

WBE:

Additional Information

3

ASHTON, John 1662-1741.

ca. 1702 with his wife attended a meeting at Birr, and were convinced by Thomas Wilson.

Upon release from his imprisonment because of tithes, he with his wife constantly attended meeting, twice a week at Birr, walking 7 miles and fording a river, even in winter. When he joined Friends he was in low circumstances but was soon able to indulge his benevolence in acts of charity and hospitality.

1723, a minister.

d. at Kilcommon-moor, Tipperary.

John Smith's MS., p. 24.

Biog. Notices, (Leadbeater), p. 202.

WBE:

ASHTON, John, ca. 1785 - 1865.

Tailor, Coffee House keeper.

b. ca. 1785.

Finished his schooling at 10, and, 1795, was apprenticed to a tailor.

1800, left attending Episcopal Church and frequented a Wesleyan Chapel. Joined Methodists after first marriage. Removed to Tewkesbury.

1st wife died 1810. He was commanded by an Inward Voice to go to Friends' meeting.

m. 2d, Mary Browett. Moved to Bristol.

Enlisted in the militia at Lancaster. At Bristol took charge of a hospital during an epidemic of Asiatic cholera. Served 3 mos. Then went from house to house, assisting sufferers for 5 wks. Besides working at his trade as a tailor, he kept for many yrs. a Temperance Coffee House.

1813, helped Benjamin Oakden in opening a First-day School at Breedon, 3 miles from Tewkesbury. Accompanied a woman Friend to all the public houses in Tewkesbury.

Spent last years at Manchester, Eng.

d. 4 Aug. 1865, Cheetham Hill, Manchester, age 80.

The Friend, London, 5: 204.

An. Mon. 1866, N.S., 24: 2.

WBE:

ASHWELL, William, fl. 1661.

m. Ann Ridge (1661?) without a priest or magistrate,
but in a Friends meeting.

1661, marriage was stated and maintained legal at
Nottingham Assizes by Judge Archer.

J. F. H. S., 21: 41.

Journal of G. F., bi-cent. ed., 1: 520.

ASHWORTH, Alicia Sarah (1810?-1891) born Nicolls

Alicia Sarah Nicolls, the daughter of Major General Edward Nicolls of Stoke Newington near London, was born about the year 1810(1).

She became in 1847 the third wife of Thomas Ashworth (1802-1870 qv), an estate agent of Poynton in Cheshire and there was one child(2).

Alicia Sarah Ashworth of 42 Canonbury Park, North, died on 27 December 1891, at the age of eighty one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 81 at death. Her birth is not traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and issue see ASHWORTH, Thomas (1802-1870)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Thomas

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

The Binns Notebook, Friends House Library, MS vol S 494, p 74 gives her maiden name as Nicholls

3

ASHWORTH, Alicia Sarah (1810-1891) born Nicolls

Alicia Sarah Nicolls, the daughter of Major General and Lady Nicolls of Blackheath, was born in the year 1810. Her father was a General in the Royal Artillery and was away from home for long periods. His wife frequently joined him and the care and upbringing of Alicia was entrusted to two maiden aunts, who gave her a good education and brought her up in the faith of the Scottish Presbyterian Church. She read the Bible not only in her native tongue, but also in Hebrew and Greek and from a child she knew the Scriptures well.

As she grew up she was led to adopt many of the principles of the Society of Friends, although she did not at that time know of its existence. She attended a meeting addressed by Elizabeth Fry (1780-1845 qv), which impressed her deeply and awakened in her a desire to know more about the Society. She read the Journal of George Fox and became fully convinced of the truth of the principles held by Friends and their accordance with the Gospel and was eventually admitted into membership of the Society.

It was not an easy step for her to take, involving as it did a painful separation from her relations and former associations, as a result of the strong disapproval she encountered. But she was fully persuaded that she was following the leadings of the Lord and she was strengthened to persevere firmly in acting up to her convictions. After joining the Society she became a friend of Elizabeth Fry and Susanna Corder (1787-1864 qv) and before very long she felt called to speak in the ministry. In 1845, with a minute from Gracechurch Street Monthly Meeting, she engaged in religious service in Devonshire House and other meetings. Much later in her life, about the year 1886, she spent some time in social and religious visits among Friends in and about Manchester, twice attending quarterly meetings there. Deep Christian interest and solicitude drew her to engage in this service.

In 1847 she became the third wife of Thomas Ashworth (1802-1870 qv), an estate agent of Poynton in Cheshire and there was one child(1). After his death and for the last twenty years of her life she lived in London. She was very generous and hospitable, especially to the young, who enjoyed her society and intellectual conversation.

It was written of her by a friend that: "Her life of deep conflict, added to a mind and heart of exquisite susceptibility, gave her a large claim upon the warm Christian sympathy of her Friends. Her offerings in the ministry, both in prayer and testimony, were always eminently characterised by a deep sense of the preciousness of the redemption which is in Christ Jesus . . . Her ministry seemed a continued, and often very impressive, comment on the words of the Apostle, 'I determined to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified . . . She was a noble woman. Often misunderstood, and greatly tossed and tried; but in the deep recesses of her heart resting in her Saviour and rejoicing in His love."

Alicia Sarah Ashworth of 42 Canonbury Park, North, died on 27 December 1891, at the age of eighty one(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1893, pp 12-17

continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 For marriage and issue see ASHWORTH, Thomas (1802-1870)
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Thomas

3

The Binns Notebook, Friends House Library, MS vol S 494, p 74 gives her maiden name as Nicholls, as also does Annual Monitor 1893, pp 12-17 (pp 12, 14). The Friend vol 5 (1847) p 220 uses the spelling Nicolls, as does Digest of Marriages

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

ASHWORTH, Anne (1811-1838) born Christy

Anne Christy, the daughter of Thomas Christy (1776-1846 qv) and his wife Rebecca (born Hewling, 1774-1837 qv) of London and Chelmsford in Essex, was born in London on 2 October 1811(1). She was the granddaughter of Miller Christy (1748?-1820 qv) and a descendant of a family whose connection with the Society went back to the convincement of William Miller (1655?-1743 qv) of Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Although in her brief life she had not found time for much active usefulness, she was a consistent Friend and drew much comfort from meetings for worship. She was married to Thomas Ashworth(2), who was probably not a member of the Society, and there was one child(3). The Ashworths lived at Paynton near Stockport. Anne's healthhad always been delicate, but not so as to give cause for alarm, until in January 1838 she had a slight haemorrhage of the lungs. This was at about the time of the birth of her child, from which she never fully recovered. The baby died after a short illness at about three months of age and Anne died on 2 May 1838(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1839 p 8

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a hat manufacturer
- 2 There is no record of the marriage in London & Middlesex QM or Cheshire & Staffs QM Marriages Digests or in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 No children are recorded in the Digest of Births
- 4 Her death is not recorded in the Digest of Deaths

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

ASHWORTH, Charlotte (1806-1873) born Christy

Charlotte Christy, the daughter of Thomas Christy (1776-1846 qv) and his wife Rebecca (born Hewling, 1774-1837 qv) of Gracechurch Street in London and Broomfield in Essex, was born at Gracechurch Street on 2 January 1806(1). As Rebecca Christy her mother was a well known minister of the Society(2).

Charlotte was married in 1832 to Edmund Ashworth (1800-1881 qv), a cotton twist manufacturer of Egerton Hall in Lancashire and there were nine children(3). Her husband left the Society in 1876(4).

Charlotte Ashworth of Egerton died on 8 June 1873, at the age of sixty eight(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a hatter
- 2 See entry for CHRISTY, Rebecca (1774-1837)
- 3 For marriage and children see ASHWORTH, Edmund (1800-1881)
- 4 See entry for ASHWORTH, Edmund (1800-1881)
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Edmund

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

ASHWORTH, Edmund (1800-1881)

Edmund Ashworth, the son of John Ashworth (1772-1855 qv) and his wife Isabel (born Thomasson, 1771-1852 qv) of Birtenshaw in the parish of Turton in Lancashire, was born there on 17 November 1800(1). The Ashworths had been yeomen at Turton for many generations, farming a larger than average holding at Birtenshaw, but it was poor farming land and John Ashworth followed a variety of occupations, one of which was cotton spinning. He built New Eagley Mill on his marriage to Isabel Thomasson in 1793.

His eldest son Henry (1794-1880 qv) entered the mill in 1818 and Edmund joined him in 1821; by 1831 the two brothers were sole partners in the undertaking. In 1826 a new mill was taken over at Egerton and this became primarily Edmund's concern. The Ashworths were successful men of business and under their management the mills prospered and expanded. With the help of their father, who had invested heavily in the milling business, they weathered a number of setbacks in the trade, but there was growing tension between them, caused chiefly by Henry's insistence that as the elder brother and senior partner he should have a larger share of the profits. This was the more galling to Edmund as there were times when only the production at Egerton kept New Eagley solvent. Edmund had married in 1832 Charlotte Christy (1806-1873 qv) of Broomfield in Essex(2), a wealthy woman in her own right; there were nine children(3). Home life at Egerton Hall was comfortable and prosperous and Edmund kept a pack of hounds and hunted regularly.

Edmund Ashworth shared his brother's concern for the well-being of their employees and was associated with him in the building of model cottages and the institution of excellent schools for children under the age of nine. An evening class was introduced at Egerton for adult workers and the school room was also used for social purposes. Edmund was at one time President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce(4) and joined his brother on the Committee of Manchester Manufacturers who went to London to protest against the Factories Regulation Act of 1833. But by 1854 the friction between the two brothers and their increasing prosperity made the dissolution of the partnership inevitable, Henry taking New Eagley and Edmund Egerton.

He served for a time on the Country Committee for Ackworth School(5) but, unlike his brother, Edmund Ashworth could not be described as a committed Friend, although he served as clerk to Marsden Monthly Meeting; he left the Society in 1876(6).

Edmund Ashworth died in 1881(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Rhodes Boyson, The Ashworth Cotton Enterprise, Oxford 1970

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a fustian manufacturer
- 2 The wedding was at Chelmsford on 7 March 1832: he is described as a cotton spinner of Egerton Hall, near Bolton le Moors in Lancashire, the son of John and Isabel Ashworth of Turton near Bolton le Moors; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Christy of Broomfield in Essex (Essex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest, the Digest of Births and given in the Binns Notebook, Friends House Library, MS vol S 494, p 73, as follows:-

Edward	b 2 Jan 1833
Samuel	b 15 Aug 1834
Charles	b 23 Sept 1835
Mark	b 13 Nov 1836
Rebecca Maria	b 24 May 1838
Charlotte Anne	b 23 Oct 1839
Thomas Christy	b 5 Oct 1841
Alfred	b 23 April 1843
Philip	b 15 Nov 1844

The Binns Notebook, loc cit, gives the date of birth of Mark as
24 November 1836

No marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of
Marriages to 1903

- 4 J Friends Hist Soc vol 51, p 228
- 5 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
- 6 J Friends Hist Soc vol 53, p 93
- 7 Rhodes Boyson, op cit, pedigree

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 52, p 54

ASHWORTH, Elizabeth (1826-1852) after 1848 Leicester

[Elizabeth Ashworth, daughter of John Ashworth (1796- qv)
and his first wife Sarah (born Naish, 1794-1838 qv) of
Turton in Lancashire, was married in 1848 to Chamney
Leicester (1823- qv).]

See LEICESTER, Elizabeth (1826-1852) born Ashworth]

ASHWORTH, Elizabeth (1855?-1939) born Blight

Elizabeth Blight, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced, was born about the year 1855(1).

She was married in 1880 to John Ashworth (1848-1935 qv), a mining and civil engineer of Manchester and there were apparently three children(2).

She was not a member of the Society at the time of her marriage, but is shown as a member of Hardshaw East Monthly Meeting from 1887 onwards(3). Her husband was a minister and a very active member of the Society(4).

Elizabeth Ashworth of 3 Wolseley Place, Withington, Manchester, died on 17 May 1939, at the age of eighty four(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 84 at death
- 2 For marriage and children see ASHWORTH, John (1848-1935)
- 3 Lancashire & Cheshire QM printed Lists of Members: she is shown as a member from 1887 to 1937
- 4 See entry for ASHWORTH, John (1848-1935)
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of John

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

ASHWORTH, Grace (1811-1890) born Binns

Grace Binns, the daughter of Richard Binns (1777-1841 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Dougill, 1775-1853 qv) of Crawshawbooth in the parish of Whalley in Lancashire, was born there on 30 July 1811(1).

She became in 1840 the second wife of John Ashworth (1796-1879 qv), a land agent of Turton in Lancashire and there were eight children(2).

Grace Ashworth of Turton died on 18 October 1890, at the age of seventy nine(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a shopkeeper
The Binns Notebook, Friends House Library, MS vol S 494, pp 70-71
gives her birthplace as Turton
- 2 For marriage and children see ASHWORTH, John (1796-1879)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of John

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1892, p 4: 2 line entry for death

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

ASHWORTH, Henry (1794-1880)

Henry Ashworth, the eldest son of John Ashworth (1772-1855 qv) and his wife Isabel (born Thomasson, 1771-1852 qv) of Turton in the parish of Bolton in Lancashire, was born there on 4 September 1794(1). He was educated at several of the best Friends' schools then in existence, completing his education at Ackworth School from 1807 to 1808(2). The Ashworths had been yeomen at Turton for many generations, farming a larger than average holding at Birtenshaw, but it was poor farming land and John Ashworth followed a variety of occupations, one of which was cotton spinning. He built New Eagley Mill on his marriage to Isabel Thomasson and Henry began his business life under his father's direction.

With his brother Edmund (1800-1881 qv) he took over the running of New Eagley Mill in 1818, at the age of twenty four and he and his brother became sole partners in 1831. In 1826 they took over a new mill at Egerton, which became mainly Edmund's concern. The Ashworths were able men of business and were very successful, their fine cotton twist being much in demand. They successively weathered a number of slumps in the trade, with the help of their father, who had invested heavily in the milling business, but Henry, as elder brother, took a larger share of the profits than did Edmund, whose wife was a wealthy woman in her own right, and this contributed to the slowly worsening relationship between the two brothers.

They were excellent employers and both at New Eagley and at Egerton erected cottages for their employees which were a model for the time. The cottages were so much sought after that prospective tenants felt it an honour to be selected for occupation and vied with one another to keep them in good order. The Ashworths took a keen interest in the well being of their work-people and made constant but irregular inspections of the cottages to see that all was well; they were prompt and scrupulous in carrying out necessary repairs and alterations. Many prominent industrialists and politicians came to inspect the villages growing up round New Eagley and Egerton and were much impressed by the standard of housing the Ashworths had achieved, which even won praise from The Times.

Schools were added to the two villages and all children up to the age of nine were given a good grounding in basic subjects. The two schools were organised under the auspices of the British and Foreign Schools Society, but they were managed by the Ashworths and the considerable expenses, including the salaries of the excellent teachers employed, were borne out of the accounts of the mills. An evening class was added at Egerton for the mill operatives. Henry Ashworth was never afraid of the value of education and was proud of the fact that many who had begun life in his village school later became mill managers and achieved positions of responsibility and influence. He also believed that the care he gave

to the education of the children and to the well-being of the mill operatives contributed to the higher social and moral standards of his villages. Through his advocacy a British School was established at Bolton, which was later handed over to the School Board.

Henry Ashworth was a close friend of Richard Cobden and helped him to start the Anti-Corn Law League. He was also bitterly opposed to the growing movement of trade unionism. He considered that trade unions handicapped the productive freedom of industry and that they would be as detrimental to a free enterprise society as were the Corn Laws. He believed that a master should be in complete control of the methods of his production, while wages were a natural contract between his workers and himself, arrived at according to the state of the trade, his profits and the available labour supply. He considered that his employees' interests were bound up with his own and that a mutually satisfactory contract on wages would always arise where there was no outside interference. New Eagley remained a non-union factory until his death.

He also opposed the 1833 Factories Regulation Act, which would prohibit the employment of children under the age of nine and limit the hours of labour of those between nine and seventeen, giving two hours schooling a day to those between the ages of nine and twelve. He and his brother were both members of the Committee of Manchester Manufacturers which was appointed in 1836 to go to London to mobilise opposition to the Act, although his paternal interest in the welfare of his employees makes it difficult to understand why he took so strong a view of an Act which legalised his own well established practices.

He was for many years an esteemed member of Manchester Chamber of Commerce, of which he was president until he felt that the time had come for him to make way for younger men. He took a warm interest in the Mechanics Institute at Bolton, where he gave a series of much appreciated lectures. He was a close thinker and an intelligent observer of all the subjects to which his varied duties called him and he wrote a number of pamphlets which were highly valued by his friends in Lancashire. His character as a generous employer and a magnificent supporter of charities was well known in Lancashire.

He was married in 1823 to Letitia Binns (1798-1868 qv) of Liverpool (3) and there were eleven children(4). Both Henry and Letitia were descendants of John Binns (1703/4-1785 qv) and his wife Abigail (born King, 1687-1753 qv). Henry Ashworth's home and religious life were the background of all his activities. He was proud of his Quaker ancestry and had an intense spiritual attachment to Quakerism; his role in the Society was in its administration and finance, the portrayal of its image to the world and in helping to modernise it. There is no record that he ever spoke in meetings for worship, but his religion was to him a comfort and an hereditary loyalty. He began attending Marsden Monthly Meeting in 1813 and from 1816 was given specific tasks, yet a love of pleasure conflicted with some Quaker principles and at least one Friend remonstrated with him in a series of letters in 1818. He had "a most unquakerly

passion for the gun, which he used to great dexterity on the moors. His hardy frame and careful life gave him unusual advantages, so that at eighty he was as sure of his aim as at twenty."(5). Under a calm external manner he had a very tender and feeling heart and had a true sympathy with those in distress; he knew how with delicacy and kindness to lighten sorrows which he could not disregard.

The partnership between the two brothers remained in being until 1854. In 1855, when Henry was able to leave his son in charge of the business, he made a journey to the East and visited Egypt and Palestine, taking with him his small pocket bible as a guide and companion. About two years afterwards he visited the United States, Canada and Cuba. He made a careful inspection of cotton cultivation in the Mississippi Valley, the condition of the negroes and the life of the planters; on his return home he delivered a course of lectures on what he had seen and these were published by Pitman. He made many visits to the continent of Europe for health and recreation and also to study the progress of foreign manufacturers.

In 1880 he made a journey to Italy, attended by his youngest daughter, but he contracted Roman fever on his journey home to attend London Yearly Meeting. Henry Ashworth of The Oaks, Bolton, died in Florence on 17 May 1880, at the age of eighty five and was buried in the Protestant cemetery at Florence(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Rhodes Boyson, The Ashworth Cotton Enterprise, Oxford 1970
Annual Monitor 1881, pp 13-20

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a fustian manufacturer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars, 1779-1879, p 65, entry 2896
- 3 The wedding was at Hardshaw within Windle, Lancashire, on 9 January 1823: he is described as a cotton spinner of Turton in Lancashire, the son of John, a land agent and Isabel Ashworth of Turton in Lancashire; she is described as the daughter of George, a merchant (deceased) and Sarah Binns of Liverpool (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

4 Listed in Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digests, the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths and given in the Binns Notebook, Friends House Library, MS vol S 494, p 69 as follows:-

*George Binns	b 29 Nov 1823	
Isabella	b 1 July 1825	m 1851 George Crosfield
*John	b 3 Aug 1826	
*Henry	b 22 March 1828	
*Sarah	b 23 July 1829	
William	b 14 Nov 1830	d 20 Jan 1831
*Alice	b 14 March 1832	
Letitia	b 1 Sept 1834	m 1858 George King Harrison
Arthur	b 4 Oct 1836	d 6 July 1848
*Eliza	b 21 Nov 1838	
*William	b 28 Aug 1841	

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

The Binns Notebook, loc cit, gives the date of birth of William as 28 November 1841

5 Dictionary of National Biography

6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a cotton spinner

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 4, p 48: vol 22, p 79:
vol 51, p 228: vol 52, p 54: vol 53, p 93:

The Friend, vol 20, p 210: notice of death and short obit.

J.H.Nodal, The Bibliography of Ackworth School

044.06

PUBLICATIONS

The Preston Strike of 1837	- - - - -	- - - - -	1838
Trade Depression at Bolton	- - - - -	- - - - -	1841
State of Lancashire: Statistical Illustrations	- - - - -	- - - - -	1842
The Preston Strike of 1853	- - - - -	- - - - -	1853
Cotton Cultivation	- - - - -	- - - - -	1858
A Tour of the United States and Canada	- - - - -	- - - - -	1861
Our Colonies	- - - - -	- - - - -	1862
Maritime Law and Trade	- - - - -	- - - - -	1864
Cotton Manufacture: Historical Data	- - - - -	- - - - -	1866
Recollections of Cobden and the League, London, 2nd edition in 1881	- - - - -	- - - - -	1876

With the exception of the Recollections, these were all published in Manchester. See also Joseph Smith's Catalogue vol 1, pp 140-141

N.B. A portrait of Henry Ashworth is given in The Ashworth Cotton Enterprise and in his Recollections of Cobden

ASHWORTH, Henry, 1794-1880.

Cotton manufacturer, writer, lecturer

b. 4 Sept. 1794, Entwistle, Turton n/r Bolton, Lancs., Eng.
1807, Ackworth School.

m. Letitia Binns, 1823. Large family.

Cotton manufacturer at Turton. An able man of business and very liberal with his means. Interested in education and welfare of his employees. Member, Manchester Chamber of Commerce. Friend of Richard Cobden & helped him start the Anti-Corn-Law-League. Gave lectures at the Mechanics Institute in Bolton. 1855, visited Egypt and Palestine. ca. 1857 visited U.S.A. to see slavery and cotton cultivation.

Refused to pay tithes.

Author: 1838, The Preston Strike of 1837, Manchester;
1841, Trade Depression at Bolton; 1842, State of Lancashire: Statistical Illustrations; 1853, The Preston Strike of 1853; 1858, Cotton Cultivation; 1861, A Tour in the United States and Canada; 1862, Our Colonies; 1864, Maritime Law and Trade; 1866, Cotton Manufacture: Historical Data; 1876, Recollections of Cobden and the League, London, 2d edition in 1881, all the others at Manchester.

"Had a most unquakerly passion for the gun, which he used with great dexterity on the moors. His hardy frame and careful life gave him unusual advantages, so that at eighty he was as sure of his aim as at twenty." Dic. Nat. Biog.

A portrait of H.A. is given in his Recollections of Cobden.
d. 17 May 1880, Florence, while returning from Italy, age 85.
bur. at Florence.

WBE:

ASHWORTH, Henry, 1794-1880. (Page 2)

3

The Friend, London, 20: 210.

An. Mon., N.S., 39: 13.

Dic. of Nat. Biog., 2: 187.

List of Ackworth Scholars, p. 65.

The Biogliography of Ackworth School, Nodal.

ASHWORTH, Isabel (1771-1852) born Thomasson

Isabel Thomasson, the daughter of Thomas Thomasson (1742-1782 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Binns, 1747-1818 qv) of Edgeworth in the parish of Bolton le Moors in Lancashire, was born there on 31 December 1771(1). Her father died when she was only ten years old and as the eldest of the family she was brought back from school to help her mother. Margaret Thomasson ran a carding and spinning business and Isabel rode round to the Turton out-workers. Her mother was a Quaker minister who made many journeys on horseback throughout England and Ireland.

Isabel was married in 1793 to John Ashworth (1772-1855 qv), whose ancestors had been yeomen at Turton for generations, and there were eleven children(2). John Ashworth became interested in cotton twist spinning and built a mill at Turton on the advice of Isabel's father, but his real interest lay in farming and estate management(3).

Isabel Ashworth was naturally of a diffident and retiring disposition and her piety was unobtrusive, sincere and practical. She was especially concerned for the poor and destitute and her charity was accompanied by sound practical advice, which was often heeded. Her forgetfulness of self and her consideration for the feelings and needs of others were distinguishing features of her character; her judgment was naturally clear and sound, while the quiet firmness with which she met the duties and trials of her long life showed her faith in the control and guidance of a deep and active trust in God. She might truly be said to be an upright and single hearted Christian, strongly attached to the principles and testimonies of the Society. She was a loving wife and a tender and affectionate mother.

Her health declined gradually and gently. Isabel Ashworth of Birtenshaw in Turton, Lancashire, died very peacefully on 19 November 1852, at the age of eighty one(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Rhodes Boyson, The Ashworth Cotton Enterprise, Oxford 1970, pp 5, 243
Annual monitor 1854 pp 2-10

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see ASHWORTH, John (1772-1855)
- 3 See entry for ASHWORTH, John (1772-1855)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of John

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

ASHWORTH, Isabel (1771-1852) born Thomasson

Isabel Thomasson, the daughter of Thomas and Margaret Thomasson of Edgeworth in the parish of Bolton le Moors, was born there on 31 December 1771(1). She was married in 1793 to John Ashworth(2) and there were ten children of the marriage(3).

She was naturally of a diffident and retiring disposition and her piety was unobtrusive, sincere and practical. She was especially concerned for the poor and destitute and her charity was accompanied by sound practical advice, which was often heeded. Her forgetfulness of self and her consideration for the feelings of others were distinguishing features of her character; her judgment was naturally clear and sound, while the quiet firmness with which she met the duties and trials of her long life showed her faith in the control and guidance of a deep and active trust in God. She might be truly said to be an upright and single hearted Christian, strongly attached to the principles and testimonies of the Society.

She died at Bortinshaw, Turton near Bolton, on 19 November 1852(4), at the age of eighty one.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1854 pp 2-10

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Edgeworth, Lancashire, on 26 September 1793: he is described as of Turton, Lancashire, the son of Henry Ashworth, a yeoman (deceased) and his wife Isabel; she is described as of Edgeorth, Lancashire, the daughter of Thomas, a yeoman (deceased) and his wife Margaret (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Henry	b 4 Sept 1794	who m 1823 Letitia Binns
John	b 21 Feb 1796	who m (2) 1840 Grace Binns; first marriage not traced
Tabitha	b 28 June 1797	who d 11 Feb 1803
Isabel	b 1 Jan 1799	who m 1817 Samuel Jewitt Burchall
Edmund	b 17 Nov 1800	no further trace in 1976
Thomas	b 4 Aug 1802	who m (2) 1841 Sophia Bright; first marriage not traced
Tabitha	b 24 Jan 1804	who m 1822 Isaac Radwen Junr
Alice	b 3 Dec 1805	who d 13 Feb 1829
Mary	b 3 Feb 1808	no further trace in 1976
William	b 18 Feb 1812	who d 15 Nov 1826

continued

ASHWORTH, Isabel (1771-1852)

continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES

4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of John

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

ASHWORTH, Isabel (1799-1827) after 1819 Naish

[Isabel Ashworth, daughter of John Ashworth (1772-1855 qv) and his wife Isabel (born Thomasson, 1771-1852 qv) of Turton in Lancashire, was married in 1819 to Edmund Naish (1792-1844 qv).]

See NAISH, Isabel (1799-1827) born Ashworth]

ASHWORTH, John (1772-1855)

John Ashworth, the son of Henry Ashworth (1729-1789) and his wife Isabel (born Wood, 1747-1804) of Turton in Lancashire, was born there on 27 August 1772(1). The Ashworths had been yeomen at Turton for many generations, farming a larger than average holding at Birtenshaw, but it was poor farming land and John and his father followed a variety of occupations. His mother had been brought up as a Quaker and John became a member of the Society in 1793, shortly before his marriage.

His father was a chapman, land agent and principally a fustian manufacturer and for a while John and his brother Edmund continued in the latter business, John combining it with farming and land agency. But he was also interested in the expanding production of cotton spinning and after his marriage in 1793 to Isabel Thomasson (1771-1852 qv) of Ddgeworth in Lancashire(2) he built New Eagley Mill for the production of fine cotton twist; there were eleven children of his marriage(3).

He was associated with his brother Edmund in the running of New Eagley Mill, but they left it in the hands of incompetent managers, it accumulated bad debts and from 1803 to 1816 it showed a loss every year. John Ashworth was more interested in his land valuation work and in his farm and became a noted improver of agricultural methods. He had built New Eagley under the influence of his father-in-law Thomas Thomasson (1742-1782 qv), at a time when mill building was fashionable and handed it over to his two sons Henry (1794-1880 qv) and Edmund (1800-1881 qv) between 1818 and 1821. By 1831 he had ceased to take any active part in the running of the mill, although he was still financially involved, took a share of the profits and helped his sons through a series of trade depressions. But he was primarily a farmer and land agent, in which occupation he was joined by his two remaining sons.

He served for a time on the Country Committee for Ackworth School(4), at which two of his sons were educated.

John Ashworth of Birtenshaw, Turton near Bolton in Lancashire, died on 23 October 1855, at the age of eighty four(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Rhodes Boyson, The Ashworth Cotton Enterprise, Oxford 1970, pp 1-12, 243

continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Rhodes Boyson, op cit, pedigree and the Binns Notebook, Friends House Library, MS vol S 494, p 59
- 2 The wedding was at Edgeworth in Lancashire on 26 September 1793: he is described as of Turton in Lancashire, the son of Henry Ashworth, a yeoman (deceased) and Isabel his wife; she is described as of Edgeworth in Lancashire, the daughter of Thomas, a yeoman (deceased) and Margaret Thomasson (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests, the Digest of Marriages and the Binns Notebook, loc cit, as follows:-

Henry qv	b 4 Sept 1794	m 1823 Letitia Binns (1798-1848 qv)
John qv	b 21 Feb 1796	m (1) 1820 Sarah Naish (1794-1838 qv) (2) 1840 Grace Binns (1811-1890 qv)
Tabitha	b 28 June 1797	d 11 Feb 1803
Isabel qv	b 1 Jan 1799	m 1819 Edmund Naish (1792-1844 qv)
Edmund qv	b 17 Nov 1800	m 1832 Charlotte Christy (1806-1873 qv)
Thomas qv	b 4 Aug 1802	m (1) 1836 Ann Christy (1812-1838 qv) (2) 1841 Sophia Bright (1813-1844 qv) (3) 1847 Alicia Sarah Nicolls (1810-1891 qv)
Tabitha qv	b 24 Jan 1804	m 1823 Isaac Hadwen (1793-1865 qv)
Alice	b 3 Dec 1805	d 13 Feb 1829, aged 23
Mary	b 3 Feb 1808	d 20 June 1809
Joseph	b 22 June 1810	d 27 June 1810
William	b 18 Feb 1812	d 15 Nov 1826, aged 14

The Binns Notebook, loc cit, gives the date of William's death as 5 November 1826; the deaths of Mary and Joseph are not given in Lancashire QM Burials Digest
- 4 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1857, p 2: 2 line entry for death; his age is given as 74

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

Ashworth, John (1796-1879)

John Ashworth, the son of John Ashworth (1771?-1855 qv) and his wife Isabel (born Thompson, 1771-1852 qv) of Turton in Lancashire, was born there on 21 February 1796(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1807 to 1808(2).

He became a land agent(3) and was married in 1820 to Sarah Naish(4); there were nine children(5). Sarah Ashworth died in 1838(6) and in 1840 he married Grace Binns(7); there were eight children of the second marriage(8).

He served for a time on the Country Committee for Ackworth School(9).

John Ashworth of Turton near Bolton in Lancashire died on 17 April 1879, at the age of eighty three(10).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a fustian manufacturer

2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 65

3 He is so described in his marriage entries, notes 4 and 7

4 The wedding was at Cleverham on 31 May 1820: he is described as a land agent of Turton, near Bolton in Lancashire, the son of John and Isabel Ashworth; she is described as the daughter of Edmund and Mary Naish, late of Bourton in Somerset (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)

5 Listed in Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Mary Naish	b 27 April 1821	who m 1850 John Reles Littleboy (1825-1888 qv)
------------	-----------------	---

Francis	b 21 Feb 1823	who d 1 March 1831
---------	---------------	--------------------

*Joseph	b 30 Nov 1824	
---------	---------------	--

Elizabeth	b 31 Oct 1826	who m 1848 Chamney Leicester
-----------	---------------	------------------------------

*Sarah	b 7 Oct 1828	
--------	--------------	--

Ann	b 18 Oct 1830	who d 1 March 1831
-----	---------------	--------------------

*Edmund Naish	b 27 Jan 1832	
---------------	---------------	--

Frederick	b 17 April 1834	who m 1859 Eliza Thistlewhite
-----------	-----------------	-------------------------------

Louisa	b 26 April 1836	who m 1865 David Weddington
--------	-----------------	-----------------------------

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

6 Digest of Deaths: she died 3 May 1838, aged 43

7 The wedding was at Crawshaw Booth on 6 October 1840: he is described as a widower, a land agent of Rose Hill, Turton, the son of John Ashworth, a land agent; she is described as a spinster of Cawshaw Booth, the daughter of Richard Binns, a grocer and draper (Digest of Marriages)

continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 8 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-
- | | | |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Richard Binns | b 15 July 1841 | who d 1 Dec 1846 |
| Anna Maria | b 18 Feb 1843 | who d 29 Nov 1846 |
| *James | b 16 Aug 1844 | |
| Robert | b 9 May 1846 | who m 1883 Richenda Jackson |
| *John | b 8 Feb 1848 | |
| *Edwin Binns | b 5 Nov 1849 | |
| *Margaret | b 15 Feb 1851 | |
| Albert | b 29 Nov 1852 | who d 1 Dec 1861 |
- *No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920
- 9 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
- 10 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a land agent

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

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1880, p 19: brief entry relating to his last illness and death, which adds:- "His amiable and kindly disposition and quiet even course through a long life won him the affection of a large family circle, and the esteem and regard of his friends and those with whom he transacted business. He was always a regular attender at meetings for worship and quietly and honourably discharged his family and business duties."

ASHWORTH, John (1796-1879)

John Ashworth, the son of John Ashworth (1772-1855 qv) and his wife Isabel (born Thomasson, 1771-1852 qv) of Turton in the parish of Bolton in Lancashire, was born there on 21 February 1796(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1807 to 1808(2). The Ashworths had been yeomen at Turton for many generations, farming a larger than average holding at Birtenshaw, but it was poor farming land and John Ashworth senior followed a variety of occupations.

He was a fustian and later a cotton manufacturer at Turton, but his real interest lay in farming and estate management and it was in this latter occupation that he was joined by John and his brother Thomas (1802-1870 qv). The two remaining brothers, Henry (1794-1880 qv) and Edmund (1800-1881 qv) had gone into the cotton twist manufacturing side of their father's activities on extremely favourable terms and John and Thomas tried to use this as a lever to persuade their father to terminate his partnership with them. Thomas went to Poynton in Cheshire and set up on his own account as an estate agent, but John remained with his father. John Ashworth senior had been a trustee of Turton Workhouse since 1796 and John joined him in this office in 1823. John also had a financial interest in the mills run by his two brothers. He also served from 1849 to 1853 on the Country Committee for Ackworth School(3).

He was twice married. He married firstly in 1820 Sarah Naish (1794-1838 qv) of Flax Bourton near Bristol(4) and there were nine children(5). He married secondly in 1840 Grace Binns (1811-1890 qv) of Crawshawbooth in Lancashire(6) and there were eight children(7).

"His amiable and kindly disposition and quiet even course through a long life won him the affection of a large family circle, and the esteem and regard of his friends and those with whom he transacted business. He was always a regular attender at meetings for worship and quietly and honourably discharged his family and business duties."(8)

John Ashworth of Turton died on 17 April 1879, at the age of eighty three(9).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Rhodes Boyson, The Ashworth Cotton Enterprise, Oxford 1970, pp 1-13, 24, 184

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a fustian manufacturer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 65, entry 2897
- 3 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
- 4 The wedding was at Claverham on 31 May 1820: he is described as a land agent of Turton near Bolton in Lancashire, the son of John and Isabel Ashworth of Turton; she is described as the daughter of Edmund and Mary Naish, late of Bourton in Somerset (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)

continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 5 Listed in Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digests, the Digest of Marriages and given in the Binns Notebook, Friends House Library, MS vol S 494, pp 70-71 as follows:-

Mary Naish qv	b 27 April 1821	m 1850 John Eeles Littleboy (1825-1888 qv)
Francis	b 21 Feb 1823	d 1 March 1831
*Joseph	b 30 Nov 1824	
Elizabeth qv	b 31 Oct 1826	m 1848 Chamney Leicester (1826- qv)
*Sarah	b 7 Oct 1828	
Ann	b 18 Oct 1830	d 1 March 1831
*Edmund Naish	b 27 Jan 1832	
Frederick	b 17 April 1834	m 1859 Eliza Thistletonwaite (1817-)
Louisa	b 26 April 1836	m 1865 David Waddington

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

The Binns Notebook, loc cit, gives the dates of death of Francis and Ann as 3 January 1831

- 6 The wedding was at Crawshawbooth in the parish of Whalley on 6 October 1840: he is described as a widower, a land agent of Rose Hill, Turton, the son of John Ashworth, a land agent; she is described as a spinster of Crawshawbooth, the daughter of Richard Binns, a grocer and draper (Digest of Marriages)

- 7 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths and given in the Binns Notebook, loc cit, as follows:-

Richard Binns	b 15 July 1841	d 1 Dec 1846
Anna Maria	b 18 Feb 1843	d 29 Nov 1846
*James	b 10 Aug 1844	
Robert	b 9 May 1846	m 1883 Richenda Jackson
John qv	b 8 Feb 1848	m 1880 Elizabeth Blight (Baptist Chapel)

*Edwin Binns b 5 Nov 1849

*Margaret b 15 Feb 1851

Albert b 29 Nov 1852 d 1 Dec 1861

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

- 8 Annual Monitor 1880, pp 19-20: the entry otherwise relates only to his illness and death

- 9 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a land agent

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

2

ASHWORTH, John (1848-1935)

John Ashworth, the son of John Ashworth (1796-1879 qv) and his second wife Grace (born Binns, 1811-1890 qv) of Rose Hill, Turton in the parish of Bolton in Lancashire, was born there on 8 February 1848(1).

He was married at the Baptist Church, Camden Road on 17 June 1880 to Elizabeth Blight of Holloway(2) and there were apparently three children(3).

He held a distinctive place among Friends. Serving as doorkeeper at London Yearly Meeting for thirty years he was personally known to a large number of Friends in all parts of the country and eight visits to Friends in America and Canada opened up for him a large sphere of service. In 1908 he was charged by Yearly Meeting with a message of love to all Friends in the United States and Canada.

In 1900 he visited the Doukhobors, who had become settled in the North-West Territories and was the means of clearing up much misrepresentation as to the condition of the settlers, and restoring confidence in the settlement scheme. He found them becoming thoroughly competent in the organisation of their lives and was very critical of the sentiments and assistance which had been offered by individuals. He formed the decided view that everything done for the settlers should be under the control of the government.

As a member of the Friends' Peace Society he was a representative at conferences in America, Munich and Switzerland.

But although these opportunities for service were very dear to him, they were but a comparatively small part of his life in Manchester and his service to his own people there and to Lancashire & Cheshire Quarterly Meeting. He served as a minister, overseer, counsellor and leader and he was loved wherever he went. He was a welcome visitor at small meetings and for forty years he gave devoted service to the Sunday evening mission meetings at Byrom Street, later transferred to Mount Street. So dear to him was this service that it was the last of his activities which advancing years forced him to relinquish.

He had a great affection for Penketh School. He joined the school committee in 1889 and in 1928 was appointed a life member. He was a great help in meetings for worship at the school and its closure was a sad disappointment to him. In 1919, after thirty years' continuous service, he resigned the treasurership of the Manchester Friends' institute; he had served for four years as its secretary and was president in 1904-5. He was also on the committees of the British and Foreign Bible Society and of the Manchester City Museum.

He was a mining and civil engineer and a member of the firm of Cross & Sons, Ashworth and Morris. He was highly regarded in his profession and was a Fellow of the Chartered Surveyors' institute, a member of the Institute of Mining Engineers, honorary treasurer and vice-president of the Manchester Geological and Mining Society, past president and vice-president of the Manchester District Society of Surveyors, Land Agents and Valuers and a member of the committee of the Manchester Museum.

John Ashworth of 3 Wolseley Place, Withington, Manchester, died three days after a sudden heart attack, on 17 November 1935, at the age of eighty seven(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 103 (1935) pp 1094-1095

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a land agent
- 2 The Friend vol 70 (1930) p 586: notice of golden wedding
- 3 Given in Hardshaw East MM printed List of Members, 1891-1897, as follows:-
 - Marguerita Bertha
 - Grace
 - DorothyTheir births are not traced in the Digest of Births
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a consulting mining engineer

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 43, p 24n:
Supp 34 (The Other Branch) p 55n

WBE:

ASHWORTH, John, ca. 1848-1935.

2

Mining and civil engineer. Minister and overseer.

Doorkeeper at London Y. Mtg. for 30 years.

Visited Friends in U.S.A. and Canada 8 times. 1900
visited the Doukhobors in Canada. Went to Munich and Switzer-
land in the interest of peace.

Ill but 3 days.

d. 18 Nov. 1935, Manchester, age 87.

Qu. Col. Hav. 860 (portrait).

The Friend, London, 1935, 93: 1094 (portrait).

ASHWORTH, Letitia (1798-1868) born Binns

Letitia Binns, the daughter of George Binns (1769-1816 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Pearson, 1768-1847 qv) of Liverpool, was born there on 18 August 1798(1).

She was married in 1823 to Henry Ashworth (1794-1880 qv), a cotton twist manufacturer of New Eagle and Egerton mills at Turton in Lancashire and there were eleven children(2).

She seems to have been content to be a wife and mother to her large family. She was a quiet, retiring, conscientious and religious woman and her children and friends held her in great respect. She was neither a driving force nor a sounding board for her energetic and forceful husband, but provided the secure domesticity which he needed. She occasionally accompanied him to London and went at least twice to Paris, but showed no desire to travel further afield. She occupied herself with entertaining guests at The Oaks, supervising the upbringing of her children and later visiting them and writing them letters on their birthdays or anniversaries.

Letitia Ashworth of The Oaks, Bolton, died on 21 March 1868, at the age of sixty nine(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Rhodes Boyson, The Ashworth Cotton Enterprise, Oxford 1970, p 245

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a leather dealer
- 2 For marriage and children see ASHWORTH, Henry (1794-1880)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Henry

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1869, p 8: 2 line entry for death

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

ASHWORTH, Mary Naish (1821-1884) after 1850 Littleboy

[Mary Naish Ashworth, daughter of John Ashworth (1796-1879 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Naish, 1794-1838 qv) of Turton in Lancashire, was married in 1850 to John Leles Littleboy (1825-1888 qv).]

See LITTLEBOY, Mary Naish (1821-1884) born Ashworth]

ASHWORTH, Sarah (1794-1838) born Naish

Sarah Naish, the daughter of Edmund Naish (1758-1817 qv) and his wife Mary (born Gregory, 1759-1812 qv) of Flax Bourton near Bristol, was born there on 1 July 1794(1).

She was married in 1820 to John Ashworth (1796-1879 qv), a land agent of Turton in Lancashire and there were nine children(2).

Sarah Ashworth of Turton, Bolton le Moors, died on 3 May 1838, at the age of forty three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Sonerset OM Births Digest: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 For marriage and children see ASHWORTH, John (1796-1879)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of John, a land agent

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

ASHWORTH, Sophia (1813-1844) born Bright

Sophia Bright, the daughter of Jacob Bright (-) and his wife Martha (born) of Rochdale in Lancashire, was born there on 27 May 1813(1).

She became in 1841 the second wife of Thomas Ashworth (1802-1870 qv), an estate agent of Poynton in Cheshire and there were two children(2).

Sophia Ashworth of Poynton in the parish of Prestbury in Cheshire died on 4 May 1844, at the age of thirty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a cotton spinner
- 2 For marriage and children see ASHWORTH, Thomas (1802-1870)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Thomas

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

ASHWORTH, Tabitha (1804-1872) after 1822 Hadwen

(Tabitha Ashworth, daughter of John and Isabel Ashworth of Bolton in Lancashire, was married in 1822 to Isaac Hadwen (1793-1865 qv).)

See HADWEN, Tabitha (1804-1872) born Ashworth)

Ashworth, Thomas (1802-1870)

Thomas Ashworth, the son of John Ashworth (1772-1855 qv) and his wife Isabel (born Thomassen, 1771-1852 qv) of Birtenshaw in Turton in the parish of Bolton in Lancashire, was born there on 4 August 1802(1). The Ashworths had been yeomen at Turton for many generations, farming a larger than average holding at Birtenshaw, but it was poor farming land and John Ashworth followed a variety of occupations.

He was a fustian and later a cotton twist manufacturer at Turton, but his real interest lay in farming and estate management and it was in this latter occupation that Thomas joined him, later becoming agent for Lord Vernon's collieries. His elder brothers Henry (1794-1880 qv) and Edmund (1800-1881 qv) had gone into the cotton milling side of their father's activities on terms which were extremely favourable and Thomas was envious of their position and what he saw as his father's partiality. He later moved to Poynton in Cheshire, where he became an estate agent(2).

He was married three times. He married firstly in 1836 Anne Christy (1812-1838 qv) of Broomfield in Essex(3) and there were two children who died in infancy(4). He married secondly in 1841 Sophia Bright (1813-1844 qv) of Rochdale in Lancashire(5) and there were again two children(6). He married thirdly in 1847 Alicia Sarah Nicolls (1810?-1891 qv) of Stoke Newington(7) and there was one child, who died young(8).

Thomas Ashworth of Bath died on 30 April 1870, at the age of sixty seven(9).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Rhodes Boyson, The Ashworth Cotton Enterprise, Oxford 1970, pp 1-13, 24

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a cotton manufacturer
- 2 He is so described in his second and third marriage entries, notes 5 and 7
- 3 The wedding was at W tham in Essex on 25 February 1836: he is described as of Turton in the parish of Bolton in the county of Lancaster, the son of John and Isabel Ashworth of Turton; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Christy of Broomfield in the county of Essex (Essex QM Marriages Digest)

continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths and given in the Binns Notebook, Friends House Library, MS vol S 494, p 74 as follows:-
 Francis b 10 Sept 1837 d 25 Feb 1838
 Thomas b 1838 d 1838
- 5 The wedding was at Rochdale on 22 July 1841: he is described as a widower, an estate agent of Poynton in Cheshire, the son of John Ashworth, a land agent; she is described as a spinster of Greenbank, Rochdale, the daughter of Jacob Bright, a cotton spinner (Digest of Marriages)
- 6 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages and in the Binns Notebook, loc cit, as follows:-
 *Anne Frances b 5 Sept 1842
 Lillias Sophia b 18 April 1844 m 1877 Thomas George Palmer Hallett
- *No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920. The Binns Notebook, loc cit, gives her date of birth as 18 September 1842
- 7 The wedding was at Stoke Newington on 7 October 1847: he is described as a widower, an estate agent of Poynton, the son of John Ashworth, a gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Stoke Newington, the daughter of Edward Nicolls, Major General (Digest of Marriages)
- 8 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-
 Alicia Ashworth b 6 Feb 1849 d 26 Aug 1865, aged 16
- 9 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1871, p 2: 1 line entry for death

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

ASKEW, Margaret (1614-1702) aftw. Fell, aftw. Fox

[Margaret Askew, daughter of John Askew and his wife
(nee) was married in
1632 to Thomas Fell, and in 1669 to George Fox

see FOX, Margaret (1614-1702) formerly Fell, born Askew]

WBE:
Additional Information

ASKEW, Margaret (later Fell, later Fox) (ca.1615-1702)

see FOX, Margaret

ASPDEN, Jessica

(1899 ? - 1963)

Jessica Aspden was born in about the year 1899.(1) She trained as a teacher and after various appointments of which we have no record we are told that she was headmistress of Southover Manor School, Lewes for some thirty years, retiring in about 1959/60 to Kent to live with her sister, Joyce Irene Hope Aspden (1902 - 1967 qv) and there she began attending Ashford meeting which she joined in about 1962.(2)

She died on February 3, 1963, aged 64.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 121 (1963) p. 404.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth she was aged 64 at death.
2. Kent QM printed list of members for 1962 records her as an attender at Ashford. The list for 1963 records her as a member.

SGJ. OCT.'80

ASPDEN, Joyce Irene Hope (1902-1967)

Joyce Aspden was born in South Africa on 21 April 1902.

For eighteen years she served as headmistress of St Anne's, a grammar school for girls in the City of York. To this position she brought "vigour, competence and warmth". Her interest in women and in the education of women involved her in the larger community. She was President of the York Head Teachers' Association, the first Chairman of the York and District Standing Committee of Women's Organizations, and before her retirement Chairman of the Catherine Cappe Memorial Home for homeless working girls. She became the first full woman member of one of the three Rowntree Trusts.

She retired from York to Kent in 1920, joining her sister Jessica, also a retired headmistress. She and her sister made a visit to South Africa, and after Jessica's death in 1963 she responded to an invitation to Friends in England to spend time in pastoral visitation and residence among Meetings in South Africa. She died on 21 January 1967.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

Testimony of Canterbury MM and of York MM in YM Proc. 1968, p.165

ASTEN, Wilfred

(- 1970)

Wilfred Asten was a Methodist and a lay-preacher who had been deputy headmaster of the Friends School, Hobart, Tasmania for twenty two years. He was a gifted teacher and an outstanding administrator.

He was also deeply concerned in the service of the United Nations organisations. He was federal secretary of the United Nations Associations of Australia from 1956 - 1961 and federal president from 1961 - 1968. At the time of his death he was president of the United Nations Associations of Tasmania, president of UNICEF for Australia and had recently been notified of his election to the vice-presidency of the World Federation of United Nations Associations.

He died on May 5, 1970. No age is given.

Principal Source The Friend Vol 128 (1970) p. 688

SGJ. Feb.1978

ASTIN, Sarah Elizabeth (1824-1852) after 1850 Hartas

[Sarah Elizabeth Astin, daughter of James Astin (-)
and his wife Betty (born) of
Huddersfield, was married in 1850 to Thomas Stockton
Hartas (1816-1867 qv).]

See HARTAS, Sarah Elizabeth (1824-1852) born Astin]

WBE:

AATHERTON, Charles, fl. 1845-1855.

ca. 1845, teacher at Moses Brown School.

1852-1855, principal with Gertrude E. Whittier of
Moses Brown School.

Centennial history of Moses Brown School, op. p. 85,
portrait.

ATHERTON, Oliver (-1663)

Oliver Atherton was of Ormskirk, Lancs. Remembered for his death in prison in 1663 through the enmity of the Countess of Derby cf. C.J., ii.393.

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

WBE:

Additional Information

AATHERTON, Oliver -1661

1659, Distress for tithes, and imprisoned $2\frac{1}{2}$ years.

Long confined in damp, unventilated apartment for non-payment
of tithes. Being of feeble constitution, he died in prison.

d. sick in prison, bur. at Ormskirk.

Besse, 1: 304, 305, 311

Friends of the 17th Cent., p. 314

WBE:

ATKIN, Thomas, fl. 1662-1670.

of Dursley, Eng.

1662, Sent for by the Bishop of Gloucester, and cross-examined.

1670, Goods distrained.

Besse 1: 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 350.

The Friend, Phila., 19: 363.

WBE:

ATKINS, Anna, afterwards Richardson, c.1806-1892

see

Richardson, Anna, nee Atkins, c.1806-1892

ATKINS, Christopher

see ATKINSON, Christopher

ATKINS, Esther (1776-1833) born Millard

Esther Atkins was the daughter of John and Anna Millard of Tewkesbury. She was orphaned at 16 and lived with her guardian until she married Samuel Atkins of Chipping Norton in 1799.

She became a minister in 1817 and was considered 'lively and edifying'.

Until she had a severe accident in 1830 she travelled in the western counties; she died in 1833 aged 57.

Testimony of Witney M.M. in MS Test. vol.6 p.39

WBE:
Additional Information.

3

ATKINS, Esther, 1776-1833.

Mother died when she was ca. 12.

There were children from their marriage. Her husband's affairs became embarrassed. 1821, he died.

Visited families in her own and neighboring localities. 1830, thrown from a carriage and seriously injured. She was on her way to attend Quarterly Mtg. at Reading.

A week's illness, with much suffering preceded her death 6 Dec. 1833, Chipping Norton, Oxon., age 57.

Memorials, S. Corder, 1839: 218; 1840: 213.

An. Mon. 1835, O.S., 23: 4.

Qu. Col. Hav.

ATKINS, Hannah Futcher (1814-1900) born Hingston

H1

Hannah Futcher Hingston, the daughter of James and Ann ~~Hingston~~ of Bristol, was born there on 27 March 1814 (1). In 1840 she married Arthur Atkins (2).

All her life she was outstanding for her bright activity, her cheerful energy and clear decision of judgment. She enjoyed life, was passionately fond of flowers and took great delight in beauty and goodness. She had unfailing interest in all that happened in the world around her, in public and in private affairs. Her duties were carried out quietly and well, and she performed many kindnesses unostentatiously.

As she grew older she suffered from many infirmities but her spirit was still bright, clear and resolute. Her children and friends saw her tenderness and care for others grow, and saw, too, how she strove for holiness and humility. She was most careful about her way of speaking of others, anything like censoriousness seeming to grieve and pain her deeply. Her sufferings were patiently borne and the end came gently. She was a person of wide sympathies, who was greatly missed when she died at the age of 85 on 18 January 1900. She was laid to rest in the Friends burial ground at Coventry, beside her husband.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual monitor 1902 p.14

REFERENCES & NOTES :

- 1 Bristol & Somerset GM Births Digest: her father is described as cabinetmaker, and her place of birth as North Street, James' parish.
- 2 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 13 October 1840; he is described as grocer, of High Street, Coventry, son of Edward Atkins, miller (Digest of Marriage Registers)

ATKINS, Joseph (1768? - 1837)

Joseph Atkins of Chipping Norton died in 1837 at the age of 69. He had been a minister for seven years.

Testimony of Witney M.M. in MS Test. vol.6 p.144

ATKINS, Mary (-1671) born

Mary Atkins was the wife ~~of~~ Thomas Atkins of Dursley Meeting,
Glos.

Based on note by N.Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb.ed.1911,
vol. 2 p.415

ATKINS, Phoebe (1788-1869) born Cash

Phoebe Cash, daughter of John and Elizabeth Cash, of Coventry, was born on 23 October 1788 (1). She was recorded a minister by the Middle Division of Warwickshire Monthly Meeting in 1823, and after her marriage in 1827 to Edward King Atkins of Gunisbury Mill (2), she became a member of Banbury Monthly Meeting. Her ministry was mostly given within the limits of her own Monthly Meeting, and her charity and loving interest in her fellow men were widely felt and appreciated. For the last two or three years of her life she was too ill to attend Meetings, but maintained an unwavering faith. She died at Banbury on 3 April 1869, aged 80 years.

Testimony of Banbury MM in YM Proc. 1870, p.iii

Notes and references

- 1 Warwick Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest. The parents' names are not given in the Births Digest, but appear in the Marriages Digest entry (1827). The printed Testimony wrongly gives the parents' names as 'John and Mary'. John and Elizabeth Cash had a daughter Phebe, born 3 October 1786 who died 4 December 1786.
- 2 The wedding was at Coventry on 16 August 1827. EKA is described as 'Mealman, son of William and Sarah Atkins, late of Chipping Norton'. ✓

ATKINS, Rose

The name, Rose Atkins, occurs among those of the Women Friends who were sentenced to banishment to Jamaica in 1664, but who were taken by the Dutch soon after embarkation and returned to England (Suff. i. 402, 406).

A MS in Friends House endorsed 'El Hooton to some spirits who were gone out from ye trueth', signed by Elizabeth Hooton, and dated in Sixth Month (Aug.), 1667, closes as follows: 'You are all one (wch has denyed ye Lord) wth Eliza: Barnes, & Rose Atkinson, with all ye wicked Generation that is turned out from ye Lord'. See 315. 1, 2.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.411

WBE:

ATKINS, Samuel, fl. 1685.

of Phila. Pa.

Author: 1685, Kalendarium Pennsilvaniense &c...by Samuel
Atkins, Student in the Mathematics and Astrology, Printed by
Wm. Bradford.

Smith, Suppl., p. 28.

ATKINS, Thomas

Thomas Atkins, and his wife Mary (d. 1671) were members of
Dursley Meeting in Gloucestershire.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.415

3

ATKINSON, Aaron (1665?-1740)

Aaron Atkinson was born at Masthorn, Stapleton, Cumberland, about the year 1665, but his parents dying when he was young, he was brought up by relatives in the Presbyterian profession until he reached the age of twenty one years, when he attended a Friends' Meeting at Hetherside and was convinced of the Truth by Christopher Story.

He was called to the Ministry as a young man, and travelled in England, Scotland, Ireland and America. He was a regular attender at Monthly, Quarterly and Yearly Meetings.

'He preached the Truth, not in the Wisdom of Man, but in the Power of God. He had a lively and affecting Testimony, and in his Doctrine was so clear, as frequently to reach the Hearts of the Hearers so effectually, as to convince Opposers'.

Aaron Atkinson died 10.viii [October] 1740.

Testimony of Brighouse MM in TCMD vol.1, p.158, printed in
A collection of testimonies, 1760, p.130

WBE:

Additional Information.

3

ATKINSON, Aaron, ca. 1665-1740.

His parents were Friends.

1680, travelled as a pedlar with linen.

1687, went to an evening meeting, at Christopher Taylor's, where Aaron was overcome by the Word. He became an eminent example of plainness and sobriety. His master, William Alexander, a Presbyterian, scarce knew what to do with him, but he too came to be convinced, and both of them became ministers.

ca. 1698, visited America, and travelled with Thomas Story. 1699, taken with yellow fever in Phila., but recovered. 1700, returned to England and resided at Leeds, in Yorks.

d. at Leeds, age ca. 75.

Early Cumberland and Westmoreland Friends, ferguson, p. 104.

Incidents p. 147.

Quakers in Sc. & Industry, p. 54.

Travelling with Thomas Story, p. 58, 189.

A Collection of Testimonies, London, 1760, p. 130.

ATKINSON, Agnes (1697/8-1773) after 1720 Backhouse

[Agnes Atkinson, daughter of William Atkinson (-)
and his wife Sarah (born) of
Conistone in Lancashire, was married in 1720 to William
Backhouse (1694/5 or 1695/6-1761 qv).]

See BACKHOUSE, Agnes (1697/8-1773) born Atkinson]

ATKINSON, Ann (1738-1771) aftw. Gibson

Ann Atkinson, the daughter of Joseph Atkinson
and his wife Sarah (nee) was married
in to George Gibson

see GIBSON, Ann (1738-1771) born Atkinson]

2+

ATKINSON, Christopher

Christopher Atkinson was a Westmorland man (F.P.T.) He suffered imprisonment in Norfolk, in which county, in 1655, his act of immorality took place, described fully in Whitehead's Christian Progress, 1725, pp.34,35,49,50. According to Weld, Perfect Pharise, 1654, p.49 his previous character had not been sans reproche. The opponents of Quakerism made the most of such a case of moral delinquency (Leslie, Snake in the Grass, 1696, p.90, amplified in later edd.; Satan Disrob'd, 1698, pt. ii. p30; Bugg, Pilgrim's Progress, 1698, p.136; etc.) Atkinson is said to have repented of his actions (ii.330) but according to Bugg he 'was since hang'd for Felony'. Atkinson's immoral conduct was in no wise condoned by his fellow-workers. George Taylor writes of him as 'that Cursed Creature' (Swarth. MSS.i.239); a letter which he wrote to M. Fell, after his fall (ibid. i.354), has crossed lines through it.

Gilpin, Quakers Shaken, 1655, pp.2,3,5,15
Swarth. MSS

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.432

see next sheet

ATKINSON, Christopher

5

Christopher Atkinson was of Kendal. Convinced by Fox in 1652
'yt dirty man' (C.J., i.187, as Atkins; cf. s.v. John Harwood),
who in 1655 brought disrepute on Friends through immorality; the
difficulties and distress occasioned by this receive frequent illus-
tration in these Letters, cf. C.J., i.431; Smith, Cat.; Eddington,
Q.N.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.50

WBE:

Additional Information.

21

ATKINSON, Christopher, fl. 1652-1655.

1652 to 1655, in co-operation with E. Burrough, R. Hubberthorne, George Whitehead & others, author of several controversial tracts, but became disunited from the Society for immorality in Norwich Gaol. 1654 With two women Friends went to France. 1654, Imprisoned at Kendal and at Norwich.

Not so prudent as he should have been in speaking to a priest. Fell into Ranterism and immorality. Afterward gave out a testimony in condemnation against himself, 1655. One of the Valiant Sixty.

Beginnings of Qu., Braithwaite, p. 164.

Early Cumberland & Westmoreland Friends, Ferguson, p. 106.

Smith's Cat., 1: 142.

Besse 1: 487.

Qu. Col. Hav. 11

Christian Progress, Geo. Whitehead, 34, 35, 49, 50.

ATKINSON, Dorothy (-1754) after 1698 King

[Dorothy Atkinson, daughter of Robert and Anne
Atkinson of Darlington in county Durham, was
married in 1698 to William King (1676-1747/8 qv).]

See KING, Dorothy (-1754) born Atkinson]

3

ATKINSON, Elizabeth (1682?-1770) born Peachy

Elizabeth Peachy, the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Peachy, well esteemed Friends of Mildenhall in Suffolk, was born about the year 1682(1). She came forth in the ministry in about her twenty second year.

When she was about thirty she married Samuel Atkinson (-1727 qv), a Friend of Mildenhall and there were six children(2).

His death left her in low circumstances and she had to use unwearied diligence to support her family, as she was "not willing to be burthensome." This did not hinder her ministry. She visited many parts of England, went once into Wales and was a diligent attender of Sunday and weekday meetings at home. Her ministry was "sound and edifying"; she was zealous in supporting Friends' testimonies and in the exercise of the discipline.

Elizabeth Atkinson died on 3 July 1770 at the age of eighty eight(3) and was buried in the Friends' burying ground at Mildenhall.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Bury (Suffolk) FM in TCMD vol 2, p 374

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 88 at death. Her birth is not traced in Suffolk QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see ATKINSON, Samuel (-1727)
- 3 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Samuel

SEE ALSO:-

Ludowick Muggleton: Spiritual Epistles
Piety Promoted (1854 ed.) vol 2, p 446

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

ATKINSON, Elizabeth (1682?-1770) born Peachy

Also WBE.

3

Elizabeth Peachy was born about 1682, the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Peachy of Mildenhall, Suffolk, well esteemed Friends (1). She became a minister about her 22nd year. When about 30 she married Samuel Atkinson, a Friend, of Mildenhall (2). She had six children (3). His death left her in low circumstances and she had to use unwearied diligence to support her family, as she was 'not willing to be burthensome'. This did not hinder her ministry. She visited many parts of England, and went once into Wales, and was a diligent attender of Sunday and weekday meetings at home. Her ministry was 'sound and edifying'; she was zealous in supporting Friends' testimonies and in the exercise of the discipline.

She died on 5 July 1770 and was buried in Friends Burying Ground Mildenhall on 8 July (4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Bury, (Suffolk) MM, in TCMD vol.2 p.374

NOTES AND REFERENCES :

1. Not in Suffolk QM Births Digest *(Aged at death 88 - TCMD)* S/

2. Not in Suffolk QM Marriages Digest.
Samuel Atkinson died on 22.ix[November] 1727
- Suffolk QM Burials Digest

3. Including -

Elizabeth born 10.vi[August] 1713
Mary born 14.xi.1714 (i.e. January 1714/5)
Ann born 14.iv[June] 1716 C/

- Suffolk QM Births Digest

A Samuel Atkinson Junior of Mildenhall died 16.vi[August] 1725

- Suffolk QM Burials Digest

4. Suffolk QM Burials Digest

SEE ALSO :

Ludowick Muggleton: Spiritual Epistles

Piety promoted (1854 ed) vol.2 p.446

~~etc.~~

S/

ATKINSON, Elizabeth (1743/4-1817) after 1774 Simpson

[Elizabeth Atkinson, daughter of Joseph Atkinson (-)
of Hutton, near Kendal in Westmorland, was married in 1774
to Thomas Simpson (1734/5-1820 qv).]

See SIMPSON, Elizabeth (1743/4-1817) born Atkinson]

ATKINSON, Elizabeth M

(1889 ? - 1972)

Elizabeth Atkinson was born about the year 1889 (1) but of her early life nothing is (in 1976) known to be recorded.

She was a member of Warwickshire M.M. from 1932 (2) until 1948/9 (3) when she moved to St. Austell, Cornwall, where she spent the remainder of her life. She was a faithful member of her local meeting and represented Devon and Cornwall QM on Meeting for Sufferings from 1950 to her death and Home Service Committee from 1963 to her death (4).

Her service outside the Society included a period as Chairman of the St. Austell Council of Churches.

She died at St. Austell on December 17. 1972 at the age of 83.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol 131 (1973) p. 36

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. She died aged 83. No reference in Digest of Births.
2. She is shown as a member of George Rd. Meeting from 1932 to 1938 and as a member of Walsall from 1939 in Warwickshire, Leicester and Stafford QM printed list of members.
3. Devon and Cornwall QM printed list of members shows her as a member of St. Austell meeting in 1949.
4. Typescript Committee indexes. Friends House Library.

S.G.Jones 1976.

also H. B. 6.

3

ATKINSON, Henry (1670?-1729)

Henry Atkinson was born 'of believing parents' at Morthorn, in Cumberland (1). His parents died when he was young and he was brought up by relatives as an Anglican. He was apprenticed to a tailor in Newcastle but upon settling in London he joined Friends there, where he remained for fourteen years. He then returned to Cumberland where he took an active part in Friends' work, visiting in North Britain and in Ireland.

Towards the end of his life he had a concern to visit the south of England, and was granted a Certificate for this purpose by his Monthly Meeting, but on his return journey he was taken ill and died at a Friends' house near Banbury, Oxfordshire, aged about sixty years (2). He was a Minister for thirty years.

'He was of clean sweet Conduct, redeemed from the World, and the spirit of it; and often bore his Testimony, in the Authority of Truth, against the same'.

Principal source

Testimony of Cumberland QM in TCMD vol.1 p.33, printed in
A collection of testimonies, 1760, p.31

References and notes

- 1 No record of his birth has been traced in Cumberland QM Births Digest
- 2 He 'died at Sibford whilst on a journey' and was buried there 7.vii [Sept] 1729 (Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest)

WBE:

ATKINSON, John, fl. 1661

A weaver of stockings ("stockinger"), of Askrigg.

Imprisoned at York, Eng., with Richard Robinson.

1661, concerned in plot of the Fifth Monarchy men.

Besse, 2: 97, 101, 102, 110, 170.?

2nd period of Q., p. 39.

ATKINSON, John (1768-1827)

John Atkinson was born 21 Feb. 1768, the son of Edward and Sarah Atkinson of Plaistow, Essex (1). In early life he removed to Stockton-upon-Tees, where he became a grocer and tallow-chandler (2). He married 19 Nov. 1791 at Thirsk, Yorks, Hannah Brown, daughter of William and Mary Brown of Osgoodby, Yorks (3).

About 1821 he became a minister. His ministry was ~~much~~ neither long nor frequent, but offered in humility and with a deep sense of the weightiness of the engagement.

'The uniform circumspection of his conduct and conversation and his unoffending demeanour greatly engaged the esteem of his Friends and Neighbours'.

He died 14 August 1827, after a long illness, and was buried at Friends Burial Ground, Stockton, 17 August (4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Darlington MM in TCMD vol.5 p.283

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births digest 1720-1837. Edward Atkinson is described as 'Farmer'
- 2 Durham QM Marriages digest
- 3 Yorks QM Marriages digest. Also Durham QM Marriages digest. Hannah Brown was born 29 Jan. 1771. She died 23 July 1833 aged 62 ✓ - Yorks QM Births digest
Durham QM Burials digest
- Children:
 - Mary born 3 Aug. 1792 died 13 June 1798
 - Edward born 18 Dec. 1798
 - Durham QM Births digest
 - Durham QM Burials digest
- 4 Durham QM Burials digest. He is described as Grocer.

WBE: ATKINSON, Joseph (1674?-1738)

Additional Information.

ATKINSON, Joseph 1674-1738
Joseph Atkinson was born at Masthorne, Stapleton, Cumberland, about the year 1674, his parents being Friends; but on their death he was taken into the family of his Uncle and brought up as an Anglican. On reaching a mature age, he visited a Friends' Meeting, at which he became convinced and satisfied and continued as a Friend. After some years he received a gift in the Ministry, and visited many Meetings in England and North Britain.

'His Life and Conversation was very regular, coupled with the Fear of God; and in all his Dealings he had a tender Regard to the Testimony; and being pretty much concerned in Trading and Merchandise, was very careful to ask the Counsel of Friends, and to embrace it'.

Joseph Atkinson died in Fifth month [July] 1738.

Testimony of Wigton [i.e. Cumberland] QM in TCMD vol.1 p.133,
printed in A collection of testimonies, 1760, p.113

John Smith's MS, p. 20.

A Col. of Testimonies, London, 1760, p. 113.

ATKINSON, Joseph (1693-1760)

Joseph Atkinson, the son of George Atkinson of Thorne in Yorkshire, was born on 31.iii.[May] 1693(1).

He was married at Thorne on 19.iv.[June] 1718 to Sarah Johnson (1697-1766 qv) (2) and there were twelve children(3).

Joseph Atkinson of Thorne died on 21 February 1760(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 H.W. Atkinson, The families of Atkinson & Dearman, 1933, entry 78: the birth is not traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 H.W. Atkinson, loc cit: the marriage is not traced in Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest
- 3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and given in H.W. Atkinson, op cit, entry 79 as follows:-

George	b 9 iii [May]	or	m (1) 1748 Sarah Blakey
	iv [June]	1719	(2) Elizabeth Hagen
Thomas	b 29 vi [Aug]	1720	m 1746 Elizabeth Evans
Hannah	b 20 i 1721 [i.e.]		
	probably March 1721/2]		died young
Mary	b 16 xii 1723 [i.e.]		m 1747 John Lawrence
	Feb 1723/4]		
Hannah	b 21 vii [Sept]	1726	d 10 ix [Nov] 1729
Sarah	b 30 ii [April]	1729	d 15 ix [Nov] 1729
Elizabeth	b 14 or 15 viii [Oct]	1730	m Marmaduke Wilkin
Sarah qv	b 24 xii 1732 [i.e.]		m 1761 William Impey
	Feb 1732/3]		(1730-1785 qv)
Joseph	b 30 ii [April]	1734	m Mary Burrows
Hannah	b 25 vi [Aug]	1736	d 14 April 1800, aged 64
Ann	b 25 v [July]	1738	m 1762 George Gibson
Abigail	b 9 viii [Oct]	1742	m 1762 Isaac Bedford
- 4 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

WBE:

ATKINSON, Joseph, 1716-1781.

Cooperage business.

b. 5 October 1716, Bristol, Pa., s. William and Mary
(Hough) Atkinson.

m. Jannet Cowgill, of Burl., 1743. Children.

m. 2d Sarah Silver, 1762. Children.

Purchased considerable real estate in Bristol, Pa.

1749, made Common Councilman for Bristol.

Active in the affairs of Falls Mtg. Became Overseer
1755.

d. 1781, Bucks Co., Pa., age ca. 65.

Pa. Mag. 30: 479.

ATKINSON, Joseph Beavington (1822-1886)

Joseph Beavington Atkinson, the son of Joseph (1798-1832) and Sarah (born Waring, 1801-1879) Atkinson, was born at Higher Arwicke. He was educated at ~~Farnley Hall~~ Birmingham John Frank's school at Thernbury and then at Greve House, Tottenham. He was articled to a solicitor in Bristol, but never seriously practiced this profession. From a child he had always shown a taste for drawing and as he grew up art became a passion with him. Soon after he became of age he paid his first visit to Italy.

He married, at a church in Southampton, on 11 October 1865 Agnes Downing Fripp (1840-1914); there were no children. They settled in London and henceforth J.B. Atkinson devoted himself to art literature. He published, among other works, An art tour in northern capitals (1873) and The schools of modern art in Germany (1880). He died at his home, Stratford House, Abingdon Road, Kensington, on 24 October 1886 (1).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

H.W. Atkinson, The families of Atkinson of Roxby (Lincs) and Thorne, 1933, pp.26, 233, 246

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 No entry in Digest of Burial Notes: it is not known when he left the Society. His father was disowned in 1830.

? ATKINSON, Mary (1691-1741) born Singleton

Mary Singleton was born 30.i.[March] 1691, the daughter of William and Ann Singleton of Darlington, Co.Durham (1). Before her marriage she became a minister. She married Richard Atkinson of Colthous~~e~~ near Hawkshead, Lancs. (2).

She visited meetings of Friends in Eastern England and in Scotland several times. Despite bodily weakness she set out on a further visit to meetings in Co. Durham, in the course of which she died at Bishop Auckland, about her 50th year, and was interred there. No date of death or burial is given in her testimony, which is dated 26.i [March] 1742 (3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Swarthmore MM in TCMD vol.1 p.185

NOTES AND REFERENCES :

1. Durham QM Births Digest Supp:
2. Not in Durham QM Marriages Digest
Not in Lancs QM Marriages Digest
3. Not in Durham QM Burials Digest
Not in Lancs QM Burials Digest

WBE:

ATKINSON, Mary, nee Wildman, later Moore, 1720-1766

see

MOORE, Mary, nee Wildman, afterwards Atkinson, later
Moore

ATKINSON, Rachel (1797-1864) after 1819 Corder

[Rachel Atkinson, daughter of Joseph Atkinson (-)
and his wife Sarah (born
of Waltham Abbey in Essex, was married in 1819 to Charles
Corder (1793-1877 qv) of Westminster.

See CORDER, Rachel (1797-1864) born Atkinson]

ATKINSON, Richard (-)

Richard Atkinson was the husband of Mary Atkinson (1691-1741?)

5 /

born ~~Singleton~~, q.v.

ATKINSON, Samuel (-1727)

Samuel Atkinson, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced, lived at Mildenhall in Suffolk(1).

He was married about the year 1712 to Elizabeth Peachy (1682?-1770 qv) of Mildenhall(2) and there were six children, only three of whom are recorded by the Society(3).

Samuel Atkinson of Mildenhall died on 22.ix.[November] 1727(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 See entry for ATKINSON, Elizabeth (1682?-1770)
- 2 The marriage is not traced in Suffolk QM Marriages Digest
- 3 Listed in Suffolk QM Births Digest as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 10.vi.[Aug]	1713
Mary	b 14.xi.1714 [i.e.	
	Jan 1714/5]	
Ann	b 14.iv.[June]	1716
- A Samuel Atkinson junior of Mildenhall died 16.vi.[Aug] 1725: there is no trace of his birth
No marriages are traced for any of these children in Suffolk QM Marriages Digest
- 4 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: his age at death is not given and there is no description of him

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

WBE:

ATKINSON, Samuel -1841.

minister, of Rancocas Meeting, N.J.

Visited Ohio Y. Mtg. At Mount Pleasant, Ohio, once
sat silent before meat for 3 hours, thus preventing a merry
party from proceeding.

d. 20 Oct. 1841, Northampton, Burl. Co., N.J.

The Friend, Phila., 1841, 15: 40; 74: 194.

ATKINSON, Sarah (1697-1766) born Johnson

Sarah Johnson, the daughter of Thomas Johnson (-) and his wife
Hannah (born Middlebrooke,) of Thorne Meeting, was born on
27.iv.[June] 1697(1). *Yorkshire,*

She was married in 1718 to Joseph Atkinson (1693-1760 qv) of Thorne and there
were twelve children(2).

Sarah Atkinson of Thorne died on 3 November 1766(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her place of birth and her father's occupation
are not given
See also H.W.Atkinson, The families of Atkinson & Dearman, 1933,
entry 78
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children see ATKINSON, Joseph
(1693-1760)
- 3 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Joseph

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

ATKINSON, Sarah (1732/3-1763) after 1761 Impey

[Sarah Atkinson, daughter of Joseph Atkinson (1693-1760 qv)
and his wife Sarah (born Johnson, 1697-1766 qv) of
Rawcliffe in Yorkshire, was married in 1761 to William
Impey (1730-1785 qv) of Saffron Walden in Essex.

See IMPEY, Sarah (1732/3-1763) born Atkinson]

ATKINSON, Sibil (1712-1756) after 1733 Wilson

(Sibil or Siball Atkinson, daughter of George and Agnes Atkinson of Rusland in Lancashire, was married in 1733 to William Wilson.

See WILSON, Sibil (1712-1756) born Atkinson)

WBE:

ATKINSON, Thomas, -1687.

b. Newby, Yorkshire, Eng., s. John Atkinson.

Longadinham, near Skipton. a minister.

1678, m. Jane .

1682 or 1684 both came to America and settled in New Jersey (?)

Taken with ague and fever.

d. 1687, 31 Aug., Bucks Co., Pa.

Bull. Frds' Hist. Soc., 5: 15.

Hist. of Friends, Bowden, 2: 110.

A. Col. of Mem., Phila. p. 10.

The Friend, Phila., 27: 172.

ATKINSON, Thomas (1604?-)

Thomas Atkinson of Cartmel, Lancs. was the author of a 15-page pamphlet The Christian's Testimony against Tythes, 1678, in which he gives an account of prosecutions for non-payment of tithe, set up by Thomas Preston of Holker, and his son Thomas Preston the younger, as tithe-farmers to the Bishop of Chester. Later, in his eightieth year, 1684, he wrote An Exhortation to all People.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.390

ATKINSON, Thomas (fl 1686)

Thomas Atkinson presented a certificate from his monthly meeting in England to the MM at the house of William Stevens, at Dividing Creek on 7.iii [May] 1686. He died before 24.xii [Feb] 1687, on which date the Friends who had been appointed to appraise his estate reported to the MM.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION :

Based on the minutes of Third Haven MM, Eaton, Maryland, vol 1 pp.145, 171 from Lawrence Atkinson of Baltimore on whose behalf a search was undertaken in 1956.

ACTION TAKEN BY LIBRARY :

No references to him were found in the register digests of the following QMs:

Beds & Herts
Berks & Oxon
Bristol & Somerset
Bucks
Cheshire & Staffs
Cumberland & Northumberland
Derby & Notts
Durham
Hereford Worcester & Wales QM
Lincolnshire
Norfolk & Norwich
Northants
Suffolk
Sussex & Surrey
Warwick Leicester & Rutland
Yorkshire

In Westmorland QM Births Digest the following entry appears :

Thomas b. 5.xi [Jan] 1661 son of Edward

Edward Atkinson had married Mellery Mason on 1.iii [May] 1659

WBE:

ATKINSON, Wilmer, 1840-1920.

Journalist and school teacher.

b. 13 June 1840, on farm Warwick twp., Bucks. Co., Pa.

s. Thomas and Hannah (Quinby) Atkinson.

Educated at Foulke's Boarding School, Gwynedd, Pa.;
Freeland Seminary Collegeville, Pa.

m. Anna Allen, of Phila., 1866.

Taught school in Bucks Co., Pa., 2 years. With Howard
M. Jenkins, purchased the Norristown Weekly Republican, 1862.

Enlisted in army to resist Lee's expected attack, became a
2d lieutenant. With Jenkins founded the Wilmington Daily
Commerical; 1877, Farm Journal, eventually had 1,000,000
subscribers.

Author: Plundering a Continent, A plea for ... justice
to...the Negro..., 1919. Autobiography (portrait).

He did much to encourage honest advertising, rural de-
livery of mail, postal saving banks, as well as more satisfy-
ing rural life.

d. 10 May 1920, Phila., Pa., in his 80th year.

Col. Fam. of Phila., p. 817.

F. H. L. Swar. BX7616.

Dic. Am. Biog. p. 412.

Friends' Intel., 1920, 77: 332.

WBE:

ATLEE, Edwin Augustus, 1776-1852.

Doctor, Translator and Editor.

b. 1776.

m. Margaret

Author: Essays at Poetry, 1828

d. 1852

Frds' Intell., 1892, 49: 840.

F.H.L. Swar. BX7616.

Smith, Suppl. p. 28.

ATMORE, Richard Bowles (1793?-1874)

Richard B. Atmore, a recorded Minister of Tivetshall Monthly Meeting died 7 March 1874 at the age of eighty one years.

Brief minute of Tivetshall MM in YM Proc. 1874 p. xxvii

ATREE, Sarah (1811?-1897) after 1840 Withy

[Sarah Atree of Bristol, daughter of John Atree,
was married in 1840 to Edward Withy (1812-1860 qv)
of Bristol.

See WITHY, Sarah (1811?-1897) born Atree]

A TWOOD, John (fl 1837)

John Attwood of Clutton near Bristol, said to be a Quaker Schoolmaster, and to be buried in Clutton Churchyard, was the husband of Martha. His first child was christened in December 1837. He died before 1857, in which year his widow re-married. There is no record of his burial in the parish registers.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION :

Mrs.R. M. Attwood of Midsomer Norton, on whose behalf a search was undertaken in 1960

ACT ON TAKEN BY LIBRARY :

No references to John Attwood were found in the register digests of Bristol & Somerset QM or of Gloucester & Wiltshire QM, although the surname Attwood does appear in earlier years in both QMs. Neither was any reference to him or his children found in the digests of birth and burial notes and marriage registers for England and Wales to 1856

WBE:a

ATWATER, Sarah, 1834-1911.

SEE KELSEY, Sarah, nee ATWATER.

1834, married to Rev. Charles and Rev. George Kelsey.
1850, Father of Rev. Charles Kelsey, died 1880.
Mother of Rev. George Kelsey, died 1900.
Wife of Rev. George Kelsey.

1834, married to Rev. George Kelsey.

1850s, children married Rev. George Kelsey.

1860s, Rev. George Kelsey.

1880s, Rev. George Kelsey and wife Rev. George Kelsey.

Beth. Pa. Gene., pp. 49-50.

1860s, Rev. George Kelsey, his wife Rev. George Kelsey
and Rev. George Kelsey.

AUDLAND, John (1630-1663/4)

His convincement was a result of the wonderful Sunday meeting on Firbank Fell. Audland travelled much with his friend and neighbour John Camm, and these two were the founders of Quakerism in Bristol, 1654 (F.P.T.). The results of their work were remarkable, 'Every Day we have a meeteing; yea I may say Every day is but a meeteing for let us goe wheare we will all is full wheare we are night & day... the house & all was filled & the street: soe the voyce went forth for a feeld & we wente to it like an armey' (A.R.B. MSS. 157). These and similar labours proved too much for Audland's constitution. He died of consumption and was buried near his friend, Camm, at Birkrigg Park.

Biographical notices by Gamm and Marshall (1689), Gough (1789), Tuke (1815) etc.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal Camb. ed. 1911 Vol.1 p.404

see next sheet

AUDLAND, John (1630?-1664)

John Audland was of Crosslands, Preston Patrick, Westmorland; the house still stands, and contains a panelled spice-cupboard with initials and date I A A for John and Anne Audland; 1656

adjacent farms are called Audland and High Audland. Like Francis Howgill, had ministered to Seekers at Preston Patrick before conversion by Fox near Sedbergh in 1652. 'An eager pioneer of the new truth' (B.Q. quoting Charles Marshall's testimony in M.R.R., 'immortality shined in his Face'). With John Camm brought the Quaker message to Bristol, converting, among others, George Bishope, Barbara Blaugdone, Walter Clement, Josiah Coale, Thomas Curtis, Thomas Morford; for 'the Pentecostal character' of the work here, cf. BQ., 165 foll. cf. C.J., i.404

Note by G.F. Nuttall, Early quaker letters, 1952, p.51

WBE:

Additional Information.

AUDLAND, John, 1630-1663 or 4.

Linen draper.

b. 1630.

Carefully educated. Ruddy, comely countenance, good understanding and strong memory.

A priest at Firbank Chapel in Westmoreland, Eng., 1652.

Convinced by George Fox at Firbank and became himself a free minister.

1654, went with John Camm and Thomas Airey to Bristol, Eng.

1654, At Swannington, Leicestershire, Eng., met with G. Fox and held meetings. London. Bristol, imprisoned. Imprisoned at New Castle, Eng.

Author: A Word to those who live after their own wills, 1655, and other works.

When not far from death, he asked to be helped to his knees and prayed fervently that people might be preserved in the Truth, out of the evil of the world.

d. 22 or 24 (?) I, 1663 or 4, aged ca. 34.

For wife see Camm, Anne (Ann) (Newby) Audland, 1627-1705.]

Friends' Library, 5: 475.

Frds' Quar. Exam., 1874, 8: 247.

Journal of G.F., Bi-Cent. Ed., 1: 113, 128, &c.

Piety Promoted, 1: 55.

Besse, 1: 39, 40, 43; 2: 9, 10, 33, 35.

Smith's Cat., 1: 146.

AUDLAND, John (1664-1752?)

John Audland was the son of John Audland (1630-1663/4) of Crosslands, Westmorland, and Anne his wife, afterwards Camm (1627-1705). John the younger married in 1689 Agnes Clark, dau. of James Clark, of Crook, near Kendal (d.1733 as 'wife') and had issue. His home was Camsgill and later Hetholme Hall in Mansergh. The Registers record the burial at Sunbrick in 1752 of a John Audland, who died at Baycliff.

Among Gibson MSS in Friends House is the signature of John Audland to a marriage certificate of 1682, and in Spence MSS some verses by John Audland addressed to Jane Birkett on her marriage in 1729.

Note, by Norman Penney in 'The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell', 1920, p.579

AULT, Ann (1722-1758) aftw. Adkins

Ann
[~~Ann~~ Ault, daughter of John Ault of Coventry and his
wife nee was married in 1746 to
Richard Adkins

see ADKINS, Ann (1722-1758) born Ault

WBE:

AUSTELL, William, -1692.

Of Oare, England.

Prisoner.

d. 11 X 1692.

An account of . . . Oliver Sansom, p. 420.

AUSTILL, Bridget (1637?-1693)

Bridget Austill lived at South Street, in North Middlesex. Anne Whitehead (first wife of George Whitehead) died at her house in 1686 (Whiting, Memoirs, 1715, p.166) and Bridget wrote a Testimony respecting her, printed in Piety Promoted by Faithfulness, 1686. Before 1689 she had moved to Tottenham High Cross, for in that year Fox proposed that a meeting should be held at her house there (Minutes of Morning Meeting, i.107, Ms in Friends House). In the register of her burial she is described as a schoolmistress.

Note by N.Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.491

AUSTILL, William

William Austill figures in a disgraceful scene in the doings connected with the Wilkinson and Story Controversy in Berkshire. It is thus described by Howard R. Smith in Jnl FHS i.: 'Benjamin Coale was clerk of the QM and he had disseminated William Rogers's book, entitled The Christian Quaker. In Fifth Month, 1681, many Friends resolved to supercede B. Coale and in Second Month, 1682, they appointed William Austill as clerk... Austill began to write the minutes, but Thomas Curtis tore the papers from him... As the Meeting for Sufferings refused to recognise B. Coale as clerk, the two parties held their Meeting at the same time in the same room, each with its own clerk'.

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.374

WBE:

AUSTIN, Ann, 1665

of London, Eng.

married and had 5 children.

A minister, 1665. Came to Barbadoes, by sea to Boston, where, with Mary Fisher, persecuted and banished, 1656.

Returned to London, 1659. Kept house for Samuel Fisher, Lydd, in Kent.

She and Mary Fisher were first "Quakers" to arrive in America.

Upon arrival in Boston Harbor from Barbadoes with Mary Fisher, trunks were searched and 100 books taken from them and burned by the hangman. They were sent back to Barbadoes, the jailor keeping their beds and their bibles for his fees.

Besse, 2: 177, 178; 1: 365, and 2: 177, 178.

The Hist. of Friends in Am., Bowden, p. 30

Qu. in the Am. Colonies, Index.

Quaker Women, Brailsford, p. 108

Journal of G. Fox, Cambridge 2: 479

Friends of the 17th Cent., p. 151

Qu. in P. & War, p. 307, 327

Gough's History, 1: 339

AUSTIN, Anne (-1752) formerly Gilkes, born

Anne Austin, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1983) traced, was formerly the wife of William Gilkes of Sibford Gower in Oxfordshire(1).

After the death of her first husband, she married secondly in 1737 Richard Austin (-1761 qv), a maltster of Sibford Gower, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

Anne Austin of Sibford Gower was buried on 7 February 1752(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 2 For marriage see AUSTIN, Richard (-1761)
- 3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Richard; her age at death is not given

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

WBE:

AUSTIN, Charles G. S.

doctor.

son of James Austin.

Lived in New Bedford, Mass.

m. a non-Friend and came to Nantucket, New England.

His wife died.

In 1863 suffered for refusal to serve in Union Army.

Dressed by force and sent to the Potomac. Placed in guard house. A. Lincoln granted a furlough and C.A. returned home in soldier's clothes, his own having been taken from him.

Practised as a doctor on Nantucket.

In figure he was tall and spare.

The Friend, Phila., 69: 180-181.

Q. in P. & War, p. 430.

WBE:

AUSTIN, Jeremiah, 1730-1815.

farmer.

b. 24 March 1730, Charlestown, R. I. s. Robert and Hannah Austin. Had to labour to support his parents and so had little schooling. Inclined to vanity and dissipation.

Convinced and joined So. Kingston Mtg., R. I. Became an Elder. m. and father of children.

1766, removed to Rochester, Mass.

Gospel doctrine vindicated...

d. 20 Dec. 1815, New Bedford, (?) Mass., age 85.

Mem. of N.E. Y. Mtg. 34.

Smith 1: 147.

F.H.L. Swar., BX7616.

WBE:

3

AUSTIN, Nicholas, ca. 1695-1770.

b. ca. Oct. 1695, New England.

removed to Abington, Pa.

m. Jane Fletcher, 1721.

ca. 1721, minister. Visited New Eng. with Thomas Fletcher.

Second visit to New England, 1728. Long Island and New Eng-
land, 1733; with Thomas Wood to Long Island & N. Eng.

Visit to No. Colonies, 1744.

m. (2d) Sarah Field, 1753.

d. 15 Jan. 1770, Abington (?), Pa., age 74.

The Friend, Phila., 35: 116.

AUSTIN, Richard (-1761)

Richard Austin, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1983) traced(1), was a maltster of Sibford Gower in Oxfordshire(2).

He was married in 1737 to Anne Gilkes (-1752 qv), the widow of William Gilkes of Sibford Gower(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

Richard Austin of Sibford Gower was buried on 7 April 1761(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 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 Sibford Gower in Oxfordshire on 10.iv.[June] 1737: he is described as a maltster of Sibford Gower, Oxfordshire; she is described as the widow of William Gilkes of Sibford Gower, Oxfordshire (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 No children are traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
- 5 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: there is no description of him and his age at death is not given

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

WBE:

AUSTIN, Samuel, fl. 1841.

ca. 1841, Teacher at Moses Brown School.

Historian of Moses Brown School.

Centennial History of M. B. School, op. p. 91, portrait.

WBE:a

AVERY, Rachel G. (Foster), 1858-1919

Suffragist.

b. 30 Dec. 1858, Pittsburgh, Pa., dau. J. Heron Foster
and w. Julia (Manuel).

Ed.: Phila.; Europe (1885, studied political economy
at Univ. of Zurich).

m. 8 Nov. 1888, to Cyrus Miller Avery (manufacturer's
agent; s. Rosa Miller Avery, Chicago suffragist). Ch.: Miriam
Alice Foster (adopted 1887); Rose Foster Avery (b. 1890);
Julia Foster Avery (b.).

1879, attended Nat'l. Woman Suffrage Assn. convention;
here met Susan B. Anthony, and formed close relationship with
her (regarded R.A. as adopted niece). 1880, elected corr.
sec. of this Association; served until 1901. In charge of
number of conventions; helped plan and contributed funds to
numerous state suffrage campaigns (notably Kansas, 1887, 1892).
1888, helped organize Washington gathering which resulted in
formation of Internat'l. Council of Women; 1888-93, served as
corr. sec. of this body. 1891-94, corr. sec., Nat'l Council
of Women of U.S. 1893, sec., organization committee, World's
Congress of Representative Women (Chicago). Helped bring
about merger (1890) of Nat'l. Woman Suffrage Assn. and Amer.
Woman Suffrage Assn. 1904-09, first sec., Internat'l. Woman
Suffrage Alliance. 1906-10, first V-Pres., Nat'l. Amer. Woman
Suffrage Assn. 1908-10, Pres., Pa. Woman Suffrage Assn.

Mem., New Century Club (Phila.); Chicago Woman's Club.

Dedicated suffragist; devoted friend and confidante of
Susan B. Anthony (after 1883, R.A. arranged all her tours).

AWMACK, Anna [Tutty] (1851-1913) born Tutty

Anna Tutty, the daughter of Henry Tutty (1802-1862 qv) and his wife Mary (born Gray, 1815-1876 qv) of Reading in Berkshire, was born there on 21 July 1851(1).

She was married in 1880 to Joseph Henry Awmack (1851-1921 qv), a china dealer of Leeds and there were five children(2).

Anna Tutty Awmack of Claremont, Huby near Leeds, died on 8 January 1913, at the age of sixty one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a baker and grocer
- 2 For marriage and children see AWMACK, Joseph Henry (1851-1921)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Joseph Henry

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

AWMACK, Edwin (1835-1891)

Edwin Awmack, the son of Joseph Awmack (1780-1836 qv) and his wife Rachel (born Dixon, 1796-1876 qv) of York, was born there on 3 August 1835(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1844 to 1850(2).

He became a hardwareman at Reading(3) and was married in 1863 to Mary Barritt (1841-1891 qv) of Latchingdon in Essex(4); there were five children(5).

Edwin Awmack of Reading died in New York on 11 December 1891, at the age of fifty six(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 148, entry 6686
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4 and the birth entries of all his children
- 4 The wedding was at Maldon on 17 June 1863: he is described as a bachelor, a hardwareman of 107 Broad Street, Reading; she is described as a spinster of Latchingdon in Essex, the daughter of Earn Barritt, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Florence Emily qv	b 9 May 1864	m 1895 Arthur Sylvanus Reynolds (1863-1953 qv)
Mary Ellen	b 12 May 1866	m 1892 Henry Lamartine Meller NM
*Alice Eliza	b 19 Oct 1867	
*Edwin Barritt	b 1 Jan 1870	
*Sidney Harold	b 13 Nov 1877	
- 6 *No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1941
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a hardwareman

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

AWMACK, Elizabeth (1873?-1945) born Dudley

Elizabeth Dudley of Rawdon in Yorkshire, the daughter of Guilford Dudley, was born about the year 1873(1).

She was married in 1906 to Henry Frank Awmack (1881-1955 qv), a china and glass salesman of Leeds and there was one child(2).

Elizabeth Awmack of 89 Alma Road, Leeds, died on 4 April 1945, at the age of seventy two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 72 at death. Her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births; her parentage and place of residence are taken from her marriage entry - see AWMACK, Henry Frank (1881-1955)
- 2 For marriage and issue see AWMACK, Henry Frank (1881-1955)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of H. Frank

In 1943 he and his wife moved to Bentley-in-Wardle, where he could indulge to the full his intense love of gardening.

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

August Awmack of Woodfield, Bell Street, Bentley-in-Wardle, died suddenly on 28 January 1951, at the age of sixty four(5).

MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Leeds City Scholars Association Reports 70 (1961) p 27

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a glass and china merchant
- 2 The Friend no vol 59 (1919) p 24. On 2 January, at Chelmsford Congregational Chapel, Wove, Essex, youngest son of Joseph Henry and the late Anna Putty Awmack, of Darroch, to Marjorie Parker, fifth daughter of the late George Willcox and Emily Parker of Northallerton.
- 3 Yorkshire QH printed lists of newborn, 1932: Leeds Carlton Hill P.M.) p 87: The children are not traced in the Digest of Births:-
John Lindsay aged 10
Barbara Winifred aged 10
Colin Wilson aged 7
- 4 Order of Clerks, Friends House Library
- 5 The Friend vol 109 (1951) p 85: his death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

AWMACK, Florence Emily (1864-1950) after 1895 Reynolds

(Florence Emily Awmack, daughter of Edwin and Mary Awmack of Reading, was married in 1895 to Sylvanus Arthur Reynolds (1863-1953 qv).

See REYNOLDS, Florence Emily (1864-1950) born Awmack)

MEG Sept 1979

AWMACK, Hannah (1813-1854) born Puckrin

Hannah Puckrin, the daughter of William Puckrin (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Hawksker in the parish of Whitby in Yorkshire, was born there on 17 December 1813(1).

She was a grocer at Wakefield in Yorkshire(2) and was married in 1848 to Henry Collier Awmack (1823- qv), a grocer of Dewsbury in Yorkshire; there were two children(3).

Hannah Awmack of Halifax in Yorkshire died on 29 October 1854, at the age of forty(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 She is so described in her marriage entry: see AWMACK, Henry Collier (1823-)
- 3 For marriage and children see AWMACK, Henry Collier (1823-)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Henry C.

SEE ALSO:-

- Annual Monitor 1856, p 2: 2 line entry for death, the wife of Henry C. Awmack
His death is not traced in Digest of Deaths to 1873

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

MEG Aug 1983

MEG Aug 1983

MEG Aug 1983

Awmack, Joseph (1780-1836)

Joseph Awmack, son of Joseph (1741-1816 qv) and Mary (born Collier, 1746/7 or 1747/8-1824 qv) Awmack of York, was born there on 3 September 1780 (1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1789 to 1794 (2).

In 1820 he resigned his membership in York monthly meeting (3). He was married at St Crux parish church, York, on 19 May 1822 to Rachel Dixon (1796-1876 qv) (4): there were 7 children (5).

He was a grocer in Fossgate, York, but, not being physically strong, much of the care of the business fell upon his wife: between 1832 and 1835 "owing to [his] increased delicacy" the business was given up and the family removed into Walmgate, "to the house once occupied by our grandfather Awmack" [ie Joseph (1741-1816 qv)] (6). He died on 24 March 1836, aged 56 years (7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as grocer
- 2 Ackworth scholars 1779-1879, 1879, p 25 [admission number 1126: of York]
- 3 Joseph Wilfred Awmack, Mary Awmack of York, [1984], p [i]: this reprints, with notes and pedigrees, Mary Knight et al, Our mother, [1876]
- 4 Awmack, loc cit, noting that Joseph had not been reinstated by York MM when he had requested it in 1822 before his marriage and that (the marriage having been before the priest and Rachel Awmack disowned in consequence) she was reinstated and her three eldest children admitted in 1827
- 5 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births and Burials Digests and in Digests of Birth Marriages and of Death Deaths as follows:-

Henry Collier qv	b 17 May 1823	m 1848 Hannah Packrin (1813-1854 qv)
John	b 2 April 1825	d 10 March 1851 aged 25 yrs
Mary qv	b 9 Oct 1826	m 1870 William Knight (1798-1874 qv)
Hellen	b 29 May 1828	d 5 Feb 1829
Eliza	b 25 March 1830	m 1853 Joseph Harrison Knight
Sarah	b 26 March 1832	d 16 July 1851 aged 19 yrs
Edwin qv	b 3 Aug 1835	m 1863 Mary Barritt (1841-1891 qv)

Information on the marriage of Eliza (not in Digest of Marriages) from Awmack, op cit, pedigree 3

- of York / 6 Knight et al, Our mother (reprinted Awmack, op cit) pp 4-5
7 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he is shown as/non-member and no description of him is given

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

AWMACK, Joseph (1780-1836)

Joseph Awmack, the son of Joseph and Mary Awmack of York, was born there on 3 September 1780(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1789 to 1794(2).

He was married in 1822 to Rachel Dixon (1796-1876 qv)(3) and there were seven children(4).

Joseph Awmack of York died on 24 March 1836, at the age of fifty six(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 25, entry 1126
- 3 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Henry Collier	b 17 May 1823	m 1848 Hannah Packrin
*John	b 2 April 1825	
Mary	b 9 Oct 1826	m 1870 William Knight
Ellen	b 29 May 1828	d 5 Feb 1829
*Eliza	b 25 March 1830	
*Sarah	b 26 March 1832	
Edwin	b 3 Aug 1835	m 1863 Mary Barritt
- *No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 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 1-45

AWMACK, Joseph Henry (1851-1921)

Joseph Henry Awmack, the son of Henry Collier Awmack (-) and his wife Hannah (born) of Wakefield in Yorkshire, was born there on 13 March 1851(1).

He became a dealer in china at Leeds(2) and was married in 1880 to Anna Tutty (1851-1913 qv) of Gloucester(3); there were five children(4).

Joseph Henry Awmack of Ripon View, Otley Road, Harrogate, died on 4 September 1921, at the age of seventy(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Gloucester on 28 April 1880: he is described as a bachelor, a china dealer of Leeds, the son of Henry Collier Awmack, a commission agent; she is described as a spinster of Gloucester, the daughter of Henry Tutty, a confectioner (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Henry Frank qv	b 21 Nov 1881	m 1906 Elizabeth Dudley (1873?-1945 qv)
*Mabel	b 12 July 1883	
Wilfred Tutty qv	b 10 Aug 1884	m 1912 Gertrude Metcalfe
Ernest qv	b 7 Aug 1886	m 1919 (non-usage) Margaret C. Parker (1889?-1978 qv) <i>(The Friend</i> 1919, p 24)
Ethel Mercie qv	b 21 March 1889	d unmarried 6 Nov 1970
- *No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1930
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired glass and china manufacturer

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

AWMACK, Mary (1709/10-1758) born Hogg

Mary Hogg, the daughter of Mathew Hogg (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Harrogate, was born there on 12.xi.1709 [i.e. January 1709/10](1).

She was married in 1733 to John Awmack (1711?-1788 qv), a cordwainer of Thirsk in Yorkshire and there were nine children(2).

Mary Awmack died on 1 June 1758(3).

Mary Awmack of York died on 19 September 1824, in her 75th year(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see AWMACK, John (1711?-1788)
- 3 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of John
4 For marriage and children see AWMACK, Joseph (1718-1796)
- 5 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: no description of her is given

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

~~See also~~
~~Annual Register 1825, p 51: a brief entry for 1824, the widow of Joseph~~
~~Awmack, date of York.~~
~~Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vols 27, 37, 44, 46,~~
~~vol 53, p 21n~~

AWMACK, Mary (1787-1829) after 1813 Pickard

[Mary Awmack, daughter of James Awmack (-) and
his wife Mary (born) of Leek in
Yorkshire, was married in 1813 to William Pickard (1775?-1859 qv).]

See PICKARD, Mary (1787-1829) born Awmack]

AWMACK, Mary (1826-1908) after 1870 Knight

[Mary Awmack, daughter of Joseph Awmack (1780-1836 qv) and his wife Rachel (born Dixon, 1796-1876 qv) of York, was married in 1870 to William Knight (1798-1874 qv).]

See KNIGHT, Mary (1826-1908) born Awmack]

AWMACK, Mary (1841-1891) born Barritt

Mary Barritt, the daughter of Barn and Elizabeth Barritt of Latchingdon in Essex, was born there on 20 June 1841(1).

She was married in 1863 to Edwin Awmack (1835-1891 qv), a hardwareman of Reading, where all her five children were born(2).

Mary Awmack of Reading died on 31 May 1891 at the age of forty nine(3), a few months before her husband.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 For marriage and children see AWMACK, Edwin (1835-1891)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Edwin

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

AWMACK, Rachel (1796-1876) born Dixon

Rachel Dixon, the eldest daughter of Joseph Dixon (1765-1851 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Simpson, 1773-1842 qv) of Stockton in the county of Durham, was born there on 5 June 1796(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1806 to 1809(2), but left school early to help her mother with the cares of a large family. When she was fourteen, her father's reduced circumstances made it necessary for her to find employment and she obtained a situation in a draper's shop at Stockton; there, and in a similar business in York, she spent the next twelve years.

She was married in 1822 to Joseph Awmack (1780-1836 qv), a grocer of York and there were seven children(3). Her husband was not strong and much of the care of the business fell upon Rachel Awmack, but her courage, strength and energy seemed to respond to each fresh challenge and she was able to surmount difficulties which might have daunted others.

Notwithstanding the cares of the business and her young family, she was regular in her attendance at meetings of the Society and valued these opportunities for communion with God, which was the secret of her strength and cheerfulness. She trained her children in a knowledge of the Scriptures and daily readings from the Bible were a household rule.

In 1835, owing to her husband's increased ill-health, the business was given up and he died in the following year. About a month after being left a widow she took over a baby linen business in Pontefract, but three years later, finding it insufficient for her needs, she moved to Dewsbury and took a position in a shop. In 1851, following the death of her second son and youngest daughter, she joined her daughter Mary in Huddersfield, where the latter had opened a school, in which she was able to help. In 1856 they moved to Worcester, where Rachel Awmack took charge of her little granddaughter, whose mother had recently died.

Her health began to fail in 1875 and after a long and painful illness Rachel Awmack of Halstead died on 29 August 1876, at the age of eighty(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1879, pp 2-7

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Durham QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 61, entry 2743
- 3 For marriage and children see AWMACK, Joseph (1780-1836)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Joseph

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

AWMACK, Sarah (1785-1855) after 1810 King

[Sarah Awmack, daughter of Joseph Awmack (1741-1816 qv)
and his wife Mary (born Collier, 1746/7 or 1747/8-1824 qv)
of York, was married in 1810 to Joseph King (1787-1839 qv)
of York.

See KING, Sarah (1785-1855) born Awmack]

AWMACK, Wilfred Tutty (1884-1927)

Wilfred Tutty Awmack, the second son of Joseph Henry Awmack (1851-1921 qv) and his wife Anna (born Tutty, 1851-1913 qv) of Leeds, was born there on 10 August 1884(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1895 to 1900 and while at school he was a keen player of all outdoor sports.

Corresp
-udent /

On leaving school he entered his father's glass and china business at Leeds, but he always hankered after an open air life. He was married in 1912 to Gertrude Metcalfe of Ripon in Yorkshire(2) and served as ~~clerk~~ to Ripon Allowed Meeting in 1913(3), but in that year he and his wife emigrated to Canada; there were several children, but only one, born in British Columbia, is recorded by the Society(4).

They went first to Cranbrook, British Columbia, where they had a year's experience on a farm, and later they took a homestead at Marysville. But they felt the lack of educational opportunities for their children and moved to Kimberley, a rapidly growing town. There Wilfred Awmack took a course in engineering and obtained a post with an engineering firm, remaining with them until his death.

A fall of frozen coal caused a severe injury to his foot, gangrene set in and he died on 19 December 1927, at the age of forty two(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 47 (1928) p 97

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a glass and china merchant
- 2 The wedding was at Harrogate on 28 October 1912: he is described as a bachelor, a glass and china merchant of 12 Market Place, Ripon, the son of Joseph Henry Awmack, a glass and china merchant; she is described as not in membership, a spinster of 24 Kirkgate, Ripon, the daughter of John James Metcalfe, a house furnisher (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Index of Clerks, Friends House Library: his name is given as Wilfrid
- 4 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-
Margaret Elizabeth b 12 Aug 1913
- 5 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

AWTEE, Joseph (1683?-1758)

Joseph Awtee of Boathroyd in the parish of Dewsbury was born about 1683 (1). About 1718 he became a minister. He was a diligent attender of meetings, as long as his health permitted. He did not travel much outside Yorkshire. He was 'a usefull Member ~~mixt~~ in the Society and much beloved amongst his Neighbours'.

There is no record of his being married (2).

He died 11 Feb. 1758, and was interred in Friends Burial Ground near Liversedge in the parish of Birstall, 14 Feb. (3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Brighouse MM in TCMD vol.2 p.10.

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- Died in his 76th yr. 1 Not in Yorks QM Births digest 1578-1776
-TCMD 2 Not in Yorks QM Marriages digest
But note:
- Autey of Dewsbury, wife of Joseph, died 29.ii./April/ 1750, buried at Liversedge 2.iii./May/ - Yorks QM Burials digest 1570-1776
John Awtee, born 5.i.1709 /March 1709/10 / son of Joseph registered in Brighouse MM - Yorks QM Births digest 1578-1776
3 Yorks QM Burials digest 1570-1776

WBE:

AXFORD, John, fl. 1697-1700

of Lacock. Wilts., Eng.

Author: Hidden things brought to light, 1697. 1700,
An Epitomy of the Protestant Religion. Republished with
additions.

Smith's Cat., 1: 147.

WBE:

AYDELOTTE, Frank, 1880-1956.

Educator, scholar, writer.

b. 1880

m. l son.

1921-1940, President of Swarthmore College.

1939-1947, Director of Institute for Advanced Studies,
Princeton.

Author: College English, 1913.

Elizabethan rogues and vagabonds, 1913.

English and engineering, 1917.

Honors courses in American colleges, 1925.

Breaking the academic lockstep, 1944.

The American Rhodes scholarships, 1946.

And other works.

d. 17 Dec. 1956, Princeton, N. J., age 76.

An adventure in education. . . , New York, 1941.

Friends Journal, 3: 29.

AYLAND, Sydney (1890 ? - 1980)

Sydney Ayland was born in about the year 1890 (1) into a family of strict Methodists at Westbury on Severn. His father was a farmer but as Sydney was not strong enough for farm work he was put into the grocery business and he became involved in buying and selling both in the Gloucestershire countryside and in London. He was a strict abstainer and would never sell apples for cider-making nor enter a public house.

In 1939, at Gloucester he married his cousin Rosa Cave Ayland (2) who had joined the Society of Friends at Purley in 1929 and shortly afterwards he also joined the Society and became known in many and varied local circles. Later when living at Arlingham in Gloucestershire in addition to attending meeting at Nailsworth they would rush back to be in time for the service at the local Wesleyan chapel as they had taken over the care and maintenance of it as his father had cared for it over fifty years. He was a kindly man of steadfast faith, gentle and with a sense of fun.

He died on March 7 1980, aged 90.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 138 (1980) p. 494

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 90 at death.
2. The marriage took place at Gloucester FMH on 3rd June 1939.
Notice in The Friend 1939, p. 534

WBE:

AYNSLOW, John, d. 1693.

There is some question as to whether his proceedings
in marriage were orderly.

Author: A Resume of Truth ..., 1664; A Short descrip-
tion of the true ministers and the false; 1672; Several things
given forth by the spirit of the Lord, 1683 (?).

d. 17 June, 1693, Over, Cambridgeshire, Eng.

Smith, l: 148.

F.H.L. Swar. BX7617 A95 S5.

WBE:

AYRE, L R

Wrote: . . . Swarthmoor Hall, and its connexion with
the founder of the Society of Friends. . . Ulverston,
1895-96]

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7678.

AYRES, George (1620?-1697)

George Ayres of East Smithfield, was a haberdasher of hats. He appears to have married two widows in quick succession, Ann Rowles, of Bishopsgate, 23.v.1685, and Mary Bowman, 1689. It may have been a bridal visit that Fox and his three companions intended to pay; the bridegroom not being at home, the bride provided dinner for the callers and they remained some time at the house.

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.328

AYREY, Elizabeth (1696/7?-1782) born Baynes, or Barnes
Baines

Elizabeth Baynes was born 11.xi[Jan] 1696/7 [poss.11.xi[Jan] 1697/8] the daughter of Joseph and Rachel Baynes of Stangerthwaite in Killington, Kirby Lonsdale, Westmoreland (1). She married on 7.iv[June] 1722, at Brigflats, John Ayrey, son of John and Agnes Ayrey of Hill, Sedbergh, Yorks (2).

She became a minister about 1732. Her ministry, though generally short, was 'lively and acceptable'. She was naturally of a free, open and cheerful disposition, consoling and encouraging the 'honest-hearted' while reproving 'Liberties inconsistent with the pure leadings of Truth'. She was prevented by lameness from long journeys.

She died on 8 October 1782, and was buried in Friends Burial Ground, Brigflats, on 11 October (3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Sedbergh MM in TCMD, vol.3 p.255

NOTES AND REFERENCES :

1. There are two entries in Westmorland QM Births Digest :
Elizabeth Barne, b.11.xi.1696 [Jan.1696/7] daughter of Joseph Jr & Rachel
Eliza Baines, b.11.xi.1697 [Jan 1697/8] daughter of Jose. & Rachel of Sedbergh Meeting
Her age at death was 86 (TCMD) which makes the earlier date more probable
2. Westmorland QM Marriages Digest. He was born 11.vi[Avg] 1694. He died 10 Sept.1766 - Westmorland QM Births Digest: Westmorland QM Burials Digest
No children recorded in Westmorland QM Births Digest
3. Westmorland QM Burials Digest, Widow of John, of Brigflats

AYREY, John (1643?-1712)

John Ayrey lived at Shap, Westmorland, and belonged to Sedbergh Meeting (Piety Promoted). In c.1688, John Ayrey married Ruth, widow of Christopher Yeats, and eldest daughter of Thomas Lawson. The three daughters of this union married into the Backhouse, Collinson, and Braithwaite families respectively (Webb.Fells, 1865, pp.373 ff; Foster, Descendants of John Backhouse of Yeland, 1894, p.14).

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.495

WBE:

2+

AYREY, Thomas, fl. 1654-1684.
or
AIREY

Yeoman; minister, having an excellent gift.

Went with John Audland to Bristol, London, and other places, 1654. Appleby jail for refusing oath, 1660.

Pewter distrained, 1678. (He was then at Sellside.)

Taken for tythes over £ 8, 1684.

At Plymouth, he forsook John Audland; lost his gift; refused to suffer for Truth; took an oath; consented to take up arms.

Fesse, 2: 10, 24, 25, 35.

One of the Valiant Sixty, p. 40, 98.

First publisher of Truth, p. 77, 226, 266.

ASHFORD, Frances Mary (1827-1917) born Southall

Frances Mary Southall, the twin daughter of William Southall (1797-1866 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Baker, 1803-1871 qv) of Leominster in Herefordshire and Birmingham, was born at Leominster on 30 September 1827(1).

After leaving school in 1845 she studied at the School of Art in Birmingham. Her work in modelling was very good and she was awarded two medals. She also painted in water colour, having a clean, bold style(2).

She kept house for her widowed brother William (1825-1886 qv) for some time and was married in 1864 to George Ashford (1824-1882 qv) of Birmingham, but the marriage was childless(3). They kept a school for boys at Gough Road, Birmingham until George Ashford's death and were both interested in adult school work(4).

Frances Mary Ashford of 121 Gough Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, died on 4 February 1917, at the age of eighty nine(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: her father is described as a chemist and druggist
- 2 Celia Southall, Records of the Southall Family, 1932, p 110
- 3 For marriage see ASHFORD, George (1824-1882)
- 4 See entry for ASHFORD, George (1824-1882)
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of George

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

ASHFORD, George (1824-1882)

George Ashford was born on 18 August 1824, the eldest child of Samuel (1793-1866) and Rachel Ashford (1798-1854, born Brown) of Ashwell, Bedfordshire (1).

He was a pupil at Friends School, Croydon from 1833 to 1838 (2); he became a private tutor. On 6 July 1864, at Birmingham, he married Frances Mary Southall (1827-1917); there were no children of the marriage. (3) Both were prominent in adult school work (4).

They kept a school for boys at Gough Road, Birmingham, until the death of George Ashford on 7 October 1882 (5).

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest; the birth is recorded as having taken place at Ashwell, and Samuel Ashford described as a grocer.
- 2 A complete list of scholars educated at Croydon School, 1882, p p 5, where his residence is given as Birmingham.
- 3 Alfred P. Balkwill, Genealogy of the Balkwill family, typescript, 1908, p 209; Celia Southall, Records of the Southall family, [1932], p 110; Digest of Marriages, where he is described as a bachelor and schoolmaster of Edgbaston, son of Samuel Ashford, grocer, and she as a spinster of Edgbaston, daughter of William Southall, druggist. Balkwill, p 209, erroneously gives 3rd month 1864 as the date of the marriage; the July date is confirmed by the announcement in The Friend, vol 4, ns, August 1864, p 195. No children of the marriage are recorded in the Digest of Births.
- 4 Southall, p 110, where they are stated to have been for some years 'joint Superintendents of the Priory Women's School'.
- 5 Ibid., p 110; Digest of Deaths, where he is entered as a schoolmaster of Edgbaston, aged 58; Annual monitor, no 41 (1883) p 3, where he appears as an elder, of Birmingham. He had been included among the elders and overseers of Warwickshire North MM since at least 1877 (Warwick Leicester & Staffs QM List of members, 1877).

MJT 24.vi.1980

ASHFORD, Harcourt (1864?-1936)

Harcourt Ashford was born at Plymouth, Devon, about 1864, the son of William (1835-1904 qv) and Ellen Sarah Ashford (18 -1906, qv, born Harcourt). The family had moved by 1870 to Birmingham, Warwickshire, and thence, by 1876, to Redcar, Yorkshire. (1)

From 1875 to 1879 Harcourt Ashford was a pupil at Ackworth School, going on to the Flounders Institute, and then to teach for a short time at the school of Joseph S.K. Parsey at Bradford, Yorkshire. (2).

On 8 May 1889, at Bull Street FMH, Birmingham, he married Caroline Merryweather (1863-1949 qv); two daughters of the marriage are recorded (3). He had become articled to the Birmingham chartered accountants, Baker & Gibson, about 1882. 'On passing his final at the head of all the candidates in England ... he and A.H. Gibson founded the firm of Gibson & Ashford. He retired from professional life in 1931.' He was a keen cricketer, and a wood-carver, as well as a collector of old furniture. He served on Meeting for Sufferings from 1923 to 1926, and on the Finance Committee from 1924 to 1929. For many years he was a member of the Ackworth Committee, and of the board of the Friends' Teachers' Retirement Fund. (4)

In 1913 the family moved to Myton, Warwick, and shortly after Harcourt Ashford 'became a governor of the King's School, Warwick, and later served on the Education Committee of the Warwickshire County Council. In 1926 he was elected to the Warwick Town Council and served on many committees connected with it.' (5)

Harcourt and Caroline Ashford moved to Maydencroft, Rowington, near Warwick about 1928. He died there on 26 October 1936. (6)

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 Alfred P. Balkwill, Genealogy of the Balkwill family..., typescript, 1908, p 211. Harcourt Ashford was not a birthright Friend; his birth does not appear in the Digest of Births, nor does the marriage of his parents appear in the Digest of Marriages. In the Warwick Leicester & Staffs QM List of members, 1870, p 4, under Birmingham, his father appears as in membership and his wife Ellen and children Harcourt and William Henry as non-members. In the Darlington, Guisborough and Richmond MMs List of members, 1876, p 48, under Redcar, his parents, his sister Ellen Harcourt (aged 7) and himself (aged 12) appear as members.
- 2 Ackworth OSA Annual report no 56 (1937), p 78, which includes some inaccuracies (the date of his time at Bradford, and his wife's name); List of the boys and girls admitted into Ackworth School, 1879, p 204 [9177] and 1890, p 4. Harcourt Ashford appears in the Brighouse MM List of members, 1881, p 44, as living at Bradford.
- 3 Digest of Marriages, where he he is entered as a bachelor and accountant's clerk of 31 Wood Street, Ladywood, Birmingham, son of William Ashford, commission agent; and she as spinster of 17 Lee Crescent, Edgbaston, daughter of John Simpson Merryweather, hosier. The children

ASHFORD, Harcourt (1864?-1936) cont

REFERENCES & NOTES cont

are given as follows in Digest of Births

Dorothy b 25 Aug 1891

Mary b 28 April 1895

- 4 Ackworth OSA Annual report no 56 (1937) p 78; Ackworth OSA Report of inaugural meeting, 1882, which gives his address in that year as Exchange Bank, Burlington Passage, Lower Temple Street, Birmingham. He appears as a member of Birmingham meeting in the Warwick Leicester & Staffs QM List of members in 1883 and 1886.
- 5 Ackworth OSA Annual report no 56 (1937) p 78; Warwick Leicester & Staffs QM Lists of members, 1912, 1913.
- 6 Ibid., 1928; Digest of Deaths, where he is described as a chartered accountant, aged 72, of Maydencroft, Rowington, Warwickshire. Alfred P. Balkwill, Genealogy of the Balkwill family, p 205, notes that Rachel Ashford (1798-1854, born Brown), Harcourt Ashford's grandmother, had lived at Maidencroft, Hertfordshire, before her marriage to Samuel Ashford (1793-1866).

MJT 19.vi.1980

John Ashford was born on December 4, 1902 (1) the son of Thomas Livingstone Ashford, a farmer.(2) He had hoped to become a professional musician but college life in London became an impossible strain upon him and he then turned towards training for the Congregational ministry, but he found this unsatisfactory. He came upon a mention of the Quakers in a book by Dean Inge and sought them out, being led to Woodbrooke where he met his future wife Kathleen Robson and where he felt immediately at home. He joined the Society of Friends and then in 1932 he and Kathleen were married.(3) He had been greatly influenced by the writings of John Woolman and in seeking to live a life of simplicity he turned to apple farming on three acres of land at Beccles in Norfolk. He and his wife and their two children Ian and Yvonne made a home " where the presence of God becomes real to all " (4). He and a few others were able to revive Beccles Meeting which had been closed for eighty years although the building was still used and he gave faithful and unstinted service to the meeting acting for some thirteen years as its clerk.(5) He served on Friends central committees (6) and FSC sent him to visit the Quaker centres in Berlin and Prague early in 1939. He was in Prague when the Germans marched in and although he could have obtained a passport easily to leave the country he stayed longer in order to help Friends to assist the many Jews who came to the Centre for help. After the war FSC asked him to visit Friends in Denmark and he and Kathleen made repeated visits to Scandinavia, to Finland, to the Folk High School at Vittakivi and to Denmark and supported many Friends in isolation by visits and correspondence. He and Kathleen also made many visits to Vittakivi when he taught English in the brief summer courses there, until increasing deafness made this impossible.

He kept up his love of music playing his flute until he felt that he could no longer maintain his own high standards of performance when he turned to wood carving and then to poetry. He was keenly sensitive to beauty, was a man of very deep spiritual qualities and in his kindness and wisdom excelled in one-to-one relationships in which his ability to really listen and his appreciation of the one talking to him gave great help to many. He also kept up an enormous caring correspondence with many people, he was prolific writer of essays and verse and a vigorous man in his apple growing and later when he retired in his enlarged vegetable garden. In his later years he also turned to a developing belief in reincarnation.

He died on February 14, 1980 at the age of 77.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend Vol. 138 (1980) pp 317/8, 394.
Testimony of Norwich & Lynn Monthly Meeting
Y.M.Procs. 1981 pp 182/3.

continued.

ASHFORD, John (1902 - 1980) continued

4

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. This date of birth is given on the memorial card. The Testimony referred to above records the date as December 14.
2. Information gained from the Marriage Digest.
3. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Friends House, London on December 10, 1932. He is described as a bachelor, fruit farmer of Norfolk, and his father's name is given. She was Kathleen May Robson, daughter of Charles Edward Robson.
4. This is a quotation from the obituary in The Friend.
5. Index of Clerks - Friends Ho. Library.
Beccles PM 1935 - 1948.
6. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.
Meeting for Sufferings 1937 - 1958
Friends Service Council 1937 - 1963
World Committee Affairs Committee.
7. See also Woodbrooke Int. journal No. 120 Nov.1980. p. 17

revised entry
SGJ. June '81.

ASHFORD, William (1835-1904)

William Ashford was born on 15 March 1835, the youngest child of Samuel (1793-1866) and Rachel Ashford (1798-1854, born Brown) of Saffron Walden, Essex (1). From 1844 to 1850, he was a pupil at Ackworth School, and thereafter was apprenticed to James Wright, bookseller, of Sudbury, Suffolk (2).

In 1863 he married Ellen Sarah Harcourt (d 1906); four children of the marriage have been traced (3). For several years after the marriage the family lived in Plymouth, Devon, William Ashford having 'joined with his brother-in-law Frederick P. Balkwill in the oil trade and in life insurance business'. From Plymouth, the family moved to Birmingham, Warwickshire by 1870, and in 1872 to Sale, Cheshire. By 1876 they were living at Redcar, Yorkshire. (4)

William Ashford was still at Redcar in 1881, as a member of Darlington MM. It would appear that he removed to Birmingham, but, with his wife, left Friends. He died on 11 April 1904. (5)

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest, where his father is described as a grocer of Saffron Walden; Ackworth OSA Report no 23 (1904) p 85; Alfred P. Balkwill, Genealogy of the Balkwill family..., typescript, 1908, pp 210-212.
- 2 Ackworth OSA Report no 23 (1904) p 85; List of the boys and girls admitted into Ackworth School, 1879, p 148 (entrance number 6687).
- 3 Ackworth OSA Report no 23 (1904) p 85; Balkwill, p 210, in both of which she is described as the daughter of Henry Harcourt of Sudbury. The marriage is not recorded in the Digest of Marriages; it seems likely that she was not a member of the Society of Friends. The children are given as follows in the Digests of Births and Deaths (full dates) and in Ackworth OSA Annual reports no 51 (1932) pp 99-100 and no 56 (1937) p 78 (years or approximate years only):

Harcourt	qv	b 1864?	d 26 Oct 1936
William Henry			d 25 June 1870
Ellen Harcourt		b 1869?	d 1932
Harold Charles		b 2 Oct 1870	d 6 June 1872

William Henry Ashford's age at death in 1870 was given as 4. In 1916 Ellen H. Ashford married professor Priestley-Smith, of Birmingham (Ackworth OSA Annual report no 51 (1932) p 99).
- 4 Balkwill, p 211. In the Warwick Leicester & Staffs QM List of members 1870, p 4, under Birmingham, William Ashford appears as a member and Ellen, Harcourt and William as non-members. In the Digest of Deaths, in June 1870, William Ashford is described as of Birmingham; in the Digest of Births in October 1870 as a commercial traveller of Sale, Ashton on Mersey, and also as of Sale in the Digest of Deaths in 1872. In the Darlington, Guisborough and Richmond MMs List of members, 1876, p 48, William, Ellen, Harcourt (aged 12) and Ellen Harcourt (aged 7) appear as members under Redcar; they do not appear in the preceding List of 1874.
- 5 Durham QM List of members, 1881, p 53; he does not appear in the 1882 List. Balkwill, p 211, notes that he 'removed to Birmingham, where he resided for many years before his death, which took place on the 11th April 1904. His widow died 30th Dec. 1906.'

ASHTON, John (1661?-1741)

John Ashton was born about the year 1661, in Cheshire, and taken by his parents to Ireland, being brought up as an Anglican. About the age of forty years, he went with his wife to a Friends' Marriage, where they both became convinced of the rightness of Friends' doctrines.

Shortly he was imprisoned for non-payment of Tithes, where he remained for about six months.

'As he grew in the Knowledge of Truth, so his Love increased towards his Neighbours, frequently inviting them to Meetings, going to their Houses early and late on that Occasion'.

John Ashton became a Minister about the sixty second year of his age, and was instrumental in starting a Meeting in his own house. In 1733 he attended Yearly Meeting in London, and thence visited Meetings in various parts of England and Scotland.

He died 14.iii [May] 1741, aged about eighty years, and a Minister about eighteen years.

Testimony of Montrath, Ireland MM in TCMD vol.1 p.189, printed in A collection of testimonies, 1760, p.157