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages nor in The Friend for 1879
- 6 Warwickshire, Leicester & Stafford QM printed lists of members, 1903, p 94 gives the following: the births are not traced in the Digest of Births:-  
Sydney Thomas  
Deborah Ellen  
James Staples b 1855
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired mariner

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

SEE ALSO:-

The British Friend vol 10, 12th month 1852, p 3 (advt):  
'The new Iron Ship, "Swarthmore", 1900 Tons Burthen, to Sail 2d Month 1853. Thomas Lidbetter, Commander, a Member of our Society.' The ship was to travel from London to Port Philip, direct.

LIDBETTER, Thomas (1855-1934)

Thomas Lidbetter, the son of Martin Lidbetter (1820-1905 qv) and his first wife Elizabeth (born Serjeant, 1818-1862 qv) of Sidcot, Nottingham and Wigton, was born at Nottingham on 13 November 1855(1).

He was by trade a grocer at Weston-super-Mare and was married in 1881 to Elizabeth Farrer (1855-1927 qv) of Kendal(2); there were three children(3). He was a man of many and varied interests, including astronomy, meteorology, nature study and geography and enjoyed foreign travel. When he was young he was very active in work for the YMCA and was a regular attender at his meeting for worship, where there was abundant evidence of his influence for good. He had a shrewd and kindly outlook on life and his genuine friendliness to all and sundry saw no distinction of class or creed. His genial cheerfulness never deserted him and was increasingly a source of good among all who knew him.

Thomas Lidbetter of Glencairn, Battlefield Road, St Albans died on 24 August 1934, at the age of seventy eight(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 92 (1934) p.817

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a schoolmaster
- 2 The wedding was at Kendal on 18 May 1881: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer of Weston-super-Mare, the son of Martin Lidbetter, a schoolmaster; she is described as a spinster of Finkle Street, Kendal, the daughter of Isaac Farrer, a tobacconist (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Winifred	b 26 Oct 1886	m 1920	Eric Sparkes
Dora	b 18 May 1889	m 1914	Reginald Raroe Yates (1888-1964 qv)
*Ruth	b 6 July 1891		
- 4 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

LIDBETTER, Winifred (1886-1971) after 1920 Sparkes

[Winifred Lidbetter, daughter of Thomas Lidbetter (1855-1934 qv)  
and his wife Elizabeth (born Farrer, 1855-1927 qv) of Weston  
super Mare, was married in 1920 to Eric Sparkes (1889-1949 qv).]

See SPARKES, Winifred (1886-1971) born Lidbetter ]

LIDGEY, Catherine (1769-1853) born Richards

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Catherine Richards, the daughter of David and Anne Richards of Marazion in Cornwall, was born there on 7 October 1769(1).

She was married in 1800 to John Lidgey (1762?-1847 qv), a mason of Redruth in Cornwall and there were five children(2). She was recorded a minister about 1844(3).

Catherine Lidgey of Redruth died on 28 October 1853, ~~shortly after her eighty fourth birthday(4)~~

August

aged 83 years

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see LIDGEY, John (1762?-1847)
- 3 Brief minute of West Cornwall MM in Testimonies 1854, p 28
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of John; her age at death is given as 83

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1854, p 82: 2 line entry for death

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

LIDGEY, Catherine (1770?-1853)

Catherine Lidgey of Redruth appeared in the ministry about 1844. She died on August 28 1853 aged 83 years. Her body was interred at Redruth.

Brief minute of West Cornwall M.M. in Testimonies  
1854, p. 28

LIDGEY, Catherine (1810-1879) after 1835 Bastin

(Catherine Lidgey, daughter of John Lidgey (1762?-1847 qv) and his wife Catherine (born Richards, 1769-1853 qv) of Redruth in Cornwall, was married in 1835 to Edward Bastin (1810-1883 qv).

See BASTIN, Catherine (1810-1879) born Lidgey )

LIDGEY, John (1762?-1847)

John Lidgey, the son of John and Jane Lidgey of Redruth in Cornwall, was born about the year 1762(1).

He was a mason of Redruth(2) and was married in 1800 to Catherine Richards (1769-1853 qv) of Marazion in Cornwall(3); there were five children(4).

John Lidgey of Redruth died on 15 April 1847, at the age of eighty five(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 85 at death. His birth is not traced in Cornwall QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Falmouth on 26 November 1800: he is described as a mason of Redruth in Cornwall, the son of John and Jane Lidgey of Redruth; she is described as the daughter of David and Ann Richards of Marazion in Cornwall (Cornwall QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Cornwall QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and the Digest of Deaths as follows:-

Ann	b 25 Oct 1801	d unmarried 6 Aug 1841, aged 40
John	b 24 Oct 1803	d 15 Dec 1803
John	b 6 Aug 1806	d 31 March 1809

\*William b 18 June 1808

Catherine qv b 17 June 1810 m 1835 Edward Bastin (1810-1883 qv)

\*No marriage traced in Cornwall QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1870

- 5 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

LIGHT, John (1622?-1693)

John Light was a well-known Friend in his day. His wife, Grace, died in 1688. No reason appears for the omission of John Light's name from Ell. ed<sup>d</sup>. in this place. It is given on p.91, in which place Ell. ed<sup>d</sup>. add the name of Arthur Cotton.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.<sup>2</sup> 11 p.374

WBE:

Additional reference

LIGHT, John, ca 1622-1693

Besse, I: 437, 444, 482

WBE:

LIGHTFOOT, Abigail, 1694-1767.

SEE WILEY, Abigail, nee LIGHTFOOT, 1694-1767.

## Additional Information

LIGHTFOOT, Hannah, 1730- , after 1753 Axford

Hannah Lightfoot was born on 12.viii.[October] 1730 in the parish of St Johns Wapping, the daughter of Matthew (1690-1733 q.v) and Mary Lightfoot (1699-1760, born Wheeler). (1) It appears that after her father's death, she moved with her mother to the house of Mary Lightfoot's brother, Henry Wheeler, a linendraper of St James's Market, Westminster. (2)

A Hannah Lightfoot of St James's, Westminster, married Isaac Axford of St Martins Ludgate, on 11 December 1753 at Mayfair Chapel in London. (3)

It was reported to Westminster Monthly Meeting on 1 January 1755 that Hannah Lightfoot had been married by a priest, and absconded from her husband. The marriage, but not the absconding, was confirmed by her mother according to a report of 3 September, when a minute of denial was ordered to be brought in. On 7 January 1756 it was minuted that she was not to be found or spoken with. Notice of disownment for marriage by a priest with a non-Friend was entered on 3 March 1756.(4)

There was a persistent rumour that before or after her marriage to Isaac Axford, Hannah Lightfoot had been the wife or mistress of George III, and a varying number of children have been attributed to this connection. No firm evidence has been found on this point: after her disownment, she does not appear in Friends' records. (5)

### NOTES & REFERENCES

1. London & Middlesex QM Births Digest. Her father was described as a shoemaker.
2. Mary Pendered: The fair Quaker (London, 1910), p.42; and William J. Thoms: Hannah Lightfoot (London, 1867), passim.
3. Pendered, pp. 131-33. The entry in the register gives no account of the parentage of either. Pendered, pp.70-72, describes Axford as a shopman, or a grocer's son: he does not appear to have been a Friend.
4. Westminster MM minutes, vol.7 (1751-61): these minutes are transcribed in Beck & Ball: The London Friends' meetings (London, 1869), pp.255-56. An account of the proceedings can also be found in JFHS, vol.5 (1908), pp.93-94.
5. Pendered; Thoms; and John Lindsey: The lovely Quaker (London, 1939), passim. The question became further complicated by involvement with the case of Ryves & Ryves v. The Attorney-general in 1866. All accounts agree that Hannah Axford left her husband Isaac immediately or soon after the ceremony. For one of the claimed descents from George III and Hannah Lightfoot, see also The Listener (London), 14 June 1973.

LIGHTFOOT, Matthew (1649?-1716)

Matthew Lightfoot was born about 1649, the son of John Lightfoot of Richmond, Yorkshire (1). By 1683, he had settled in London as a shoemaker, and on 6. ix. [November] 1683, at Devonshire House FMH, he married Ruth Newman, of Mile End, Middlesex (2). Eleven children of the marriage are recorded.

By 1686, the family had removed to Wapping, becoming members of Ratcliff MM (3). In 1690/1 Ratcliff MM arranged that Matthew Lightfoot should take the son of 'the widow Acres' as his apprentice for eight years (4). In 1712/3 he suffered distress of goods for refusing to send a man to serve in the trained bands (5).

Matthew Lightfoot died on 6.x. [December] 1716, and Ruth Lightfoot on 22. vii. [September] 1744 (6).

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 When he appeared before London Two Weeks Meeting on 17.vii. [Sept] 1683, he was described in the minutes (vol 2 (1680-1691) p 102) as the son of John Lightfoot, of Richmond, Yorkshire, shoemaker deceased, and as having no parent living. London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest gives Matthew Lightfoot's age at death as 67; no record of his birth has been traced in Yorkshire QM or Durham QM Births Digests.
- 2 London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest. London Two Weeks Meeting minutes vol 2 (1680-1691) p 102 describe him as a shoemaker of Fenchurch [ie Fenchurch] Street, London, and Ruth Newman as daughter of Alexander Newman of Rumsey [ie Romsey], Hampshire, husbandman.
- 3 Given as follows in London & Middlesex QM Birth, Marriage and Burials Digests:

Mary	[b 1684?]	d 19.viii. [Oct] 1713, aged 29
Dorothy	b 7.ix. [Nov] 1686	m Daniel Kilventon, 20.ix. [Nov] 1707
Matthew	b 28.vii. [Sept] 1688	d 27.xii. [Feb] 1688/9
Matthew qv	b 1.xii. 1689 [Feb 1689/90]	d 1.xii. 1732 [Feb 1732/3]
Ruth	b 10.iii. [May] 1692	
Elizabeth	b 28.ix. [Nov] 1693	m Stephen Fowler, 8.vii. [Sept] 1713
Sarah	b 11.vi. [Aug] 1696	d 9.vii. [Sept] 1696
John	b 3.viii. [Oct] 1697	d 5.ii. [April] 1702
Samuel	b 8.xii. 1699 [Feb 1699/1700]	d 5.x. [Dec] 1735
Sarah	b 19.iv. [June] 1702	d 19.x. [Dec] 1741
Hannah	b 6.v. [July] 1706	d 29.vi. [Aug] 1722

Matthew Lightfoot is described as a shoemaker of Wapping, parish of Stepney in 1686, of Wapping, parish of Whitechapel in 1693, as a cordwainer of the parish of [St] John Wapping, Middlesex in 1696, and as of Wapping Street, parish of [St] John, Wapping, in 1706.

- 4 Ratcliff MM minutes vol 1 (1681-1701) f 43r, 25.xii. 1690 [Feb 1690/1].
- 5 Great Book of Sufferings vol 14 part 2 p 416; the distress, on 25.xii. 1712 [Feb 1712/3] was by warrant from the Lieutenancy of the Tower Hamlets. Ten pairs of men's shoes valued at 36s 8d were seized.
- 6 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest, where he is described as a cordwainer, aged 67, of the parish of (St) John, Wapping, Middlesex, died of tissicks; and she as a widow of the parish of Spitalfields, Middlesex, aged 89, died of age.

LIGHTFOOT, Matthew (1689/90-1732/3)

Matthew Lightfoot was born on 1.xii.1689 [February 1689/90], the son of Matthew (1649?-1716 qv) and Ruth (1659?-1744, born Newman) Lightfoot, of Wapping, Middlesex (1).

He married, as his first wife, Elizabeth Carter of Goodmans Fields, London, on 16.ii.[April] 1713; there were five children of the marriage (2). Elizabeth Lightfoot died at some time between 1723 and 1728 (3).

Matthew Lightfoot married, as his second wife, Mary Wheeler on 13.vi.[August] 1728; two children of this marriage are recorded, including Hannah Lightfoot (1730- , after 1753 Axford, qv) (4).

Matthew Lightfoot died on 1.xii.1732 [February 1732/3] and Mary Lightfoot on 16 May 1760 (5).

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest, where his father is described as of Wapping, Middlesex.
- 2 London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest; the marriage took place at Devonshire House FMH. When the couple came before Ratcliff MM on 25.xii.1712 [Feb 1712/3] Elizabeth Carter was described as living in 'Deavenshire [ie Devonshire] House quarter' (Ratcliff MM minutes vol 3 (1710-1721)). In London Two Weeks Meeting minutes vol 6 (1712-1723) p 27), when they appeared on 23.i.1712 [March 1712/3] Matthew Lightfoot was described as a cordwainer of the parish of St John, Wapping, son of Matthew Lightfoot of the same place and trade, and Elizabeth Carter as daughter of Abraham Carter, cordwainer, of Watford, Hertfordshire, and his wife Hester. (No entry for her birth has been traced in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest.) The children of the marriage are given as follows in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests:

James	b 11.xii.1713 [Feb 1713/4]	d 3.xi.1730 [Jan 1730/1]
Matthew	b 19.vii.[Sept] 1715	
John	b [October?] 1716	d 7.ii.[April] 1717, aged /six months
Thomas	b 19.vii.[Sept] 1718	
Sarah	b 10.x.[Dec] 1723	

- 3 No entry traced for her death in London & Middlesex QM or Beds & Herts QM Burials Digests.
- 4 London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest. In Ratcliff MM minutes vol 4 (1721-1738), 26.iv.[June] 1728, they are described as Matthew Lightfoot, cordwainer of [St] Johns, Wapping, son of Matthew, deceased, and Ruth, and Mary Wheeler, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Wheeler residing within the compass of Westminster MM. In Two Weeks Meeting minutes vol 7 (1723-1645) pp 112-113, she is described as daughter of Samuel Wheeler of St Giles in the Fields parish, packer. No entry for the birth of Mary Wheeler has been traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest. The children of the marriage are given as follows in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests:

Hannah	b 12.viii.[Oct] 1730	
John	b 1.v.[July] 1732	d 28.viii.[Oct] 1733

At these births Matthew Lightfoot was described as a shoemaker of the

LIGHTFOOT, Matthew (1689/90-1732/3) continued

- parish of [St] Johns, Wapping.
- 5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest, where he is entered as aged 43, of the parish of [St] Johns, Wapping, and having died of asthma, and she as a widow of the parish of (St) James, Westminster, aged about 61, and having died of an inflammation.

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Emigrated from Ireland to New Garden, Pennsylvania in 1712, and began to preach at the age of forty two. Traveled much in the ministry, in Great Britain and Ireland, and had a reputation for being remarkable clear and 'intelligible' in delivery. He traveled in the South in 1753. Married Mary, daughter of John Newby, of Dublin. In 1743 he came to Philadelphia, making his home with his son William 'Senior' in order to fill the office of Treasurer of the Province of Pennsylvania, whose duties, Proud says, ('History of Penna.' II, 332) he 'discharged with much honour and integrity, for eleven years, until his death, at the age of seventy, 12mo. 3, 1754.' (Bowden, 'Hist. Friends in America.' II' 387. 'Collection of Memorials', &c. p.160)

Thomas Lightfoot, (1644-1725) father of Michael, came to Chester County, Penna. in 1716 at an advanced age, soon after the arrival of his son in America. He had visited Benjamin Parvin and Benjamin Holme when they were imprisoned together for their Quakerism, at Longford, Ireland, in 1713. Proud calls him 'an eminent minister among the Quakers, and much beloved for his piety and virtue.' ('History of Penna.' II, 188) Thomas Chalkley preached at his funeral at Darby, Penna. '9mo. 1725', and writes in his Journal', (p.153) 'The meeting was the largest I have ever seen at that place. Our dear Friend was greatly beloved for his piety and virtue, his sweet disposition and lively ministry. The Lord was with him in his life and death, and us at his burial.'

Thomas Lightfoot II, son of Michael, married Mary, daughter of Daniel Smith II of Burlington, New Jersey, and lived in Philadelphia. They had no children. William Lightfoot, 'Jr.' of Pikeland, who accompanied John Woolman on his Indian journey as far as Bethlehem, was a cousin of the second Thomas. William 'Senior' of Phila., died 1772 at the home of his cousin, Thomas, son of Samuel, at Uwchlan, Pa. (A.C. Myers, 'Hannah Logan's Courtship', 340, note. R.M. Smith 'The Burlington Smiths,' pp. 100, 115) See Note 28.

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LIGHTFOOT, Michael, 1683-1754

Phila. Y.M., A Col. of Memrs., 160

The Friend (Phila.), 31\*148

John Smith's Ms., II:429

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## LIGHTFOOT

HATTON, Susanna, (Hudson) afterward Lightfoot (1719-1781) formerly  
Hatton, born Hudson

Born at Grange, County Antrim, Ireland, 1mo. (March) 10, 1719. Daughter of John and Margaret Hudson, who were in limited circumstances, and was eldest of several children. Her father died when she was 13, and her pious mother put her out at service with a Friend who was a minister, Ruth Courtney. Her son's and her own accounts show her experience with a most hard and exacting mistress, for whom she worked as personal maid; she also was forced to tend the cattle and horses. When she accompanied her mistress on her preaching tours, and was endorsed by her meeting also as preacher, she sat in the kitchen, and was sent to rub down the riding horses, for which she was not permitted to ask aid. She was but seventeen when she began to preach, and came to America with Ruth Courtney also with a certificate as minister. Upon her return, she married Joseph Hatton, to whom she had been engaged for two years, in 9mo. (November) 25, 1742, and in 1754 they removed to Waterford. Her husband died in 1759, leaving her with several children, the survivors of nine, among whom were four sets of twins. A year after her husband's death, Susanna Hatton paid her second visit to America, when she remained over a year. It was during this visit that she was at the Indian conference at Easton, and preached with such power. Upon her return to Ireland, Thomas Lightfoot made his addresses, and they were married 9mo. 25, 1763, and in rather less than a year, Susanna and her new husband returned to America as their future home. They settled at Uwchlan, which had long been Thomas Lightfoot's residence, and here Susanna Lightfoot died 5mo. 8, 1781 at the age of sixty one, having been a minister for forty four years. She told her husband on her deathbed to bury her in some of her meanest linen, as 'good enough to go into the ground' and to use a black oak coffin, since that was the commonest wood then in use. [The Friend (Phila) Vol. 61, p.10, Do. Vol.74, pp. 339, 348, 356. Friends Miscellany, Vol IX, p.69]

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922, pp. 548-9

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LIGHTFOOT, Susanna Hudson, afterwards Hatton, later lightfoot  
1719/20-1781

Friends Lib.(Phila.), IX:232

Phila. Y.M., A. Col. of Mem., 400

Jos. Smith's Cat. 2:109

Piety pro., 11th part, 463

An account of...Susanna Lightfoot in Memoirs, v.1 (Friends,  
Society of) BX 7720 F97 M5

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LIGHTFOOT, Thomas, 1644-1725

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m. Mary children (includes Michael-see bigg)

1680, before this date T.L is known to have removed  
to Ireland.

1713, he had visited Benjamin Parvin and Benjamin  
Holme when they were imprisoned at Longford, Ireland.

1716, Came from Ireland to Chester County, Pa. at  
an advanced age to live with his son.

1721 with Thomas Chalkley and William Brown he  
visited in Maryland. He was an eminent minister and much  
beloved for his piety and virtue.

1724 Nearly 80 years of age when he made a general v  
visit to Friends in New England, in company with Benjamin  
Kidd of England.

m. 1724 Margaret Blunston, a widow.

d. November, 1725 at Darby, Pa., aged about 81 years.

The Friend (Phila.) 29:28

John Smith's Ms. II:427

Journal of Thomas Chalkley, 163

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LIGHTFOOT, Thomas, 1821-1896.

b. 30 December 1821.

m. Mary B. Cadwallader (b. 28 Sept. 1820, d. 16 Sept. 1907);  
one daughter, one son.

Native of Three Tuns, Pa., member of Horsham Mo. Mtg.

1869, appointed U. S. Indian Agent by President Grant  
in charge of the tribes of Iowas and Sac and Foxes at what  
was known as the Great Nemaha Agency in northeastern Kansas.  
He did this work for five years.

When he arrived he found the Indians to be in a pitiable  
condition. Drunkenness, sloth and disease were decimating  
their numbers, while the worst class of white men were ex-  
ploiting them and their misfortunes.

Mary Lightfoot must be given credit for much of the  
moral and physical improvement of these tribes. In her youth  
she had been a school teacher and had been active in the  
Abolition movement prior to the Civil War. Her influence  
among the women of the tribes and among the children was  
very strong and was immediately felt. She organized and  
taught in the mission school.

21 January 1896, Thomas was struck by paralysis near  
his home.

d. 22 January 1896, buried in the Friends grave yard

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LIGHTFOOT, Thomas, 1821-1896, page 2.

at Upper Dublin Meeting, near Three Tuns, Pa.

Friends Intelligencer 53 (1896), p. 77.

A. L. Green letters, Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College.

Kelsey, Rayner W., Friends and the Indians 1655-1917, p. 189.

LIGHTFOOT, William (1731-1797) of Pikeland. Known as 'Junior'  
also W.B.E.

Son of Samuel and Mary (Head) Lightfoot; born 1mo 29,  
1731/2. A letter from his older brother Benjamin,  
Surveyor, of Reading, to Israel Pemberton, dated '1mo.  
18, 1765', asks about "Billy going to town to work."  
(Pemberton Papers, Vol 18, p.65. Hist. Soc. Pa.)

William then had prospects of marriage, and the next  
year, he took for his wife, Mary, (1745-1811) daughter  
of David and Mary Ferris, of Wilmington, Del., 4mo.5,  
1766. He was a useful member of Uwchlan Monthly Meet-  
ing, Pa., and for many years was under appointment to  
draw marriage certificates and record births and burials.  
His residence was in Pikeland, Chester County, Pa.  
where he died, 7mo. 29th, 1811, aged sixty six.

When he accompanied John Woolman as far as Fort Allen  
on the Indian journey, William Lightfoot was not married,  
and was thirty two years of age. He signed himself  
'Junior' in order to distinguish himself from his cousin  
William Lightfoot of Philadelphia, son of Michael.

[Information from Gilbert Cope]

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922, p.539

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LIGHTNER, Isaiah, 1841/2-1923.

b.

m. ; two daughters, two sons.

From Union Bridge, Maryland.

For many years this Friend was prominently identified with the growth and progress of Monroe, Nebraska.

1877-1885, served as Government Indian agent at Santee Agency, Nebraska. "With the retirement of Agent Lightner, the official connection of the Society of Friends with the United States Government in the care of the Indians ceased."

Afterwards he served as Superintendent of Indian Affairs on the Philanthropic Committee of the Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends. He was a member of the Prohibition Party for 30 years and was an honorary member of the W.C.T.U.

He moved to Pasadena, California and was a member of Orange Grove Mo. Mtg. (Hicksite).

d. 2 March 1923, buried at Monroe, Nebraska.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Hicksite) 1886, p. 31.

Friends Intelligencer 80 (1923), p. 231.

Kelsey, Rayner W., Friends and the Indians 1655-1917, p. 196.

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WBE:

LILBURNE, John, ca 1614-1657

b. ca 1614 at Thickney of Puncarden in County Durham, son of Richard and Margaret (Hixon) Lilburne.

Apprenticed in London to a woolen draper and later to a book binder.

m. Elizabeth Dewell. 2 sons, 1 daughter.

1637, for putting forth tracts hostile to the Anglican Church, he was whipped and twice imprisoned for pleading the people's natural rights and freedoms. After being freed he joined the army as an officer. He opposed Cromwell's usurpation of power and was a leader of the "Levellers".

1642 captured by the Royalists at Brentford and escaped execution only because he was exchanged.

1651 for opposing the Rump Parliament he was fined £ 7000 and banished. He went to Holland from whence he later returned to England without permission about 1653.

1655 confined in Dover Castle where he was visited by Quakers Luke Howard and George Harrison who convinced him of Friends' doctrines.

1656 published The Resurrection of John Lilburne. Released by Cromwell after seven months in prison.

d. Aug. 29, 1657 at Eltham and was buried in Quaker simplicity in Moorfields (London) aged about 43 years.

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LILBURNE, John, ca 1614-1657                  page 2.

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- Gibb, John Lilburne, the Leveller
- Ross, M.Fell, 59
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WBE:

LILLIE, Dorcas, nee , afterwards Powell, later Latham,  
finally Lillie, 1721-178?

b. 1721 at Anguilla, West Indies, daughter of  
members of the Anglican Church.

ca 1735 family removed to Tortola and she had her  
first contacts with Friends.

m. ca 1736 Giles Powell. He died 1739 and Dorcas  
returned to live with her father. For maintaining her  
attendance at Friends meetings she was turned out of home  
by her father. When he became ill later she was allowed  
to return and nurse him. He persuaded her to marry

m. (2d) John Latham, who forbade her to go to Friends  
meetings which she agreed to do. Removed with her husband  
to St. Croix. Had a son and soon after Latham died.

m(3d) Thomas Lillie. He in time became convinced and  
gave ground for a meeting house. Later he went to Engalnd  
to see D.L.'s son who was studying there. But the son had  
already left to come home, being fatally ill with consump-  
tion.

ca 1772 a terrible hurricane occurred which carried  
the little meeting house from the top of the hill into the  
valley below.

1776, T. Lillie died. Dorcas lost much of his estate  
in legal proceedings.

1785 in company with other Friends Dorcas paid a

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LILLIE, Dorcas

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visit to America and attended Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. She is also known to have visited at Westbury L.I., N.Y.

d. in the West Indies after 1786.

Comly. Friends Misc., 3:201-226; 6:42

WBE:

LINDAY, James, 1852-1934

b. Feb. 8, 1852, near Bishop Auckland, Durham,  
Eng., son of George and Jane

Linday.

Taught for 26 years in the Adult School at  
Bishop Auckland and was a worker for temperance.

An Elder of Nottingham Meeting and a member of  
Meeting for Sufferings. A member of the Committee for  
Ackworth School, also.

In business he was a mining engineer and later a  
soap manufacturer.

He was married twice. 4 sons, 3 daughters.

d. March 11, 1934 at Matlock, aged about 82 years.

The Friend (London), 92(1834):272 (portrait)

WBE:a

LINDLEY, Alfred Hadley, M.D., 1821-1905.

b. 3 May 1821, Chatham Co., N.C., s. of Thomas and Mary Long Lindley. His branch of the Lindley family had, 3 generations earlier been living in Pennsylvania. Thomas Lindley was a farmer. All of Alfred Lindley's 7 brothers and sisters died in youth.

ed. at Friends' Subscription School until 16 years. Then attended New Garden Boarding School, Guilford Co., N.C. for two years.

Instructor at the same boarding school.

Entered service of Dr. Abner Halton, as a student of medicine.

1843-44, winter, attended Jefferson Medical College at Phila. and began practicing medicine in Chatham and neighboring counties for 6 years.

1849-50, winter, attended more lectures at Jefferson Medical College and was graduated, 1850.

m. Eliza J. Hill of Randolph Co., N.C., 1850. (children.) She was sister to Dr. Nathan B. Hill, practitioner in Minneapolis, 1861-1875, when he died.

1850-61, practiced medicine in N.C., often going on horseback over the mountains to his patients.

At the beginning of the Civil War, loyal to the Union and opposed to the war, he moved, losing his property, to become his brother-in-law's partner in Minneapolis.

He was regarded as a fairly progressive practitioner.

He was a conservative Southern gentleman and a devoted and valuable member of the society.

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LINDLEY, Alfred Hadley, M.D., 1821-1905, page 2.

He made some sound business investments and was thereby able to give generous grants to three colleges: Earlham, Guilford and Penn.

Delighted in being with his grandchildren.

Died smiling.

d. 15 Feb. 1905, Minneapolis, Minn., nearly 84.

The American Friend, 12(1905):181-182 (portrait)

LINDLEY, Benjamin ( -1723)

Benjamin Lindley, son of Isaac Lindley, of York (bapt.1624,  
died 1705 at Yarm), lived at Yar<sup>m</sup>, N.R. Yorkshire. He was the  
author of several books, 1678 to 1713. The book referred to is  
doubtless Truth Exalted... in Answer to... Edward Nightingale,  
Thomas Denison, John Winnard and John Cox, 1685. The Preface  
to this 28-page pamphlet is signed by Isaac Lindley and others;  
his son's name does not appear.

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Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.327

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Additional information

LINDLEY, Benjamin, -1723

1678 wrote The Shibboleth of Priesthood, &c  
1700 author of A treatise of election and reprobation, &c. and several other tracts up to 1710.

d. 5 I 1723

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:124.

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LINDLEY, Elizabeth B., ca. 1817-1906.

b. ca. 1817.

m. Lindley.

Lived in Westfield, Indiana. She and her husband  
aided in the Underground Railroad.

Overseer and elder for 40 years.

Member of W.C.T.U.

d. 27 Feb. 1906, Westfield, Ind., aged over 89.

Am. Frd., 13(1906):229.

WBE:

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LINDLEY, Hannah, nee Miller, 1755-1798

b. May 22, 1755, daughter of James and Rebecca  
Miller of New Garden, Pa.

m. (1st) William Miller (d/ ) 2 daughters.

| A minister among Friends.

| Some stock and other possessions were taken during  
the Revolutionary War to satisfy war taxes.

m. (2d) Jacob Lindley. A tall and comly woman,  
she attended Yearly Meeting in Phila. in 1793 and took  
yellow fever.

d. Oct. 3, 1798 aged 43 years.

Comly, Frds. Misc., 10:28

WBE:

LINDLEY, Harlow, 1875-1959

b. 1875

[ed. Obtained a doctorate in history.] B.C.

Served as director, department of archives and history in Indiana State Library.

[Later was secretary, editor and librarian of Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society.] B.C.

Wrote a number of essays and other works relating to the history of mid-western America. Among these was The Quakers in the old Northwest, published in 1912.

[d. Aug. 20 (?), 1959 at Columbus Ohio, aged 84 years.] B.C.

Frds. Hist. Lib., Sw., BX 7795

[N.Y.Times, Aug. 23, 1959 - obituary

Wilson Lib. Bul., 34(1959):96

Biog. Index, 1956-59 ] B.C.

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LINDLEY, Isaac (1624?-1705)

Isaac Lindley lived at Yarm on the South (Yorkshire) side of the River Tees. He wrote a letter to Fox in 1669, which is mentioned in Camb. Text (vol.ii p;134) and printed in Ell. Text (ii.105). A Testimony from the Yearly Meeting at York, 16.iv. 1686, addressed to the MIs in the county was signed by Mary Lindley Isabel Yeamans, Frances Taylor, Elizabeth Leaper, Mary Wayte, and others.

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Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.355

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Additional information

LINDLEY, Isaac, ca 1624-1705

b. ca 1624 at Langton, Yorkshire, England.

m. Mary

| 1669 recognized a minister.

| 1685, published, with other, Truth exalted, and the  
Peaceable Fellowship and Exercise thereof vindicated &c.

1700 wrote A Testimony concerning Roger Hebden.

d. Nov. 10, 1705 at Yarm, Durham, Eng., aged 81.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:125

John Smith's Ms. II:445

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WBE:

LINDLEY, Jacob, 1744-1814

b. Nov. 18, 1744 in New Garden Township, Chester County, Penna., son of Jonathan and Deborah (Halliday) Lindley. He was by nature outspoken and excitable.

1774 he had a friendship with Anthony Benezet. He is known to have spoken with both General Howe and with General Washington against war.

m. (1st) Hannah Miller (d.1798)

1793 attended Yearly Meeting at Philadelphia in spite of the risk of getting yellow fever. Later went on a missionary journey to the Indians near Detroit, Mich. and Niagara Falls, N.Y. with Joseph Moore and John Elliott, and met William Savery and John Parrish at Detroit.

1797 was active in the founding of Westtown School. In this year he also started on a journey to Upper Canada with Samuel Lee as guide. Others who went were Oliver Paxon, James Langstaff and Joshua Sharpless.

J.L. was large of person, and possessed of a voice of great compass. In later years he was corpulent.

d. June 12, 1814 after an accident near his home in which he was thrown from his chaise and received a broken neck. Some feel he died suddenly before he was thrown out.

Comly, Frds. Misc., 1:19; 2:353; 3:351

The Friend (Phila.), 24:21; 68:116

Walton, Biog. Sketches, 305

Townsend, A brief narrative of the life of Jacob Lindley &c.

WBE:

LINDLEY, Jonathan, ca 1756-1828

b. ca 1756 in Orange County, N.C.

m. Deborah Dix. 6 children.

m.(2d) Anna Knight Fisher. 6 children.

m. (3d), 1812, Martha Sanders Henry. 1 child.

In 1811 he retired from business and settled in Indiana at a solitary spot near the home of one of his children. Since it was some 200 miles from a Friends meeting, it was concluded to hold one there where they had a grist mill.

1813 Established a monthly meeting. J. L. warned Friends against a disbelief in the redemption wrought by Christ.

d. April 5, 1828 at Paoli, near Lick Creek, Ind., aged 72 years.

An. Mon. 18:27 (~~unable to check this Oct. 1967 it seems doubtful - unless Am. An. Mon. is meant. B.C.~~) It is correct - JB  
The Friend (Phila.) 1(1828):364

1943 Yearbook of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, 19  
Oslund, Jonathan Lindley, The Paoli Pioneer.

LINDLEY, Jonathan ca 1756-1828

concerning B.C.'s note: Ref. to Annual Monitor 18 [p.] 27 is correct.  
Year of publication is 1830. Age at death is given as 71 years.

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LINDLEY, Margaret (1702-1776) born Ogden

Margaret Ogden was born on 29.vii.[September] 1702, the daughter of John and Margaret Ogden of Bowbridge Hall, Yorkshire (1).

On 8.i.[March] 1736/7, at Norton, co. Durham, she married Isaac Lindley (2); four children of the marriage are recorded (3).

She was a diligent attender at meetings for worship and discipline, and her conduct was exemplary, but she appeared as a minister only when she was about fifty-nine. Although she came late to the ministry, she travelled extensively under concern in the northern counties. She made her last visit to eastern Yorkshire in 1774.

Isaac Lindley died on 21 June 1773 (4); Margaret Lindley died on 29 April 1776 (5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Stockton MM, 11 March 1777, in TCMD vol 3 pp 108-109

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest; no description of her father is given.
- 2 Durham QM Marriages Digest (Supplement), where she is described as daughter of John and Marght. Ogden, and Isaac Lindsley [sic] as son of Simon and Jane Lindsley. No further description of Isaac Lindley is given.
- 3 Durham QM Births Digest (Supplement) and Burials Digest (Supplement) give them as follows:

Benjamin	b 3.x.[Dec] 1737	d 20.iii.[May] 1747
Simon	b 28.xi.1739 [Jan 1739/40]	d 10.vii.[Sept] 1741
Isaac	b 20.viii.[Oct] 1742	d 13.viii.[Oct] 1745
Amos	b 7.xi.1744 [Jan 1744/5]	d 26.iii.[May] 1749

No description of Isaac Lindley is given, and no place of birth or parents' residence. The surname is spelt Lindsley at the births in 1737, 1739 and 1742, and the burial in 1741, and as Lindley at the birth of 1744 and the rest of the children's burials.

- 4 Durham QM Burials Digest (Supplement), where his age is given as 62 years 4 months; Durham QM Burials Digest describes him as flaxdresser, of Darlington, aged 63. He was buried at Darlington.
- 5 Durham QM Burials Digest, where she is described as widow of Isaac, flaxdresser, a minister fourteen years. She was also buried at Darlington.

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

LINDELY, Margaret (1703-1776) born

Margaret Lindely, details of whose birth and parentage are at present (1975) unknown, was born about the year 1703 of parents professing with Friends. She was a diligent attender at meetings for worship and discipline and her conduct was exemplary, but she did not appear as a minister until she was about fifty nine. Although she had received her gift so late in life, she travelled extensively in its service in the northern counties and visited Friends and their families in various places. She made her last journey to eastern Yorkshire in 1774, only two years before her death.

She was married to Isaac Lindely, but there is no record of the marriage<sup>(2)</sup>, or of any children.<sup>(3)</sup>

She died on 29 April 1776<sup>(4)</sup>, aged seventy three and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Darlington.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Stockton MM 11 March 1777 in PGMD vol.3 pp.168-9

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 73 at death. There is no entry in Durham QM Births Digest
- 2 There is no record of her marriage in Durham QM, Cumberland & Northumberland QM, Lancashire QM, Westmorland QM or Yorkshire QM Marriages Digests
- 3 No children are recorded in Durham QM Births Digest
- 4 Durham QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Isaac

N.B. There is no mention of her in J.Frds.Hist.Soc. vols.1-45

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LINDLEY, Ruth Anna, nee Rutter, 1768-1810

b. March 1, 1768 at Pottstown, Pa. daughter of Thomas and Martha (Potts) Rutter.

ed. She was raised an Episcopalian and had a fashionable education including music instruction.

| 1787 joined Friends. A minister in 1790

| 1800 m. Jacob Lindley. 3 sons.

She visited New England. Her conversion to Friends was partly owing to the ministry of Daniel Offley, William Savery and Job Scott.

d. September 10, 1810 at New Garden, Penna., aged 42 years.

Comly, Frds. Misc., 5:229

Lindley, An account of Ruthanna Lindley...

WBE:  
Additional references

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LINDLEY, RuthaAnna, nee Rutter, 1768-1810

The Friend (Phila.), 19(1846):365; 38(1865):268 et. seq  
Comly, Frds. Misc., 11:309; 1V:135; 1X:156

LINDOW, John ( - 1700 )

John Lindow is mentioned once only, with the addition 'of arrad foott'. The Burial Registers record the decease of John Lindow of Pennington in 1700 - Arrad Foot is situated at the opposite side of Ulverston to Pennington. Of the latter John , if different from the former, we read in the Record 'John a Lindow having payd ye rectory rent he is to take a further consideration of what he hath don and to conferre with some friends about it again ye next meeting'. Two months later, Lindow promised 'to keep clear from paying ye rectory rent' in order to remain among Friends, but in less than two more months death had removed him from them. On the 4th of August occurs this minute: 'john Lindow being deceased puttts an end to ye former minute, but before his death be expressed himself that he payd ye said rent out of a slavish fear of going to prison, he being in some intanglement in ye world about outward affairs'. John Lindow signed the marriage-certificate of Daniel Abraham and Rachel Fell in 1683 (Abr. MSS.xxiv, printed in Jnl FHS xi.)

In 1653 John Lindow married Jane Fell, of Scathwaite, in the Ulverston church (Fell Assoc., Registers).

Note by Norman Penney in 'The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell' 1920, p.551

LINDSAY, Doris Edith (1900-1963) born Malcolm

Doris Edith Malcolm was born in 1900 in South London, and was educated at Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls and at the Royal Holloway College where she obtained a B.Sc. degree. At college she demonstrated her organizing ability by arranging University Camps. She became a teacher and joined the staff of William Gibbs School in Faversham. During this period she became influenced by a local Quaker family, and at their suggestion interrupted her career to spend a year at Woodbrooke. Shortly afterwards she joined the Society. She took a post at Queen Elizabeth's Girls' Grammar School, and was influential in starting a meeting in Barnet.

*tr* She joined the COPEC League of Youth, and at one of their camps met Robert Lindsay, who had been in the FAU in the first world war. They were married in 1935 (1): there were 2 children (2). They moved to Letchworth, both teaching at St Christopher's School. In 1945 they moved to Harpenden, where she served as Clerk to the Preparative Meeting, and served as an Elder for twelve years.

Serving on the committee organizing Saffron Walden Summer Schools, she was concerned for those whose applications had to be refused for lack of room, and in 1951 her plan for a summer camp for members of her own MM by was started in Luton & Leighton. She served on many committees, including periods as Secretary and then Treasurer of the Friends Guild of Teachers.

She died on 10 June 1963, aged 63.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Luton & Leighton MM in YM Proc. 1964 p.191

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. The wedding was at Friends House on 30 December 1935: he is described as non-member, bachelor, school master, of 90 Clifford Rd, New Barnet, Herts, son of Thomas Edward Lindsay, organist and choir-master; she is described as spinster, school mistress, of 120 Meadoway, Barnet, Herts, daughter of Charles Richard Malcolm, HM Inspector of Explosives (Digest of Marriage Registers)
2. Listed in 1951 Bedfordshire QM printed List of Members as

Katharine Jean	born 1938
Robert Graham Malcolm	born 1943

LINDSEY, Alfred Barton (1877-1899)

Alfred Barton Lindsey, the son of Thomas Cooper (1830-1913, qv) and Martha Mary Lindsey of Rochester, was born there on 7 July 1877 (1). He was a child of a happy disposition, much loved at home and a favourite at school. He held a scholarship at Leighton Park and spent two happy years there, afterwards studying at University College and passing his examinations in science with honours. He maintained his religious beliefs quietly but firmly at the university and treated the opinions of others with generous respect. At 19 he won the first entrance scholarship to St Thomas's Hospital and took his BSc degree soon after he was 20. He was a most distinguished student, a man of kind manners and genuine goodness; his home life too was free from unkindness in word and action.

After a brief attack of pleurisy and pneumonia he died on 25 August 1899 at the early age of 22 (2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1900 p.110.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Digest of Birth Notes: his father is described as chemist.
2. Digest of Burial Notes: he is described as of 22 Hilldrop Crescent, Camden Road, N., medical student.

LINDSEY, Anna (1833-1868) born Clark

Anna Clark, the daughter of Samuel Clark (1799-1889 qv) and his second wife Elizabeth (born Eddington, 1796-1872 qv) of Taunton in Somerset, was born there on 18 August 1833(1).

She was married in 1867 to Thomas Cooper Lindsey (1830-1913 qv), a chemist of Taunton and there was one child, who died in infancy(2).

Anna Lindsey of 50 High Street, Taunton, died on 1 August 1868, at the age of thirty four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father is described as a draper of Taunton
- 2 For marriage and issue see LINDSEY, Thomas Cooper (1830-1913)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Thomas C.

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1869, p 92: 2 line entry for death, the wife of Thomas Cooper Lindsey

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

LINDSEY, Elizabeth (1843-1912) after 1883 Galleway

[Elizabeth Lindsey, daughter of Robert (1801-1863, qv) and Sarah (1804-1876, born Crosland) Lindsey of Brighouse, was married in 1883 to Charles Galleway.

see GALLEWAY, Elizabeth (1843-1912) born Lindsey ]

LINDSEY, Martha (1804-1855) after 1845 Wright

[Martha Lindsey, daughter of Richard and Mary Lindsey of Batley in Yorkshire, was married in 1845 to Francis Ellington Wright (1810-1903 qv).]

See WRIGHT, Martha (1804-1855) born Lindsey ]

LINDSEY, Martha Mary (1844?-1920) born Biffen

Martha Mary Biffen, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the daughter of William Biffen and was born about the year 1844(1).

She became in 1873 the second wife of Thomas Cooper Lindsey (1830-1913 qv), a chemist of Rochdale in Lancashire and there were five children(2). At the time of her marriage she was described as of Taunton(3).

Martha Mary Lindsey of 1 Dartmouth Park Avenue, London NW 8, died on 21 December 1922, at the age of seventy six(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 76 at death: her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 For marriage and children see LINDSEY, Thomas Cooper (1830-1913)
- 3 See entry for LINDSEY, Thomas Cooper (1830-1913): the family moved to London
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Thomas Cooper

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

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(prepared by RB)

LINDSEY, Mary Patrick, 1834-1914

b. 9 Apr. 1834 near Cayuga, Ind., dau. of Martin and Ruth Patrick.

m., 1852, Jones Lindsey 4 dau.

Became a Quaker, 1892

Quite active; contributed much financial aid to Mtg.;  
a Mtg. house was erected and named Lindsey Chapel in her  
honor. (Cayuga, Ind.)

d. 29 Aug. 1914, at her home, aged 80 yrs.

The Am. Fd., 2(1914), 656

LINDSEY, Robert (1801-1863)

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Robert Lindsey was the son of Richard and Mary Lindsey of Gildersome, near Leeds, where he was born on 18 May 1801. He was for a time a pupil of Ackworth School, and on leaving entered his father's business, but was subsequently apprenticed in a Friend family. At the age of 21 he started in business on his own as a draper, at Brighouse, Yorks. In 1828 he married Sarah Crosland of Bolton, Lancs. He passed through many vicissitudes in his spiritual life, but after attending Quarterly Meeting at York in 1837 he became conscious of being called to more faithful service than he had hitherto given, and in 1840 he first spoke as a minister, and three years later was recorded by Brighouse Monthly Meeting.

In 1844 he visited among Friend families in Manchester and, the following year, in Liverpool. During this period the conviction was growing in him that he should give more time to the service of the ministry, and eventually it became possible for him to retire from business.

In 1846, after visiting Friends in Ireland, he laid before his Monthly Meeting a concern to accompany his friend Benjamin Seebohm on a visit to Friends and others in North America, - a visit which was to last about four and three quarter years. Returning to his family for about a year, he then set out for Australia, Van Diemens Land, New Zealand, and South Africa, being accompanied by Frederick Mackie of Norwich. He returned in 1856 after an absence of three and a half years, but in 1857 was on his travels again, this time to Friends in remote parts of North America and in the Sandwich Islands. On this occasion he was accompanied by his wife, and they were away for about four years, returning by way of Australia and Tasmania, where Robert Lindsey was able to revisit Friends he had met on his first visit.

In 1862 he removed to Manchester, and visited widely among Friends in Hardshaw East and Hardshaw West Monthly Meetings. During the winter of 1862-3 he became ill with a heart complaint and under medical advice removed with his family to Sale, near Manchester. His condition did not improve however, and he died on 20 June 1863, aged 62 years. He was buried in Friends burial ground at Ashton-on-Mersey, 'a man of uprightness and integrity who for many years made his life a continued act of dedication to the service of his Lord.'

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Additional references

LINDSEY, Robert, ca 1801-1863

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The Friend (London), 3(1863):169

An. Mon. (N.S.), 22(1864):58

Jones, The Quakers in Iowa in 1850

Lindsey, Travels of Robert and Sarah Lindsey

LINDSEY, Sarah Ann (1836-1866) after 1861 Clark

[Sarah Ann Lindsey, daughter of Robert Lindsey (1801-1863 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Crosland, 1804-1876 ) of Brighouse in Yorkshire, was married in 1861 to Joseph Dawe Clark (1831-1920 qv) of Worcester.

See CLARK, Sarah Ann (1836-1866) born Lindsey ]

LINDSEY, Thomas Cooper (1830-1913) *2X*

Thomas Cooper Lindsey, the son of Robert Lindsey (1801-1863 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Crosland, 1804-1876 ) of Brighouse in Yorkshire, was born there on 11 December 1830(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1841 to 1844(2).

After leaving school he qualified as a chemist and druggist and settled at Taunton in Somerset(3). He was married firstly in 1867 to Anna Clark (1833-1868 qv) of Worcester(4) and there was one child(5). He married secondly in 1873 Martha Mary Biffen (1844?-1920 qv) of Taunton(6) and there were five children(7).

After his second marriage he moved to Rochdale(8) and about 1883 to Barnsley in Yorkshire(9). Eventually he moved to London, where he was for many years a member of Holloway Meeting.

In 1899 he and his wife suffered the death of their second son, a young man of great promise who was destined to enter the medical profession. Thomas Cooper Lindsey never really recovered from this loss.

He was greatly attached to the Society of Friends, of which, like his parents before him, he was an acknowledged minister and he served the Society to the best of his ability. He was extremely kind and patient and was never known to say hard things of others, even when he entirely disagreed with them. "He bore the varying needs of the congregation closely and constantly upon his heart, and frequently opened meeting with intercessory prayer for all. His ministry was of an earnest and persuasive character; he often urged obedience to the perfect will of God as our reasonable service, and desired that the kingdom of God might dwell in our hearts, and that we might never forget to express thankfulness for His goodness as expressed in our daily surroundings as well as in more difficult revelations to our own hearts." (Testimony)

Thomas Cooper Lindsey of 1 Dartmouth Park Avenue, NW, died on 15 March 1913, at the age of eighty two(10).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 32 (1913) pp 99-100

Testimony of Westminster & Longford MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1913,  
p 252

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 141, entry 6347: from Brighouse
- 3 He is described as a chemist of Taunton in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Worcester on 19 September 1867: he is described as a bachelor, a chemist of Taunton, the son of Robert Lindsey (deceased); she is described as a spinster of Worcester, the daughter of Samuel Clark, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-  
Anna Clark b 28 July 1868 d 15 Aug 1868, aged 19 days
- 6 The wedding was at Bath on 24 September 1873: he is described as a widower, a chemist of Rochdale, the son of Robert Lindsey, a gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Taunton, the daughter of William Biffen, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)

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\* The testimony erroneously gives his year of birth  
as 1831

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

7 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-

Robert William b 18 July 1874

Alfred Barton qv b 7 Aug 1877

d 25 Aug 1899, aged 22

Arnold b 13 Feb 1879

Ada Mary b 26 Nov 1880

Sarah Mabel b 9 Sept 1883

No marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1930

8 He is described as a chemist of Rochdale in his second marriage entry and his four eldest children were all born at Rochdale

9 His youngest child Sarah Mabel was born at Barnsley in 1883

10 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a wholesale chemist

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

He was recorded a minister in 1886 (Testimony)

He was recorded by Pontefract MI 10 May 1886 (List of recorded ministers, typescript, LSF)

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LINDSEY, Thomas Cooper (1831-1913)

Thomas Cooper Lindsey was born at Brighouse in the year 1831, a son of Robert and Sarah Lindsey, and educated at Ackworth.

He lived first at Rochdale, where he married, and later removed to Barnsley where he began his vocal ministry and was recorded a Minister in 1886. In the same year he became President of the Barnsley Adult School and guided it through a difficult period.

Shortly after he removed to London and remained a member of Holloway Meeting until his death.

"He bore the varying needs of the congregation closely and constantly upon his heart, and frequently opened Meeting with intercessory prayer for all. His ministry was of an earnest and persuasive character; he often urged obedience to the perfect will of God as our reasonable service, and desired that the Kingdom of God might dwell in our hearts, and that we might never forget to express our thankfulness for His goodness as expressed in our daily surroundings as well as in more definite revelations to our own hearts."

Thomas Cooper Lindsey died on 15 March 1913.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Westminster & Longford MM, in YM Proc. 1913 p. 252.

SEE ALSO

Ackworth old scholars assoc. reg. 1913 p. 99

LINFIELD, Deborah (1701-1770) after 1722 Elgar

[Deborah Linfield, daughter of John Linfield ( - )  
and his wife Elizabeth (born  
of Shipley in Sussex, was married in 1722 to Robert Elgar  
(1698-1755 qv).]

See ELGAR, Deborah (1701-1770) born Linfield ]

LINGARD, Joseph Gilmore (1885-1952)

Joseph G. Lingard was born 1 April 1885 at Swinton, Lancs., the son of James and Frances Steen Lingard. He was brought up as a Wesleyan Methodist but at the outbreak of war in 1914 joined the Friends Ambulance Unit and served in France. After his release in 1919 he came a salesman for the Lancashire Cotton Corporation until his retirement in 1940.

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Living in Blackpool he became a regular attender at the Friends Meeting in Cawne Street, and after some years he joined Preston Monthly Meeting in 1931, since when he served the Society with loyal devotion. For many years he was Clerk to Blackpool Preparative Meeting, and also Clerk to the local Elders and Overseers. He was Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting for five years, and Registering Officer from 1941 to 1952. He was Treasurer of the QM Extension Committee, and also served as a representative to Meeting for Sufferings and to the Home Service Committee.

He died suddenly 13 December 1952 an hour after returning home from Monthly Meeting.

Testimony of Preston MM in YM Proc. 1953, p.145

LINGFORD, Annie Maria (1889-1918) after 1914 Wood

[Annie Maria Lingford, daughter of Ernest Lingford  
( - ) and his wife Annie (born  
} of Bishop Auckland, was married  
in 1914 to Hubert Wood (1888-1980 qv).]

See WOOD, Annie Maria (1889-1918) born Lingford ]

**LINGFORD, Edward (1870-1908)**

Edward Lingford was born on 11 May 1870, the youngest son of Samuel Sutton and Sarah Ann Lingford of Bishop Auckland (1). He was educated at Wigton and Armstrong College (Newcastle) (2) obtaining a B.Sc. His religious feelings became strengthened after a visit to Canada and the United States in 1893, and he was an 'active and earnest worker' in Durham Quarterly Meeting.

He was, among other things, a teacher at an adult class, superintendent of a junior school, president of a large Band of Hope, clerk or assistant to Monthly or Preparative Meeting, and secretary of Extension Committees, and was also 'a frequent writer and convincing speaker on behalf of Peace, of which he was an ardent advocate'. He was of a cheerful and humorous nature, and 'a man of talent and energy' though humble at the same time.

Being called in November 1908 to Birmingham from Hawes (in Wensleydale, Yorkshire) where he was assisting in a mission, he caught a severe chill and died on 15 November 1908, aged only 38.

**PRINCIPAL SOURCE**

Annual monitor 1910 p.103

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes: his father is described as grocer
- 2 Subsequently Kings College and (1963) the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne

**SEE ALSO**

The Friend vol. (1908) p.846

LINGFORD, Ethel

( 1886 - 1979 )

Ethel Lingford was born at Bishop Auckland on September 18, 1886, a daughter of Albert and Hettie Lingford.(1) She was educated at Ayton School.

Later she took up work with children and in the nursery school at Children's House, part of Kingsley Hall, Bow, she devoted herself to the needs of the children, in which she gave undramatic and steadfast service. Her later years were spent first at Scarborough and then at York,(2). She was blind for some years before her death.

She died in 1979, no date is given in the obituary in *The Friend*. She was approximately 93 years old.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE.    The Friend Vol. 137 (1979) p. 740

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. This is a statement from the Obituary cited above. The Durham QM printed list of members for 1887 records her as the daughter of Albert and Henrietta Lingford aged 1 year.
2. Yorkshire QM printed lists of members record her at York, Clifford St. in 1950 and later under Pickering Meeting in 1963.

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LINGFORD, Joseph (1829-1918)

Joseph Lingford was born in Shenton, Notts in 1829.

He was educated at Ackworth and was apprenticed to the grocery trade with Alfred Holmfirth. When he was twenty-three he started business in Bishop Auckland as a grocer, developing later the manufacture of baking powder. In 1857 he married Maria Wood who assisted him in his temperance and philanthropic work until her death in 1894.

Public life claimed a reasonable share of his leisure and he was particularly interested in temperance reform and licensing restrictions. He was also on the Commission of Peace. He was one of the founders of the Adult School in Auckland in 1863, and was its President and Treasurer from the beginning to his death.

He was recorded a minister in 1885 and for many years took a helpful vocal part in meeting for worship. 'His ministry was characteristic of the man, quiet, dignified and simple; a favourite theme was the power of redeeming love'.

Joseph Lingford died on 26 December 1918 in his ninetieth year.

Testimony of Durham QM in YM Proc. 1919, p.334

LINK, Patricia

( 1928 ? - 1982 ) born

Patricia Link was joint warden and matron, with her husband Robert, of the Woodlands Quaker Home at Wolverhampton. She was born in about the year 1928 (1) and we have no knowledge of her life until she was appointed to Woodlands in 1965. She and her husband gave unstinted service to the Home and had a very happy relationship with residents, staff and with the Committee.

She died suddenly of a heart attack on the night of Christmas Day 1982 after having worked all that day to give the residents a very happy time. She was a practising Roman Catholic. She was aged 54.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 141 (1983) p. 178

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 54 at death.