

BENSON, Abigail (1706?-1761) born Braithwaite

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In her thirty fourth year she received a gift in the ministry, "labouring honestly for the arising of Life in the Meeting she belonged to." She frequently visited families in neighbouring meetings; she also visited meetings in the north of England and (despite bodily weakness) Ireland. She lost her husband and several children within a short space of time, in 1757 and 1758.

Abigail Benson died at her home in Hawkshead on 13 August 1761 and was buried at Friends burial ground at Colthouse(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Swarthmore MM in TCMD vol 2, p 184

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her birth is not traced in Westmorland QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see BENSON, George (1699/1700-1758)
- 3 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of George

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 15, p 17: vol 25, p 76

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1 th In her 34th year she became a minister, 'labouring honestly for the arising of Life in the Meeting she belonged to'. She frequently visited families in neighbouring meetings, and visited meetings in the North of England and (despite bodily weakness) Ireland. She lost her husband and several children within a short space of time in 1757 and 1758. She died at her home in Hawkshead on 13 August 1761, and was interred at Friends Burial Ground, Colthouse, 16 August (3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Swarthmore MM, in TCMD vol.2 p.184

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1. Lancs QM Marriages Digest.
Not in Westmorland QM Births Digest
2. Lancs QM Marriages Digest.
George Benson was born on xii.1699 [Feb.1699/1700]. He died
on 6 June 1758.
Lancs QM Births Digest
Lancs QM Burials Digest

Children:

John	born 7.v[July] 1730,	died 3 Oct.1757
George	born 14.ix[Nov]	1732
William	born 10.v[July]	1735
Thomas	born 1.i[March]	1738/9
James	born 27.ii[April]	1741, died 25 Sept.1758
Elizabeth	born 7.vi[Aug]	1743 died 20 Aug.1758
Abigail	born 26.vi[Aug]	1746 died 4 Sept.1761
Robert	born 15.iv[April]	1749

3. Lancs QM Births Digest, → Lancs QM Burials Digest
3. Lancs QM Burials Digest

BENSON, Abigail (1783-1842) aftw. Dockray.

[Abigail Benson, daughter of Robert Benson and
his wife Sarah (nee) was
married in 1805 to David Dockway.

see DOCKRAY, Abigail (1783-1842) born Benson]

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WBE:

BENSON, Dorothy

m. Gervase Benson, husbandman, of Borrat, Sedbergh.

See Benson, Gervase, -1679

Convinced. 1653, visited George Fox, then imprisoned in Carlisle. Took no food but what she ate with him at the bars of his dungeon. 1653, for speaking to a priest was imprisoned in York Castle, where a child, "Immanuel," was born. Minister. One of the valiant sixty.

Jour. of Geo. Fox (Penney), 1:419.

Taylor, Valiant Sixty, pp. 15, 40, 65, 92.

BENSON, Dorothy (-1669) born

Dorothy Benson was the wife of Francis Benson (d. 1672) of
'Fould in Loughrigge', i.e., Langdale Meeting, Westmorland.

Based on note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camy^f.ed., 1911,
vol. 2 p. 390

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BENSON, Dorothy (1783-1861) born Braithwaite

(1746-1812) (born Wilson, 1743-1821)

Dorothy Braithwaite, the daughter of George and Deborah Braithwaite of Kendal in Westmorland, was born there on 2 September 1783(1). She was married in 1807 to Robert Benson (1780-1857 qv) of Kendal and there were ten children(2).

She was blessed with a sweet and happy disposition and as a wife and mother and mistress of a large household she was greatly loved. She had a tender care for the reputation of others and was careful to discover and appreciate the good in all her fellow men and women. She was ill for a long time before her death and was troubled by a sense of her own unworthiness, but she died at peace at Kendal on 24 September 1861, at the age of seventy eight(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1862, pp 31-32

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: her father is described as a dyer
- 2 For marriage and children see BENSON, Robert (1780-1857)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Parkside, near Kendal, the widow of Robert

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc Sup 17 (Pen Pictures),
p 18ln

BENSON, Francis (-1672)

Francis Benson and his wife, Dorothy lived at 'Fould in Loughrigge' in Langdale Meeting, Westmorland (F.P.T.; Registers). Among Spence MSS (iii.33) is a letter from M. Fell to Benson respecting Gabriel Camelford (i. 46. 5).

Cowper, Oldest Register Book of Parish of Hawkshead, 1568-1704

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

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BENSON, George, ca. 1636-1712.

b. ca. 1636, Stong-End (?) Lancashire, Eng.

Convinced. 1665, with others taken at a meeting at Hawkshead, and for refusing to swear, was sent to prison. Minister, who travelled in neighboring counties. 1666, imprisoned for refusal to pay tithes. 1666, taken at a meeting at Walker-Ground, and again imprisoned.

d. 19 Oct. 1712, Stong-End, in his 76th year.

Piety promoted, 1718, p. 108.

Besse, 1:316, 317.

BENSON, George (1699/1700-1758)

George Benson, the son of John Benson (-) and his wife Elizabeth (born) of Stonge End in Lancashire, was born there in twelfth month 1699 [i.e. February 1699/1700] (1).

He was married in 1729 to Abigail Braithwaite (1706?-1761 qv) of Elterwater in the parish of Grassmere in Westmorland(2) and there were eight children(3).

George Benson of Hawkshead in Lancashire died on 6 June 1758(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation and his precise date of birth are not given
- 2 The wedding was at Coulthouse on 16.vii.[September] 1729: he is described as the eldest son of John Benson of Bridgend in Ulverstone parish in Lancashire; she is described as the only daughter of William Braithwaite (deceased) of Elterwater in the parish of Grassmere, Westmorland (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

John	b 7 v [July] 1730	d 3 Oct 1757
*George	b 14 ix [Nov] 1732	
William	b 10 v [July] 1735	m (1) 1762 Agnes Benson (2) 1771 Sarah Salthouse
*Thomas	b 1 i [March] 1738/9	
James	b 27 ii [April] 1741	d 25 Sept 1758
Elizabeth	b 7 vi [Aug] 1743	d 20 Aug 1758
Abigail	b 26 vi [Aug] 1746	d 4 Sept 1761
Robert qv	b 15 iv [April] 1749	m 1781 Sarah Rathbone
- 4 *No marriages traced in Lancashire QM Marriages Digest
- 4 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: his age at death is not given and there is no description of him

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

WBE:

Additional information:

BENSON, Gervase, -1679.

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[see Benson, Dorothy]

Convinced at trial of George Fox in Lancaster. 1652, meeting at his house, where there was a general conviction, fulfilling George Fox's vision of a people in white raiment. 1653, went to London. His wife was imprisoned at York, where, in prison, she gave birth to a child. 1677, present at John Blaykling's house, Draw-well, near Sedburg, when an attempt was made to bring the Wilkinson-Story separatists back into unity with Friends. One of the Valiant Sixty.

Author: A true trial of the ministers and ministry of England, 1655.

The cry of the oppressed, etc., 1656. Contains an account of distraints for tithes in Cumberland, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Durham &c.

A true testimony concerning oaths & swearing,
1669.

d. 5 May 1679.

Taylor, Valiant Sixty, see index.

Journal of G. F., bi-cent. ed., 1:139.

Braithwaite, Second period of Qu., p. 304.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:249.

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BENSON, Gervase (-1679)

Gervase Benzon was of Borrett, Sedbergh and Haygarth, 'in Cotlay' (FPT, 252) 'near Coatley-Cragg, above Sedbergh' (Whitehead, C.P., 22), i.e. Cautley Crag; both houses, which are confused in B.Q., 83, n.2. still stand (Haygarth is now called Low Haygarth). had been Colonel in Parliamentarian army, Mayor of Kendal 1643-4, J.P. and 'one of the leading men of affairs in the North of England' (B.Q., 92) before conviction by Fox near Sedbergh in 1652. Convinced John Hall constantly used influence on behalf of persecuted Friends. Mabel, widow of John Camm, became his second wife in 1660. Left £1 by John Storey (cf. Rigbye, Storeys, 111 f.) d.1679. cf. C.J. i. 403; B.Q., 92, n.1, where add refs. in index to Nicholson & Axon N.K., and substitute 'index' for incorrect page-number in ref. to Nightingale, E.C.W..

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.52

BENSON, Gervase (-1679)

'He generally stiled himselfe Husbandman, Notwth standing
yt he had bene a Collenell, a Justice of peace, Mayor of
Kendall, & was Comisery in ye Arch Deaconry of Richmond before
ye late Domistick Warrs, yett, as en Humble disciple of Christ,
downed those things' (F.P.T.) Benson lived at Borrat, 'near
Coatley Cragg above Sedbergh' (Whitehead, Christian Progress,
1725, p.22). His first wife was Dorothy, and his second Mabel,
widow of John Camm. His knowledge of legal matters was ever
placed at the disposal of his suffering brethren, and many of
his writings in defence of Truth are extant in print and MS. He
died at Kendal.

Saul's Errand, 1654, p.29
Quakery Slain, 1657, p.24
Swarth. MSS
Caton MSS

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.403

see next sheet

BENSON, Hannah (1817-1892) after 1846 King, after 1859 Brady

[Hannah Benson, daughter of William (1777-1835)
and Mary (born Smith) Benson of Ulverston, Lancashire,
was married in 1846 to James Harrison King (1817-
1855 qv) of York, and in 1859, as his third wife, to
William Brady (1799-1859 qv) of York.

see BRADY, Hannah (1817-1892) formerly King, born
Benson]

BENSON, HILDA [Mosley] (1896 ? - 1974) born Mosley

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Hilda Mosley was born in about the year 1896.(1)

In 1915 she was a member of Manchester meeting, where she met her future husband, Thomas Malcolm Benson, also a member, and where they were married on October 13, 1915.(2)(3).

(1879?-
1976)

The early days of the marriage were very difficult. Malcolm Benson was imprisoned for a time during the war, and their son Bernard was born during his imprisonment (4) so that she knew suffering and hardship.

Later, she and Malcolm served as wardens of Swarthmoor Hall (5) for a number of years and from the time she joined the Society she was a loyal member of meetings in Manchester, London, Kendal and Liverpool to all of which she contributed a great deal.

She served for many years on Meeting for Sufferings; representing Lancashire and Cheshire QM from 1940 to 1946/7 and again from 1956/7 to 1960/1 as a representative of Westmorland MM. She also served on the Home Service Committee from 1942 to 1949/50.(6)

Her closing years were spent as a member of Ashton-on-Mersey meeting where she served as an elder of the monthly meeting. Her service outside the Society included a period as a magistrate and also as a prison visitor.

She died at Nottingham on August 1, 1974, aged 78.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol 132 (1974) p 1318

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. She was aged 78 at death.
2. Digest of Marriages. She is described as a spinster, typist, daughter of Harold Marshall Mosley (dec'd) print buyer. Malcolm Benson as bachelor, insurance agent, son of Thomas Benson, organ builder. The marriage took place at Manchester FMH.
3. Lancashire & Cheshire QM printed list of members shows them both as members in 1916. The Digest of Marriages shows them both as members.
4. Bernard Benson was born on 2 July 1916. His father is described as life assurance agent, of Whalley Range, Manchester. Digest of Births.
5. The Friend simply mentions 'Swarthmoor'.
6. Typescript Committee Index. Friends House Library.

BENSON, Jane (1823-1906) born Edmondson

Jane Edmondson, daughter of George (1798-1863) and Ann Edmondson, was born at Ochta, near St Petersburg on 2 June 1823 (1). She married Davis Benson in 1859 (2): they had three children (3). She was the author of From the Lune to the Neva (1879), a biographical account of her father, and of Quaker pioneers in Russia (1902). She died at Southport on 24 September 1906, aged 83 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire M Births Digest: her father is described as farmer.
Her parents were members of Balby MM
- 2 The wedding was at Southampton on 30 December 1859: he is described as sugar refiner of Charlton on Medlock, son of Robert Benson, grocer (Digest of Marriage Registers).
- 3 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows:-

Davis Edmondson	born 16 Dec 1860
Margaret Jane	born 14 Nov 1862
Robert	born 16 Jan 1865

- 4 Digest of Burial Notes

WBE:

BENSON, Jane (Edmondson), 1823-1906.

b. 1823, Russia, dau. George and Anne Edmondson.

m. Davis Benson (d. 1892, late of Manchester).

As a child could speak Russian.

Author: From the Lune to the Neva, London, 1879.

Gives some account of Ackworth School.

Quaker pioneers in Russia, London, 1902.

d. 24 Sept. 1906, Sussex Lodge, Southport, aged 83.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 65(1907):3, 51(1893):22.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX7710.

The Friend (London), 32(1892):180.

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Biographic sketch needed for
Lewis Benson —
a minister in NYYM and a
dedicated scholar -1906-1986

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BENSON, Luke (-1697)

Luke Benson lived at 'Oxenholme, near Ulverston'. His wife was Dorothy (-1695). He was one of the inhabitants present, c.1658 at a meeting at Ulverston, held in connection with Judge Fell's bequest for education. (See Fell, Home Life, p.9). Some 'diferance' between Luke Benson and Robert Briggs is recorded on the minutes of Swarthmoor Monthly Meeting, i.i.1691/2.

The wife of John Benson, of The Steps, appears thrice - probably the same couple thus referred to in the minutes of the Swarthmoor Monthly Meeting, 11.xii.1672, in the handwriting of Thomas Lower: 'fforasmuch as John Benson hath this day beeene examined by the ffriends att this meetinge concerninge his Cleerness as touchinge a sheepe wch was suspected to be stolne by his wiffe & some parte beinge founde in his house by ye Constable & officers & there beinge a chest locked ye keys whereof his wiffe had stolen as hee says out off his pockett; wch gave some suspicion: & fforasmuch as yt ye saide John Benson did not readily & willingly breake open ye said Chest soe yt ye Constable and ffrinds might be fully satisfied of his innocency' he was ordered to 'give fforth a paper in publicue condemning his evill in not breakeinge open ye Chest to ye cleareinge truth from all suspicion'. This he did and the paper is given in full in the minute boek.

Note by Norman Penney in 'The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell' 1920, p.551

WB E:

BENSON, Mabel Camm, -1692.

Preston Patrick, Eng.

m. (1st) John Camm [see Camm, John, ca. 1604-1656].

Minister. 1655, travelled with Ann Audland and they
were assaulted by men of Banbury.

m. (2nd) Gervase Benson (his second wife) [see Benson,
Gervase, -1679].

Author: The testimony of Mabel Benson concerning
John Camm, her late husband, deceased, 1689.

d. 12 XII 1692, Burton, Yorkshire, Eng.

Braithwaite, The beginnings of Qu., pp. 154, 199.

Jour. of Geo. Fox (Penney), 1:404, 410.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:250.

Taylor, Valiant Sixty, pp. 27-28, 40, 52, 65.

Besse, 2:8.

BENSON, Mary (1673-1712) after 1694 Saul

[Mary Benson, daughter of John Benson (-)
and his wife Mary (born
of Old Mowbray in Cumberland, was married in 1694 to
Edward Saul (-1720 qv).]

See SAUL, Mary (1673-1712) born Benson]

BENSON, Mary (1783-1857) born Smith

Mary Smith, the daughter of Joseph Smith (1759- qv) and his wife Mary (born Binns, 1755- qv) of Addingham in Yorkshire, was born there on 21 March 1783(1).

She was married in 1811 to William Benson (1777-1835 qv), a corn dealer and miller of Ulverstone in Lancashire and there was one child, who died in infancy(2).

Mary Benson of Skipton in Yorkshire died on 23 June 1857, at the age of seventy four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a grazier
- 2 For marriage and issue see BENSON, William (1777-1835)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1858, p 45: 2 line entry for death

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

BENSON, Robert

Robert Benson and Sarah his wife, frequently entertained Friends on arrival in or on departure from Liverpool.

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.67

BENSON, Robert (1749-1802)

Robert Benson was born 15.iv. [June] 1749, a younger son of George Benson (1699-1758, qv) of Stang End and Hawkshead, North Lancashire, and his wife Abigail (d 1761, born Braithwaite) (1). Two of his brothers, George (1732-1801, qv) of Kendal and William (1735-1800, qv) of Ulverston, went into business as grocers (2). Robert Benson was described as a linen-draper of Kendal, Westmorland, at the time of his marriage, 23 May 1781, to Sarah Rathbone (1751-1827), the daughter of William Rathbone (1726?-1789, qv), merchant of Liverpool, and his wife Rachel (d 1761, born Rutter) (3). After their marriage the Bensons lived for several years at Stricklandgate, Kendal, where Robert Benson also became a grocer. Three of their children, including Robert (1785-1846, qv) and Abigail (1783-1842, afterwards Dockray, qv), were born there. In 1786 or 1787 they moved to Liverpool, where their youngest child was born (4).

Robert and Sarah Benson were frequent hosts at Liverpool to visiting Friends, both English and American, who left record of their hospitable reception (5), and they themselves joined in such journeys. Sarah Benson accompanied Sarah Stephenson in late 1794 on a visit to Manchester, Warrington, Chester, Shrewsbury, Coalbrookdale and Bewdley (6). Ann Crowley noted the comfort she had received from Robert Benson, Richard Reynolds and Isaac Hadwin, 'weighty Friends' who had accompanied her on her journey to the Isle of Man in September 1795 (7).

Robert Benson died 1 November 1802 at Liverpool and was buried there at Hunter Street. His widow Sarah died 29 October 1827 and was buried in the same place (8).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest
- 2 Lancashire QM Marriages and Burials Digests; Westmorland QM Marriages and Burials Digests
- 3 Lancashire QM Marriages Digest
- 4 Westmorland QM Births Digest gives the following list:-

Rachel	b 13 April 1782
Abigail	b 26 July 1783
Robert	b 25 Nov 1785

Lancashire QM Births Digest records the birth of Margaret b 11 Sept 1787 to Robert Benson, 'merchant' of Liverpool (after this date he is always referred to as a merchant).
- 5 eg Journal of the life of William Savery (Friends Library I p 372) in 1796; Journal of Richard Johnson (Friends Library XIII pp 310, 332, 333) which refers to 'this valuable family' and to Sarah Benson as 'a sweet

BENSON, Robert (1749-1802) contd

'spirited woman' in 1800 and 1802; Life of Mary Dudley (Friends Library XIV p 325); Memoirs of Thomas Scattergood (Friends Library VIII pp 182 seq)

6 Life of Sarah Stephenson (Friends Library IV p 198)

7 Memoir of Ann Crowley (Friends Library VII p 467)

8 Lancashire Quaker Burials Digest

BENSON, Robert (1780-1857)

(1732-1801) (born Wakefield)

Robert Benson, the son of George and Deborah Benson of Kendal in Westmorland, was born there on 6 February 1780(1). Like his father, he became a grocer in Kendal(2) and was married in 1807 to Dorothy Braithwaite (1783-1861 qv) of Kendal(3); there were ten children(4).

He died at Kendal on 17 February 1857 at the age of seventy two(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Kendal on 13 October 1807: he is described as a grocer of Kendal in Westmorland, the son of George and Deborah Benson of Kendal; she is described as the daughter of George and Deborah Braithwaite of Kendal (Westmorland QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Westmorland QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests, with additional information relating to marriages after 1837 from Descendants of Isaac and Rachel Wilson, p 905:-

Deborah	b 15 July 1808	who d 28 July 1808
George	b 12 Oct 1809	who m 1841 Susannah Credson
Mary	b 19 June 1811	who d 18 May 1829
Deborah	b 10 Sept 1813	who m 1836 John Jewitt
Rachel	b 2 May 1815	who m 1846 Robert Credson
Robert		
	Braithwaite b 1 April 1817	who m 1855 Eleanora Seymour
Sarah	b 18 May 1819	who m 1864 James Hanson /rec
Anna Dorothy	b 6 Feb 1822	who m 1847 Isaac Wilson
William Thomas	b 20 April 1824	who m 1858 Helen Wilson
Maria	b 5 March 1827	who d 12 July 1836

- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of Parkside, near Kendal

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

BENSON, Robert (1785-1846)

Robert Benson was born 25 November 1785 at Strickland-gate, parish of Kirkby Kendal, Westmorland, the only son of Robert Benson (1749-1802, qv) and Sarah (1751-1827 born Rathbone). By 1787 the family had moved to Liverpool (1), the home of his mother's family. He married, at Yealand, Lancashire, 4 March 1812, Mary Dockray, the daughter of David Dockray (1732-1807, qv) and Esther Dockray (1747-1801 born Dillworth). Mary Benson, who was born 22 June 1783, died 7 July 1824 (2). There were five children of the marriage (3). Robert Benson was a merchant at Liverpool (4). According to his sister Margaret Benson (1787-post 1845, qv), in 1824 he was struggling between the flesh and the spirit, having long been under a serious impression; at that time he had made some sacrifices and the necessary change in dress, manners and language, and Margaret Benson hoped that a visit from Anna Braithwaite (1788-1859, qv) would strengthen him (5). He was still engaged in spiritual struggle in 1826 (6). Robert Benson and his wife frequently acted as hosts to Friends passing through Liverpool, on their way to or from America; they were keenly interested in the experiences of English Friends who had felt a concern to visit America, and in the upheavals in the Society there which culminated in the Hicksite separations of 1827-1828. Robert Benson and his sister Margaret were at this period in sympathy with the views of their sister Abigail Dockray (1783-1842 (1783-1842, born Benson, qv) and of Anna Braithwaite, both of whom had involved themselves, as visiting Friends, in the American dispute (7).

Robert Benson and Margaret Benson were identified with the evangelical party within the Society. Robert was named as one of them (with Isaac and Anna Braithwaite, John Wilkinson and the Crewdson family generally) by a hostile Philadelphia Friend in 1835, and a letter was attributed to him in which it was admitted that the great body of Friends in England were opposed to their views, and that the evangelicals held many of the views of the early Quakers to be unscriptural and unsound (8). The Bensons were close friends of Elisha Bates; Robert contributed a foreword to his Appeal to the Society of Friends, 1836, and another to the Correspondence between Elisha Bates and others, on the subject of his having been baptized, 1836, which he arranged for publication. In the latter he associated himself with Bates' view that the Society were at odds with the Apostles and primitive Church in their view of water-baptism (9). Like the Braithwaites, Robert Benson kept in touch with Elisha Bates after his return to America (10). After the Beacon Controversy, and the separation of the Bensons from the Society, a 'most painful separation' took place between Abigail Dockray and the Bensons, which lasted until just before her latter's death in December 1842 (11). The Bensons and the Braithwaites remained on good terms (12). Robert Benson took an unfavourable view of Joseph John Gurney (1778-1847, qv) and his middle position of evangelicalism within the Society; he wrote to Isaac

Braithwaite (1781-1861, qv) in 1838 that he had heard from America that '.... JTG ... has become increasingly popular - by the use of "soft Sawden" & knowledge of "human natur" as Sam Slick says; and appears to have betwaddled the people as fairly as ever he betwaddled any of us in times that are past' (13).

Robert Benson moved with his sister to London about the beginning of the 1840s to live at 6 Sussex Square, Hyde Park (14). His death on 20 June 1846 is not recorded in the Digest of Deaths (15).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest; the birth of Robert Benson's youngest sister, Margaret, on 11 Sept 1787 is recorded in the Lancashire QM Births Digest. S.B. Foster, The pedigree of Wilson of High Wray and Kendal, 1890 (2nd edn) p 112, incorrectly gives Robert Benson's date of birth as 1872.
- 2 Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests
- 3 Lancashire QM Births and Burials Digests lists them as follows:

Sarah	b 4 Jan 1813	d 10 Feb 1817
Robert	b 21 July 1814	
William	b 3 Aug 1816	
John Dockray	b 21 June 1824	d 15 Dec 1825
Esther Mary	b 30 March 1822	

Foster, p.112, gives the date of birth of Robert Benson junr as 14 July 1814; he also gives further information on the other children of Robert Benson
- 4 He is described as a merchant, of Liverpool, at the birth of all his children, 1813-1824 (Lancashire QM Births Digest); Foster, p 112, describes him as 'of London and Liverpool, merchant'; the Anna Braithwaite MSS contain numerous examples of letters directed via Cropper & Benson, the firm in which he was a partner
- 5 Anna Braithwaite MSS/45
- 6 Anna Braithwaite MSS/46
- 7 Anna Braithwaite MSS/41-8, 52
- 8 The miscellaneous repository, edited by Elisha Bates, vol V, no 25, p 400. Bates was quoting the letter of April 1835 in order to rebut it point by point, ibid, no 25, pp 398-408, and no 26, pp 409-412
- 9 Elisha Bates, An appeal to the Society of Friends, 1836, London, pp iii-vi; Correspondence between Elisha Bates and others, on the subject of his having been baptized, 1836, London, pp iii-iv. See also Anna Braithwaite MSS/42

BENSON, Robert (1785-1846) contd

- 10 Anna Braithwaite MSS/44
- 11 Anna Braithwaite MSS/49
- 12 Anna Braithwaite MSS/44, 48-51
- 13 Anna Braithwaite MSS/44
- 14 Anna Braithwaite MSS/49-51
- 15 Foster, p 112, gives the date of death

WBE:

BENSON, Robert, 1807-1887.

b. 1807

m. Isabella Issue.

Sat at the head of Preston Mtg. Justice of the Peace.

A man of few words and fine character.

d. 2 July 1887, Preston, aged ca. 80.

Abbatt, Quaker annals of Preston & the Fylde, p. 140 (portrait).

An. Mon., 46(1888):19.

BENSON, Susanna (1741-1816) after 1768 Pease

[Susanna Benson, daughter of Gervase Benson (-)
and his wife Barbara (born
of Armley near Leeds, was married in 1768 to Thomas Pease
(1743-1811 qv).]

See PEASE, Susanna (1741-1816) born Benson]

BENSON, William (1777-1835)

William Benson, the son of William Benson (-) and his wife Sarah (born) of Ulverstone in Lancashire, was born there on 21 July 1777(1).

He was a corn dealer and miller of Ulverstone(2) and was married in 1811 to Mary Smith (1783-1857 qv) of Addingham in Yorkshire(3); there was one child, who died in infancy(4).

William Benson of Ulverstone died on 22 March 1835, at the age of fifty eight(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire 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 Skipton in Yorkshire on 18 June 1811: he is described as a corn dealer and miller of Ulverstone in Lancashire, the son of William, a grocer (deceased) and Sarah Benson of Ulverstone; she is described as the daughter of Joseph, a yeoman and Mary Smith of Addingham in Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Given in Binns Notebook, Friends House Library, MS vol S 494, p 42: her birth is not traced in Lancashire QM Births Digest:
Mary b 23 June 1812 d 22 Feb 1813
- 5 Annual Monitor 1836, p 14: 1 line entry for death. His death is not traced in Lancashire QM Burials Digest; the Annual Monitor 1837, p 6, gives his age at death as 59

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

BENSON, William (1848-1927)

William Benson was born 9 January 1848, the only child of William and Caroline (born Arch) Benson of Chorlton-on-Medlock (1). He came of old Quaker families on both sides and his mother was descended from Thomas and Mary (born Fell) Lower. His father died while William was very young.

William was educated from 1859 to 1863 at Bootham school, York under Fielden Thorp and John Firth Fryer; among his school-fellows were Joshua Rowntree, Thomas Bians Robson and Silvanus Thompson. At fourteen he was apprenticed to a firm of sugar refiners, but left after three years because of ill health. He accompanied Charles J. and John Holdsworth with their tutor to Australia, sailing from Portsmouth in November 1866 and landing at Sydney in February 1867. He travelled in Victoria and South Australia for some months before his mother came out to join him and they settled in Melbourne, he going into business with Thomas Lidbetter. When, fairly soon, Thomas Lidbetter returned to Bombay, William Benson became an accountant at Boyd and Currie, later Archibald, Currie & Co. His mother died in 1883.

In 1884 he retired from business, and in 1885 he married Emma Elizabeth Mather, daughter of John Benson Mather of Hobart. There were three children (2). In 1886 the family moved to Tasmania, where they played an important part in the settling of Hobart school of which he was for many years a Trustee, on the Committee of Management for 25 years and afterwards a consulting member of the Committee.

During his time in Hobart he took over the editorship of the Australasian Friend (3).

In 1890 he returned to Melbourne and having become affected by the collapse of the land boom, took up business with his old firm. In 1903 he removed to Sydney and for 9 years managed the local business of his company. He then retired and after travelling in Queensland and New Zealand, he went to England with his wife and two daughters, staying there for two years. He returned to Sydney where he took up again the editorship of the Australasian Friend (3) and engaged in other activities, such as the work of the War Victims Relief, the House Committee of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales, and many philanthropies(4).

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BENSON, William (1848-1927) cont

During his time in Australia he served the Society as Clerk of Melbourne and of Sydney MMs, Clerk of the First General Conference of Australian Friends, held in Melbourne about 1888 and of that of 1900. He was a regular attender at meetings for worship and for discipline.

He died 31 October 1927 and was buried in the Friends burial ground, Rockwood.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Sydney MM in YM Proc, 1928, p. 256

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes: no description is given of his father
- 2 Bootham school register, 1935, p. 49 lists as follows:-

William Noel	born 1885
Anna Dorothea	born 1887
but omits	
Margaret L.	born
- 3 see The Friend ns vol. (1915) p. 33
- 4 For a letter of his on Australian defence, published in Sydney daily telegraph 21.x.1911 see Friends House Library vol. PP/71

SEE ALSO

The Friend ns vol (1928) p. 67
Australian Friend Dec. 1927

BENTHALL, Walter (1644?-1709)

to
Walter Benthall is described in the record of his marriage: 'Late of the Island of Barbadoes, merchant, son of John and Ann Bentahll'. He married Mercy Eccleston, of Enfield, at Devonshire House, 6.i.1683/4. They lived in George Yard. Benthall was committed to Newgate, 3.ix.1662 at the age of about eighteen, for refusing to take an oath but was liberated shortly afterwards. He was appointed by YM 1689 and 1690 on a committee of finance. Mercy Benthall died in 1717, aged about sixty-five years.

Christian Progress p.647
Extracts from State Papers, p.162 - Cal S.P. Dom 1662-3, p.1

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925 p.332

WBE:

BENTHAM, Elizabeth Agnes, ca. 1820-1864.

b. ca. 1820

m. George Bentham.

Author: The children's history of the Society of Friends,
Dublin, 1864. Two editions.

d. 18 Dec. 1864, Dublin, Ire., aged 44.

An. Mon., 24(1866):34.

Donald Bentley's first contact with Friends which (1976) has been traced is in 1944 when he and his wife, Eileen Elizabeth, appear as attenders at Leeds, Carlton Hill Meeting.(1)

He had previously, in 1938, been appointed the first secretary to I.V.S.P. and had organised work camps for C.O.s. In 1948 he was appointed warden of the Swarthmore Adult Education Centre, at Plymouth, where he stayed for the remainder of his life.(2)

He served the meeting as overseer and as an elder, and his refreshing diffidence and tact, his good humour and organising ability were greatly appreciated. For twenty years he served as Quaker minister to Dartmoor Prison. He was a member of the Committee of the Educational Settlements Association.

He was a member of the Penal Affairs Committee of the Society in 1965 and represented firstly Devon & Cornwall QM from 1953/4 - 1967 and then West Devon MM (as deputy) from 1967 - 1973, on Friends Education Council.(3)

There were two children of the marriage, Helen and Stephen.

He died, suddenly, following a stroke, on September 2, 1975.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend. Vol 133 (1975) p. 1042.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Yorkshire QM printed list of members for 1944.
2. Devon & Cornwall QM printed lists of members showing them in 1950/1 still as attenders and in 1952 as members.
3. Typescript Committee Index. Friends House Library.

BENTLEY, Martha Ann (1850-1920) after 1878 Blunsom

[Martha Ann Bentley, daughter of Jacob Henry Bentley
(-) and his wife Sarah (born
} of Ampthill in Bedfordshire, was
married in 1878 to Charles Blunsom (1846-1919 qv)
of Kettering in Northamptonshire.

See BLUNSMON, Martha Ann (1850-1920) born Bentley]

BENTLEY, Phebe Jane (1835-1868) after 1861 Radley

(Phebe Jane Bentley, daughter of Thomas Fuller and Mary Ann Bentley of Ipswich, was married in 1861 to Joseph Radley (1835-1903 qv).)

See RADLEY, Phebe Jane (1835-1868) born Bentley)

BENWELL, Ann (1717/8-1739) born Townsend

Ann Townsend, the daughter of William Townsend (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Giles parish, Reading in Berkshire, was born there on 15.xi.1717 [i.e. January 1717/8] (1).

She was married in 1737/8 to William Benwell (-1759 av), a mealman of

BENTLEY, Susannah (1836-1857)

BENTLEY, Walter Barton (1876-1948)

Susannah Bentley, the daughter of Thomas Fuller and Mary Ann Bentley of Ipswich, was born there on 14 October 1836(1). Details of her early life and education are not at present (1976) traced, but she was apprenticed as a teacher at Acolworth School. On completing her apprenticeship she was appointed a teacher at Rawden School, with every promise of much future usefulness.

For forty years he was upholsterer, jeweller and qualified optician. In Newbury he was a town councillor for some fifteen years.

She died at Rawden of congestion of the brain, shortly after taking up her post there, on 17 August 1857(2), in her twenty first year.

At some of the meetings, and joined the Society of Friends in 1859. - the only Friends living continuously in Newbury. However in 19th they moved to

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual Monitor 1858, pp 46-47

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father is described as a turner

2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a teacher at Rawden, the daughter of Thomas Fuller and Mary Ann

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

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Reading M&S in BF Proc. 1960, p.179

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1 Listed in H.J.Kenckie, Picot School register of old scholars, 1958, p.11 n.s.

Muriel Macfarlane born 14 Jan 1902, who w. in 1924 Harry Stevens

BENWELL, Elizabeth (1738-1809) born Gilkes

Elizabeth Gilkes, the daughter of Thomas Gilkes (1703/4-1772 qv) and his wife Mary (born Barrett, 1709/10-1768 qv) of Adderbury in Oxfordshire, was born there on 2.i. [April] 1738(1).

She was married in 1773 to Thomas Benwell (1747-1812 qv), a surgeon and apothecary of Whitchurch in the county of Southampton and there were five children(2). At some time after 1800 she and her husband moved to Dover(3).

Elizabeth Benwell of Dover died on 2 January 1809, at the age of seventy one(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see BENWELL, Thomas (1747-1812)
- 3 See entry for BENWELL, Thomas (1747-1812)
- 4 Kent QM Burials Digest: no description of her is given

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

BENWELL, Hannah (-1687/8) born Creace

Hannah Creace, details of whose birth are not at present (1982) traced, was the daughter of John Creace(1).

She was married in 1682 to Thomas Benwell (-1723 qv), a maltster of Henley in Oxfordshire and there were two children(2).

Hannah Benwell of Henley-on-Thames died on 2.xi.1687 [i.e. January 1687/8] (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see BENWELL, Thomas (-1723)
- 3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Thomas

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

BENWELL, Hannah (1717?-1785) born

Hannah Benwell, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced, was born about the year 1717(1).

She was married prior to 1742 to Henry Benwell (1712?-1770 qv), a farmer of Whitley Park, Reading in Berkshire and there were seven children(2).

Hannah Benwell of Reading died on 13 July 1785, at the age of sixty eight(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 68 at death
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children see BENWELL, Henry (1712?-1770)
- 3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she is described as a widow

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

BENWELL, Hannah (1775-1856) after 1805 Frank

[Hannah Benwell, daughter of John (1749-1824 qv) and
Martha (formerly West, born Stanbrook)
Benwell, of Yatton, Somerset, was married in 1805,
as his second wife, to Arnee Frank (1766-1858 qv).]

see FRANK, Hannah (1775-1856) born Benwell]

BENWELL, Henrietta (1833?-1858) after 1854 Hunt

[Henrietta Benwell, details of whose parentage are not at present (1985) traced, was married in 1854 to Arthur John Hunt (1827-1915 qv).]

See HUNT, Henrietta (1833?-1858) born Benwell]

BENWELL, Henry (1712?-1770)

Henry Benwell, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced, was born about the year 1712(1).

He was a farmer(2) and was married prior to 1742 to Hannah (born 1717?-1785 qv) (3); there were seven children(4).

Henry Benwell of Whitley Park, Reading in Berkshire, died on 8 March 1770, at the age of fifty eight(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 58 at death. His birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his burial entry, note 5
- 3 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 4 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Henry	b 25 v [July] 1742	d 6.i.[March] 1743/4
*Mary	b 24 iii [May] 1745	
Thomas qv	b 26 i [March] 1747	m 1773 Elizabeth Gilkes (1738-1809 qv) (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages)
John qv	b 16 iv [June] 1749	m 1771 Martha West (born Stanbrook) (London & Mddx QM Marriages)
*Hannah	b 18 i 1751 [i.e. probably March 1751/2]	
William	b 17 Aug 1753	d 26 Sept 1754, aged 1
*Joseph	b 2 Sept 1756	
- *No marriages traced in Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest
- 5 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: he is described as a farmer

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

BENWELL, John (1693-)

John Benwell, the son of Thomas Benwell (-) and his wife Susanna (born) of Whitley Park near Reading in Berkshire, was born there on 17.ix.[November] 1693(1).

He became an ironmonger at Talbot Court in London(2) and was married in 1723 to Martha Norfolk (1704/5-1728 qv) of Southwark in Surrey(3); the marriage was apparently childless(4).

He did not apparently make a second marriage(5) and the date of his death is not at present (1982) traced(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Horseleydown on 31.viii.[October] 1723: he is described as an ironmonger of Talbot Court, the son of Thomas Benwell, late of Whitley Park in Berkshire; she is described as of St Saviours parish, Southwark, the daughter of John and Mary Norfolk of St Saviours parish, Southwark (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 No children are traced in London & Middlesex QM or Berks & Oxon QM Births Digests
- 5 No second marriage is traced in London & Middlesex QM or Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digests; there is no reference to one in the minutes of the Two Weeks Meeting, Friends House Library
- 6 His death is not traced in London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest

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

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

and in Bristol & Somerset QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Thomas	b 26 March 1778	d 11 Feb 1779
*Mary	b 8 Jan 1780	
John	b 10 Jan 1782	d 10 Dec 1792
*Joseph qv	b 12 Dec 1783	
Lydia <i>qv</i>	b 30 Dec 1785	m 1820 Thomas Truslade Sparkes (1774-1854 qv)

*Rebecca b 1 June 1787

*No marriages traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest

N.B. There was also a daughter Hannah qv, b 17 Dec 1775, who m 1805 Arnee Frank (1766-1858 qv). Her birth is not traced in London & Middlesex QM, Bristol & Somerset QM or Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digests. Her birth was presumably about the time of the move from Dartford to Yatton and therefore was not recorded

- 4 His occupation is given in his marriage entry, note 2
- 5 The birth of his two eldest children was recorded in London (1772-1774); his son Thomas was born at Yatton in 1778
- 6 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given Annual Monitor vol 13 (1825) p 6 erroneously gives his name as Thomas, but this is corrected to John in J.H.Green, Quaker records, 1894, p 40: he was an elder (loc cit)

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 15, p 14n: vol 4, p 127:
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WBE:

BENWELL, John, 1749-1824.

b. 1749, near Reading, Eng., s. Henry and Hannah Benwell. Resided for a time at Bath.

m. Martha West.

Conducted a school at Gatton [or Yatton?]. ca. 1784, opened a school where William Jenkins had taught at Sidcot. One of his scholars was Jonathan Dymond, author of Essays. 1808-1810, J. B. and wife acted as Supt. and Matron at boarding school at Sidcot, without any gratuity other than board and residence.

Published: Extracts from a diary kept by the late John Benwell . . . , Bristol, 1825.

Dropsy. d. 3 Jan. 1824, Sidcot Farm, aged ca. 75.

A history of Sidcot School, pp. 17, 22, 44, portrait op. 24.
Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX7795.
An. Mon., 13(1825):6.

BENWELL, John (1749-1824)

John Benwell, the son of Henry and Hannah Benwell of Whitley Park near Reading, was born there on 16 April 1749(1). He was married in 1771 to Martha West(2) and there were eight children(3).

He was a cheesemonger at the time of his marriage(4), but some time between 1774 and 1778 he opened a school at Yatton in Somerset(5). About 1784 he took over premises formerly used for the same purpose by William Jenkins at Sidcot and opened a boarding and day school there. Such records as existed in 1908 suggested that the school was large and prosperous; in 1805 there were forty five boys, among whom were Jonathan Dymond (1796-1828 qv), the essayist, Joseph Sturge (1793-1859 qv) and Jacob Player Sturge (1793-1857 qv).

John Benwell was a member of the committee of west of England Friends set up to consider the establishment of a school for the children of poor Friends and this school was eventually opened at Sidcot in 1808 in premises purchased from John Benwell, together with an adjoining house and estate designed for a girls' school. John Benwell's school, which formed the nucleus of the new school, was originally a gentleman's residence and was a fine, if somewhat formal looking, building on three floors.

John and his wife acted as the first Superintendents of Sidcot School from 1808 to 1810, without salary or gratuity other than their board and residence. The General Meeting responsible for managing the school made grateful acknowledgement of their services and John Benwell was long remembered with affection by his scholars.

Martha Benwell died in 1819(6) and John Benwell died at Sidcot on 3 January 1824(7), in his seventy fifth year.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Francis A. Knight, A History of Sidcot School, London 1908, pp 17-44

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 15, p 14n: vol 4, p 127: vol 5, p 194: vol 19, p 41:

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given

2 The wedding was at Gracechurch Street on 15 May 1771: he is described as a cheesemonger of Dartford in Kent, the son of Henry and Hannah Benwell; she is described as the widow of Thomas West, late of London, and daughter of Thomas and Martha Stanbrook of Egham in Surrey (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Marriages Digest as follows:-

Martha	b 15 April 1772	no marriage traced to 1837
Sarah	b 5 March 1774	who m 1804 Robert Willmott

and in Bristol & Somerset QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Thomas	b 26 March 1778	who d 11 Feb 1779
Mary	b 8 Jan 1780	no marriage traced to 1837
John	b 10 Jan 1782	who d 10 Dec 1792
Joseph	b 12 Dec 1783	no marriage traced to 1837
Lydia	b 30 Dec 1785	who m 1820 Thomas Truslade Sparkes
Rebecca	b 1 June 1787	no marriage traced to 1837

4 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 2

5 His two eldest children are recorded in London; his son Thomas was born at Yatton in 1778

6 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she died 23 Dec 1819 at Pensford

7 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: he is described as of Sidcot in the parish of Winscombe. Annual monitor vol 13 (1825) p 6 erroneously gives his name as Thomas, but this is corrected to John in J.J. Green, Quaker records, 1894, p 40: he was an elder (loc cit)

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Evan Rees, Memoirs, p 12

BENWELL, Joseph (1733-1864)

Joseph Benwell, the son of John Benwell (1749-1824 qv) and his wife Martha, formerly West, born Stanbrook, of London, Yatton and Sidcot in Somerset, was born at Yatton on 12 December 1733(1). Details of his early life and education are not at present (1977) traced, but his father conducted schools at Yatton and at Sidcot and Joseph probably received his education from him.

at least

He was married to Charlotte(2) and there were three daughters(3). In his burial record he is described as an accountant and he used frequently to say that he was never, in the course of a long life, kept a day away from business as a result of illness. He was a man of reserved disposition and this was especially so in regard to his religious feelings, which although hidden were deep. He was a regular attender at meetings for worship, but as he was very deaf he never heard what was said. His difficulty in hearing probably increased his love of reading and he particularly enjoyed Pilgrim's Progress.

He died at Bristol, after an illness of three months, on 9 July 1864, at the age of eighty(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1871, pp 222-228

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as a schoolmaster
- 2 There is no trace of the marriage in Bristol & Somerset QM, Devon QM, Dorset & Hants QM, Berks & Oxon QM, Gloucester & Wilts QM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests
- 3 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest as follows:- **

Sarah	b 8 March 1825	no marriage traced to 1903
Amelia	b 19 Feb 1830	no marriage traced to 1903
Henrietta	b 29 Jan 1833	no marriage traced to 1903
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an accountant of Bristol. The Annual Monitor 1871 gives his age at death as 82

SEE ALSO:- Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 4, p 12
vol 5, p 194; vol 15, p 14n; vol 19, p 41;
Sup 7 (Thomas Pole) pp 12, 25

** The three children are all listed as non-members, suggesting that Charlotte Benwell was not in membership. Sarah was at Sidcot School 1838-9 (M.D. Blaschko, Sidcot School register, 1958, p 17 where her year of birth is given as 1824 and she is named NEG Jan 1977
Sarah Augusta: her parents' abode at her birth was Augusta Place). An elder daughter Emily (1820-1846) was also educated at Sidcot (1833-4) but is not in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest, suggesting that Joseph Benwell might have been out of membership at the time of her birth

BENWELL, Lydia (1785-1860) after 1820 Sparkes

[Lydia Benwell, daughter of John Benwell (1749-1824 qv)
and his wife Martha (born West,
of Pensford in Somerset, was married in 1820 to Thomas
Truslade Sparkes (1774-1854 qv).]

See SPARKES, Lydia (1785-1860) born Benwell]

BENWELL, Margaret (1784-1847) after 1811 Whiting, born Shillitoe

[Margaret Shillitoe, daughter of Thomas Shillitoe (1754-1836 qv) and his wife Mary (born Pace,) of Tottenham in Middlesex, was married firstly in 1804 to Thomas Benwell (1781-1806 qv). She married secondly in 1811 John Whiting (1776-1853 qv).]

See WHITING, Margaret (1784-1847) after 1804 Benwell, born Shillitoe]

BENWELL, Maria (1805-1866) after 1832 Latchmore

[Maria Benwell, daughter of Thomas Benwell (1781-1806 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Shillitoe, 1784-1847 qv) of Croydon in Surrey, was married in 1832 to Thomas Latchmore (1805-1875 qv).]

See LATCHMORE, Maria (1805-1866) born Benwell]

BENWELL, Martha (1704/5-1728) born Norfolk

Martha Norfolk, the daughter of John Norfolk (-) and his wife Mary (born) of the parish of St Saviours, Southwark in Surrey, was born there on 15.xi.1704 [i.e. January 1704/5] (1).

She was married in 1723 to John Benwell (1693- qv), an ironmonger of London, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

Martha Benwell died on 6.x. [December] 1728, at the age of twenty four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage see BENWELL, John (1693-)
- 3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of John, an ironmonger

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

BENWELL, Martha (1743?-1819) formerly West, born Stanbrook

Martha Stanbrook, the daughter of Thomas and Martha Stanbrook of Egham in Surrey, was born about the year 1743(1).

She was married firstly to Thomas West of London, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

She married secondly in 1771 John Benwell (1749-1824 qv) and there were nine children(3). Her husband was a cheesemonger at the time of the marriage, but later became a schoolmaster and he and his wife acted as the first superintendents of Sidcot School from 1808 to 1810(4).

Martha Benwell of Pensford in Somerset died on 23 December 1819, at the age of seventy six(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 76 at death. Her birth is not traced in Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest
- 2 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales: no children are traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest
- 3 For marriage and children see BENWELL, John (1749-1824)
- 4 See entry for BENWELL, John (1749-1824)
- 5 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of John

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

BENWELL, Mary (1675?-1732) born

Mary Benwell, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced, was born about the year 1675(1).

She became prior to 1701 the third wife of Thomas Benwell (-1723 qv) of Whitley Park in Reading, Berkshire and there were five children(2).

Mary Benwell of Whitley Park died on 4.ix.[November] 1732, at the age of fifty seven(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 57 at death
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children see BENWELL, Thomas
(-1723)
- 3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she is described as a widow

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

BENWELL, Mary (1742/3-1778) after 1765 May

[Mary Benwell, daughter of William () and
Rachel (born White) Benwell of Henley, Oxon,
was married in 1765, as his second wife, to Edward May
(1732-1805 qv) of Henley, Oxon.

see MAY, Mary (1742/3-1778) born Benwell

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BENWELL, Rachel (1718-1779) born White

Rachel White, the daughter of John White (1686- qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born fl 1718-1720 qv) of Meadle in Buckinghamshire, was born there on 20.v.[July] 1718(1).

She was married in 1741/2 to William Benwell (-1759 qv), a mealman of Henley in Oxfordshire and there were four children(2).

Rachel Benwell of Henley died on 17 July 1779, at the age of sixty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bucks QM Births Digest: her father is described as a yeoman
- 2 For marriage and children see BENWELL, William (-1759)
- 3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of William

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

BENWELL, Sarah (1774-1823) after 1804 Willmott

[Sarah Benwell, daughter of John Benwell (1749-1824 qv) and his wife Martha (born West,) of Southwark in Surrey, was married in 1804 to Robert Willmott (1772-1829 qv).]

See WILLMOTT, Sarah (1774-1823) born Benwell]

BENWELL, Susanna (-1699) born

Susanna Benwell, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced, became prior to 1693 the second wife of Thomas Benwell (-1723 qv) of Whitley Park in Reading, Berkshire; there were three children(1).

Susanna Benwell died on 21.ix.[November] 1699(2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 For information relating to her marriage and children see BENWELL, Thomas (1723)
- 2 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: no description of her is given

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

BENWELL, Thomas (-1723)

Thomas Benwell, details of whose birth are not at present (1982) traced, was the son of Henry Benwell of Bix in Oxfordshire(1).

He was a maltster at Henley in Oxfordshire(2) and was apparently married three times. He married firstly in 1682 Hannah Creace (-1687qv) (3) and there were two children(4). He married secondly, prior to 1693, Susanna (born -1699 qv) (5) and there were three children(6). He married thirdly, prior to 1701, Mary (born 1675?-1732 qv) (7) and there were five children(8). After the death of his first wife he moved from Henley to Whitley Park in Reading(9).

Thomas Benwell of Whitley in Reading died on 24.vi.[August] 1723(10).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 His birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest; his parentage is given in the entry for his first marriage, note 3
- 2 He is so described in the entry for his first marriage, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Reading on 11.v.[July] 1682: he is described as a maltster of Henley, Oxfordshire, the son of Henry Benwell of Bix in Oxfordshire; she is described as the daughter of John Creace (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Grace	b 3 iv [June]	1685	m 1701	Daniel Laundry
Hannah	b 23 x [Dec]	1687	m 1714	William Fry
- 5 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 6 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest as follows:-

John	b 17 ix [Nov]	1693	m 1723	Martha Norfolk (1704/5-1728 qv) (London & Mddx QM Marriages)
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- *Elizabeth b 23 viii [Oct] 1695
- *Mary b 23 viii [Oct] 1695
- *No marriages traced in Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest to 1760
- 7 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 8 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows?:

Henry	b 1 iii [May]	1701	buried 18 iii [May]	1701
Mariah	b 26 ii [April]	1702	m 1723/4	Thomas Powell
Lydia	b 17 v [July]	1703	m 1728	Giles Stamp
William qv	b		m (1) 1738	Ann Townsend (1717/8-1739 qv)
			m (2) 1741/2	Rachel White (1718-1779 qv)
Susanna	b		m 1733	Timothy Hooper
- 9 His children by his first marriage were born at Henley; all his children by his second and third marriages were born at Whitley Park
- 10 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: there is no description of him and his age at death is not given

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

BENWELL, Thomas (1747-1812)

Thomas Benwell, the son of Henry Benwell (1712?-1770 qv) and his wife Hannah (born 1717?-1785 qv) of Reading in Berkshire, was born there on 26.i.[March] 1747(1).

He became a surgeon and apothecary at Whitchurch in the county of Southampton (2) and was married in 1773 to Elizabeth Gilkes (1738-1809 qv) of Sibford in Oxfordshire(3); there were five children(4). He was a minister of the Society(5) and at some time after 1800 he moved to Dover(6).

Thomas Benwell of Dover died on 29 July 1812, at the age of sixty four(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Whitchurch on 22 June 1773: he is described as an apothecary and surgeon of Whitchurch in the county of Southampton, the son of Henry Benwell of Whitley parish, Berkshire; she is described as the daughter of Thomas Gilkes of Sibford in Oxfordshire (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Mary	b 25 March 1774	m 1800 Oswald Foster
*Henry	b 1 April 1776	
*John	b 15 Jan 1778	
*Elizabeth	b 29 April 1779	
Thomas qv	b 2 Jan 1781	m 1804 Margaret Shillitoe (1784-1847 qv) (London & Mddx QM Marriages)
- 5 *No marriages traced in Dorset & Hants QM or Kent QM Marriages Digests
J Friends Hist Soc Sup 7 (Thomas Pole) p 11: he is described as a public Friend
- 6 His elder daughter Mary was married in Hampshire: he and his wife are both described as of Dover in their burial entries
- 7 Kent QM Burials Digest: he is described as a surgeon

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc Sup 7 (Thomas Pole) p 12

BENWELL, Thomas (1781-1806)

Thomas Benwell, the son of Thomas Benwell (1747-1812 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Gilkes, 1738-1809 qv) of Whitchurch in the county of Southampton, was born there on 2 January 1781(1).

He became a chemist at Croydon in Surrey(2) and was married in 1804 to Margaret Shillitoe (1784-1847 qv) of Tottenham in Middlesex(3); there was one child(4).

Thomas Benwell of Croydon died at Dover on 11 March 1806, at the age of twenty four(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: his father is described as an apothecary
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Tottenham on 13 September 1804: he is described as a chemist of Croydon in Surrey, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Benwell of Dover in Kent; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Mary Shillitoe of Tottenham in Middlesex
(London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest as follows:-
Maria b 15 June 1805 m 1832 Thomas Latchmore (1805-1875 qv)
(Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Kent 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

BENWELL, William (-1759)

William Benwell, details of whose birth are not at present (1982) traced, was the son of Thomas Benwell (-1723 qv) and his third wife Mary (born 1675?-1732 qv) of Whitley Park near Reading in Berkshire(1).

He became a mealman first at Reading and later at Henley in Oxfordshire(2) and was married firstly in 1737/8 to Ann Townsend (1717/8-1739 qv) of Reading (3); there was one child, who apparently died at birth(4). He married secondly in 1741/2 Rachel White (1718-1779 qv) of Meadle in Buckinghamshire(5) and there were four children(6).

William Benwell of Henley died on 6 July 1759(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 His birth is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest, although there are entries for siblings; his age at death is not given. His parentage is given in his marriage entries, notes 3 and 5
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entries, notes 3 and 5
- 3 The wedding was at Reading on 14.i.1738 [i.e. probably March 1737/8]: he is described as a mealman of Reading in Berkshire, the son of Thomas and Mary Benwell of Whitley Park; she is described as a spinster, the daughter of William and Mary Townsend of Reading (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 No children are traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest, but in the burial entry for Ann Benwell she is described as dying ten days after the birth of her baby
- 5 The wedding was at Henley on 20.xi.1741 [i.e. January 1741/2]: he is described as a mealman of Henley in Oxfordshire, the son of Thomas and Mary Benwell of Whitley Park, Berkshire; she is described as of Henley in Oxfordshire, the daughter of John and Elizabeth White of Meadle in Buckinghamshire (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 6 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Mary qv	b 26 xii 1742 [i.e. Feb 1742/3]	m 1765 Edward May (1732-1805 qv)
*John	b 7 xi 1744 [i.e. Jan 1744/5]	
*Elizabeth	b 17 vii [Sept] 1748	
*William	b 21 iv [June] 1751	
- 7 *No marriages traced in Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest
Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

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BERGMAN, Almira B., 1838-1907.

b. 4 Nov. 1838, Knox Co., Ohio.

m. Harvey Bergman, Winchester, Indiana.

White River Monthly Meeting, Indiana recorded her a minister. Almost immediately, she and her husband began evangelical campaigns.

1877, held a revival for 3 months at Van Wert, Ohio, where they converted several hundred and 300 joined Friends.

They then went to Middlepoint, Ohio, where they decided to settle in order to care for those convinced.

They visited many Friends' meetings, converted thousands.

d. 7 Dec. 1907, Middlepoint, Ohio, aged 69.

Am. Frd., 15(1908):73 (portrait.)

BERNARD, Susan M

E

(d. 1924) after 18 St Dalmas

[Susan M. E. Bernard

was married in to Henry G. St Dalmas
(f1 1900, qv).

see ST DALMAS, Susan M E de (d. 1924)]

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BERNSTEIN, Edward (1874-1959)

'Fortunately there is not, or should not be, any such person as a typical Friend. To any who might imagine that there is, Edward Bernstein has for many years been a constant reminder to the contrary. He once said at Devon and Cornwall Q.M.: "I haven't the face of a Friend", and this was true, for he was a Lithuanian Jew in origin and always looked different and (it must be faithfully recorded) behaved differently from the restrained and supposedly cool-blooded Anglo-Saxons among whom he found his spiritual home. Nevertheless, few Friends can have loved the Society more than he did or been more devoted to the service of God in it.

'Edward Bernstein, who died at Barnstaple on February 18, (1959), was born in 1874 into a devout Jewish family living in Lithuania, which then belonged to Russia. He was the eldest of five children, and at the age of 13, when financial troubles came on the family, he left home to seek a living in Manchester, and afterwards in Leeds, where he was employed in clothing-factories.

'In Leeds he first met active, evangelical Christianity and was immediately moved by it. Through contacts with Sunday Schools and ministers of religion his Christian faith developed and with it an ability for theology and Biblical study, helped by his knowledge of Hebrew and the Old Testament. Finally, in 1897, through the help of a leading Congregationalist, who for some time was his employer, he was given the full 5-year training for the ministry at a Congregational theological institution at Plymouth. From 1902 until 1914 he was a devoted and successful minister at various Congregational churches, of which the last was at Torrington in North Devon.

'When war broke out in 1914 he faced the greatest crisis of his life. He at once found himself to be a convinced pacifist and out of sympathy with all who were then his friends and on whom his work depended. In great distress he sought contact with Friends, and was much helped by Rendel Harris, Corder Catchpool and William A. Albright among others. He felt spiritually at home with us and joined Friends in 1916; but there is no doubt that the predicament of a man whose vocation and training was entirely as a minister of religion, in a Society which has no paid or ordained ministry, was never completely solved, either to his satisfaction or to ours. Against this may be stressed the richness of his gift, both in preaching, and pastoral work, and the genuine personal warmth of his friendship, wherever he went among us. He was glad to live in areas where Meetings were few and scattered or new Meetings were starting, and Friends in Wales and Devon will remember his devotion to this work.

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BERNSTEIN, Edward (1874-1959) continued

'Ever since the Russian Revolution of 1917 Edward Bernstein had a strong concern for contact between the Society of Friends and the Soviet Government in the interests of world peace, and he felt that with his knowledge of the language and people of Russia he could give a special service. He paid a visit to Moscow in 1922, and in August, 1958, he successfully fulfilled a long-cherished desire to visit the country again so as to establish contact, if possible between our Society and kindred spirits in Russia.

'Edward Bernstein's ways were always his own, though faithfully directed by the leading of the Holy Spirit as he received it. Shortly before he died he said: "Christ is very big. We do not see all." Edward also was "big," and we may be thankful that our Society was able to provide a home and loving fellowship for one who was so wholly and unequivocally himself. A.Y.'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.117 (1959) p.307

BERRY, Ada (1890 - 1978) b. Warne

Ada Warne was born on March 20, 1890. We have no details of her early life but in 1927 she married Herbert Berry (- 1950)(1) and they settled down in Chesterfield. A few years after her marriage she joined the Society of Friends (2) and for the rest of her life gave devoted service to Chesterfield Meeting, which she served as clerk and as an elder and also to the Monthly and Quarterly meetings. She and Herbert also gave generous hospitality to Friends and regularly opened their home to the meeting. She was a staunch pacifist, quick to welcome visitors to the meeting and had an interest in the children.

Her last six years were spent at The Retreat, York where she died on January 25, 1978 aged 87.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Notts & Derby MM

Y.M. Procs 1979 p. 153

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Chesterfield on June 2, 1927. Her maiden name is given as Warne.
2. Derby, Lincoln & Notts. QM printed list of members for 1928 records them both at Chesterfield, Ada as non-member. In the list for 1931 she is recorded as a member.

WBE:

BERRY, Joseph, ca. 1732-1783.

b. ca. 1732, Talbot Co., Md., s. James and Sarah Berry.

Elder. Given to hospitality.

Seven days' illness. d. 22 Oct. 1783, bur. Tuckahoe, NJ
in his 52nd year.

Baltimore Y. Mtg. Memorials, 1833, p. 7.

WBE:

BERRY, Mary (), 1731-1806.

b. 1731, Darby, Pa.

m., 1776, James Berry, of Third Haven Mo. Mtg., Md.
(d. 1785).

Member of Third Haven Mo. Mtg., Md. ca. 1766, appeared in the ministry. Visited, 1788, Pa.; 1789, the Nicholites; 1790 (?) Md. and Va.; 1792, Carolina Y. Mtg., as far as Georgia. 1795, concern for West Indies, but it being a time of war, and M. B. advanced in years, the certificates which had been drawn up were recalled.

Lived three miles from her meetinghouse, and had to be carried to her conveyance, and to her seat in the gallery.

d. 23 Aug. 1806, in her 76th year.

The Friend (Phila.), 65:131.

Comly, Friends Misc., 1:114, 8:370.

BERRY, William (1667-1732)

William Berry, the son of Thomas Berry of Stockton in Warwickshire, was born in the year 1667. He was educated as a member of the Church of England. About his twenty fourth year he began to frequent Friends' meetings and subsequently joined the Society. About 1693 he received a gift in the ministry. He visited meetings in London and Bristol a few times, but his ministry was for the most part confined to his own county. He was not proficient in "the Learning nor Wisdom of this World", but his ministry was edifying and powerful.

He was married in 1707 to Mary Fowler (1681-1723 qv) of Evesham in Worcestershire(1) and there were seven children(2).

He lived for a considerable time at Warwick, where he died on 20.ii.[April] 1732(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Warwickshire QM in TCMD vol 1, p 49

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Evesham on 17.vii.[September] 1707: he is described as of Warwick, the son of Thomas Berry of Stockton in the county of Warwick; she is described as the daughter of Henry Fowler of Evesham in the county of Worcester (Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest)
- 2 Listed in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Ann	b 1 viii [Oct]	1708	d 5 v [July]	1713
Mary	b 15 ix [Nov]	1711		
William	b 31 v [July]	1713		
Benjamin	b 21 ix [Nov]	1715		
Henry	b 5 iii [May]	1717	d 2 iii [May]	1719
Hannah	b 18 iii [May]	1718		
Joseph	b 6 ii [April]	1719		

No marriages are traced for any of these children in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest

- 3 His death is not traced in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Burials Digest

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

William Berry was born in 1667, the son of Thomas Berry of Stockton, Co.Warwick (1). He was educated a member of the Churh of England. About his twenty fourth year he began to frequent Friends' meetings, and subsequently joined the Society. About 1693 he became a minister. He visited meetings in London and Bristol a few times, but his ministry was for the most part confined to his own county.

He married on 17 vii [Sept] 1707, at Evesham, Mary Fowler daughter of Henry Fowler of Evesham (2).

He was not proficient in 'the Learning nor Wisdom of this World' but his ministry was edifying and powerful. He resided for a considerable time at Warwick, where he died 20.ii [April] 1732, and was buried 23.ii.[April] (3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Warwickshire QM. TCMD vol.1 p.49

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1. Warwickshire, Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest

2. ibid.

Mary Fowler was born 21 vi [Aug] 1681. She died 10 x [Dec] 1723. 3/
Warwicks.Leics & Rut.QM Births Digest
Warwicks.Leics & Rut.QM Burials Digest

Children:

Ann	born 1.viii [Oct] 1708,	died 5 v[July] 1713 at Evesham
Mary	born 15.ix[Nov]	1711
William	born 31.v[July]	1713
Benjamin	born 21.ix[Nov]	1715
Henry	born 5.iii[May]	1717 died 2.iii[May] 1719
Hannah	born 18.iii[May]	1718
Joseph	born 6.ii[April]	1719

Warwicks.Leics & Rut.QM Births Digest
Warwicks.Leics & Rut.QM Burials Digest

3. Not in Warwicks,Leics & Rutland QM Burials Digest

William Berry was born in Leeds on January 3, 1899, the son of a fundamentalist Friend. The family were staunch supporters of the Great Wilson St. Meeting, the Sunday school, young men's club and the evening mission meeting. He was a born preacher and public speaker, soon after leaving school he was preaching for the Methodist church, and as a good singer was also in demand in other churches for solo work in the 'Messiah'. He was also speaking publicly for peace. When the first world war came he had hardly started work in his father's art shop, but he was allowed to take up alternative service in a mental hospital. For many years after 1918 he worked as a painter and decorator, but he was very concerned about the unemployment around him. He married in 1923 Alice Hawkridge, not a member of the Society.(1)(2)

In 1935 a lady in London offered to support him for two years if he would go with his family to Co. Durham to work as a preacher and social worker. He accepted and his work was successful but in less than two years the lady died and the work had to cease. During the second world war he worked for the Red Cross collecting money from factory workers under a penny-a-week scheme, and then from 1941 - 1944 he was in Kendal (3) where he organised in connection with the meeting a rest centre for refugees. Then he returned to his native Leeds, where, for about a year, he and his wife Alice, who was a tremendous support to him at all times, were wardens of Roundhay meeting house. They then became wardens of the Bernhard Baron Cottage Homes in Sussex.(4) Following this he was appointed appeals organiser for the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Disablement Fund. Finally, when he was nearing fifty years of age he was appointed to the post of appeals secretary for the Leprosy Research Association (L.E.P.R.A.) and held this position for the rest of his working life. In this he was most successful raising large sums of money and finding help in all sorts of ways.

At the age of 60 two severe heart attacks caused him to retire from work and in his remaining years he was a partial invalid. They moved to Wandsworth. He died on January 13, 1970 at the age of 71.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Kingston & Wandsworth MM
Y.M.Proc. 1971 pp 196/7.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Gt. Wilson St. FMH on March 31, 1923. She was described as spinster, non-member, he as bachelor, painter and decorator, son of Wm. Henry Berry, pavior of Brighouse.

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BERRY, William

(1899 - 1970) continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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2. Yorkshire QM printed list of members for 1918 records him as a member under his father's name at Brighouse. The list for 1924 records his wife Alice as an attender and the list for 1926 records a son Philip.
3. Westmorland QM printed list of members for 1942 records them as living at Kendal, with another child Jean.
4. Sussex, Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members for 1948 records them as living in Eastbourne. The 1955 list records them as in London.
5. London/Middlesex QM printed list of members for 1964 records them at Wandsworth meeting.

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WBE:

BESSE, Joseph, ca. 1683-1757.

b. 1683, Billericay (?) Essex, s. Joseph and Besse.
Writing-master of Colchester, Eng. 1716, removed to London, Eng.

m. Hannah Dehorne. Six children.

1746-48, recording clerk of London Y. Mtg.

Author: Polemics in defence of Friends doctrines and practices, also biographies of George Whitehead and Samuel Bonas, 1722 to 1756.

An abstract of the sufferings of the people call'd Quakers. . . , London, 1733-38.

A collection of the sufferings of the Quakers, 1650-1689, in 2 volio vols., 1753.

Extracts from Besse's sufferings. . . , London, 1851.

Thirty-one years of preparation were devoted to this great literary venture, which remains as a monument to the compiler.

d. 25 Nov. 1757, Ratcliffe, London, Eng., aged ca. 74.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 23:1.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:251.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX7615, 7676.

BESSELL, Lucy (1831?-1929) after 1885 Hunt

[Lucy Bessell, daughter of James and Elizabeth Bessell of Bristol, was married in 1885 to Theodore Hunt (1837-1926 qv) of Bristol.

HUNT, Lucy (1831?-1929) born Bessell]

BESWICK, Hannah (1764?-1820) after 1805 Tuckett

[Hannah Beswick, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Beswick of London, was married in 1805 to John Tuckett (1758-1845 qv).]

See TUCKETT, Hannah (1764?-1820) born Beswick]

WBE:

BETHUN, D

Author: The principles of Christianity illustrated
and clear'd from several objections; as also some observa-
tions on the papers call'd, A serious call to Quakers,
put out by George Keith, by D. Bethun, a gentleman of the
Church of England.

Jos. Smith's Cat., suppl.:212.

BETHUNE, Arthur

(- 1965)

Arthur Bethune was a Jamaican who at the time of his death was the Midland Regional Welfare Officer for the Jamaican High Commission.

He was not a member of the Society of Friends but had many contacts with Friends and had been working in a very positive way in the Birmingham area. He was a gentle person of friendly and lovable disposition.

He was killed in a car accident in Hertfordshire in 1965, no age or date of the accident is given.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend VOL. 123 (1965) p. 317

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WBE:

BETSON, Elizabeth, afterwards Small, 1666-1717

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Small, Elizabeth, nee Betson, 1666-1717

BETTLE, Edward, 1841-1912

Wool Merchant

b. December 17, 1841, Philadelphia, Pa. Son of Samuel Bettle and Mary Ann Jones.

ed. 1861, B.A., Haverford College, Pa.

m. September 26, 1872, Elizabeth Tatnall

1872-1912, Member, Board of Managers, Haverford College.

1875-83, Secretary, Corporation of Haverford College.

1882-1912, Manager, Friends' Asylum for the Insane, Frankford, Pa.

1883-84, Treasurer, Corporation of Haverford College.

1890-1912, Clerk of Managers, Friends' Asylum.

Birthright member, Philadelphia Monthly Meeting for the Western District. Manager, Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Magdalen Society of Philadelphia, and Provident Society for Employing the Poor; Overseer, Penn Charter School, Philadelphia; Trustee, Bryn Mawr College, Pa.

d. April 8, 1912, Haverford, Pa. Age 70.

The American Friend. 19 (1912) 254.

Biographical Catalog of the Matriculates of Haverford College.

Philadelphia, 1922. p.101.

Friends' Asylum for the Insane: 1813-1913. Philadelphia: John C. Winston Co., 1913. pp. 46, 51.

Philadelphia Monthly Meeting for the Western District,

Memberships: 1882-1912. p. 18. (MSS in Quaker Collection, Haverford College.)

WBE:

BETTLE, Jane (Temple), ca. 1774-1840.

b. ca. 1774, Pennsbury, Kennett, Chester Co., Pa.,
dau. of Thomas and Jane Temple.

m., 1802, Samuel Bettle, of Phila.* Children.

1810, overseer. 1814, elder. 1827-28, served on
committee to visit mtgs. in Phila. Y. Mtg. Accompanied
Elizabeth Robson. Wrote Journal.

Author: Extracts from the memorandums of J. B.,
Phila. 1843. Reprinted in London, Eng., 1845.

1832, attacked with disorder which confined her to
her house, and made a reclining position difficult.

d. 13 April 1840, Phila., Pa., in her 67th year.

*See Bettle, Samuel, 1774-1861

The Friend (Phila.), 13(1840):228.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:258.

Memorials (Phila.), 1850, 1842:74.

Piety Promoted, 12th part, p. 199.

WBE:

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BETTLE, Samuel, 1774-1861.

Draper and tailor.

b. 1 June 1774, Phila., Pa.

1793, barely recovered from yellow fever. Was thought dead.

m., 1802, Jane Temple /see Bettle, Jane (Temple), ca.
1774-18407.

1804, member Westtown com. till his death. 1815,
minister. Asst. clerk, Phila. Y. Mtg., 6 years; ^{1817-27 1827-30} clerk 14
years. Was clerk during the trying session of Y. Mtg. in
1827. Testified at Camden trial. A founder of Haverford
School, now College. 1855 (?) helped to prevent a Gurney-
Wilbur separation in Phila. ca. 1857, suggested to Phila.
Y. Mtg. to discontinue correspondence with all Y. Mtgs., as
the only way to avoid a rupture. Active in Society matters
for over 50 years.

As a boy, frequently saw George Washington, then
President, pass along 3rd St. on his way to morning prayer.
S. B. said, "He was the most dignified looking man I ever
saw."

Benjamin Franklin lived on the north side of Chestnut
St. above 3rd. The rear of his house was in sight from
S. B.'s residence, #26, west side of 3rd St., below Market.
S. B. frequently saw Franklin and his wife seated on their
porch.

WBE:

BETTLE, Samuel, 1774-1861. (Page 2)

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Liberal in aiding the needy. Was a warm personal friend of John Comly. S. B. felt that separations were not a remedy for differences.

Was one of the first of older Friends to discard knee breeches and wear trousers. Abstemious in his eating. Short and spare, with quick, active movements.

Painful illness for two years. d. 12 Apr. 1861, Phila., Pa., aged 86.

Am. An Mon., 5:7.

Shotwell, complainant, . . . Report of the testimony in a cause at issue. . . between Thomas L. Shotwell. . . and Joseph Hendrickson and Stacy DeCow. . . by Jeremiah J. Foster, 1:58-97.

Piety Promoted, 12th part, p. 330.

The Friend (Phila.), 34:312, 70:386.

Friends Review, 14(1861):633.

ELLIOTT, CH. ON THE AM FRIENDS, 398

WBE:

BETTLE, Samuel, ca. 1810-1880.

b. 21 Oct. 1810, Phila., Pa., s. Samuel and Jane (Temple) Bettle.

Member of 12th St. Mo. Mtg., Phila. ca. 1845, minister. Worked among Indians and Freedmen. With Thomas Evans, spent an afternoon at Westtown School, and succeeded in persuading some older boys not to enlist in the Northern Army, as they had inclined to do.

In summer used to repair to the Profile House, in the White Mountains, N. H.

"His voice was like an organ and his authority as an apostle." Portrait hung at Friends Mtg. House, 20 S. 12th St.

d. 28 Jan. 1880, Phila., Pa., aged 70, a minister 35 years.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 40:178.

Prime, Samuel Bettle of Phila., in the Journal of Commerce, N. Y., Mar. 26, 1880.

Friends Review, 33(1880):616.

Hinshaw's Encyclopedia, 2:336.

WBE:

BETTRIS, Jane

Of Oxfordshire, Eng.

1669, a poor widow, she was fined 10s. for a meeting.
Most of her belongings having been already taken, the
officer paid the fine himself and left her the poor remnant.

Author: A lamentation for the deceived people of
the world, &c., 1657.

Besse, 1:572.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:259.

BETTS, Sarah (1776-1859) born Smith

Sarah Smith, the daughter of William and Ann Smith of Aldgate in the county of Middlesex, was born there on 6 January 1776(1). She was married in 1797 to Benjamin Betts of Whitechapel(2) and there were four children(3).

Her life was one of active usefulness in the path of Christian duty. She was a warm friend to the poor and needy and occasionally united with others in visiting prisons. She was an elder and the thankfulness with which she received life's blessings and the patient resignation with which she bore its trials encouraged fainter spirits.

Her husband died in 1806(4), leaving her with a young family to bring up and she was a widow for over fifty years. Her mind continued bright until the end of her life and she died after a short illness on 5 March 1859(5), at the age of eighty three.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1860, pp 32-39

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 12 September 1797: he is described as a salesman of Whitechapel, the son of Benjamin and Susannah Betts, late of Weasenham in Norfolk; she is described as the daughter of William and Ann Smith of East Smithfield (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Lucy	b 29 Aug 1798	no marriage traced to 1863
Mary Ann	b 22 Oct 1799	who m 1834 George Kitching
Rachel	b 12 Feb 1801	who d 13 Jan 1831
John	b 18 April 1803	no marriage traced to 1863
- 4 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he died 29 May 1806, aged 37
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Islington, the widow of Benjamin

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

WBE:

BEVAN, Barbara, 1682-1705.

b. Trevyrgg, Wales, dau. John Bevan. 1683, her parents came to Pennsylvania.

ca. 1698, a minister, in her 16th year. Travelled in the work of the ministry in West Jersey and East Jersey. 1704, returned to Wales, travelled ca. 600 miles in north and south Wales.

d. 26 XI 1705, Trevyrgg, aged ca. 23, a minister ca. 7 years.

Piety Promoted, 5th part, p. 24.

The Friend(Phila.), 28:45.

WBE:

BEVAN, Elizabeth afterwards Tonjoroff

see

Tonjoroff, Elizabeth nee Bevan

BEVAN, Evan (1679?-1746)

Nephew of John Bevan

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Evan Bevan was the son of Charles Bevan of Lantwit Vardre, Glamorgan, and received a liberal education at Oxford. Being duly qualified, he practised Law in Glamorganshire, where he was for some time Deputy-Sheriff. After much travail of spirit he joined Friends (see his Epistle, Sewel's "History of the Quakers", p.705, under the name of 'Evan Javens') p/

He kept a school in Friends Meeting-house in Pontmoyle for about thirty five years, teaching Latin, Greek and Geography, as well as Mathematics; (but he conscientiously refused to teach any of the heathen authors). He was Clerk of the Meeting for many years, and by his mild behaviour was able to reach and convince many of the disobedient. He was a minister for about twenty years, and upheld strongly the testimony against tithes.

'His Memory is dear to us, and, being dead, he yet speaketh. He did not lord it over the Church, although his knowledge and Wisdom, both spiritual and natural, might have entitled him to bear rule; but being clothed with the Spirit of Meekness and Patience, he would condescend to the weakest Member, in Charity, Goodwill and pure Love; thereby plainly demonstrating whose Disciple he was; Yea, a noble Pattern and Example he was: His Conduct kept pace with his Doctrine, and with the Principles he made a Profession of.'

Evan Bevan died 17.II.[April] 1746

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Monmouthshire M.M. in COMD vol.1 p.262, printed in
A collection of testimonies, 1760, p.197

WBE

Additional information:

BEVAN, Evan, ca. 1679-1746.

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Convinced through reading Barclay's Apology.

Affable in his conversation.

Friends Library, 13:174.

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BEVAN, Hannah Marishall (1798-1874) born Bennett

Hannah Marishall Bennett, the eldest child of William Bennett (1762?-1818 qv) and his wife Hannah, born Fossick, of Cheapside in London, was born there on 1 February 1798(1). Her childhood was singularly happy until she was about twelve years old, when her mother became ill and it was thought best that she should be sent to school at Croydon. On leaving school she nursed her mother with care and affection until her death, and the death of her father shortly afterwards, in 1818, left her with only her two brothers William (1804-1873 qv) and Samuel for companions.

She kept house for both of them and in conjunction with Samuel she carried on her father's tea business, but Samuel was delicate and died of consumption. She continued to live with William and during this period she joined the Newgate Prison Committee, working with Elizabeth Fry (1780-1845 qv) and others. Her kindness and true sympathy often influenced the prisoners for good, especially those whose sentence included transportation.

She was married in 1827 to Thomas Bevan (1805?-1847 qv), a surgeon of Liverpool Street in London and there were seven children(2). She was recorded as a minister in 1828* and her ministry was offered in deep humility. It was her daily habit to set aside a period for private retirement and her faith ripened and deepened as she grew older. Although occupied with the care of her family and entertaining a large circle of friends, she helped to establish both the Ragged School at Foster Street and a First-day School at Spitalfields. The first Band of Hope was formed at her house and during the potato famine in Ireland she was very energetic in working with others for the relief of the suffering it caused.

In 1847 her husband and her two youngest sons died and in 1852 she moved to Darlington where she made a home for some of her children and where she took part in social work of various kinds, visiting the poor and afflicted, encouraging the young in the path of duty and in particular taking an interest in the inmates of the Union workhouse.

In 1864 Hannah Bevan suffered an attack of both mental and physical paralysis, which left her helpless for the rest of her life. She was cared for by one of her sons until her death ten years later. Hannah Bevan of Penge died on 7 November 1874, at the age of seventy six(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1876, pp 3-19

Testimony of Darlington MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1875, p xi

*The Testimony gives the year as 1827

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BEVAN, Hannah Marishall (1798-1874) born Bennett continued

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see BEVAN, Thomas (1805?-1847)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Thomas M.D.

SEE ALSO:-

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|---|---------------|
| Edward Pease, <u>Diaries</u> , p 240 | 092.3 PEA |
| George Richardson, <u>Annals of the Cleveland
Richardsons</u> , p 21 | 092.9 RIC/RIC |
| Norman Penney, <u>My Ancestors</u> | 092.9 PEN/PEN |
| The Friend vol 14 (1874) p 374: 3 line entry for death | |
| Incidental references in <u>J Friends Hist Soc</u> vol 20, p 62:
vol 22, p17 | |
| Donor of 8 books to Friends Institute Library | vol 346/65 |

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BEVAN, Hannah Marishall (1798-1874) born Bennett

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Hannah M. Bennett was born in London 1 February 1798, the daughter of William and Hannah Bennett. Her parents died when she was young and she kept house for her two brothers. During this time she was associated with Elizabeth Fry and others in visiting Newgate Prison, being especially concerned for those under sentence of transportation.

She married Thomas Bevan in 1827 and shortly before this had been recorded a minister by Gracechurch Street Monthly Meeting. In 1847 her husband and her two youngest sons died, and in 1852 she removed to Darlington where she made a home for some of her children, and where she took part in social work of various kinds, visiting the poor and afflicted, encouraging the young in the path of duty, and in particular taking an interest in the inmates of the Union workhouse.

In 1864 Hannah Bevan suffered an attack of both mental and physical paralysis which left her helpless for the rest of her life. She was cared for by one of her sons near London until her death ten years later.

She died 8 November 1874.

Testimony of Darlington MM in YM Proc. 1875 p.xi

WBE:

Additional information:

BEVAN, Hannah Marishall (Bennett), 1798-1874.

1810, sent to school at Croyden. On leaving school,
nursed her parents. Helped a brother to carry on tea
business. Offered prayer at her brother's graveside.
Visited in convict ships.

Thomas Bevan was a doctor.

1828, acknowledged a minister. (London says ca. 1827.)

Helped to found the Foster-street Ragged school.
With others expedited bales of goods to stricken Ireland.
Assisted in founding First-day school, Spitalfields, and
taught there. Aided in establishing the Friends Institute.
d. Penge, Surrey.

The Friend (London), 14(1874):374.

An. Mon., 34(1876):3.

WBE:

1636? 1721/5

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BEVAN, John, 1646-1726.

LLANTRISANT,

b. 1646. Home at Treveyrick, Wales.

As eldest son he received upon his father's death, a considerable estate.

m., 1665, Barbara Aubrey, Church of England, a religious woman (d. 26 Nov. 1710, aged 73). 45 years married. Love increaseth.

1667, divided his estate to share with his brothers, who otherwise were unprovided for.

Read a book by George Fox, the Younger, and was convinced, his wife opposing it; but later she too saw the light. Minister. 1675, several Friends at two different times arrested at his home and imprisoned. ca. 1683, came with all the family to America. 1687-1700, member of Colonial assembly. 1701(?) 1710, visited New England with Hugh Roberts. 1704, with his wife and youngest daughter Barbara visited England and Wales, and settled at Treveyrick, Wales. 1721, taken to Cardiff gaol upon an excommuicatio capiendo, but he was discharged at the following sessions, and never after molested.

d. 1726, Treveyrick, Wales, aged 80.

Jordan, Colonial families of Phila., p. 138.

Phila. Y. Mtg., Col. of memorials, p. 75.

Piety promoted, 11th part, p. 353.

John Smith's ms., 1:205.

Browning, Welsh Settlement of Pa., p. 166 ff.
Rees, Thomas M. Hist. of Ju. in Wales, 1925

BEVAN, Joseph Gurney (1753-1814) 2

Joseph Gurney Bevan was the son of Timothy Bevan and Hannah Springhall nee Gurney. He was very prominent in the Quaker history of his time and was clerk of Y.M. in 1794. He married Mary Plumsted in 1776 s.p. X

Forster: Letters and writings. 1821

Biog. cat. Lond. Friends inst. 1888

J. Friends hist. soc. many vol. esp. 15,19,20
Jenkins: Records

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.25

WBE:

Additional information:
BEVAN, Joseph Gurney, 1753-1814.

Chemist and druggist.

b. 18 Feb., 1753.

Liberal education.

Wife Mary a minister. No issue. *[see Bevan, Mary
(Plumstead), 1751-1813]*

Chemist and druggist of Plough Court, London, Eng.
1794, retired from business. 1796, removed to Stoke Newington.

Elder, then minister. 1800, opposed Hannah Barnard's
visit to the continent. A man of great influence among
Friends of his day. A sober, solid Friend.

Published: Summary of the history, doctrine and discipline of Friends, 1790. Many editions.

Life of James Nayler, 1800.

Thoughts on reason and revelation, 1805.

Reprinted.

The life of the apostle Paul, 1807.

Memoirs of the life of Isaac Penington and of Robert Barclay, 1807.

A brief reply to Catholicus's seasonable address to disciplinarians, 1798. Signed Cryptonymus.

This tract concerns tithes.

An examination of the first part of a pamphlet, called an appeal to the Society of Friends, 1802.

In this (signed Vindex), J. G. B. exposes the omissions in quotations given by Thomas Foster from Penn, Barclay,

WBE:

Additional information:

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BEVAN, Joseph Gurney, 1753-1814. (Page 2)

Fox and Penington. T. F. endeavored to make out that these Friends held unitarian opinions.

Piety promoted, the 10th part, 1810-1838.

Other works.

Nearly lost eyesight.

d. 12 Sept. 1814, Stoke Newington, near London, aged ca. 61.

Jones, Later periods of Qu., 1:308.

Piety Promoted, 11th part, p. 84, Am. ed. p. 68.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:260.

An. Mon., 3:22.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX7795.

Gamble, History of the Bevan family, pp. 41, 136.

Bevan, Extracts, with a memoir of his life, 1821.

Friends biog., v. 14.

BEVAN, Judith Nicholls (1781-1868) born Dillwyn

Judith Nicholls Dillwyn, the daughter of William Dillwyn (1743-1824 qv) and his wife Sarah, born Weston, of Walthamstow, was born at Wapping on 26 August 1781(1). She became in 1831 the second wife of Paul Bevan (1783-1868 qv) of Tottenham, but the marriage was childless(2).

For more than thirty seven years she was a devoted wife to Paul Bevan, who had been a lonely widower for fourteen years. She was a remarkably unselfish and humble woman, very kind to the poor, and her cheerful spirit made her many friends. For many years her sight was impaired and latterly her hearing was affected, but she bore these trials with Christian patience and submission, often speaking of her faith in the love of God.

She appeared to be in her usual health when her husband died in June 1868, but about two weeks after his death she had an attack of apoplexy, from which she never recovered. She died on 27 June 1868 at the age of eighty six(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1869, pp 15-16

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage see BEVAN, Paul (1783-1868)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Tottenham, the widow of Paul

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 22, p 16:
Vol 23, pp 57, 88

BEVAN, Marianna (1837-1921) after 1864 Lean

[Marianna Bevan, daughter of Thomas Bevan (1805?-1847 qv) and his wife Hannah Marishall (born Bennett, 1798-1874 qv) of London, was married in 1864 to William Scarnell Lean (1833-1908 qv) of London and the Flounders Institute.

See LEAN, Marianna (1837-1921) born Bevan]

BEVAN, Mary (1751-1813) born Plumstead

name:

Additional Information:

BEVAN, Mary (Plumstead), 1751-1813.

Mary Bevan, the daughter of Robert and Hannah Plumstead,
was born in London. In ¹⁷⁷⁶ she married Joseph Gurney Bevan
and became a minister in 1784. She 'seldom engaged to utter
many words', and 'was particularly solicitous for the care
of youth.'

She died in 1813 aged 62, having been a minister for 29 years

Testimony of Gracechurch Street M M. in MS Test. vol.5 p.²⁷ ~~24~~

Several references to her in Pan pictures. She had no
children (note by N. Panney ibid p.23)

Piety promoted 1829, p. 41.



BEVAN, Paul (1783-1868)

Paul Bevan, the son of Sylvanus and Mary Bevan of Swansea, was born there on 30 August 1783(1). He was a farmer of Enfield in Middlesex (2) and in 1804 was married to Rebecca Capper of Stoke Newington(3); there were six children(4). Rebecca Bevan died in 1817(5) after thirteen years of marriage and in 1831 he made a second marriage, to Judith Nicholls Dillwyn (1781-1868 qv) of Walthamstow(6), with whose family he had long been intimate; there were no children of the second marriage(7).

Despite the joys and sorrows of his life, it appears that he was not awakened to a true sense of the love of God until he was well past middle age. Nor had he seemed to realise that adherence to the outward practices of a particular sect could take the place of the inward light of the Spirit. But he had always had an interest in the writings of Friends and quite early in his life he began to build up a library. At his death he left a collection of six hundred and twenty three books, made by himself and his cousin Joseph Gurney Bevan (1753-1814 qv). The collection was given to Arthur John Naish (1816-1899 qv), who added about one thousand one hundred and fifty volumes, forming the basis of the Bevan Naish Library at Birmingham; it was housed in a room adjacent to the Bull Street Meeting House(8).

He had been in declining health for many years before his death and was much troubled by the memory of the sins and shortcomings of his youth, but he died at peace at Tottenham on 12 June 1868, at the age of eighty four(9).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1869, pp 8-15

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM 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 Gracechurch Street on 24 October 1804: he is described as farmer of Endfield in Middlesex, the son of Silvanus and Mary Bevan of Swansea, Glamorganshire; she is described as the daughter of Jasper and Ann Capper of Gracechurch Street, London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-
- | | | |
|----------|----------------|--|
| Mary qv | b 18 Sept 1805 | who m 1829 Alfred Waterhouse
(1798-1873 qv) |
| *Joseph | b 1 Oct 1807 | |
| Sylvanus | b 8 May 1808 | who d 22 Feb 1826 |
| *Edward | b 1 Nov 1809 | |
| *William | b 4 Oct 1812 | |
| *Samuel | b 12 May 1816 | |
- *No marriages traced to 1876
- 5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest; she died on 9 November 1817
- 6 The wedding was at Tottenham on 12 May 1831; he is described as a coal merchant of Tottenham in Middlesex, the son of Sylvanus and Mary Bevan of Swansea in the county of Glamorgan; she is described as the daughter of William and Sarah Dillwyn, late of Walthamstow in the county of Essex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 7 No children are recorded in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest or in the Digest of Births
- 8 J Friends Hist Soc vol 2 (1905) pp 91-93 .
- 9 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of Tottenham

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 4, p 39; vol 6, p 105
vol 18, p 14; vol 22, pp 16,17,27; vol 23, pp 57,88

* The Bevan-Maish Library was subsequently deposited at Woodbrooke College

BEVAN, Rebecca (1783? - 1817) born Capper

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Rebecca Bevan was the daughter of Jaspar and Anne Capper
of Stoke Newington.

About the age of 21 she married Paul Bevan, and came to live
in the compass of Tottenham Monthly Meeting.

From her childhood she had been greatly inclined to religion,
and after some years of earnest concern she felt herself called
to ministry. She was recorded as a minister about 1810.

She died on 19 November 1817.

Testimony of Tottenham M.M., 5 February 1818, in Testimonies Vol.5 p.101.

Capper, Rebecca

WBE:

Additional information:

BEVAN, Rebecca (Capper), 1783-1817.

Removed to London; returned to Tottenham.

Illness protracted and severe.

d. Tottenham.

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Friends Biog., 8.

Piety promoted, 1829, p. 189.

WBE:

BEVAN, Silvanus, 1691-1765.

b. 1691, Swansea ? Wales, s. Silvanus and Jane
(Phillips) Bevan.

m., 1715, Elizabeth Quare (d. soon after marriage).

✓see Bevan, Elizabeth (Quare), d. ca. 1716

m. (2nd) Martha Heathcote.

Founder of Plough Court pharmacy; he was the Royal
~~Apothecary~~
Carved portrait medallions, notably one of William
Penn; only likeness done in Penn's time

d. 5 June 1765, Hackney, London, bur. Bunhill Fields,
aged ca. 74.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 22:15-16.

Short journal of G. F., p. 339.

Gamble, History of the Bevan family, pp. 24, 28, 135.

BEVAN, Thomas (1805?-1847)

Thomas Bevan M.D., the son of Rees and Grace Bevan of Swansea, was born about the year 1805(1). He became a member of the Society by conviction while living in Swansea(2), although it is possible that he may have had a remote family connection with the Bevans of Swansea who had a long history of birthright membership.

He became a surgeon at Liverpool Street in London(3) and was married in 1827 to Hannah Marishall Bennett (1798-1874 qv) of London(4); there were seven children(5).

Thomas Bevan M.D. of Finsbury Circus, London, died on 19 April 1847 at the age of forty two(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 42 at death
- 2 J Friends Hist Soc vol 22 (1925) p 17: Dr Bevan Lean of Sidcot writes:- "So far as I know there was no connection between my grandfather Dr Thomas Bevan and the Bevans who were bankers and chemists. My grandfather was a Welshman, of a Swansea family, and joined the Society of Friends in Swansea."
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Gracechurch Street on 15 August 1827: he is described as a surgeon of Liverpool Street, London, the son of Rees and Grace Bevan of Swansea; she is described as the daughter of William and Hannah Bennett of Cheapside (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests and the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Henry Penrose	b 4 May 1828	d 10 May 1829 aged 12 months
*Thomas	b 26 Nov 1829	
*Charles Henry	b 27 Jan 1832	
Robert Eaton	b 25 April 1835	m 1859 Charlotte Hester
Marienna	b 16 Feb 1837	m 1864 William Sarnell Lean (1833-1908 qv)
Joseph Gurney	b 28 Dec 1838	d 27 Nov 1847, aged 8
Walter	b 23 June 1842	d 16 June 1847, aged 5
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a doctor of medicine

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1848, p 27: 2 line entry for death

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 23, pp 83, 90;
vol 45, p 29

WBE:

BEVAN, William, 1627-1701/2.

b. 1627, Swansea, Wales, s. Jenkin and Elizabeth Bevan.

Convinced.

Merchant in Swansea, Wales. Alderman.

m. Priscilla. Issue.

1656, gave a meetinghouse and grounds to Friends.

Imprisoned and put in chains, for using his boat to bring back two Friends who had been banished. Imprisoned for non-payment of church rates and tithes, two years. Fined twice £20 for "holding conventicles."

d. 5 Feb. 1702, Swansea, aged ca. 75.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 22:15.

Besse, 1:439.

Gamble, A history of the Bevan family, pp. 15, 133.

BEVANS, Elizabeth (Quare), d. ca. 1716.

see BEVAN, Elizabeth (Quare), d. ca. 1716.

BEVANS, John (1743?-1809)

John Bevans began business in a small way as a carpenter and advanced to the profession of a builder of some eminence... He was an elder of Peel Meeting and frequently expressed himself with great propriety' (Jenkins).

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.98

WBE:

BEVANS, John, 1773-1836.

b. 1773, Tottenham, London ? Eng.

m. Tabitha

1800, opposed Hannah Barnard's visit to the continent.

Author: A defence of the Christian doctrines of the Society of Friends &c., 1805.

A Brief view of the doctrines of the Christian religion, as professed by the Society of Friends, &c., 1810.

A vindication of the authenticity of the narratives. . . St. Matt. & St. Luke. . . , 1822.

He defended the reputation of Job Scott in
his Defensee. Also published other works.

d. 31 Jan. 1836, London, Eng., aged 63.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:263.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX7616.

WBE:

BEVANS, Thomas Phillips, 1813-1881.

b. 1813, London, Eng., s. James and Sarah Bevans.

His parents went to South Am., but he and his brother remained at Ackworth School.

1825, the brothers followed their parents to South Am. 1838, commenced business in Monte Video as a chemist. 1840, disowned for "marrying out," but cherished no grudge against Friends. In consequence of political unrest, removed to San Francisco, Calif. Studied medicine, and practiced in San Francisco. 1858, retired. 1862, returned to England and rejoined Friends. 1864, returned to San Francisco, and helped start a Friends Mtg., which lasted a few years. Returned to England and settled at Exmouth.

1879, minister.

d. 19 Nov. 1881, Exmouth, Eng., aged 68.

An. Mon., 41(1883):23.

The Friend (London), 21(1881):330.

BEVINGTON, Ann (fl 1748-1767) after 1762 Storrs, born Macdonald

[Ann Macdonald, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced, was married in 1748 to William Bevington (1718-1751 qv). She married secondly in 1762 William Storrs (fl 1762- qv).]

See STORRS, Ann (fl 1748-1767) formerly Bevington, born Macdonald]

BEVINGTON, Elizabeth (1714?-1743) born

Elizabeth Bevington, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced, was born about the year 1714.

When she was about twenty three she received a gift in the ministry. Her ministry tended to excite Friends to seek after the possession and experimental enjoyment of what they professed. She visited several adjacent meetings.

She was married some time prior to 1743 to William Bevington (1718 - 1751 qv) of Eatington in Warwickshire and there was one child, who died in infancy(1).

Elizabeth Bevington died on 11.ii.[April] 1743 and was buried at Eatington(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Brief testimony of Warwickshire QM in TCMD vol 1, p 208

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 For marriage and issue see BEVINGTON, William (1718?-1751)
- 2 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Burials Supplement: she is described as the wife of William

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

BEVINGTON, Elizabeth (1714? - 1743) born

Elizabeth Bevington was born about 1714. Her testimony gives no details. About her 23rd year she became a minister. Her ministry tended to excite Friends to seek after the possession and experimental enjoyment of what they professed. She visited several adjacent meetings. She married William Bevington of Eatinngton, Warwickshire (1) She died on 11.ii [April] 1743, and was buried at Eatinngton 13.ii [April] (2)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

Brief testimony of Warwickshire QM, in TQMD vol.1 p.208

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1. Not in Warwick Leicestershire & Rutland QM Marriages Digest
2. Not in Warwick Leicestershire & Rutland QM Burials Digest

BEVINGTON, Elizabeth (1738-1813) born Portsmouth

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Elizabeth Portsmouth, the daughter of Henry Portsmouth (1703?-1780 qv) and his wife Rachel (born Applegarth, 1709-1786 qv) of Basingstoke in Hampshire, was born there on 10.v.[July] 1738(1).

She became in 1761 the second wife of Samuel Bevington (1733?-1800 qv), a citizen and tin plate worker of London and there were nine children(2).

On her marriage she became a member of Gracechurch Street Meeting and was recorded a minister in 1771. She subsequently spoke in many meetings all over Great Britain. In her own meeting she was generally beloved for her propriety of action, her clear distinct utterance and musically sweet voice. James Jenkins (1753?-1851 qv) records some absence of cordial fellowship between her and the Meeting of Ministers and Elders(3).

In 1801 she moved to Reading, where she died on 4 December 1813, at the age of seventy five(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Reading & Warborough MM in TCMD vol 5, p 21

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: her father is described as an apothecary
- 2 For marriage and children see BEVINGTON, Samuel (1733?-1800)
- 3 Records of James Jenkins, p 499
- 4 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Samuel of London

SEE ALSO:-

Emma Gibbins: Records of the Gibbins Family, 1911
J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 26

BEVINGTON, Hannah (1727-1791) born Freeth

Hannah Freeth, the daughter of Joseph Freeth (1689-1742 qv) and his wife Ann (born Enock, fl 1723-1727 qv) of Trinity parish, Coventry, was born on 2.iv.[June] 1727(1).

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BEVINGTON, Elizabeth (1758-1813) born Portsmouth

Elizabeth Bevington was a daughter of Dr Henry Portsmouth of Basingstoke, Hants, and the second wife of Samuel Bevington (d.1800) of London, who was a native of Ealington in Warwickshire. During many years she was one of the ministers of Gracechurch Street Meeting and generally beloved - propriety of action, clear distinct utterance and voice musically sweet. J. Jenkins, from whom the above has been obtained, records some absence of cordial fellowship between the Meeting of Ministers & Elders and her.

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

In 1803 she moved to Reading, where she died in 1813 at the age of 75 having been a minister for 42 years.

Testimony of Reading & Warborough MM; in MS Test. vol.5 p.21

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MS. Add. 11613, folio 109

BEVINGTON, John (1691-1755)

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John Bevington, the son of William Bevington (-) and his wife Mary (born Stanley, -1694) of Warwickshire South Monthly Meeting, was born on 21.vii. (November) 1691(1).

He became a yeoman at Upper Bevington in Warwickshire(2) and was married firstly in 1713 to Sarah Burborough (-1738 qv) of Aynho in Northamptonshire(3); there were seven children(4). He made a second marriage on 17.i. (May) 1747(5).

BEVINGTON, Hannah (1727-1791) born Freeth

walk in the paths of Virtue and Righteousness." He received a gift in the ministry about the year 1716 and travelled quite extensively throughout England.

Hannah Freeth was born on 2.iv. [June] 1727 in Trinity parish, Coventry, the daughter of Joseph and Ann Freeth of Coventry (1).

In 1749/50 she married Timothy Bevington (1726-1802, qv) of Worcester (2). About 1757 she became a minister. She travelled much in the ministry. In 1768 she visited families in Warwickshire (3). In 1779 she visited Friends' families in Bristol, with Sarah Stephenson, and in 1784 she visited Ireland with the same Friend.

She died on 16 March 1791 and was interred in Friends Burial Ground, Worcester, 20 March (4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE *South MM in TCMD vol. 1, p. 419*, printed in *Testimony of Worcester MM in TCMD vol. 3 p. 424*

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Warwicks, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest
- 2 For details of her marriage and children
see BEVINGTON, Timothy (1726-1802)
- 3 S. Stansfield, *Memoirs of Ruth Follows &c*, 1829, p.62
- 4 Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Burials Digest

2 As is so described in his marriage on note 3
3 The wedding was at Adderbury in Oxfordshire on 19.viii. [October] 1713;

she is described as a yeoman of Upper Bevington, Warwickshire; she is the daughter of

Memoirs of the life, and travels, in the service of the gospel, of Sarah Stephenson (London 1807) pp.38, 72-98

4 Listed in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest 1696-1836, and Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Mary	b 17 xii 1715 [i.e. Feb 1715/6]	d 10 ix [Nov] 1748
William qv	b 11 iv [June] 1718	n {1} Elizabeth (2) 1748 Ann Macdonald (3) 1748-1767 qv)
John	b 21 iv [June] 1721	n {1} Elizabeth Willis (2) 1749 Martha Bright
Jeffrey	b 12 xi 1723 [i.e. Jan 1723/4]	n {1} 1745 Sarah Hills (2) 1754 Bridget Davis
Samuel qv	b 22 iv [June] 1723 (sic)n	{1} 1757 Mary Sarah (2) 1761 Elizabeth Farnborough (1758-1813 qv) (Donet & Burns qv)
Timothy	b 7 ix [Nov] 1726	n 1749/50 Hannah Frank
Sarah	b 4 xii 1727 [i.e. Feb 1729/30]	n 1756 George Beckett

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 Additional information regarding the marriages of these children is taken from Records of the Gibbins Family, loc cit, which also gives the year of birth of Samuel as 1733; this seems more likely than the date given in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Supplement
- 5 No details of this marriage are given in Records of the Gibbins Family, loc cit, and it is not traced in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest
- 6 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Burials Supplement 1, 1636-1836: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 2, p 113; vol 10, p 250; vol 12, p 180

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Addit. MS. 10000 v. 1 p. 1193
BEVINGTON, John (1691-1755)

BEVINGTON, John, 1691-1755.

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Painful illness. d. Upper Bevington.

John Bevington, the son of William Bevington, was born on 21.ix [November] 1691 (1). As a young man he 'was prevailed upon to turn his Back upon Folly, and walk in the paths of Virtue and Righteousness.' He became a Minister about the year 1716, and travelled not a little throughout the Nation. In 1749, with John Lewis, he visited Scotland and held several Meetings. He also visited Ireland.

As head of a large family of children and servants, he kept open house for Friends, and was a constant and zealous attender at meetings both for worship and for discipline, and a promoter of opportunities of Retirement in his own Family and others.

'As to his Publick Testimony it was sound and edifying, which rendered him very near and valuable to many, and well approved amongst us.'

John Bevington died 16 December 1755, aged sixty four years, having been a Minister nearly forty years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Warwick South MM. in TCMD vol.1 p.419, printed in 'A collection of testimonies', 1760, p.309

REFERENCES AND NOTES

John Smith's MSS. v.1193.

- 1 Warwick, Leicester and Rutland QM Births Digest (Supplement)

BEVINGTON, Kitty (1779-1808) born Newman

Kitty Newman, the daughter of Thomas Newman (1734-1815 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Wilkins, 1738-1789 qv) of Worcester, was born there on 24 April 1779(1).

She was married in 1807 to Timothy Bevington (1778-1856 qv), a merchant of London and there was one child, who died in infancy(2).

Kitty Bevington died on 19 September 1808, at the age of twenty nine(3), shortly after the birth of her daughter.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given, but he is described as a glover in the birth entry for her brother Henry
- 2 For marriage and issue see BEVINGTON, Timothy (1778-1856)
- 3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Timothy

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

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BEVINGTON, Martha (1759?-1827) after 1778 Gibbins

[Martha Bevington, daughter of John and Martha Bevington
of Eatington, was married in 1778 to Joseph Gibbins
(1756-1811 qv).]

See GIBBINS, Martha (1759?-1827) born Bevington]

BEVINGTON, Mary (1729-1758) born Marsh

Mary Marsh, the daughter of Richard Marsh (-) and his wife Elizabeth (born) of Folkstone in Kent, was born there on 8.iv.[June] 1729(1).

She was married in 1757 to Samuel Bevington (1733?-1800 qe), a citizen and tin plate worker of London, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

Mary Bevington of Lombard Street, London died on 12 April 1758 and was buried at Folkstone(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Kent QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage see BEVINGTON, Samuel (1733?-1800)
- 3 Kent QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Samuel and daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Marsh

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

BEVINGTON, Mary (1749-1812) after 1774 Storrs

[Mary Bevington, daughter of William Bevington (1718-1751 qv)
and his second wife Ann (born Macdonald, fl 1748-1767 qv),
was married in 1774 to Joseph Storrs (1742-1824 qv).]

See STORRS, Mary (1749-1812) born Bevington]

BEVINGTON, Rachel (1771-1827) after 1803 Harris

[Rachel Bevington, daughter of Samuel (1733-1800)
and Elizabeth (born Portsmouth, 1738-1813 qv) Beving-
ton of Gracechurch Street, London, was married in
1803 to John Harris (1767?-1851) of Reading.

see HARRIS, Rachel (1771-1827) born Bevington]

BEVINGTON, Samuel (1733?-1800)

Samuel Bevington, the son of John and Sarah Bevington of Eatinngton in Warwickshire, was born about the year 1733(1).

He became a citizen and tin plate worker of London(2) and was married firstly in 1757 to Mary Marsh (1729-1758 qv) of Folkstone in Kent(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4). He married secondly in 1761 Elizabeth Portsmouth (1738-1813 qv) of Basingstoke in Hampshire(5) and there were nine children(6).

Samuel Bevington of Gracechurch Street, Middlesex, died on 1 January 1800, at the age of sixty seven(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 67 at death. His birth is not traced in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in the entry for his second marriage, note 5
- 3 The marriage is not traced in Kent QM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests
Samuel Bevington was a member of Devonshire House MM. In Devonshire House MM minutes (vol 7) 1747-1760, p 570 it is minuted that Samuel Bevington 'citizen and Tinplate worker of London, son of John Bevington of Eatinngton in the county of Warwick, maltster, & Sarah his wife, both deceased, proposed to this meeting his intention of marriage with Mary Marsh, daughter of Richard Marsh of Folkston in Kent, maltster, & Elizabeth his wife . . . ' There is nothing in the Devonshire House MM minutes for the following months to indicate that the marriage took place.
- 4 No children arevtraced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest
- 5 The wedding was at Basingstoke on 12 March 1761: he is described as a citizen and tin plate worker of Lombard Street, London, the son of John and Sarah Bevington of Eatinngton in the county of Warwick; she is described as the daughter of Henry and Rachel of Basingstoke in Hampshire (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 6 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

*Richard	b 27 April 1763	
Mary	b 13 March 1770	m 1800 Henry Newman
Rachel	b 1 May 1771	m 1803 John Harris (1767?-1851 qv)
Samuel	b 9 June 1772	m 1801 Eliza Buckingham
Elizabeth	b 4 Sept 1774	m 1807 John Gulson
*Henry	b 26 July 1777	
*Timothy	b 16 Aug 1778	
- *No marriages traced in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest to 1837 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest also gives the following:-

Sarah	d 3 July 1766, aged 2 weeks
Samuel	d 21 March 1768, aged 3 weeks
- 7 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 26n

BEVINGTON, Sarah (-1738) born Burborough

Sarah Burborough, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced(1), was married in 1713 to John Bevington (1691-1755 qv), a yeoman of Upper Eatington in Warwickshire; there were seven children(2).

Sarah Bevington died on 2.iii.[May] 1738(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her age at death is not given. Her birth is not traced in Northants QM or in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digests, although in the latter Digest there are a number of entries who appear to be siblings. She was probably the daughter of Timothy and Sarah of Aynho
- 2 For marriage and children see BEVINGTON, John (1691-1755)
In the marriage entry her name appears as Burberow, but it is given as Burborough in Records of the Gibbins Family, Birmingham 1911, Table 1
- 3 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Burials Supplement 1, 1636-1836: she is described as the wife of John

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

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BEVINGTON, Timothy (1726-1802)

Timothy Bevington, the son of John Bevington (-) and his wife Sarah (born) of Eatington in Warwickshire, was born there on 7.ix.[November] 1726(1).

He became a glover at Worcester(2) and was married in 1749/50 to Hannah Freeth (1727-1791 qv) of Coventry(3); there were eight children, many of whom died in infancy(4). He was prosperous in trade, although much reduced financially in his later days(5).

About 1766 he received a gift in the ministry(6). He attended the Western Counties Circular Yearly Meeting at Exeter in 1762(7) and at Launceston in 1778(8) and probably on other occasions. He appeared in the ministry at the marriage of James Jenkins (1753?-1851 qv) in 1780(9).

Timothy Bevington of Forgate Street, Worcester died on 24 April 1802, at the age of seventy eight(10).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Supp 1: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Harbury on 14.i.[March] 1749/50: he is described as a glover of Worcester, the son of John and Sarah Bevington of Eatington in the county of Warwick; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Ann Freeth of Coventry (Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Joseph	b 28 xii 1750 [i.e. Feb 1750/1]	d 9 July 1771
Hannah	b 9 May 1752	buried 9 June 1752
Ann	b 9 May 1752	buried 31 May 1752
Timothy	b 18 July 1754	d 23 Nov 1757
Hannah	b 17 July 1755	d 2 June 1756
Ann	b 13 July 1757	d 8 Dec 1759
George	b 26 Dec 1762	d 12 Oct 1781
*Hannah	b 1 Jan 1769	
- *No marriage traced in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest
- 5 'I knew and loved him during many years, when he was considered as our Bishop of Worcester, prosperous in the trade of a glover, and generally supposed to be rich. But his last days were embittered by the disastrous consequence of a large speculation in land, which I am afraid swept away nearly the whole of his property, and that the vexation arising therefrom, sent him prematurely to the grave.' (James Jenkins, Records and Recollections, MS in Friends House Library and typescript, p 571)
- 6 TCMD vol 4, p 169, in a brief obituary notice, describes him as a minister for about 36 years
- 7 He also attended Somerset QM on this occasion, staying at the house of the Weres at Wellington (J.H.Fox, The woollen manufacturers at Wellington, Somerset, 1914, pp 16-7)
- 8 James Jenkins, op cit, p 143
- 9 James Jenkins, op cit, p 175
- 10 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: he is described as a glover

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SEE ALSO:-

Samuel Stansfield, Memoirs of Ruth Follows, 1829, pp 109, 110
J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 48: note by Norman Penney
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 7, p 10x

in 1785

N.B. ~~There is an unverified reference to Timothy Bevington, who went~~
with John Burlingham (possibly 1753-1826 qv) to Croydon on London on
business and visited Frederick Smith (1757-1823 qv) and his wife.
Timothy Bevington prophesied that Frederick Smith's wife, who was
violently opposed to Friends, "would be given to him." This was
fulfilled later. The reference may refer to the subject of this
entry, but ~~on the other hand~~ Frederick Smith did not go to Croydon
~~until later~~ could possibly be Timothy Bevington (1761-1839). See
"Memoirs of Frederick Smith" in Thomas Chalk (ed), Auto-biographical
narrations, 1848, pp 203, 210

BEVINGTON, Timothy (1726-1802)

Timothy Bevington was born 7.ix[Nov] 1726, the son of John and Sarah Bevington of Eatington, Warwickshire (1). He was a glover and lived at Foregate Street, Worcester (2). He married on 14.i[March] 1749/50 Hannah Freeth, daughter of Joseph and Ann Freeth of Coventry, at Harbury (3).

About 1766 he became a minister. He attended the Western Counties' Circular YM at Exeter in 1762 (4), and at Launceston in 1778 (5), and probably on many other occasions. He ministered at the wedding of James Jenkins in 1780 (6).

He died on 24 April 1802, aged 75 $\frac{1}{2}$, and was interred at Friends Burial ground Worcester 30 April (7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

- 4 Record of death, in TCMD vol. 7 p.169

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1. Warwicks, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest Supp.
Warwicks, Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest
2. Hereford, Worcs & Wales QM Burials Digest
3. Warwicks, Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest
see under BEVINGTON, Hannah (1727-1791) born Freeth, for details of wife and children
4. He also attended Somerset QM and stayed at the house of the Weres of Wellington, on this occasion.
- J.H.Fox: The Woollen manufacture at Wellington, Somerset
(London 1914) pp.16-17 092.9 FOX/FIX 91
5. F.G.Cash: Records of James Jenkins (reprinted from Friends.Quart.
Exam) p.483 092.9 JEM/CAS 91
6. ibid. p.495
7. Hereford Worcs & Wales QM Burials Digest

SEE ALSO :

Thomas Chalk: Autobiographical narrations &c (London 1848) pp.203,210 092.1 91

Samuel Stansfield: Memoirs of Ruth Follows, &c. (Liverpool 1829)
pp.109, 110 092.4 TOL/STN 91

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BEVINGTON, Timothy (1727?-1802)

Timothy Bevington of Worcester married Hannah, daughter of Joseph and Ann Fresh of Coventry in 1750. (She was born in 1727 and died in 1791). He was prosperous in the trade of a glover, but was much reduced financially in his later days.

Jenkins: "records
J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 7, 10

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

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Additional information (if this is the same Timothy Bevington
as in London):

BEVINGTON, Timothy:

Came on business with John Burlingham to Croyden,
and visited Fredrick Smith and his wife. T. B. prophesied
that F. S.'s wife, who was violently opposed to Friends
"would be given to him." This was fulfilled in time.

⟨no references given⟩

BEVINGTON, Timothy (1778-1858)

Timothy Bevington, the son of Samuel Bevington (1733?-1800 qv) and his second wife Elizabeth (born Portsmouth, 1738-1813 qv) of Gracechurch Street, London, was born there on 16 August 1778(1).

He became a merchant in London(2) and was married in 1807 to Kitty Newman (1779-1808 qv) of Worcester(3); there was one child, who died in infancy(4). He did not apparently make a second marriage(5).

Timothy Bevington of Camberwell died on 6 January 1858, at the age of seventy nine(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 Worcester on 1 October 1807: he is described as a merchant of Gracechurch Street in the city of London, the son of Samuel Bevington (deceased) and Elizabeth his wife, late of Gracechurch Street in the city of London; she is described as the daughter of Thomas Newman and Sarah his wife (deceased) of the city of Worcester
(Hereford, Worcester & Wales CM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-
Maria b 8 Sept 1808 d 13 April 1809, aged 7 months
- 5 No second marriage is traced in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest nor in the Digest of Marriages to 1850
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a merchant

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1859, p 11: 2 line entry for death

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

BEVINGTON, William (1718-1751)

William Bevington, the son of John Bevington (1691-1755 qv) and his first wife Sarah (born Burborough, -1738 qv) of Eatington in Warwickshire, was born on 11.iv.[June] 1718(1).

He was married some time prior to 1743 to Elizabeth (1714?-1743 qv) (2) and there was one child, who died in infancy(3). He married secondly in 1748 Ann Macdonald (fl 1748-1767 qv) of Coventry(4) and there was one child(5).

William Bevington died on 4.vii.[September] 1751, at the age of thirty three(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Supp 1: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales*
- 3 Listed in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-
Sarah b 8 ii [April] 1743 d 25 ii [April] 1743
- 4 The wedding was at Coventry on 21.iv.[June] 1748: he is described as the son of John Bevington of Eatington in the county of Warwick; she is described as of Coventry. No further details are given
(Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Supp 1 and in Marriages Supp 1 as follows:-
Mary b 28 vii [Sept] 1749 m 1774 Joseph Storrs (1742-1824 qv)
- 6 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

*The first marriage is omitted from Records of the Gibbins Family.
Birmingham 1911, Table 1

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