

BOWEN, Simon Maw (1772-1852)

Simon Maw Bowen, the son of John and Mary Bowen, was born about the year 1772.(1) Little is known of his early history, but his sister described him as being of a thoughtful and religious disposition as a child and, although his parents were not members of the Society and wished him to attend the Episcopal church, he was associated with Friends during his adolescence. His first apprenticeship was with an uncle at Woodbridge in Suffolk, who was a Friend, and on the death of this uncle the apprenticeship was transferred to another Friend. At this point Simon Maw Bowen began to attend Friends' meetings. On leaving Woodbridge he settled at Gainsborough, where he became a grocer. He carried on his business with a strict regard for Christian principles and prospered so well as to obtain a comfortable living for himself and his family and provision for his old age. It was his practice to close his shop during the time of week-day meeting for worship and to encourage his assistants to attend.

About the year 1793 he was received into membership with Friends and in 1797 he married Ann Hopkins(2); there were four children of the marriage(3), but three of them died on reaching an age when they could be a help and comfort to their parents. His wife died in 1835.(4)

He took a keen interest in many causes for the promotion of the welfare of his fellows, played an active part in the anti-slavery campaign and was an early distributor of religious tracts. He was an elder of his meeting and was diligent in the maintenance of the discipline. He was also generous in hospitality, kept open house for all who travelled in the ministry or laboured in the service of the Gospel and always willingly assisted in the arrangement of meetings for those not professing with Friends.

He died aged eighty on 9 July 1852(5), after a long period of ill-health following an attack of cholera, having survived his wife by seventeen years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1853 pp.36-39

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 80 at death
- 2 The wedding was at Brigg in Lincolnshire on 10 February 1797; he is described as a grocer, the son of John and Mary Bowen, she as the daughter of David and Mary Hopkins of Brandyear near Brigg (Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Lincolnshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Jonathan Hopkins qv	b 24 November 1798	d 7 October 1826
Mary	b 28 March 1800	
John	b 31 July 1801	d 22 March 1829
Abigail	b 20 December 1804	d 9 September 1821
- 4 Lincolnshire QM Burials Digest: she died on 2 May 1835
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he died on 9 July 1852; no description of him is given

BOWER, Lydia (1755?-1813) after 1778 Stansfield

[Lydia Bower, daughter of Jonathan and Margaret Bower of Chesterfield in Derbyshire, was married in 1778 to John Stansfield (1744-1803 qv) of Sheffield in Yorkshire.

See STANSFIELD, Lydia (1755?-1813) born Bower ]

BOWERMAN, Deborah (1804-1892) born Mullett

Deborah Mullett, the daughter of William Mallett (1769?-1865 qv) and his wife Mary (born Clothier, 1775- qv) of Frampton Cotterell in Gloucestershire, was born there on 29 November 1804(1). She was educated at Sidcot School from 1816 to 1818(2).

Her parents emigrated to Canada in 1821, with their eleven children, nearly all of whom remained faithful to the Society of Friends.

She was married to Vincent Bowerman (1791-1885 qv)(3).

She was a member and an elder of West Lake Monthly Meeting (smaller body)\* and was a firm believer in the ancient principles professed by the Society. She was a regular attender at meetings, but for a number of years preceding her death she was confined to her home by ill health.

Deborah Bowerman died at the home of her son-in-law Levi Bowerman on 27 October 1892, at the age of eighty seven years and seven months.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend (Phila.) vol 66 (1893) p 320

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given, but in an entry for a sibling he is described as a farmer
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 143
- 3 The Friend (Phila.) loc cit

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

\*There was a separation in West Lake Monthly Meeting in 1861 and the conservative Friends became known as the smaller body

See Arthur G. Dorland, A History of the Society of Friends in Canada, 1927, pp 245-250

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BOWERMAN, Lydia, 1851-1904.

SEE BLAIR, Lydia, nee BOWERMAN, 1851-1904.

BOWERMAN, Vincent (1791-1885)

Vincent Bowerman, the son of Thomas and Sarah Bowerman of West Lake in Canada, was born there on 21 May 1791. His mother died shortly after his birth and he was left for a time to the care of neighbours.

He belonged since its inception in 1821 to West Lake Monthly Meeting,\* of which he became an elder, and was a regular attender until prevented by age and infirmity. Two separations occurred within the monthly meeting while he was a member, but he and his family remained faithful to the authority of New York Yearly Meeting and in the separation of 1881 he continued to adhere to the conservative minority.\*\* He never expressed any doubt as to the rightness of the course he was pursuing.

On his last attendance at meeting a Friend next to him offered him his hand to close the meeting, but he remained quiet. A Friend arose and delivered a weighty communication, showing that Vincent Bowerman was still sensitive to the spirit of the meeting, even at an advanced age.

He married Deborah Mullett (1804-1892 qv).

Vincent Bowerman died on 2 June 1885, at the age of ninety three years and eight months.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend (Phila.) vol 59 (1885) p 40

\*The Friend (Phila.) loc cit describes him as a birthright member of West Lake MM, but this monthly meeting was not established until 1821 - see Arthur G. Dorland, A History of the Society of Friends (Quakers) in Canada, 1927, pp 40

\*\*See Dorland, op cit, pp 245-150

BOWES, Edgar ( 1885 - 1975 )

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BOWES, John Edgar [ Longstaff ] ( 1885 - 1975 )

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BOWES, James (1854?-1925)

James Bowes died on 28 May 1925. He was Secretary of the Bessbrook Spinning Company. He had lived in Ireland more than fifty years, though of English birth. A native of Sunderland, as a young man he took up service in the office of the Bessbrook Spinning Company, rising to positions of influence and responsibility. A member of the Society of Friends, he was long an active helper in the Friends' Sunday School. He also worked for the Y.M.C.A. He contributed liberally to furtherance of healthy recreation for young people. He was chairman of the committee of the Bessbrook Institute, and president of the Bessbrook Amateur Football League and supported the Boy Scout Movement, cricket and bowling clubs. He was a member of the Committee of Management of the Newry General Hospital and of the Council of the Newry Chamber of Commerce and secretary of the Camlough Water Trustees.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend vol.65 (1925) p. 539

WBE:

BOWES, James, ca. 1854-1925.

b. ca. 1854, Sunderland, Durham, Eng.

ca. 1875, came to Ire., and found employment with  
the Bessbrook Spinning Co. Rose to secretaryship.

m. Two sons.

Elder. Active in Bible School, Y. M. C. A., and in  
associations for promoting manly sports.

m. (2d) A daughter.

d. 28 May 1925, Bessbrook, Co. Armagh, Ire., aged 71.

The Friend (London), 65(1925):522, 539 (portrait).

Edgar Bowes was born on November 25, 1885, at Darlington, the son of John Bowes, and attended the Wesleyan school there.

He joined the Society of Friends at Pontefract (1) and then trained in his spare time at Selly Oak (at Kingsmead College) as a Friend Missionary.(2) He returned to Barnsley in Yorkshire before offering his services in 1909 to the Pemba Industrial Mission, run by the Anti-Slavery Committee of Meeting for Sufferings. The Mission had been set up about twelve years earlier to show how plantations could be run with free labour and to help the manumitted slaves (about half the population) to become useful citizens. He remained there until in 1918 an attack of blackwater fever made it impossible for him to continue and he returned home, after spending some time in Kaimosi and Kisumu, learning a good deal about the work being done there by American Friends.

He had married in 1916 Elizabeth Norton (3) who had trained at Kingsmead and in mid-wifery in E. London and she had joined him in Pemba. There were three children of the marriage, the third, a boy being born after his return to England.(4)

In the early twenties Edgar Bowes spent two years (1920 - 1922) as full time 'Home Mission Worker' for Kent Q.M.(5), before returning to the North East and to the grocery trade in which he had originally been trained. There he settled in Sunderland (6) and became a meticulous clerk, first of Newcastle M.M. (7) and then of Leeds M.M.(8). He was a devoted Friend and also an active member of the Adult School Union, at one time President of the N.East area, while in the late 1930's he was involved in establishing branches in the region of the Peace Pledge Union and of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. In 1940 the family moved to Rawdon, in Yorkshire (9) and there he also took part in local government, as secretary of the Aireborough Labour Party and also as chairman of the local council and as a county councillor. He remained there until the mid fifties, when having retired he moved to Swarthmoor, Gerrards Cross,(10), where he stayed until about 1967, when he moved to the Bernhard Baron Cottage Homes at Polegate,(11) There, he continued to support the local and monthly meetings in as many ways as possible and although in ill-health retaining his interest in the F.O.R. and other groups. From the date of his retirement he also served the Society of Friends on many central committees.(12)

He died on August 18, 1975, only a few months short of his 90th birthday.

Principal Sources:

The Friend Vol 133 (1975) p. 1173

Testimony Lewes M.M.

Y.M.Proc. 1977 p.

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BOWES, John Edgar [Longstaff] (1885 - 1975) *X* continued.

REFERENCES AND NOTES.

1. This information is obtained from the 'Testimony' referred to above, but no date for this has yet been traced.(1977)
2. Warwick, Leicester & Stafford QM printed lists of members 1906 & 1907 show him as a member of Selly Oak Meeting.
3. Yorkshire QM printed lists of members for 1909 record him as a member of Barnsley and in 1910 as a member of Barnsley living in Pemba.  
also. Marriage Notice- The Friend 1916 Vol 56. p. 36  
The marriage took place at Barnsley FMH on January 12, 1916. He is described as of Middlesborough, she as Elizabeth (Lizzie ) Norton, daughter of Arthur Samuel Norton, of Barnsley.
4. Durham QM printed list of members for 1924 record the children as follows:-  

twins	{ Margaret Elizabeth aged	6 yrs.
	{ Eveline Irene "	6
	Arthur Geoffrey "	1 yr.

according to the 'Testimony' quoted above the twins were born in 1917 in Zanzibar, and Geoffrey in 1922.
5. The obituary in The Friend records that he worked as 'Extension Secretary', but the printed lists of members for Kent QM for 1920 and 1921 contain no record of this, so I have preferred the statement in the 'Testimony' that he was a 'Home Mission Worker' whose name would not appear in the lists.
6. Durham QM printed list of members for 1924 records them as members of Sunderland meeting.
7. 'obituary' - no confirmation of this statement has been traced.(1977).
- 8/9. The Yorkshire QM printed lists of members for 1941 - 44 record the family as resident at Rawdon. The list for 1947 records Edgar Bowes alone. The lists also record him as asst. clerk Leeds MM in 1947 and as clerk from 1950 - 1953.
10. Bedfordshire QM printed list of members for 1959 records him as member of Gerrards Cross meeting at Swarthmoor.
11. Lewes & Chichester MM printed lists of members for 1967/8 and onwards record him at Polegate, first under Herstmonceux and then under Eastbourne meeting.
12. The Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library records his membership of Committees as follows:-  
 Meeting for Sufferings: rep Yorkshire QM 1952/3 - 1958/9.  
 Bedfordshire QM 1959/60 - 1966/7.  
 rep. Lewes & Chichester MM 1967 - 1970.  
 Industrial & Social Order Cttee. 1955/6 - 1957.  
 F.S.C. 1957 - 1958/9. Home Service Committee Co-opted 1921 - 1923.  
 Slavery & Native Races Cttee  
 afterwards Race Relations Cttee. 1954 - 1964  
 World Affairs Committee.

BOWETER, John (1629?-1704/5)

see BOWATER, John (1629?-1704/5)

BOWETER, JOHN, ca. 1629-1704.

see BOWATER, John, ca. 1629-1704.

BOWING, Elizabeth (1665?-1753) formerly Appleyard, born

E/      Elizabeth Bowing was born in the county of Suffolk, and convinced of Truth in the early part of her life. She married a Friend whose name was                  Appleyard (1), a practitioner in physick, who died within a few months.

As Elizabeth Appleyard she devoted herself to the work of the Meeting, and as a Minister visited many parts of England as well as Ireland and Holland.

In the year 1711 she married Edward Bowing, a Friend and a shopkeeper at Boreham, Essex, where they were both constant attenders at meetings, "and remarkably exemplary for their exact Observation of the Time appointed."

After Edward's death, about the year 1746, Elizabeth Bowing removed to Chelmsford, where she died 25 June 1753, about eighty eight years old.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE:-

Testimony of Essex QM in TCMD, vol.1 p.381, printed in A Collection of Testimonies, 1760, p.279

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- 1    No entry traced in Essex QM or Suffolk QM Marriage Digest.  
      No burial of Appleyard traced in Essex QM or Suffolk QM Burial Digest

WBE:

Additional information:

BOWING, Elizabeth Appleyard ( ), ca. 1665-1753.

Had a readiness of utterance.

bur. Chelmsford.

John Smith's ms., 1:201.

BOWLES, Abigail (1685?-1752) aftw. Watson

[Abigail Bowles was married to Samuel Watson  
of Killconner in Ireland

see WATSON, Abigail (Bowles), ca. 1684-1752.

see WATSON, Abigail (1685?-1752) born Bowles]

No details of George Bowles's birth appear in TCMD. He was the son of Henry Bowles of Hemel Hempstead, Herts, and became a shoemaker in London. (1) He was convinced, in London, about viii./Oct./1681. He subsequently became a minister and an elder.

He married, i.ix./Nov./1688, at Peel, Susanna Hurd, daughter of Thomas Hurd of Somerton, Somerset. (2)

'His Doctrine was sound, instructive, very solid & Heart searching; free from affectation...' and he ministered in various parts of England. He was very serviceable in meetings for discipline in which 'he was zealously concerned that the Church might be cleansed from all that would eclipse the lustre & Glory of the true Gospel brightness and that all who professed the holy Truth might live in a sense thereof...' He wrote two treatises: A faithful warning to all those who profess the light of Christ to be their guide; and yet walk contrary to it (London 1710); A tender exhortation in the love of Christ, to the youth among the people called Quakers: &c (London 1720). (3)

For the last 17 years of his life he lived within the compass of Hungerhill (aftw. Upperside) MM. For the last 2 years of his life he was much confined at home by 'great pains in his Limbs' and found it difficult to walk to meeting. For this reason he removed from his residence at Giles Chalfont to Thomas Olliff's at Wycombe. About 6 months later he died, 18.xi.1721 /i.e. Jan. 1721/2/, and was interred at Friends Burial Ground, New Jordans, 22.xi./Jan./. (4)

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Hungerhill [aftw. Upperside] MM in TCMD vol.2 p.74

#### NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 London & Middx QM Marriages digest
- 2 ibid. His residence is given as 'Andrews, Holborn' Susanna Hurd's residence is given as 'Clements Danes', she is described as 'widow' and Thomas Hurd is given as parent. There is no trace of any previous marriage, either of a Susanna Hurd or of a Hurd to a lady whose first name is Susanna, in Bristol & Som. QM Marriages digest or in London & Middx. QM Marriage digest.

A Susanna Hurd, daughter of Thomas and Joane, of Somerton, was

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BOWLES, George ( -1721/2) contd.

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born 16.xi.1653 [*i.e.* Jan. 1653/4]. Susanna Bowles died  
13.i.1720 [*i.e.* March 1720/1 (post. March 1720)]

- Bristol & Somerset Q.M. Births digest

Bucks Q.M. Burials digest

No children are recorded in London & Middx Q.M. Births digest

- 3 J. Smith, A descriptive catalogue of Friends' books &c  
(London 1867) vol.1 p.307

He also wrote a testimony concerning Thomas Ellwood, printed  
in The history of the life of Thomas Ellwood &c (London 1714)  
pp. [ix]-[xvi]

- 4 Bucks Q.M. Burials digest. 'Died at Wickham'.

SEE ALSO

Piety promoted (1854 ed.) vol.2 p.353

S. Graveson (ed.) The history of the life of Thomas Ellwood &c  
(London 1906) p.340

WBE:

Additional information:

BOWLES, George, -1721.

Though not a man of much human learning, yet he had divine gifts.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:307.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7614.

BOWLES, Gilbert (1869-1960)

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'Gilbert Bowles, who died at his home in Honolulu on September 10, (1960), spent most of his long and dedicated life in service with and for the Japanese people. He was born in Iowa in 1869. As a young man he taught in Kansas public school, in the Tunesassa Friends' Indian School and in Penn College. In 1893 he married Minnie Pickett, elder sister of Clarence Pickett; she had already served for a few years in the Japan Mission. They went out in 1901 to Tokyo as representatives of Philadelphia Friends and served there till 1941. Japanese Friends, writing at that time on behalf of their Yearly Meeting, described Gilbert Bowles as a cultural ambassador, one of the promoters of the tuberculosis prevention movement in Japan, of the temperance and purity movements, of work for the blind, and one of the foremost of those who founded the School of Japanese Language and Culture. The peace movement which he established and fostered till it developed into a national movement was, they considered, his real life work.

'After their retirement Gilbert and Minnie Bowles lived for nearly twenty years in Honolulu, still in the service of their Japanese Friends. So highly did the Japanese community value this service that in gratitude they raised the money needed to send them back for a final three months' visit to Japan...'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol. 118 (1960) p.1324

WBE:

3

BOWLES, Gilbert, 1869-~~1960~~.

b. 16 Oct. 1869, Guthrie Co., Iowa? s. Ephraim and Elizabeth Bowles.

Kansas.

Went with "Gurney" Friends.

Author: The peace movement in Japan, 1944.

Letters on a visit to Japan, 1947.

WBE gives part of this information on each of two sheets. 7

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX7716.

See also Elliott, F. T. *Quarterly files from the Am. West.*

BOWLES, Jane (1770?- ) born Shipley

Jane Shipley, the daughter of Thomas Shipley (1733-1794 qv) and his wife Jane, born Dearman (1734-1814 qv) of Uttoxeter and later of Zeals in Wiltshire, was born about the year 1770(1). She was married to Charles Bowles of Shaftesbury(2), but the marriage was childless(3).

The date of her death is unknown(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 H.W. Atkinson, The Families of Atkinson . . and Dearman . ., 1933, p 284 and Annals of Smith of Cantley 1878, p 227. There is no entry in Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest
- 2 H.W. Atkinson, op cit, 346b. There is no record of the marriage in Cheshire & Staffs or Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digests
- 3 Annals of Smith of Cantley 1878, p 227. No children are recorded in Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest
- 4 There is no record of her death in Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest or in the Digest of Deaths

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

BOWLY, Ann (1769-1853) after 1798 Lucas

(Ann Bowly, daughter of Samuel and Hester Bowly of Cirencester in Gloucestershire, was married in 1798 to William Lucas (1768-1846 qv).

See LUCAS, Ann (1769-1853) born Bowly )

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BOWLY, Caroline (1796-1866) born Swaine

Caroline Swaine, the daughter of Edward Swaine ( - ) and his wife Susanna (born ) of Henley-on-Thames in Oxfordshire, was born there on 1 January 1796(1).

She was married in 1828 to William Crotch Bowly (1797-1861 qv), a mealman of Cirencester in Gloucestershire and there were five children(2). She was an elder of her meeting(3).

Caroline Bowly of Cirencester died on 15 November 1866, at the age of seventy(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father is described as a chemist
- 2 For marriage and children see BOWLY, William Crotch (1797-1861)
- 3 Annual Monitor 1868, p 22: 3 line entry for death
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William Crotch

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

BOWLY, Caroline (1834-1913) after 1860 Gibbins

[Caroline Bowly, daughter of William Crotch Bowly(1797-1861 qv)  
and his wife Caroline (born Swaine, 1796-1866 qv) of  
Cirencester in Gloucestershire, was married in 1860 to  
Frederick Joseph Gibbins (1832-1907 qv).]

See GIBBINS, Caroline (1834-1913) born Bowly ]

BOWLY, Christopher (1773-1851)

Christopher Bowly, the son of Samuel and Hester Bowly of Cirencester in Gloucestershire, was born there on 9 June 1773(1). He was a woolstapler of Cirencester(2) and was married in 1810 to Maria Frampton of Tottenham in Middlesex(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4). Maria Bowly died in 1844(5) and in 1847 Christopher made a second marriage, to Elizabeth Frankland(6); this marriage was also childless(7).

He was well known in Cirencester for the willing and generous support he gave towards any project designed to improve the lot of his fellow men. He inherited a considerable fortune in middle age and it appeared to be his chief concern to prove a faithful steward of his property; at his death it was found to have been reduced to half its value, because of his liberality. He took a deep interest in the poor and had large numbers of tracts printed and distributed among them, but his concern also took a more practical direction. He built two or three schools and his interest in education was further shown by his donations to other schools in various parts of the country. He built eight cottages, vested in trustees, for the aged poor of Cirencester and also built a large hall, which cost him over £2,000.

He was an active supporter of the temperance movement, but was reticent on the subject of religion, even among his closest associates. It is clear, however, from his life and the memoranda he left behind that a deep and humble faith was the mainspring of his life.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1853, pp 39-42

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his first marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Tottenham on 14 June 1810: he is described as a woolstapler of Cirencester in the county of Gloucester, the son of Samuel and Hester Bowly of Cirencester; she is described as the daughter of Jacob Wilkins and Sarah Frampton of Tottenham in Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 No children are traced in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she died 25 Nov 1844, the wife of Christopher
- 6 The wedding was at Gloucester on 23 December 1847: he is described as a widower, a gentleman of Cirencester, the son of Samuel Bowly (deceased), a gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Cirencester, the daughter of Thomas Frankland, a tobacconist (Digest of Marriages)
- 7 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of Cirencester

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

SEE ALSO

The Friend vol 9 (1851) p 216 (notice of death)

Joseph Smith, Descriptive catalogue of Friends books, vol 1 p 307

Temperance chronicle vol 11 (1851) p (not in Friends House)

WBE:

BOWLY, Christopher, ca. 1773-1851.

b. ca. 1773.

Liberal with large means. Worked for temperance.

Erected a hall at Cirencester.

A few days' illness. d. 14 Oct. 1851, Cirencester,  
Eng., aged 78.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 11(1853):39.

The Friend (London), 9(1851):216.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:307.

Temperance Chronicle, XI, 1851.

BOWLY, Christopher (1837-1922)

Christopher Bowly, of Siddington House, Cirencester, who passed away at the ripe age of 85..., belonged to an old Quaker family, of which he was the last surviving local representative. The younger son of William Crotch Bowly, he was a nephew of Samuel Bowly, of Gloucester, the well-known Temperance speaker whose public advocacy of the practice of abstinence was so fruitful. Born in 1837, the year of the accession of Queen Victoria, he was for a time engaged in business, from which he retired at a comparatively early age. A keen antiquarian, he turned to such researches as a hobby, and entered into public life. On the formation of the Local Board of Health in 1876, he was elected as one of its first members, remaining on the Board throughout its eighteen years, after which it was succeeded by the Urban District Council, of which, for a time, he was vice-chairman. He was the first chairman of the local Highway Board and of the Old Age Pensions Committee. Since 1883 he had been a Justice of the Peace for the County of Gloucester, and for many years, as senior acting magistrate, he served as Chairman of the Cirencester Bench.

'Our Friend greatly enjoyed antiquarian and archaeological studies and was an acknowledged authority on the Roman and Mediaeval periods. He was one of the oldest members and a vice-president of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society and a member of other learned societies; for many years he was curator to the Corinium Museum, in succession to Sir A. H. Church. A liberal supporter of all good causes, the almshouses founded by an ancestor of his were an object of special and kindly care, and a few years ago he added and endowed two more houses of better design and accommodation. For a good many years he was an appointed member of the Meeting for Sufferings, to which for some years he was a fairly frequent attender. In Western quarterly meeting, when held at Gloucester and Worcester, he was a familiar figure, his tall form and courtly bearing making him conspicuous in any assembly. When past four-score he was still a vigorous pedestrian. Christopher Bowly was twice married, first to a daughter of the late Algernon Peckover, and secondly, in 1874, to Sarah Aldam, daughter of the late William Backhouse, of St. John's, Nolsingham, Durham, who survives him.'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.62 (1922) p.392

BOWLY, Louisa (1816-1885) formerly Cotterell, born Gregory

Louisa Gregory, the daughter of Bishop Gregory (1783-1857 qv) and his wife Sarah, born Eddington, of Yatton in Somerset, was born there on 27 August 1816(1). She was educated at Sidcot School from 1827 to 1830(2) and in 1845 she was married to Jacob Henry Cotterell (1817-1868 qv); there was one child(3).

After Jacob Cotterell's death in 1868 she was married in 1873 to Samuel Bowly (1802-1884 qv) of Gloucester(4). She died on 19 September 1885(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 Sidcot Register of Old Scholars, 1808-1958, p 88
- 3 For marriage and child see COTTERELL, Jacob Henry (1817-1868)
- 4 For marriage see BOWLY, Samuel (1802-1884)
- 5 Sidcot Register of Old Scholars, 1808-1958, p 89: the death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

BOWLY, Mary (1813-1856), after 18 Peters

Mary Bowly, daughter of Richard ( ) and Mary Bowly  
( ) of Cirencester, Gloucestershire,  
married John McWilliam Peters ( ), sometime rector of  
Quenington, Gloucestershire.

see PETERS, Mary (1813-1856), born Bowly

BOWLY, Maria (1835- ) after 1855 Taylor

(Maria Bowly, daughter of Samuel Bowly (1802-1884 qv) and his first wife Jane Dearman, born Shipley, of Painswick in Gloucestershire, was married in 1855 to James Taylor (1826- qv).

See TAYLOR, Maria (1835- ) born Bowly )

BOWLY, Samuel (1802-1884)

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Samuel Bowly\*, the son of Samuel Bowly junior and his wife Sarah (born Grotch, 1773-1829 qv) of Cirencester in Gloucestershire, was born there on 23 March 1802(1). He was educated at a private school kept by Friends and as a young man was always courteous and thoughtful for others, but he gave no outward sign of true conversion of heart until some time after he had settled in business in Gloucester.

He was married in 1827 to Jane Bearman Shipley, the daughter of John Shipley (1776-1854 qv) of Andover(2) and there were nine children(3). From 1829 to 1849 there is abundant record of his philanthropic engagements, especially in the anti-slavery and peace movements, and of the local commercial enterprises in which he took part, but very little respecting his religious experiences. His was a real and practical life and lectures, speeches, committees and deputations, journeyings far and wide occupied his time. Yet it is at this time that there are glimpses of an inward rest and of a trust in the Lord to which he had been a stranger earlier.

With advancing years he became more and more a man of prayer; in 1863 he was recorded as a minister by Gloucester & Nailsworth Monthly Meeting, although he did not travel much in the service. He was deeply attached to the Society, believing its principles to be those of Christianity and to the end of his long life he was regular in his attendance at all meetings.

His wife died in 1863(4), but his closing years were comforted by his second marriage in 1873 to Louise Cotterell (1816-1885 qv), the widow of Jacob Henry Cotterell (1817-1868 qv)(5). In his later years he was a firm advocate of total abstinence and during the London Yearly Meeting of 1862 he and Edward Smith presided simultaneously over two large meetings at Devonshire House, on 'Home Missions,' when he put the case for temperance so strongly that many were moved to tears.

He died at Gloucester on 23 March 1884(6), his eighty second birthday.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Gloucester & Nailsworth MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1884, p xxii

\* p 80, sv Gregory, Louisa,

\*Sidcot Register 1808-1958 erroneously spells his name Bowley

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## REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QN Births Digest: his father is described as a mealman
- 2 The wedding was at Andover on 17 October 1827: he is described as of Cirencester, the son of Samuel and Sarah Bowly of Cirencester; she is described as the daughter of John and Sarah Shipley of Andover (Dorset & Hants QN Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Glos. & Wilts QN Births and Burials Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Sarah Jane	b 20 March 1829	who m 1849 Alfred Ellis
Sophia	b 25 June 1831	who d 10 March 1837
Lucy	b 28 March 1833	who d 7 March 1837
Maria qv	b 23 Jan 1835	who m 1855 James Taylor
Martha	b 27 Sept 1836	who m 1858 Frederic Cecillia Cash (1829-1909 qv)

and in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-

Samuel	b 21 Feb 1839	who d 21 May 1854
Sophia	b 29 Oct 1840	who d 1 Aug 1848
*Lucy	b 7 April 1843	
*John	b 14 Jan 1845	

\*No marriages traced to 1903

- 4 Digest of Deaths: she died on 30 September 1868
- 5 The wedding was at Devizes on 6 August 1873: he is described as a widower, a gentleman of Sainthridge House, Gloucester, the son of Samuel Bowly, deceased; she is described as a widow of Beulley Villa, Bath, the daughter of Bishop Gregory, deceased (Digest of Marriages)
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman of Gloucester

SEE ALSO:-

- Opinions of Friends on Vivisection, Parts 1 & 2  
(not traced in Library Jan 1963)
- Dictionary of National Biography, vol 6, p 71
- Frederic Sessions: The Life Story of Samuel Bowly, 1903
- Friends Ancient & Modern: No.2, Friends' Tract Association  
Newscutting Gibson MSS, vol 5, p 174
- London Friends Institute: Biographical Catalogue
- London Yearly Meeting during 250 years
- John Sharp, Memoir of, p 199
- Ed. W. Robinson, Friends of a half century, p 82
- Elizabeth M. Cadbury: A dear Memory (Mary Jane Taylor) 1914
- Elizabeth Sturge: Reminiscences. Connection of Samuel  
Bowly with the Sturge family, p 173
- Norman Penney: Pen Pictures of London Yearly Meeting  
United Temperance Gazette
- Maria Taylor: Memorials of Samuel Bowly
- Good and great men, pp 309, 353
- J. Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 89n

WBE:

Additional information:

BOWLY, Samuel, 1802-1884.

b. 23 Mar. 1802, s. Samuel and Sarah (Crotch) Bowly.

Father a miller at Bibury.

m., 1827, Jane Dearman Shipley, of Shaftesbury. Large family.

m. (2d), 1873, Louisa Cotterell, widow, of Bath.

1829, moved to Gloucester, and became a cheese-factor. Chairman, or director, of banking, gas, railway and other companies.

Liberal in politics and opposed Corn Laws. Active in efforts for education of the poor. 1830-1865, letters, speeches and addresses upon the subjects of temperance and slavery. During the last year of his life he addressed 107 meetings on the temperance question.

Author: An address to the Friends Temperance Union.  
London, 1865

Had a deep, sonorous voice. Had a white beard.

d. Cotswold House, Gloucester, aged 82.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 27:15.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 43:31.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:307.

Friends Quart. Exam., 8(1884):149.

Robinson, Friends of a half century, p. 82 (portrait).

The Friend (London), 24:128, 32:301 (portrait).

BOWLY, Sarah (1773-1829) born Crotch

Sarah Bowly was a daughter of William Crotch and became the wife of Samuel Bowly (1767?-1820) of Cirencester and mother of Samuel Bowly (1802-1844) the well-known temperance advocate. She died at Nailsworth

Testimony

Biog. cat. Lond. Friends inst.  
J. Friends hist. soc. vol.25

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.89

BOWLY, Sarah Aldam (1851-1931) born Backhouse

Sarah Aldam Bowly (nee Backhouse) born on the 14th November 1851 was married to Christopher Bowly and lived at Siddington House, Cirencester.

In the village there she was beloved and respected and the almshouses dedicated to her husband, who died in 1922, a village hall and a nurse's cottage are among the lasting memorials of her thoughtfulness and service for others.

Though she rarely spoke in Meeting for Worship she took a practical interest in the Monthly and Quarterly Meeting and was a member of Meeting for Sufferings.

As numbers dwindled at Cirencester she undertook the care of the Meeting House and garden and welcomed Friends when Monthly Meeting met there annually.

With her death on September 27th 1931 the last link with Friends and Cirencester were severed but her personality and living interest there will be long remembered.

Testimony of Gloucester & Nailsworth M.M. in Y.M. Proc.  
1932, p.223

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BOWLY, William Crotch (1797-1861)

William Crotch Bowly, the son of Samuel Bowly ( - ) and his wife Sarah (born Crotch, 1773-1829 qv) of Cirencester in Gloucestershire, was born there on 22 October 1797(1). At an early age he showed unusual maturity and although only about twenty-two years old when his father died, assumed responsibility for the upbringing of his younger brothers and was a great comfort and support to his widowed mother.

He was married in 1828 to Caroline Swains (1795-1866 qv) of Reading(2) and there were five children(3).

Although his business occupied a large part of his time, he was a constant in his attendance at meetings for worship and business affairs. He was appointed an elder in 1832; he first spoke in the ministry in 1854 and was acknowledged by his monthly meeting in 1857. It was said of him that 'in simplicity and godly sincerity he preached the Gospel of Christ in its fulness,' and he sought earnestly for himself and his friends a fuller realisation of the preciousness of immediate communion with God through the Holy Spirit.

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During the last few years of his life his spiritual experience deepened especially after a serious illness in 1858. He died on 16 June 1861, and was interred in Friends burial ground, Cirencester. The Testimony of Gloucester & Nailsworth MM in YM Proc. 1862, p.72

2 The wedding was at Reading on 6 March 1828; he is described as a nailman of Cirencester; she is described as the daughter of Edward and Susanna Swains of Reading (Barks & Cade's Marriage Digest)

Testimony of Gloucester & Nailsworth MM in YM Proc. 1862, p.72

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 3 Listed in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest and the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-
- |                  |                |  |
|------------------|----------------|--|
| Susanna Maria qv | b 29 Jan 1831  | d 28 April 1902, aged 71   |
| *William         | b 17 July 1833 |  |
| Caroline qv      | b 4 Dec 1834   | m 1860 Frederick Joseph Gibbins (1832-1907 qv)   |
| Christopher qv   | b 3 Feb 1837   | m (1)1867 Katherine Elizabeth Peckover<br>(2)1874 Sarah Aldam Backhouse (1851-1931 qv) |
- \*Sarah Jemima b 23 Jan 1840
- \*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a mealman

SEE ALSO:-

- Annual Monitor 1862, p 33: 2 line entry for death
- The Friend vol 1 (1861) p 177: letter on "Early Friends in the Cotswold Country."
- Vol 1 (1861) p 191: 2 line entry for death
- Ball's Memorials, p 226
- Joseph Smith's Catalogue, vol 1, p 308

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

WBE:

Additional information:

BOWLY, William Crotch, ca. 1798-1861.

Author: "Early Friends in the Cotswold Country," in  
a letter to The Friend, July, 1861.

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An. Mon. (N. S.), 20(1862):33.

The Friend (London) (N. S.), 1(1861):191.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:308.

WBE:

BORDEN, Ann

Of Eng.

Minister. 1664, was in New Eng.

John Smith's ms., 1:231.

WBE:

BORDEN, John

1675, almost persuaded King Philip not to start war  
against Mass. settlers.

BORGHESIO, Phebe (1864?-1937)

Phebe Borghesio was one of the founders of the French group of Friends. She died on 14 March 1937. 'From 1925 till 1935 she had been actively engaged in prison work; she was the first Friend to answer the call made by Henry van Etten to begin anew the work of Elizabeth Fry amongst women prisoners.'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.95 (1937) p.257

BORNE, Martha ( -1740) after 1687 King

[Martha Borne, details of whose parentage are not at present (1984) traced, was married in 1687 to Thomas King (1643?-1729/30 qv) of Ufford in Suffolk.

See KING, Martha ( -1740) born Borne ]

BORNE, Martha (1645-1740) aftw. King

[Martha Borne, the daughter of  
Chaffield, Suffolk and his wife                      Borne of  
    (nee  
    ) was married in 1687 to Thomas King of  
Ufford

see

KING, Martha (1645-1740) born Borne

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BORN, Hedi ( 1892 ? - 1972 )

Hedi Born was born in about the year 1892.(1) She was married to Prof. Max Born, F.R.S. and eminent physicist and a Nobel prizewinner. She and her husband were close friends of Albert Einstein.

She joined Friends in Edinburgh in 1937 (2) and was active in work for refugees. She represented the QM for Scotland on Meeting for Sufferings in 1939/40.(3)

Later she seems to have moved to Bad Pyrmont.

She died at Hanover on February 29, 1972 aged 80.

Principal Source    The Friend    Vol 130 (1972) p. 276.

References and Notes

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 80 at death.
2. Scotland QM printed list of members for 1939 records her as a member at Edinburgh, attending the Stafford St. meeting.
3. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library.

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WBE:

BORTON, Joel, -1927.

m.

Large family.

Minister, much beloved. Liberal Friends.

Lingering illness. d. 20 June 1927, Woodstown, N. J.

Friends Intelligencer, 84(1927), 525, 585, 605.

BBE:

BORTON, John  
BORTON, Obadiah, 1708-1761.

b. [unclear] John Borton was from Aynho in Northamptonshire. His wife's name was Anne. They had 7 children (1)

ca. 1730, a minister.  
He is probably to be identified with the John Borton who, with his wife and family, went to New Jersey in about 1679 (2)

31 years.

REFERENCES & NOTES:

1 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM digest of births registers as follows:

Elizabeth	b. 27.v [July] 1664
Anne	b. 18.viii [Oct] 1660
Esther	b. 25.v [July] 1667
John	b. 27.ix [Nov] 1669
William	b. 20.iv [June] 1672
Susannah	b. 24.viii [Oct] 1675
Mary	b. 5.viii [Oct] 1678

2 Note on copy of an indenture between John Borton and the Indian king Limmitken Orcking Chads [Port 41/98] but Aynho is in Northamptonshire not Northumberland. It is 6 miles SE of Banbury which is probably the Monthly meeting to which he would have belonged

and L. nofusoff

John Smith's ms., 1:323.

The Friend (Phila.), 33:53.

Phila. Y. Mtg., Col. of memorials, p. 209.

BOSANQUET,      Ellen Sophia ( 1875 - 1965 ) b. Hodgkin

Ellen Hodgkin was born at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on May 16, 1875, the fourth child of Thomas ( 1831 - 1913 qv ) and Lucy Anna ( b.Fox 1841 - 1934 qv. ) Hodgkin. Her childhood was spent in serene and gracious surroundings among families of Quaker relatives, so that she never went to school but went direct to Oxford, where Somerville College opened up a new world for her.

In 1902 she married R.Carr Bosanquet, the son of a Northumberland neighbour (1) and as he was the Director of the British School of Archaeology, they made their home in Athens. She shared her husband's 'digs' in Sparta, Crete and elsewhere which she described in her books 'Days in Attica' and 'The Tale of Athens' and her first son Charles was born there. In 1905 Carr Bosanquet was appointed professor of Classical Archaeology at Liverpool University, but Northumberland was always their background and the family farmhouse, the place where their six children had roots. In Northumberland she attended and supported the village church and all her children were baptised.

Her husband died suddenly in 1935 and after some changes and some war-time wanderings she moved to Falmouth to be near to her sister and other relatives. There she turned back to giving support to the Society of Friends and the little meeting at Falmouth, often held in the living room of her home. She was greatly loved and appreciated for her wit, her understanding and her wide experience.

She died at her home on September 10, 1965, aged 90.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 123 (1965) pp. 1108, 1205/6.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. The marriage took place on July 8, 1902.

Hodgkin Pedigree Book. 1907 p. 19 - Friends Ho. Library.

SGJ. FEB. '80

WBE:

BOSS, Peter, fl. 1693.

A mariner of Southwark, London, Eng.

With George Keith and Thomas Budd was indicted by  
the grand jury for slander.

Author: The tryals of Peter Boss, George Keith,  
Thomas Budd and Williard Bradford, Quakers, &c. . . , 1693.

"John Homes, a Baptist Teacher," published  
The Fighting Quaker's (Peter Bosse) Expedition in  
Pennsylvania.

Boss was imprisoned till released by deputy governor  
Fletcher.

At some time left the Society of Friends, and is not  
known to have returned.

Kirby, George Keith, pp. 59, 80, 82-84, 92.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:298.

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BOSWELL, Katharine Cumming (1889-1952)

Katharine C. Boswell, only child of Robert Bruce and Windlay Boswell, was born at Chingford, Essex, on 28 October 1889: it was there that she spent her early years. From her parents she learnt independence of outlook, distrust of second-hand opinions and a zeal to experiment and understand for herself. Her parents gave her the final choice of college and it was she who determined on the Hartley University College, Southampton; and the family removed to the town in 1906.

After reading for a general degree she taught for some years, returning to the College in 1923 in order to take an honours degree in geography. She was lecturer in geography at University College Southampton from 1926 until her retirement in 1944.

Meanwhile, on settling in Southampton in 1906, Katharine Boswell had been encouraged by her father to visit the various churches in the town to find out which one met her needs. It was the Friends' meeting which appealed to her and she was associated with it for more than 40 years. She joined the Society in 1925.

On her retirement she responded to an advertisement from Friends Service Council and became co-principal of Friends College, Highgate, Jamaica, with special responsibilities for the Rural Development Centre. This work brought her into close relationship with the American Friends Board of Missions and with Jamaica Yearly Meeting. She remained in the island until 1949.

As a geographer her main interest had been in geomorphology, and though she was too modest ever to think that she had any original contribution to make to this science, her Detailed profile of the River Test is a monument to detailed and painstaking studies. During her time as a university teacher Walther Penck's Die Morphologische Analyse had aroused controversy because it was grounded on presuppositions incompatible with those upon which the science of geomorphology had been built. Katharine Boswell therefore set herself to translate the work into English so as to provide ready access to what Penck had actually said. She had completed correcting the page proofs in July and August 1952 before leaving for the International Geological Congress at Algiers.

Part of the attraction of this congress had been the prospect of field trips to the Sahara, for she had written:- "Land forms under humid and under semi-arid conditions are well known, by personal experience, to the majority of geomorphologists. But I, for one, have never seen the real desert". On the first field trip, however, the exertion of scaling a hill proved too much for her in desert heat, and she died later that day, 18 September 1952, at Beni Abbes, in the heart of the Sahara. She was aged 62 years.

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Family and college responsibilities had allowed little free time prior to her retirement, but her home became a shelter for refugees from Nazi persecution and, during the second world war, she served as clerk of the monthly meeting's War Victims Relief Committee. She was at the time of her death convener of monthly meeting overseers (1). She served as a quarterly meeting representative on Meeting for Sufferings from 1941 to 1943 and on Friends Service Council from 1951 until her death (2). The monthly meeting's testimony records that "she did not push herself forward but was very willing to undertake whatever she was asked, and having undertaken anything she followed it through with meticulous and unselfish thoroughness, going to great pains to understand subjects in which she was not particularly interested".

She is described as "cheerful, friendly, sympathetic: a woman of strong personality which might have been overbearing had it not been held in check by respect for the personalities and opinions of others". Though "some who did not know her well found her withdrawn and preoccupied... those who did know her turned to her instinctively in doubt or difficulty". She was a good conversationalist and "wide and enthusiastic in her interests, she was never a dull companion - so open-minded was she that her experiments were sometimes disconcerting even to those who knew her well".

"She did not often take vocal part in our meetings for worship, but when she did speak there was much matter in her few words of prayer or praise".

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend (Lond) vol 110 (1952) p 917

Testimony of Alton Southampton & Poole MM 10 i 1953. Quotations in the text are all from this testimony which is not printed in YM Proc but is in duplicated form in Friends House Library (extracts printed in Church government, 1968, section 997)

#### REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 So shown in Sussex Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members 1952. She is not shown as an overseer in the printed list for 1951. The printed lists have not (1976) been examined to discover any earlier service
- 2 Typescript committee lists, Friends House Library

BOTHAM, Ann (1764?-1848) born Wood

Ann Wood, the daughter of Charles and Jemima Wood, was born at Lowmill near Whitehaven in Cumberland about the year 1764(1). She was the granddaughter of William Wood, patentee of Irish coinage, attacked in the Drapier's Letters by Dean Swift. Her father had been assay-master in Jamaica and owned ironworks in Cumberland and in Merthyr Tydfil, to which the family moved soon after her birth.

After an unsuccessful spell as governess in England, she returned to Merthyr Tydfil, where she became convinced of the truth of the principles held by the Society of Friends and was admitted into membership. She spent a lot of time at Falmouth in Cornwall and had returned to South Wales to visit some friends, when she met Samuel Botham (1758-1823 qv), a land surveyor of Uttoxeter in Staffordshire, whom she married in 1796; there were four children(2).

Ann Botham of Upper Clapton died on 5 May 1848, at the age of eighty five and was buried at Stoke Newington(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

M.Howitt (ed): Mary Howitt, an autobiography, London 1889, vol 1  
chapters 1-5

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 85 at death
- 2 For marriage and children see BOTHAM, Samuel (1758-1823)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a widow

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 14, p 70

BOTHAM, Elizabeth (1767-1827) after 1795 Marriage, born Topper

(Elizabeth Topper, daughter of William and Elizabeth Topper of Burnley in Lancashire, was married in 1787 to James Botham (1756-1787 qv). After his death she was married in 1795 to Thomas Marriage (1764-1828 qv).

See MARRIAGE, Elizabeth (1767-1827) formerly Botham, born Topper)

BOTHAM, James (1756-1787)

James Botham, the son of John and Rebecca Botham of Loseley in the parish of Kingstone, was born there on 22 March 1756(1).

He became a grocer in Liverpool(2) and was married in 1787 to Elizabeth Topper (1767-1827 qv) of Liverpool(3); there was one child, born posthumously(4).

James Botham of Liverpool died on 13 August 1787 at the age of thirty one(5), less than two months after his marriage.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cheshire & Staffs 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 Liverpool on 21 June 1787: he is described as a grocer of Liverpool, the son of John, a yeoman and Rebecca Botham (deceased) of Uttoxeter, Staffordshire; she is described as the daughter of William, a mercer and draper and Elizabeth Topper of Liverpool (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Rebecca b 15 March 1788 m 1808 John Marriage (1784-1849 qv)
- 5 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a wholesale grocer

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

WBE:

BOTHAM, Mary, afterwards Howitt, 1799-1888

see HOWITT, Mary, nee Botham

BOTHAM, Rebecca (1788-1848) after 1808 Marriage

[Rebecca Botham, daughter of James Botham (1756-1787 qv)  
and his wife Elizabeth (born Topper, 1767-1827 qv) of  
Liverpool, was married in 1808 to John Marriage  
(1784-1849 qv) of Chelmsford in Essex.

See MARRIAGE, Rebecca (1788-1848) born Botham ]

BOHAM, Samuel (1758-1823)

Samuel Botham, the second son of John Botham ( - ) and his wife Rebecca (formerly Summerland, born Shipley, -1771 ) of Uttoxeter in Staffordshire, was born there on 9 January 1758(1). His father had moved from the family farm at Apsford, near Leek, to Uttoxeter in 1750.

"Rebecca Botham . . . sent her lads to the best reputed Friends' school of that time, kept by Joseph Crosfield (1756-1830 qv) at Hartshill, in Warwickshire." [But in fact kept at the time of Samuel's schooling by Richard Adkins - see CROSFIELD, Joseph (1756-1830)] After leaving school he was apprenticed to William Fairbank of Sheffield, a land surveyor. He returned to Uttoxeter about 1784 to establish himself in that profession and had to work hard to clear off mortgages entered into by his father. He was employed to enclose the common Heath north of the town and to measure many estates in Staffordshire, Shropshire and South Wales. In Shropshire he became much acquainted with the Friends of Coalbrookdale and first became interested in iron-forges. While in South Wales he speculated - not always successfully - in coalfields and iron-works, besides surveying estates. In 1795, when engaged on a survey of Lord Talbot's estates at Margam, he attended meeting at Neath and there met his future wife, who was a convinced Friend.

He was married in 1796 to Ann Wood (1764?-1848 qv) of Merthyr Tydfil (2) and there were four children(3). He was then an ironmaster(4). He and his wife returned to Uttoxeter and lived in the house where he was born. His father, also, lived there with them for some years.

In 1798 he agreed to a proposal from his partners, the Bishton brothers of Shifnal in Shropshire, to exchange his share in their ironworks for the principal share in an ironworks at Coleford in the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire and the family moved there. The enterprise was not a success as he was let down by his partners and, further, suffered a severe winter during which the works were flooded. He sold up at Coleford, therefore, and returned to Uttoxeter and to land surveying.

He was appointed in 1801 one of the two surveyors for the disafforestation of Needwood Chase. The work of division, allotment, enclosure and the determination of claims to compensation took about nine years. This, together with the repayment of their debts by the Bishtons, finally removed his financial worries. He was employed as a surveyor by many other people and public bodies, including the corporation of Leicester, for whom he enclosed the town fields and laid out a race-track and a new public walk in 1804-5.

Rebecca Botham of Uttoxeter & Shropshire, nee Charles Wood of Merthyr Tydfil in Glamorgan, (see note 2 above) died 1848. (See Deaths given in N. Bowditch, on cit.)

3 Listed in Cheshire & Staffs QM Births and Marriages Digest and Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest as follows:-

Anna	b 10 Sept 1797	d 1823 Daniel Harrison
Mary qv	b 12 March 1799	d 1821 William Bowditt
*Anna	b 4 Nov 1806	d 1848
*Charles	b 9 July 1808	d 1825

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Deaths given in N. Bowditch, on cit.

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

5 Cheshire & Staffs QM Burials Digest: he is described as a land surveyor

[Mary Bott, daughter of William Bott (1707-1782)

and his wife Lucy (born Levitt, 1757-  
of Eris Colne in Essex, was married in 1793 to  
Robert King (1765?-1810 qv) of Eris Colne.

1842

BOTT, Julia (1789-1841) born Fennell

Julia Fennell, the daughter of Joseph and Ann Fennell of Shoreditch in the county of Middlesex, was born there on 16 February 1789(1). She greatly valued the privilege of having been born a birthright member of the Society and having been taught the value of its principles from an early age and delighted in the company of weighty Friends.

She was married in 1812 to William Bott(2) and there were five children of the marriage(3). Her health was always delicate and she was often unable to attend meetings, but she spent this time in silent meditation and her spiritual strength was greatly renewed by these occasions.

She was afflicted with a painful disorder of the spine, which she bore for nine years with patience and resignation. She died at Hatfield Peverel in Essex on 25 January 1842(4), aged fifty two years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1843 pp 8-11

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father was a patten maker
- 2 The wedding was at Devonshire House on 14 July 1812: he is described as a farmer of Witham in Essex, the son of Joseph and Sarah Bott; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Ann Fennell of Shoreditch in the county of Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Essex QM Births Digest as follows:-

Sarah Ann	b 22 March 1814
William	b 23 March 1816
Joseph	b 29 June 1817
Mary	b 6 April 1822
Joseph Fennell	b 12 Dec 1831
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of William

N.B. There is no specific reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45,  
but the family is mentioned in vol 6 (1909) p 129

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BOTT, Mary (1770-1797) after 1793 King

[Mary Bott, daughter of William Bott ( - )  
and his wife Mary (born  
of Earl's Colne in Essex, was married in 1793 to  
Robert King (1768?-1810 qv).]

See KING, Mary (1770-1797) born Bott ]

BOTT, Mary (1822-1901) after 1891 Evans

[Mary Bott, daughter of William Bott ( - ) and his wife Julia (born Fennell, 1789-1842 qv) of Hatfield Peverel in Essex, became in 1891 the second wife of John Evans (1827-1891 qv).]

See EVANS, Mary (1822-1901) born Bott ]

BOTTOMLEY, Caroline (1811-1878) aftw. Smithe, born Drewett

[Caroline Drewett was the daughter of William and Sarah Drewett. In 1836 she married George Bottomley and in 1874 William Smithe

see SMITHE, Caroline (1811-1878) formerly Bottomley,  
born Drewett]

BOTTOMLEY, Edith (1851-1942) after 1886 Graham

[Edith Bottomley, daughter of John (1810-1890 qv)  
and Hannah Briggs (formerly or born Drewett, 1813?-  
1886 ) Bottomley of Birmingham, was married in  
1886, as his second wife, to Joseph Lloyd Graham  
(1849-1917 qv) of Birmingham.

see GRAHAM, Edith (1851-1942) born Bottomley ]

BOTTOMLEY, George (1805-1865)

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George Bottomley was born at Wood End near Huddersfield on 15 February 1805. He was a devoted servant of our Society, serving for many years as Overseer and Elder, and for the last ~~and for the~~ <sup>3</sup> three and a half years as a recorded minister. He held cottage meetings for Bible study among the working classes in his neighbourhood, and visited them in their own homes, seeking to give spiritual help and guidance. In 1864 and 1865 he travelled widely through England in the service of the Friends Provident Institution, and with the encouragement of his Monthly Meeting used this opportunity to pay many visits to the meetings and families of Friends. Towards the end of 1865 his health began to decline, and he died at his home at Rawden near Leeds on 26 January 1866.

Testimony of Yorkshire Q.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1867, p.iv

BOTTOMLEY, Harriet (1801-1887)

Harriet Bottomley was for many years an Elder of Pontefract Monthly Meeting.

'Her Christianity was eminently practical, and was shown in constant efforts for the temporal and spiritual welfare of her neighbours. By the example of her quiet and unobtrusive home-life, she, "being dead, yet speaketh". Though prevented by infirmity in her later years from active intercourse with her friends, her interest in them, and in the welfare of the Church, was unabated.'

Harriet Bottomley died 20 June 1887, aged eighty-six years.

Testimony of Pontefract MM in YM Proc. 1888, p.viii

Autograph: in Phrases, Joseph. Annuaditions on the  
practice of tithing ... 1776.

BOTTOMLEY, John (1759-1820)

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John Bottomley was born on 21 July 1759, at Woodend, of Quaker parents. When adolescent he was somewhat wild and at variance with Friends, but as a young man he 'was favoured with a divine and powerful visitation', and became a weightily concerned Friend.

He first appeared in the ministry in 1790. He engaged in visitation of families and meetings, principally in his own Monthly Meeting and neighbouring districts.

He was taken ill after vocal ministry at Highflatts on 16 January 1820, and died on 17 January 1820.

Testimony of Pontefract Monthly Meeting 20 March 1820 in M.S.  
Testimonies, Vol. 5 p.122

WBE:

BOTTOMLEY, Joseph, 1812-1872.

b. 1812, Dobroyd, near Shepley, West Riding, Yorkshire.

1823-26, at Ackworth for three years.

ca. 1830, went to Rochdale to assist his brother in  
a cotton mill. Returned to Yorkshire.

m., ca. 1839, Ann Firth (d. 1843).

m. (2d), 1846, Mary Ann Pickard.

1858, in a train accident was somewhat disabled so  
that he never fully recovered.

ca. 1858, spoke as a minister. Extensive labours in  
Yorkshire. 1869, removed to Matlock Bank, Derbyshire,  
where he was of service in several ways in a neighborhood  
where a meetinghouse had but recently been built.

Desired the greatest plainness and simplicity at his  
funeral. d. 24 May 1872, Matlock Bank, Eng., aged 60.

The Friend (London), 12(1872):154.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 31:22.

Joseph Bottomley, the son of William and Sarah Bottomley of Shepley in the parish of Kirkburton in Yorkshire, was born there on 9 May 1812(1). He was the youngest of a family of seven children, who were brought up under the watchful care of religiously minded parents. He was educated at Ackworth School from 1823 to 1826(2), after which he remained for a time at home on his father's farm at Shepley.

When he was about eighteen he went to Rochdale to help his eldest brother William in the management of a cotton mill, but this arrangement was unexpectedly brought to a close by William's death in the wreck of the steamer "Rothesay Castle" off the Welsh coast in 1831. After a short interval spent with another relative at Stockport Joseph returned home, where he lived until three years before his death. He was married in 1839 to Ann Firth(3) and there were two children(4), but his wife died in 1843(5) after little more than three years of marriage. He was married again in 1846, to Mary Ann Pickard(6) and there were two more children(7).

The experience of the death of those he loved had the effect of deepening his religious life and even although his business frequently took him to London and involved him in much travelling, he was a regular attender at Friends' meetings, both those for worship and for discipline. When travelling, he always tried to attend Friends' meetings on the way and his business was always subordinate to the week-day meeting. On one of his journeys, in 1853, he was involved in a railway accident in which two people were killed and he never entirely recovered from the effects of the shock he received. It was about this time that he set apart one of his cottages for a Reading Meeting on Sunday evenings, which was kept up for many years.

When he was about forty five he felt called upon to speak in the ministry and became prominent in this work, which increased and extended until his death. In 1857 he served on a Visitation Committee of Pontefract Monthly Meeting and from 1859 to 1861 and again in 1867 he went out repeatedly with other Friends on a quarterly meeting committee for visiting families. These engagements, although extensive, were only part of his labours in Yorkshire. He frequently visited other meetings on Sundays and sometimes, when engaged on business in London, he made the journey to Yorkshire and back in order to attend a particular meeting. While in London he often attended the Meeting for Sufferings.

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In 1869 he moved to Matlock Bank in Derbyshire, which became the field of the closing labours of his life. A meeting house had been built there a short time previously, but there were only two women Friends resident who were members. But several people in the neighbourhood were drawn to the Society and were subsequently admitted into membership, the meeting was often attended by people who were visiting Matlock for their health and by degrees the little meeting grew.

On 1 May 1872 Joseph Bottomley went to London to transact some business and to attend the Meeting for Sufferings. He called on his eldest son and in the evening attended a meeting at Exeter Hall, but a change in the weather gave him a chill, which he did not take sufficiently seriously. On 5 May he set out to walk four miles to Bonsal, where he had established a Reading Meeting, but was overcome by illness and with great difficulty returned to London. His illness developed into typhoid fever and Joseph Bottomley of Matlock Bank died on 24 May 1872 at the age of sixty(8), during the sitting of London Yearly Meeting to which he had been appointed a representative. He was buried at Monyash, near Bakewell in Derbyshire.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1873, pp 22-45

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a clothier
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 103, no 4636
- 3 The wedding was at Highflatts on 31 October 1839: he is described as a bachelor, a woolstapler of Shepley, the son of William Bottomley, a yeoman; she is described as a spinster of Shepley Lane Head, the daughter of Joseph Firth, a tanner (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-  
 William b 19 July 1840 who d 25 May 1846  
 \*Joseph b 21 Feb 1842  
 \*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she died 19 March 1843, of Dobroyd in Shepley
- 6 The wedding was at Lancaster on 10 December 1846: he is described as a widower, a woolstapler of Dobroyd in Shepley, Yorkshire, the son of William Bottomley (deceased), a yeoman; she is described as a spinster of West Bank, Slyne with Hest, the daughter of Joseph Pickard, a yeoman (Digest of Marriages)
- 7 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-  
 John b 4 June 1848 who m 1877 Lavinia Lucetta Morris  
 \*Samuel b 26 Nov 1849  
 \*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

BOTTOMLEY, Joseph (1812-1872)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

8 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

SEE ALSO

The Friend ns vol 12 (1872) p 154

BOTTOMLEY, Samuel (1849-1931)

Samuel Bottomley, son of Joseph and Mary Ann Bottomley, was born at Shepley, Huddersfield on the 26th November 1849. He was educated at Ackworth and in business life was secretary of Lofthouse Colliery.

He was a member of Wooldale Meeting, Clerk of Pontefract Monthly Meeting, then of Brighouse Monthly Meeting and for several years was a member ~~for~~ of Meeting for Sufferings.

While resident in Yorkshire he was keenly interested in education and served on Rawdon School Committee.

In 1913 he and his wife Rachel moved to Malvern where he continued his work for the Society as Treasurer of Malvern Preparative Meeting and Worcester & Shropshire Monthly Meeting.

His fine garden and also his own slides illustrating travel talks were a joy to visitors and the Meeting.

Samuel Bottomley was held in high esteem by local residents with whom his consistent testimony for peace carried considerable weight. His gracious gentleness and life of unstinted love for his fellow men endeared him to all.

He died on the 23rd June 1931.

Testimony of Worcester & Shropshire M.M. in Y.M. Proc.  
1932, p.221

BOTTOMLEY, Sophia (1799-1871) after 1829 Wheeler, after 1837  
Seekings

(Sophia Bottomley, daughter of William and Sarah Bottomley of Kirkburton in Yorkshire, was married in 1829 to Alexander Wheeler. After his death, she was married in 1837 to John Read Seekings (1805-1866 qv).

See SEEKINGS, Sophia (1799-1871) formerly Wheeler, born Bottomley )

BOUCHER, John (1666-1721)

see BUTCHER, John (1666-1721)

BOUCHER, William (1823?-1908)

William Boucher, of Belfast, died on 13 July 1908, aged 87. He was unmarried.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.48 (1908) p.498

WBE:

BOULBIE, Judith, -1706.

Of Skipwith? Yorkshire, Eng.

1671, goods distressed. 1688, imprisoned for tithes.

Author: A testimony for truth against all hireling-priests and deceivers . . ., 1665?

d. 7 Jan. 1706.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:306.

Besse, 2:134, 169.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7614.

BOULT, Hannah (1660-1734/5) after 1682/3 Laithwaite

(Hannah Boult, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Boult, was married in 1682/3 to James Laithwaite.

see LAITHWAITE, Hannah (1660-1734/5) born Boult)

BOULT, James ( -1750)

James Boult, details of whose birth and parentage are at present (1975) unknown(1), was an acknowledged minister living in Bristol. His ministry was "very acceptable and Edifying, as long as his health permitted, was a Constant attender of our Meetings and was very Serviceable to the Poor."

He died apparently unmarried(2) about 17.vii.(September)1750(3) and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Bristol.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Men's Meeting in Bristol 13.iii.(May)1751 in TCMD vol.1  
p.324

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 His age at death is not given. There is no entry in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest
- 2 There is no record of a marriage in Bristol & Somerset QM or Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digests
- 3 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: he was buried on 19.vii.(September) 1750; no description of him is given

WBE:

BOULTON, John? ca. 1599-1679? *bx*

Possibly the John Bolton, a goldsmith of Martin's-le-  
Grand, London. A man of substance.

1656, was sent with James Nayler (then under a cloud),  
to George Fox at Launceston. Arrested and imprisoned at  
Exeter.

ca. 1675, visited New Eng.

WBE gives information, and so does London, on what appears  
to be the same person, under Bolton, John *7*

Jour. Geo. Fox (Penney), 1:435.

John Smith's ms., 1:114.

Braithwaite, Beginnings of Qu., pp. 245, 246 n., 326, 461.

WBE:

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BOULTON, John, ca. 1648-1709.

b. ca. 1648.

An eminent minister. Zealous against tithes.

Nursing father in the church. 1678, goods distressed.

1686, released out of county jail by proclamation of King James II.

d. 29 Sept. 1709, Gaunts Ircot, Gloucester, aged 61,  
bur. Hossel.

⟨Check to see whether there is any confusion with Boulton,  
John, ca. 1599-1679?⟩

Piety promoted, 1721, p. 465.

Besse, 1:149, 221, 223, 225, 227.

WBE:

Additional information:

BOULTON, Samuel

Minister. 1676/7, goods distrained. Preached in London when it was hazardous to do so. 1683, goods distrained for attendance at mtg.

John Smith's ms., 1:300.

Besse, 1:439, 460-61, 482, 484.

Short journal of G. F., pp. 108, 113, 299 (also other ref.).

BOULTON, Samuel (

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whom he married at Liskeard in Cornwall in 1700, with the approval  
of the Two Weeks Meeting in London. She was, perhaps, a daughter  
of Prudence Wager, who married Alexander Parker (vol.i p.427).

Christian Progress, pp.423,592

Jnl. FHS v.202

Minutes of Morning Meeting, vol.i and ii

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.299

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Samuel Boulton (Bolton) was a London Friend and a Minister. As 'citizen and grocer' he married Hannah Polsted, at The Peal in 1668. She died 20.viii.1675, at the age of 26. We have hints here and there (pp.93,95,99,129) between viii.1684 and xi.1685/6, of some difficulty in the way of Boulton's proposed marriage with Mary Penington (93.8). It was evidently of long standing as in the Haistwell Diary, under date of '3rd day of 10 month 1677', we read 'yt night G ff & Isaac Pennington & Wm Penn & severall ffriends had a meeting concerning...' (p.259). The blank at the end has been covered by another hand, the same as the writer of the Itinerary Journal, with the words: 'S. Bolton & M: p.' Seven years later the matter was still sub judice and continued till late in 1685, when these long and probably painful discussions came to and' end. The conclusion is outlined in the following letter from Ambrose Rigge (MS in Friends House): 'I understand yt Samuell Bolton and Mary Penington had even been at 2 meetings in order to finish their intended Marryage and that he had ye Consent of her parents & herself thereto & ye Consent of ye meetings, but haveing seen a Letter under Samuell Bolton's hand wherein he freely gave it up to her parents and Relations & they haveing given their Judgment agt it, it wholly rests there & ye meeting hath nothing to doe with it as I understand now, but I did not then when I writ to them. Witness my hand this 15th of 11th mo. 1685/6, AMBROSE RIGGE.' The MM at Hunger Hill wrote, 7.ix.1687, to S. Boulton respecting his engagement to Mary Penington, implying that he had 'at the same time an attachment to another woman', name not given (Ms in Friends House). In 1686 Mary Penington had married Daniel Wharley (110.1); why should not the matter have been allowed to rest?

The next episode in the personal affairs of Samuel Boulton is recorded under date 20.xi.1686/7: 'G. ff. & G.W. &c had a meeting with Samll Bolton about Contract of Marryage between him & Sarah ffreckleton' (p.167). Sarah Freckleton is named in Fox's testamentary dispositions, c.1688 (vol.ii pp.351,489): 'Sarah thou may give Sarah ffrecklton half a Guiney for she hath been Serviceable to me, an honest Carefull young Woman.'

~~This also failed to materialize, but we are glad to know that~~

WBE:

BOULTON, William, fl. 1827-1836.

Manchester, Eng.

m. Mary (d. 1827)

m. (2d), Esther ?

Elder. Resigned eldership at request of the Committee  
of London Y. Mtg. Appointed to visit Manchester, 1836.  
1836, resigned membership, being in sympathy with Isaac  
Crewdson.

Crewdson, Crisis of the Quaker contest in Manchester, 1836,  
Parts II and III.

BOURN, Anne Elizabeth (1842?-1875) after 1873 Southall

[Anne Elizabeth Bourn of Edgbaston, Birmingham, the daughter of Joseph Bourn, was married in 1873 to William Southall (1825-1886 qv) of Birmingham.

See SOUTHALL, Anne Elizabeth (1842?-1875) born Bourn ]

BOURN, Deborah (1777-1799) born Maw

Deborah Maw, the daughter of John Maw (1748-1819 qv) and his wife Mary (born Burtt, 1744-1823 qv), of Gainsborough in Lincolnshire, was born there on 27 October 1777(1). Nothing is at present (1976) traced of her education and early life, except that the relationship between the Maws and the Burts was a particularly happy one and there was much visiting in the two families. About the year 1797 Deborah wished to marry William Bourn, a rope-maker of Gainsborough(2). Her parents' consent was impossible to obtain, as William, although an excellent young man, was a member of the Church of England and the two young people, to the horror of the Burtt family, eloped to Gretna Green. They laid their plans carefully, choosing the household washing day, when the maids would be astir early and the noise of the departing post chaise would not be noticed.

During the long journey Deborah was overcome by remorse at the sorrow she would cause her parents and on her return begged on her knees for her father's forgiveness. The marriage was later celebrated in Gainsborough parish church and the two families remained on friendly terms. Some members of the Bourn family attended meeting and became Quakers.

Deborah's marriage was very brief. She died after the birth of her son(3), on 24 January 1799(4), at the age of twenty one. The birth of this son was recorded, suggesting that William Bourn joined the Society.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Mary Bowen Burtt, The Burtt's, a Lincolnshire Quaker Family, 1500-1900, Hull 1937, pp 88, 121-122

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his wife's burial entry, note 4
- 3 Listed in Lincolnshire QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Joseph b 23 Dec 1798
- 4 Lincolnshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of William, a rope maker

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

BOURNE, Ann (1743?-1817) aftw. Fry

[Ann Bourne, daughter of Edward Bourne of Bristol  
and his wife Oriana (nee )  
was married in to Robert Fry

see FRY, Ann (1743?-1817) born Bourne ]

The fourth in succession of the Society's principal officers was Benjamin Bourne. What little we know of him presents a picture of trouble of both a family and official character.

Born 1684, son of Thomas Bourne, of London, gloveseller, he appears to have followed his parental occupation, for at his marriage with Hannah Parker at the Bull & Mouth in 1710, he is described as of Cheapside, Citizen and Glover.

The fatality which accompanied the previous holder of the Clerkship was increased in that of his successor - according to the registers of London, B. & H. Bourne had 16 children between 1713 and 1730 and 11 of them died in infancy ...

In 1733, when approaching 50 years of age, Bourne relinquished his business life, ~~XXXXXX~~ and entered the service of the Society as an assistant to Benjamin Bealing and on the retirement of the latter four years later, he became Clerk.

After nine years service, and for some reason not at present evident, B. Bourne was superseded in the clerkship of Yearly Meeting, the Meeting for Sufferings and other bodies; and by a minute of Third Month [May] 1746, Joseph Besse was appointed to his position and at this date his writing begins. E. Bourne was appointed to a subsidiary post of 'Recording the Sufferings' with a reduction of his previous salary of £50 a year.

Presumably financial difficulties sent him to the Eleet Prison where he wrote ... [to the meeting of Twelve asking for his Bill to be paid].

The bill was passed for payment at the meeting on 27th 8th Mo. 1746.

A letter from B. Bourne to the Meeting for Sufferings early the next year resulted in the decision that a quarter of a years notice was to be given on either side before the current year expires in the case of parting' which was perhaps preparing the way for the re-instatement of the writer.

B. Bourne again addressed the Meeting in 11th Mo [Jan] 1747, with the result that the Meeting approved the decision of a committee that 'that Joseph Besse should be continued in his present post till 24th of 4th Month [June] and that then Benjamin Bourne be restored to the place of clerk to the Meeting for Sufferings as formerly.'

The hand writing of B. Bourne recommends 3 iv [Jun] 1748; he is careful to insert the decision of the Meeting in the index to the volume of Minutes.

After a further service of 9 years, during which time his successor Jacob Post was appointed to assist, B. Bourne, weakened by ~~XXXXXX~~ attacks of an asthmatic affection, departed this life 20 i [Jan] 1757 at the age of 73, at Camberwell, and his remains were buried at Bunhill Fields.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Journal of the Friends Historical Society Vol 27 (1930) p7-9.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FROM THE DIGESTS OF BIRTHS, DEATH MARRIAGES  
AND BURIALS OF THE LONDON & MIDDLESEX QM.

Birth of Benjamin Bourne not traced in the London & Middlesex Birth Digest.

Marriage at the Bull & Mouth on 26 ix [Nov] 1701, she is described as  
Hannah Parker daughter of William Parker of London.

Hannah Bourne, wife of Benjamin Bourne died 29 ix 1746 aged 59  
of consumption (ie born c.1687)

Children

Joseph	born 19 v [July ] 1713	at the Poultry, Parish of Mildred in the Poultry. aged 18 months
	died 8 xi [Jan ] 1714	
Mary	born 1714	died 2 vii [Sept] 1714 aged 16 days
Hannah	born 26 v [July ] 1715	died 1 iv [June] 1716 at 9 months in All Hallows Parish
Hannah	born 1716	died 26 v [July] 1716 at 11 days
Elizabeth	born 18 vi [Aug ] 1717	at Gracechurch Street, Parish of All Hallows, Lombard Street. aged 7 years
	died 14 vii [Sept ] 1724	
Benjamin	born 1718	died 20 ix [Nov] at 9 days
Thomas	born 1718	died 23 ix [Nov] at 12 days
Benjamin	born 27 i [Mar ] 1720	
Mary	born 14 iii [May] 1721	married Stephen Forder, tailor 1759
Joseph	born 1722	died 5 iv [June] 1722 at 6 days
Hannah	born 16 iv [June] 1723	died 8.i[Jan] 1784 aged 60 of a fever at Crispin Street, Middlesex.
Sarah	born 1724	died 1 v [July] 1724 at 1 month
Thomas	born 1725	died 10 v [July] 1725 at 16 days
Sarah	born 27 ix [Nov ] 1726	
Mercy	born 10 vii [Sept] 1728	died 20 vii [Sept] 1729 aged 1 year
Martha	born 27 viii [Aug] 1730	

BOURNE, Edith (1741-1781) after 1768 Lovell

[Edith Bourne, daughter of Edward and Oriana Bourne of  
Bristol, was married in 1768 to Robert Lovell (1746?-1804 qv).]

See LOVELL, Edith (1741-1781) born Bourne ]

WBE:

BOURNE, Edith (1741-1781) aftw. Lovell  
BOURNE, Robert

In Edward Bourne's Burial Register is described as "christened" in the register of his King's Chapel (1769). Edith Bourne, the daughter of Edward Bourne and his wife Oriana (nee [unclear]) was married Warwick, Warwickshire, in 1768 to Robert Lovell. Long account of his sufferings (Suff. 11 of 11). In 1801, when Fox was in Worcestershire, he made an appointment with Fox to meet him at Fox's house in Worcester. Fox gave a striking account of Fox's conversion. "He speaks of the library of the First Step, and of the Religious Learning, & of the long see LOVELL, Edith (1741-1781) born Bourne [ ] to see so much, and that I believed he was of a deep & comprehensive understanding in naturall but especially in spirituall things" (F.P.L.) Bourne wrote other pieces in addition to his reply to Dr Good (312.43). Several of his letters are extant, written in good, educated hand. The name does not occur in S.H. and.

Neale, Worcester Sects, 1861

White, Warwickshire, 1894, pp. 33, 57

Hist. Monarchs, vi, 289

Note by F. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol. II p. 354

BOURNE, Elizabeth (1668-1705) after 1692 Osborne

[Elizabeth Bourne, daughter of Edward Bourne (-1708 qv)  
and his wife Margaret (born Paine, ) was  
married at Worcester in 1692 to Philip Osborne (-1744 qv)

See OSBORNE, Elizabeth (1668-1705) born Bourne ]

BOURNE, Margaret ( -1709) born Paine

Margaret Paine was the daughter of Mary Paine of Kings Caple near Ross in Herefordshire; the date of her birth is not at present (1981) traced(1).

She was married in 1661/2 to Edward Bourne ( -1708/9 qv), a chemist of Worcester who was known as Dr Bourne, and there were two children(2). Her husband suffered considerably for his faith(3).

Margaret Bourne died on 4.iv.[June] 1709(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her age at death is not given. She was probably born before the rise of Quakerism
- 2 For marriage and children see BOURNE, Edward ( -1708/9)
- 3 See entry for BOURNE, Edward ( -1708/9)
- 4 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: no description of her is given

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

BOURON, Elizabeth (1810-1855)      after 1836 Binns

[Elizabeth Bouron, daughter of John Bouron ( -  
and his wife Ann (born  
of Sunderland, was married in 1836 to Henry Binns  
(1810-1880 qv). ]

See BINNS, Elizabeth (1810-1855)    born Bouron ]

BOURTON, John

see BORTON, John

WBE:

BOUSELL, John, fl. 1787-1793.

Leather cutter, of Deepham, Norwich, Eng.

m. Mary

Joined Friends and remained with them for ca. 40 years. Left Friends, claiming that he belonged to the primitive Quakers, from whose practice and faith their successors had departed.

Author: The ram's horn sounded seven times . . . ,  
Norwich, 1787 or '88.

The near approaching day of universal  
restauration, regeneration, peace and salvation . . . , 1793.

And other publications.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 40(1948): 50.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7615.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:300.

BOUSTED, John, 1659-1716.

see BOWSTEAD, John, 1659-1716.

WBE:

BOUVIER, John, ca. 1789-1852.

b. ca. 1789, near Nismes, France.

ca. 1800, came to U. S. A. with Benjamin Johnson.

Began business as a printer, but took up law. 1836,  
recorder in Phila. Judge of the Court of Criminal Sessions.

Author: Institutes of American Law. 4 Vols. 1854.

Law Dictionary (6 editions).

Overworked.

d. 18 Nov. 1852, Phila., Pa., aged about 63.

Friends Intelligencer, 8(1852):279.

Jos. Smith's Cat., suppl.:64.

BOVEINGDON, Richard (fl 1690) Bucks

SOURCE OF INFORMATION :

Search undertaken in 1965 on behalf of V.J.Boveington of Watford

ACTION TAKEN BY LIBRARY :

No entries relating to Richard Boveingdon (or Buffington) are to be found in the register digests of Buckinghamshire for the years 1650-1700, though the surname Boveingdon does appear.

BOWATER, John (1629?-1704/5)

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John Bowater (Boweter) is principally noted for his visit to America in 1677-8. 'It appeared by the said John Bowater's own brief Relation, that he was more kindly used by the Poor Indians in American than by some pretended Christians here in England, after his return'. (Testimony issued by the Second Days Morning Meeting 21.iii.1705). He was for some time a prisoner in Worcester County Jail and also in the Fleet Prison in London. 'He was low and poor in this World'. His early home was at Bromsgrove in Worcestershire; he lived later in London.

Christian Epistles... of John Boweter, with list of places visited  
in America, 1705

Journal of George Fox, vol.ii pp.408, 426, 442, 444  
Bulletin FHS Phila. iii

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.381

WBE:

Additional information:  
BOWATER, John, 1629-1704.

Cumberland?

1677-1678, visited Friends from R. I. to Va. in  
America.

1677? imprisoned in Worcester. 1681, prisoner in  
Fleet St., London.

Author: Something concerning the proceedings of  
Thomas Willmate . . . against me . . . , 1681.

d. 16 XI 1704, London, aged ca. 75.

Weeks, Southern Qu. and Slavery

Besse, 1:461, 484.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:305.

Bull. Friends Hist. Assn., 3:131.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7614, BX 7795.

BOWDEN, Anna (1838-1871) after 1859 Longmaid

[Anna Bowden, daughter of Josiah Bowden (1809-1870  
and his wife Martha (born Esterbrook, 1810-1887 }  
of Liskeard in Cornwall, was married in 1859 to John  
Longmaid (1832?-1915 qv) of London.

See LONGMAID, Anna (1838-1871) born Bowden ]

BOWDEN, Charles (1843- )

Charles Bowden, the son of Josiah Bowden (1809-1870) and his wife Martha (born Esterbrook, 1810-1887) of Liskeard in Cornwall, was born there on 10 November 1843(1).

He was educated at Sidcot School from 1852 to 1853(2).

He went to the United States in 1867 and on 19 October 1868 he was married in New York to Flora Moore of Tottenham in Middlesex(3); there were four children, born between 1869 and 1898(4).

The date of his death is not at present (1985) traced(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a draper
- 2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 22
- 3 Ibid
- 4 Given in Sidcot School Register, loc cit:
  - Josiah b Aug 1869
  - Charles b Aug 1871
  - John H. b June 1885
  - E.Warren b Feb 1898
- 5 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths to 1943 nor given in Haverford College Library, Quaker Necrology

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

BOWDEN, Eliza (1841-1913)

Eliza Bowden was born in Bristol in the year 1841, and spent her whole life in that city. She was an Elder and Overseer of her Meeting and worked in the service of First-day School/Mothers' Meeting, the Total Abstinence Cause and other forms of charity and philanthropy.

"She was never weary in welldoing; her service was willing and joyful; it never lapsed into drudgery, being done as in remembrance of her Lord. She encouraged her fellow-workers by her ever hopeful spirit, extending tender and ready sympathy to the joys and sorrows of others, giving wise advice and help over difficulties, and above all referring in a perfectly natural way all life's happenings to Him in whose hands they are."

16 Eliza Bowden died 1<sup>st</sup> May 1913.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Bristol & Frenchay MM in YM Proc. 1914, p.306.

BOWDEN, Elizabeth (1716-1740/1) after 1738 James

[Elizabeth Bowden, daughter of Salmon Bowden ( - )  
and his wife Ann (born  
of Liskeard in Cornwall, was married in 1738 to Nicholas  
James (1711-1753 qv). ]

See JAMES, Elizabeth (1716-1740/1) born Bowden ]

WBE:

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BOWDEN, James, 1811-1887.

b. 1811, Liskeard, Cornwall, s. John and Mary  
(Barbery) Bowden. Later lived in London.

m., 1847, Amelia Gilkes Two dau., one son.

m., 1857, Hannah Marsh Jr. of Croydon, Eng., who  
wrote verses (d. 1859). One child.

Recording clerk of London Y. Mtg. for many years.  
1863, resigned his membership. The reason for his resignation does not appear, except that his conduct had been "unguarded and indiscreet." 1874, applied to be reinstated, to Westminster and Longford M. Mtg., which did not unite with the favorable report of J. Bevan Braithwaite and Robert Kemp, who had been appointed to visit him. J. B. was not received into membership until later.

Author: Vol. I, The history of the Society of Friends in America, 1850.

Vol. II, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, 1854.

A review of the testimony of Friends on tithes, &c., 1854.

An essay on the anti-scriptural doctrine of the resurrection of the body, 1878.

d. 4 Mar. 1887, Nailsworth, bur. at Shortwood,  
Gloucestershire, aged 75.

An. Mon., 46:41.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:304, suppl.:64.

The Friend (London), 27:94.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 30:55.

BOWDEN, John (1837-1892)

John Bowden, the son of Josiah Bowden (1809-1870) and his wife Martha (born Esterbrook, 1810-1887) of Liskeard in Cornwall, was born there on 14 July 1837(1).

He was educated at Sidcot School from 1847 to 1851(2).

He became an engineer at Newcastle on Tyne(3) and helped to lay the first rail road in Sweden(4).

He was married in 1866 to Lucy Wilson (1840-1904 qv) of Newcastle(5), but the marriage was apparently childless(6).

John Bowden died in Tottenham Hospital in Middlesex on 20 July 1892, at the age of fifty five(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a draper
- 2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 22
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 5
- 4 Sidcot School Register, loc cit
- 5 The wedding was at Newcastle on Tyne on 29 August 1866: he is described as a bachelor, an engineer of Newcastle, the son of Josiah Bowden, a gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Newcastle, the daughter of Robert Wilson, a cheesemonger (Digest of Marriages)
- 6 No children are traced in the Digest of Births nor given in Sidcot School Register, loc cit
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as out of business

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

BOWDEN, Josiah (1842-1923)

Josiah Bowden, the son of Josiah Bowden (1809-1870 ) and his wife Martha (born Esterbrook, 1810-1887 ) of Liskeard in Cornwall, was born there on 27 April 1842(1).

He was a pupil at Sidcot School in 1851(2).

He was married to Ellen Hart(3) and there were seven children(4).

Josiah Bowden died on 23 May 1923 at Helena, Montana in the United States(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a woolstapler
- 2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 22
- 3 Ibid: no marriage is traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 4 So stated, without details, in Sidcot School Register, loc cit: no children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 5 Sidcot School Register, loc cit: his death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths nor in Haverford College Library, Quaker Necrology

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

BOWDEN, Lucy (1840-1904) born Wilson

Lucy Wilson, the daughter of Robert Wilson ( ) and his wife Sarah (born ) of Newcastle on Tyne, was born there on 21 April 1840(1).

She was married in 1866 to John Bowden (1837-1892 qv), an engineer of Newcastle, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

Lucy Bowden of Ovingham in Northumberland died on 4 April 1904, at the age of sixty eight(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a cheesemonger
- 2 For marriage see BOWDEN, John (1837-1892)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of John

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

BOWDEN, Martha (1848-1923) after 1870 Stackhouse

[Martha Bowden, the daughter of Josiah Bowden (1809-1870 ) and his wife Martha (born Esterbrook, 1810-1887 ) of Liskeard in Cornwall, was married in 1870 to Thomas Petchell Stackhouse (1846-1922 qv) of Kendal in Westmorland.

See STACKHOUSE, Martha (1848-1923) born Bowden ]

BOWDEN, Mary (1770-1849) after 1804 Hunt

BOWDEN, Mary (1743?-1815) born Baron

Mary Bowden was the wife of Josiah Bowden of Liskeard, Cornwall,  
and daughter of Jonathan and Catherine Baron.

Testimony

Annual monitor 1817

Account (autobiographical) 1814

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

Testimony of East Cornwall N.M. (Brief minute) in MS Test.vol.5 p.50

see also next page  
in the gather pg

BOWDEN, Mary (1841-1919) after 1864 Hicks

[Mary Bowden, daughter of Josiah Bowden (1809-1870  
and his wife Martha (born Esterbrook, 1810-1887      }  
of Liskeard in Cornwall, was married in 1864 to  
Edward Hicks (1835-1912 qv) of London.

See HICKS, Mary (1841-1919) born Bowden ]

BOWDEN, Sarah (?1775-1836) after 1822 Treffry

For references to Sarah Bawden or Bowden, daughter of Jonathan and Anna Bawden or Bowden of Looe, Cornwall, who in 1822 married Robert Treffry (1772-1832 qv) of Plymouth Dock, Devon

see TREFFRY, Sarah (?1775-1836) born Bawden or Bowden

BOWEN, Emily Constance (1856-1948) aftw. Saunders

[Emily Constance Bowen was married in 1877  
to Ernest Charles Saunders

see SAUNDERS, Emily Constance (1856-1948) born Bowen]

WBE:

[BOWEN, George,] 1816-1888.

b. 1816, America.

ca. 1833, became opposed to Christianity, through reading Gibbon, Diderot, Voltaire and Volney. He remained an unbeliever for eleven years. Paley's Evidences helped to restore a faith in God. 1848, went as a missionary to India. Relinquished his stipend from the Missionary Society, while continuing his connection with the American Board. Preached in the streets and was at times maltreated. Was an accomplished musician and knew French, German, Spanish and Italian, as well as Hindustani and Marathi. 1854, editor of Bombay Guardian.

d. 1888, Bombay? aged 72.

The Friend (London), 40(1900):165 (portrait).

BOWEN, Jonathan Hopkins (1798-1826)

Jonathan Hopkins Bowen, of Gainsborough, and son of Simon Maw Bowen also of Gainsborough, was a grocer. His notes on the Yearly Meetings of 1818 and 1825, beautifully written, were present to the Friends House Library in 1917 by Arthur F. Gravely of Wellingborough. Extracts are printed in the Journal of the Friends Historical Society, 14.

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930, p.158

BOWEN, Mary (1800-1884) after 1828 Burtt

(1772-1852 qv) (born Hopkins)  
(Mary Bowen, daughter of Simon New Bowen and his wife Ann of  
Gainsborough, was married in 1828 to Joseph Burtt (1793-1884 qv).)

See BURTT, Mary (1800-1884) born Bowen )