

RICHES, James Frederick (1881?-1954)

James F. Riches was born about 1881 (1). He joined Friends in 1913, having previously been a Methodist. His first contact with Friends had been in his Sunday school days, when he was taught by a Friend. By 1916 he was a member of Norwich meeting (2).

He had married by 1917 Margaret (1881?-1968 qv) (3): no children are recorded (4).

In the summer of 1917 he left his business as a printer to become warden of the hostel at Princetown, Dartmoor, opened jointly by the Home Mission & Extension Committee and the Visitation of Prisoners Committee: this hostel continued for 18 months (5).

He and his wife then settled at Barming, near Maidstone, Kent, until 1922 (6), after which he ran a smallholding near Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, becoming a member of Grays meeting (7). In 1946 James and Margaret Riches moved to the meeting house cottage at Capel, Surrey (8). From 1948 until his death he was a member of the Home Service Committee (9). He had also served as representative of Sussex Surrey & Hants QM on the Meeting for Sufferings from 1948 to 1953 (10). He was a regular attender at Yearly Meeting.

In the latter part of 1952 or early 1953 James and Margaret Riches moved to the Ogilvie Trust's homes at Aldringham, Suffolk (11).

He was a man of "strong practical and simple evangelical faith" who had a "humourous way in which he expressed his views" so that "his cheerfulness, his gracious and loving spirit made him a joyful and inspiring companion" (12).

James F. Riches died at Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital on 19 September 1954, aged 73 years (13).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 112 (1954) p 1076: obituary signed George H. Gorman

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 73 at death
- 2 So shown in Norfolk Cambs & Hunts QM printed list of members 1916: his name does not appear under Norwich in the list for 1914. The date of his joining Friends is in the obituary
- 3 Margaret Riches' name does not appear in the ~~East~~ Norfolk Cambs & Hunts QM printed list 1916 nor in the Devon & Cornwall QM printed lists 1918, 1919: it does appear (shown as a member) in the Kent QM printed list 1919. In the Visitation of Prisoners Committee report 30 April 1919 (YM Proc 1919 p 110) tribute is paid for the work at Princetown "of James Riches and his wife". No marriage is traced in Digest of Marriages 1912-9

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RICHES, James Frederick (1881?-1954)

REFERENCES AND NOTES (cont)

- 4 None traced in Digest of Births or in relevant QM printed lists of members
- 5 See Home Mission & Extension Committee report in YM Proc 1918 p 103, Visitation of Prisoners Committee report in YM Proc 1919 p 110: the HM&E Committee report notes that he was granted exemption on account of his work as warden
- 6 James F. and Margaret Riches (The Old Hall, Barming, nr Maidstone) are shown as members of Maidstone meeting in Kent QM printed lists of members 1919 through 1923: their names do not appear in the 1924 list
- 7 A certificate of removal from Rochester MM was accepted by Ratcliff & Barking MM 13 December 1922 (Ratcliff & Barking MM Register of Members 1924-1955). James F. and Margaret Riches' address is given as Hill View, near Stanford le Hope
- 8 A certificate of removal to Dorking Horsham & Guildford MM is recorded as 9 November 1946 (Ratcliff & Barking MM Register of Members 1924-1955)
- 9 Typescript list of committee membership, Friends House Library: he had served on the Home Mission & Extension Committee as a representative of Kent QM 1921-1923
- 10 Typescript list of committee membership, Friends House Library
- 11 Their names are printed under Capel in the 1952 Sussex Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members but not in that for 1953. Their names appear under Leiston (No 7, The Homes, Aldringham, Leiston) in the 1954 Essex & Suffolk QM printed list of members, but are not in that for 1953
- 12 quotation from The Friend obituary
- 13 The Friend vol 112 (1954) p 951

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

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RICHES, Margaret

( 1881 ? - 1968 ) born

Margaret Riches was born in about the year 1881.(1)

She and her husband James Frederick Riches ( 1881 - 1954 qv.) apparently joined Friends before the first world war. They served as very capable and kindly wardens of the <sup>Home</sup> hostel operated during 1917 & 1918 at Princetown, Dartmoor by the ~~Friends~~ Service Committee for the benefit of conscientious objectors and their relatives to help to restore their health impaired by the experiences of imprisonment.

After the war they lived for a time in Kent, then on a smallholding in Essex. later they took the wardenship of Capel Meeting House. Her husband died in 1954, and she later moved to Leiston in Suffolk,

She died there on February 27, 1968, Aged 87.(2)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 126 (1968) p. 492.  
death notice p. 484.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 87 at death.
2. See also RICHES, James Frederick ( 1881 - 1954 ) for further details.

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RICKETTS, Mary (1806-1906) formerly Nipper, born Frank

Mary Frank, the daughter of Arnee Frank (1766-1856 qv) and his second wife Hannah (born Benwell, 1775-1856 qv) of Bristol, was born there on 21 August 1806(1). She was educated at Sidcot School from 1818 to 1819.

She was a miniature painter and also published several slim volumes of poetry(2). She was married at Bristol in June 1860 to William Nipper(3) and in November 1876 to George F.Ricketts(4), but both marriages were apparently childless(5).

Mary Ricketts of Woodborough in Nottinghamshire died at Sidcot on 26 January 1906, at the age of ninety nine(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 78

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father is described as a cutler and ironmonger
- 2 J Friends Hist Soc vol 4 (1907) p 78:-  
*'In accordance with the request of the late Mary Ricketts, formerly Mary Frank, some of her poems, written at various times, have been printed in a little volume, entitled Village Sketches from Life . . . Several poems are connected with the Sidcot district of Somersetshire; one is entitled Lines composed at Ackworth, 1858; and there are poetical references to Arnee Frank (the author's father), William Tanner and Richard Frank. Some of the poems have already appeared in Mary Frank's little book, Verses, Sacred and descriptive, 1850.'*
- 3 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 4 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 5 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 6 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of George

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WBE:a

RICHIE, Anna, nee Shoemaker, 1814-1885.

b. 7 July 1814, near Philadelphia, Pa., dau. of Charles and Margaret Shoemaker, Elders of Abington Quarterly Meeting.

1837, m. Samuel S. Richie, of Philadelphia.

1858, removed to a farm near Richmond, Ind. at New Paris, Ohio.

Attended Whitewater Monthly Meeting and was chosen by it to attend the committee to open the Chicago meeting. 1874, appointed Elder. 1877, recorded a minister. Was a member of the Evangelistic Committee of Indiana Yearly Meeting from its beginning.

d. 31 Jan. 1885, near New Paris, Ohio, in her 71st year.

Christian Worker, 15(1885):115.

Frds' Review, 38:522.

WBE:

RICHIE, William Hooten, c.1882-

WBE gives information about this former Friend  
which we are not including since he is still living.

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RICKABY, Mary (1693?-1752)

Mary Rickaby, details of whose birth and parentage are at present (1975) unknown, was born about the year 1693.(1) From her youth she was of a religious disposition and denied herself the youthful vanities to which she was inclined. When she was about twenty six or twenty seven she received a gift in the ministry, in the service of which she travelled widely in the British Isles and also in Holland. Her ministry was well received and she was a minister in good esteem both at home and abroad. In 1747 she had a concern to visit Friends in the south, particularly in London, and there she remained, visiting families, until her death in 1752.

She died apparently unmarried(2) at the house of Thomas Whitehead in London on 20 July 1752(3) and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Bunhill Fields. She was aged about fifty nine years and had been a minister for more than thirty years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Thirsk MM 27 March 1753 in TCMD vol.1 p.361

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged about 59 at death. Her birth is not recorded in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 There is no record of a marriage in Yorkshire QM or Lancashire QM Marriages Digests
- 3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she died on 20 July 1752; no description of her is given

WEE:

RICKETSON, Daniel, 1813-1898

b. July 30, 1813 at New Bedford, Mass., son of Joseph and Anna (Thornton), Ricketson

ed. by H. Norton and later at Friends Academy by George Newhall. 1831, attempted to enter Harvard University, but failed the exams. Went to study law under John Summers Russell.

1836 admitted as an attorney.

m. Louisa Sampson of Plymouth, Mass. Had 2 sons and 2 daughters.

1858 wrote The History of New Bedford. Had much interesting correspondence with G.W.Curtis, C.E.Norton, A. Bronson Alcott, Wendell Phillips and other noted men.

1903 wrote New Bedford of the Past. (portrait)

d. July 16, 1898 at New Bedford, Mass., aged about 85 years.

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 19:47

Daniel Ricketson, autobiographic and miscellaneous.  
(several portraits)

WBE:a

RICKETSON, Shadrach, c.1768-1839.

b. 1766 or 1768 in New York City; son of Jonathon and Meriboh Wilbur Ricketson.

ed. studied under Dr. Benjamin Anthony.

Became a physician in Dutchess County, N.Y.

14 September 1789, requested "to come under the care of Friends" at Oblong Preparative Mtg. at Quaker Hill.

Transferred his membership to numerous Mo. Mtgs. as his medical practice required moves.

1815, became a member of the Medical Society of the State of New York.

1823-1824, President of Dutchess County Medical Society.

He was a champion of moderate living and temperance, emphasizing the importance of personal hygiene, and was a staunch advocate of vaccination against smallpox.

Ricketson asked John Quincy Adams, who was appointed U. S. Minister to St. Petersburg in 1809, to give Czar Alexander I not only his books on health and finance, but also homilies which he hoped would give the ruler "just ideas about the Society of Friends."

Author: 1789, "Experiments on the cultivation of the Poppy Plant and Methods of Procuring Opium," in the American Museum, v.6, pp. 55-57.

1806, Means of Preserving Health and Preventing Disease (1st American book on hygiene and preventive medicine).

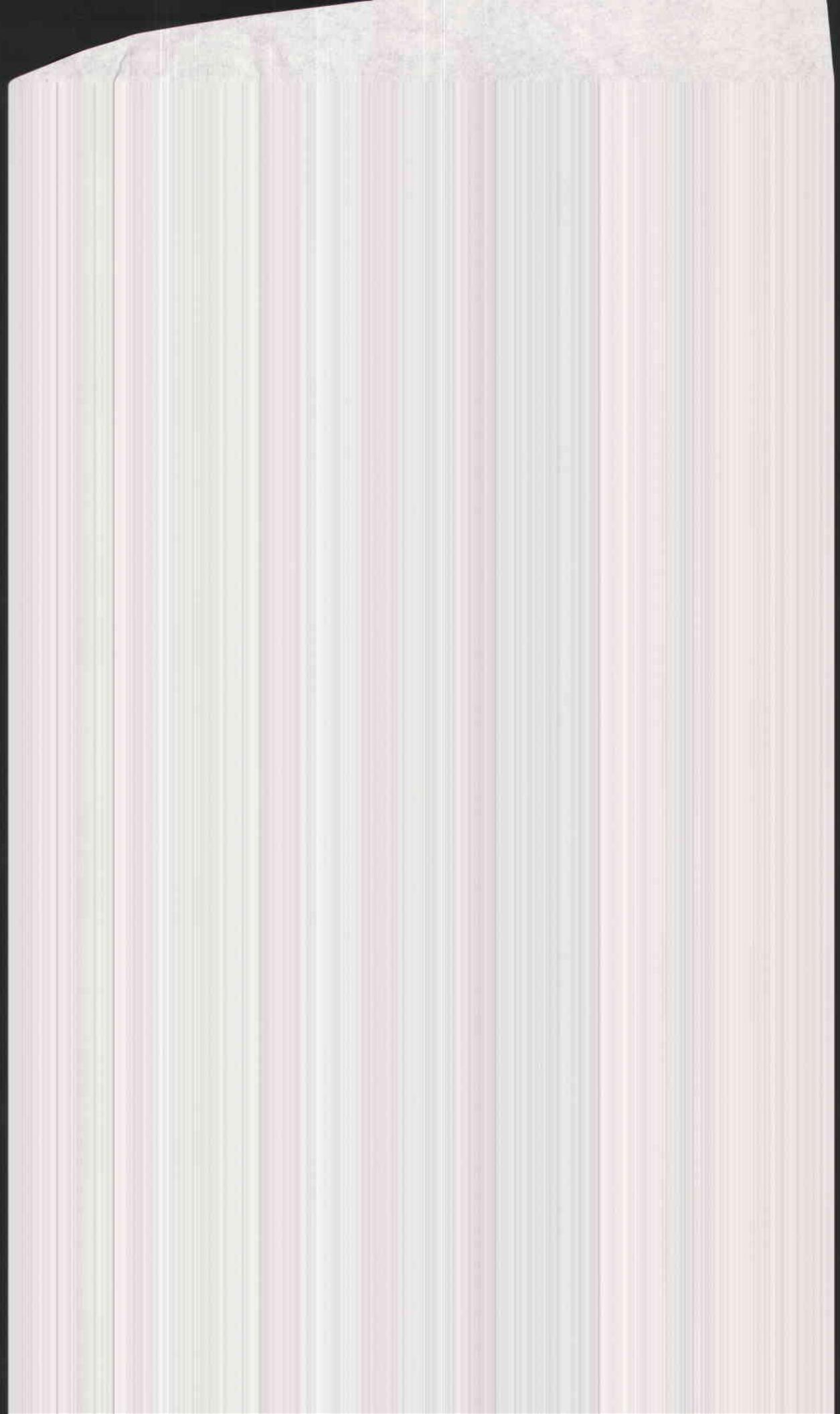
c.1808, A Brief History of the Influenza, which prevailed in New York in 1807.

Anne (1757-1793) after 1785 Jeffrey

(Anne Rickman, daughter of John Rickman V (1715/6-1789 qv)  
and his wife Elizabeth, born Peters, of Lewes in Sussex,  
was married in 1785 to William Jeffrey.

See JEFFREY, Anne (1757-1793) born Rickman )

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RICKMAN, Benjamin (1707-1751)

Benjamin Rickman, the son of John Rickman IV (1656?-1722 qv) and his second wife Abigail, born Reynolds, of Hellings in Sussex, was born there on 10.x.(December)1707(1). He was a miller(2) and was married in 1732 to Elizabeth Manchester(3); there were eight children(4). A book given by Sarah Meade, the daughter of Margaret Fell of Swarthmore Hall, to John Rickman in 1713 came into his possession in 1723 and had probably belonged to his father.

There is no record of his death in 1751(5), but on his wife's death in 1787(6) she is described as a widow.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Fenney, My Ancestors, London 1920, pp 67-69

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Garner Street on 9 ii (April)1732: he is described as a miller of Hellings in the county of Sussex, the son of John Rickman of Hellings; she is described as a spinster, the daughter of James Manchester of Westham in Essex (Surrey & Sussex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Surrey & Sussex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 1 ii(April)1733	
Benjamin	b 23 ix(Nov)1734	who m 1759 Martha Snelling
James	b 4 iv(June)1736	
Mary	b 22 i 1736 (i.e.probably March 1735/6 but possibly March 1736/7)	
Abigail	b 26 iv(June)1741	who m 1769 Henry Bonner (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
William qv	b i x(Dec)1745	who m 1788 Elizabeth Alexandra (Kent QM Marriages Digest)
Maria	b 24 i (March)1747/8	
Sophia	b 17 vi(Aug)1750	
- 5 His death is not recorded in Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest
- 6 Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest: she died on 12 May 1787, the widow of Benjamin

SEE ALSO:- Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 21, p 34n

RICKMAN, Benjamina (1771-1799) after 1791 Kemp

(Benjamina Rickman, daughter of Joseph Rickman V (1741/2-1812 qv) and his wife Anne, born Worster, of London, was married in 1791 to John Kemp (1769-1827 qv)

See KEMP, Benjamina (1771-1799) born Rickman )

RICKMAN, Benjaminine (1801-1881) after 1827 Lucas

(Benjaminine Rickman, daughter of John Rickman V (1774-1859 qv)  
and his wife Sarah, born Horne, of Lewes in Sussex, was  
married in 1827 to Edward Lucas.

See LUCAS, Benjaminine (1801-1881) born Rickman )

RICKMAN, Caleb (1730-1789)

Caleb Rickman, the youngest son of Joseph Rickman III (1691-1747/8 qv) and his wife Anne, born Baker, of Chilsham Farm near Hurstmonceux in Sussex and later of Park Farm, Hellingsly, was born at Park Farm on 15.vi.(August)1730(1). Like so many members of his family, he became a farmer, farming at Hookland. He was married in 1753 to Susannah Sheppard(2) and there were nine children(3).

His wife died on 4 December 1788 and he did not long survive her, dying on 12 February 1789(4), at the age of fifty nine. They were both buried at Thakeham in Sussex.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, pp 73-74

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 There is no record of the marriage in Surrey & Sussex QM, Kent QM, Dorset & Hants QM, Derby & Notts QM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests
- 3 Listed in Surrey & Sussex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Susannah*	b 12 Aug 1754	
Mary	b 31 July 1756	who m 1784 John Gorham (N. Penney op cit, p 73)
Ann	b 15 Nov 1758	who m 1779 William Hobson (1752- 1840 qv)
Caleb	b 6 Feb 1761	who m 1793 Sarah Newman, born Bushey (N. Penney, op cit p 73)
Joshua	b 28 Jan 1763	who m 1783 Anne Gorham (N. Penney, op cit, p 73)
Elizabeth	b 25 April 1765	who m 1792 Robert Horne (1769-1813 qv)
Sheppard*	b 28 April 1767	
Sarah*	b 14 Feb 1769	
- \*There are no marriages recorded for these children in Surrey & Sussex QM Marriages Digest to 1837. Norman Penney, op cit p 73 gives nine children, but only eight are recorded in the Digest and the nine children are not listed by Norman Penney.
- 4 Surrey & Sussex Burials Digest: he is described as of Hookland Park

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vols 5, p 48n; vol 12,  
pp 78,154

...n, Elizabeth (1768-1833) after 1793 Hodgkin

[Elizabeth Rickman, daughter of Richard Peters Rickman  
(1745-1801 qv) and his wife Mary (born Verrell,  
    ) of Lewes in Sussex, was married in 1793 to  
John Hodgkin (1766-1845 qv).]

See HODGKIN, Elizabeth (1768-1833) born Rickman ]

WBE:

RICKMAN, Edwin

Professional life.

1835, wrote The Diary of a Solitaire; etc. also,  
1841, Madness, or the Maniac's Hall; a poem in seven  
cantos.

An enthusiastic pedestrian who spoke French,  
and risked climbing alone over dangerous icy and snowy  
slopes. Recommends J.J.Gurney's "Observations..."

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:488

RICKMAN, Emily (1807-1888) after 1852 Bass

(Emily Rickman, daughter of John Rickman (1774-1859 qv)  
and his wife Sarah (born Horne, ) of  
Lewes in Sussex, was married in 1852 to Isaac Gray  
Bass (1815-1879 qv).

See BASS, Emily (1807-1888) born Rickman )

RICKMAN, George Peters (1785-1875)

George Peters Rickman, the son of Joseph Rickman (1754-1810 qv) and his wife Sarah, born Neave, of Lewes in Sussex, was born there on 8 February 1785(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1793 to 1799(2) and on leaving school was apprenticed to a silk weaver in Reading.

He was fond of reading and put by his pocket money to buy books of a religious or philanthropic nature, and these he lent very readily to his friends, believing they would profit thereby and the principles in which he believed would be more widely disseminated. This was before the age of tract societies, which he afterwards used very freely. He visited people's houses with his books and even waylaid passengers on the stage coach with "something that will interest thee." As he had a lively mind, some little act of kindness or humorous remark often accompanied the gift and secured its reception.

He was married in 1834 to a widow named Ann Pink, born Mansell(3), but there were apparently no children(4) and Ann died in 1835(5). He remained a widower for several years until in 1841 he married another widow named Mary Kirkham, born Bissell(6); there were apparently no children of this second marriage either(7), but although he outlived his wife she was nearly ninety when she died and they had many happy years together.

He was tender and susceptible, his feelings easily aroused by causes which promoted the welfare of his fellows. He was a strong supporter of the anti-slavery movement and gave much practical help in organising public meetings and standing by those willing to advocate the cause by public speaking. But the cause of temperance was even nearer to his heart. He had been famous for his home brewed wine, but when he became convinced of the evils of drink he poured his whole store away. He gave much practical help and support to drunkards and more than one man had cause to remember that it was George Peters Rickman who had helped him to return to a sober and useful life.

His energy and desire to do good remained with him far into old age and he died in peace and comfort at Cherbury on 1 May 1875, at the age of ninety(8).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1876 pp 147-151

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

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## REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father is described as a surgeon • \*
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, London 1879, p 33
- 3 The wedding was at Maidenhead on 23 January 1834: he is described as a silk weaver of Reading, Berks, the son of Joseph and Sarah Rickman of Lewes in Sussex; she is described as a widow, the daughter of Henry and Martha Mansell of Ropley, near Alresford, Hampshire. (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 No children are recorded in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
- 5 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she died on 28 September 1835
- 6 The wedding was at Reading on 13 May 1841: he is described as a widower, an assistant chemist of Church Street, Reading, the son of Joseph Rickman, a surgeon; she is described as a widow of Broad Street, Reading, the daughter of James Bissell, a cordwainer (Digest of Marriages)
- 7 No children are recorded in the Digest of Births
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of Charlbury

\* Annual monitor 1876 p 147 uses the phrase "From 1784 to 1874 and even longer, is no mean span of life on earth" which could lead to wrong deductions of his year of birth and death: the correct date of death is given at the head of the entry

RICKMAN, John (1656?-1722)

John Rickman IV

John Rickman IV, the son of John Rickman III (1611-ante 1680) and his wife Alice, born Dunn or Duntye, was born about the year 1656 at "Inams, near Great Hamwood, three miles from Alton, in the parish of Selborne"(1).

At the time of his marriage in 1680 to Margaret Edwards, born Knell(2), he was already a member of the Society, probably the first of his family to become so, as there is no record of his father having been influenced by the teachings of the early Friends. There were nine children, but only six were recorded by the Society(3). John and Margaret left London after the birth of their eldest son John and settled at the little village of Gardner Street, near Hurstmonceaux in East Sussex, where the rest of their family were born. A curious fact about their marriage is that among the thirty five witnesses there were members of the bride's family and Ellis Hookes, the general secretary of Friends, but no Rickmans appear to have been present. Margaret Rickman died in 1704(4) and about 1706 John married Abigail Reynolds(5); there was one child, Benjamin (1707-1751 qv), who left numerous descendants(6).

John Rickman IV was a concerned Friend and wrote a letter about the condition of the meetings in East Sussex - Alfriston, Warbleton, Boreham, Udimore and Rye - which resulted in visits to the district by Nicholas Beard and others.

He died at Hurstmonceaux on 7.x. (December) 1722, at the age of sixty seven(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, pp 66-69

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 67 at death
- 2 The wedding was at Horsleydown on 19 vi (Aug) 1680: he is described as a tailor of Southwark, the son of John Rickman of Selborne in the county of Southampton; she is described as a widow of Southwark in the county of Surrey (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest as follows:-

John	b 19 iv (June) 1681	who d 1713 (Norman Penney, op cit p 67)
and in Surrey & Sussex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests:-		
Mary	b 22 iii (May) 1683	
Margrett	b 11 v (July) 1689	
Joseph III qv	b 18 viii (Oct) 1691	who m 1713 Ann Baker
Nicolas	b 26 i 1695 (ie probably March 1694/5 but possibly March 1695/6)	who d 3 xi 1713 (i.e. Jan 1713/4)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 3 Elizabeth b 19 ix (Nov) 1698  
W.B. Norman Penney, op cit p 67 gives nine children and mentions Joseph II, born 1687 and died 1690. The remaining two are not at present (1976) traceable.
- 4 Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest: she died 17 viii (Oct) 1704
- 5 There is no record of this marriage in Surrey & Sussex QM Marriages Digest
- 6 Listed in Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Benjamin qv b 10 x (Dec) 1707 who d 1751 (Norman Penney, op cit, p 67)
- 7 Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest: he is described as of Hurstmonceaux

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 12, pp 78, 154

RICKMAN, John (1715/6-1789)

John Rickman V

John Rickman V, the son of Joseph Rickman III (1691-1747/8 qv) and his wife Anne, born Baker, of Gardner Street, near Hurstmonceux in Sussex, was born there on 5.xi.1715 (i.e. January 1715/6)(1). He was a brewer of Lewes in Sussex(2) and was married in 1742 to Elisabeth Peters(3); there were ten children(4).

He died on 4 February 1789(5), aged about seventy three.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, pp 69-71

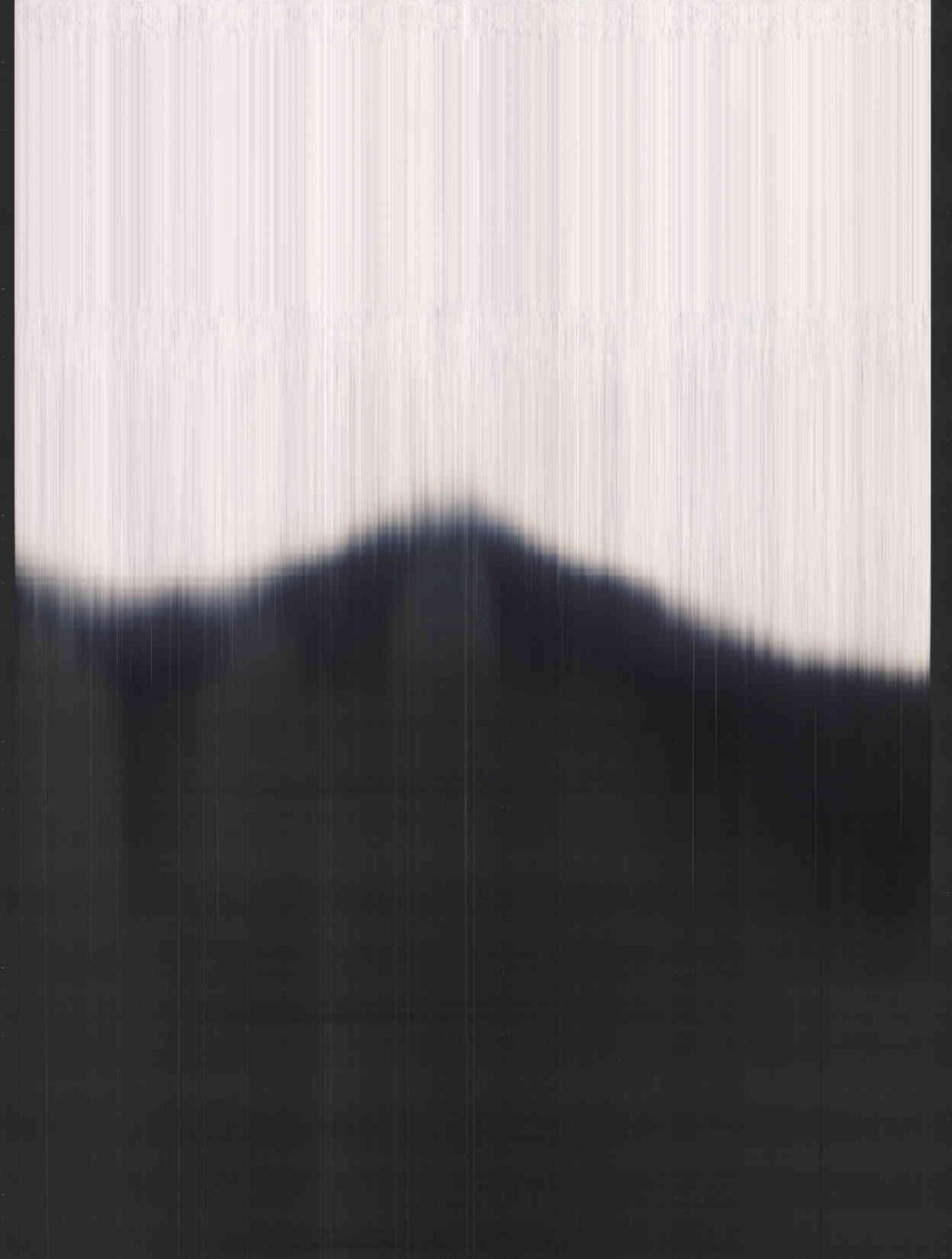
REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his burial entry, note 5
- 3 There is no record of the marriage in Surrey & Sussex QM, Kent QM, Dorset & Hants QM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests
- 4 Listed in Surrey & Sussex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 23 viii (Oct) 1743	
Richard Peters qv	b 4 viii (Oct) 1745	who m 1766 Mary Verrall (N. Penney, op cit p 71)
John	b 14 vii (Sept) 1747	
Joseph qv	b 8 vi (Aug) 1749	
Thomas	b 2 v (July) 1751	date of death not given
Samuel qv	b 31 May 1755	
Anne	b 17 March 1757	who m 1785 William Jeffrey
Sarah	b 20 April 1759	
Thomas qv	b 27 July 1761	
- 5 B.B. Norman Penney, op cit p 71, gives ten children and describes Thomas, b 27 July 1761, as the third of that name in the family. Only nine are listed in the Digest. No marriages are listed in Surrey & Sussex QM Marriages Digest apart from Anne, b 17 March 1757
- 5 Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a brewer of Lewes

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 13, p 164; vol 14, p 33; vol 15, p 118



RICKMAN, John (1774-1859)

John Rickman VI

John Rickman VI, the son of Richard Peters Rickman (1745-1801 qv) and his wife Mary, born Verrall, of Lewes in Sussex, was born there on 8 April 1774(1). He was a brewer(2), like his grandfather John Rickman (1715/6-1789 qv) and was married in 1797 to his second cousin Sarah Horne, the daughter of John Horne (1730/31-1788 qv) of Arundel(3); there were ten children(4).

John Rickman VI died on 16 May 1859(5), at the age of eighty five.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Arundel in Sussex on 8 February 1797: he is described as a brewer of Lewes in Sussex, the son of Richard Peters and Mary Rickman of Lewes; she is described as the daughter of John and Sarah Horne of Arundel in Sussex (Surrey & Sussex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Surrey & Sussex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Rachel qv	b 19 April 1798
Matilda qv	b 30 Dec 1799
Benjamina qv	b 29 June 1801 who m 1827 Edward Lucas
Priscilla qv	b 17 Feb 1803
Richard Peters qv	b 16 March 1805
Emily	b 22 Jan 1807
Lucy	b 30 Jan 1809
Christiana	b 13 Jan 1811 who m 1836 Jeffery Lucas
Sarah Horne	b 17 June 1813
Mary Verrall	b 29 April 1815
- 5 N.B. No further marriages are recorded in Surrey & Sussex QM Marriages digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1860
- 6 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

RICKMAN, John (1832- )

John Rickman, the son of Richard Peters Rickman (1805-1876 qv) and his wife Hannah, born Ashby, of Lewes in Sussex, was born there on 10 August 1832(1).

His wife's name was Ellen, but there is no record of his marriage(2) and it is not at present (1976) possible to trace her history. There were two sons, named Richard Peters (1865-1893) and Thornton(3).

The date of his death is not at present traced and his history suggests that he left the Society(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 There is no record of the marriage in the Digest of Marriages, but it is given in John Baily, Genealogy of the Rickman Family, Leeds 1971, Tree 20.
- 3 Given in John Baily, op cit, Tree 14
- 4 His death is not recorded in the Digest of Deaths

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

RICKMAN, Joseph (1657?-1745)      Joseph Rickman I

Joseph Rickman I, the son of John Rickman (1611-ante 1680) and his wife Alice, born Dunn or Duntyle, was born about the year 1657(1), probably near Selborne. His wife's name was Elizabeth(2); there is no record of any children and his interest lies in his probably having been, with his brother John Rickman IV (1656?-1722 qv), the first member of his family to join the Society. He frequently attended monthly meeting, often with his nephew and great-nephew Joseph III (1691-1747/8 qv) and Joseph IV (1714-1776 qv), where they were known as the "eldest, younger and youngest."

He was prosecuted for the non-payment of tithes to the value of £4 per annum, both in the Exchequer and the Bishop's courts and suffered imprisonment. The vicar, William Dobson, persecuted him and clearly sought his ruin; he had him committed to the Fleet prison and after his release still pursued him, taking out a Commission of Enquiry. But William Dobson's death prevented the pursuance of this intention and as far as is known Joseph was thereafter left in peace.

He died on 5.ix.(November)1745, aged about ninety(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, pp 64, 66

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged about 90 at death
- 2 Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest: Elisabeth, wife of Joseph Rickman the elder, died 7 x (December)1737
- 3 Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest: he is described as of Hurstmonceaux

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

Joseph Rickman III, the son of John Rickman IV (1656?-1722 qv) and his wife Margaret, formerly Edwards, born Knell, of Gardner Street near Hurstmonceaux in Sussex, was born there on 18.viii.(October)1691(1). He was named after an elder brother Joseph II, who was born in 1687 and died in 1690. He was a farmer at Chilham, near Hurstmonceaux and in 1920 the house in which he lived was still standing, although in a dilapidated condition.

He was married in 1713 to Alice Baker(2) and there were nine children(3). In 1725 they moved to Park Farm, Hellings, where their two youngest children were born. Joseph III was an acknowledged minister for twenty four years and some of his religious journeys are noted in the books of Lewes Monthly Meeting.

He died at Park Farm, Hellings, on 7.xii.1747/8(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, p 69

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
  - 2 The wedding was in the parish of Hurstmonceaux on 10 x (December)1713: he is described as a yeoman of Hurstmonceaux, the son of John Rickman; she is described as a spinster, the daughter of Thomas Baker (Surrey & Sussex QM Marriages Digest)
  - 3 Listed in Surrey & Sussex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-
- |              |                                |   |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Joseph IV qv | b 28 viii (Oct) 1714           | who m 1739 Sarah Gorham   |
| John V qv*   | b 5 xi 1715 (i.e. Jan 1715/6)  | who m 1742 Elizabeth Peters<br>(Norman Penney, op cit pp 69-70) |
| Hannah*      | b 14 xi 1717 (i.e. Jan 1717/8) |   |
| Thomas       | b 14 vii (Sept) 1718           | who m (1) 1744 Elizabeth Smith<br>(2) 1753 Rebecca Martaine     |
| Samuel* qv   | b 6 ii (April) 1720            |   |
| Elizabeth    | b 6 xi 1722 (i.e. Jan 1722/3)  | who m 1741 John Smith   |
| Margaret     | b 9 i 1725 (i.e. March 1724/5) | who m 1755 Barton Gates   |
| Anne         | b 14.ii (April) 1726           | who m 1749 Thomas Pierce  |
| Caleb qv*    | b 15 vi (Aug) 1730             | who m 1753 Sussannah Sheppard<br>(Norman Penney, op cit)        |

\*No marriages are recorded for these children in Surrey & Sussex QM Marriages Digest

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RICKMAN, Joseph (1691-1747/8)

Joseph Rickman III

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a minister for 24 years

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

RICKMAN, Joseph (1714-1776) Joseph Rickman IV

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Joseph Rickman IV, the eldest son of Joseph Rickman III (1691-1747/8 qv) and his wife Anne, born Baker, of Chilsham Farm near Hurstmonceaux in Sussex, was born there on 28.viii.(October)1714(1). He was married in 1738/9 or 1739/40 to Sarah Gorham of Warbleton(2) and there were ten children(3). Like his father he was a Quaker minister and also like his father a farmer at Chilsham.

He died while on a visit to his son in London, on 31 January 1776(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, p 71

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Gardner Street in Hurstmonceaux on 5.i.1739 (i.e. probably March 1738/9 but possibly March 1739/40): he is described as a yeoman of Hurstmonceaux in the county of Sussex, the son of Joseph and Anne Rickman of Hellingly, Sussex; she is described as a spinster, the daughter of John and Sarah Gorham of Warbleton in Sussex (Surrey & Sussex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Surrey & Sussex QM Births and Marriages Digest as follows:-

Sarah	b 17 x (Dec)1740	who m 1768 John Horne (1730/1-1788 qv)
Joseph V	b 11 xii 1741 (i.e. Feb 1741/2)	
John	b 28 iv (June)1743	who d unmarried (Norman Penney op cit p 73)
Margaret	b 28 iv (June)1743	who d young (N.Penney, op cit)
Elizabeth	b 15 i (March)1744/5	
James	b 17 x (Dec)1748	who d unmarried (N.Penney, op cit)
William	b 28 viii (Oct)1750	who d young (N.Penney, op cit)
Ann	b 16 Sept 1753	
Mary	b 30 Jan 1756	who d young (N.Penney, op cit)
George	b 28 Sept 1761	who d young (N.Penney, op cit)
- 4 Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a farmer of Southover in Sussex, the husband of Sarah

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

RICKMAN, Joseph (1741/2-1812) Joseph Rickman V

Joseph Rickman V, the son of Joseph Rickman IV (1714-1776 qv) and his wife Sarah, born Gorham, of Chilsham Farm near Hurstmonceux in Sussex, was born there on 11.xii.1741 (i.e. February 1741/2)(1). He left the peaceful village of his childhood and went to London, where he became a factor and coal dealer(2) and in 1770 was married to Anne Worster(3); there were eleven children(4). Later in life he appears to have given up coal dealing and become a mustard manufacturer(5).

The unusual forename of his eldest child Benjamina came into the Penney family line through Anne Worster. Her grandfather Abijah Wolverage often entertained the travelling minister Benjamina Padley and out of the great respect he bore her named his only daughter after her. Benjamina Wolverage became in due course Benjamina Worster and her daughter Anne married Joseph Rickman V. The name appears in the Rickman, Kemp and Penney families, shortened in modern times to Mina.

Joseph Rickman V died on 3 November 1812(6), at the age of about seventy one.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, pp 70, 71, 73

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was in Savoy in the Strand on 8 March 1770: he is described as a factor and coal dealer of Hungerford Market in the parish of St Martin in the Fields, the son of Joseph and Sarah Rickman; she is described as a linen draper of Marson Street, Carnaby Market, London, the daughter of Thomas and Benjamina Worster (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests, with additional information from John Baily, Genealogy of the Rickman Family, Leeds 1971 (Friends House Typescript):-

Benjamina* qv	b 6 July 1771	who m 1791 John Kemp
Sarah	b 15 Aug 1773	who d young (Baily)
Mary qv	b 4 June 1775	who m 1815 William Binns (1769-1850 qv) (Surrey & Sussex QM Marriages Digest)
Ann Worster	b 19 Sept 1777	who d 18 Sept 1778
Joseph	b 28 Oct 1779	who m 1806 Sarah Rickman (Baily)
John	b 21 Sept 1781	who d 19 May 1782
Elizabeth	b 8 May 1783	who m William Hacking (Baily)
James	b 10 June 1785	who m Mary Graham (Baily)
George	b 22 March 1787	who d 17 Feb 1788

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 Ann b 9 May 1788 who d 24 Aug 1788  
Christiana b 29 July 1789 who m 1836 Jeffery Lucas (Surrey &  
Sussex QM Marriages Digest)  
\*In the Digest entry she is given as Benjamin  
5 He is so described in his burial entry, note 6  
6 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a mustard  
manufacturer of Staines

SEE ALSO:- J Friends Hist Soc vol 5, p 48n: note on name Benjamina

N.B. John Baily, op cit TREG 4, erroneously ascribes a second daughter  
Ann, also born in 1788 to Joseph Rickman; the second Ann was  
the daughter of Joshua Rickman and was married in 1807 to  
Richard Phillips

RICKMAN, Joseph (1749-1810)

Joseph Rickman, the son of John Rickman V (1715/6-1789 qv) and his wife Elisabeth, born Peters, of Lewes in Sussex, was born there on 8.vi.(August)1749(1). He was a surgeon and apothecary at Maidenhead in Berkshire and was married in 1772 to Sarah Neave of Staines(2); there were eleven children(3). In 1779 he received Thomas Pole (1753-1829 qv) into his family as an apprentice and they remained on friendly terms throughout his life. He was also the author of a slim volume of nineteen poems entitled Religious and Moral Poems, printed in 1828 and addressed to various members of his family.

Towards the end of his life he apparently left the Society. After his death in 1810 the Gentleman's Magazine had the following reference to him:-

"At Dublin, aged 64, Mr Joseph Rickman, a native of Lewes, and formerly one of the people of Quakers. He had for the last two or three years held forth as a street preacher in most of the principal towns of the Kingdom, and particularly in the Metropolis, with a degree of eccentricity bordering on insanity. He was by profession a surgeon and apothecary, and practised many years at Maidenhead." (vol 80, p 662)

There is no record of his death in 1810(4), but his age at death was about sixty one.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

J Friends Hist Soc vol 14 (1917) p 33

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Staines on 27 October 1772: he is described as a surgeon and apothecary of Maidenhead in Berkshire, the son of John and Elisabeth Rickman of Lewes in Sussex; she is described as of Staines, Middlesex, the daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Neave (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

3 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 30 July 1774	
a son	b 8 June 1775	who d 10 June 1775
Thomas qv	b 8 June 1776	who m (1)1804 Lucy Rickman (2)1813 Christiana Hornier (3)1824 Elizabeth Miller (John Bailey, Genealogy of the Rickman Family, Leeds 1971. F.H. typescript)
John	b 2 March 1778	date of death not given
John	b 18 Jan 1779	date of death not given
John	b 11 Feb 1780	
William	b 8 Dec 1781	
George Peters	b 8 Feb 1785	who m 1834 Ann Pink
Henry Neave	b 25 Nov 1786	
Mary Ann	b 16 Aug 1788	
Edwin Swan	b 10 Sept 1790	

N.B. No further marriages are recorded in Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest

4 His death is not recorded in Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest

N.B. John Daily, Genealogy of the Rickman Family, Leeds 1971 (Friends House typescript) erroneously gives the year of his birth as 1745

WBE:

RICKMAN, Joseph, c.1748-1810

b. c.1748 at Lewes, Sussex, Eng., son of

m.

children.

Wrote, 1828, Religious and moral poems...

d.

1810

aged 62 years.

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7617

RICKMAN, Mary (1748?-1818) born Verrall

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Mary Verrall(1), details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1976) traced, was born about the year 1748(2). She was married in 1766 to Richard Peters Rickman (1745-1801 qv) of Lewes in Sussex and there were eighteen children(3). She was a minister of the Society and "her death will long be felt by the poor of the neighbourhood, to whom she was a sincere friend, and, according to her ability, a generous benefactress."

She died on 1 December 1818(4), aged about seventy.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1820, p 32: 3 line entry

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her maiden name is given in Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, p 71
- 2 Aged 70 at death. There is no entry in Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest, but the name Verrall occurs in Hove in 1682. There is no entry for her marriage, so her parents' place of residence cannot be traced at present(1976).
- 3 For children see RICKMAN, Richard Peters (1745-1801)
- 4 Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of the late Richard Peters of Lewes

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 30 (1933) p 82:- "1789. Mary Rickman had a meeting at Yeovil; had not much to say but much to the purpose. After dinner had a little to say which was very acceptable, and we parted in love."

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 14, p 33:

RICKMAN, Mary (1775-1851) after 1815 Binns

[Mary Rickman, daughter of Joseph Rickman (1741/2-1812 qv)  
and his wife Anne (born  
of Westminster, was married in 1815 to William Binns  
(1768-1850 qv).]

See BINNS, Mary (1775-1851) born Rickman ]

RICKMAN, Mary (1783-1863) after 1843 Crews, born Robinson

[Mary Robinson, daughter of John Robinson (1745- qv) and his wife Mary (born Dann, 1743/4 or 1744/5-1807 qv) of Charlwood in Surrey, was married in 1804 to Nathaniel Rickman (1775-1837 qv). She married secondly in 1843 Samuel Crews (1787?-1855 qv).

See CREWS, Mary (1783-1863) formerly Rickman, born Robinson ]

WBE:

RICKMAN, Matilda, c.1800-1882

b. c.1800 at Wellingham, near Lewes, Sussex,  
England.

Later removed and lived at Fritchley, Derbyshire.

1872 wrote The happy choice; and, An affectionate  
address to the inhabitants of Fritchley.

d. Feb. 14, 1882 at Fritchley, Eng., aged 82 years.

RICKMAN, Matilda c.1800-1882

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add: born 30 xii 1799, daughter of John and Sarah Rickman

ref: Digest of births Q.M. Sussex & Surrey.

An. Mon. (N.S.) 40(1883):10k

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup., 283

RICKMAN, Nathaniel (1775-1837)

Nathaniel Rickman, the son of Samuel Rickman (1750/1-1807 qv) and his wife Hannah (born West, ) of Hellingly in Sussex, was born there on 7 June 1775(1).

after  
1843 / He became a yeoman at Hailsham in Sussex(2) and was married in 1804 to Mary Robinson (1783-1863 qv) of Charlwood in Surrey(3); there were seven children(4).

It was at Nathaniel and Mary Rickman's house that the Emperor Alexander I of Russia visited in June 1814, on his way to Dover(5).

Nathaniel Rickman of Amberstone died on 26 September 1837, at the age of sixty two(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Ifield on 18 May 1804: he is described as a yeoman of Hailsham; she is described as the daughter of John and Mary Robinson of Charlwood in Surrey (Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Sussex & Surrey QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Emma	b 2 March 1805
Edwin	b 17 May 1806
Mary	b 6 Aug 1807
Samuel West	b 10 Jan 1809
Maria	b 4 Sept 1810 d 23 March 1811
Alexander	b 4 May 1815
Caleb	b 21 Jan 1824

No marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1875

- 5 The episode is recounted in a book of stories by Maude Robinson, The time of her life, [1919] pp 130-141. It is told briefly in Jane Benson, Quaker pioneers in Russia, 1902, pp 21-2. These accounts appear to derive from Stephen Grellet's journal entry for 29 July 1814 after he had visited Nathaniel Rickman (see Benjamin Seeböhm, Memoirs of the life and gospel labours of Stephen Grellet, 1860, pp 320-1). An extract from the Journal of William Marten (1764-1823) of Lewes, describing the event, is printed in J Friends Hist Soc vol 49 (1959-61) pp 242-3
- 6 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Norman Penney, My ancestors, pp 87, 89

Sherman, Memoirs of William Allen

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 24, p 69: vol 25, p 61:  
Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 144

RICKMAN, Nathaniel (1775-1837)

Nathaniel Rickman, son of Samuel and Hannah Rickman of Hellings, Sussex, was born there on 7 June 1775 (1). In 1804 he married Mary Robinson (2): they had seven children (3). It was at Nathaniel and Mary Rickman's house that the Emperor Alexander I of Russia visited in June 1814 on his way to Dover (4).

Nathaniel Rickman died at Amberstone on 26 September 1837, aged 62 years (5). His widow in 1843 married Samuel Crews (6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: no description of his father is given
- 2 The marriage was at Ilfield on 18 May 1804: he is described as of Hailsham, yeoman; she is described as the daughter of John and Mary Robinson of Chelwood, Surrey (Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Sussex & Surrey QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Emma	born 2 March 1805
Edwin	born 17 May 1806
Mary	born 6 August 1807
Samuel West	born 10 Jan. 1809
Maria	born 4 Sept. 1810      died 23 March 1811
Alexander	born 4 May 1815
Caleb	born 21 Jan. 1824
- 4 The episode is recounted in a book of stories by Maude Robinson, The time of her life, [1919], pp.130-141. It is told briefly in Jane Benson, Quaker pioneers in Russia, 1902, pp.21-2. These accounts appear to derive from Stephen Grellet's journal entry for 29.vii.1814 after he had visited Nathaniel Rickman (see Benjamin Seebom, Memoirs of the life and gospel labours of Stephen Grellet, 1860, pp.320-1). An extract from the Journal of William Marten (1764-1823) of Lewes, describing the event, is printed in J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 49 (1959-61) pp.242-3
- 5 Digest of Burial Notes
- 6 The wedding was at Brighton on 14 December 1843: he is described as a widower, farmer, of Kingswood Farm, Surrey, son of Samuel Crews (Digest of Marriage Registers)

SEE ALSO

- Norman Penney, My ancestors, pp.87, 89  
Sherman, Memoirs of William Allen

RICKMAN, Priscella (1802?-1859) 21

Priscella Rickman was the daughter of John and Sarah Rickman of Wellingtonham, near Lewes in Sussex.

The death of her last surviving parent occurred only a few months before her own death. She had a very guarded education and almost her whole life was spent under the paternal roof. She possessed a loving and tender heart, ever ready to extend a helping hand to those who asked or needed it. Her bible and books of a decidedly spiritual character, very early became her favourite study.

In her 38th year she first appeared as a minister, and was frequently engaged in the exercise of this gift. She visited, generally with her sister Rachel Rickman many parts of England and Scotland visiting not only the meetings but the individual families as well. Declining health prevented her visiting Ireland in 1852, a concern which she had had for several years.

Her long and gradually declining illness was borne with great patience and resignation. A few hours before her death she said, "It was in my thirteenth year I found my Saviour. He has been with me all my life long, and I have loved Him and endeavoured to serve Him, and He is with me now". She died 30 October 1859, aged 56. He was buried at Lewes.

RICKMAN, Rachel (1798-1886)

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Rachel Rickman was born at Lewes in 1798, the daughter of John and Sarah Rickman. She was recorded a minister in 1837, and for nearly forty years from this time she was largely engaged in preaching the Gospel. More than twenty times she was liberated by her Monthly Meeting to visit Friends in various parts of England, Scotland and Ireland. She also visited innkeepers and publicans in Lewes.

For the greater part of her life Rachel Rickman was blind, but her cheerfulness, energy and industry were very remarkable.

'She took a warm interest in the welfare of others, freely using her means to promote their moral and intellectual training and to alleviate suffering. The moral and religious welfare of the parish where she resided was a subject of constant thought with her, and she allowed no excuse on account of her blindness to interfere with her efforts, which were continued to within a year of her death.'

She died on 23 May 1886, aged eighty eight years.

Testimony of Lewes & Chichester M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1887, p.iii

WBE:  
Additional reference

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RICKMAN, Rachel, 1798-1886

An. Mon. (N.S.), 45(1888):167

RICKMAN, Richard Peters (1745-1801)

Richard Peters Rickman, the eldest son of John Rickman V (1715/6-1789 qv) and his wife Elizabeth, born Peters, of Lewes in Sussex, was born there on 4.viii.(October)1745(1). He was a merchant of Lewes(2) and was married in 1766 to Mary Verrall(3). There were eighteen children(4), most of whom survived infancy, and with the exception of the youngest son George they were all educated at Ackworth School.

Richard Peters Rickman died on 28 September 1801(5), aged about fifty six.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, pp 69-71

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his burial entry, note 5
- 3 There is no record of the marriage in Surrey & Sussex QM, Kent QM, Dorset & Hants QM, Berks & Oxon QM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests. The marriage is given in Norman Penney, op cit p 71
- 4 Listed in Surrey & Sussex QM Births and Marriages Digests and in John Bailly, Genealogy of the Rickman Family, Leeds 1971, Friends House typescript, as follows:-

Richard	b 1767	died young (John Bailly)
Elizabeth	b 1768	(John Bailly)
Mary	b 10 Feb 1770	who m 1796 John Godlee
Ann	b 20 April 1771	who d 3 March 1773
Lucy	b 18 June 1772	
John VI qv	b 8 April 1774	who m 1797 Sarah Horne (1776-1856 qv)
Ann	b 10 May 1775	date of death not given
Sarah	b 12 Dec 1776	who m 1806 Joseph Rickman
Samuel	b 25 Dec 1777	
Richard	b 23 Aug 1779	
Ann	b 21 Nov 1780	who m 1806 Richard Payne
Samuel	b 24 Jan 1782	
Margaret	b 7 July 1783	
Jane	b 20 Jan 1785	who m 1809 Richard Shillitoe
Sophia	b 22 Feb 1786	
Susanna	b 6 May 1787	who m 1822 Thomas Beck
Joel	b 1789	died young (John Bailly)
George	b 5 May 1791	who m 1815 Ann Rawling (Combs & Hunts QM Marriages Digest)

- 5 Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a merchant of The Cliff, near Lewes

SEE ALSO:- Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 14, p 33

RICKMAN, Richard Peters (1805-1876)

Richard Peters Rickman, the son of John Rickman VI (1774-1859 qv) and his wife Sarah, born Horne, of Lewes in Sussex, was born there on 16 March 1805(1). He was an ironmonger of Hastings in Sussex(2) and was married in 1831 to Hannah Ashby(3); there were two children(4).

He appears to have retired to Lewes and was an elder of his meeting. He was in London in 1876 for Yearly Meeting and had attended both preliminary meetings of ministers and elders, but became ill and was only just able, with help, to reach his home in Lewes. He died on 24 May 1876(5), at the age of seventy one.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1877, pp 130-131

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a brewer
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Kingston on 26 October 1831: he is described as an ironmonger of Hastings, the son of John and Sarah Rickman of Wellington in Sussex; she is described as the daughter of Robert and Mary Ashby of Staines in Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest and the Digest of Deaths as follows:-  
John qv b 10 Aug 1832  
Mary Hannah b 1 Jan 1835 who d 5 July 1905
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as of Spencer, Lewes

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

RICKMAN, Samuel (1720-1799)

Samuel Rickman, the son of Joseph Rickman III (1691-1747/8 qv) and his wife Anne, born Baker, of Hurstmonceux in Sussex, was born there on 6.ii.(April)1720(1). He was married in 1749 to Alley Pearce(2) and there was one child(3).

He died on 21 November 1799(4), at the age of seventy nine.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 There is no record of the marriage in Surrey & Sussex QM, Dorset & Hants QM, Kent QM, Derby & Notts QM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests. It is given in John Baily, Genealogy of the Rickman Family, (Friends House typescript) Tree 7
- 3 Listed in Surrey & Sussex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-  
Samuel b 17 xii 1750 (i.e.  
Feb 1750/1) who m 1771 Hannah West
- 4 Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest: he is described as of The Clift, Lewes

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

RICKMAN, Samuel (1750/1-1807)

Samuel Rickman, the son of Samuel Rickman (1720-1799 qv) and his wife Alley, born Pearce, of Lewes in Sussex, was born there on 17.xii.1750 (i.e. February 1750/1)(1). He was a farmer at Hellingsly in Sussex(2) and was married in 1771 to Hannah West(3); there were eleven children(4).

He died on 5 January 1807(5), at the age of about fifty seven.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Brighton on 20 November 1771: he is described as a yeoman of Hellingsly in Sussex, the son of Samuel and Alley Rickman of Hellingsly; she is described as the daughter of William and Hannah West of Lassland, parish of Shipley in Sussex (Surrey & Sussex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Surrey & Sussex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

William	b 23 Aug 1772	who d young*
Hannah	b 10 Oct 1773	who m 1791 Thomas White
Nathaniel qv	b 7 June 1775	who m 1804 Mary Robinson
David	b 30 April 1776	
Jonathan	b 28 Nov 1777	who d young*
Sarah	b 3 Oct 1779	who m 1799 John Gravely
Samuel	b 17 March 1781	
Deborah	b 14 May 1782	who m 1807 Benjamin Blackman
Samuel	b 17 March 1783	
James	b 18 July 1784	
Maria	b 27 July 1786	who m 1810 H. Barton*
- \*Information supplied from John Bailey, Genealogy of the Rickman Family, (Friends House typescript) Tree 7
- 5 Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a farmer of Hellingsly Park

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

RICKMAN, Samuel (1755-1799)

Samuel Rickman, the son of John Rickman V (1715/6-1789 qv) and his wife Elisabeth, born Peters, of Gardner Street near Hurstmonceux in Sussex, was born there on 31 May 1755(1).

There is no subsequent record of him(2) and the presumption is that he left the Society.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 There is no record of a marriage in Surrey & Sussex QM, Dorset & Hants QM, Kent QM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests and his death is not recorded in Surrey & Sussex QM Burials Digest

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

RICKMAN, Sarah (1740-1818) after 1768 Horne

(Sarah Rickman, daughter of Joseph Rickman IV (1714-1776 qv) and his wife Sarah, born Gorham, of Chilsham Farm near Hurstmonceux in Sussex, was married in 1768 to John Horne (1730/1-1788 qv).\*

See HORNE, Sarah (1740-1818) born Rickman )

RICKMAN, Sarah (1747-1809) born Neave

Sarah Neave, daughter of Jeremiah (1710-1771 qv) and Mary (born Roake) Neave of Staines, Middlesex, was born there on 25 vii [September] 1747 (1).

She married in 1772 Joseph Rickman (1749-1810 qv) of Maidenhead: there were 11 children (2). The family remained in Maidenhead until at least 1790 (3).

Sarah Rickman of The Cliff in Lewes, Sussex, died 4 April 1809, aged 62 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as apothecary
- 2 For details of the marriage and children, see RICKMAN, Joseph (1749-1810)
- 3 All the children were born at Maidenhead, the last being born in 1790
- 4 Sussex & Surrey QM Burials Digest: she is described as wife of Joseph (surgeon &c)

There are incidental references to her in J Friends hist soc vol 14 (1917) p 33 (article "Joseph Rickman and his poems"); vol 27 (1930) p 53 (note on her husband); vol 30 (1933) p 66 (note on her son John, 1780-1835); there are also incidental references in E.T. Wedmore, Thomas Pole, pp 9, 19, 66

RICKMAN, Susanna (1787-1859) after 1822 Beck

RICKMAN, Sarah (1776-1856) born Horne

Sarah Horne, the daughter of John Horne (1730/31-1788 qv) and his wife Sarah, born Rickman, of Randal, was born there on 5 April 1776(1). She was married in 1797 to her second cousin John Rickman VI (1774-1859 qv) of Lewes and there were ten children(2). She was an elder of her meeting.

She died on 27 February 1856(3), in her seventieth year.  
Sarah, was born Horne on 11 January 1796 (1).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see RICKMAN, John VI (1774-1859)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Wellington near Lewes, the wife of John

SEE ALSO:-  
Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, p 89  
Annual Monitor 1857, p 105: 2 line entry for her death

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

The only reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45 is in vol 30 (1952) p 67 where, in a note on John Rickman (1703-1835), it is pointed out that her mother was his first cousin.

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RICKMAN, Thomas "Clio", 1761-1834

b. July 27, 1761 at The Cliff, Lewes, Sussex,  
England, son of John and Elizabeth (Peters) Rickman.

Apprenticed under his uncle, a doctor at Maiden-  
head.

which he tried various other employments, without  
success.

m., (1st)  
Became a bookseller in Upper Mary-le-bone  
Street, London.

m., (2d) not a Friend. T.R. was dis-  
owned on account of this marriage. He became a disciple  
of the ideas of Thomas Paine.

Wrote a good many tracts and pamphlets, among  
them, 1785, The Fallen Cottage, a Poem; 1799, Mr. Pitt's  
democracy manifested.

1791 Thos. Paine lodged in his house and while  
there he completed the second part of The Rights of Man.

d. Feb. 15, 1834 and was buried at Bunhill Fields,  
London.

Armitage, Qu. Poets of Gt. Brit. & Ire., 234

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:489

Biog.Cat., 568

DNB, 48:266

Fuds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7615

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RICKMAN, William (1745-1839)

William Rickman, the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Rickman, was born at Hellingly in Sussex on 1 December 1745 (1). From 1752 to 1759 he was at the Clerkenwell Workhouse (2). When 14 he was apprenticed in New York, and passed 26 years in America (3). He left America in 1785. Next year he came to live in Rochester, where he kept a school. In 1788 he married Elizabeth Alexander, the daughter of William Alexander, his predecessor in the school (4). There were three children (5). Elizabeth Rickman died on 20 April 1832 (6).

William Rickman was acknowledged a minister in 1793. He visited Friends in various parts of this country, Ireland, America and France.

He died on 29 July 1839 aged 93, and was buried in Rochester (7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Rochester MM in Testimonies, 1840, p.8

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest
- 2 David Bolam Unbroken community, 1952, p.40
- 3 Not, as printed in Unbroken community, 16 years
- 4 Kent QM Marriages Digest
- 5 Listed in Kent QM Births Digest as follows :-

Anne	b 21 Jan. 1791
William	b 24 June 1792
Elizabeth	b 31 July 1794

- 6 Kent QM Burials Digest
- 7 Digest of Burial Notes

SEE ALSO :

An.Mon. (O.S.) 28(1840):34  
The Friend (Phila), 13(1839):32  
Biog.Cat., 572  
Journ.Frnds.Hist.Soc.Peach 149; W.L. 136 (silhouette)  
Frds.Hist.Lib., Swarth, BX7616

WILLIAM RICKMAN  
1745-1839

WEB: Additional references

WICKS, James. *1840-1860*

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RICKMAN, William, 1745-1839

Catherine Granville Ricks. *Memories, 1800-1850*, 1850

"Prospect Hall".

*Birthright Friends.*

—, *Qu. Gifford College, 1800*, 1800

—, *Qu. Gifford College, 1800*, 1800

—, 1914. *True Friends in England. (A. 1870-1914)* 1914

minister,

Judge in Orange County. Believed principal cause of  
crime to be selfishness.

1816, became Judge of the Richmond Circuit Court and Orange  
County Court, the first Judge of a juvenile court appointed  
in Virginia.

An. Mon. (O.S.) 28(1840):34

The Friend (Phila.), 13(1839):32

Biog. Cat., 572

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 13:140; 18:1 (silhouette)

Hirst, Qu. in Peace and War, 392

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth, BX7616

1855, beloved, among, at Spotsylvania, Judge and Va. Council  
of Circuit Court judges presented him a medal, part of which  
said, "In recognition of his long and useful career as  
an outstanding jurist, wise, unbending master, upholder and  
protector of the rights of the people."

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RIDGES, Blanche Octavia, nee Harris, 1861-1922

b. Nov. 25, 1861 at Plymouth(?), England, daughter  
of Henry Marmaduke and Elizabeth (Corker) Harris. The  
parents were Congregationalists.

ed. Girls' High School, Plymouth and Cambridge  
Univ. in history and mathematics.

Convinced and joined Friends.

m., 1887, John Ridges.

// A minister, she had abiding and availing faith.  
She spent time at Leighton Park, Lisburn, Belfast and  
Reading. Was a sister of J. Rendel Harris.

d. Dec. 19, 1922 at Swarthmore Inst., Plymouth,  
aged about 61 years.

The Friend (London), 63(1923):105 (portrait)

John Rendel ( 1893 ? - 1979 )

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RIDGES was born in about 1893 (1) at Hornsea, Yorkshire, son of John Bull (1856-1937 qv.) and Blanche Octavia ( b. Harris - 1922 qv.) RIDGES. His mother was a sister of Rendel RIDGES, first principal of Woodbrooke and the boy was named after him. His early years were spent at Leighton Park School where his father as headmaster, and on leaving school he began work at Rowntree's factory in York and attended Clifford St. Meeting. He was accepted into membership of the Society of Friends in 1914 and from then the Society became the most important influence on his life. He was a conscientious objector during the first world war and worked on a dairy farm at New Earswick, the garden village founded by Joseph Rowntree. He returned to the cocoa factory after the war and worked in the marketing department, where his enthusiasm, kindness and good nature endeared him to his colleagues and customers.

In 1923 he married Muriel (Mollie) Walker and they made their home in New Earswick and shared fifty six years of happy married life there. He served on the village council and as editor of its monthly bulletin, continuing in this service until shortly before his death. With his integrity, faithfulness and unfailing good humour he was a great support to New Earswick meeting which he served as treasurer, overseer and as elder. For sixteen years he was registering officer of York MM. where he was of great help to the many young couples he met. He also served as clerk to both New Earswick and to York meetings.(3) His ministry greatly enriched the life of the meeting. He also served as a member of committee and then as governor of The Retreat and his service there was especially important to him. He was a gifted photographer, providing illustrations for The Friend on occasion and was in great demand as a lecturer with his magnificent colour transparencies.

He died on November 16, 1979, aged 86.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 137(1979) p. 1560

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 86 at death.
2. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Street FMH. on December 21, 1923. He is described as bachelor, confectioner's marketing assistant of York. She was Muriel (Mollie) Iredale Walker, spinster and teacher, daughter of Edwin Iredale Walker, gentleman.
3. Index of Clerks. Friends Ho. Library. York PM 1923 - 1925  
New Earswick 1929

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\* the word "principal" is used in the obituary: the appointment was, in fact, as director of studies

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Ridges, John Kendal (1893?-1979)

see RIDGES, John Kendal (1893?-1979)

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RIDGEWAY, John (Sr.), 1705-1774

b. John (Jr.) 1705 in Burl. County, N.J., son  
of Thomas and Ann (Pharo) Ridgeway.

Removed with parents to Little Egg Harbor, N.J.

Followed a seafaring career for a while.

Chosen and Elder early in life.

m., 1728, Phebe Titus, of Long Island.

m., (2d), 1753, Phoebe Ballangee

from his troops were slain and buried in Tuckerton.

d. May 21, 1774, Egg Harbor (Tuckerton), N.J.

in his 70th year.

Jordan, Col. Fam. of Phila., 890  
The Friend (Phila.), 35L284

Phila. Y.B., A Col. of Mem., (1787):318

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Phila. Y.H., A Col. of Mem., (1787):318

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RIDGEWAY, John (Jr.), 1755-1845

b. Aug. 14, 1755 at Little Egg Harbor, N.J.  
son of John and Phebe (Ballengee) Ridgeway.

A farmer by occupation and called "Gentleman John" to distinguish him from his cousin. His farm was the scene of a surprise attack in the Revolutionary War upon the picket guard of Gen'l Pulaski. 30 patriots from his troops were slain and buried in J.R.'s orchard.

m., 1776, Elizabeth Wright, of Burlington County, N.J. Purchased a farm on Crosswicks Creek, near Walnford, Monmouth County, N.J.

d. 1845 near Walnford, N.J., aged 90.

Jordan, Col. Fam. of Phila., 891

RIDGEWAY, Mary (1728-1804) born Sparkes

see RIDGWAY, Mary (1728-1804) born Sparkes

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RIDGEWAY, Nathan W., 1848-1913

b. 27 May 1848 in Miami Co., Ind.

At nineteen, moved to Jefferson Co., Kansas.

Minister of the Gospel ca. 20 yrs. Served a number of mtgs. in Kansas Y. Mtg. as pastor and spent some time in evangelistic service.

3 yrs. a pastor at Barclay Mtg. (ca. 1909-1912)

m.,

4 children.

Struck by a train.

d. 23 March 1913 in Osage City, Kansas, aged 64 yrs.

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RIDGEWAY, Robert, 1845/46-1908.

b. 1845/46,

m. A. Jennie (1 dau.) Both survived him.

Member of Amboy Friends' Church and an elder.

Several years clerk of Wabash Quarterly Meeting.

Member of the Town Council.

Amboy Friends' Academy (in 1908, Amboy High School) was one of his efforts to improved educational facilities. He taught there many years, as well as in the public schools.

1904, he and his wife were delegates to the World's Sunday School Convention in Jerusalem, Palestine. He gathered "specimens" from the Holy Land and other countries he visited to show people back home.

Broad-minded and liberal, always thoughtful for the Church's welfare.

d. 28 July 1908, Amboy, Indiana.

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RIDGWAY, Andrew C., 1793-1844

b. Feb. 9, 1793 at Upper Freehold, Monmouth County,  
N.J., son of John and Elizabeth Ridgway.

ed. with his aunt Theodosia Craig, who trained  
him well. Returned to live with his parents in 1808.

c. 1812 Spoke as a minister.

m., 1827, Eliza Bishop, and lived on her father's  
farm.

Visits in the ministry at first confined to the  
limits of his own Quarterly meeting. Later he visited  
Friends in other parts. At the Separation he went with  
Race St. Held appointed meetings at times.

1844 he was stricken with an inflammatory ailment.

d. Aug. 23, 1844 at Upper Springfield, N.J.

Phila. Y. M. (Race St.), Memorials (1848):41

RIDGWAY, Ann (1710- ) aftw. Gauntt

[ Ann Ridgway, daughter pf Thomas Ridgway and  
his wife Ann (nee Pharo) was married in 1730  
to Hananiah Gauntt

see GAUNTT, Ann (1710- ) born Ridgway ]

RIDGWAY, Charlotte (1808-1846) after 1836 Pim

[Charlotte Ridgway, daughter of George Penrose and Eliza (born Newsom) Ridgway, was married in 1836 to Edward Pim (1804-1877 qv).]

See PIM, Charlotte (1808-1846) born Ridgway ]

RIDGWAY, Deborah (1793?-1878)

Deborah Ridgway, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1980) traced, was born about the year 1793(1).

She lived at Blenheim, Waterford in Ireland and was for many years confined to her chair by rheumatism. But she had an unwavering trust in the love and mercy of God, which enabled her to bear all her afflictions with patience and thankfulness for the Christian discipline they imposed.

Deborah Ridgway of Waterford died on 17 March 1878, at the age of eighty five.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1879, p 137

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 85 at death

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

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RIDGWAY, Elizabeth (1757-1833) born Penrose

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Elizabeth Ridgway, daughter of George Penrose and his wife Elizabeth was born at Waterford in 1757. In 1775 she married Henry Ridgway, also of Waterford, and in 1796 was appointed a minister. She was 'weighty, comprehensive and edifying.'

In 1808 she had a concern to visit the Public Houses in the area with Thomas Shillitoe, where she was 'generally well received.'

She died in 1833 at the age of 78.

Testimony of Waterford M.M. in MS Test. vol.6 p.59

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Additional references

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RIDGWAY, Elizabeth, nee Penrose, 1757-1833

Corder, Memorials, 198

An. Mon. (O.S.), 22(1834):30

RIDGWAY, Isabella (1819?-1878) born Brearey

Isabella Brearey, the daughter of Benjamin Brearey, was born about the year 1819(1). She was married in 1844 to Matthew Ridgway (1818?-1880 qv), a draper of Dewsbury in Yorkshire and there were eight children(2).

Her marriage made her the head of a large household, surrounded by many relatives in whom she took a great interest and whom, in her humble way, she tried to help. She was a quiet woman, but her consistent faithfulness to what she believed to be the right course and her self-sacrifice for the benefit of others was a constant example to her children and to all with whom she came into contact. She was a faithful Friend, but was also charitable in her view of the opinions held by members of other Christian churches. She was cheerful and kind and although she led a busy life she invariably spent some part of every day in reading the Bible and private meditation.

At the beginning of 1878 her health began to fail. She survived two operations, but Isabella Ridgway of Dewsbury died after a painful illness on 12 April 1878, at the age of fifty nine(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1879, pp 137-141

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 59 at death. Her birth is not traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see RIDGWAY, Matthew (1818?-1880)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Matthew

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

RIDGWAY, Matthew (1818?-1880)

Matthew Ridgway, the son of Matthew Ridgway, was born about the year 1818(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1827 to 1832, where he is shown as coming from Leighton Buzzard in Bedfordshire(2).

He became a draper at Dewsbury in Yorkshire(3) and was married in 1844 to Isabella Brearey (1819?-1878 qv) of Dewsbury(4); there were eight children(5).

Matthew Ridgway of Dewsbury died on 1 April 1880, at the age of sixty two(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 62 at death. His birth is not traced in Beds & Herts QM or Yorkshire QM Births Digests
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 114, entry 5119
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4 and the birth entries of his children
- 4 The wedding was at Dewsbury on 26 March 1844: he is described as a bachelor, a draper of Dewsbury, the son of Matthew Ridgway, a yeoman; she is described as a spinster of Dewsbury, the daughter of Benjamin Brearey, a yeoman (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-

Mary Eliza	b 8 Jan 1845
Phebe	b 16 Oct 1846
James Henry	b 17 Aug 1848
Alfred	b 25 Aug 1850
Benjamin	b 10 Aug 1852
Charles Arthur	b 26 May 1854
Isabella Gertrude	b 26 Nov 1856
Frederick William	b 16 Sept 1859

N.B. No marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1920
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

RIDGWAY, Mary ( -1782) born Burr

Daughter of Joseph Burr of Northampton township,  
Burlington Co.; married at Mount Holly, 11mo. (January)  
20, 1747-8, Solomon, son of Job Ridgway, of Springfield  
N.J. (Book B. Burl. Mar. Records.) They had several  
children and she survived him, dying 1mo. 17, 1782.  
Mary Ridgway was a cousin of John Woolman, and a neighbour  
of Hannah Foster.

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922, p.540

RIDGWAY, Mary (1728-1804) born Sparkes

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Mary Sparkes, the daughter of James and Mary Sparkes, was born at Exeter on 30.ix [Nov] 1728 (1). About 1749 she became a minister, and soon afterwards went with Sarah Splatt on a religious visit to Ireland.

In 1754 she married Joshua Ridgway of Ballycarrol, Queens County, and settled in Mountmellick. After his death she made extensive visits in Ireland, two or three visits to friends in England, and "once pretty generally ... on the continent of America".

She died on 6 March 1804 and was buried at Tinwell near Mountmellick.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Mountmellick MM in TCMD vol 4 p.204

REFERENCES & NOTES :

- 1 Devonshire QM & Births Digest

RIDGWAY, Phebe (1797?-1851) aftw. Newsom

[ Phebe Ridgway, daughter of Henry  
Ridgway of Blenheim, near Waterford,  
and his wife Elizabeth (nee  
was married in 1824 to William Newsom )

see NEWSOM, Phebe (1797?-1851) born Ridgway ]

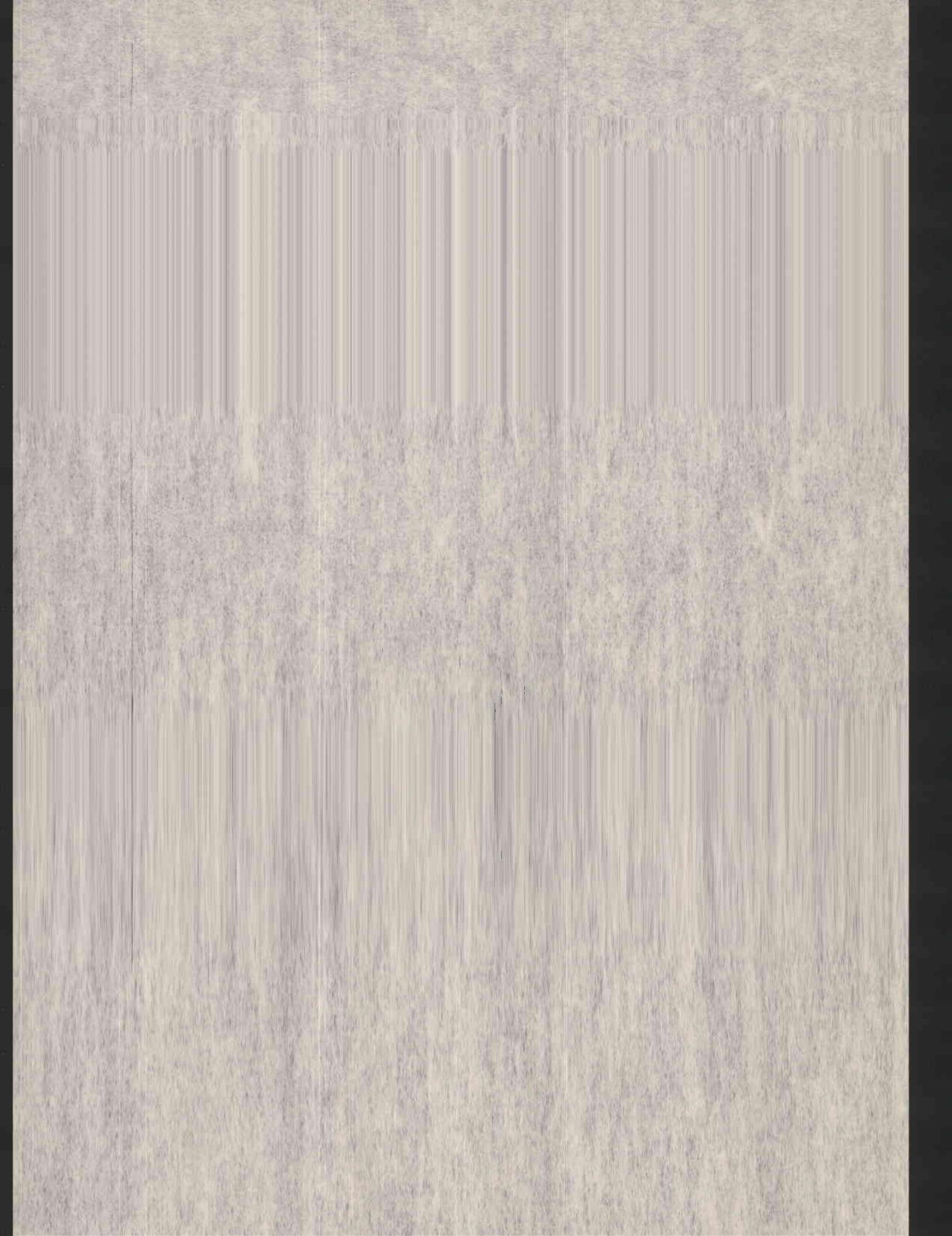
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Additional references

RIDGEWAY, Phebe, afterwards Newsom, -1851

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NEWSOM, Phebe, nee Ridgeway, -1851



RIDGWAY, Ralph ( -1698)

Ralph Ridgway was a hosier, of Manchester. In 1660 he married, in Manchester, Mary Schofield, widow (-1701/2) at which time he was located at 'Aspinshaw, in the Middle Reale in pah of Glossop, Derbyshire'. He had children, Mary, b.1661, and James (1665-1685). In writing to John Abraham, in Third Month (May), 1681, Margaret Fox sheds 'deare love to Ralfe Ridgway and his wife' adding, 'I account my selfe very much obliged to them for sparing there Daughter so longe to accompany my Daughter Sus:' (Spence MSS iii.180) especially as Mary was very shortly to be married to Thomas Blaykling. Daughter Mary was a visitor at the Hall.

See Robert Muschamp, Historical Notes on... Friends... in Manchester, 1914.

Note by Norman Penney in 'The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell', 1920, p.577

RIDGWAY, Sarah (1782?-1866) after 1826 Allen

(Sarah Ridgway, daughter of Henry and Elisabeth Ridgway  
of Blenheim near Waterford, was married in 1826 to  
Richard Allen.

See ALLEN, Sarah (1782?-1866) born Ridgway )

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RIDGWAY, William, 1755-1833

b., July 1, or 4, 1755 at Springfield, Burl.  
County, N.J., son of Solomon and Mary (Burr) Ridgway.  
Raised on his father's farm.

c.1772 was placed with John Hoskins to learn  
tanning trade. Left this employer rather than submit  
to correction. Returned to his father's farm.

Ran away to sea. Returned to Phila. from Lisbon  
on a ship that belonged to James Pemberton. Learned  
navigation. Made many voyages as mate, captain and  
part owner. Captured at least three times by the British.

m., 1800, Mary Thomas (?) children.

In his spiritual life he fluctuated, sometimes  
submitting to the cross, and again falling away. Debora-  
ah Darby and Rebecca Young were instrumental in his  
spiritual recovery. He became a minister.

d. Dec. 21, 1833 and was buried at Burlington,  
N.J., aged 79 years.

Hinshaw, Encyc., 2:253,254,181,182

Ridgway, Some memorandums of the life of William, etc.

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RIGBIE, James, c.1720-1790

b. c.1720 at Phillip's Purchase, West River,  
Md., son of Nathan and Cassandra (Coale) Rigbie.

Had early visitations but fell away from Truth.  
His father was wealthy and worldly and raised him an  
Episcopalian.

J.R. resigned and joined the Presbyterians. He  
lived at Deer Creek, Harford County, Maryland.

Served as High Sheriff of Baltimore County, Md.  
and commanded troops in the French and Indian Wars.

m. (1st), 1741, Elizabeth (Hall) Harrison. They  
had 7 children before her death in 1759.

J.R. attended a Friends meeting and was convinced  
and resigned his commission and joined Friends. He  
became a minister in 1749.

m., (2d), 1761 Sarah Massey. 3 children.  
He fell away from faithfulness to Friends ways. In  
1781 he was visited by Samuel Emlen, David Sands, and  
John Pemberton. In 1788 he signed an acknowledgment  
of his errors and returned to unity with Friends.

d. Jan. 6, 1790 in Harford County, Md., aged about  
70 years. Job Scott preached at his funeral.

Comly, Frds. Misc., X11:138; V111:92

The Friend (Phila.), 43(1869-70):146

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:489

RIGBY, Sarah (1699-1741) after 1721 Reed

(Sarah Rigby, daughter of Daniel and Jane Rigby of Blackrodd in Lancashire, was married in 1721 to Thomas Reed.

see REED, Sarah (1699-1741) born Rigby)

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RIGGE, Alice (1728-1809) born Ecroyd  
a/s<sup>o</sup> WBE

Alice Rigge, nee Ecroyd, was a prominent minister.  
She married in 1751 Isaac Rigge of Kendal, malster,  
and had issue. She was a member of the deputation  
from the Women's meeting to request the establishment  
of a Women's Y:M? 1784.

Ecroyd: Smith of Cantlet. 1878  
J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 10,15,16,20,21,23  
Isaac and Rachel Wilson. 1924.

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.26

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RIGGE, Ambrose (1635?-1704/5)

RIGGE, Ambrose (1635?-1704/5)

Ambrose Rigge was born at 'Banton' (Bampton) in Westmorland. (Piety Promoted). He was a schoolmaster at Grayrigg, in the same county until his removal into Surrey. He laboured in the Gospel in various parts of the country (see F.P.T.). Some account of his ten years' imprisonment in Horsham Gaol (1662-72) is given by R[ebeca] T[ravers] at the end of Rigge's tract, The Good old Way and Truth, 1669, (see Cal. S.P. Dom. 1671). This tract makes mention of 'a cloud of Witnesses out of the Ecclesiastical Histories of them that denied all Swearing in divers ages' (p.14). In 1664 while still a prisoner, Rigge married Mary, daughter of Captain Thomas Luxford, of Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, his wife being also committed to the same place of detention. For a short time he resided at Horsham and later at Gatton and Reigate. There were five children - the name Ambrose Rigge came down to the nineteenth century.

Many of Rigge's writings are extant in print and manuscript. A collection of them was published in 1710, entitled Constancy in the Truth. In a copy in Friends House, of his Banner of Gods Love 1657, under his name, has been written by some ancient 'adversary of Truth', 'It had bin better for thee that thy Name had bin buried in oblivion'. Some of the early Minutes of Horsham Monthly Meeting, 1668 ff., are in Rigge's beautiful handwriting. t/

Sewel, Hist. 1722  
Gough, Hist. 1789, iv. 9  
Biog. Memoirs, 1854  
DNB  
Biog. Memoirs, iv. 571  
Robson MSS  
Swarth MSS

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.470

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early Quaker Letters, 1932, p.10

See also next sheet

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RIGGE, Ambrose, c.1634-1704

- Frds. Lib. (Phila.), XII:185  
Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:490  
Frds/ Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7614  
Frds. Qu. Exam., 14(1880):497  
Kite (Walton) Incidents, 215

RIGGE, Isaac (1713-1777)

Isaac Rigge, the son of Edward Rigge ( - ) and his wife Agnes (born ) of Langdale Meeting in Westmorland, was born on 9.x.(December)1713(1).

He was a maltster and grocer of Kendal in Westmorland(2) and was married in 1751 to Alice Ecroyd (1728-1809 qv) of Briercliff in Lancashire(3); there were nine children(4).

Isaac Rigge of Kendal died on 23 January 1777, aged about sixty three(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his burial entry, note 5
- 3 The wedding was at Little Marsden on 13.viii.(October)1751: he is described as of Kendal, Westmorland; she is described as the daughter of John and Martha Ecroyd of Briercliff, Lancashire (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Westmorland QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and in H.Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley &c, pp 99-100 as follows:-

Edward	b 17 Aug 1752	buried 8 Feb 1771
John	b 21 April 1754	buried 20 July 1758
Hannah	b 2 May 1756	m 1788 Dover Bayliff
Martha	b 15 Jan 1758	m 1785 Simon Crosfield
Agness	b 3 Dec 1759	buried 20 Nov 1761
Alice	b 3 Jan 1762	buried 16 May 1764
Ann	b 18 March 1765	d 2 June 1788, aged 23
Mary qv	b 29 March 1767	d 28 Dec 1799, aged 32
Isaac	b 30 Nov 1769	m (1)1800 Margaret Sanderson (2)1806 Dorothy Gough

These children are given in H.Ecroyd Smith, op cit, pp 99-100 with no variation. In the Births Digest the surname of all the children, with the exception of the two youngest, is spelt Rigg

- 5 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: he is described as a maltster and grocer

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 7, p 183; vol 16, p 14;  
vol 21, p 65; Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 26

WBE:

RIGGE, Mary, nee Luxford, -1690

b. Hurst, Pier-pont, Sussex, Eng.,  
daughter of Thomas and Luxford. Her father  
was a captain in the army and a member of the Anglican  
church.

Parents convinced and joined Friends, but Mary  
stayed with the Anglicans. Later she was convinced  
and joined Friends, also.

m., 1664, Ambrose Rigge (see biog.). Her husband  
was imprisoned for 8 years after their marriage. They  
were robbed of their household goods by Letchford,  
incumbant of the vicarage at West Pierpont.

She was delicate in constitution.

d. 6 I 1690.

Biog. Mem/, 1:155

Besse, 1:715

Penney, ed. Jour. of Geo. Fox, 2:471

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RIGGE, Mary (1767-1799)

Mary Rigge, the daughter of Isaac Rigge (1713-1777 qv) and his wife Alice (born Ecroyd, 1728-1809 qv) of Kendal in Westmorland, was born there on 29 March 1767(1).

She was called to the ministry when she was about twenty eight(2).

Mary Rigge of Kendal died on 28 December 1799, at the age of thirty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 Brief testimony of Westmorland QM in TCMD vol 4, p 145
- 3 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: she is described as the daughter of Alice, a widow

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

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RIGGE, Mary (1767-1799)

Mary Rigge was born at Kendal on 29 March 1767, the daughter of Isaac and Alice Rigge (1).

She became a minister when she was about twenty eight.

She died aged thirty two on 28 December 1799, and was buried in Friends burying ground at Kendal.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Westmorland QM in TCMD vol 4 p.145

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest; her parents are described as of Kendal Meeting; no occupation of her father is given

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RIGGE, William (1636?-1712)

William Rigge of Colthouse near Hawkshead, was 'convinced' in the year 1672 and shortly afterwards became a preacher and 'travelled much in the work of the ministry both in this nation and in Scotland, although he was a very tender-bodied man and troubled with a sore cough for many years' (Piety Promoted). His wife Elizabeth died in 1682 and in 1686 he married Ann Tomlinson who died in 1714/15. The signature, William Rigge, appears on minutes of Swarthmoor Monthly Meeting , 1692, etc.

If the above-mentioned was the same Friend as appears in the Account Book, it is interesting to note facts in the private life of a public Minister. He is described as 'a poore friende of Hawkhead Meetting' and his children were in receipt of money from the women's Stock. He was engaged at the Hall on gardening

'The Rigges were very numerous in the district and few farms were not at one time or another inhabited by a Rigge'. Satterthwaite Colthouse, p.36

Note by Norman Penney in The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell, 1920, p.556

WBE:  
Additional reference

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RIGGE, William, c.1636-1712

Besse, 1:316, 321

WBE:a

RIGHTON, Isabella, -1720 afterwards Masters

see MASTERS, Sybilla (Righton), -1720

WBE:a

RIGHTON, **Sabella**, -1720 afterwards Masters

see **MASTERS, Sybilla (Righton)**, -1720

WBE:a

RIGHTON, Sabilla, -1720 afterwards Masters

see MASTERS, Sybilla (Righton), -1720

WBE:a

RIGHTON, Sibella, -1720 afterwards Masters

see MASTERS, Sybilla, (Righton), -1720

WBE:a

RIGHTON, Sybilla, -1720 afterwards Masters

see MASTERS, Sybilla (Righton), -1720

WBE:ca  
~~(prepared by RP)~~

RIKBERG, Selma

- 1955

Brought up on a big estate lost during the Finnish—  
Russian War.

4 children.

(Finland)  
Active member of Helsingfors Mo. Mtg. since it was est.

Home a center of Quaker activity.

Gave strong support and help to the A.F.S.C. staff  
working in Finland following W.W. II.

Thomas B. Harvey wrote:

"This life of service brought her in contact with both young and old, with Swedish Friends, with German Friends, with American Friends. I can remember vividly visiting a bomb shelter with her where homeless men were living, and her relationship with them. So many felt that she was their friend. Selma made a great contribution to the work of the American Friends Service Com. in Finland, but an even greater one to those who had some opportunity to share in her life of love and service."

d. 20 Jan., 1955 in Helsingfors, Finland.

Fds' Intell., 112(1955), 86.

RILEY, Ann (1701?-1773) after 1758 Stansfield, born Anderson

(Ann Anderson, daughter of John Anderson, was married in 1735 to John Ryley. He died in 1757 and in 1758 she married Caleb Stansfield.

See STANSFIELD, Ann (1701?-1773) formerly Ryley, born Anderson)

RILEY, James (1768-1845)

see RYLEY, James (1768-1845)

RIMINGTON, Elizabeth (1759-1829) formerly Marriott, born Gough

Elizabeth Gough, the daughter of Nathan and Susanna Gough of Kendal Meeting, was born on 20 September 1759(1). She was married in 1784 to Richard Marriott, a grocer of Lancaster(2) and there was one child(3). After Richard Marriott's death(4) she was married in 1802 to Michael Rimington, a grocer and banker of Penrith(5), but the marriage was childless(6).

"A minister upwards of thirty years. She was possessed of many excellent gifts, which, through obedience to the Divine will, she was enabled to occupy to her own peace, and the good of her fellow creatures. Her feeling for distress was conspicuous through life, and her benevolence to the poor increased with her increasing years."(7)

She died at Penrith on 15 July 1829(8), in her seventieth year.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: her father's residence and occupation are not given
- 2 The wedding was at Parkend, Preston Patrick, on 8 March 1784: he is described as a grocer of Lancaster, the son of Richard and Margaret Marriott formerly of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, of Clare Green in the parish of Colne in the county of Lancaster; she is described as the daughter of Nathan and Susanna Gough of Kirkby/Kendal (Westmorland QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Westmorland QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-  
John b 9 Oct 1785 who d 15 Feb 1786
- 4 His death is not traced in Westmorland QM or Lancashire QM Burials Digests
- 5 The wedding was at Kendal on 12 August 1802: he is described as a grocer of Penrith, the son of Timothy and Agnes Rimington of Penrith; she is described as the daughter of Nathan and Susannah Gough of Kendal (Westmorland QM Marriages Digest)  
N.B. In his burial entry for 12 October 1814 Michael Rimington is described as a banker
- 6 No children are traced in Westmorland QM Births Digest
- 7 Annual Monitor 1830, p 37: this is the complete entry
- 8 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: she is described as of Tynefield, Penrith, the widow of Michael

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45  
There is a 2 line entry in TGMD vol 5, p 349, recording her death

RING, Elizabeth (1800-1879) born Young

Elizabeth Young, the daughter of Robert Young (1746-1828 qv) and his wife Mary (formerly Motley, born Clark, 1759-1831 qv) of Gloucester, was born there on 17 March 1800(1).

She was educated at Sidcot School from 1810 to 1813(2).

She was married in 1836 to Robert Merrell Ring (1806-1847 qv), a lime burner of Bristol, but the marriage was apparently childless(3).

Elizabeth Ring of Crescent Road, Reading in Berkshire, died on 1 November 1879, at the age of seventy nine(4), a widow for over thirty years.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 234
- 3 For marriage see RING, Robert Merrell (1806-1847)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Robert Merrell

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1881, p 101: 2 line entry for death, the widow of Robert Ring

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

RING, Hannah (1776-1826) born Young

Hannah Young, the daughter of John Young ( - ) and his wife Hannah (born ) of Redcliff parish, Bristol, was born there on 19 August 1776(1).

She was married in 1805 to Robert Ring (1774-1835 qv), a cooper of Bristol and there were six children(2).

Hannah Ring of Bedminster in Somerset died on 11 September 1826, at the age of fifty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see RING, Robert (1774-1835)
- 3 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Robert

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

RING, Jane (1823-1901) born Palmer

Jane Palmer, the daughter of Walter Palmer (1793-1868 qv) and his first wife Ann (born Parsons, 1797-1833 qv) of Upton in the parish of Long Sutton in Somerset, was born there on 4 August 1823(1).

She was educated at Sidcot School from 1833 to 1838(2).

She became in 1851 the second wife of John Young Ring (1808-1883 qv), a vinegar manufacturer of Bedminster in Somerset and there were eleven children (3).

Jane Ring of Rowenswood Road, Redland, Bristol, died on 13 December 1901, at the age of seventy eight(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 155
- 3 For marriage and children see RING, John Young (1808-1883)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of John Young

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

RING, John Young (1808-1885)

John Young Ring, the second son of Robert Ring (1774-1835 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Young, 1776-1826 qv) of St Thomas's parish, Bristol, was born there on 20 May 1808(1). He was a pupil at Sidcot School in 1817(2).

He became a vinegar manufacturer at Bedminster in Somerset(3) and was twice married. He married firstly in 1838 Keturah Clothier (1813-1849 qv) of Street in Somerset(4) and there was one child(5). He married secondly in 1851 Jane Palmer (1823-1901 qv) of Upton in Somerset(6) and there were eleven children(7).

John Young Ring of Durbin House, Bedminster, died on 21 September 1885, at the age of seventy seven(8).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as a cooper
- 2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 173
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entries, notes 4 and 6
- 4 The wedding was at Street on 7 May 1838: he is described as a bachelor, a vinegar manufacturer of Bedminster in Somerset, the son of Robert Ring, a gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Street, the daughter of Arthur Clothier, a tanner (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-  
Louisa Jane b 27 Feb 1839 d 25 June 1864, aged 25
- 6 The wedding was at Long Sutton on 20 August 1851: he is described as a widower, a vinegar maker of Bedminster in Somerset, the son of Robert Ring, a gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Upton in Somerset, the daughter of Walter Palmer, a yeoman (Digest of Marriages)
- 7 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Marion	b 23 July 1852	d 11 Jan 1857, aged 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
*Albert	b 31 Aug 1853	
Caroline	b 5 Sept 1854	m 1880 Alfred Sholl
Clara Sophia	b 14 Nov 1855	m 1888 Samuel Gibbs NM
*John Edward	b 17 Nov 1856	
Isabella Margaret	b 15 March 1858	d 25 Feb 1863, aged 4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Florence Mary	b 30 May 1859	d 16 Feb 1863, aged 3 $\frac{3}{4}$
*Walter Palmer	b 17 May 1861	
*William Henry	b 14 Aug 1862	
*Frederick Ernest	b 31 Jan 1864	
*Robert	b 25 June 1865	
- \*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1920
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a sugar boiler

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

RING, Keturah (1813-1849) born Clothier

e/ Keturah Clothier, the daughter of Arthur Clothier (1790-1865 qv) and his wife Keturah (born 1788?-1868 qv) of Street in Somerset, was born there on 5 March 1813(1).

She was married in 1838 to John Young Ring (1808-1885 qv), a vinegar manufacturer of Bedminster in Somerset and there was one child(2).

Keturah Ring of Bedminster died on 3 February 1849, at the age of thirty five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father is described as a tanner
- 2 For marriage and issue see RING, John Young (1808-1885)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of John Young

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1850, p 101: 2 line entry for death, the wife of John Y, Ring

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

RING, Mary (1744-1784) born Frank

Mary Frank, the daughter of Richard Frank (1711-1785 qv) and his wife Mary (born -1769 qv) of St Mary Redcliff Street, Bristol, was born there on 29.iii.[May] 1744(1).

She was married in 1771 to Robert Ring (1739-1809 qv), a cooper of Bristol and there were eight children(2).

Mary Ring of Thomas Street, Bristol, died on 9 September 1784, at the age of forty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see RING, Robert (1739-1809)
- 3 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Robert, a cooper

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

RING, Robert (1739-1809)

Robert Ring, the son of Joseph Ring ( - ) and his wife Sarah (born ) of Thomas Street, Bristol, was born there on 2.iii.[May] 1739(1).

He became a cooper at Bristol(2) and was married in 1771 to Mary Frank (1744-1784 qv) of Bristol(3); there were eight children(4).

Robert Ring of Bedminster in Somerset died on 1 June 1809, at the age of seventy one(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Bristol on 22 August 1771: he is described as a cooper of the city of Bristol, the son of Joseph and Sarah Ring of the city of Bristol; she is described as the daughter of Richard and Mary Frank of the city of Bristol (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

*Mary	b 26 May 1772	
John	b 9 Sept 1773	d 1 Oct 1773
Robert qv	b 28 Sept 1774	m 1805 Hannah Young (1776-1826 qv)
*Thomas	b 22 May 1776	
Ann	b 24 Dec 1777	m 1801 John Polglase
Martha	b 7 Aug 1779	m 1811 Jeremiah Knight
Dennis	b 10 Nov 1782	d 20 Sept 1783, aged 10 months
Dennis	b 1784	d 2 Sept 1784, aged 11 days
- \*No marriages traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest
- 5 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: he is described as a cooper

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

RING, Robert (1774-1835)

Robert Ring, the son of Robert Ring (1739-1809 qv) and his wife Mary (born Frank, 1744-1784 qv) of Bristol, was born there on 28 September 1774(1).

He became a cooper at Bristol(2) and was married in 1805 to Hannah Young (1776-1826 qv) of Bristol(3); there were six children(4).

Robert Ring of Felix Cottage, Bedminster, Somerset, died on 27 October 1835, at the age of sixty two(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Bristol on 13 December 1805: he is described as a cooper of Bristol, the son of Robert and Mary Ring of Bristol; she is described as the daughter of John and Hannah Young, late of Bristol (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Robert Merrell qv	b 26 Oct 1806	m 1836 Elizabeth Young (1800-1879 qv)
John Young qv	b 20 May 1808	m (1) 1838 Keturah Clothier (1813-1849 qv) (2) 1851 Jane Palmer (1823-1901 qv)
Thomas qv	b 19 July 1810	d 22 July 1832, aged 22
Hannah	b 14 Sept 1811	d 5 Dec 1830, aged 18
Peace (son)	b 26 June 1814	d 12 June 1825, aged 11
*Mary	b 14 Feb 1816	

- \*No marriage traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest nor in the Digest of Marriages to 1880
- 5 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

RING, Robert Merrell (1806-1847)

Robert Merrell Ring, the eldest son of Robert Ring (1774-1835 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Young, 1776-1826 qv) of Thomas Street, Bristol, was born there on 26 October 1806(1).

He became a lime burner at Bristol(2) and was married in 1836 to Elizabeth Young (1800-1879 qv) of Thornbury in Gloucestershire(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

Robert Merrell Ring of Bedminster, Bristol, died on 25 March 1847, at the age of forty(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as a cooper
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Long Sutton on 14 September 1836: he is described as a lime burner of the city of Bristol, the son of Robert and Hannah Ring, late of Bedminster in Somerset; she is described as the daughter of Robert and Mary Young, late of Thornbury in Gloucestershire  
(Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 5 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1848, p 114: 1 line entry for death

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

RING, Thomas (1810-1832)

Thomas Ring, the son of Robert Ring (1774-1835 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Young, 1776-1826 qv) of the parish of Redcliff, Bristol, was born there on 19 July 1810(1).

He was educated at Sidcot School from 1819 to 1822(2).

Thomas Ring of Swansea died at Bedminster, Bristol, on 22 July 1832, at the age of twenty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as a lime manufacturer
- 2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 173
- 3 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: he is described as a grocer

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1833, p 40: 2 line entry for death; his year of death is given as 1831

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

WBE:

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RIPLEY, Dorothy, 1767-1831

b. 1767 at Whitby, Yorkshire, Eng., daughter  
of William and Ripley. Her father was a  
Methodist and friend of John Wesley.

D.R. became convinced and became "plain". She  
applied for membership but was put off.

1801 decided to go on a missionary journey to  
America and actually set off from Bristol in 1802. She  
went to Washington, D C. and had an interview with  
Pres. T. Jefferson. She travelled largely on faith.

1803 returned to England for two years before  
setting out again for America in 1805. She made two  
other later trips to United States.

d. Dec. 23, 1831 after an illness of 5 days at  
Mecklenburgh, Va., aged 64 years.

Ripley, The extraordinary conversion of Dorothy Ripley  
Ripley, The bank of faith and works united.

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup., 286

RIPPINGALE, family

[Essex]

No entries for the name Rippingsale appear in the  
digests of registers of births and marriages for  
Essex QM to 1837

Search undertaken on behalf of Frank Rippingale of  
London in 1970

RISELEY, Ann (1784-1844) aftw. Hubbert

[ Ann Riseley, daughter of  
and his wife  
(nee ) was married  
in 1819 to John Hubbert

see HUBBERT, Ann (1784-1844) formerly Riseley ]

WBE:  
Additional reference

RISELY, Ann, later Hubbert, 1784-1844

see HUBBERT, Ann, nee Risely

WBE:

RISKALLAH, Lotfallah, c.1840-1895

b. c.1840 in the Lebanon.

ed. Beyrouth College, Syria. Graduated.

1878, with I. Tasso, had charge of Boys' Training  
Home at Brummana, Syria.

1881 convinced and joined Friends.

m., 1884, Marian Abou Nasser. 2 sons, 1 daughter.

d. Oct. 29, 1895 from a fatal fever at Brummana,  
Syria, aged about 55.

The Friend (London), 36(1896):57 (portrait)

RISSIK, Apollonia Elisabeth ( 1896 - 1978 )

Apollonia Rissik was born on January 30, 1896 in South Africa, where her father was working as a surveyor at the time, but the family returned to their original home in Holland when she was three years old. By the beginning of the first world war she was in Scotland as a restless teenager and joined the V.A.D. She arrived in France at the end of the war and began helping with rehabilitation work, and then moved to Vienna at the request of Hilda Clark of the Friends War Victims Relief Committee where she helped to establish food depots for helping mothers and children. In 1922 she returned to Scotland to begin reading economics at Glasgow University from where she graduated in 1925. She then worked in the administration of the International Migration Service in France dealing with the settlement of Armenian children in the Marseilles area. In 1929 she took up an appointment at the International Labour Office as a translator in Geneva. By 1932 she was back in Britain where her interest in Friends was re-awakened and she joined Friends at Sydenham in about 1932.(1)

Shortly before the outbreak of the second world war she was asked by Friends House to visit Germany to investigate the many stories of persecution which were circulating in the country. She went, but what she saw convinced her that the spread of Nazism must be prevented at all costs, by force if necessary, and this resulted in her temporary severance from Friends. She became a housemother at a settlement in Bermondsey, but after eighteen months she became a home visitor of the blind and when her blind people were evacuated during the war she became a welfare visitor attached to Bede House, an international residential centre for homeless people. During this time she adopted a seven month old girl and as she had this extra responsibility she returned to work in the employment of the Surry County Council as a visitor to the blind. She bought land, had a house built in the Woking area and re-established her contact with Friends, rejoining the Society.(2) She was able to send her daughter to Friends Schools.

She had wide interests covering literature, art, music, she could read and speak several languages and was an accomplished painter and pianist. She worked tirelessly for Amnesty International. She was a great lover of nature and of children, <sup>her</sup> whom she had considerable empathy and of pets of all kinds. She was a great support to the local meeting, serving both as elder and overseer, she was a sensible and practical person but had a certain unworldliness as well and her faith shone through everything she did.

She died on November 14, 1978 at the age of 82.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Guildford & Godalming MM

Y.M.Pros. 1980 pp 152 - 154.

- continued.

RISSIK, Apollonia Elisabeth ( 1896 - 1978 ) continued

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. London & Middlesex QM printed lists of members first record her appearance as a member at Sydenham in 1933.
2. Sussex, Surrey & Hants QM printed lists of members record her at Guildford in 1955 and at Woking in 1961/2.

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WBE:

RITTER, Jacob, 1757-1841

b. 1757, Bucks County, Penna., son of  
Jacob and Elizabeth Ritter.

Served as soldier in Revolutionary War on the  
American side.

1777, taken prisoner after the Battle of the  
Brandwine, by the Hessians.

He became convinced and left his Lutheran  
church and joined Friends.

m., 1778, Dorothy Smith. Moved to Philadelphia  
and practiced his trade of shoemaking.

1793 helped victims of yellow fever epidemic.

m., (2d), 1802, Ann Williams.

1812 bought a farm and removed to Plymouth, Pa.

1828 at the Separation he went with Race St.

d. Dec. 15, 1841 and was buried at Plymouth, Pa.  
in his 85th year.

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup., 288

Frd's. Intel., 1(1842):49

Johnson, Early impressions, 43

Foulke, Memoirs of Jacob Ritter, a faithful minister.

ROAKE, Elizabeth Anna Maria (1743-1783) after 1777 Speakman

[Elizabeth Anna Maria Roake, daughter of Joseph Roake  
(1703 - 1766 qv } and his wife Sarah (born Peters  
} of Staines in Middlesex, was married  
in 1777 to Thomas Speakman (1745-1823 qv).]

See SPEAKMAN, Elizabeth Anna Maria (1743-1783) born Roake ]

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ROAKE, Jane (1714-1770) born Walker

Jane Walker, daughter of William and Elizabeth Walker of the parish of St Saviours, borough of Southwark, London, was born there 7 viii [October] 1714 (1). She was married in 1734 to Thomas Roake (1710-1780 qv) and there were two children who both died in infancy (2).

She was an acknowledged minister and "was a Woman of an innocent Life & Conversation, a diligent attender at Meetings, and very Servicesable in the Discipline of the Society, a frequent visitor of the Sick and a seeker after those who had strayed from the Fold of true Rest & Peace: in which her endeavours at times were blessed with Success. What she had to deliver in the Ministry was acceptable" (3).

Jane Roake died 10 November 1770 (4) aged 56 years.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as distiller
- 2 For marriage and children, see ROAKEN Thomas (1710-1780)
- 3 "Ministers Deceased 1700-1843" (Friends House Library MS vol 13) p 124. There is no testimony in Testimonies Concerning Ministers Deceased
- 4 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as wife of Thomas, and her age is given as 57 years, whereas it was in fact 56 years one month

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

ROAKE, John (1668-1744)

John Roake, the son of Robert Roake and his wife Anne, born Collyer of Horsell in Surrey, was born there on 25 September 1668(1). He was a salesman at Staines in Middlesex(2) and became a Quaker by conviction(3). He was married in 1689 to Jeane or Jane May of Egham in Surrey(4) and there was one child(5).

Jane Roake died in 1701(6) and in 1702 he married Mary North (1677-1756 qv), the daughter of Joseph North (1642?-1732/3 qv) of Stepney in Middlesex(7); there were seven children(8).

John Roake of Staines died on 5.ix.(November)1744, at the age of seventy six(9). In his Will he was described as a draper(10).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Charles Edgar Roake, The Journal of Joseph Roake, 1954, p 13
  - 2 He is so described in the birth entries of the children of his second marriage
  - 3 Charles Edgar Roake, op cit, p 13
  - 4 The wedding was at Longford on 8.x.(December)1689: he is described as the son of Robert Roake of Horsell in Surrey; she is described as the daughter of Jeremiah May of Egham in Surrey (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- According to Charles Edgar Roake, op cit p 13, his occupation on his marriage is given as tailor, but this information does not appear in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest
- 5 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Marriages Digests:-  
John b 14 or 17 x (Dec)1690 m 1715 Rebecca Warner
  - 6 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she died 30 vii (Sept) 1701, aged 38
  - 7 The wedding took place on 3.ix.(November)1702 in the area of Colchester MM; no details are given (Essex QM Marriages Digest)
  - 8 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Joseph qv	b 11 viii (Oct)1703	m 1732 Sarah Peters (Surrey & Sussex QM)
Benjamin	b 12 v (July)1705	d 14 iii (May)1706
*Benjamin	b 18 ii (April 1707	
Ann	b 20 i (March)1708/9	d 29 i (March) 1709
Thomas qv	b 25 vii (Sept)1710	m 1734 Jane Walker
Samuel	b 18 ii (April)1712	d 29 ii (April)1718 aged 6
Mary	b 18 iii (May)1714	m 1735 Jeremiah Neave (1710-1771 qv)

\*No marriage traced in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest to 1770

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ROAKE, John (1668-1744)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 9 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given  
10 Charles Edgar Roake, op cit, p 14

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

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ROAKE, Joseph (1703-1766)

Joseph Roake, the son of John Roake (1668-1744 qv) and his wife Mary (born North, 1677-1756 qv) of Staines in Middlesex, was born there on 11.viii.(October)1703(1).

He was a draper of Staines(2) and was married in 1732 to Sarah Peters of Dorking in Surrey(3); there were five children(4).

Joseph Roake of Staines died on 17 January 1766, at the age of sixty two(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a salesman

2 He is so described in the birth entries of his children

3 The wedding was at Capple on 9.iii.(May)1732: he is described as the son of John and Mary Roake of Staines in Middlesex; she is described as the daughter of Richard Peters of Dorking in Surrey (Surrey & Sussex QM Marriages Digest)

4 Listed in London & Midilessex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

*John	b 13 i (March)1732/3	
Sarah	b 28 i (March)1736	m 1767 William Grinfield
Joseph	b 25 or 26 iii (May) 1738	d 15 vii (Sept)1738
Joseph qv	b 13 ix (Nov)1739	m Mary Coleridge**
Elizabeth		
Anna Maria	b 24 x (Dec)1743	m 1777 Thomas Speakman (1745-1823 qv)

\*No marriage traced in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest to 1820

\*\*Information from Charles Edgar Roake, The Journal of Joseph Roake, 1954, p 15; Mary Coleridge was not a member of the Society and the marriage is not recorded

5 London & Middlesex 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

ROAKE, Joseph (1739-1829)

Joseph Roake, the son of Joseph Roake (1703-1766 qv) and his wife Sarah, born Peters, of Staines in Middlesex, was born there on 13.ix. (November) 1739(1). He was married in 1767 to Mary Coleridge, but she was not a member of the Society and in 1769 he was disowned(2). There were eight children, three of whom were born in England and recorded by the Society, although they were noted as non-members(3).

In 1774 he sent a letter of condemnation to Peel Monthly Meeting; he was visited by members of the meeting to some satisfaction, but no conclusion was reached(4) and in the same year he took his family to Prince Edward Island in the gulf of the St Lawrence river, North America, where he leased some land from Robert Clark, a London merchant. His remaining five children were all born there. In 1789 he and his family moved to New York State, where he bought a farm on Stony Street, near Shrub Oak in the town of Yorktown in Westchester County.

His wife died about 1820 and Joseph Roake died at Yorktown on 4 April 1829, at the age of eighty nine.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Charles Edgar Roake, The Journal of Joseph Roake, 1954, pp 15-17, 34

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a draper
- 2 Peel MM minutes 4 April 1768 and 25 Jan 1769
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Thomas b 11 Dec 1769	d 21 July 1772, aged 2½
Mary	d 16 July 1772, aged 7 months
Mary b 28 Nov 1773	
also given in Charles Edgar Roake, op cit, p 17	
Thomas b 10 Oct 1776	
John b 6 Sept 1778	
Sarah b 1781	
Ann Eliza	
Maria b 14 May 1784	
Hannah b 9 Nov 1786	
- 4 Peel MM minute 12 March 1774

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1830, p 37: 4 line entry:-

"His hopes of a better inheritance were placed solely on Christ,  
the only Sure Foundation."

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ROAKE, Joseph (1739-1829)

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SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 26, p 67

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ROAKE, Mary (1677-1756) born North

Mary North, the twin daughter of Joseph North (1642-1732/3 qv) and his wife Rebecca, born Burdett, of Westbury Street, Spitalfields in London, was born there on 22.iii.(May)1677(1). She was early called upon to testify publicly to the Truth and appeared in the ministry when she was about twenty eight. She was married in 1702 to John Roake (1668-1744 qv), a salesman of Staines in Middlesex and there were seven children(2).

Both before and after her marriage she travelled extensively in the service of the ministry and her testimony and visits were very acceptable, "being always Easy and Contented with such Entertainment as she met with; Her Voice was Clear & Strong, & she Spoke very Distinct & Correct, notwithstanding she had but little school Learning, and generally to the Satisfaction both of Friends & Others, being Divinely Qualified; and altho' her Concern seemed to be mostly towards those not in Society with us, at which times she would be largely drawn forth, Yet to some of us she was most Acceptable in our own little Meetings by ourselves, when she was often tendered & very Affectionate, we lived together in very good Unity and she was always Esteemed by Us a Living Minister."

She died in her own house in Staines on 23 November 1756(3), aged about seventy nine and was buried at Longford, a minister for nearly sixty years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Longford MM 27 March 1757 in TCND vol 1, p 429

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a broad weaver
- 2 For marriage and children see ROAKE, John (1668-1744)
- 3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as a widow  
Her age at death, both in the Burials Digest and the Testimony is given as 88, but there is no birth entry for her in 1668. Her parents had a daughter in 1668 who died on 5.ii.(April)1668 and it is suggested that her birth date has become confused with that of the dead child. The later birth entry also makes it more probable that she would still be bearing children in 1714. The date of her removal to Essex, where she was married, has not at present (1979) been traced.

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

MEG Nov 1979  
replacement

ROAKE, Thomas (1710-1780)

Thomas Roake, the son of John Roake (1688-1744 qv) and his second wife Mary (born North, 1677-1756 qv) of Staines in Middlesex, was born there on 25.vii.(September)1710(1).

He became a distiller at Southwark(2) and was married in 1734 to Jane Walker (1714-1770 qv) of Southwark(3); there were two children(4) who both died in infancy.

Jane Roake died in 1770(5). Thomas Roake of St Albans in Hertfordshire died on 16 September 1780, aged about seventy; he was still a member of Southwark Monthly Meeting(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Park in Southwark on 19.x.(December)1734: he is described as a distiller of Southwark, the son of John Roake of Staines in Middlesex; she is described as the daughter of William and Elizabeth Walker of Southwark (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Mary b 3 xii 1745 (i.e. Feb 1745/6)	d 25 ii (April)1746
Mary b 21 April 1755	d 1 Feb 1756
- 5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she died 10 Nov 1770, aged 57
- 6 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he is described as a distiller

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

ROBARTS, Elizabeth (1811?-1840) after 1839 Cornish

(Elizabeth Robarts, daughter of Thomas Robarts, was married in 1839 to George Cornish (1801-1877 qv).

See CORNISH, Elizabeth (1811?-1840) born Robarts )

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WBE:

ROBBINS, Olive, afterwards Haviland, 1871-1951

see HAVILAND, Olive, nee Robbins, 1871-1951

WBE:

ROBERMAN, Henry, 1774-1860

b. Nov., 11, 1774 near Minden, Prussia, son of Henry and Elizabeth Roberman. Parents were Lutherans.

1792 taken into the Prussian army.

Became convinced that war was wrong. Read William Penn's Summons or Call to Christendom and was convinced.

1814 joined Friends in Germany. Taught school for about 16 years.

c.1830 Emigrated to America. God answered his prayer for a deranged neighbor and his health was restored. Also gave messages in meeting.

d. June 6, 1860, Chesterfield, O., in his 87th year.

Memoirs of Henry Roberman and Thomas Waring.

WBE:  
(prepared by RB)

ROBERSON, JOSEPH, (Robinson?)

I Have Called You Friends says this ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup> actually was  
Robinson. (p. 91)

1741-1760 Clerk, North Carolina Y. Mtg.

Possible that he is the Joseph Robinson mentioned in Weeks, (p. 140), who was appointed in North Carolina in 1755 to the committee to oversee the press when it was advised "that no Friend or Friends, write, print or publish any book or writing whatsoever tending to raise Contention or Breach of Unity amongst Friends or that have not first had the perusal and approbation of Such friends as shall be appointed by this Meeting for that affair."

A Joseph Robinson was also appointed in 1743 by N. Carolina Friends in Perquimans and Pasquotank counties to the committee to edit Fox's Primers: "to Collect out of those primers Such a part of them as shall be Suitable for young persons that are just entering upon Learning." (p.143)

See Also: Hinshaw I:116,164.  
Weeks, So. Quakers and Slavery, 140,143  
Elliott, Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 396.

ROBERTOVNA, Margaret ( 1888? - 1965 ) b. Barber

Margaret Barber was born in about the year 1888,(1) but we have hardly any knowledge of her life. She went to Russia in 1916 with the Friends War Victims Relief Organisation and stayed to make her life there. She embraced the Soviet cause soon after the revolution, married a schoolmaster who died in 1938 and for many years devoted herself to nursing in Russian hospitals and clinics.

She died, presumably in July 1965, in the Crimea, aged 77.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 123 (1965) p. 908

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 77 at death.

SGJ. JAN.'80

ROBERTS, Abiah

Abiah Roberts of Newchapel, Essex, has not yet been identified.  
Fox spent a week-end at his house and had a meeting on the Sunday.

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

ROBERTS, Abraham (fl 1674/5- )

Abraham Roberts, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1984) traced(1), lived at Staleyroyd in Yorkshire.

He was married in 1674/5 to Alice Oxley of Skelmerthorp in Yorkshire(2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3).

The date of his death is not at present (1984) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 His birth is not traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 2 The wedding was on 8.xi.1674 [i.e. January 1674/5]: he is described as of Staleyroyd; she is described as of Skelmerthorp in Yorkshire. No further information is given
- 3 No children are traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 4 His death is not traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest to 1775

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

WBE:

(3)

ROBERTS, Ann, nee                    1678(?) - 1750

b.                    1678(?) in Wales, daughter of

c. 1700 before this date she had become convinced  
in Wales, and joined Friends to her father's displeasure.  
He became reconciled in the end.

Came to America and settled within the limits of  
Abington Meeting, Pa. She was recognized a minister  
about this time.

Nov. 1719 m., Rowland Roberts of Gwynedd (d. 1749)  
( see also his biog.)  
Her many travels in the ministry include a  
visit in 1723 to the Jerseys, to Maryland, Virginia  
and Carolina accompanied by Susanna Morris. They  
survived a shipwreck on the Chesapeake. In 1732 she went  
to Great Britain with Mary Pennell and returned two  
years later.

In the 1740's she and her husband suffered  
financial losses, but kept their faith throughout.

d. June 19, 1750 at Gwynedd, Pa. in her 73d year.

The Friend (Phila.), 31(1858):101, 107

Cpmlly, Frds. Misc., 111:374

Piety pro., 11th part, 396

Phila. Y.M., Col. of Mem. (1787):149

John Smith's Ms., 3:35

ROBERTS, Ann ( -1757) aftw. Barritt

[Ann Roberts, daughter of John Roberts of Sheltam Norfolk,  
and his wife (nee ) was  
married in 1708 to Charles Barritt

see BARRITT, Ann ( -1757) born Roberts

WBE:

ROBERTS, Charles, 1846-1902

b. Aug. 21, 1846, Phila., Pa., son of Elihu and Anne (Pettit) Roberts.

ed. Friends' Select School and Haverford College,  
A.B., 1860. 1864

1864 entered employ of Whitall, Tatum & Co., glass manufacturers. From 1869-1895 he was a partner in the firm.

1895 President Spring Garden Insurance Company.

1872-1902 member, Managers of Haverford College.

1882-84, 1886-1902 served on the Common Council of Philadelphia.

1892, m., Lucy Branson Longstreth.

1902 donated his large collection of pamphlets, manuscripts and other Quaker <sup>works</sup> ~~seeds~~ to Haverford College.

Also gave \$50,000 to build a hall on campus that was called Roberts Hall.

Member of Phila. Mo. Mtg. for the Western District.

d.-Dec. 23, 1902 in Phila. following an operation.  
*JANUARY*

Frds. Intel., 59(1902):71

Hav. Coll., Mat. Cat., 177

Glenn, Welsh Founders of Penna., 2:x

ROBERTS, Daniel (1656-1726)

Daniel Roberts, who was born at Siddington near Cirencester, was called to God's service in his early years and suffered loss of goods and imprisonment in Gloucester Castle for 2 years. He moved later to Chesham, Bucks. He brought comfort and help to Friends, and also to those of 'other professions' by the testimony to the truth of the gospel. He was of a peaceable spirit, seeking for unity among Friends, able to give 'tender advice and counsel' to those in need. He was a good husband, father and neighbour and faithful in service among Friends and in his witness to the world outside Friends.

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He died 16 xii.1726 [i.e. February 26/7] at Chesham, and was buried in the Friends burial ground there.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Aylesbury MM in TCMD vol.2 p.123

WBE:  
Additional information

ROBERTS, Daniel, 1658-1726/7

b. 1658 at Siddingham (? sp.), near Cirencester, son of John and Lydia (Tyndale) Roberts.

c.1682 imprisoned nearly 2 years in Gloucester Castle.

After his release moved to Chesham, Buckinghamshire and settled.

m.(1st), Rebecca Axtell of Chesham (d.1688)

m.(2d), Elizabeth Blatt, of Reigate.

D.R. was a mercer for over 40 years.

Author of Some Memoirs of the life of John Roberts. (This was his father) It has been said of this work that it is "one of the most racy and interesting works in the whole range of Quaker biography."

d. April 16, 1726/7 at Chesham, Eng., aged about 70 years.

Piety pro., 8th part, 362

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:496

Ellwood, The history of the life of Thomas Ellwood, 351  
Roberts, A Quaker of the olden time, 271

WEE:

ROBERTS, Daniel, -1811

Lived at Painswick, Gloucestershire, England.

1792-1807 Wrote on modern Arianism, Scrofula, defensive war, reasons why Friends should not vote for members of Parliament, and letters relating to Joanna Southcott, whose mission he favored.

Was disowned by Friends.

d. June 25, 1811 at Painswick, Eng.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:496

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., Bx 7615

WBE:

ROBERTS, David, 1792-1880

b. Feb. 14, 1792 at Moorestown, Burlington County,  
N.J., son of Joseph and Susanna (Coles) Roberts.

A farmer .

m., Rachel Hunt in 1815. 9 children.

1827-29 during the difficult period of the Separation among Friends David and Rachel Roberts were firm leaders on the "Orthodox" side in Moorestown.

1858-61 served as Superintendant of Westtown School. Afterwards became member of Committee for Westtown School.

d. Dec. 9, 1880 at Moorestown, N.J. in his 89th year.

Woodward, History of Burlington and Mercer Counties...,272  
(portrait)

Westtown School, Catalogue, 371

WBE:

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ROBERTS, Edward, 1687-1768

b. May, 1687 in Merionethshire, son of

1698 came to Penna. and settled at [Byberry, Pa.

and joined Friends, Abington Monthly Meeting, Pa.] B.C.

[m. Mary Bolton, Dec. 29, 1714 children, 3 daus., 5 sons  
c.1715 recognized a minister. Later in life he  
and his family settled near Richlands (Quakertown) and  
transferred their membership to Richland Monthly  
Meeting. His farm amounted to 250 acres.

Towards the end of his life his strength was  
reduced to that of a child.

d. Nov. 25, 1768 at Richland, Pa., in his 82d year.

The Friend (Phila.), 35(1861-62):75

Phila. Y.M., A Col. of Memos. (1787):263

[Roberts, Old Richland families, 99-136] B.C.

ROBERTS, Elizabeth (1726?-1767) born Morley

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Elizabeth Roberts (1), wife of William Roberts of Edmundsbury ~~✓~~, was "early impressed with a sense of religion" and through obedience to this she grew in grace and truth, and in her 22nd year began to minister publicly, both in her own and in other Meetings. Her life matched her spoken word. She visited various parts of England as well as the Isle of Man on one occasion. A considerable part of "her young and healthful days" were devoted to the service of truth.

She died peacefully on 9 October 1767 at the age of about 41 years, a minister for nearly 20 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Suffolk QM in TCMD vol.2, p.~~326~~ 325.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Piety Promoted refers to her as daughter of James Morley of Norfolk, but there is no record of her birth or marriage in Suffolk or Norfolk & Norwich QM Digests.

SEE ALSO

Piety promoted, vol.2, p.429.

William J. Allinson: Rebecca Jones

WBE:

ROBERTS, Ellwood, 1846-1921

b [Jan. 22,] 1846 in Wilmington, Del., son of  
Hugh, 2nd and Alice A. (Gallagher) Roberts.] 13c

[m., Sept. 12, 1878, Mary Long Carter, of  
Mickleton, N.J. 2 daughters, 3 sons.] Bc

Author, 1895 Lyrics of Quakerism; 1898, Old  
Richland families; 1910, Vacation idyls...

Plymouth Meeting, 1900

d. Jan. 31, 1921 at Swarthmore, Pa., age 75 and was  
buried at Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

Frds. Intel (Phila.), 78(1921):93

Frds. Hist Lib., Swarth., BX 7616

[Roberts, Old Richland families, 133] Bc

WBE:<sup>a</sup>  
~~(prepared by RB)~~

ROBERTS, Emmer, ca. 1831-1908

b. ca. 1831

[m. Martha (who died 1918, aged 80 years.)?]

1886-1900, Clerk, Phila. Y. Mtg. (Hicksite)

Lived at Fellowship, N.J. (Haddonfield Quarterly Mtg.)

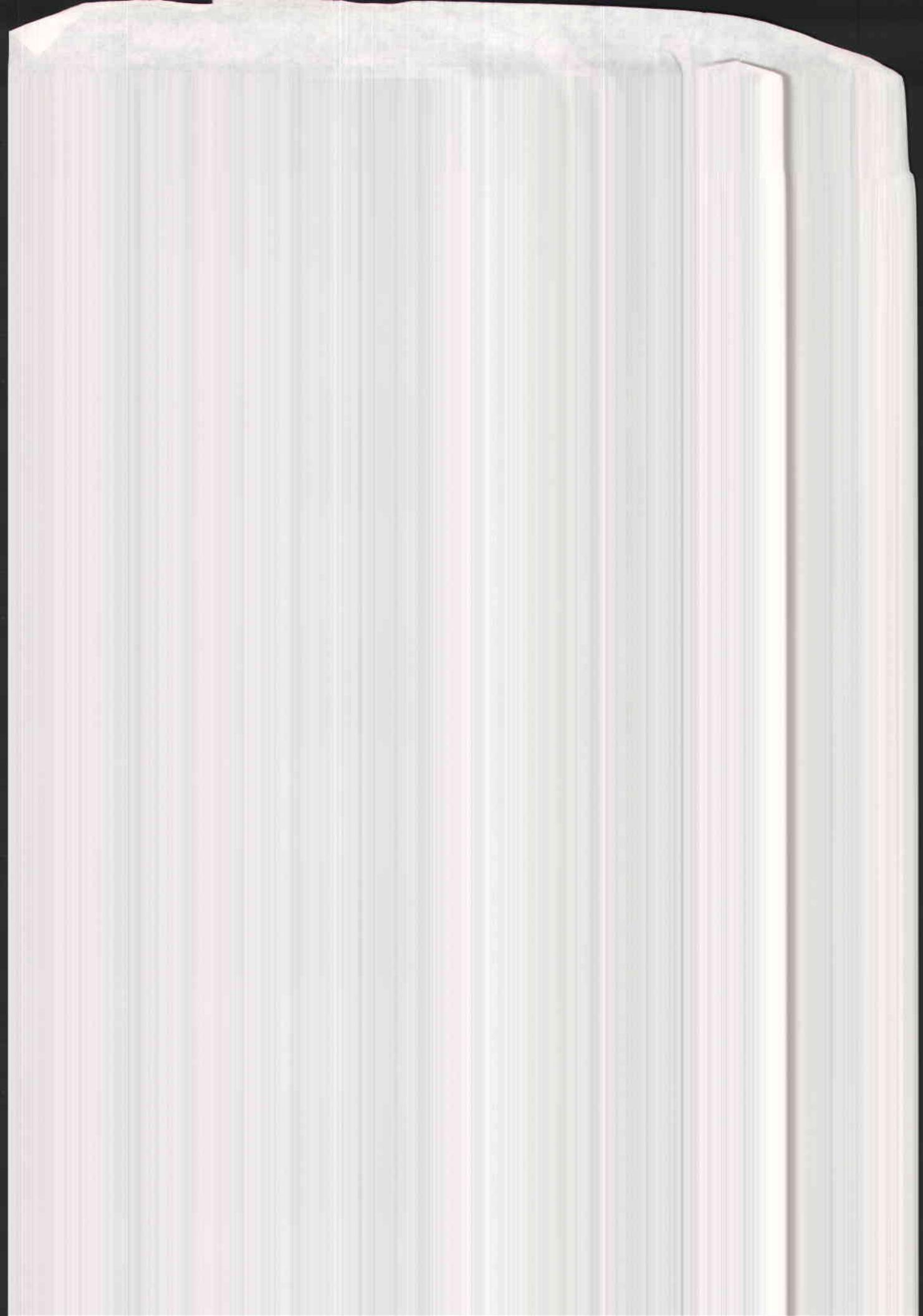
d. 7 Apr. 1908, aged 77 yrs. Funeral at Friends' Mtg.  
House, Moorestown, New Jersey.

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 399  
Friends Intell., 65(1908), 238

ROBERTS, Esther (1764 - 1826) aftw Lees

[ Esther Roberts, daughter of Thomas  
and Judith Roberts of  
Wooldale, was married in 1785 to Benjamin Lees  
of •

see LEES, Esther (1764-1826) born Roberts ]



ROBERTS, Ethel Jane Adair (1877-1961) after 1908 Impey

[Ethel Jane Adair Roberts, daughter of Frederic George Adair Roberts, was married in 1908 to Francis Levitt Impey (1878-1971 qv) of Birmingham.

See IMPEY, Ethel Jane Adair (1877-1961) born Roberts ]

WBE:

Roberts, Evelyn

WBE gives information about this Friend who  
is still living and which we are not including.

WBE:  
Additional information

ROBERTS, Gerard (or Gerrard), c.1621-1703

Merchant, of London, Eng. who was hospitable and  
helpful.

1655, accompanied George Fox to Warwick.

1661 his home the place for an interview with  
two Jesuits.

1670, with George Whitehead rebuked Robert Rich.

1673, came to Bristol to meet George Fox on his  
return from America.

d. May 19, 1703 at the age of 82 years.

Jour. of G. Fox, Bi-cent. ed., 1:515

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:497

ROBERTS, Gerard (1621?-1703)

Gerard Roberts was a wine-cooper, living at the Sign of the Fleur-de-Luce, in Little St Thomas Apostle, London, where he entertained many Friends, and where meetings were frequently held. After the Great Fire, Friends purchased a plot of land formerly occupied by the White Hart Inn, of which a portion was used for the erection of a meeting house, and, upon the remainder, several Friends, including Roberts, built dwelling houses (Beck and Ball, London Friends' Meetings, 1869, p.145). He lived later in Lombard Street. He was not, apparently, a preacher, but he was very active in many ways on behalf of Friends.

Whitehead, Christian Progress, 1725, pp.314,316,594

The Friend (London), 1896, p.545

Extracts from State Papers, 1910

MSS in Friends House.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.434

see also next page

ROBERTS, Gerrard (1621?-1703)

Gerrard Roberts was a wine-cooper, of the Sign of the Flear-de-Luce, Little St, Thomas Apostle, and of Lombard Street, London. 'Convinced at a public meeting held for a time at Glazier's Hall, in Thames Stfeet' (cf. Robert Dring). 'Became the leading London Friend in all matters of business. His house was the residence and headquarters of the Publishers of Truth who were in the city' (B.Q., 377). cf. C.J. i.434; Smith, Cat.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.71

see also previous page

WBE:

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ROBERTS, Hugh, 1644 or 1650-1702

b. 1644 or 1650 at Landlos, Radnorshire,  
Wales, son of Robert ap Hugh and Elizabeth Williams  
(d.1699)

1662 Elizabeth Roberts, his mother who had been a  
Presbyterian became convinced and joined Friends.

m.(1st), 1672, Jane, daughter of Owen ap Evan. They  
had 6 children before her death in 1689.

m.(2d), 1689 Elizabeth John.

1682/3 Came to America and settled at Merion, Pa.

1688 returned to Britain where his second marriage  
took place. He returned to America with his wife in  
1690.

1692 signed petition against the preaching of  
George Keith.

1692-97 travelled widely in the ministry to Mary-  
land, Long Island and New York, Rhode Island and other  
parts of New England.

1697 again revisited England and Wales.

d. August 18, 1702 and was buried at Merion, Pa.,  
aged 52 years.

Bull. Frds. Hist. Soc. 4:146 Wharton, The Parrish family, 26

The Friend (Phila.), 28(1855):6 et seq.; 1(1827):198,207

John Smith's Ms., 3:38 Glenn, Merion in the Welsh tract, 323-  
Piety pro., 3rd part, 236 333

Phila. Y.M., A Col. of Memos.(1787):34

WBE:

ROBERTS, Isaac, 1854-1942

b. Feb. 2, 1854 at Norristown, Pa., son of Isaac and Ruthh (Conard) Roberts.

m. Ruth K. Thomas (issue) 1 daughter

A worker for temperance, prohibition and woman's suffrage, and opponent of free coinage of silver. Helped establish the Young Friends Ass'n. and the Friendly Center, which later became The Whittier.

Lived for a time at Swarthmore, Pa. and also in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Author in 1896, Wages, fixed incomes and the free coinage of silver...; 1913 Looking forward; a study in social justice...

Latter part of his life was passed at Abington, Pa. Friends Home in Norristown, Pa.

d. Jan. 16, 1942 at Norristown, Pa., in his 88th year, a member of Swarthmore Monthly Meeting, Pa.

Frds. Intel. (Phila.), 99(1942):62,78

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth, BX 7617

ROBERTS, James ( 1916? - 1977 )

James Roberts was born in about the year 1916.(1)

He was a greatly loved member of Blackburn meeting(2) and with his wife Doris was always willing to help teenagers and young people with their problems. He was a great strength to the meeting.

His great concern was for reconciliation and his particular work was in the community relations field as head of the immigrant education centre in Blackburn. Blackburn with 15,000 immigrants has particular racial tensions and local antagonism and his influence and example were important in trying to prevent violent confrontation and in promoting education against racism.

He died after a short illness at his home on September 3, 1977. aged 61.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE    THE FRIEND   Vol. 135 (1977) p. 1148

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. We have not found a date of birth, he was aged 61 at death.
2. Lancashire & Cheshire QM printed lists of members record him as follows:-  
In 1956 as an attender at Blackburn with wife Doris a member, in 1960 as member. A daughter Sylvia J (1948) is also recorded.

SGJ. Feb. 1978

WBE:

ROBERTS, Job, 1756-1851

b. May 23, 1756 in Whitpain Township, Mont. County, Penna., [son of John and Jane (Hunk) Roberts.] BC

ed. school taught by Wm. Knox.

[m.(1st), 1781, May 22, Mary Naylor.] BC

1785 onwards, he was a farmer who did much to revolutionize farming in Penna., inventing improved tools, developing ideas for fertilizing such as the planting of timothy and clover instead of simply depending on natural meadow grasses, etc.

1791, became Justice of the Peace.

[ m. (2d), Oct. 12, 1820 Sarah (Williams) Thomas.  
They had at least 2 children.] BC

He introduced merino sheep to Pennsylvania. In 1804 he published Pennsylvania Farmer

In his declining years he became nearly blind. He enjoyed reminiscing about Revolutionary times and clearly remembered George Washington.

d. Aug. 20, 1851 in Whitpain Township, Pa. in his 96th year.

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

Frds. Intel., 8:209

The Friend (Phila.) 25:50; 99:544

[Who was who in America (1607-1896):447] BC  
Ten Kiis, H. M.:

WBE:

ROBERTS, John, c.1620-1683

b. c.1620 at Siddington, near Cirencester, England, son of John and Mary (Solliss) Roberts, ed. grammar school at Cirencester. For religious training he was taught the prayer book by a drunken priest.

He served as a soldier under Cromwell.

m., 1646, Lydia Tindall (Tyndale?) of Slincomb. They had six children.

1665 convinced by Richard Farnsworth and joined Friends.

He was a plowman by occupation. It is said of him that the Truth made him bold and imagination gave him humor without bitterness.

After his death his son wrote his biography which showed him to be an honest, sturdy, outspoken Friend. The account is unique in Quaker annals for its racy movement, unstudied truthfulness and transparent humor which never caused wounds.

d. 1683 at Siddington near Cirencester, aged about 63 years.

Hine, Relics of an uncommon attorney, 168 (portrait op.)  
Lawrence, A Quaker of the Olden Time

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:498; Sup.; 289

Friends Lib., VIII:463

Frds. Qu. Exam, 32 (1898):343

WBE:

ROBERTS, John -1778

b.

A country miller and a man of substance.

During the Revolutionary War he was very disturbed by the treatment given by the Americans to a group of Philadelphia Quakers accused of Tory sympathies and accordingly exiled to Virginia. He asked General Howe to form a rescue party to intercept the prisoners on their journey to Virginia, but this plan was not acceptable to the British.

The Americans arrested Roberts and accused him of this plan and also of acting as a guide to British foraging parties. He and Abraham Carlisle, another Friend arrested on another charge were visited in jail by Friends to whom both admitted the errors of their conduct, and appeared to be in a religious and resigned state of mind. They were tried for treasonable acts and convicted.

d. Nov. 4, 1778 by hanging on the "Commons" at Phila. and buried at Merion, Pa.

Hirst, Qu. in peace & war, 409

Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 15(1926):28

Taylor, Life of Wm. Savery, 23

ROBERTS, John (1716-1782)

Called "The Fourth". Son of Axtell Roberts, d. 1726, son of Daniel Roberts, d. 1726, son of John Roberts, "the second" d. 1683-4, who was the famous John Roberts, whose Diary is an important glimpse into Quaker history of his period.

John Roberts IV, removed from Chesham, Buckinghamshire, to Bristol, in 1748, and to London in 1761, where he became a successful merchant, and was interested in trade with America.

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922, p.560

see also next sheet

ROBERTS, John (1716-1782)

John Roberts, 'The Fourth', was a successful Anglo-American merchant. First located in Bristol and after 1761 at Fenchurch Street, London. He was a member of Devonshire House London Monthly Meeting.

Note in 'The Political & Economic Relations' by  
A.T. Gary, 1935, p.462

Taylor

see also previous sheet

WBE:

ROBERTS, John H.,

WBE gives information about this living  
Canadian Friend which we are not including.

WBE:

ROBERTS, Jonathan, 1771-1854

b. 1771 in Montgomery County, Pa., son of  
Roberts.

1798 elected to Assembly of Penna. and in 1807  
to the State Senate.

1811-1814 served as representative to the U.S.  
Congress. During this period he supported the govern-  
ment in promoting the War of 1812. As a result of  
this fact and of his marriage to a non-Friend he was  
disowned.

1814 chosen U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania. He  
was a Democrat, but deeply opposed to slavery. When  
Andrew Jackson became President he turned to the Whig  
party and opposed Jackson's government. When Harrison  
was elected President he appointed J.R. as Collector  
of the Port in Philadelphia.

d. 1854.

Sharpless, A Qu. Exp't in Gov't, 2:266

WBE:

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ROBERTS, Louisa Jewett, nee Raymond, 1819-1893

b. Feb. 21, 1819 at Wooddale, Sussex County, Del.,  
daughter of Nathaniel Lynde and Sarah Ann (Martin)  
Raymond. Her father died when she was 3 years old.

1832 family removed to Phila. Pa. Louisa taught  
in Spencer Roberts' school.

m., 1840, Spencer Roberts. children.

1857 convinced and joined Friends in Phila. Y.M.  
(Race St.) Active in work for Indians, freedmen etc.  
She was one of the first to become active in First-day  
Schools at the meeting at 4th and Green St.

1862 she lost her younger children in death.

1875 became an editor of the Friends Intelligencer.

1886 acknowledged a minister.

From 1853 to 1892 this Friend kept a Journal.

d. March 8, 1893 at Phila. (?) Pa. aged 74 years,  
and was buried on the grounds of Fairhill Meeting.

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

Frds. Intel., 50(1893):169; 53(1896):185

ROBERTS Margaret

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Margaret Roberts was an Australian Friend who was presiding clerk of Australia Yearly Meeting at the time of her death. She was tireless in her service to the Society of Friends, had a deep sense of caring for people both far and near, and not long before her death completed a 'marathon' trip around Australia covering many thousands of miles and visiting countless Friends and making new contacts.

She died suddenly at Perth in Australia on October 25, 1978. No age is given.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol.136 (1978) p. 1445.

SGJ March '79

ROBERTS, Mary (1716-1741/2) after 1736 Davis

[Mary Roberts, daughter of John and Mary (born Moon)  
Roberts of Coole, Queens county in Ireland, was  
married in 1736 to Richard Davis (1712-1772 qv).]

See DAVIS, Mary (1716-1741/2) born Roberts ]

WBE:

ROBERTS, Mary, 1788-1864

b. March 18, 1788 at Homerton, London, Eng.,  
daughter of Daniel and Ann (Thompson) Roberts.

Lived most of her life at Brompton, London. She  
great-great  
was a/granddaughter of John Roberts of Siddington and  
a descendant of Thomas Lawson, Quaker botanist.

After the death of her father she left the Society  
of Friends and is not known to have returned to it.

She herself wrote tracts, biographies and treat-  
ises in the field of botany, molluscs, prepared a nature  
calendar and a text on Plants and Animals of America.

d. Jan. 13, 1864 at Brompton, aged 76 years.

Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 37 No.2, 68

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:500; Sup.: 290

D.N.B., 48:388

WBE:

ROBERTS, Oade, 1786-1821

b. 1786, probably at Homerton, London,  
England son of Daniel and Ann (Thompson) Roberts.

A member of the Inner Temple at London and a  
barrister.

He wrote a book in 1813 entitled Select education.  
After his father's death in 1791 or shortly thereafter  
he left the Society of Friends and is not known to  
have returned to it.

He was deeply interested in botanical studies  
as was his sister Mary ( see her biog.) and contrib-  
uted material to later editions of Withering's work  
on the systematic arrangement of British plants.

d. July 29, 1821 and was buried at Painswick, aged  
35 years.

Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 37 (No.1):68

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:501; Sup.:289

ROBERTS, Peter Skaven Watkinson ( 1918? - 1979 )

Peter Roberts was born in about the year 1918,(1) in Twickenham Middlesex and after leaving Kings School, Canterbury in 1935 he joined the Royal Navy. His career in the Royal Navy was spent in the submarine service, he was awarded the D.S.C. and the V.C. for outstanding acts of gallantry and was promoted to Lieut.Commander. He retired from the Navy in 1962 and his civilian career then took him to the Far East, later he joined the Royal Maritime Auxiliary Service and was engaged for a time in cable laying and became master of an auxiliary service ship.

In 1940 he had married Brigid Lethbridge at Plymouth and after his final retirement he and his wife began attending Plymouth meeting and they joined the Society of Friends in about 1970. He was a very humble and shy and private man and although always busy and practical he was also a deep searcher for truth and had made a study of the teachings of Brahma and Buddha. He was always ready with practical help wherever it was needed and many both inside and outside the Society of Friends were grateful for his assistance.

He died suddenly at his home in Newton Ferrars on December 8, 1979, aged 61.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 138 (1980) p. 62.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 61 at death.

WBE:

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ROBERTS, Phoebe, nee McCarty, v.1766-1850

b. c.1766 daughter of  
Thomas and Elizabeth (Lancaster) McCarty.

m., Levi Roberts. children.

A Minister among Friends and possibly an Elder  
(see report in Frds. Intel. 7(1851):39

1821-22 with Jemima Burson, Jacob Albertson and  
Cyrus Betts travelled 2200 miles from Richland, Bucks  
county, Penna. to Canada and return and attended 45  
meetings, including some with the Davidites.

d. March 30, 1850 at Richland, Pa. in her 84th year.

Gray, Phoebe Roberts' Diary

Frds. Intel. 7(1851):39

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WBE:

ROBERTS, Phoebe, nee Williams, 1810-1893

b. Aug. 27, 1810 at Plymouth, Penna., daughter  
of Jesse and Hannah Williams.

m., 1837 Jacob Roberts (d.1893)

She was a member of Malvern Particular Meeting.

1841 she first spoke in the ministry and three years later her gift was acknowledged by Gwynedd Monthly Meeting. She served as a member of the Committee for Westtown School and also on The Indian Committee of the yearly meeting. A frequent expression in her ministry was the phrase "a little word of encouragement." She was once divinely led not to go to meeting and went instead to the barn where she found a man in the act of committing suicide by hanging. She was able to dissuade him of his plan and to prevent his death.

d. Aug. 17, 1793 near Paoli, Pa. in her 83d year.

Phila. Y.M., Memorials (1872-1918) #8

The Friend (Phila.), 67(1894):64

WBE:

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ROBERTS, Rebekah

Moorestown, N.J. her home. She was a minister.  
1775 she expressed a concern that Friends  
should stand their ground if trials confronted them.  
This was in a period when armies of the Revolutionary  
War period were approaching.

Gomly, Frds. Misc., X:224, 225

WBE:

ROBERTS, Richard, c.1627-1707

b. c.1627 on the Isle of Anglesea, near Wales.

c. 1643 enlisted in the Royalist Army in the Civil War. Served under Prince Rupert.

1644 was taken prisoner at the Battle of Marston Moor near York. To regain his liberty he went over to the Republican side.

1649 went with Cromwell to Ireland. After the end of the fighting he settled in Mountrath, Queens County, Ireland.

He became convinced and joined Friends while still serving in the Republican army.

m., 1665, Ellen 7 sons.

Despite the fact that his wife never joined Friends she was in sympathy and at her death she was permitted to have her body buried in their "sleeping ground".

d. 1707 at Mountrath (?), Ire., aged nearly 80 years.

Impey, A Roberts family, quondam Quakers..., 17

WBE:

ROBERTS, Robert

Lived in Maryland.

1701, a minister, he was present at General Meeting of Ministering Friends in Phila. In 1712 he visited in New England. He is thought to have journied with John Salkeld in 1701 into Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina.

1779.  
at George Roberts  
Prison Society  
See Members Prison  
Society  
Roberts was the  
bro of Roberts Vaux :49  
Phil's Pit world  
interesting to establish  
relationship as  
but Vaux's penal  
work is well  
known

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ROBERTS, Rowland, c.1685-1749

b.

c.1685

in Wales, son of

Came to Gwynedd, Penna. and settled. He joined  
Friends after reaching America.

m. Ann children. (see her biog.)

A minister as was also his wife. He is not known  
to have been very ready of utterance.

He paid a visit to Wales.

d. Sept. 22, 1749 at Gwynedd, Pa. in his 64th year.

John Smith's Ms., 3:35

WBE:

ROBERTS, Samuel, 1799-1875

b. 1799 at Youghal, Ireland, son of Francis and Anne (Abbott) Roberts.

Indentured to a builder. He set out for Dublin with the tools of his trade on his back. Built people's houses for them along the way - over 160 miles.

m., 1827 Ann Rhoads (of Roscrea). 9 children.

m., 1846 (2d) Sarah Gatchell. 2 children.

S.R. was a plain Friend who wore a white hat.

d. Jan. 3, 1875 at Bloomfield, near Dublin, aged about 75 years.

Impey, A Roberts family, 30 (portrait)

An. Mon. (N.S.) 34(1876):151

The Friend (London), 15(1875):79

ROBERTS, Susanna (1870-1946) b&rn . . .

Susanna Roberts was born in 1870 and joined the Society in Melbourne in 1914.

She was the wife of Frederick Roberts, and with him played an active part in the fight against conscription in the 1914-18 war. Her home, with its large family, was always open to friends visiting Melbourne.

Her later years, after her husband's death in 1938, were saddened by the loss of three of her children in little over a year, and she spent the last years of her life in the home of her youngest son at the Vicarage, Lorne.

'She was an Overseer of the Meeting for years, and an earnest Christian, ever ready to bear witness to the faith that was hers.'

She died on 19 August 1946

Testimony of Melbourne M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1947, p.150

WBE:

ROBERTS, Thomas, 1898-

WBE gives information about this Australian  
Friend whom we believe is still living. Accordingly,  
we are not including it.

William Roberts, the fourth child of George and Anne Roberts of Ballygunner, was born on 14 October 1811 (1) He was brought up in close association with our Society. He married Rebecca White of Waterford (2); they had 8 children (3). As a young man he spoke for a time in Meetings for Worship, but after a while gave up attending Meetings and seemed to have lost his faith. Later he came to see the error of his ways and to retrace his steps until he was once again within the fellowship of the Society. He was much helped at this time by an aged Friend who was enabled to minister to his spiritual condition. William Roberts eventually recovered his sense of a call to the ministry and was recorded by Waterford Monthly Meeting in 1865. He spoke mainly within his own Monthly Meeting, and took a great interest in a Bible class in connexion with his Meeting. 'He was a man of earnest and loving spirit, and anxious to promote the spiritual welfare of all around him, especially of the young.' He died 1 September 1872 (4).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Waterford MM in YM Proc. 1873 p.viii

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. E.J.S. Impey, A Roberts family, 1939, pedigree 9, opp.p.139. The information is also in Ireland YM Registers (Waterford). George Roberts had joined the Society of Friends (Impey, op.cit.)
- 2 ibid. Date of marriage not given. She was the daughter of Joseph and Jane White, merchants, of Waterford. She died 8 November 1881 at 7 At.Michael St, her bakery.
- 3 ibid. They were:-

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Jane	born 1837, died 1837
Anne	born 1838, died 1844
Joseph	born 1841, died 1847
Anne	born 1845, died 1846
George	born 1847, emigrated to New Zealand
Margaret	born 23 March 1849, married 1871 Richard Beale, died 1875
William	born 1851, died 1910
Samuel	born 1853, died 1869

- 4 ibid

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ROBERTS, William, 1832-1900.

b. 9 Nov. 1832, Wayne Co., Ind., s. of Thomas Roberts.  
His parents were both natives of N.C. His mother died 2  
days after his birth; his father died 1839.

He was reared by Levi Jessup. At the age of 18 he  
began work for himself, chopping wood, etc. for which pay-  
ment was 25¢ a cord.

ed. at country school house, and during the winters of  
1851 and 1852, educated at Friends' Boarding School, Rich-  
mond, Indiana (later Earlham College.)

Then returned to his old home. 1852-58, worked sum-  
mers on the farm and taught school in the winters. Pur-  
chased a small farm near Richmond where he settled, 1853.

m. Elizabeth Rue, 1853, (b. 1837, Wayne Co., Indiana.)  
ca. 1860, joined Friends. Two years later, recorded  
a minister by White Water Monthly Meeting. For 15 years  
preached at Orange Meeting.

On frequent leaves of absence visited and preached  
in: Michigan, (where he distributed over 100,00 tracts in  
the lumber districts), Indiana, Kansas, Ohio. After the  
war he went to Helena, Arkansas, where he offered the first  
church membership to black people south of the Mason-Dixon  
line. Two years later he did missionary work in Blount  
County, Tennessee.

1880, settled in Green Co., Iowa out of a sense of  
religious duty. Was a businessman there.

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ROBERTSON, John

c.1663 convinced and joined Friends at Inverarne,  
Scotland as a result of the work of Alexander Jaffray.

1675, imprisoned at Aberdeen for two years.

A teacher at Kinmuck School, Aberdeen, Scotland.  
He had a salary of £ 100 per annum.

His writings include, 1694 Rusticus ad clericam,  
or, the Plowman rebuking the Priest. In 1700 he wrote  
Some manacles for a mad priest. His writings show  
him to have had considerable learning and a native wit.  
He was very outspoken in his comments upon the priests.

Burnet, The story of Qu. in Scotland, 11, 115, 147

Besse, 2:496, 505, 508, 530

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:501

ROBERTSON, Thomas ( -1695)

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Thomas Robertson (also called Robinson, see F.P.T.) was a Westmorland man, living first at Grayrigg Foot, and in later life at Kendal (F.P.T.). Ambrose Rigge writes 'A Fellow-Traveller was prepared for me, which was Thomas Robertson of Westmorland, who was made willing to leave his dear Wife and tender Babes, to go with me into the Lord's Harvest' (Account of Life... of Ambrose Rigge, 1710, p.7). Robertson and Rigge travelled much in company and were imprisoned together (Swarth. MSS.i.162, iv.205). Letters from Robertson to M. Fell and others are preserved in Friends House. (A.R.B. MSS; Spence MSS. etc.).

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.442

see also next sheet

ROBERTSON, Thomas ( -1695)

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Thomas Robertson was of Grayrigg, Westmorland. Convinced by Fox near Sedbergh in 1652 (cf. F.P.T., 247). 'An Innocent, faithfull, patient Man' (ib., 266) left £5 by Robert Storey (cf. Rigbye, Storeys, 109f). d. 1695. cf. C.J., i.442

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.71

see also previous sheet

WBE:  
Additional references

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ROBERTSON, Thomas, -1695

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:502

Besse, I: 53, 55, 709,; 2:8, 10, 18

ROBESON, Alice (fl 1690) born Lamb

Alice Lamb of Newcastle upon Tyne married Thomas Robeson, the son of John Robeson, at Gateshead Meeting House in 169- (1)

REFERENCES & NOTES:

- 1 Durham QM supplementary Marriages Digest. The date is not given in full.

For the only other entry under the name Lamb, in the register digests of Durham QM, see LAMB, James (-1705)

Lamb

WBE:

ROBESON, Andrew

Lived in the West of Scotland.

1662, wrote To the Risen Seed...; also, A word of  
pitty (sic) to the Prophane...

1670 had a part in publishing The Light of Truth  
triumphing over darkness and ignorance, by Keith and  
Whitehead.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:502

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7614

ROBINS, Benjamin (1706-1751)

Benjamin Robins, the son of John and Sarah Robins of Bath, was born there on 5.ii.[April] 1706 (1). From an early age he showed considerable mathematical ability, and on leaving school he came to London. Within a short time he ceased to be a Friend 'For not having the lead tincture of obstinacy, superstition or enthusiasm in his nature; he soon got over the prejudices of education and had an utter aversion to act a feigned part' (2) However, he continued to be friendly with several Quakers.

He early made a name as a mathematician but he is particularly known for his contributions to the science of gunnery and fortification. He died in 1751 in Madras, where he was Engineer General to the East India Company.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:-

DNB vol.68 pp.434-6

REFERENCES AND NOTES:-

Qn/

- 1 Bristol and Somerset ~~A/H~~ Births Digest. The DNB gives the date of birth as 1707
- 2 Mathematical Tracts of the late Benjamin Robins, ed James Wilson M.D. 1761 p.vii

WBE:  
Additional information

ROBINS, Benjamin, 1706-1751

d. Sept. 29, 1751 at Fort St. David, Madras, India, with  
his pen in his hand.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:502; Sup., 291

New Standard Encyc, XXI:219

Lippincott, Dict. of biog., 2071

Frds. Hist. Lib, Swarth., BX 7615

ROBINS, Sarah (1654?-1710) aftw. Crawley, born Travers

Sarah Travers, daughter of Anne Travers, married Jasper Robins in 1675. In 1693 she married Benjamin Crawley.

see CRAWLEY, Sarah (1654?-1710) formerly Robins, born  
Travers