

WILLIAMSON, Alice Maud (1868?-1946) after 1895 Latchmore

[Alice Maud Williamson, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced, was married in 1895 to Alfred Latchmore (1867-1934 qv).]

See LATCHMORE, Alice Maud (1868?-1946) born Williamson ]

WILLIAMSON, Catharine (1812?-1883) after 1838 Saul

[Catharine Williamson of Wigton in Cumberland, the daughter of John Williamson, was married in 1838 to John Saul (1796-1862 qv).]

See SAUL, Catharine (1812?-1883) born Williamson ]

WBE:

WILLIAMSON, Catharine Ellis, nee ,1896-  
b. in Ireland.  
Mayor of Canterbury, 1938-1939, 1939-1940., member of  
Friends.

Took affirmation in place of oath.

1949, Though the Streets Burn.

(Canterbury at War.) Portrait op. p. 17.

An unassuming Friend, who directed fire protection in the difficult war period, and other relief service, with probity and ability.

Since Catherine Williamson is presumed still living, no further material for a biography has been assembled. (BLC)

see following biog  
BLC 10/91

Williamson, Thought the streets burn, (London, 1949)

WILLIAMSON, Elizabeth Marv ( 1892 - 1974 )

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Mary Williamson was born on March 4, 1892, (1) the daughter of William and Mary Emily Williamson.

Her first appearance at Guildford seems to have been in 1923 (2) and the rest of her life was spent in that town working for the local meeting and involving herself in all manner of community causes. She was a lifelong supporter of the National British Women's Total Abstinence Union and associated bodies and maintained a keen watch upon the applications to the Guildford Licensing Authority, not failing to oppose personally those which she thought particularly dangerous to local conditions. She was a strong supporter also of the Co-operative Women's Guild, of which she was an officer and of the Adult School Movement. With her sister, Cornelia, she attended as regularly as possible the meetings of the Town Council as members of the public, this was part of her sense of civic responsibility.

She taught shorthand and typing at Guildford Technical College and for many years attended London Yearly Meeting to assist in the reporting of the meeting for The Friend, as she was, of course, a very good shorthand writer. She was faithful in her attendance at local and monthly meetings, she attended Meeting for Sufferings as representative of Sussex, Surrey & Hants QM from 1959/60 - 1964/5 (3) and afterwards attended in her capacity as an elder. She was well versed in the Bible and her ministry in a beautiful speaking voice was memorable. She had a radiance of spirit and a spiritual certainty which were a great help to others.

She died on September 16, 1974 aged 82.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Guildford & Godalming MM  
Y.M.Proc. 1976 p. 177

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Obtained from the General Registry Office Registrar General's Office and given at head of testimony
2. Sussex, Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members for 1923 records her as a member at Guildford. The 1922 list does not record her name.
- 3 Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.

WILLIAMSON, Catherine Ellis ( 1896 - 1977 ) b. Goodbody

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Catherine Goodbody was born on May 1, 1896 (1) at Clara, in what was then Kings County, Ireland, the daughter of Lewis and Edith Goodbody. There was a large group of 'Goodbody' relations comprising eight families in the meeting, all of moderate wealth, and against this background she grew steadily leftwards in her convictions.

She married in the early 1920s, her husband's family being master tanners in Canterbury for four generations. Her own great grandmother was a Priestman ( another family of tanners ) so that it was perhaps appropriate that she also became a master tanner. She took up local government activities also and in the mid 1930s became a city councillor and for two terms 1938 - 1940 she was mayor of Canterbury, the first woman in the city's 700 years of civic life. She also undertook the organisation of air raid precautions, and her book - " Though the Streets Burn " is a graphic account of experiences which also raises a number of moral issues.

In 1942 she contested Ashford in a by-election as a Commonwealth candidate, and in 1950, Hastings in the Labour interest. She was defeated on both occasions but polled a very respectable number of votes in what were Conservative constituencies. In 1952 she attended the People's Congress for Peace in Vienna, and in 1954 the World Pacifist Conference in Tokyo. She also visited eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and America in her concern ( in China above all ) for the human side of international problems. For over thirty years she worked in close friendship with Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, who wrote of her that she was ' a mayor of wide culture, excellent understanding and sound judgement.' Sometimes her judgement was not seen in this light at Yearly Meeting or at other Quaker gatherings.

She was a well-built woman with a commanding voice, singleness of spirit and deeply felt convictions, but she grew to be more dogmatic and intolerant and unable to see others' points of view. She grew increasingly impatient with the Society of Friends, out of step with its ways, which she found ' timid and too respectable ' perhaps finding her meeting too restricting and at last she left the Society.

She died in April 1977, aged 80.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 135 (1977) p. 594

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Notice of Birth. The Friend Vol 36 ( 1896 ) p.366

2 She appears as a member of Clara meeting sv Goodbody in the 1920 Leinster QM printed list of members and sv Williamson in the 1922 Dublin YM printed list of members

WILLIAMSON, Elizabeth (1705?-1775) aftw. Whinney

✓Elizabeth Williamson, the daughter of William  
Williamson and his wife Margaret (nee )  
was married in 17 to Whinney

see WHINNEY, Elizabeth (1705?-1775) born Williamson ]

WILLIAMSON, Hannah (1873 - 1954)

Hannah Williamson was born 6 July 1873, a birthright member of Holm Monthly Meeting. She was educated at Wigton School and also taught in that school for a short time. She became Mistress of Physical Training and Games at the Mount School, York, and was for a long period Senior Mistress.

On her retirement Hannah Williamson returned to Holm and was a regular attender at Monthly and Quarterly Meetings and at Wigton Preparative Meeting. She served on the Wigton School Committee and was Treasurer of the Cumberland Friends' unemployment committee.

"She cared deeply for people and she kept in touch with innumerable members and attenders, as well as with old scholars of the Mount and Wigton Schools. Her life of devoted, humble, Christian service was an example which is an inspiration and a challenge to us all".

She died 11 January 1954.

Testimony of Holm MM in YM Proc. 1954, p. 184

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WILLIAMSON, Jane (1727?-1806) born Flatt

Jane Flatt "was born in the Western part of the County of Norfolk, & convinced of our principles, while resident in a Roman Catholic family at Oxburg. She afterwards lived in several friends families in Norwich and about the year 1757 came forth in the ministry . . . Soon after she removed to Woodbridge in this County (Suffolk) and in a few years was married to Benjamin Williamson.(1)" There was one child of the marriage. (2)

She died on 20 February 1806(3) and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Woodbridge. She was about seventy nine and had been a minister for about forty nine years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Suffolk QM 18 March 1806 in TCND vol.4 p.227

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Woodbridge on 9 December 1762; he is described as a cordwainer, a widower (Suffolk QM Digest of Marriages)
- 2 Listed in Suffolk QM Digest of Births:-  
Benjamin b 28 December 1765
- 3 Suffolk QM Digest of Burials: Jane Williamson died on 20 February 1806, the widow of Benjamin Williamson

WILLIAMSON, John (1846-1933)

John Williamson, born on the 6th June 1846 was educated at Wigton School. He later devoted some fifty years to the School as member and Chairman of the Committee. As a Cumberland County Councillor he also served on the Management Committees of secondary and agricultural schools. He was an Alderman and a Justice of the Peace.

Temperance was another cause close to his heart. He was a member of the United Kingdom Alliance and of the executive of the North of England Temperance League and helped to found the Cumberland Band of Hope Union. His home at Allonby was hospitably opened to the lecturers and workers in their journeyings to and fro thus earning for it the nickname "The Temperance Hotel".

He was an Elder and for 6 years Clerk of Cumberland Quarterly Meeting, a regular attender at Yearly Meeting and for many years on the Home Mission Committee.

He held his own views strongly but never allowed himself to be swayed by prejudice and his unruffled confidence and courage strengthened others.

This full and busy life was made possible by his simple faith and love of God whom he sought to serve in his ready and willing service for his fellow-men.

He died on the 30th November 1933.

Testimony of Pardshaw M.M. in Y.M. Proc. 1934, p. 208

WILLIAMSON, Jenathan ( fl 1777 ) of Cumberland

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Jonathan Williamson, as a young man, was among the ministers at the Northern Counties' Circular M YM at Kirby Steven in 1777. He 'was dressed in a very Singular Manner, I apprehend somewhat like Jno: Woolman. He was at Keswick last year cloth'd in y<sup>e</sup> Same way. Some Frds I believe spoke to him about it, but I suppose he apprehends it his Duty to appear in that Singular way, & as a Frd remarked it required a good deal of Ballast to carry so much sail Properly'.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Joseph King to Joseph Wood, 29 April 1777, in  
J.Friends hist.soc. ix vol.21 (1924) p.61

NOTE

A Jonathan Williamson was born 6.vi. [Aug.] 1747, the son  
of Jonathan and Rebeccah of Alonby  
- Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births digest

WILLIAMSON, Margaret (1675-1736) born Jaffray, [after 1721 Miller]

(Margaret Williamson, daughter of Andrew Jaffray (1650-1726 qv) and his wife Christian, born Skene, of Kingswells near Aberdeen, was married about 1701 to William Williamson. He died in 1717 and in 1721 she was married to Isaac Miller (1686-1769 qv)

See MILLER, Margaret (1675-1736) formerly Williamson, born Jaffray )

WBE:

WILLIAMSON, Mary, ca. 1824-1867.

b. ca. 1824.

for 9 years attendant at the Friends Retreat at York.

For 3 years Matron at Croyden School.

1851, Nurse at Ackworth School for 16 years.

Calm, collected and cautious, exhibiting great presence of mind. Kept pet animals and was interested in her flowers and ferns.

d. 2 Mar. 1867, Ackworth, age 43.

WILLIAMSON, Mary (ca.1824-1867) 9/86  
correction: died 11 Mar. 1867 not 2 Mar.  
ref: Digest of deaths in Frds Hse Lib., Lond.

The Friend, (London) 1867, 7:100.

An. Mon., 1869, No. 27, p. 222.  
*Ms.*

WILLIAMSON, Mary ( 1892 - 1974 )

SEE

WILLIAMSON, Elizabeth Marv ( 1892 - 1974 )

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WILLIAMSON, Robert (1676-1746)

Robert Williamson, the son of Thomas and Agnes Williamson of Windermere in the county of Westmorland, was born there on 27.iv.(June)1676.(1) His parents professed with Friends and he was given a religious education; by early precept and example and the strength of his own disposition he was preserved in a sober, virtuous life and appeared in the ministry about the year 1703, in the twenty seventh year of his age, "wherein, according to the Measure dispensed to him, he appeared acceptable to his Friends and was Instrumental to the Gathering of some who remained steady members among us, for his Ministry was living and edifying."

He lived at Bannerrigg in the parish of Windermere and died apparently unmarried(2) on 9.vi.(August)1746(3), aged about seventy; he was buried at Crook.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of (Westmorland) QM 1.iii.(May)1747 in TCMD vol.1 p.249

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: he was born on 27.iv.(June)1676, the son of Thomas and Agnes of Windermere Meeting, Kendal MM
- 2 There is no record of a marriage in Westmorland QM, Cumberland & Northumberland QM or Lancashire QM Marriages Digest
- 3 Westmorland QM Burials Digest gives the date of his burial as 9.vi.(August)1746

WILLIAMSON, Sarah (fl 1818-1826) after 1818 Davis, after 1826 Taylor

[Sarah Williamson, daughter of William and Anne Williamson of Richill, county Armagh in Ireland, was married firstly in 1818 to Samuel Woodcock Davis (1779-1823 qv). She married secondly in 1826 George Taylor.

See TAYLOR, Sarah (fl 1818-1826) formerly Davis, born Williamson ]

WBE:

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WILLIAMSON, Thomas, ca. 1633-1715.

b. ca. 30 June 1633, Common, parish of Windmoor, Westmoreland, Eng.

ed. in Church of England.

Inclined to youthful vanities.

1670, convinced.

1673, minister.

1677, Imprisoned for speaking after the priest.

Was a considerable sufferer, both by imprisonment and spoiling of goods.

His ministry was in much simplicity. He was tender to the good, but sharp in rebuking evil.

Testified that God had dealt bountifully with him.

d. 22 Dec. 1715, bur. Kendal, age 82, a minister ca. 40 years.

Piety Prom., 5th part, p. 113.

Besse, II:23,26,30; (I:6,109,110,173,175 all prob. refer to another man.)

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WILLIAMSON, William (1684-1743)

*tas* William Williamson was born in the year 1684, the son of Thomas and Agens Williamson, of Bannerig, Windermere, both Friends.

He received the gift of Ministry about his seventeenth year, and travelled, in company with Isaac Thompson, through Scotland in the year 1704; and with Thomas Wilson visited the west and south of England in the years 1708 and 1709.

He was an able Minister, and was of great help in matters of Discipline, giving useful Advice not only to members, but to many neighbours, thereby preventing many injurious law suits.

'He was devoted to serve the Church and his Neighbours, which gained him Esteem among all sorts of People; an excellent example in a diligent Care to attend Meetings, both for Worship and Discipline, wherein he was grave and solid; and when concerned to speak in either, it was with Authority, his Words being seasoned with Grace'.

He died 21.ix.[November] 1743 and was interred at Friends Burying Ground, Kendal, aged fifty eight years, and a Minister about forty two years.

Principal source

Testimony of Kendal MM in TCMD vol.1 p.217, printed in A Collection of Testimonies 1760 p.177

WBE: Additional Information.

WILLIAMSON, William, 1684-1743.

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Seized with stitches and pain in his breast before dying.

The Tuckahoe Manuscript Library, Williamsburg

John Smith's ms., 3:600.

WILLIS, Ann (1751-1789) born Speakman

Ann Speakman, the youngest daughter of William Speakman (1707?-1772 qv) and his wife Mary (born 1710?-1770 qv) of Reading in Berkshire, was born there on 23.vi.[August] 1751(1).

She was married in 1773 to Binfield Willis (1749-1782 qv), a maltster and later a mealman of Reading and there were three children(2).

Ann Willis of Reading died on 13 January 1789, at the age of thirty seven(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see WILLIS, Binfield (1749-1782)
- 3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Binfield the younger

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

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WBE:

WILLIS, Anne nee Seaman, ~~ca.~~ 1746/47-1828.

b. 25 XII ca. 1746/47, Westbury, L.I., dau. of Thomas and Hannah Seaman.

m. ca. 1770, Fry Willis, and lived at Jericho, L.I., (children.)

Elder.

| ca. 1793, minister.

| 1826, with her son, Thomas, and Phebe Willis, signed a letter stating how their beliefs differ from those of some other Friends in their Preparative Mtg. of Ministers and Elders.

1827, was dealt with as being "out of unity" with their Mo. Mtg., and was not allowed to attend business meetings. Case finally dismissed, and she resumed her seat in public meetings.

d. 2 Aug. 1828, New York, N.Y., age 82, a minister ca. 35 years.

*Shotwell, complainant,*  
Foster's Report, II:424-431.

Memorials, N.Y., 1829, p. 35.

An. Mon., <sup>OS</sup> 18:54.

WILLIS, Binfield (1710?-1786)

Binfield Willis, the son of George and Elizabeth Willis of Reading in Berkshire, was born about the year 1710(1).

He became a mealman at Reading(2) and was married in 1747 to Sarah Downham (1718-1781 qv) of Reading(3); there were four children(4).

He later made a considerable fortune as a maltster(5).

Binfield Willis of Reading died on 9 November 1786, at the age of seventy six(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 76 at death. His birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Reading on 10.x.[December] 1747: he is described as a mealman of Reading in Berkshire, the son of George and Elizabeth Willis of Reading; she is described as a spinster, the daughter of John and Hannah Downham of Reading (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-  
Binfield qv b 24 vii [Sept] 1749 m 1773 Ann Speakman  
(1751-1789 qv)  

*John	b 15 May 1752	
James	b 19 Dec 1756	d 23 Feb 1758, aged 14 months
Samuel	b 18 Oct 1760	d 15 Jan 1766, aged 5
- 5 \*No marriage traced in Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest
- 6 See entry for HUNTLEY, Mary (1773-1821)

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

WILLIS, Binfield (1749-1782)

Binfield Willis, the son of Binfield Willis (1710?-1786 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Downham, 1718-1781 qv) of Reading in Berkshire, was born there on 24.vii.[September] 1749(1).

He became a maltster at Reading(2) and was married in 1773 to Ann Speakman (1751-1789 qv) (3); there were three children(4). Later on he became a mealman(5).

Binfield Willis of Reading died on 20 December 1782, at the age of thirty three(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Reading on 5 January 1773: he is described as a maltster of Reading in Berkshire, the son of Binfield and Sarah Willis of Reading; she is described as the daughter of William and Mary Speakman (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Mary qv	b 26 Dec 1773	m 1801 Joseph Huntley (1775-1849 qv)
Lydia qv	b 28 Dec 1776	m 1799 William Whiting (1774-1803 qv)
Sarah	b 2 April 1781	m 1802 John Trimmer
- 5 He is so described in his burial entry, note 6
- 6 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: he is described as a mealman

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

WILLIS, Daniel (1665?-1759)

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Daniel Willis was born to honest Friends parents near Calne, and in his youth was drawn "from youthful delights and vanities", and subsequently became a Minister. Although he did not speak frequently in Meeting his ministry was "in the life". He was upright, circumspect and self-denying, an example to all right into old age, and diligent in his attendance at Meetings.

Ten days before his death he ministered in Calne Meeting to the comfort and refreshment of those present.

He died 27 February 1759 aged 94, and was buried in the Friends burial ground at Calne on 4 March.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Charlote MM in TCMD vol.2 p.33

WILLIS, Elsie (1875-1974) after 1909 Wright

[Janet Isabel (Elsie) Willis, daughter of  
was married in 1909 to Eric Blackwood Wright.

see WRIGHT, Janet Isabel [Elsie] (1875-1974) benn Willis ]

WBE:

WILLIS, Henry, 1628-

b. 14 Sept. 1628, Westbury, Wiltshire, Eng.

Minister.

1654, m. Mary Pease.

1660, committed to prison for refusing to swear.

1670, removed to Long Island and purchased a tract  
which he called Westbury.

1680, fined 10. for allowing marriage of a daughter  
without services of a priest.

1686,87, Goods distrained on account of refusing mil-  
itary and priestly demands.

1692, signed testimony against George Keith.

1699, felt concern to remove to Phila., Pa. (Not cer-  
tain that he moved at that time.)

1702, visited meetings in Long Island, Rhode Island and  
New England.

1704, Another visit to Long Island.

1708, removed to Newtown, West Jersey and then (it is  
believed) returned to Long Island.

d. Long Island (?), N.Y., age over 80.

WILLIS, Janet Isabel [Elsie] (1875-1974) after 1909 Wright

[Janet Isabel (Elsie) Willis, daughter of  
was married in 1909 to Eric Blackwood Wright.

see WRIGHT, Janet Isabel [Elsie] (1875-1974) born  
Willis ]

WILLIS, John (1819-1915)

John Willis was born at Wallingford, Berkshire, in 1819, the son of Joseph Willis, a saddler (1). His father was not a Friend, but had strong leanings towards them, and himself suffered on several occasions for his convictions. His support of the Reform Bill lost him much custom and he was unable to give John the education his older sons had received. The boy lost no opportunity, however, of acquiring knowledge, and he took up teaching. After holding posts at Penzance and St. Austell, he went at the age of 21 to Les Andelys on the banks of the Seine, as a teacher of English. Three years later he was appointed to the staff of the famous Moravian School at Neuwied on the Rhine, and went from there to a school at Barmen. He wanted to study languages, and as the English Universities were closed to him as a nonconformist, he went to Bonn and eventually gained his degree of Doctor of Philosophy. At Bonn he made many friends distinguished in the academic field.

On his return to England he became a tutor at the Flounders Institute, remaining there for 13 years, during which time he joined the Society of Friends.

In 1849 he married Elizabeth Ann Morley (2); there were two children(3).

In 1861 he went to Bradford as a teacher of languages, conducting in addition to private tuition, classes at the Yorkshire College (now Leeds University), Bradford High School and other neighbouring schools.

He was a very modest man, often concealing his great learning; but it was his character which most impressed his intimate friends. One writes: "I have never known a more upright, kindly and unselfish man, an example of what the scholar should strive to be. His memory will not die out among those who knew and honoured him."

John Willis was one of the mainstays of the Bristol Philosophical Society and the Field Naturalists' Society. He was a keen and expert botanist and a mathematician of repute, publishing a volume of mathematical problems when nearing his ninetieth year. In token of their love and esteem Bristol Friends presented him with a chair and a reading desk, and a portrait of himself, on his ninetieth birthday.

In politics John Willis was a strong Liberal, and he was an ardent advocate of peace and total abstinence. He died peacefully on 11 September 1915 at the great age of 96.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual monitor 1916 p.196

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WILLIS, John (1819-1915) CONTINUED

SEE ALSO:

Friend vol.n.s.49 (1909) p.167: vol.n.s.55 (1915) p.748

Sketch of Life in Bradford weekly telegraph 1913 (Friends House vol.QQ/115)

Obituaries, Bradford daily argus, 13.ix.1915; Yorks observer 13.ix.1915  
(Friends House vol.RR/60)

Recollections of Henry Brady Priestman, 1918 p.38

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 His father's name is given in entry concerning his marriage
- 2 The wedding was at Ackworth on 19 July 1849; he is described as bachelcr, tutor, of Ackworth, son of Joseph Willis; she is described as spinster, of Ackworth, daughter of James Morley, grocer (Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 3 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows :-

Eliza Jane born 29 August 1850  
Florence Armstrong born 6 Sept 1857

WBE:

Additional information  
WILLIS, John, 1819-1915.

b. 1819, Wallingford, Berkshire, Eng., s. of Joseph Willis. Father was a saddler.

ca. 1840, went to France as a teacher of English at Les Andelys.

ca. 1843, joined staff of Moravian School at Neuwied on the Rhine.

1846, studied at Bonn.

1848, Doctor of Philosophy.

Came to England as tutor to Flounders Institute, for 13 years.

Joined Friends.

1853, On the Appointment and Classification of Teachers in the Society of Friends.

m. Eliza Ann Morley, of Suffolk, (d. 1896.) (2 dau.)

1861, moved to Bradford, Yorks.

Taught at Bradford High School, Ackworth School and other Schools.

Devoted some spare time to Botany.

Liberal.

Was gifted in Mathematics. Troubled with deafness, and failing sight.

d. 11 Sept. 1915, Shipley near Bradford, age 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

An. Mon., N.S., 1916, 104:196.

The Friend (London) 1909, 49:167 (portrait.)

Smith II:942.

WILLIS, Lydia (1776-1824) after 1799 Whiting

[Lydia Willis, daughter of Binfield Willis (1749-1782 qv) and his wife Ann (born Speakman, 1751-1789 qv) of Reading in Berkshire, was married in 1799 to William Whiting (1774-1803 qv).]

See WHITING, Lydia (1776-1824) born Willis ]

WILLIS, Mary (1773-1821) after 1801 Huntley

[Mary Willis, daughter of Binfield Willis (1749-1782 qv)  
and his wife Ann (born Speakman, 1751-1789 qv) of  
Reading, was married in 1801 to Joseph Huntley  
(1775-1849 qv).]

See HUNTLEY, Mary (1773-1821) born Willis ]

WILLIS, Mary Ann (1813-1865) born Martin

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Mary Ann Martin was born at Westminster, London, on 2 March 1813. Her parents, to whom she was devoted, were earnest members of the Congregational Church, and it is evident from her journals that she experienced much opposition from her relatives when she decided to join the Society of Friends. From these same journals we know that she derived great happiness and fulfilment from Friends' way of worship.

The somewhat difficult circumstances of her life involved her in frequent changes of residence, and she was for short periods associated with meetings in various parts of the country. She was admitted into membership by Darlington Monthly Meeting in 1840, and recorded a minister by Pickering Monthly Meeting in 1856.

In September 1861 she married Thomas Willis, Jun., and settled at Carperby in Wensleydale, where fresh avenues of service opened to her. By a minute of Richmond Monthly Meeting she was allowed to hold public meetings in that district, and she also held similar meetings in the Newcastle area.

She died at York, aged 52, after a long and painful illness, on 7 April 1865 and was buried in Friends burial ground there on 13 April.

Testimony of Durham Q.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1866, p.xii

WILLIS, Robert (1713-1791)

Son of Samuel and Hannah (Pass) Willis. His father was an Englishman, but his mother came from New England. Their son Robert was born at Elizabethtown, East Jersey, where his parents were attenders, but not members of Friends' meetings. He married Jane Carpenter, Presbyterian, but both soon became Quakers. She died in 1759. Robert Willis had been brought up to the trade of a carpenter, but his health failing, he was obliged to give it up, and supported himself by making nets, which he knitted and knotted as he traveled about on his preaching tours. He went to England in the summer of 1771, and mentions lodging in York at the home of William Tuke, "where" he says "I met with my dear countrymen, William Tuke and Thomas Thornburgh, from North Carolina, who landed in London a few days before. The sight of them was a great comfort to me" "8mo. 8th: I met William Hunt and Thomas Thornburgh, we having agreed at York to travel through Scotland together". Robert Willis and John Woolman both speak of meeting at the Yearly Meeting in London, 6mo. 1772. R.W. remained abroad for four years before returning home. The rest of his life was spent in traveling about among his friends in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, always engaged in making his nets, many of which were bought by the Quaker housewives for holding vegetables apart while boiling them with the meats in the great household kettles, in use among the plain folk of that day. Robert Willis has an interesting entry under date, "6mo. 1783. Mount Holly. Here I visited the widow and family of our late worth Friend, John Woolman, and was glad to find her revived from a low drooping state of mind, through which she has been wading for several years" (Friends' Miscel. IX 326) He settled for a time in 1788 at Rancocas, at Amron Wills', and visited Friends' families, accompanied by Samuel Woolman son of Abner and Mary Woolman (nephew of John), and Hannah Bolton. He finally died at Kaighn's Point, New Jersey, 4mo. 15, 1791 at the age of seventy eight.  
(Friends' Miscel. Vol. IX 289)

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922 p.572

WBE: Additional Information.

WILLIS, Robert, 1713-1791.

Apprenticed to a farmer, a hard master.

Said to be uncouth and rustic in appearance.

bur. Newton, N.J.

A., ed., John Woolman's Journal  
Gummere, p. 572.

Frds'. Misc., Vol. VII:38, Vol. IX:289.

J.F.H.S., 20:86.

WILLIS, Sarah (1718-1781) born Downham

Sarah Downham, the daughter of John Downham ( - ) and his wife Hannah (born ) of Reading in Berkshire, was born there on 28.viii.[October] 1718(1).

She was married in 1747 to Binfield Willis (1710?-1786 qv), a mealman of Reading and there were four children(2).

Sarah Willis of Reading died on 21 April 1781, at the age of sixty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see WILLIS, Binfield (1710?-1786)
- 3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Binfield senior, a mealman

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

WBE:

WILLIS, Thomas, ca. 1771-1864.

b. ca. 1771, L.I., N.Y.

Minister.

1792, travelled in New England with Peter Yarnall.

m. Phebe.

Accompanied Stephen Grellet in Virginia and Carolina.

Neighbor of Elias Hicks. Laboured with him.

1812, The Doctrine and Principles of the People Called Quakers, explained and vindicated. . . . (a reply to B. Hibbard.)

1814, Remarks on Robert Scott's Examination (of above.)

1826, Correspondence with Elias Hicks.

1826, With his wife and his mother, communicated in writing to their Mtg., a summary of their religious belief.

1830, testified at Camden, N.J., trial.

Was considered out of unity with his Mo. Mtg. on account of his opposition to the teaching of Elias Hicks.

d. 14 Sept. 1864, near Jericho, L.I., in his 93rd year, a minister nearly 70 years.

Fuds'. Review, 1864, 18:139.

Shotwell, complainant,  
Foster's Reports, I:108, II:424-430.

Smith II:942.

WILLIS, Thomas (1825-1892)

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Thomas Willis was born at Carperby in 1825, the son of Thomas and Margaret Willis. His education was confined to village schools, but his taste for reading and for acquiring information enabled him to overcome this disadvantage.

He was recorded a minister by his Monthly Meeting in 1863. 'His manner was very reverent, and his ministry bore evidence of his full acceptance of the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.'

Thomas Willis died, after three years illness, on 12 September 1892

Testimony of Durham Q.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1894, p.142

WBE:a

WILLITS, Jeremiah, 1794-1875.

b. 17 June 1794, s. of Jeremiah and Mary (Bartlett)

Willits, Little Egg Harbor, N.J.

m. Sarah Bassett Smith, (d. 1845) 6 children.

Took a tour through the west to organize Prison Discipline Societies. Remarkable results in Indianapolis.

1867, moved from Philadelphia to Richmond, Virginia.

Received on certificate from Northern District Monthly Mtg. at Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting. Felt a duty to labor in the South after the war. He designed a method of getting the literate prisoners to teach the illiterate. He superintended these teachers and obtained books for their use. Established a "First-day School" in the prison and was responsible for the founding of a Prison Discipline Soc.

Friend. Member and Elder of Richmond Monthly Mtg.

d. 28 June 1875, Richmond, Va., in his 82nd year.

A.C.Willits, Ancestors and Descendants of James and Ann Willits of Little Egg Harbor, N.J., 1898, pp. 22, 24.  
Hinshaw II:723; VI:280.  
Friends Review 29(1875):25,263.  
Minutes of Baltimore Y.M. (Orthodox) 1875, p. 15.

WILLITS, Joseph

Torreytown (NY) Rockefeller Archives

WBE:a

WILLITS, William H., 1843-1909.

b. 11 Nov. 1843, s. of Edward S. and Esther Whitson Willits, Westbury, New York.

m. 1877, Ella Osborn, (dau. of Abner and Sarah Osborn) (2 children)

Member of Westbury Quarterly Meeting, New York, and New York Monthly Meeting.

1880-88, Assistant Clerk of N.Y. Yearly Meeting (Hicksite.) 1889-1908, Clerk of New York Yearly Meeting.

A man of rare and wonderful character.

d. 17 Sept. 1909, New York, aged 65 years.

Frds. Intell. 66(1909):732.

Hinshaw, III:361.

New York Yearly Meeting Minutes, 1880-1909.

Elliott, Erroll T., Qu. on the Am. Front., 395.

WILLITTS, Elizabeth (1674-1731/2) after 1695/6 Hodgkin

[Elizabeth Willitts, daughter of Martin Willitts ( - )  
and his wife Mary (born  
of Shipston on Stour in Worcestershire, was married in 1695/6  
to Thomas Hodgkin (1666-1740 qv). ]

See HODGKIN, Elizabeth (1674-1731/2) born Willitts ]

Marian Willmore was born in about the year 1876 (1) the daughter of Arthur and Emily Ann Willmore.(2) She was a devoted member of Devon and Cornwall Monthly Meeting all her life. She worked in her young days as an accountant in her father's grocery business and this training she brought into use in later life in her service to the Society of Friends both as clerk to her local and monthly meetings (3) and as a member of Meeting for Sufferings and other central committees.(4)

She was a vegetarian, a staunch teetotaller and keenly concerned for animal welfare but she never allowed her own convictions to colour her interpretation as clerk of the sense of the meeting. She visited Friends in need where she could, took notes on Sunday at Meeting for Worship to help a deaf Friend while during the first world war she was one of a number of Friends who made it their concern to visit the conscientious objectors sent to Princetown Prison, Dartmoor. They made it their business to build up facilities in the village for relatives to visit the men confined in the 'Settlement' as their part of the prison was called and also to increase the activities and social times, including the holding of Meetings for Worship for the men so confined.

She suffered some years of incapacitating illness at the end of her life which led to her service being partly forgotten by Friends and she died on May 23, 1962 at the age of 86.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 120 (1962) pp 852, 904-6.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have not found any date of birth, she was aged 86 at death.
2. She first appears in Devon & Cornwall QM printed list of members for 1907 at Falmouth under the name of her father and mother as an adult with her sister Emily.
3. Index of Clerks, Friends Ho. Library.      Falmouth PM      1916 - 1920  
     Come to Good AM      1921 - 1942  
     Cornwall MM      1921 - 1951  
     Marazion ? PM      1936 - 1942
4. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library.  
      Meeting for Sufferings  
      Friends Education Council  
      Friends Service Council  
      Home Service Committee  
      C.I.S.

WILLMOTT, Betty (1749-1826) after 1771 Naish

[Betty Willmott, daughter of Samuel Willmott (fl 1732-1749 qv)  
and his wife Martha (born Gregory, 1711/2- qv) of Yatton  
in Somerset, was married in 1771 to Joseph Naish (1750?-1822 qv)  
of Flax Bourton and Congresbury in Somerset.

See NAISH, Betty (1749-1826) born Willmott ]

WILLMOTT, Edward (1745-1828)

Edward Willmott, the son of Samuel Willmott (fl 1732-1749 qv) and his wife Martha (born Gregory, 1711/2- qv) of Yatton in Somerset, was born there on 12.ix.[November] 1745(1).

He became a yeoman at Claverham in Somerset(2) and was married in 1766 to Mary Rumney of Yatton(3); there was one child, who died in infancy(4). He married secondly in 1770 Mary Bishop (1741-1795 qv) of Pensford in Somerset(5) and there were six children(6).

Edward Willmott of Bristol died on 2 November 1828, at the age of eighty three(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his second marriage entry, note 5
- 3 The wedding was at Claverham on 16 April 1766: he is described as of Yatton in Somerset; she is described as of Yatton in Somerset. No further information is given (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-  
Martha b 15 March 1767 d 29 May 1767
- 5 The wedding was at Beterton on 23 May 1770: he is described as a yeoman of Claverham in the parish of Yatton in Somerset, the son of Samuel and Martha Willmott of Claverham; she is described as the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Bishop of Pensford in Somerset (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)  
His name is given as Edward Wilmot in the entry for his wife
- 6 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

*Elizabeth	b 17 June 1771	
Robert qd	b 18 Nov 1772	m 1804 Sarah Benwell (1774-1823 qv)
*Martha	b 15 Dec 1773	
John	b 29 March 1775	d 10 May 1797, aged 22
Edward Bishop	b 9 Sept 1776	m 1806 Elizabeth Greenfield
Sarah	b 17 June 1779	d 13 March 1792, aged 13
- 7 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given  
  
\*No marriages traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest

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

WILLMOTT, Eliza (1818-1849) born Cole

Eliza Cole, the daughter of George Cole (1789-1853 qv) and his wife Mary (born Sams, 1786-1864 qv) of Chipping Sodbury in Gloucestershire, was born there on 11 February 1818(1).

She was married in 1840 to Robert Willmott (1810-1882 qv), a shopkeeper of Congresbury in Somerset, but the marriage was childless(2).

Eliza Willmott of Congresbury died on 9 July 1849, at the age of thirty one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: her father is described as a shopkeeper
- 2 For marriage see WILLMOTT, Robert (1810-1882)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Robert

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1850, p 122: 2 line entry for death

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

WILLMOTT, Hannah Baker (1815-1891) born Cole

Hannah Baker Cole, the daughter of George Cole (1789-1853 qv) and his wife Mary (born Sams, 1786-1864 qv) of Martock in Somerset, was born there on 18 November 1815(1).

She was married in 1838 to John Benwell Willmott (1807-1879 qv), a miller of Congresbury in Somerset and there were four children(2). Her husband later became a commercial traveller in the corn trade and died at The Retreat in York(3).

Hannah Baker Willmott of Bristol died on 17 February 1891, at the age of seventy five(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see WILLMOTT, John Benwell (1807-1879)
- 3 See entry for WILLMOTT, John Benwell (1807-1879)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: no description of her is given

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1892, p 165: 2 line entry for death

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

WILLMOTT, James (1764?-1833)

[The entry "WILLMOTT, James" appears in Annual monitor  
1834 Supplement p 44, in error for "WILMOT, James".]

see WILMOT, James (1764?-1833) ]

**WILLMOTT, John Benwell (1807-1879)**

John Benwell Willmott, the elder son of Robert Willmott (1772-1829 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Benwell, 1774-1823 qv) of Pensford in Somerset, was born there on 29 January 1807(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from October 1816 to January 1821(2).

He became a miller at Congresbury in Somerset(3) and was married in 1838 to Hannah Baker Cole (1815-1891 qv) of Winscombe in Somerset(4); there were four children(5). Between 1838 and 1841 he moved to Bristol, where he had several addresses and no occupation is given for him(6), but according to the Sidcot Register he became a commercial traveller in the corn trade.

John Benwell Willmott, formerly of Ashley Down, Bristol, died at The Retreat in York on 17 May 1879, at the age of seventy two(7).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as a shopkeeper
- 2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1912, p 191
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Claverham on 17 October 1838: he is described as a bachelor, a miller of Congresbury, Somerset, the son of Robert Willmott, a shopkeeper; she is described as a spinster of Woodboro' parish, Winscombe, the daughter of George Cole, a shopkeeper (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Marianna	b 23 March 1841	d 5 June 1884, aged 43
Isabella	b 31 Oct 1842	m 1874 Henry Read
Robert	b 5 Feb 1844	d 8 Sept 1868, aged 24
Sarah Benwell qv	b 24 Jan 1846	m 1867 Alexander Tuckett (1840-1876 qv)
- 6 His three eldest children were all born at different addresses in Bristol; Sarah Benwell was born at Pensford in Somerset, but he may not have been living there, as his address at the time of his death was Bristol
- 7 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

**SEE ALSO:-**

Annual Monitor 1880, p 180: 2 line entry for death

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

WILLMOTT, Martha (1711/2- ) born Gregory  
and his wife Mary (born Boulton, 1683-1714 )  
Martha Gregory, the daughter of William Gregory ( - 1741 ) was born  
on 23.xii.1711 [i.e. February 1711/2](1).

She was married in 1732 to Samuel Willmott (fl 1732-1749 qv), a yeoman of  
Claverham in Somerset and there were nine children(2).

The date of her death is not at present (1984) traced(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: her place of birth, her mother's name and her father's occupation are not given; in her marriage entry she is described as of Gaunts Earthcott in Gloucestershire
- 2 For marriage and children see WILLMOTT, Samuel (fl 1732-1749)
- 3 Her death is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM nor in Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digests

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

WILLMOTT, Martha (1815-1896) after 1840 Frank

[Martha Willmott, daughter of Robert Willmott ( - )  
and his wife Sarah (born ) of  
Pensford in Somerset, was married in 1840 to William Arnee  
Frank (1808-1897 qv).]

See FRANK, Martha (1815-1896) born Willmott ]

WILLMOTT, Mary (1741-1795) born Bishop

Mary Bishop, the daughter of Robert Bishop (1718?-1801 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Cowling, -1767 qv), was born on 5.viii.[October] 1741(1).

She became in 1770 the second wife of Edward Willmott (1745-1828 qv), a yeoman of Claverham in Somerset and there were six children(2).

Mary Willmott of Claverham died on 23 January 1795, at the age of fifty three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her place of birth and her father's occupation are not given
- 2 For marriage and children see WILLMOTT, Edward (1745-1828)
- 3 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Edward

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

WILLMOTT, Mary (1822?-1895) born Kingston

Mary Kingston, the daughter of John Kingston of Yatton in Herefordshire, was born about the year 1822(1).

She became in 1851 the second wife of Robert Willmott (1810-1882 qv), a shopkeeper of Congresbury in Somerset and there were four children(2).

Mary Willmott of Congresbury died on 15 July 1895, at the age of seventy three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 73 at death. Her birth is not traced in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see WILLMOTT, Robert (1810-1882)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Robert

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1896, p 175: 2 line entry for death

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

WBE:

WILLMOTT, Mary, 1833-1935.

b. 26 July 1833, Hay, Herefordshire, Eng., dau. of William and Mary Willmott.

ed. 1843-48, Ackworth School.

Governess and companion to daughters of Alfred Crowley of Croydon.

Removed to Birmingham.

1903, made her home with her brother at Teignmouth.

Wrote and recited religious verse.

1933, received congratulations from the king.

Memory failed for past events.

d. 4 March 1935, Teignmouth, S. Devon, in her 102 year.

WILLMOTT, Rebecca (1811-1875) after 1853 Gregory

[Rebecca Willmott, daughter of Robert Willmott (1772-1829 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Benwell, 1774-1823 qv) of Pensford in Somerset, was married in 1853 to Isaac Gregory (1828-1887 qv).]

See GREGORY, Rebecca (1811-1875) born Willmott ]

**WILLMOTT, Robert (1772-1829)**

Robert Willmott, the son of Edward Willmott ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of the parish of Yatton in Somerset, was born on 18 November 1772(1).

He became a shopkeeper at Pensford in Somerset(2) and was married in 1804 to Sarah Benwell (1774-1823 qv) of Sidcot in Somerset(3); there were six children(4).

Robert Willmott of Pensford died on 8 May 1829, at the age of fifty six(5).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Sidcot on 9 November 1804: he is described as a shopkeeper of Pensford in Somerset, the son of Edward and Mary Willmott, late of Claverham in the parish of Yatton; she is described as the daughter of John and Martha Benwell of Sidcot in the parish of Winscombe in Somerset (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest, the Digests of Marriages and Deaths and given in the Sidcot Register 1808-1912, p 191 as follows:-

John Benwell qv	b 29 January 1807	m 1838 Hannah Baker Cole (1815-1891 qv)
Sarah	b 15 Aug 1808	d June 1870
Robert qv	b 31 March 1810	m (1) 1840 Eliza Cole (1818-1849 qv) (2) 1851 Mary Kingston (1822?-1895 qv)
Rebecca qv	b 8 Aug 1811	m 1853 Isaac Gregory (1828-1887 qv)
Martha qv	b 27 Feb 1815	m 1840 William Arnee Frank (1808-1897 qv)
Mary Bishop	b 18 March 1816	d 19 June 1890, aged 74
- 5 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: he is described as a shopkeeper

**SEE ALSO:-**

Annual Monitor 1830, p 54: 1 line entry for death

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

WILLMOTT, Robert (1810-1882)

Robert Willmott, the son of Robert Willmott (1772-1829 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Benwell, 1774-1823 qv) of Pensford in Somerset, was born there on 31 March 1810(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1820 to 1824(2).

He became a shopkeeper at Congresbury in Somerset(3) and was married firstly in 1840 to Eliza Cole (1818-1849 qv) of Bath(4), but the marriage was apparently childless(5). He married secondly in 1851 Mary Kingston (1822?-1895 qv) of Yatton in Herefordshire(6) and there were four children(7).

Robert Willmott of Congresbury died on 4 April 1882, at the age of seventy two(8).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as a shopkeeper
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 229
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entries, notes 4 and 6 and in the birth entries for his children
- 4 The wedding was at Bath on 19 June 1840: he is described as a bachelor, a shopkeeper of Congresbury, the son of Robert Willmott, a shopkeeper; she is described as a spinster of Bath, the daughter of George Cole, a shopkeeper (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 6 The wedding was at Ross on 23 September 1851: he is described as a widower, a shopkeeper of Congresbury, the son of Robert Willmott, a shopkeeper; she is described as a spinster of Yatton, Hereford, the daughter of John Kingston, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 7 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Robert Kingston	b 17 Aug 1852	m 1876 Annie Agnes Nelson
*Frederic	b 2 June 1854	
Margaret	b 14 Dec 1855	m 1879 Samuel Ashby
*Emily	b 19 Dec 1857	
- 8 \*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903  
Annual Monitor 1883, p 134: 2 line entry for death. 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

WILLMOTT, Samuel (fl 1732-1749)

Samuel Willmott, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1984) traced(1), was a yepman of Claverham in Somerset(2).

He was married in 1732 to Martha Gregory (1711/2- qv) of Gaunts Earthcott in Gloucestershire(3) and there were nine children(4).

The date of his death is not at present (1984) traced(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 His birth is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was on 4.i.i.[April] 1732: he is described as a yeoman of Claverham in Somerset; she is described as the daughter of William Gregory of Gaunts Urcott in the county of Gloucester (Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-
 

*Mary	b 22 i 1733 [i.e. March 1732/3]	m c 1753 Robert Churchus
*Sarah	b 6 ix [Nov] 1734	m 1757 John Powell
William	b 18 vi [Aug] 1736	m 1759 Mary Holman
*Martha	b 14 ix [Nov] 1739	
Samuel	b 15 i 1742 [i.e. probably m 1762 Sarah Rumney March 1738/9 but possibly March 1739/40]	
*Jane	b 2 iii [May] 1744	m (1) 1766 Mary Rumney
Edward qv	b 12 ix [Nov] 1745	(2) 1770 Mary Bishop (1741-1795 qv)
*Hannah	b 10 iii [May] 1747	
Betty	b 18 vii [Sept] 1749	m 1771 Joseph Naish (1750?-1822 qv)
- \*No marriages traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest
- 5 His death is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM nor Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digests

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

WILLMOTT, Sarah (1774-1823) born Benwell

Sarah Benwell, the daughter of John Benwell (1749-1824 qv) and his wife Martha (born West, ) of Southwark in Surrey, was born there on 5 March 1774(1).

She was married in 1804 to Robert Willmott (1772-1829 qv), a shopkeeper of Pensford in Somerset and there were six children(2).

Sarah Willmott of Pensford died on 25 January 1823, at the age of forty nine(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see WILLMOTT, Robert (1772-1829)
- 3 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Robert, a shopkeeper

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

WILLMOTT, Sarah Benwell (1846-1900) after 1867 Tuckett

[Sarah Benwell Willmott, daughter of John Benwell Willmott (1807-1879 qv) and his wife Hannah Baker (born Cole, 1815-1891 qv) of Pensford in Somerset, was married in 1867 to Alexander Tuckett (1840-1876 qv).]

See TUCKETT, Sarah Benwell (1846-1900) born Willmott ]

WILLS, Anna (1806?-1882) after 1830 Wood

[Anna Wills, daughter of Francis and Catherine Wills of Newton-in-Bolland in Yorkshire, was married in 1830 to Benjamin Wood (1793-1871 qv).]

See WOOD, Anna (1806?-1882) born Wills ]

WILLS, Daniel (fl. 1670)

Daniel Wells was a physician of Northampton. He was imprisoned three times, and wrote in defence of Friends (1).

He married Elizabeth (2): they had three children (3).  
She died on 6.xi[Jan] 1661 (4)

On 13.iii[May] 1666 he married Mary Wagstaff of Banbury. There were five children (5).

In 1677 he went from London to New Jersey with his family in the ship Kent. He was one of the London Commissioners. He served for many years on the governor's council, and in the West Jersey Assembly. (6)

He appears to have been disowned in 1681 (7)

REFERENCES & NOTES :

1 See Joseph Smith, Descriptive catalogue, 1867, vol. 2 p.943

2 Not traced in Digests of Marriages at Friends House

3 Listed in Northants QM Births Digest as follows :-

Daniel born 17.xii[Feb] 1658

John born 9.vii[Sept] 1660

A previous son, John, died on 26.v[July] 1659

4 Northants QM Burials Digest

5 Listed in Northants QM Births Digest as follows :-

Mary born 2.iv[June] 1667 d. -

Samuel " 26.viii[Oct] 1668

Mary " 25.vii[Sept] 1670

Joseph " 28.ii[April] 1673

Elizabeth " 20.ii[April] 1675

6 The New Jersey Society of Pennsylvania Yearbook 1929, p.48

7 W.Tallack: Friendly sketches in America, pp.172-3

WBE: Additional Information.

WILLS, Daniel, M.D., ca. 1634-1698.

b. ca. 1634.

1659, 60, 64, imprisoned for conscience.

1662, A Few Queries to Simon Ford, Priest at the Town of Northampton.

1665, (with others) A Relation in Part of what passed through-Mary Page - with, "An Exhortation to all Friends to Dwell in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

1666, tried for banishment for a third offence. Thrice in prison for holding meetings in his house.

1677, went to America on the Kent. D.W. was one of the Commissioners to purchase land from the Indians. Helped to establish Burlington, N.J.

Member of Assembly, Member of Council, and Justice.

1698, went to Barbadoes.

Buried, 26 March (III) 1698, Barbadoes, in his 65th year.

The Friend (Phila.) 51:227.

Bull. Frds'. Hist. Soc., 5:17.

Smith II:943.

DeCoy, G.  
Hist. Rancocas (Index).

Besse: I:531,532,535.

WILLS, David (1904?-1980)

see WILLS, William David (1904?-1980)

WILLS, Deborah (1802-1831) born Plester

Deborah Plester, the daughter of Thomas Plester (1758?-1835 qv) and his wife Ann (born 1762?-1836 qv) of Adderbury in Oxfordshire, was born there on 2 April 1802(1).

She was married in 1826 to Robert Wills (fl 1826-1831 qv), an accountant of London and there were three children(2).

Deborah Wills of Clapton in Middlesex died on 10 October 1831, at the age of twenty nine(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father is described as a linen weaver
- 2 For marriage and children see WILLS, Robert (fl 1826-1831)
- 3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Robert

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

WILLS, Joan (1722?-1794) after 1751 Higman

[Joan Wills, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Wills of Austle in Cornwall, was married in 1751 to John Higman (1724-1772 qv).]

See HIGMAN, Joan (1722?-1794) born Wills ]

WBE:

WILLS, Mary H., ca. 1837-1895.

b. ca. 1837.

m. Morgan R. Wills.

1876, A Summer in Europe. . . (Phila.)

1889, A Winter in California. . . (Norristown, Pa.)

d. 7 June 1895, Norristown, Pa., in her 58th year.

Frds'. Intell., 1895, 52:381.

F.H.L.Sw. BX7616.

**WILLS, Robert (fl 1826-1831)**

Robert Wills, details of whose birth are not at present (1983) traced, was the son of Thomas and Mary Wills of London(1).

He was an accountant of London(2) and was married in 1826 to Deborah Plester (1802-1831 qv) of Adderbury in Oxfordshire(3); there were three children(4).

The date of his death is not at present (1983) traced(5).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 His birth is not traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his parentage is given in his marriage entry, note 3
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Devonshire House FMH on 10 January 1826: he is described as an accomptant of Cannon Street, City of London, the son of Thomas and Mary, late of Drapers Buildings, City of London; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Ann of Adderbury in Oxfordshire (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Mary Ann	b 28 June 1827	
Eliza	b 10 May 1829	d 27 June 1831, aged 2
Robert	b	d 6 June 1831, aged 3 months
- \*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1890
- 5 His death is not traced in London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest nor in the Digest of Deaths to 1900: he was alive at the time of his wife's death in October 1831 - see WILLS, Deborah (1802-1831), note 3

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

David Wills was born in about the year 1904.(1) He had an elementary school education which was followed later by matriculation studies at evening institutes so qualifying to enter Woodbrooke for the Birmingham University Social Studies Diploma. This led to a fellowship at the New York School of Social Work. Previously he had worked in the welfare department of a steelworks and as a YMCA boys' club leader. After he obtained his qualifications he and his wife Ruth (2) were appointed in 1931 as wardens of Oxford House, the settlement at Risca, Monmouthshire. This was in the depths of the depression and differences in attitude towards the unemployed themselves led to his resignation after about four years and for a brief period to his post as housemaster at Rochester Borstal which he left in 1936.

He and his wife, with courage and imagination, then opened an experimental camp at 'Hawkespur' for difficult young men between the ages of 17 and 25, out of which came his first book, "The Hawkespur Experiment". The war brought this to an end but with government help and with the backing of Scottish Friends they opened Barns House, in Peebles, a home for Scotland's difficult evacuee children. David Wills was warden but ran the place as a democracy with patience, love and endless consultation. Its story is told in another book "The Barnes Experiment" (1945). The school continued in another place until 1953.

At the end of the war he opened Bodenham Manor, Near Hereford and ran it for 12 years. His wife Ruth died in 1952 and later he married again and with his second wife Elizabeth, herself an art therapist continued his work for difficult and maladjusted children. His last work was to open at Bromley, Kent, "a place like home" (the title of one of his books) where boys from schools for the maladjusted could find affection and a home as they tried to find their way into the working world. This venture was made possible with support from the National Association for Mental Health and the Buttle Trust. He was always deeply anxious that the Society of Friends should take a wider view and go deeper in its concern for these matters and for prisons and the treatment of offenders than would any liberal and enlightened person and wrote books and many articles in The Friend to this end. He retired in 1968 and the Association for Maladjusted Children established a 'David Wills Lecture' to commemorate his work. In 1974 he was awarded an O.B.E. for his work. He served on Friends central committees(3)

He died on February 2, 1980, aged 76.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 138 (1980) pp. 221/2.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 76 at death.
2. Marriage Digest. His first marriage took place on August 21, 1931 at Rosemary Street, Bristol. She was Ruth Jennings, social worker of Lingfield. His father is recorded as Charles Alfred Wills.
3. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.

Meeting for Sufferings 1942 - 1943, 1976 - 1978

Home Service Committee 1939 - 1945.

WILLS, William David, 1903-1980

b. 11 December 1903, Wales, England.

ed. Woodbrooke, Birmingham.

m. Ruth (d. 1952).

m. 2nd, Elizabeth.

1931, with wife, appointed warden, Oxford House, Risca.

?-1936, housemaster, Rochester borstal.

1936, May, with wife, started Hawkspur Camp.

1936-40, Camp Chief at Hawkspur.

1940-?, Warden, Barns House, Peebles.

1944-45, Woodbrooke Fellow.

c. 1949-1961, ran Bodenham Manor, Herefordshire.

1961, Hired by National Association for Mental Health as  
warden of proposed Reynolds House.

1963-68, Warden of Reynolds House, Bromley, Kent.

1968, Retired.

1974, Awarded order of the British Empire.

Member, Banbury Monthly Meeting, England.

Author, The Hawkspur Experiment, 1941; The Barns Experiment,  
1945; Common Sense About Young Offenders, 1961; A Place Like Home  
and Spare the Child, 1971.

WILLS, William David, 1903-1980, Page 2.

d. 2 February 1980. Age 76.

Davis, Robert, ed. Woodbrooke: 1903-1953. London: Bannisdale Press, 1953, p. 188.

The (London) Friend. 138(1980)221.

London Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends: Proceedings 1981. pp. 174-177.

Wills, W. David. A Place Like Home. London: George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., 1970. pp. 7-8.

\_\_\_\_\_. The Hawkspur Experiment. London: George Allen, 1941.  
p. 9.

WBE:

WILLSFORD, John (Wilford, Wilsford.)

See Wilford, John.

WBE:

WILLSON, Ann, ca. 1796-1843.

b. ca. 1796, Rahway, N.J., dau. of John and Rebecca Willson.

Race St. Affiliation.

Frail health.

1827, removed to Post Elizabeth, N.J.

Member of Maurice River Mo. Mtg.

1834, appeared as a minister.

1836, Recommended.

Travelled widely.

Loved the beautiful and avoided detraction.

1842, removed to Phila., Pa.

d. 4 Dec. 1843, Phila., Pa. in her 46th year.

WBE:

WILLSON, David, ca. 1777-1866.

b. ca. 1777. Left an orphan.

Brought up a Presbyterian, but with little education.

1801, went to Canada, East Gwillimbury Co. of York,  
Upper Canada.

ca. 1803, joined Friends.

ca. 1810, Gave land for a mtg. house.

ca. 1811, 1812, left Friends and started a new Society  
named The Children of Peace; not over 400 members. At  
Sharon there was erected a lofty, wooden building, four-  
square, with a door on each side. It was called the Tem-  
ple of Peace. Membership in the C. of P. declined, and  
the building is now (1952) used as a museum.

Author: A Testimony to the People Called Quakers.  
(1816?)

A man of limited means.

Ann Reid transcribed his "Records." She died 29 Oct.  
1833.

1835, Letters to the Jews. (Toronto.)

1835, Impressions of the Mind. D.W. describes his re-  
ligion "somewhat like a medium between the Christian and the  
Jew." Impressions of the mind, p. 183.

Devoted 20 years of his life to religious service with-  
out remuneration.

d. 1866, age 89.

WBE:

WILLSON, David, ca. 1777-1866, page 2.

A History of the Soc. of Frds. in Canada (Doprland), 96.

104-111, 134.

WBE:

WILLSON, Elizabeth (Lundy), -1838.

b. near Allamuchy, Warren Co., N.J., dau. of Jacob  
and Sarah Lundy.

Elder.

m., 1808, Abner Willson.

1836, With her son Aaron Willson, his wife Bathsheba,  
their 2 children, and 3 of her own children, drove tho'  
N.Y. to Ohio. Her son Ezra drove his mother and two sisters  
back to N.J. and their route was taken tho' Pa. Elizabeth  
Willson kept a diary, which recounts the hardships of the  
journey. Visited Friends en route.

d. 16 March 1838, Warren Co., N.J.

Revised 1968

See also

Willson, A Journey in 1836. . .1929, Ill.

WILMER, Nathaniel (1650?-1711?)

Nathaniel Wilmer was a son of Capt. Nathaniel Wilmer, citizen and armourer (1721-1654) and of Constance Sherwood, daughter of Edward and Constance Sherwood, of West Hendred, Berks. Constance Wilmer and her sons John (1647-1723) and Nathaniel joined Friends. Nathaniel was a merchant and ship-owner and evidently a prosperous man. Apparently he never married. He lived in the neighbourhood of the Chamber and Fox was several times at his house - once (p.177) with William Penn & a great many Country ffrids', all of whom appear to have dined there! In 1700 the City MM issued a Testimony against Wilmer 'for his conversation being a scandal to Friends and a great hurt to his own soul, and denying his fellowship with them'. He appears to have died on board ship.

Christian Progress, p.595  
Foster and Green: History of the Wilmer Family, 1888  
Jnl FHS xi  
Trans. Cong. Hist. Soc. iv

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.330

WBE:

WILMORE, Jesse W., ca. 1842-1928.

b. ca. 1842, Randolph Co., Ind., U.S.A.

m., 1861, Martha Jane Hockett (4 daughters, 2 sons.)

Served at White's Manual Institute in Wabash, Co.

Pioneer in Friends' work in Kansas.

1876, recorded as a minister.

Superintendent of evangelistic work in Cottonwood Qu.

Mtg.

As pastor he served at Emporia, Sterling, Wichita, and Rose Hill, Kansas, and at Poplar Ridge, N.M.

Visited Phila., Pa., N.E., N.Y., and Calif., Y.Meetings.

Identified themselves with First Friends' Church, Whittier, Calif.

d. 16 April 1928, Whittier, Calif., in his 86th year.

WILMOT, Alfred (1851-1907)

Alfred Wilmot, the son of Henry Wilmot (1806-1898 qv) and his wife Lydia (born Mullett, 1810-1887 qv) of Bristol, was born there on 18 March 1851(1).

He was educated at Sidcot School from 1861 to 1866.

He was married in 1877 to Julia Hitchcock Babbage(2) and there were five children, none of whom were recorded by the Society of Friends(3).

Alfred Wilmot died at Rochester in August 1907(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 229

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as an earthenware dealer
- 2 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 Given in Sidcot Register, loc cit, as follows:-

Reginald	b 1879	
Inez	b 1880	d 1885
Austin Gregory	b 1882	
Sophia Mullett		
Florence		
- 4 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

WILMOT, Eliza (1832-1915)

Eliza Wilmot, the daughter of James Wilmot (1797-1884 qv) and his first wife Esther (born Holloway, 1800-1849 qv) of Bristol, was born there on 14 April 1832(1). She was educated at Sidcot School from 1841 to 1846(2). When she was about seventeen her mother died and she assumed the care of her younger brothers and sisters.

When her father married again in 1859 she went on a visit to Thomas and Rachel Pole Wedmore of Stoke Bishop near Bristol and remained with them for sixteen years as companion, governess and friend. She then left to live at Clifton, Bristol, with her widowed sister Sarah Davy and on the death of her father's second wife they all removed to Bath.

Eliza Wilmot had a saintly personality. A friend wrote of her that: "Peace was always round her and an intensely loving sympathy manifested itself; thus she never grew old." She had a great love of children and they loved and trusted her.

After her father's death she and her sister returned to Bristol.

Eliza Wilmot of 31 Belmont Road, Bishopston, Bristol, died on 27 November 1915, at the age of eighty three(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1917, p 176

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father is described as an engineer
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 229
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster

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

WILMOT, Eliza (1832-1915)

(1797-1884 q.v) c.1800-1849,

Eliza Wilmot, daughter of James and Esther (born Holloway) Wilmot of Bristol, was born there on 14 April 1832 (1). She went to Sidcot School, and when she was about 17 her mother died and she assumed the care of the home and of her younger brother and sisters.

When her father re-married, some 10 years later, she went on a visit to Thomas and Rachel Pole Wedmore, of Stoke Bishop near Bristol, and remained with them for 16 years as companion, governess and friend. She then left to live at Clifton with her widowed sister, Sarah Davy, and on the death of her father's second wife they all removed to Bath. After her father's death in 1884 she and her sister returned to Bristol, where she died on 27 November 1915, aged 83.

Eliza Wilmot had a saintly personality. A friend wrote of her 'Peace was always round her and an intensely loving sympathy manifested itself; thus she never grew old.' She had a great love of children, and they loved and trusted her.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1917 p.176

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father is described as engineer
- 2 Digest of Marriage Registers records that on 20 April 1859, at Portishead, James Wilmot, widower, engineer, of Fairfield Road, Montpelier, Bristol, married Sarah Wedmore, widow, of Court House, Portishead, daughter of Samuel Dyer, tanner. Sarah Wedmore's first husband, Joseph Wedmore, yeoman, of Portishead, Somerset, whom she had married on 15 May 1835, died 7 October 1852 (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest; Digest of Burial Notes) Sarah Wilmot, who appears incorrectly as the 'widow' of James Wilmot, died on 8 November 1880, aged 70 (Digest of Burial Notes, and Annual Monitor 1882 p.159, which correctly describes her as the wife of James Wilmot)

WILMOT, Esther (1800-1849) born Holloway

Esther Holloway, the daughter of James and Edith (born Moon) Holloway, was born on 3 November 1800(1).

She was educated at Sidoet School from 1809 to 1812(2).

She was married in 1829 to James Wilmot (1797-1884 qv), an engineer of Bristol and there were six children(3).

Esther Wilmot of Montpelier, Bristol, died on 13 September 1849, at the age of forty eight(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Sidoet Register 1808-1958, p 108: her birth is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest
- 2 Sidoet Register, loc cit
- 3 For marriage and children see WILMOT, James (1797-1884)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of James

SEE ALSO:-

- Annual Monitor 1850, p 122: 2 line entry for death, the wife of James Wilmot

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

WILMOT, Henry (1806-1898)

Henry Wilmot, the son of James Wilmot ( - ) and his wife Elizabeth (born ) of Bedminster place, Bristol, was born there on 4 December 1806(1).

He became an accountant at Bristol(2) and was married in 1841 to Lydia Mullett (1810-1887 qv) of Bristol(3); there were three children(4).

Henry Wilmot of The Hollies, Brislington near Bristol, died on 14 January 1898, at the age of ninety one(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as a millwright
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Bristol on 19 October 1841: he is described as a bachelor, an accountant of 5 Eastern Parade, Bristol, the son of James Wilmot, an engineer; she is described as a spinster of 22 Victoria Street, Bristol, the daughter of Samuel Mullett, a tanner (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digest of Births and given in Birth Register 1808-1958, pp 229, 230 as follows:-

Mary qv	b 14 Jan 1843	m 1876 Joseph Carwardine
Samuel Mullett qv	b 18 March 1845	m 1879 Mary Ann
Alfred qv	b 18 March 1851	m 1877 Julia Hitchcock Babbage
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired clerk

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

WILMOT, James (1764?-1833)

James Wilmot, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1984) traced, was born about the year 1764(1). He was not descended from parents professing with Friends, but joined the Society after he had passed the meridian of life(2).

He was a millwright at Bristol, but about 1810 he moved to Gloucester(3).

He was married prior to 1797 to Elizabeth(4) and there were five children recorded by the Society(5).

James Wilmot of Kilkearney, out parish of St Philip and Jacob in Gloucestershire, died on 3 May 1833, at the age of sixty nine(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 69 at death
- 2 Annual Monitor 1834 Suppl. p 44
- 3 His four sons (1797-1806) were born in Bristol, where he is described as a millwright: his daughter Sarah (1810) was born at Gloucester, where he is still described as a millwright
- 4 The marriage is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest
- 5 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births and Marriages Digests and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

James qv b 17 Dec 1797

m (1) 1829 Esther Holloway (1800-1849 qv)  
(2) 1859 Sarah Wedmore (born Dyer,  
1810?-1860 qv)

\*Robert b 7 Feb 1802

\*John b 7 March 1805

Henry qv b 4 Dec 1806

m 1841 Lydia Mullett (1810-1887 qv)

\*Sarah b 16 April 1810

\*No marriages traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest nor in the Digest of Marriages to 1860

- 6 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given; his name is given as Willmott in error, as also in Annual monitor 1834 Suppl p 44

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

WILMOT, James (1797-1884)

James Wilmot, the son of James Wilmot ( - ) and his wife Elizabeth (born ) of Rosemary Street, St Paul's parish in Bristol, was born there on 17 December 1797(1).

He became an engineer at Bristol(2) and was twice married. He married firstly in 1829 Esther Holloway (1800-1849 qv) of Bristol(3) and there were six children(4). He married secondly in 1859 Sarah Wedmore (born Dyer, 1810?-1880 qv), the widow of Joseph Wedmore (1802?-1852 qv) of Portishead in Somerset(5); this second marriage was childless(6).

James Wilmot of Lambridge, Bath, died on 9 January 1884, at the age of eighty six(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as a millwright
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3 and in the birth entries for his four eldest children (1830-1835)
- 3 The wedding was at Bristol on 11 August 1829: he is described as an engineer of the city of Bristol, the son of James and Elizabeth Wilmot of the city of Bristol; she is described as of the city of Bristol, the daughter of James and Edith Holloway of the city of Bristol (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest, in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths and given in Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 229, as follows:-

James qv	b 22 July 1830	m 1861 Eliza Blake Davey
Eliza qv	b 14 April 1832	d unmarried 27 Nov 1915, aged 83
William qv	b 1 July 1833	d unmarried 16 April 1865, aged 32
Louisa qv	b 15 March 1835	m 1862 William Hitching (1837-1906 qv)

\*Sarah b 3 Nov 1837  
Charles b 3 Nov 1837 d 9 Jan 1838
- \*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 5 The wedding was at Portishead on 20 April 1859: he is described as a widower, an engineer of Bristol, the son of James Wilmot, a millwright; she is described as a widow of Court House, Portishead, the daughter of Samuel Dyer, a tanner (Digest of Marriages)
- 6 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1885, p 205: 2 line entry for death, a minister

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

WILMOT, James (1830-1903)

James Wilmot, the son of James Wilmot (1797-1884 qv) and his first wife Esther (born Holloway, 1800-1849 qv) of Bristol, was born there on 22 July 1830(1).

He was educated at Sidcot School from 1840 to 1845.

He was married in 1861 to Eliza Blake Davey(2) and there were three children, the births of none of whom were recorded by the Society of Friends(3).

James Wilmot died on 27 September 1903(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 229

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as an engineer
- 2 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 Given in Sidcot Register, loc cit, as follows:-  
    James Walter  
    Charles Herbert  
    Sarah Elizabeth
- 4 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

WILMOT, Louisa (1835-1912) after 1862 Kitching

[Louisa Wilmot, daughter of James Wilmot (1797-1884 qv)  
and his first wife Esther (born Holloway, 1800-1849 qv)  
of Bristol, was married in 1862 to William Kitching  
(1837-1906 qv) of Ackworth.

See KITCHING, Louisa (1835-1912) born Wilmot ]

WILMOT, Louisa (1835-1912) aftw. Kitching

✓Louisa Wilmot, the daughter of James Wilmot  
and his wife Esther (nee Holloway) was married  
in 1862 to William Kitching.

see KITCHING, Louisa (1835-1912) born Wilmot ✓

WILMOT, Lydia (1810-1887) born Mullett

Lydia Mullett, the daughter of Samuel Mullett ( - ) and his wife Mary (born Gregory, ) of Shaftesbury in Dorset, was born there on 23 November 1810(1).

She was educated at Sidcot School from 1822 to 1824(2).

She was married in 1841 to Henry Wilmot (1806-1898 qv), an accountant of Bristol and there were three children(3).

Lydia Wilmot of 51 Coronation Road, Bristol, died on 30 April 1887, at the age of seventy six(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: her father is described as a tanner
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 149
- 3 For marriage and children see WILMOT, Henry (1806-1898)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Henry

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1888, p 151: 2 line entry for death, the wife of Henry Wilmot

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

WILMOT, Mary (1843-1934) after 1876 Carwardine

[Mary Wilmot, daughter of Henry Wilmot (1806-1898 qv)  
and his wife Lydia (born Mullett, 1810-1887 qv) of  
Gloucester, was married in 1876 to Joseph Carwardine.

See CARWARDINE, Mary (1843-1934) born Wilmot ]

WILMOT, Samuel Mullett (1845-1923)

Samuel Mullett Wilmot, the eldest son of Henry Wilmot (1806-1898 qv) and his wife Lydia (born Mullett, 1810-1887 qv) of 50 Broadmead Street, Bristol, was born there on 18 March 1845(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1854 to 1860.

After leaving school he was employed by a firm of metal merchants and manufacturers from 1861 to 1894, when he became a manufacturer of galvanized implements for farming and estate use. In 1909 the business was converted into a private limited company, Samuel Wilmot continuing its management. He was a manager of Alveston Parish Schools and treasurer of the parish council. He was also a justice of the peace for the county of Gloucester.

He was married in 1879, not according to usage, to Mary Ann of Thornbury in Gloucestershire(2) and there were nine children(3). He apparently made a second marriage to Selina A.(4).

Samuel Mullett Wilmot of Alveston in Gloucestershire died on 5 October 1923, at the age of seventy eight(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 230

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as an earthenware dealer
- 2 The Friend ns vol 19 (1879) p 213: 19 June. At Thornbury, Samuel Mullett, eldest son of Henry Wilmot, of Bristol, to Mary Ann, only child of the late Thomas Ann, of Thornbury  
Sidcot Register, loc cit, gives his wife's name in error as Mary Ann Thornbury. She also appears as Mary Ann in Bristol & Somerset QM printed list as a non-member spouse in 1900; she appears in the list for 1918, but not in 1919, again as Mary Ann
- 3 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM printed list of members 1900, Bristol Meeting, p 78: the births are not traced in the Digest of Births nor given in Sidcot Register, loc cit:-  
Margaret Redcliffe  
Samuel Alexander  
Arthur Mullett  
Henry Wickes  
Thomas Ackland  
Dorothy Lydia  
Kathleen Winstone  
Herbert Ralph  
Gertrude Mary
- 4 Sidcot Register loc cit, and Bristol & Somerset QM printed lists of members, where she appears in 1923: the marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a manufacturer: his name is given in error as Willmott

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

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

Sarah Dyer, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the daughter of Samuel and Mary Dyer of Failand in Somerset and was born about the year 1810(1).

She married firstly in 1835 Joseph Wedmore (1802?-1852 qv), a farmer of Portishead near Bristol and there were eleven children(2).

She became in 1859 the second wife of James Wilmot (1797-1884 qv), an engineer of Bristol, but the marriage was childless(3).

Sarah Wilmot of Portishead died on 8 November 1880, at the age of seventy(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 70 at death: her birth is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see WEDMORE, Joseph (1802?-1852)
- 3 For marriage see WILMOT, James (1797-1884)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described erroneously as the widow of James

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1882, p 159: 2 line entry for death, of Portishead, the wife of James Wilmot

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

WILMOT, William (1833-1865)

William Wilmot, the son of James Wilmot (1797-1884 qv) and his first wife Esther (born Helloway, 1800-1849 qv) of Spring Hill, Gloucester, was born there on 1 July 1833(1).

He was educated at Sideot School from 1843 to 1847 and was a master at the school from 1857 to 1859(2).

William Wilmot of Portishead near Bristol died on 16 April 1865, at the age of thirty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as an engineer
- 2 Sideot Register 1808-1958, p 230
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a teacher

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

WILMSHURST, Elizabeth (1815?-1851) after 1841 Knight

[Elizabeth Wilmhurst, daughter of William Wilmhurst,  
was married in 1841 to William Knight (1798-1874 qv).]

See KNIGHT, Elizabeth (1815?-1851) born Wilmhurst ]

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WBE:

WILSFORD, John

See Wilford, John.

## WILSON, Alexander Cowan (1866-1955)

Alexander C. Wilson was born at Mansfield on 5 July 1866, the third child of Henry J. Wilson, M.P., and his wife Charlotte, the daughter of Charles Cowan, M.P. for Edinburgh. After schooling in Sheffield and Scarborough he was apprenticed to engineering in Hull and Leeds. For many years he practiced as a civil engineer on railway and dock construction until his work on the Birkenhead City Council, especially for education, led him to retire from business in 1910.

Early in life he came into touch with the Adult School Movement and Friends' meetings, and after being an attender for 17 years he joined the Society in 1899. In 1902 he married Edith Jane Brayshaw. They served as wardens of Wrea Head when it was placed at the disposal of C.O.s who had been imprisoned in the 1914-18 war, and in 1927 they undertook a like service at the Quaker International Hostel in Geneva.

Alexander Wilson was early acquainted with the world of public affairs. In 1893 he went to India to act as secretary to his father who was a member of the Royal Commission on Opium. Thus began a lifelong interest in Indian affairs. He was similarly concerned for the abolition of slavery, was a total abstainer and during the first world war was a Quaker chaplain at prisons, military camps and barracks.

He was faithful in attendance at meetings for worship and business, though towards the close of his life he suffered from increasing deafness. In his ministry his words were few, direct and incisive, often springing from the message of the prophets or the gospels.

He died on 3 March 1955.

WBE: Additional Information.

WILSON, Alexander Cowan, 1866-1955.

Railway and Dock construction.

Had 3 sons and 1 daughter.

d. 3 March 1955, Erskine Hill, London, age 88.

WBE:

WILSON

Wilson, Alfred, 1865-1924.

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b. 1865, Edgbaston, Birmingham, Eng., s. of John Edward and Catharine Wilson.

ed. at Brighton College and Mason's College, Birmingham.

1889, entered chemical business of J. and E. Sturge.

1898, m. Claudia Pease (2 sons, 5 dau.)

Quaker "Chaplain."

Minister.

Enjoyed bird life and field botany.

Was proficient in sports.

Active in philanthropic institutional efforts.

Adult School.

d. 25 April 1924, Edgbaston, Birmingham, in his 59th year.

WBE:  
~~(prepared by RB)~~

WILSON, Amos Sr., ca. 1794-1881

b. ca. 1794 in New Garden, Chester Co., Pa.

1845-46, 1848, Clerk, Ohio Y. Mtg. (F.G.C.)

III.  
1851 removed to Putnam Co., ~~Ohio~~; member and  
Elder of Clear Creek Mo Mtg.

d. 15 Jan. 1881, Clear Creek, Putnam Co., Ill., aged 87 yrs.

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 398  
Fds. Intell., 38(1882), 25

WILSON, Ann (1630?-1718) after Osborne, after 1669 Simpson

[Ann Wilson, daughter of Edward and Ann Wilson, became at a date not at present (1981) traced Ann Osborne. She married secondly in 1669 Martin Simpson ( -1709 qv).]

See SIMPSON, Ann (1630?-1718) formerly Osborne, born Wilson ]

WILSON, Ann (1667-1751) after 1700 Urwen

(Ann Wilson, daughter of John and Elizabeth Wilson living in the county of Cumberland, who married in 1700 to John Urwen (1676-1762 qv).)

See URWEN, Ann (1667-1751) born Wilson)

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WILSON, Ann (1711-1753) born Hall

Ann Hall, the daughter of John and Alice Hall who lived near Oldham in the county of Lancashire, was born on 13.iii.(May)1711.(1) Her parents educated her carefully in the beliefs and principles of the Society and as she grew in years she grew in the grace and knowledge of the love of God. She received a gift in the ministry when she was about twenty two; she was in her doctrine "powerful, Solid & Instructive; being often zealously concerned to advise friends to Consider their own Weakness, and Steadily Labour for divine aid in themselves. In her Approaches publickly before the throne of Grace an Awful Solemnity attended her Words & deportment on that reverent Occasion."

In 1737 she married Henry Wilson of Trawden in Lancashire(2) and there were three children of the marriage.(3)

She died on 2 February 1753(4), aged forty one years, and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Trawden.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Marsden MM 12 April 1753 in TCMD vol.1 p.374

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: she was born on 13.iii.(May)1711, the daughter of John Hall
- 2 The wedding was at John Hall's house, Whitefield, Lancashire, on 28.ii.(April)1737; he is described as a yeoman of Trawden in Lancashire, she as a spinster of Whitefield in the parish of Oldham, Lancashire (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Sarah	b 4.iv.(June)1744
John	b 4.ii.(April)1746
Ann	b 8 February 1753

It will be noted that both the Testimony and the Lancashire QM Burials Digest give the date of Ann Wilson's death as 2 February 1753; there is therefore an error in the date of birth of the younger daughter Ann

- 4 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: she died on 2 February 1753, the wife of Henry

WILSON, Ann (1731-1783) after 1754 Binns

[Ann Wilson, daughter of Matthew Wilson (-  
and his wife Mary (born  
of Skipton in Yorkshire, was married in 1754 to  
David Binns (1721-1801 qv). }]

See BINNS, Ann (1731-1783) born Wilson ]

WBE:

WILSON, Ann, afterwards Haw, 1802-1885

see HAW, Ann, nee Wilson

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WILSON, Anne

Anne Wilson's three months' imprisonment in Cambridge, for  
'openly testifying against the Corruption of the Times' is record-  
ed by Besse (Suff. i.85) and also in the Swarth. MSS.(i.234,269)  
Other Swarth MSS. hint at religious visits in various parts of  
England, but nothing definite respecting Anne Wilson's place of  
residence or family life has been brought to light.

Note by N. Pe ney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.473

WILSON, Arthington (1735-1799)

Arthington Wilson, the son of Thomas Wilson ( ) and his wife Sarah (born ) of Pontefract in Yorkshire, was born on 10.viii.[October] 1735(1).

He became an ironmonger at Barnsley in Yorkshire(2) and was married in 1784 to Hannah Buck (1748- qv) of Stainley in Yorkshire(3); there were two children, born in 1785 and 1786(4).

Arthington Wilson of Barnsley died on 25 September 1799, at the age of sixty three(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his place of birth and his father's occupation are not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Otley, Yorkshire, on 30 July 1784: he is described as an ironmonger of Barnsley in Yorkshire, the son of Thomas, an ironmonger and Sarah (deceased) of Pontefract in Yorkshire; she is described as the daughter of James and Mary Buck (both deceased) of Ricehouse in the parish of Stainley, Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-  
\*James Arthington qv b 27 April 1785  
Thomas b 24 Aug 1786 d 8 June 1787, aged 10 months  
\*No marriage traced in Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest nor in the Digest of Marriages to 1850
- 5 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

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NILSON, Arthur Henry (1850-1869)

Arthur Henry Wilson, the son of Henry Wilson (1822-1907 qv) and his first wife Elizabeth, born Grimeshaw, of Ackworth and Kendal, was born at Ackworth on 19 March 1850(1). He was educated at Stramongate School, Kendal, where his father was for five years headmaster and he decided to follow his father into the teaching profession.

There was in his temperament a happy equilibrium, a wonderful balance in his endowments both of body and mind. He was a keen observer, but of a careful and accurate judgment; gentle and even tender in his attachments, but steady and manly in his bearing. He enjoyed all kinds of games, but was thorough in his studies. In preparation for his career he entered the Flounders Institute in 1867; he thoroughly enjoyed his work, passed his matriculation successfully and was preparing to take his B.A. degree. His spiritual life was fervent and deep and he was well read in the Bible. On one occasion he went by invitation to one of the Scripture Reading Meetings held by Ackworth Friends at Normanton Railway Station, where after a period of silence he spoke in the ministry.

He died of typhoid fever on 3 May 1869, at the age of nineteen(2)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1870, pp 201-215

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a schoolmaster
- 2 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of Ackworth. The Digest gives him erroneously as the son of Henry Wilson's second wife Ann

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

WILSON, Caleb (1761-1836)

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Caleb Wilson, the son of and Wilson,  
was born at Cotherstone, Yorkshire, and educated as a Friend.  
He became a minister in 1790, and died in 1837 at the age of 75.

Testimony of Darlington M.M. in MS Test. vol.6 p.122

WBE:

WILSON, Caleb, ca. 1777-1842.

b. ca. 1777.

Actively engaged in business.

Firmly attached to Friends' principles.

Loved the writings of early Friends, and distributed  
them.

d. 6 Oct. 1842, Sunderland, Eng., age 65.

WILSON, Caleb Stansfield (1821-1902)

Caleb Stansfield Wilson, the son of Caleb Wilson (1777-1842 qv) and his wife Hannah, born Stead, (1780?-1843 qv) of Bishop Wearmouth, was born there on 3 February 1821(1). He was married in 1857 to Sarah Pumphrey (1821-1875 qv)(2), the daughter of Thomas Pumphrey (1760-1825 qv) and his wife Mary. There were apparently no children of the marriage(3).

Caleb Stansfield Wilson was the youngest of four brothers who traded in Sunderland as merchants and shipowners, under the name of Joshua Wilson & Sons. He had a keen interest in many philanthropic undertakings and for nearly thirty years was actively associated with the Young Men's Christian Association, keeping in sympathetic touch with its young members. Perhaps because he had no children of his own he always had a warm welcome for the youngsters of the Sunday School, who flocked to his door to receive the tracts he distributed. He was also interested in prisoners' welfare and was a regular visitor to the cells of the Central Police Station and did his utmost to influence the prisoners for good. He was at all times warmly interested in the Society and gave useful service in many directions.

He died at Sunderland on 23 January 1902(4), at the age of eighty one.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 42 (1902) p 72

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Durham QM Births Digest: his father is described as a merchant
- 2 The wedding was at Worcester on 22 January 1857: he is described as a bachelor, a merchant of Bishopwearmouth, the son of Caleb Wilson, deceased; she is described as a spinster, the daughter of Thomas Pumphrey, deceased. (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 No children are recorded in the Digest of Births
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a merchant

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

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WILSON, Catharine (1826-1914) born Stacey

Catharine Stacey, daughter of George (1786-1857) and Deborah (born Lloyd, 1796-1841) Stacey of Bruce Grove, Tottenham, was born there on 4 November 1826. Her father was for many years the Clerk of Yearly Meeting.

Catharine was in the middle of a family of seven, and during her childhood spent much time at the home of her grandparents Samuel (1768-1849) and Rachel (born Braithwaite, 1768-1854) Lloyd at Farm, Birmingham. She was educated at Castlegate School, York (later transferred to The Mount). Her mother died when Catharine was only 15, and a younger sister, Anna, at about the same time. After she left school she continued to study a variety of subjects: Hebrew, Greek, Pitman's shorthand and botany. A lively circle of young Friends were among her neighbours and they often met for stimulating discussions. Thomas Hodgkin and Elizabeth Waterhouse were in this group.

She married in 1857 John Edward Wilson (1834-1907, qv), a manufacturing chemist, and with him made a home which became a blessing to many. She was a devoted mother to her family of 5 sons and 3 daughters (1). She found time, too, to take a Bible class for the younger children in Bull Street Meeting, Birmingham, as well as a senior class for the older ones. She had a very special gift for understanding children and was able to make them conscious of her intense caring for them and for their spiritual welfare. She lavished a quiet, persistent love on all who came in contact with her. She was recorded as a minister in Birmingham Meeting in 1877, as a time when a new attitude to Bible study was causing a certain amount of strain among Birmingham Friends. 'In her they recognized a meeting-point, if not of intellectual agreement, at least of love'. She and her husband were most regular in their attendance at all meetings. Her weekly Bible class for the women of Bull Street Meeting brought her many personal friendships.

In a wider field, she was a member of the Friends Home Mission Association for the first 12 years of its existence; in 1883 and 1884 she was Clerk to the Women's Yearly Meeting; but most of all she worked for the Friends Foreign Mission Association. In 1891 she joined the Board and became a member of the China Committee, keeping in touch with the missionaries on the field. From 1897 she was concerned with the delicate and responsible work of the Candidates Committee and took a large part in starting the home for the children of missionaries. She kept a map of China with the position of every missionary marked on it, and she knew all the details of their circumstances and prayed for them by name.

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WILSON, Catharine (1826-1914) born Stacey contd

Outside the Society she held a Mothers' Meeting in a wretched part of Birmingham into which it was said that a policeman dared not go alone. For 33 years she was president of the Friendless Girls Association in Birmingham. She was a member of the Council of the Birmingham branch of the National Union of Women Workers. She ardently supported Josephine Butler in her work for social purity, and with her husband worked for the abolition of the Opium traffic.

Hers was a deep, rich and many-sided life, and it was said of her, 'Everything about her impressed with a touch of eternity'.

She died on Good Friday, 10 April 1914, aged 88.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1915 p.188

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 For particulars of the marriage and children see  
WILSON, John Edward (1834-1907)

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WILSON, Catharine, 1826-1914.

b. 4 Nov. 1826, Bruce Grove, Tottenham, Eng., dau. of George Stacy and Deborah (Lloyd) Stacey

ed. at Girl's School at York.

Following that, at home studied Hebrew and Greek.

Learned short hand.

m., 1857, John Edward Wilson (5 sons, 3 daughters.)

Taught Bible Classes.

1877, recorded as a minister.

Was a bridge in times of severely strained relations in Birmingham: "Evangelical vs. Conservative" ; Modernist vs. Fundamentalist.

Member of Board of F.F.M.A.

Clerk of Y.M. Committee on Arrangements.

1883-84, Clerk of Women's Y. Mtg.

President of the Friendless Girls' Ass'n., for 33 years.

d. 10 April 1914, Wyddrington, Edgbaston, in her 88th year.

The Friend (London) 1914, 54:278,307, (portrait.)

An. Mon., N.S., 1915, 103:188 (portrait.)

WILSON, Cecilia (1842-1935) after 1865 Bracher

[Cecilia Wilson, daughter of John Wilson ( - )  
and his wife Elizabeth (born  
of Rugeley in Staffordshire, was married in 1865 to  
Philip Henry Bracher (1841-1919 qv) of Wincanton in  
Somerset.

See BRACHER, Cecilia (1842-1935) born Wilson ]

WILSON, Charles (1815-1886)

Charles Wilson was born at West Kenton, Bishops Wearmouth on 14 May 1815, the son of Caleb and Hannah Wilson (1). He was for many years an Elder of Newcastle Monthly Meeting.

He was engaged in business in Sunderland, and took a deep interest in the education of children and in the various philanthropies of the town. He was one of the promoters of the British Schools, but he shunned publicity, and was more careful to see good work done than to be known as the author of it. He took interest also in the Reformatory and Industrial Schools at Sunderland.

'He was diligent in the attendance of our various meetings, in connection with which his quiet unassuming manner caused the valuable remark, expressed in few words, to be all the more weighty and instructive; so also the soundness of his judgment in matters of Church discipline was highly valued by us'.

Charles Wilson died 27 October 1886.

Testimony of Newcastle MM in YM Proc. 1888, p.ii

References and notes

1 Durham QM Births Digest

WBE:

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WILSON, Christopher, ca. 1690-1740.

b. ca. 1690, Yorkshire, Eng.

Parents, Church of England.

Removed to Ireland.

Inclined to vanity and loved martial music.

Joined Friends.

1712, came to America as a servant. His master settled first in New Garden and then in New Castle, Del.

ca. 1719, m. <sup>—</sup> Weaver(?) (family.)

1728, a minister; first, in a few words.

He began with little outward substance, but, being industrious, he lived comfortably and maintained his family reputably.

d. 11 Sept. 1740, in his 50th year, a minister ca. 12 years, bur. Center burying-ground, <sup>Del.</sup>

Piety Prom., 11th part, p. 369.

The Friend (Phila.) 30:12.

John Smith's ms., 3:583.

WILSON, Christopher (1704-1761)

Son of John Wilson, of Graysothern, Cumberland, Eng.  
Traveled in the ministry on both sides of the Atlantic  
and was active in service. He left behind him on his  
death a manuscript dated 6mo. 30th. 1759, in which he  
deplored the losses he had suffered in trade, and ad-  
vised his successors to beware of similar temptationa.<sup>(5)</sup>  
He was with John Hunt on the mission to Philadelphia  
in 1756. (The Friend, Phila. 1842, p.308)

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922, p.512

WBE: Additional Information.

WILSON, Christopher, 1704-1761.

1756, came with John Hunt to Pa. One result of their visit was the withdrawal of Friends from the Pa. Assembly.

m. (children.)

Inherited a sufficiency to live upon from his father, but allowed himself to be drawn into trading to foreign ports and then suffered losses.

"Good God, bear up my drooping spirits; be with me, in the night season; keep me from despair; I've no trust but in thee; I've no pleasure but in thy heavenly presence."

d. 1759?

The Friends (Phila.) 1842, p. 308.

Friends' Misc., II:394.

Smith II:945.

The Life of John Woolman, Gummere, p. 512.

WILSON, Deborah (1687-1754) born Wilson

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Deborah Wilson, the daughter of Thomas Wilson, tanner, of Stramongate, Kendal, and his wife Rachel, was born on 17.i.[March] 1687 (1) and was a member of Kendal Monthly Meeting. She married John Wilson on 17.ix.[November] 1715 (2) She received a gift of Ministry about 1735, and travelled through many parts of Great Britain and Ireland.

"She was a constant Attender of Meetings, though much engaged in Business, in which she acquired a good Character, and was instrumental in supporting a numerous Poor."

She died 29 April 1754 aged sixty five years, and a Minister about twenty years.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE:-

Testimony of Kendal MM, in TCMD vol.1 p.387, printed in A Collection of Testimonies 1760, p.281

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES :-

1. Westmorland QM Births Digest (Supplement)
2. Westmorland QM Marriages Digest  
cf Sandys B.Foster: The Pedigree of Wilson of High Wray and Kendal, p.21  
They had issue as follows :-
  1. Thomas Wilson, born 1716 and died 1748
  2. John Wilson, born 1724 and died 1727
  3. Mary Wilson, who married Roger Wakefield in 1737, and secondly William Dillworth in 1770. She died in 1787
  4. Rachel Wilson, born 1720, who married Isaac Wilson. She died in 1775
  5. Deborah Wilson, born 1722, who married William Birkbeck in 1744. She died in 1781
  6. Sarah Wilson, born 1727, who married John Birkbeck in 1748. She died in 1773

WBE: Additional Information.

WILSON, Deborah, ca. 1688-1754.

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ca. 1733, minister of great sincerity and plainness.

Although well-supplied with comforts when at home, she was content with the meanest entertainment on her travels.

Generous to those under afflictions.

Long and severe illness.

WILSON, Deborah (1743-1821) aftw. Braithwaite

[ Deborah Wilson, daughter of Isaac Wilson  
and his wife Rachel (nee )  
was married in 1767 to George Braithwaite ]

see BRAITHWAITE, Deborah (1743-1821) born Wilson ]

WILSON, Deborah (1771-1847) born Stansfield

Deborah Wilson was born in 1771, the daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Stansfield of Hand Green near Halifax. She married Richard Wilson of Thornton in Craven, becoming a member of Settle M.M. and first appearing in the ministry about 1820. Soon after her husband's death, in 1843, she removed to Preston. She suffered several severe attacks of illness which confined her much to the house, and died on 12 March 1847 in her 77th year. Her body was interred in Friends burial ground Lothersdale.

Testimony of Preston M.M. in Testimonies 1848. p.18.

WILSON, Deborah (1770-1847) born Stansfield

Deborah Stansfield, the daughter of Joshua Stansfield (1735/6-1806 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born 1732?-1821 qv) of Handgreen near Halifax in Yorkshire, was born there on 16 October 1770(1). She was early inclined to ards a religious life, but her first appearance in the ministry was not made until about 1820, when she was fifty years old. She sympathised tenderly with the poor and needy and contributed liberally to their wants; she visited them in sickness and her visits were doubly welcome, since she was skilled in the use of medicine and ministered to their bodies as well as to their souls.

She was married in 1802 to Richard Wilson (1768-1843 qv), a calico manufacturer of Thornton in Yorkshire and there were four children(2). The Wilsons lived for most of their lives at Thornton in Craven, greatly respected and loved and were members of Settle Monthly Meeting. Their consistent life and conversation drew several to Friends, who afterwards became members of the Society. A meeting for worship was held for many years at their house and this practice Deborah Wilson kept up for some time after her husband's death. During her widowhood she continued to be a bright example of the principles upon which she had based her life.

She moved to Preston soon after her husband's death, where she suffered several severe attacks of illness which confined her much to the house. She died on 12 March 1847, at the age of seventy seven(3) and was buried in the Friends' burial ground at Lothersdale.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1848, pp 146-147

Testimony of Preston MM in Testimonies 1848, p 18

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a shalloon dealer. The Testimony wrongly states that she was born in 1771
- 2 For marriage and children see WILSON, Richard (1768-1843)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Richard  
The announcement of death in The Friend vol 5 (1847) p 78 gives her age at death as 75, the Testimony as 'in her seventy seventh year'.

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WBE: Additional Sources.

WILSON, Deborah, 1771-1847, nee Stansfield.

An. Mon., N.S., 6, 1848, p. 146. (age 77.)

The Friend (London) 1847, V~~E~~78. (age 75.)

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PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1848 pp 146-147  
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- 2 The wedding was at Lothersdale on 14 January 1802: he is described as a calico manufacturer, the son of Thomas (deceased) and Mary of Foulstone in Yorkshire; she is described as the daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Stansfield of Hand Green in the parish of Halifax, Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Hannah b 24 Dec 1802  
Thomas b 1 Oct 1805  
Richard b 27 May 1811  
Charles b 24 Oct 1813
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Richard, aged 77 years the announcement of death in The Friend (London) vol 5 (1847) p 78 describes her as aged 75 years; Annual monitor gives her as aged 77 years; the testimony as 'in her seventy-seventh year'

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WILSON, Deborah (1770-1847) born Stansfield

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SEE ALSO:-

Possible reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 26 (1929) p 55  
The Friend (London) 1847, vol 5, p 70

WBE:

WILSON, Drucilla nee Cox, 1815-1908.

b. 3 May 1815, Belmont Co., Ohio, dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth Cox.

m., 1833, Jonathan Wilson. (6 children.)

J.B. gave land for school at Poplar Ridge, Ind.

1860, with her husband moved to Indianapolis. She and her husband were superintendents at Columbus, Miss. Reconstruction.

1865, moved to Wabash City and directed White's Institute.

1871, went to Kansas, Atkinson Co.

1873, at Lawrence, Kansas, bought a home.

Helped to bring prohibition to Kansas.

1886, moved to Indiana.

d. 9 June 1908, Carmel, Ind., age 93.

A Brief Sketch of Jonathan and Drucilla Wilson, Ind., 1909,

(portrait.)

WILSON, Edith Jane (1869-1953) born Brayshaw

Edith J. Wilson was born 19 June 1869 in Manchester, the daughter of Alfred and Jane Eliza Brayshaw. She was educated at Sidcot and Manchester High School for Girls. After leaving school she was active at Mount Street (her meeting) and Byrom Street. She taught in Sunday School, ran a large Band of Hope and took part in Adult Schools.

In 1902 she married Alexander Cowan Wilson and settled in Liverpool living in Birkenhead. She was Secretary of the Liverpool and Birkenhead Women's Peace Association and started a large Women's Adult School of which she was President. In 1915 the family returned to Manchester and this year she began six years of office as Assistant Clerk for London Yearly Meeting. She was active in the Friends Service Committee, the No-Conscription Fellowship, the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Womens International League. In 1917 she wrote 'The absolutist's case against conscription', a shortened version of which led to the Guildhall Trial of Edith Ellis, Harrison Barrow and Arthur Watts. In 1913 she wrote an essay on 'The beginnings of Quakerism' recently published by William Charles Braithwaite, winning a prize, and the essay being reprinted under the title 'The modern outlook of Quakerism'. She wrote many other pamphlets and many letters and reviews in 'The Friend' and other papers.

In 1919 Edith Wilson acted for six months as warden of Wrea Head, the home of Maria Ellis, lent for the convalescence of imprisoned C.O.s, and later that year she went to America to stimulate interest in the All Friends Conference held in London in 1920.

In 1927 Edith and Alexander Wilson began two years of service in Geneva, the first year as Wardens of the Quaker Students' Hostel, and the second year as Wardens at the Centre of the Women's International League. On their return to England they joined Golders Green Meeting. For the following ten years she was a member of the Meeting for Sufferings, a member of the Wabrooke Council, and continued her interest in the Friends Service Council and the Home Service Committee.

Edith Wilson's home was always a place of warm and generous hospitality, and it was not limited to Friends. She and her husband kept open house for 'modern prophets and wayfarers'. Her short utterances in Meeting or Study Circle revealed a shining sincerity which made them acceptable to young and old alike. It was as though the words of St Paul were exemplified in her case: "Though our outward man perish, our inward man is renewed day by day".  
She died 30 September 1953

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WILSON, Edith <sup>Jane</sup> nee Brayshaw, 1869 - 1953

Author of several articles and books, among them The Modern Outlook of Quakerism, which first appeared in Friends Quarterly Examiner and then was reprinted separately. Also wrote Church government in the Society of Friends (1929; and, with Francis E. Pollard, also in 1929, Disarmament. The way to freedom. Two papers...

No evidence has been found to indicate whether this Friend is still living, etc - so this information is included to assist any future editor in compiling a more complete biography. BLC.

[Frds. Qu. Exam. 47(1913): 339

Wilson, Church gov't in the Soc. of Fr. - Hav Coll. BX 7698 G7 W7] BLC

WBE: a  
(prepared by JR)

WILSON, Edward C.,

1915-1917 clerk of Baltimore Yearly Mtg. (F.G.C)

1919-1921 clerk of Baltimore Yearly Mtg. (F.G.C.)

OK - Fernbank Hist of Balto Y.M pub 1972

Elliott, Errol T., Quakers on the American Frontier, 389.

WBE:

WILSON, Eli, ca. 1810-1891.

b. ca. 1810, Eastern Indiana.

m. Mary. (5 children)

1854, with William H. Coffin and Benajah Hiatt, went from Indiana to Kansas. Staked claims on land later desired by followers of John Brown. These latter founded the town of Osawatomie. The Friends returned to their homes in Indiana.

1855, E. Wilson and his sons returned to Kansas and planted crops. Later removed to a point, about 15 miles southwest of Fort Leavenworth.

1856, First Friends' meeting held at the cabin of Benajah Hiatt. Thus Friends became established in Kansas.

Eli Wilson was a consistent Friend.

d. 23 Jan. 1891, Long Beach, Calif., age 81.

Jackson, S. G.

^ A Short History of Kansas Y. Mtg., pp. 23 et seq.

Fellow, N. C. & W. S.  
^ Semi-Centennial Sketch of Kansas Y. Mtg. (portrait), p. 9.

Frds'. Rev., 44:495.

WILSON, Elizabeth ( -1669) after 1660 Gill

[Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of James Wilson of Hill  
in Brighouse, Yorkshire, was married in 1660 to  
John Gill ( -1675 qv).]

See GILL, Elizabeth ( -1669) born Wilson ]

WBE:

WILSON, Elizabeth, afterwards Richardson, -1718

see

Richardson, Elizabeth, nee Wilson, -1718

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2 WILSON, Elizabeth (1694-1730) formerly Watson born Fuller

Elizabeth Fuller was born at Watertown, West Meath, Ireland, in the year 1694, the daughter of Jacob and Jane Fuller, who brought her up in the Truth. She first married William Watson, but he died shortly after and she remained a widow for several years, marrying Thomas Wilson, a Friend, in 1721.

She was a regular attender at Meetings for Worship, and at Quarterly and National Meetings, and travelled, in company with Elizabeth Pease, in Scotland and north England, as well as in Ireland. In 1729 she went, with Jane Gee, to visit Wales and parts of England and died in Manchester during this visit.

'Although she seldom appeared large in Testimony at home, the tender Frame of Spirit she frequently sat under, in our silent Meetings, was very observable; yet when she did appear, what she delivered was sound and weighty, often being as glad Tidings of Life and Salvation, by Jesus Christ, to the true Mourners in Sion, and Consolation to the needy Soul.'

She died 16.viii.[October] 1730 and was interred in Friends Burying Ground, Manchester, a Minister about eleven years.

Principal source

Testimony of Moate MM, Ireland, in TCMD vol.1 p.39, printed in A Collection of Testimonies, 1760, p.37

WBE: Additional Information.

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Wilson, Elizabeth, 1694-1730.

Taken ill at Rushworth, near Halifax in Yorkshire.

Reached Manchester where she died.

John Smith's ms., 3:602.

WBE:

WILSON, Elizabeth, later GOFF

see GOFF, Elizabeth, nee Wilson

WILSON, Elizabeth (1703-1781) after 1742 Holme

(Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of Anthony and Dorothy Wilson of Hawkshead in Lancashire, was married in 1742 to Reginald Holme.

See HOLME, Elizabeth (1703-1781) born Wilson)

WILSON, Elizabeth (1807-1853) after 1833 Smith

(Elizabeth Wilson, the daughter of John and Rebecca Wilson of Frizinghall in Yorkshire, was married in 1833 to David Harris Smith.

See SMITH, Elizabeth (1807-1853) born Wilson )

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

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WILSON, Elizabeth Koser, ca.1844-1924

b. 1844

ed.

m., Isaac Wilson (1839-1932)

| Minister and Elder at Menallen Mtg.

1891-98, 1904, 1914 Clerk of Baltimore Yearly Mtg.  
(Friends General Conference.)

d. Nov. 14, 1924, Biglerville, Pa., aged 81 years.

Elliott, Errol T., Quakers on the American Frontier, 389

Friends Intell. 81(1924):796

Minutes of Baltimore Yearly Mtg., (1925):68/

WILSON, Emma Jane (1846-1907) aftw. Cadbury

[Emma Jane, the third child of John Ashlin Wilson of Hockley, Birmingham married Richard Cadbury in 1871.]

see CADBURY, Emma Jane (1846-1907) born Wilson

WILSON, Emmeline Hannah ( 1883 - 1966 ) after 1902 Cadbury

Emmeline Wilson, daughter of William ( 1857 - 1909<sup>qv</sup> )  
and Hannah ( b. Henderson 1858 - 1945<sup>qv</sup> ) Wilson  
married William Adlington Cadbury ( 1867 - 1957<sup>qv</sup> )  
at Winchmore Hill Friends Meeting House on  
September 11, 1902.

SEE

CADBURY, Emmeline Hannah ( 1883 - 1966 ) b. Wilson.

SGJ April 1979

WILSON, Fanny (1844-1926) aftw. Harris

[ Fanny Wilson was married in 1882 to  
H. Vigurs Harris (1850-1944 qv) ]

see Harris Fanny (1844-1926) born Wilson

WBE:

WILSON, Francesca, 1888-

Author, 1944, In the Margins of Chaos. . . (London)  
(recollections of relief work.)

1945, Aftermath.

F.H.L.Sw. BX 7617.

also H.C.

WILSON, Francesca Mary ( 1888 - 1981 )

Francesca Wilson was born on January 1 1888, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the third daughter of Robert ( 1850 - 1933 qv ) and Laura Maria ( b. Wallis 1850 - ) Wilson. (1) Her father was a kindly Quaker who understood her better than her fervent evangelical mother. With his encouragement she studied history at Newnham College, Cambridge. She was interested in travel and languages and this led her into relief work with Friends in 1916, when she worked with French refugees at Samoens, then with Serbs in Corsica and North Africa and later in Serbia itself. In 1919 she joined the Quaker Famine Relief team in Vienna. There she met Professor Cisek and, excited by the brilliance of his teaching helped to make the child art of his pupils widely known in this country. In 1922 she was engaged in relief work in the Russian famine. During the thirties as a teacher in Birmingham, she was given generous leave of absence for work in the Spanish Civil War, setting up a hospital in Murcia and a farm colony for boys in Alicante. In the second world war she worked with Spanish refugees in the south of France, with Polish refugees in Hungary and after the war with displaced persons in Germany under UNRRA. In Birmingham and later in London she shared her home with refugees from Nazi Germany, adopted Russian emigré boys and opened her doors to promising impoverished writers and actors. Her faith in them was almost invariably justified and they continued in loyal friendship to the end.

She was a lively contributor to the Manchester Guardian and to The Friend, made radio broadcasts and television appearances. From 1944 she became well known as the author of ' In the Margins of Chaos' in its time a best seller. She wrote five other books mainly concerned with relief work. Some thirty years ago she resigned from the Society of Friends but maintained many contacts with it and latterly attended Hampstead meeting when it could be arranged. She was a remarkable woman whose life was full of experiences and exploits and those who have memories of her find fact entwining with fiction. She enjoyed and appreciated people and while she could be exasperating she had a loyal and generous spirit without pettiness or condescension.

She died on March 4, 1981 aged 93.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 139 (1981) p. 375

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Birth Digest. Her father is described as a hatters' furrier.



WILSON, George

George Wilson, of Maryland, is mentioned in Md. Archives, vi. 100, anno 1678. The Editor of the Ell. ed. of 1852 has a note to this Friend (ii.118), commencing 'This George Wilson' and containing a sketch of the life of the George Wilson, who died in Va. in 1662 which is clearly an error. The note has been copied into the bi-cent. ed. of 1891, and later years.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.440

WILSON, George ( -1662?)

The other George Wilson mentioned in the Journal (pp.331, 333, 334) was a Cumberland Friend, and appears to have been a soldier (Swarth. MSS.i.293). He was imprisoned in Carlisle in 1659 (Declaration of Present Sufferings, 1659). In 1661, he was a sufferer in New England (Bishop, New-England Judged, 1703, pp.340, 351 353). Shortly afterwards he visited the Colony of Virginia (not for the first time, Swarth. MSS.iv. 39) and was soon thrown into a loathsome prison in James Town, where he departed this life, having been laid 'in cruel Irons, which rotted his Flesh' (Bishop, op.cit. p.351).

Bowden states (Hist. i. 345) of Wilson, 'During his imprisonment in Virginia, he gave forth, it is said, "many precious writings", which were, after his death, forwarded to Friends in England'. These writings are probably those preserved in Friends House, in an old and time-worn MS consisting of thirty-two quarto pages (7½ ins. by 6 ins.). On the outside leaf is written by Fox, 'this man died a presener in vergane to wet gorg wilson a feath fvll sarvant of the lord'. The writing of the MS is so small as to be almost illegible. It is probably not in Wilson's hand. There are several letters to priests in New England, Seaborne Cotton, and others. One subscription reads 'Written in Virgynia in James Citty soe called where I am aprisoner, & was chained to an Indian, wch is in prison for murther; we had our Legs on one boolt made fast to apost with an ox chaine, but not now though in Irons the 20th: of the 9th: Month: :1661: G:W:' The last date in the MS appears to be the Third Month (May), 1662.

William Coale, 1682, p.4

Suff. ii. 381

Bowden, Hist. 1850, i.344

Weeks, Southern Quakers, 1896, p.20

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.441

WBE: Additional Information.

WILSON, George, -1661.

1661, came to America. Imprisoned and whipped in Boston, Mass.

1661, travelled with William Cole of Maryland, to Virginia.

Besse II:223,224,381.

Bishop, New England Judged, p. 351.

Jones, Qu. in Am. Col., p.272.

A.C.

Thomas, History, p. 78.

Penney, N.Y.  
Jour. of Geo. Fox, (Cambridge), 2:441.

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WILSON, Gulielma, 1794-1870.

b. 8 Dec. 1794, Chester Co., Pa., dau. of Job and Hannah Packer.

1797, removed to Clinton, Co., Pa.

m. 1813, Robert Wilson and in 1814, they settled in Clearfield Co., Pa.

Minister.

Had visions and dreams.

1825, removed to Centre Co., Pa.

Invalid for years.

d. 16 March 1870, Centre Co., ~~Half~~<sup>Moontown</sup> Township, Pa.,  
in her 76th year.

Frds'. Intell., 27:122.

Memoir written by G.W., 1873.

WILSON, Hannah (1681-1758) born Steel

Hannah Steel was born in the year 1681, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Steel of Moresgate from whom she received a strict and religious education.

In 1715 she married Richard Wilson of Cokermouth, and in 1736 was called to the work of the Ministry.

She died 26 November 1758 aged seventy seven years, a Minister twenty two years, and was interred in Friends Burying Ground at Wigton.

Principal source

Testimony of Wigton MM in TCMD vol.2 p.21, printed in A Collection of Testimonies 1760, p.355

WBE: Additional Information.

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WILSON, Hannah, 1681-1758.

b. 7 June 1681.

John Smith's ms., 3:594.

WILSON, Hannah (1748- ) born Buck

Hannah Buck, the daughter of James Buck (1704- qv) and his wife Mary (born West, ) of Rice House in the parish of South Stainley, Yorkshire, was born on 28.iv.[June] 1748(1).

She was married in 1784 to Arthington Wilson (1735-1799 qv), an ironmonger of Barnsley in Yorkshire and there were two children, born in 1785 and 1786(2).

The date of her death is not at present (1985) traced(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her place of birth and her father's occupation are not given
- 2 For marriage and children see WILSON, Arthington (1735-1799)
- 3 Her death is not traced in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest nor in the Digest of Deaths to 1848

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

WILSON, Hannah (1754-1849) after 1787 Bragg

(Hannah Wilson, daughter of George and Hannah Wilson of High Wray near Hawkshead in Lancashire, was married in 1787 to John Bragg (1732?-1844 qv).

See BRAGG, Hannah (1754-1849) born Wilson)

WILSON, Hannah (1763?-1799) after Reynolds

[Hannah Wilson, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced, was married prior to 1799 to Thomas Reynolds (1761-1819 qv).

See REYNOLDS, Hannah (1763?-1799) born Wilson ]

WILSON, Hannah (1780?-1843) born Stead

(1777-  
1842, qv) Hannah Stead, the daughter of John and Sarah Stead of Birmingham, was born about the year 1780(1). She was married in 1806 to Caleb Wilson(2) and there were seven children of the marriage(3); they were a close and united family.

She was of a quiet and retiring disposition and her health was always delicate. Nevertheless, she did not allow her bodily weakness to interrupt the discharge of her religious duties; she was exemplary in her attendance at meetings and was an overseer for many years.

Her beloved husband died in the autumn of 1842 and she did not long survive him, dying at Bishop Wearmouth on 30 September 1843(4), aged sixty three.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1844 pp 103-109

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 63 at death. There is no entry in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest, but see note 2
- 2 The wedding was at Whitby on 19 March 1806: he is described as a merchant of Sunderland, Co Durham, the son of Caleb and Judith, both deceased; she is described as the daughter of John and Sarah Stead, both deceased, of Birmingham (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Durham QM Births Digest as follows:-

Joshua	b 5 Dec 1806
Henry qv	b 29 July 1808
John	b 16 April 1810
Sarah	b 7 Jan 1813
Charles qv	b 14 May 1815
Hannah	b 2 May 1819
Caleb Stansfield qv	b 3 Feb 1821

- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Caleb

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

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WILSON, Hannah (1793-1875) born Jowitt

(1750-1814 )

<sup>, 1792-  
1810 )</sup> ( Hannah Jowitt, the sixth daughter of John Jowitt and his wife Susanna, born Dickinson of Leeds in Yorkshire, was born there on 28 March 1793(1). Her parents gave her a religious education and from the age of seven years she was conscious of a personal knowledge of the Divine; this personal knowledge was deepened by an intimate friendship formed at York School, where she was educated.

She was married in 1815, at the age of twenty two, to William Wilson (1786-1840 qv) of Kendal, with whom she was a regular teacher at the First-day School and there were ten children(2). She and her husband took an active part in the establishment of a First-day School for Friends and attenders at Kendal in 1829 and for about twelve years a Scripture meeting was held weekly in their own house. They were also concerned for the little meetings in the Yorkshire dales and helped to establish First-day Schools there.

Hannah Wilson took a deep interest in the activities of the Bible Society and the supplying of Bibles to the hotels and lodging houses in the town was often done at her suggestion. For many years she was president of the Ladies' Association in Kendal. She was a visitor at the House of Correction and constantly visited the sick. She had an unfailing interest in the cause of anti-slavery and in later years the freed men in the United States had her warm sympathy; she held large parties at her house for their benefit. She was interested in many social activities, was an active supporter of the temperance movement and contributed as far as her means would allow to many charities.

She was an overseer and an elder of her meeting and was recorded a minister in 1861(3). Her ministry was loving and earnest, 'sound and edifying, bearing the clear evidence of love to Christ and love to souls.' (Testimony) Her sympathies were world wide; wherever there was Christian work to be done, by whatever denomination, it had her encouragement and support. Her ready and open hospitality was given with a simplicity which enabled her to extend it to a wide circle, she loved to include young people and these gatherings usually ended with a Bible reading and a prayer.

She had a severe illness in the autumn of 1873, which curtailed her active life and from which she never fully recovered, but she bore her suffering patiently, upheld by her trust in the mercy of God. Hannah Wilson of Kendal died on 13 August 1875, at the age of eighty two(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1876, pp 166-173

Testimony of Kendal MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings, 1876, p vii

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WILSON, Hannah (1793-1875) born Jowitt

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a wool-stapler the testimony wrongly gives the date of birth as 28 August
- 2 For marriage and children see WILSON, William (1786-1840)
- 3 Friends House Library List of recorded ministers 1861-1924; she was recorded on 25 July 1861
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 23, p 105  
Benson, Descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson, 1949, vol 4 p 1073

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WILSON, Hannah (1793-1875) born Jowitt

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Hannah Jowitt was born at Leeds on 28 August 1793, the sixth daughter of John and Susanna Jowitt. She was for some years at York School, and in 1815 married William Wilson, of Kendal, with whom she was a regular teacher in First Day School; for more than ten years a weekly Scripture meeting was held in their own home.

Hannah Wilson was interested in many social activities; she was a Visitor at the House of Correction, and constantly visited the sick. She also supported the Anti-Slavery movement throughout her life.

She was an overseer of her meeting, and later an elder and a minister. 'Her ministry was soul~~d~~ and edifying, bearing the clear evidence of love to Christ and love to souls.'

'The simplicity of her open hospitality enabled her to extend it to a large circle. Whatever her company might be, she generally concluded the visit with reading the Bible, often with prayer'.

Hannah Wilson died 13 August 1875.

Testimony of Kendal MM in YM Proc. 1876, p.vii

WILSON, Hannah (1786?-1856) after 1816 Brady

[Hannah Wilson, daughter of James and Elizabeth Wilson,  
was married in 1816 to Jarvis Brady (1791-1858) of  
Leeds.

see BRADY, Hannah (1786?-1856) born Wilson ]

WILSON, Hannah (1802-1849) after 1826 Jesper

(born Stansfield, 1770-1847)  
(Hannah Wilson, daughter of Richard and Deborah Wilson of Thornton in Yorkshire, was married in 1826 to Samuel Jesper (1801-1876 qv).  
qv)

See JESPER, Hannah (1802-1849) born Wilson )

WBE: a  
(prepared by JB)

WILSON, Hannah P.

1828-29 clerk of Women's Baltimore Yearly Mtg. (F.G.C)

Elliott, Errol T., Quakers on the American Frontier, 389

WILSON, Henry (1808-1877)

Henry Wilson was an Elder of Newcastle Monthly Meeting, being a native of Sunderland (1). His attachment to the Society was strong, as shown in his constant attendance at meetings for worship and discipline, as well as by his cheerful readiness to accept any service allotted to him by his friends.

He was especially helpful to young men, taking an active interest in the Young Men's Christian Association. He was one of the senior members of the committee for Ackworth School.

'His bright example and kindly word gave him great influence for good, in his business relations, over some whom a sterner aspect of religion might have repelled.'

He died 13 February 1877 at Leeds (2), suddenly, on his way to a committee of Ackworth School.

Testimony of Newcastle MM in YM Proc. 1877, p.xviii

References and notes

1 He was born 29 July 1808, son of Caleb and Hannah Wilson (Durham QM Births Digest)

2 Digest of burial notes gives death as 14 February 1877, aged 68 years.

WILSON, Henry (1808-1877)

Henry Wilson, the son of Caleb Wilson (1777-1842 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Stead, 1780?-1843 qv) of Sunderland, was born there on 29 July 1808(1). His attachment to the Society was strong and was shown by his constant attendance at meetings for worship and discipline, as well as by his cheerful readiness to accept any service allotted to him by his friends.

His naturally kind and gentle disposition made him beloved by all around him and gave him great influence over young men. He took an active interest in the Young Men's Christian Association, often attending their meetings and Scripture classes and was one of the senior members of the committee for Ackworth School. He was a man of wide sympathies and took a great interest in the activities of the other Nonconformist churches in Sunderland. During his frequent walks he always carried tracts, which he distributed freely. He was for many years a teacher in the Friends' First-day School and took a lively interest in the management of the school and other philanthropic institutions.

'His bright example and kindly word gave him great influence for good, in his business relations, over some whom a sterner aspect of religion might have repelled.' (Testimony)

Henry Wilson of Sunderland was apparently unmarried(2). He died very suddenly on 14 February 1877 at Leeds at the age of sixty eight(3), while on his way to attend a meeting of the Committee of Ackworth School.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1878, pp 173-174

Testimony of Newcastle MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1877, p xviii

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Durham QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 No marriage is traced in any of the QM Marriage Digests of England and Wales, with the exception of Cambs & Hunts QM, Northants QM and Suffolk QM, which have not yet (1980) been checked, or in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a merchant. The Testimony gives the date of his death as 13 February 1877

SEE ALSO:-

The Friend vol 17 (1877) adverts, p 13: date of death given as

14 February

Newspaper obituary 14 February 1877 (Friends House Library vol SS/121)

WILSON, Henry (1822-1907)

Henry Wilson, the son of William and Hannah Wilson of Oldham in Lancashire, was born there on 25 August 1822(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1832 to 1837(2). He showed such promise of good teaching ability that he was apprenticed to the headmaster for seven years and served his apprenticeship with distinction. On its completion he studied for a time at Bonn University, where he threw himself with all the ardour of youth into the social and literary life around him.

Returning from Bonn full of energy and high ideals, he became tutor to the four sons of Henry Birkbeck, the Norwich banker. Here too he spent happy years, with many opportunities for personal culture. But his old headmaster had long desired to have his services again and in 1848 he became Master on Duty at Ackworth School(3), in charge of the out of school life of one hundred and eighty boys, where his policy of confidence and trust in the boys had a marked response. His lively interest in the voluntary pursuits of the boys was especially directed to their tastes in reading; he obtained frequent accessions to their library, which he modernised and enriched. But he would not tolerate wrong doing and had a voice of thunder which he did not hesitate to use if he felt it warranted. During this time he was married in 1849 to Elizabeth Grimshaw(4) and there was one child(5); his wife died two years later, at the age of twenty six(6).

He was ambitious for further advancement in his profession and in 1855 he succeeded Samuel Marshall as headmaster of Stramongate School at Kendal in Westmorland. The trustees had enlarged and modernised the school and he gladly embraced the opportunities it afforded him. For a time he had the assistance of his sister, Esther E. Wilson, as housekeeper, until his second marriage in 1856 to Ann Thornhill, the youngest daughter of Martha Thornhill of Ackworth(7); there were no children of his second marriage(8).

Unfortunately his second wife did not like school life and he retired from the headship in 1860, continuing to teach classics in the school. It was a great grief to him when his only son, Arthur Henry Wilson (1850-1869 qv) died of Typhoid fever. He ceased teaching and after a holiday in Italy he threw himself into public life.

He was four times mayor of Kendal and was appointed a magistrate. He indulged his literary tastes by translating Dante's Divina Commedia, Thomas a Kempis and the book of Isaiah and other prophets from the Vulgate, although his translations were not published. He also took

continued

an active part in the ministry of the Society at Kendal and at Preston Patrick, which meeting he attended regularly for a long time.

Henry Wilson of Ellerton, Kendal, died on 7 November 1907, at the age of eighty five(9).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1909, p 177

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 1908, pp 114-116

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a draper
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 125
- 3 Teachers and Officers of Ackworth School, 1779-1894, p 28
- 4 The wedding was at Rawden on 16 May 1849: he is described as a bachelor, a teacher at Ackworth, the son of William Wilson, a draper; she is described as a spinster of Rawden, the daughter of Caleb Grimshaw, a merchant (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-  
Arthur Henry qv b 19 March 1850 who d 3 May 1869
- 6 Digest of Deaths: she died 25 April 1851
- 7 The wedding was at Ackworth on 23 July 1856: he is described as a widower, a schoolmaster of Kendal, the son of William Wilson, a draper; she is described as a spinster of Ackworth, the daughter of Joseph Thornhill, a draper (Digest of Marriages)
- 8 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 9 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a schoolmaster

#### SEE ALSO:-

- The Friend vol 47 (1907) p 771 (brief obituary), p 782 (notice of death)  
Christian world, Nov 1907  
 "Pioneers of Ackworth education" (Friends Provident Institution series,  
 8 (Friends House, tract box 263))  
 N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45

WILSON, Henry (1822-1907)

Henry Wilson, the son of William and Hannah Wilson, was born at Oldham in 1822 and educated at Ackworth, where at the age of 14 he was apprenticed to the headmaster for seven years. After a period of study at Benn University he became tutor to the four sons of Henry Birkbeck, the Norwich banker. He next became master-on-duty at Ackworth, in charge of the out-of-school life of 180 boys, where his policy of confidence and trust in the boys had a marked response.

He married Elizabeth Grimshaw, the daughter of Caleb and Sarah Grimshaw of Liverpool. She died in 1851 aged 26.

In 1855 Henry Wilson succeeded Samuel Marshall as head of Stramongate School, Kendal. He married as his second wife Ann Thornhill, youngest daughter of Martha Thornhill of Ackworth, 'twelve months after going to Kendal'. He retired from the headship in 1860, but continued to teach classics at the school. It was a great grief to him when his only son, Arthur Henry Wilson, died of typhoid fever. He ceased teaching, and after a holiday in Italy was active in Kendal public life, being four times mayor. He took an active part in ministry at Kendal and at Preston Patrick, which meeting he attended regularly for a long time.

He died on 7 November 1907 aged 85.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1909 p.177

SEE ALSO

The Friend vol. (1907) p.771

Christian world, Nov. 1907

Ackworth old scholars assoc.rep. 1908 p.114

'Pioneer of Ackworth education' (Friends provident inst. series, 8 (AOA report 1922; Friends House Box 263)

WBE: Additional Information.

Wilson, Henry, 1822-1907.

Knew several languages.

Returned to Ackworth as master -on-duty, with 180 boys to manage out of school. H.W. changed the rigorous discipline, introducing a policy of trust in the better nature of the boys.

H.W. possessed a "voice of thunder" and knew how to use it. Voice "gruff."

The Friend (London) 1907; 47:782, also 771.

An. Mon., 1909, No. 96, p, 177.

WILSON, Henry Lloyd (1862-1941)

Henry Lloyd Wilson was born on 5 August 1862. Evidence of the respect in which he was held amongst Friends lies in the fact that at 27 he commenced a 30-years membership of the Meeting for Sufferings, served as its Clerk from 1901-4 and six years as Assistant Clerk of Yearly Meeting. This was at a time when it was unusual to appoint younger Friends to such responsible service. At the age of 42 he began seven years Clerkship of London Yearly Meeting - the youngest Clerk for many years - serving with ability, charm of manner and spiritual force.

His brother Alfred, partner in the business, generously enabled Henry to spare time for numerous Committees, including those of the Friends Foreign Mission Association. His chairmanship of the Candidates Committee was marked by his sympathetic interest in their concern and this also closely associated him with Kingsmead. Wardens of Woodbrooke and Kingsmead constantly turned to him and his wife Theodora, for counsel, and his thought was always for the personal welfare of the staff. This personal interest was extended also to the Conscientious Objectors whom he visited in Dorchester prison.

His outside interests demanded much thought and time as Magistrate for 30 years and as Chairman to the Probation Committee connected with the newly set up Children's Courts. He was active in the Independent Labour Party making the home at Selly Wood a centre of inspiration for local leaders.

Behind all was his life in Meetings for Worship, as a youth in Bull Street meeting, with Young Friends of the Christian Fellowship Union visiting outlying Meetings and later at Stinchley Meeting, where he often went three times on Sundays. His infrequent messages were thoughtfully expressed with sincerity and conviction.

Through all his manifold activities Henry Lloyd Wilson was singularly free from all thought of self which might have dimmed the light of God that shone through him.

He died 29 May 1941

WILSON, Henry Lloyd (1862-1941)

Henry Lloyd Wilson, the son of John Edward (1834-1907 qv) and Catharine (born Stacey) Wilson, was born at Edgbaston on 5 July 1862 (1). He married on 9 October 1890 Theodora Mary Harris (2). There were six children (3).

Evidence of the respect in which he was held amongst Friends lies in the fact that at 27 he commenced a 30-years membership of the Meeting for Sufferings, served as its clerk from 1901-4 and six years as Assistant Clerk of Yearly Meeting. This was at a time when it was unusual to appoint younger Friends to such responsible service. At the age of 42 he began seven years Clerkship of London Yearly Meeting - the youngest Clerk for many years - serving with ability, charm of manner and spiritual force.

His brother Alfred, partner in the business, generously enabled Henry to spare time for numerous committees, including those of the Friends Foreign Mission Association. His chairmanship of the Candidates Committee was marked by his sympathetic interest in their concern and this also closely associated him with Kingsmead. Wardens of Woodbrooke and Kingsmead constantly turned to him and his wife Theodora for counsel and his thought was always for the personal welfare of the staff. This personal interest was extended also to the Conscientious Objectors whom he visited in Dorchester prison.

His outside interests demanded much thought and time as magistrate for 30 years and as Chairman to the Probation Committee connected with the newly set up Children's Courts. He was active in the Independent Labour Party making the home at Selly Wood a centre of inspiration for local leaders.

Behind all was his life in meetings for worship, as a youth in Bull Street meeting, with Young Friends of the Christian Fellowship Union visiting outlying meetings and later at Stinchley meeting, where he often went three times on Sundays. His infrequent messages were thoughtfully expressed with sincerity and conviction.

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WILSON, Henry Lloyd (1862-1941) continued

Through all his manifold activities Henry Lloyd Wilson was singularly free from all thought of self which might have dimmed the light of God that shone through him.

He died 27 May 1941 (4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Warwickshire MM in YM Proc., 1942, p. 186

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes. YM Proc. gives the month as August.
- 2 Digest of Marriage Registers. The wedding was at Leighton Buzzard. She was the daughter of Theodore Harris (1832-1900 qv).
- 3 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows:

Mary Fletcher	born 27 July 1891 qv
Ruth Allason	born 6 Sept 1893 qv
Anthony Langdale	born 15 Aug 1897
Deborah Margaret	born 11 Apr 1899
Michael Henry	born 1 July 1901 qv
Theodora Naomi	born 11 Dec 1905
- 4 Digest of Burial Notes. YM Proc. gives 29 May, which is entered in the Digest as the date of burial.

WBE: Additional Information.

WILSON, Henry Lloyd, 1862-1941.

b. 1862, Edgbaston near Bghm., Eng., s. of John Edward  
and Catharine Wilson.

ed. at Weston-super-Marne, Tottenham, Brighton.

1887, took over the firm of J. & E. Sturge, chemical  
manufacturers.

1890, m. Theodora Mary Harris, and later moved to Selly  
Wood, Selly, Oak. (6 children.)

Loved by children.

d. 27 May 1941, Clent Cottage, Clent, Worcs., age 78.

The Friend (London), 1904, 44:379, (portrait.), 1928, 68:  
533(portrait.), 1941, 99:279,272.

WILSON, Isaac (1784-1844)

Isaac Wilson, the son of John and Sarah Wilson of Stramongate, Kendal in Westmorland, was born there on 24 December 1784(1).

He was a woollen manufacturer of Kendal(2) and was married in 1808 to Mary Jowitt (1786-1846 qv) of Leeds(3); there were eight children(4).

Isaac Wilson of Kent Terrace, Kendal died on 23 December 1844(5), the day before his sixtieth birthday.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father is described as a shearmen-dyer
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3 and in the birth entries of his children
- 3 The wedding was at Leeds on 14 April 1808: he is described as a woollen manufacturer of Kendal in Westmorland, the son of John and Sarah Wilson of Kendal; she is described as the daughter of John, a woolstapler and Susanna Jowitt of Leeds (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Westmorland QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests, the Digest of Marriages and Descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson, vol 4 pp 1027 and 1045 as follows:-

John Jowitt	b 22 Dec 1809	m 1832 Hannah Maria Whitwell
Sarah	b 6 Aug 1811	d 17 March 1830, aged 19
Isaac	b 8 Aug 1813	d 19 Dec 1819, aged 6
Susanna qv	b 3 Nov 1815	m 1838 Charles Lloyd Braithwaite (1811-1893 qv)
Robert	b 26 July 1817	d 18 Sept 1818
Mary	b 25 June 1819	m 1844 John Harris
Isaac	b 16 Feb 1822	m 1847 Anna Dorothy Benson
Anna	b 5 May 1824	m 1849 Robert Miller Somervell

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

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1846, p 97: 1 line entry for death

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 11, p 201; vol 23, p 105  
The Friend, vol 3 (1845) p 23: notice of death ...at his residence,  
Kent Terrace, Kendal

*x-1813*  
WBE:*a*  
(prepared by RB)

WILSON, Isaac

1813, as a member of Short Creek Quarterly Mtg., he attended the first session of Ohio Yearly Meeting and was assistant clerk until:

1816-18, Clerk, Ohio Y. Mtg.

1819, resigned from the Meeting for Sufferings of Ohio Yearly Meeting.

Conceivably the Isaac Wilson mentioned in Hinshaw IV:164,600, but there is no proof, so the material is not entered here.  
Minutes of Ohio Yearly Meeting, 1813-1819.

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 397

WILSON, Isaac, (1714/5 - 1785)

Isaac Wilson was a merchant and manufacturer of Kendal. He was the husband of Rachel Wilson, a prominent Quaker missionary who made a trip to America in 1768. Isaac Wilson adopted a sympathetic attitude towards the American Revolution and was active in Quaker attempts to restore peace.

Note in 'The Political & Economic Relations' by  
A.T. Gary, 1935, p.464

WBE: Additional Information.

WILSON, Isaac, 1714/15, 1785.

m., 1742, Rachel Wilson ( a cousin.)

1778, clerk of London Y. Mtg.

Had a fine clear voice.

J.F.H.S., 21:65.

WILSON, Isaac, 1784-1844

Isaac Wilson was born at Kendal, Westmorland, on 24 December 1784, the son of John Wilson (1748-1801) and Sarah Wilson (1754-1788, born Dillworth) (1) (1786-1846 qv)

He married Mary Jowitt, daughter of John and Susannah Jowitt, at Leeds, 14 April 1808. There were eight children of the marriage (2) Mary Wilson, who was born at Leeds on 10 February 1786, died at Kendal 2 May 1846 (3)

Isaac Wilson died at Kendal on 23 December 1844. (4)

NOTES & REFERENCES

1 Descendants of Isaac and Rachel Wilson (ed. Benson), vol.4, pp 961 and 963. His father John is described in the Westmorland QM Births Digest as a shearmen-dyer.

2 Descendants of Isaac and Rachel Wilson, vol.4, p.963. The children are there given as follows

John Jowitt,qv	b 22 Dec 1809	d 16 Feb 1875
Sarah	b 6 Aug 1811	d 17 Mar 1830
Isaac	b 8 Aug 1813	d 19 Dec 1819
Susanna	b 3 Nov 1815 m. C.L. Braithwaite	d 12 Mar 1894
Robert	b 26 Jul 1817	d Sept 1818
Mary	b 25 June 1819 m. John Harris	d 6 Oct 1887
Isaac	b 16 Feb 1822	d 22 Sept 1899
Anne	b 5 May 1824 m. R.M. Somervell	d 19 Apr 1905

Isaac Wilson appears in the Westmorland QM Births Digest as a woollen-manufacturer at the births of all these children

3 Ibid.; Digest of Burials

4 Ibid.

WILSON, Isabel ( fl. 1675) aftw. Birkett, aftw. Brittain

[Isabel Wilson, daughter of  
was married in 1662 to Nicholas Birkett of Peasholm  
(d.1672) and in      to Edward Brittain.

see BRITTAINE, Isabel (fl. 1675) formerly Birkett,  
born Wilson ]

WILSON, Isabel Grace Hood ( 1895 - 1982 )

Isabel Wilson was born on September 16, 1895, the daughter of Dr. George R. and Susan C. ( B. Sandeman ) Wilson. Her father was a pioneer in exploring the causes of mental illness and in the right care of the mentally sick and the elderly and she carried on his work magnificently. She gained the degrees of M.B. and Ch.B at Edinburgh in 1921, she also gained the degree of M.D. at Edinburgh in 1926. She became an M.R.C.P. and then F.R.C.P. in 1947. She was a member of the British Medical Association. She was a medical commissioner for the Board of Control from 1931 - 1960 and Senior Medical Commissioner from the year 1949 onwards. She was also president of the Royal Medical/Phychoanalytical Association in 1962/3. She was awarded the order of C.B.E. in 1961, for her work in psychoanalytical medicine. Beside all this she had many other interests, she lectured to students, gave talks to Indian women at Student Movement House ( as it then was ) in Russell Sq. London, she wrote for nurses and children, did original and beautiful embroidery and painted in watercolours.

After the war she suffered great agonies of mind from the sufferings she saw and it was not until she joined Friends in the fifties that she really gained help. She found inspiration and good in the Ramayana and among catholic priests and in Farm St. Roman Catholic Church, but she dearly loved the Society of Friends and Westminster Meeting and young people and children. The last four years of her life were spent at The Retreat, York where she was cared for wonderfully.

She died there on December 9, 1982 aged 87. (1)

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend Vol. 140 (1982) p. 1628

WHO'S WHO 1980 - Friends House Library.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. The death notice on p. 1604 gives her age as 88 but this is incorrect.