

SHRIGLEY, family

[Cheshire]

"There is a tradition that Richard Shrigley captained and owned a ship called The Friends Adventurer which went to Pennsylvania in the 1600s with Quakers on board, probably before 1700." The family may have come from near Macclesfield, or from London, Yorkshire or Wales.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Mrs C. Johns of Southampton and A.M. Srigley of Vancouver on whose behalf a search was undertaken in 1971

ACTION TAKEN BY LIBRARY:

The master of a ship The Friends adventurer in the 1680s was Thomas Wall (Penna. Mag. IX pp 222, 229). There is no trace of Richard Shrigley here, nor are there any references in Besse's Sufferings. The only entry for the name in the register digests of Cheshire & Staffs QM to 1837 refers to the burial of Frances Scrigley in 1698. There are no entries for the name in the register digests of the following QMs to about 1710:

Derby & notts  
Hereford Worcester & Wales GM  
London & Middx  
Lancashire  
Yorkshire

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SHUGART, Cornelius, ca. 1821-1884.

b. ca. 1821.

m. Harriet T.

(children)

Earnest worker for the Underground Railway.

Taught for more than 25 years.

Minister. His ministry usually short but relevant.

Attended Deer Creek Monthly Meeting. Mississinewa Quarterly Meeting, Indiana.

Was a liberal giver to the poor of his money and kindness.

Paralysed the last 7 years of his life.

d. 1 July 1884, Grant Co., Indiana, in his 64th year,

Christian Worker, 14(1884):507.

Friends Review, 18(1865):393.

SIBBERING, Elizabeth (1799?-1870) formerly Birchall, born Bath

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She was an exemplary and consistent Friend, much beloved by all who knew her and for many years an overseer of her meeting. She was deeply concerned for the well-being of the Society and was kind and hospitable to all. She was humane and generous to the poor, not only in gifts of money but in working for the Dorcas Society in her neighbourhood. She was twice married and her life was chequered by many trials and bereavements, which she bore cheerfully as a chastening of the Divine will.

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PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1872, pp 182-183

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 71 at death. Her birth is not traced in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see BIRCHALL, Thomas (1790-1829)
- 3 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: he died 19 Feb 1829
- 4 For marriage and issue see SIBBERING, William (1800?-1851)
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a widow of Swansea

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

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Annual Monitor 1872, pp 182-183

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 71 at death. There is no entry in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest
- 2 The wedding was at Neath on 22 October 1818: he is described as a grocer of Swansea in the county of Glamorgan, the son of James and Martha Birchall late of Windle in the county of Lancaster; she is described as the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Bath of Swansea in the county of Glamorgan (Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest as follows:-

Eliza Catherine	b 14 May 1821
Henry Bath	b 17 Feb 1823
Mary	b 22 March 1824
Ellen	b 14 Feb 1826
Charles	b 16 Jan 1828

M.B. No marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1888
- 4 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: he died 19 Feb 1829

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SIBBERING, William (1800?-1851)

William Sibbering, the son of Joseph Sibbering, was born about the year 1800(1).

He was a grocer at Swansea in Glamorgan(2) and was married in 1842 to Elizabeth Birchall (1799?-1870 qv), the widow of Thomas Birchall (1790-1829 qv) and daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Bath of Swansea(3); there was one child(4).

William Sibbering of Swansea died at York on 12 December 1851, at the age of fifty one(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 51 at death. His birth is not traced in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM or Yorkshire QM Births Digests
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Neath on 13 October 1842: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer of Swansea, the son of Joseph Sibbering, a gardener; she is described as a widow of Swansea, the daughter of Henry Bath, a merchant (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-  
William b 15 May 1844 d 3 Feb 1869
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as late of Swansea

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

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SIBBITT, Mary, (F.) (A.) -1953/54.

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Leader of 20th century Friends Temperance Workers.

Known as "Aunt Mollie" or the "Kansas Cyclone." She was an effective if not convincing speaker. During World War I because of the aid she gave soldiers across the country, she received a third nickname, "the mother of the cookie jar."

Member of Kansas Yearly Meeting.

d. 1953/1954.

Elliott, Quakers On The American Frontier, p. 144.

Minutes of Kansas Yearly Meeting, 1954, p. 52.

WBE: Additional information  
~~(prepared by RB)~~

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SIBBIT, Mary A Ferguson, 1859(?) - 1954

b. 1859? in Ohio.

Parents' farm a station on the underground railway.

At age 11, moved with family to Quaker Valley, Cherokee Co., Kan.

Following high school graduation taught at the Quaker mission and school in what is now Oklahoma.

m., Rolly Sibbitt.

Part of a group of Christian women who fought vice in Dodge City, Kan.

A recorded minister.

55 years a national lecturer.

Did missionary work for University Friends Church.

1900 began speaking engagements at the International Soldiers Reunion held each year near Baxter Spring, Kan.

1904-12 Speaker on Chautauqua, Kan. platform; her subjects were usually patriotic.

1914 member of Exec. Board of temperance and legislation for Five Yrs. Mtg; worked for temperance until aged 94.

For nursing in W.W. I at Camp Funston received a Medal of Merit from Gen. Pershing. In W.W.II distributed literature and wrote 1800 letters and postcards annually.

At age 91 subject of a national radio broadcast from her home in which she was honored for 50 years of work with servicemen.

SIBSON, Constance (1884-1977) after 1909 Blunsom

[L M Constance Sibson, daughter of Daniel Sibson  
( . . ) and his wife Elizabeth (born Lord,  
1840-1919 qv? of Stockton-on-Tees, was married in  
1909 to Reginald Blunsom (1883-1964 qv) of King's  
Norton.

see BLUNSM, Lilian Mary Constance (1884-1977)  
born Sibson ]

SIBSON, Jane (1735?-1816) after 1757 Pearson

SIBSON, Elizabeth (1840-1919) born Lord

Elizabeth Lord was born at Springs near Rochdale, in 1840, the daughter of John and Mary Lord, devout Baptists.

In 1866 she married Daniel Sibson of Rochdale, where they lived until 1880, when they moved with their four sons to Middlesbrough. Here they first came into touch with Friends and began to attend Meetings. Two years later they moved to Stockton-on-Tees where Daniel Sibson joined his cousin in a dental practice, and later took it over entirely.

They joined the Society in 1883 and entered fully into the life of the Meeting. Eventually Elizabeth undertook the leadership of a women's Sunday Afternoon class, and under her guidance it grew steadily. She also helped two of the Stockton Friends with a successful Mothers' Meeting. In 1893 both she and her husband were appointed Overseers, and three years later they became Elders. Both also served on the Committee of Ayton School.

Greatly interested in temperance work she joined the British Women's Temperance Union, and was for some years Vice-President of the Stockton Branch. In 1894 she was appointed to the Board of Guardians.

A breakdown in her husband's health put an end to these public activities, and they moved to Grimsdale Lodge, Norton, where she nursed him devotedly for 14 years. After his death in 1915 she resumed active work for the Society of Friends, and entertained many visiting Friends in her home.

She died on 10 March 1919 aged 78

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual Monitor 1919/20 p.255

SIBSON, Letitia (fl 1766-1799) after 1766 Pearson

[Letitia Sibson, daughter of Jane Sibson of Newtown near  
Carlisle in Cumberland, was married in 1766 to John  
Balme Sutton (1769-1816).]

See SIBSON, Jane (1735?-1816) born Sibson ]

[Jane Sibson, daughter of Jonathan and Jane Sibson of  
Newton, near Carlisle, was married in 1757 to John  
Pearson of Greysouthern.]

see PEARSON, Jane (1735?-1816) born Sibson ]

SIBSON, Lilian Mary Constance (1884-1977) after 1909 Blunsom

[Lilian Mary Constance Sibson, daughter of Daniel Sibson  
( - ) and his wife Elizabeth (born Lord,  
1840-1919 qv) of Stockton-on-Tees, was married in 1909  
to Reginald Blunsom (1883-1964 qv) of King's Norton.

See BLUNSOM, Lilian Mary Constance (1884-1977) born Sibson ]

WBE:

SIBTHORNE (sp.?), Ann

Youghal, Ireland,

1705, visited New England.  
In this connection, his town was a  
hospitable place for visiting ministers.

In 1657, he wrote to all the inhabitants of the  
town of Youghal, who are under the leadership of  
James Wood...

John Smith's Ms. 3:321

John Smith's Ms., 2:574

SIDDALL, William ( -1687)

William Siddall of Tadcaster, appears among Friends belonging to Tadcaster Meeting in 1668/9 (Jnl FHS ii.32). Ell. Text gives the names of places but not of Friends at Tadcaster, Knottingley and Doncaster.

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.355

SIDDIN, Henry

see SIDON, Henry

SIDDLE, Ralph Edward ( 1910 ? - 1980 )

Ralph Siddle was born in about the year 1910, the son of Charles Henry and Isabel Siddle of Leeds.(1) In about 1920/21 the family moved to Hull(2) and he became in due course a member of Pickering & Hull MM which he supported for the rest of his life. He married in about 1934, his wife Agnes not being in membership and a son David John was born in 1935.(3) A daughter Margaret was born later.

He began work in the Children's Dept. of Hull City Council becoming deputy chief officer there and then later became chief children's officer for the East Riding. He was a C.O. in the second world war and was given unconditional exemption. In his work he was a great inspiration to his staff and his sincerity, love and kindness gained love and respect from all who came into contact with him. He served as an elder and as an over seer of his monthly meeting and as clerk of Hull PM on 1941 - 1949 and of Beverley PM in 1966/7.(4)

He died suddenly after speaking, during Meeting for Worship on Sunday August 3, 1980. No age is given.(5)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 138 (1980) p. 1216

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Yorkshire QM printed lists of members record in 1910 Charles and Isabel Siddle with son, they are first recorded as at Leeds in 1909 but as members of another meeting. In 1924 the lists record Ralph as aged 13.
2. The same lists for 1920 record them under Leeds but living at Hull, and in 1922 they are recorded under Hull.
3. The same lists record him as living at home with his parents in 1934, but in 1936 at a new address, although no mention is made of a wife. In 1938 he is recorded at the new address, with wife Agnes, not in membership and son David John (1935)
4. Index of Clerks - Friends Ho. Library.
5. He would have been aged 69 or 70.

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SIDDONS, Henry

see SIDON, Henry

SIDON, Henry

There are two notices of Henry Sidon (Siddons, Siddin) in White's Friends in Warwickshire (3rd ed. 1894, pp.26,97). Baddesley Ensor, sixteen miles from Birmingham, was, perhaps, about 1660, the largest gathering of Friends in the county and Henry Sidon ~~one~~ of the principal Friends (ibid. p.97). The visit was paid on the 5th of May; on the 25th Fox wrote to Sidon: 'Now concerning the thing thou speakst to me of, that Sarah Harris should say to the that Wm Mead & Wm Penn did ware Perrywiggs & call them Perriwig men- first concerning Wm Mead he bid me putt my hand upon his head and feel and said he never weare Perriwig in his life & wonder'd at it, and as for Wm Penn he did say that he did ware a little civil border because his hair was Come of his head...' For remainder of letter, which is in the handwriting of William Penn, in Friends House, see Jnl FHS, vi.187; Second Period of Quakerism, p.58 n. Fox concludes with a message of 'love to thee & thy wife & father & N. Newton'.

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.357

WBE:

SIDWELL, Thomas Watson, 1860-1936

b. May 16, 1860 at Johnsville, Maryland, son of  
Reuben and Sarah A. Sidwell.

ed. New Windsor College, 1874-76.

1876-80 taught in local public schools.

1880-83 taught in the Elementary and High  
School of Baltimore Friends Meeting.

1883-1936 principal and owner of Sidwell Friends  
School, Washington, D.C. A much beloved teacher.

m., June 29, 1887, Frances M. Haldeman of  
Martinsville, West Virginia.

d. April 10th, 1936 at Washington, D.C. in his  
77th year.

Member of Alexandria (Va.) Monthly Meeting for many  
years, then of the new meeting in Washington, D.C.

Stone, Pages from the Past, 24 (portrait op.)  
Friends Intel., 93(1936):262, 478

SIKES, Gobert

Gobert Sikes lived at Hackney, Middlesex, where a meeting was held at his house (Crouch, Posthuma Christiana, 1712, p.18; Beck and Ball, London Friends' Meetings, 1869, p.37).

Little more is known of this Friend and the date of his death has not been ascertained.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.<sup>2</sup>~~11~~ p.384

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WBE:

SILCOCK, Henry (Harry) Thomas, 1882-1969.

b. 1882, Bath, s. of T.H. Silcock, J.P. Raised a Congregationalist.

ed. at Bath College, Feltes College (Edinburgh), and Oriel College (Oxford.)

Travelling secretary of the Student Christian Movement.

1908, left England for Chengtu in Szechwan, China where he worked at the normal school under the authorization of Friends Foreign Mission Association.

m. Margaret Standing, d. of Herbert Fox Standing, in Chengtu, 1909. (children)

1911, worked at West China Union University. Became vice-president.

1920, succeeded Henry T. Hodgkin as secretary of FFMA. Later became joint general secretary with Carl Heath of Friends Service Council. 1920, officially severed ties with Congregationalists. 1922, officially joined Friends.

1927, delivered Swarthmore Lecture on Christ and the World's Unrest.

1932, resigned from F.S.C. to become Secretary of Universities China Committee in London. Personally involved with many Chinese in England.

1938, left the committee and returned to China, to

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WBE:

SILCOCK, Henry, (Harry) Thomas, 1882-1969, (p. 2)  
occupied Shanghai and then to "Free China" in the West.  
With Herbert Hodgkin he encouraged U.S. and British  
Friends to support founding of a Centre in Shanghai, 1939.  
Wished to prevent continuation of the Sino-Japanese War.

Returned to England via India, New Zealand and Australia.

Travelled extensively in U.S., Scandinavia, South Africa, Madagascar, Pemba. Worked for Friends' unity with the Friends World Committee for Consultation. 1945, Assistant Secretary of F.W.C.C.

1947, returned to the Far East. Became secretary of the centre there in Chengtu. Visited various meetings there in West China and visited Lucy Burtt in Pe-  
king.

1950, Secretary of the F.W.C.C. and clerk of the planning committee for the World Conference of Friends at Oxford in 1952.

1954, resigned as clerk. 1961, made Honorary member. Attended 1967 Conference in Greensboro, N.C.

d. 7 Feb. 1969, aged 86.

The Friend (London):127(1969):213-214.

Who's Who (Brit.) 1935:3044.

Thistlethwaite, Bernard, The Bax Family, pp. 310-311.

SILCOCK, Henry Thomas, 1882-1969

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Additional information:

Harry T. and Margaret Silcock had five children (1)

NOTES & REFERENCES

1 Given as follows in FSC records

Thomas Henry	b. 17 April 1910	
Herbert Glynn	b. 9 Nov 1911	
Arnold Revell	b. 18 April 1914	
Frances Margaret	b. 7 March 1916	d. 6 Dec 1927
Anne Lucy	b. 13 Aug 1923	

SILL, Charles ( -1685)

Charles Sill is described in the Lancashire Burial Registers as 'of Ayeside'. He was a cooper. He was an active member of the Friends' Meetings, and his signature, 'Cha: Sill' appears frequently on the minutes of the Monthly Meeting, 1668 onward.

Note by Norman Penney in 'The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell'  
1920, p.519

SILL, Sarah (1803-1879)

Sarah Sill was born on 1803 at Liverpool, the daughter of James and Bridget Sill. She was a member of Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting, and was recorded a minister in 1859.

'For the last nine years of her life she was confined to her bed, and was frequently a great sufferer; and it was whilst thus precluded from active service that her Christian character was so apparent to those who had the privilege of witnessing her patience, cheerfulness, and her continued interest in Christian and philanthropic work, in connection with which her pen was often employed'.

Sarah Sill died on 4 March 1879.

Testimony of Hardshaw West MM in YM Proc. 1880, p.xix

SILVEY, Robert John Everett (1) ( 1905 ? - 1981 )

Robert Silvey was born in about the year 1905.(2) His father also Robert Silvey was a Baptist minister. We have no knowledge of his early life but in 1930 he joined the Society of Friends at Westminster. In 1931 he married Elspeth Grant (3) and they settled in London.(4) There were three children of the marriage, Jonathan, Alison and Ruth. In 1936 he established the Audience Research department at the BBC and directed it for twenty two years. He was awarded an OBE in 1960 for his services to broadcasting. In 1974 he wrote a book on audience research entitled "Who's Listening ?" published by Allen & Unwin and at the time of his death he was working in collaboration on a book on the "Imaginary Islands" a children's fantasy.

At the age of 42 he had to face the prospect of blindness which he did and set himself the task of coming to terms with it, but fortunately the course of the disease was checked although his sight remained imperfect and he was able to return to work. His wife died when he was due to retire from the BBC but he faced the new conditions of his life, taking up new interests including painting. On his retirement he spent a term as a guest lecturer at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, became deeply interested in Israel and spent some time on the staff of the Anglo-Israel Association in London.

Neither at Westminster nor later when he removed to Welwyn Garden City did he take part in the business of the Society, but in his later years served as an elder, he often contributed articles and letters to The Friend and was an honest seeker after truth. He was a man of integrity and kindness, of a quicksilver mind, a luckish sense of humour, with a good story for every occasion. He was also prepared to devote considerable energy to causes in which he believed, thus in retirement he founded and chaired a local Amnesty group and took an active part in the work of the Quaker Socialist Society.

He died on April 16, 1981 at the age of 76.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 139 (1981) p. 637  
Death notice for age p. 516.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. The extra Christian names are taken from the entry in the Marriage Digest - Friends House Library.
2. We have no date of birth. The Death notice gives his age as 76 at death, the obituary suggests he was 75.
3. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Jordans FMH on August 8, 1931. He is described as a bachelor, research statistician. She was Elspeth Mary Grant N/M schoolteacher, daughter of Matthew George Grant (dec'd.)
4. London Middlesex QM printed list of members for 1932 shows them as attending Friends House Meeting.

WBE:

SIM, Nancy

Kinkell (?) Stotlund.

Convinced and joined Friends. She opened her cottage for Friends' meetings. However, so many came it was necessary to adjourn to the fields. This was at a place called Ardiharrald.

Jaffray, Jaffray and the Friends in Scotland, 238,237

Evans, Friends in the 17th century...,225

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WBE:

SIMCOCK, Jacob

Minister, who in 1703 visited New England with  
Samuel Bownas. Two years later, with Joseph Glaister,  
of Cumberland, he visited Maryland and Virginia.

John Smith's Ms. 3:155

SIMCOCK, John (1639?-~~1704~~)

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The early home of John Simcock was at Stoke, in Cheshire. On one occasion he had taken from him eight cows and eleven heifers, worth £90, as a fine for preaching (Suff. i. 106-108). In 1675, he visited Ireland (Rutty, Hist. 1751; Record of Friends Travelling in Ireland, 1664-1765, Ms in Friends House). In or about the year 1682, Simcock emigrated to Pennsylvania and became one of Penn's

1703

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The Friend (Phila.), 1854, pp.28, 36, 1903, p.411, 1910, p.362  
Bowden, Hist. 1854, ii. 253  
Swarth. MSS. i. 149, 365

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.457

see also next page

/ SIMCOCKE, John (1639?-1703)

start / John Simcocke was of Stoke, Cheshire. Emigrated to Pennsylvania. cf. C.J., ii.457; Besse, i.105-8.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.73

see also previous page  
and next

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Additional information

SIMCOCK, John, c.1639-1703

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1682 removed to America and settled in Chester County, Pa. Bestowed much labor on George Keith in an endeavor to prevent a separation, being one of three Friends appointed to visit with him. "Truth needs no images".

d. 27 I 1703, Chester Co., Pa., aged about 66 years.

Piety pro., 11th part, 330  
Phila. Y.M., A Col. of Mem. (1787):36  
Besse, 1:105, 106, 107, 108.  
John Smith's Ms. 3:153

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SIMCOCK, Mary, nee Waln, 1687-1771

b. 1687 at Middletown, Bucks County,  
Pa., daughter of Nicholas and Jane Waln.

As a child her family removed to Philadelphia  
bringing their membership to The Monthly Meeting for  
the Northern Liberties.

m., 1706, John Simcock, son of the noted minister of that name. They removed to live in Abington, Penna.

She received a gift in the ministry and was recognized.

1740 she and her husband removed to live near Kingwood, N.J. (later called Quakertown). They had their certificates transferred to the meeting there.

d. May 19, 1771 at Kingwood, N.J. in her 85th year.

The Friend (Phila.) 35(1861-62):156

Hinshaw, Encyc. 2:431 (for spelling of maiden name)

SIMKIN, Edward (1696/7-1748)

See SIMPKIN, Edward (1696/7-1748)

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SIMKIN, Edward (1750-1826)

Edward Simkin, the son of John and Elizabeth Simkin of Bethnal Green, was born there on 16.ii.(April)1750(1). He was married in 1772 to Sarah Coles(2) and there were nine children, six of whom died in infancy(3). He lived in London until 1790, when he and his wife and three surviving children moved to Coalbrookdale in Shropshire, of which meeting he became a member until his death.

He had always been religiously inclined and for several years prior to his removal he had appeared in the ministry. His public ministry was lively and full of zeal, tempered by humility and was well received by his hearers. He seldom travelled in the work of the ministry beyond the limits of his Half Year's Meeting, which he attended regularly when well enough to do so. He several times visited many of the particular meetings in Wales and occasionally attended quarterly and other meetings. At home, he was a regular attender at meetings for worship. All his life he served others, but he did his best in the interests of his employers and was much loved and respected.

Edward Simkin of New Dale in Shropshire died on 27 March 1826, at the age of seventy six(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Shropshire MM 12 April 1826 in TCMD vol 5, pp 245-246

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a gardener
- 2 The wedding was at Chackmore in Buckinghamshire on 27 May 1772: he is described as the son of John Simkin of Bethnal Green; she is described as a spinster, the daughter of Henry and Sarah Coles, late of Banbury in Oxfordshire (Buckinghamshire QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-
- |           |                 |                                                                      |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Samuel    | b 6 Oct 1774    | who d 25 Oct 1774                                                    |
| Joseph    | b 22 Dec 1775   | who d 23 Dec 1775                                                    |
| Sarah     | b 18 July 1777  | who m 1808 James Newly (Hereford,<br>Worcester & Wales GM Marriages) |
| Ann       | b 13 March 1779 | who d 22 Aug 1779                                                    |
| Edward    | b 18 June 1781  | who d 25 Aug 1781                                                    |
| Elizabeth | b 20 July 1783  | who d 31 July 1783                                                   |
| Edward    | b 18 May 1784   | who d 2 April 1785                                                   |
| Samuel    | b 27 Oct 1785   | who m 1807 Ann Bradley (Hereford<br>Worcester & Wales GM Marriages)  |
- \*Elizabeth b 11 March 1787
- \*No marriage traced in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest to 1837
- 4 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 23, pp 83, 90:  
Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) pp 114, 115

Robert Louis Simkin  
Bk. HarColl 1903

biog needed in D9 B.

see HC<sup>HC</sup> 1914      (archives)

SIMMES, Edith ( -1762) after 1749 Gilkes

[Edith Simmes, daughter of Sampson Simmes of Long Compton in Warwickshire, was married in 1749 to Simon Gilkes (1710-1777 qv) of Great Barford in Oxfordshire.

See GILKES, Edith ( -1762) born Simmes ]

SIMMONS, Annette Rebecca (1853?-1933) after 1882 Tyler

[Annette Rebecca Simmons, daughter of Edward Simmons of Stoke Newington, was married in 1882 to Frederick William Tyler (1853-1919 qv).]

See TYLER, Annette Rebecca (1853?-1933) born Simmons ]

SIMMONS, Constantia (1848?-1940) after 1879 Fardon, after 1891 Wells

[Constantia Simmons, daughter of Lewis and Constantia Simmons of Burnham in Buckinghamshire, was married firstly in 1879 to Edwin Fardon (1835-1885 qv) of Bristol. She married secondly in 1891 John Wells (1834-1923 qv) of Sibford Gower in Oxfordshire.

See WELLS, Constantia (1848?-1940) formerly Fardon, born Simmons ]



WBE:

SIMMONS, Ebenezer Leadbeater, 1791-1875

b. Jan. 14, 1791 at London, England, son of  
Isaac and Rebecca Simmons.  
apprenticed to a watchmaker.

Overseer and later Elder of his meeting.

A mechanical genius, enjoying the solution of  
the difficult problems which complicated machinery  
suggested.

d. Aug. 3, 1875 and was buried at Stoke Newing-  
ton, in his 85th year.

Biog. Cat., 629

The Friend (London), 15(1875):252

An. Mon. (N.S.), 34(1876):153

WBE:

SIMMONS  
Simmons (or Simmonds), Martha, nee Calvert, -1665  
b. daughter of  
and Calvert.

m. Thomas Simmons (or Simmonds) children  
Convinced and joined Friends. In 1655 she wrote  
A lamentation for the lost sheep...

1656 was concerned in James Nayler's miscarriage  
at Bristol. "A woman of much enthusiasm and little  
judgment."

d. Sept. 27, 1665, on her way to Maryland.

Braithwaite, Begin. of Qu., 244-47, 252, 255, 266, 269  
Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:574  
Jounges of Geo. J. Foxal, (rev. ed. by J. Nickalls), 424

WBE:

SIMMONS ( or Simmonds), Thomas

Not ever known to have been a Friend. He had a bookstore in the Bull & Mouth Meeting House, near Aldersgate, London. Was printer for Richard Baxter.

m. Martha Calvert, a convinced Friend. children.

1653-1662 printed items relating to the sufferings of Friends. Seems to have published over 300 tracts and books for Friends. His wife was mixed up in the tragedy surrounding James Naylor.

The Friend (Phila.) 16(1843):374

Mortimer, Biog. Notices, 120

Braithwaite, Begin. of Qu., 244, 252, 269

Brinton, Byways of Qu. Hist., 195

SIMMONDS, William Fountain (1788?-1849)

William Fountain Simmonds was born about the year 1788(1). His parents were not members of the Society and his early life was rather gay and thoughtless. He came into contact with Friends when he was apprenticed to a linen draper in Gainsborough, where he was convinced of the soundness of the beliefs and principles of Friends by reading books lent to him by members of the Society. When he felt it his duty to attend week day meetings he was much concerned about the loss his master might suffer by his absence, but his master was kind and understanding and released him willingly.

He was admitted into membership of the Society in 1810 and some years later was appointed an elder. He frequently accompanied Friends travelling in the ministry in different parts of the country and went once to the Shetland Isles. His natural talents were far from great, but he was a faithful servant of the Truth and with maturity his spiritual gifts were deepened and enlarged. For a few years before his death he believed it his duty to speak in public testimony and his communications, although generally brief, were clear and appropriate.

He died apparently unmarried(2) at Spalding on 8 September 1849(3), aged sixty one, after a brief illness.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1850 pp 104-107

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged about 61 at death
- 2 There is no record of a marriage in Lincolnshire QM, Beds & Herts QM, London & Middlesex QM, Cambs & Hunts QM, Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM, Yorkshire QM or the Digest of Marriages. No children are recorded in Lincolnshire QM Births Digest
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

### SIMMS, Charles Price (1820-1910)

Charles Price Simms, son of Samuel and Mary Simms of Chipping Norton, was born there on 6 March 1820 (1). He was educated at Tysoe and later at a Friends' Committee School in Birmingham. In 1837 he went for a month to Switzerland with his uncle R.F. Price and William Lean (master of the school which he attended), and then settled down in the trades of watchmaker and silversmith already followed by his father and grandfather.

As a Friend he was 'one to keep things going rather than initiate new movements', but was rarely absent from Friends' business meetings, serving as clerk to Preparative Meeting, assistant clerk to Monthly Meeting, elder, and member of Sibford School Committee. He became an abstainer and later served as president of the Band of Hope for over 30 years, and worked hard in connexion with the Blue Ribbon movement. He was a 'cheerful giver' to the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Friends' Foreign Mission Association, and many other objects.

He was treasurer of the British School for many years until 1895; a member of the Town Council from 1869-79; and then alderman until increasing deafness led to his retirement in 1907. Among other interests were gardening and bird-stuffing - the latter being described by a friend as a 'hobby outside the graver duties of life [which kept him] young and in touch with the recuperating influences of life.'

Charles Price Simms married Maria Long of Witney in 1853 (2). She died in 1870 soon after the birth of their youngest son, and of their eight children (3) four died one after the other when nearing manhood (3a). He later married in 1875 Eliza Hemmings (4), also of Witney, who died suddenly in 1890/91 [in fact, on 5 October 1891 (5)].

Through his perseverance and industry he overcame many difficulties - cheerfulness and courage being always marked characteristics. He was active until a week before his death, but succumbed to influenza and bronchitis on 26 January 1910 at the advanced age of 89.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1911 pp.169-178

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: no description of his father is given
- 2 The wedding was at Sibford FMH on 3 June 1853: he is described as bachelor, watchmaker, of Chipping Norton, son of Samuel Simms, watchmaker; she is described as spinster, of Sibford Gower, daughter of James Long, corn dealer (Digest of Marriage Registers)

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SIMMS, Charles Price (1820-1910) contd

3 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows:

James	b 28 March 1855	d. 25 July 1859
Samuel	b 20 Oct 1856	d. 26 April 1876
Mary	b 27 June 1858	
Rachel	b 24 April 1860	d. 16 Nov 1873
Richard	b 27 April 1862	d. 10 Oct 1885
Daniel Rutter	b 22 March 1864	
Ernest	b 29 May 1867	d. 17 April 1885
Charles	b 2 Jan 1870	

4 The wedding was at Witney on 10 June 1875: he is described as widower, watchmaker, of Chipping Norton, son of Samuel Simms, gentleman; she is described as spinster, of Witney, daughter of John Hemmings, seedsman (Digest of Marriage Registers, where her name is given as Elizabeth)

5 See entry concerning her in Digest of Burial Notes and Annual monitor 1892 p.131

SEE ALSO

The Friend ns vol 50 (1910) p.157

REFERENCES AND NOTES (cont)

3a The Friend (1910) p.157, and Annual monitor 1911 p.176 both use this expression, yet so far as can be seen from the Digest of Burial Notes, one of the four was a girl, Rachel, unless James, who died at the age of 4 in 1859, is being included.

WBE:

SIMMS, Charles Price, 1820-1910

b. 1820 at Chipping Norton, Eng., son of  
and (Price) Simms.

ed. at school under Edmund Watts at Tysoe and  
later at Friends Committee School at Birmingham under  
William S. Lean.

1837 had a month in Switzerland with his uncle  
R.S.Price. Became a watchmaker and jeweler in business  
with his father and grandfather, silversmiths.

m., (1st), 1853, Maria Long (d.1870)

Was a keen naturalist and fond of mounting stuffed  
birds, etc. In 1869 he was elected to the Town Council,  
a post which he retained until forced by deafness in  
1907 to retire. He was an advocate of temperance.

m. (2d), Eliza Hemmings of Witney (d.1890)

An Elder. He rode a tricycle till within a  
short time before his death.

d. Jan. 26, 1910 at Chipping Norton, England.,  
aged 89 years.

The Friend (London), 50(1910):157 (portrait)

An. Mon. (N.S.), 98(1911):169 (portrait)

SIMMS, Elizabeth (1821?-1891) born Hemmings

Elizabeth Hemmings, daughter of John Hemmings, was born about 1821 (1). She was a member of Witney meeting (2).

In 1875 she married, as his second wife, Charles Price Simms (1820-1910, qv) of Chipping Norton (3).

Her cheerful, even temperament, kindly disposition, and life of unobtrusive usefulness made her beloved by all and greatly esteemed.

She died very suddenly on 5 October 1891, aged 70 years, having attended meeting on the preceding day (4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1892 p.131

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 70 at death. Name of father given in marriage entry.  
Birth not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest
- 2 Listed in 1870 Berks & Oxon QM printed list of members (no earlier printed list is known)
- 3 For particulars of the marriage and of her step-children see  
SIMMS, Charles Price (1820-1910)
- 4 Digest of Burial Notes. Annual monitor 1911 p.176 erroneously gives her year of death as 1890

SIMMS, Maria (1826-1870) born Long

Maria Long, the daughter of James and Hannah Long of Witney in Oxfordshire, was born there on 20 October 1826(1). She was married in 1853 to Charles Price Simms (1820-1910 qv), a watchmaker of Chipping Norton, and there were eight children(2). She was an exemplary wife and mother, much beloved by her family and friends.

Maria Simms of Chipping Norton died on 3 July 1870, at the age of forty four(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1871, p 105

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see SIMMS, Charles Price (1820-1910)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Charles Price

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

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WBE:a

SIMMS, Ruthanna M., 1880-1974.

b. 9 June 1880, in Chicago; the eldest of four daughters of Richard and Florence Greist Simms, members of the Chicago Friends Meeting.

ed. A.B. 1909, Earlham College.

1910, Instructor in Bible, Earlham College.

Served five years in the Newberry Library in Chicago.

1917, assistant to Walter C. Woodward, General Secretary of the Five Years Meeting of Friends.

1920-1929, Executive Secretary for the Board of Home Missions of the Five Years Meeting.

1929-1953, served as executive for the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs.

1948-1974, held biweekly meetings in her home with other women interested in understanding the life of Jesus and his sayings.

Author: 1970, As Long as the Sun Gives Light; An account of Friends' work with American Indians in Oklahoma from 1917-1967.

d. 1 April 1974.

Sims, Ruthanna M., As Long as the Sun Gives Light, p. 4.  
Quaker Life 15 (May 1974), p. 4 (portrait).

Who's Who among Earlhamites 1847-1967, p. 308.

WBE:

SIMON, Agnes

Aberdeen, Scotland.

Much respected for integrity.

1663 (?), convinced. Opened her house for  
Friends Meetings, but it soon proved too small.

( Question - is this the same person as Nancy Sims-  
see her biog. - BLC)

Besse, 2:496

Gough, History, 2:258

MS:

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Simon, Emily Parker, c. 1904-1978

b. c. 1904, Richmond, Indiana.

ed.

m. 1941, Albert Simon (d. 1951)

Feb., 1938-May, 1939, Relief worker in Spain with AFSC.

1941, Moved from Richmond to Baltimore, founded Baltimore Peace Center.

1952-68, director, Committee for World Development and World Disarmament, New York.

1956, elected International Vice-chairman, Women's Int'l League for Peace and Freedom.

1968, suffered incapacitating stroke.

Lifelong activist for peace, freedom, and social justice.

Director, Christian Education, W. Richmond Friends Meeting, Ind. Representative to UN Office of Public Information.

Member, Fifteenth St. Monthly Meeting (N.Y.), Executive Committee of the American Section of the Friends' World Committee, National Council of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and Board of the New York Friends Group.

Activities and interests included work with the United Christian Youth Movement, Board of Young Friends Activities, Church Women United, FCNL, AFSC, and the Center for Global Perspectives, NY.

Author, "From the Devotional Diary of a Relief Worker in Spain," 19??.

SIMONDS, Thomas (1680/1 or 1681/2-1745)

See SIMONS, Thomas (1680/1 or 1681/2-1745)

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SIMONS, Thomas (1680/1 or 1681/2-1745)

Thomas Simons, the son of Thomas and Mary Simons of Heyford was born there on 2.i.1681 (i.e. probably March 1680/1 but possibly March 1681/2). (1) He appeared in the ministry when he was about thirty five and was a faithful member of Bugbrook Monthly Meeting and a very serviceable minister, "a zealous Encourager of good in all, both by precept and Example, which makes the Loss of him greatly lamented in the General & by us in particular For he was fully given up to spend and be spent to serve the Lord and his People."

He died apparently unmarried(2) on 7.vi.(August)1745(3) and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Bugbrook.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Bugbrook MM 23.i.1745 (i.e. March 1745/6) in TCMD vol.1  
p.237

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Northamptonshire QM Births Digest: he was born on 2.i.1681 (i.e. probably March 1680/1 but possibly March 1681/2), the son of Thomas and Mary of Heyford
- 2 There is no record of a marriage in Northamptonshire QM, ~~Bucks~~ & Herts QM, Cambs & Hunts QM or Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digests
- 3 Northamptonshire QM Burials Digest: he died on 7.vi.(August)1745; no description of him is given

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SIMONS, William (1726?-1815)

William Simons was a minister, living in Northamptonshire. In early life he followed the occupation of a shepherd.

Annual Monitor 1817  
J. Friends hist. soc. vol.6

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.7

see also next page

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SIMONS, William (1727-1815)

William Simons was born at Nether Heyford of parents who were very poor. He started life as a shepherd, and when he was 28 was recognized as a minister. He had 'a lively concern for the renewal of discipline - at that time, in a low state.'

He was a constant attender at Yearly Meeting, and made visits to a few neighbouring English counties.

He died at Bugbrooke in 1815, aged 89

Testimony of Bugbrook M.M. in MS Test. vol.5 p.62

see the previous page

SIMONSON, James (-1658) ~~XIII~~

James Simonson, according to Besse and Swarth. MSS 'Jane Symonsoon Widdow of Rowesbecke' is mentioned on p.68 Her death took place, apparently in 1679.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb . ed. 1911 vol.2 p.474

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SIMPKIN, Elizabeth ( - 1768) born

Elizabeth Simpkin of Geddington and Raunds, Northamptonshire was convinced of the truth in her early years. Her faithfulness in small things led to an increase of understanding of eternal truths and her mouth was opened in the ministry which was 'to the satisfaction, consolation and edification ~~and~~ of many.'

She travelled in various parts of England in her youth and in Scotland and Ireland but travelled little in her later years since her health and strength failed.

She died on 18 February 1768 (1).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Wellingborough MM in TCMD Vol 2 p.329,330

#### ~~NOTES AND REFERENCES AND NOTES~~

- 1 The entry in Northampton QM Burial digest describes her as late of Geddington (died at Raunds) the Widow of Edward. No record of this marriage has been traced in the Marriage Digests of Northampton QM, Lincs QM, Hereford QM, Worcester and Wales GM or Warwick, Lincs & Rutland QM.

Edward Simpkin of Geddington died 7 viii [Oct] 1748 (Northants QM Burial Digest) - no age is given but an Edward Simpkin was born 17 xii [Feb] 1696, son of William and Elizabeth of Braybrooke, Northants (Northants QM Birth Digest) - this may have been her husband.

A child Hannah Simpkin, was born 1 viii [Oct] 1727 to Edward and Elizabeth [Simpkin] (Northants QM Birth Digest) no further details are given.

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SIMPKIN, Edward (1696/7-1748)

Edward Simpkin or Simkin, the son of William and Elizabeth Simkin of Braybrooke, was born there on 17.xii.1696 (i.e. February 1696/7). (1) From his youth he was inclined towards a sober and virtuous life and as he grew in years he grew in the knowledge and understanding of the Truth, until in about the thirty second year of his age the Lord saw fit to bestow upon him a gift in the ministry and he was called publicly to declare the Truth. He was "Zealous in that measure or gift which the Lord had been pleased to bestow upon him, both in Testimony, and in the Discipline of the Church."

He was married to Elizabeth( ? -1768 qv)whose maiden name is at present (1975) unknown(2) and although only one child is recorded in Northamptonshire QM Births Digest there appear to have been at least two daughters of the marriage, Elizabeth and Hannah.(3)

The Quarterly Meeting Testimony has two additions, by his widow Elizabeth and his daughter Elizabeth Burr. His widow writes movingly of his steadfastness under great inward and outward "Tryals and Exercises", while his daughter adds in filial piety that he was a tender father and concerned for the good of all mankind.

He died on 7.viii.(October)1748 aged about fifty one and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Gedington.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony approved by Northamptonshire QM 30.i.(March)1749 in TCMD  
vol.1 p.289

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Northamptonshire QM Births Digest: he was born on 17.xii.1696 (i.e. February 1696/7), the son of William and Elizabeth Simkin of Braybrooke
- 2 There is no record of a marriage in Northamptonshire QM, Lincolnshire QM, Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM or Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Digests of Marriages
- 3 Listed in Northamptonshire QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Hannah (Simpkins) b 1.vii.(September)1727  
N.B. There is at present (1975) no trace of the birth of the daughter Elizabeth
- 4 Northamptonshire QM Burials Digest: he died on 7.viii.(October)1748; no description of him is given

SIMPKINS, Edgar (1927-1964)

see SIMPKINS, William Edgar (1927-1964)

SIMPSON, Agnes (1839-1925) born Alderson

Agnes Alderson, the daughter of Harrison Alderson ( - ) and his wife Emma (born ) of Blackburn in Lancashire, was born there on 2 November 1839(1).

Her parents went to America and she was married there in 1870 to Joseph

SIMPKINS, William Edgar (1927-1964)

William Edgar Simpkins was born in Barnstaple, North Devon on 17 June 1927. He was educated at the local Grammar School, and then went on to take his degree in Modern Greats at Exeter College, Oxford. It was at Oxford that he was admitted into the Society of Friends, after a quest which had led him first to the Baptists, and then to the Congregationalists.

He was a sufferer from epilepsy, which limited his choice of employment; yet his was a full and active life. He engaged in social work in Bristol and in the slums of Naples under the auspices of the World Council of Churches, and then became Assistant Secretary at Tornbee Hall in London. From social work he turned to writing and lecturing. With Ronald Wraith as joint author he wrote the book "Corruption in Developing Countries".

Believing in socialism as one expression of Christianity, he stood unsuccessfully as Labour candidate, first at the Chichester by-election in 1958, and again at Folkestone and Hythe in the 1959 General Election. The subjects of housing and race relations were lifelong concerns, and he served until his death as a member of the Islington Borough Council, devoting himself to forwarding these areas. He was an active member of the Friends Race Relations Committee. He was a member of Six Weeks Meeting, and was also clerk of Hampstead Monthly Meeting Elders. His influence through vocal ministry and his own strength, courage and humour gave valuable support to the Meeting.

In 1957 he married Diana Margaret Studdert Holmes (1); there were no children (2). He was a man of wide interests and, with his wife Diana, he travelled extensively. He loved music, and was an accomplished performer on both piano and organ.

W. Edgar Simpkins died on 1 December 1964.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Hampstead MM in YM Proc. 1966 p.74

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 The wedding was at Friends House on 30 March 1952; he is described as bachelor, sales promotion manager, of 38a Alexandra Grove, W.12, son of William Harold Simpkins, deceased, company director. She is described as spinster, librarian, of the same address, daughter of Edward Carlton Studdert Holmes, secretary (Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 2 None given in London & Middlesex QM printed list of members

SIMPSON, Alfred (1839-1919)

Alfred Simpson, the son of George Simpson (1809-1862 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Harrison, 1809-1892 qv) of Newton Heath in the parish of Manchester, was born there on 7 December 1839(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1850 to 1854 and on leaving school he entered the office of a firm of London tea merchants. At the age of twenty one he was sent to China to manage the Tsoochow house of a firm of tea exporters.

When he returned to England after five years in China he became an iron merchant and won universal respect for his business integrity and for his philanthropy.

He was interested in many social activities, including Sunday School work, the Ragged Schools, the Provident Dispensary, the Royal Infirmary, the Savings Bank, the Wood Street Mission, Friends' Provident Institution, Ackworth School Committee and many public and private trusts. He was a county and Manchester borough magistrate and also served as clerk to Ackworth General Meeting.

He lived a full and busy life, but he also found time for physical exercise in the form of hunting, shooting and tennis, which he enjoyed into old age and which he believed helped to keep him fit for all his many activities.

He was married in 1880 to Jane Rigby of Bowdon, Cheshire(2), but the marriage was apparently childless(3). His wife never apparently became a member of the Society of Friends(4).

Alfred Simpson of Dunham Massey, Cheshire, died on 26 January 1919, at the age of seventy nine(5).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

INITIAL SOURCES Annual Monitor 1919/20, p. 259

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 38 (1919) pp 87-88

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a brewer
  - 2 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
  - 3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births or shown in Lancashire & Cheshire QM printed lists of members, Hardshaw East MM
  - 4 His wife is not shown in Lancashire & Cheshire QM printed lists of members, Hardshaw East MM
  - 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an iron merchant

**SEE ALSO:-**

The Friend (1919) p 81: 1 paragraph, which adds nothing to the Annual Monitor

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

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

Ann Wilson, the daughter of Edward and Ann Wilson, was born about the year 1630(1).

She became at a date not at present (1981) traced Ann Osborne(2) married secondly in 1662.

SIMPSON, Alfred (1839-1919)

Alfred Simpson was born on 7 December 1839, son of George and Sarah Simpson of Newton Heath, Manchester (1). On leaving school he entered a firm of London tea merchants, and at the age of 21 went to China to manage the Tsoochow house of a firm of tea exporters.

When he returned to England after five years he became an iron merchant, and was respected for his business integrity and for his philanthropy.

He was interested in many social activities including Sunday School work, Ragged Schools, Royal Infirmary, the Wood Street Mission and many public and private trusts. For many years he was one of the Directors of the Friends Provident Institution, and served for a long time on the committee of Ackworth School. He also served as Clerk of the Ackworth General Meeting. He was a Manchester Magistrate.

He died on 26 January 1919 aged 79 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual Monitor 1919/20 p.259

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1 Digest of Birth Notes; his father <sup>is</sup> as described as a brewer.

SEE ALSO :

Friend (Lond.) 1919 p.81

SIMPSON, Anthony (1777-1813)

Anthony Simpson, the son of John Simpson ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Brathay Hill, Setmurthy in Cumberland, was born there on 28 June 1777(1).

He became a watchmaker at Cockermouth in Cumberland(2) and was married in 1804 to Mary Fearon (1782-1861 qv) of Cockermouth(3); there were four children(4).

Anthony Simpson of Cockermouth died on 18 July 1813(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest: his father is described as a yeoman
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Cockermouth on 28 August 1804: he is described as a watchmaker of Cockermouth, the son of John and Mary Simpson of Brathy Hill, Setmurthy in Cumberland; she is described as the daughter of John and Mary Fearon of Cockermouth, Cumberland (Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

*John	b 28 June 1805
Jane	b 21 Aug 1807 d 21 May 1916, aged 8
*Mary	b 23 Dec 1809
Anthony	b 21 Aug 1813 d 16 May 1837, aged 24

\*No marriages traced in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1860
- 5 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest: he is described as a clock maker; his age at death is not given

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

SIMPSON, Arthur William (1857-1922)

Arthur William Simpson, the elder son of William Simpson (1828-1892 qv) and his wife Eleanor (born Holme, 1831-1901 qv) of Highgate, Kendal in Westmorland, was born there on 7 December 1857. At that time his parents, neither of whom were members of the Society, had a confectioner's shop there, but the business did not prosper and about 1860 they moved to the northern end of the town.

In February 1868 Arthur William was sent to Rawdon Friends' School near Leeds, but he hated school and was never happier than when he had a piece of wood in his hand, on which he could practise carving. When he reached the age of fourteen it was decided that there was little purpose in his continued schooling; he had made up his mind to be a wood carver and he was sent as second apprentice to Robert Rigg of Greenhow's yard. He was not formally bound apprentice and the Rigg establishment did not give him the experience he hoped for. In 1875 he went to work for Gillows of Lancaster, where he really began his life work of carving in wood. It was at this time that he began to go willingly to school; he spent all his winter evenings at the Lancaster School of Art and continued to do so, in a variety of establishments, either as a teacher or pupil, for most of his life. He was always fond of walking and during the summer evenings he went for long walks in the country with his friends.

In the autumn of 1879 he decided to widen his experience and went to Leicester, where he worked for fifteen months in the workshop of Samuel Barfield. He enjoyed his stay in Leicester, although he was critical of the workshop in which he found himself. But his cutting improved even though, years later, he was to feel ashamed of one of his pieces which he found in a Birmingham museum. His family had long connections with the Society of Friends and while he was in Leicester he applied for membership, which was granted on 18 November 1880.

In 1880 he came home to Kendal, with the intention of setting up as a wood carver on his own account, but business was slow to come in and in 1882 he decided to go to London. He eventually found work with William Aumonier, where he gained useful experience, but William Aumonier became short of work and he had to leave. He found work as a journeyman for a time at Altrincham near Manchester, but by 1885 he had returned to Kendal, where he remained for the rest of his life; he was a craftsman and a teacher of his craft in nearby villages, where he often spent whole evenings after a long day in his own workshop, returning late at night.

He was married in 1888 to Jane Davidson (1860?-1950 qv), a nurse of Kendal who was not in membership with the Society(1); there were three children(2). In 1891 he was appointed to the executive committee for an exhibition in Kendal which covered the whole of Westmorland. He contributed a remarkable number of exhibits and the exhibition was opened by H.R.H. Princess Louise. In 1901 he opened a new showroom and workshop in Windermere, called The Handicrafts. The main part of the showroom held the beautiful furniture for which Arthur William Simpson was responsible, but it also included pottery, glassware and craft work from other workshops. He and his wife and family also moved away from their cramped premises in Kendal to Littleholme, where Jane Simpson created a beautiful garden.

No account of his life would be complete without a reference to his love of rock climbing and he became a member of The Fell and Rock Climbing

Club of Great Britain in 1911. He had been climbing rocks and walking fells for upwards of twenty years before the club was founded and each of his children achieved a summit before its first birthday. In 1918 he could still walk five miles an hour.

He rarely spoke in public about his faith, but he practised a Christian life and cases of real human need never appealed to him in vain. He had a deep interest in a colony of epileptics at Stainthwaite, for whose welfare he gave up a good deal of his time. During the first world war he worked hard for the refugee Belgian families in Kendal. He was a true Quaker in his love of simple things, his dislike of ostentation, his absolute integrity, his consideration for others and his valuation of life in terms other than material.

He was a man of fine physique and tireless energy, but the strain he put upon himself was too much even for him and in 1920 he was seriously ill. He made a reasonable recovery, but it is almost certain that he never carne again.

Arthur William Simpson of Littleholme, Kendal, died on 8 November 1922, at the age of sixty five(3).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Eleanor Davidson, The Simpsons of Kendal, 1978  
The Friend vol 62 (1922) p 803

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Preston Patrick on 14 March 1888: he is described as a bachelor, a woodcarver of Kendal, the son of William Simpson, a warehouseman; she is described as not in membership, a spinster, a hospital nurse of Kendal, the daughter of James Davidson, a gentleman  
 (Digest of Marriages)
- 2 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-  

Hubert qv	b 12 Jan 1889	m 1918 Edith Mary Vaulkhard
*Ronald Davidson	b 3 Dec 1890	
*Hilda	b 17 Nov 1892	

 \*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1941
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a woodcarver

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

SIMPSON, Caroline (1842- ) born Jeffrey

Caroline Jeffrey, the daughter of Russell Jeffrey (1806-1867 qv) and his wife Elizabeth Stevens (born Ashby, 1811-1899 qv) of Elm Grove, Peckham, was born there on 8 May 1842(1).

She was married in 1862 to Henry Simpson (1837-1912 qv), an ironmonger of Melksham in Wiltshire and there were nine children(2). Later in life her husband became a commercial traveller and they moved to Whitby in Northumberland(3).

The date of her death is not at present (1981) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a paper stainer
- 2 For marriage and children see SIMPSON, Henry (1837-1912)
- 3 See entry for SIMPSON, Henry (1837-1912)
- 4 Her 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

WBE:

SIMPSON, Charles R.

m., Agnes A.

1917 Opening of John Woolman Settlement in London for the training of Friends in community awareness. Students were supposed to be the main ones who would be attracted and at first they were uninterested.

1918, appointment of C.R. and A.A. Simpson as Wardens under a different committee supervision. The Settlement caught on somewhat better and a variety of classes were offered both on the premises and in some London prisons and places of correction.

The Friend (London), 63(1923):798 (portrait)

SIMSON, Edith Mary (1854-1934) born Thompson

Edith Mary Thompson, the daughter of Josiah Thompson (1815-1892 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Wilson, ) of Claughton and Liverpool in Lancashire, was born at Claughton on 23 September 1854(1).

She was married in 1888 to Henry Charles Simpson (1851-1934 qv), a partner in the engineering works of the Horsehay Company in Shropshire and there were two children(2).

Edith Mary Simpson of The Cottage, Horsehay, Wellington in Shropshire, died on 12 October 1934, at the age of eighty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a ship broker
- 2 For marriage and children see SIMSON, Henry Charles (1851-1934)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Henry Charles

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

SIMPSON, Edith Mary (1864-1957) after 1885 Brereton

[Edith Mary Simpson, daughter of Henry Simpson (1837-1912 qv) and his wife Caroline (born Jeffrey, 1842- qv) of Melksham in Wiltshire, was married in 1885 to Arthur Frederic Brereton (fl 1885-1912 qv).

See BRERETON, Edith Mary (1864-1957) born Simpson ]

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WBE:

SIMPSON, Edward Theobald, c.1856-1936

b. c.1856 son of

Edward and Simpson.

ed. Henry Baron Smith's private School.

apprenticed to John Rowntree of Scarborough,  
Yorks.

1877 took charge of his father's grocery business in Devizes.

m. 2 children.

Active in civic functions and was for one year mayor of his town. He was a wide reader, including French literature in his interests.

1919, retired to live at Burnham-on-sea.

d. April 2, 1936 at Burnham, Somerset, aged 80 years.

The Friend (London), 94(1936):354 (portrait)

SIMPSON, Eleanor (1831-1901) born Holme

Eleanor Holme, the eldest daughter of John Holme ( - ) and his wife Margaret (born ) of Castle Street, Nethergraveship in the parish of Kirkby Kendal in Westmorland, was born there on 1 April 1831(1). Both her parents were descended from long lines of the Quaker families of Holme, Handley and Winn from Sedbergh and Thomasson from Edgeworth near Bolton. She was educated at Ackworth School from 1843 to 1849(2).

After leaving Ackworth, where she was reported to be the fastest runner on the girls' side, Eleanor and her elder brother Thomas Winn went to Manchester. They had both shown artistic tendencies and Eleanor went to the Manchester School of Design. Unfortunately, domestic difficulties at home caused her to cut short her career and after helping her mother over a family crisis, she went to Staffordshire as an apprentice confectioner.

She was married about 1856 in the Registry Office of Stoke-upon-Trent to William Simpson (1828-1892 qv); he was not in membership with the Society and by her marriage she forfeited her own membership; there were three children(3). She was an attender at Kendal Meeting for a number of years(4).

Eleanor Simpson of Kendal died in membership on 6 August 1901, at the age of seventy(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Eleanor Davidson, The Simpsons of Kendal, 1978, pp 2-3

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: her father is described as a hosier
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 146, entry 6568; from Kendal
- 3 For children see SIMPSON, William (1828-1892)
- 4 Westmorland QM printed lists of members: she is shown as an attender from 1890 to 1899
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William

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

SIMSON, Elizabeth (1743/4-1817) born Atkinson

Elizabeth Atkinson, the daughter of Joseph Atkinson ( - ) of New Hutton in Westmorland, was born there on 21.xi.1743 [i.e. January 1743/4] (1).

She was married in 1774 to Thomas Simpson (1734/5-1820 qv) of Grayrigg near Kendal in Westmorland and there were seven children(2). Her husband was at various times a husbandman, a yeoman and a farmer(3).

Elizabeth Simpson of Kendal died on 23 January 1817(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see SIMPSON, Thomas (1734/5-1820)
- 3 See entry for SIMPSON, Thomas (1734/5-1820)
- 4 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Thomas; her age at death is not given

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

SIMFSON, Emma Alderson (1853?-1924) born Taylor

Emma Alderson Taylor, the daughter of James Taylor of Burlington, New Jersey in the United States, was born about the year 1853(1).

She was married in 1875 to Frederick Simpson (1847-1931 qv), a cotton  
shopkeeper in Melksham, Wiltshire, and there were five children(2). Her Quakerism was as deeply rooted as her husband's, her sympathy as wide and increasing as they shared in work for others, not only within the Society but outside its borders(3).

SIMPSON, Emma (1800-1885) born Tyler

Emma Tyler, the daughter of William Tyler (of - ) and his wife Hannah (born ) of Deptford in Kent, was born there on 7 April 1800(1).

She was married in 1829 to Robert Simpson (1800-1874 qv), an ironmonger of Melksham in Wiltshire and there were four children(2). She was a minister of the Society(3).

Emma Simpson of Melksham died on 28 July 1885, at the age of eighty five(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a shopkeeper
- 2 For marriage and children see SIMPSON, Robert (1800-1874)
- 3 Annual Monitor 1886, p 142: 3 line entry for death
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Robert

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

SIMPSON, Frederick (1847-1931)

Frederick Simpson, the son of George Simpson (1809-1862 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Harrison, 1809-1892 qv) of Newton Heath, Manchester, was born there on 11 April 1847(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1856 to 1861 under Thomas Pumphrey (1802-1862 qv) and at Bootham School, York, from 1862 to 1863(2).

Shortly after leaving school he joined his two brothers Joseph (1835-1901 qv) and George (1837-1926 qv) as a cotton spinner at Mayfield in Staffordshire and there he brought his wife, Emma Alderson Taylor (1853?-1924 qv) of New Jersey in the United States, whom he married in 1875(3); there were five children(4).

In 1892 he moved to Manchester and joined the firm of Simpson & Godlee, cotton manufacturers and merchants, remaining with them as an active partner until his death. The sincerity and beauty of his character made a deep impression on his business associates and was felt in every aspect of his business life. He earned respect for his upright dealing and won the affection of his employees by his sympathy, consideration and care for their welfare.

In 1901 he settled at Southport in Lancashire, where he already had family associations and soon took an active part in the Friends' meeting there, which felt itself greatly enriched by his presence. For many years he acted as treasurer to the meeting, resigning only when his health began to fail. As an overseer and elder and on various matters connected with the Hardshaw Estates he was a tower of strength; his clear and balanced judgment was as valuable as his kindly temperament and when he spoke in meetings for worship he was never formal, but was completely sincere.

But his interests did not run on narrow lines. He was a keen Liberal and Free Trader, but he disliked public speaking and did not take an active part in election campaigns. He belonged to the Manchester Reform Club for thirty eight years and was vice-president of the Southport Liberal Association. He was on the board of the Children's Hospital at Pendlebury for many years and also for a time on that of the Cottage Hospital at Southport. He was very much interested in the work of the League of Nations. He joined the Ackworth Old Scholars Association at its inception in 1882 and kept up his membership all his life.

Frederick Simpson of 34 Lulworth Road, Birkdale, Southport died on 13 January 1931, at the age of eighty three(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 71 (1931) p 125 (portrait)  
Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 50 (1931) pp 87-8

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a brewer
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 371

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 3 The Friend vol 19 (1875) p 7: the marriage of Frederick Simpson of Mayfield, near Ashbourne to Emma Alderson, daughter of James Taylor, of Burlington took place at Burlington on 17 June 1875
- 4 Listed in the Digest of Births and given in the Bootham School Register 1935, loc cit, as follows:-
- |                   |                 |                                                                          |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Caroline Shipley  | b 15 May 1876   | m 1911 Charles Burney Shepherd<br>( <u>The Friend</u> 5 Jan 1912, p 16)  |
| Harold Frederick  | b 21 May 1879   | m 1910 Nesta Evans<br>( <u>Sidcot Register</u> 1808-1958, p 12<br>p 188) |
| *Ruth             | b 1882          |                                                                          |
| *Elizabeth Taylor | b 24 Feb 1886   |                                                                          |
| *Freda Margaret   | b 18 April 1888 |                                                                          |
- \*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1930
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a cotton manufacturer

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

WBE:

SIMPSON, Frederick, c.1849-1931

b. c.1849 at Newton Heath, England, son of

ed. Ackworth School, 1856-1861. Later at Boys  
School, York (later Bootham)

Associated with two brothers as a cotton spinner  
at Mayfield, Eng.

m. Emma A. Taylor of Burlington, N.J.

1892, removed to live in Manchester, joining the  
firm of Simpson and Godlee, cotton manufacturers  
and merchants.

1901 settled at Southport and became an Overseer  
and an Elder in his meeting. Was Liberal in politics  
and keen on free trade.

d. Jan. 13, 1931 at Lulworth Rd., Southport,  
aged 83 years.

The Friend (London), 71(1931):90, 125 (portrait)

SIMPSON, George (1809-1862)

George Simpson, the son of Joseph Simpson (1781-1857 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Robinson, 1785-1872 qv) of Crosthwaite in the parish of Heversham in Westmorland, was born there on 1 September 1809(1).

He became a brewer at Newton in Lancashire(2) and was married in 1834 to Sarah Harrison (1809-1892 qv) of Oldham in Lancashire(3); there were nine children(4).

George Simpson of Newton Heath died on 8 February 1862, at the age of fifty two(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer  
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3 and in the birth entries for his children

3 The wedding was at Liverpool in Lancashire on 6 November 1834: he is described as a brewer of Newton, Lancashire, the son of Joseph, a farmer and Hannah of Holme House, Lancashire; she is described as the daughter of Reuben Harrison, a cotton spinner and Margaret (both deceased) of Oldham in Lancashire (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)

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

Joseph qv	b 8 Sept 1835	m 1870 Agnes Alderson (1840?-1925 qv) (in America)
George qv	b 4 Nov 1837	m 1866 Sophia Burtt (1843-1912 qv)
Alfred qv	b 7 Dec 1839	m 1880 Jane Rigby (AOSA Reports 38 (1919) p 87)
Margaret		m 1864 James King (1835-1924 qv)
Harrison qv	b 7 Nov 1841	m 1870 Rachel Maria Corbett (Bootham Register 1935, p 371)
William qv	b 12 March 1845	m 1875 Emma Alderson (The Friend vol 15 (1875) p 7)
Frederick qv	b 11 April 1847	
*Hannah	b 9 April 1849	m 1888 Edith Mary Thompson (1854-1934 qv)
Henry Charles qv	b 27 Nov 1851	
Sarah Agnes	b 28 July 1853	m 1891 Edward Lovell Squire
*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903		
5 Digest of Deaths:	he is described as a brewer	

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1863, p 170: 2 line entry for death

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

SIMPSON, George (1823-1904)

George Simpson, the son of Robert Simpson (fl 1815-1838 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Salter, fl 1815-1838 qv) of Wellington in Somerset and Manchester, was born at Wellington on 8 September 1823(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1834 to 1836(2).

In 1833 the family moved to Manchester and after leaving school he was for a time employed by William Binns, a draper of Salford. He later joined his father in the manufacture of weighing machines.

In August 1854 he was married to S.Ogden, a widow and the daughter of a Methodist minister and on 6 September of the same year he and his wife went to America and settled in Philadelphia. He became a salesman with Homer, Colladay & Co., silk and dry-goods merchants of that city, eventually becoming a member of the firm. In the course of years the business was discontinued and George Simpson took a long holiday, during which he visited England.

He became tired of having no regular occupation and converted his home into a fashionable hotel, called The Eldon, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. Although his family dated back to the time of George Fox and the early Friends, George Simpson severed his connection with the Society during one of the controversies of Manchester Meeting and joined the dissentients.

George Simpson of The Eldon, Chestnut Hill, died in 1904, after a painful illness.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 23 (1904) p 96

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given, but in entries for elder siblings he is described as a draper
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 188

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

SIMPSON, George (1837-1926)

George Simpson, the son of George Simpson (1809-1862 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Harrison, 1809-1892 qv) of Newton Heath in the parish of Manchester, was born there on 4 November 1837(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1848 to 1852. At Ackworth, although suffering much from ill health, he rose to the position of "lodge keeper" and retained his interest in the school all his life, serving for some time on the Committee.

Nature and an outdoor life appealed to him and after leaving school he became a pupil of Amos Cruickshank (1808-1895 qv) of Suttington, near Aberdeen, whose herd of pedigree shorthorns had a world-wide reputation. But in 1862, on the death of his father, he joined his brother Joseph (1835-1901 qv) as joint owners of the Newton Heath Brewery. The business was very distasteful to the brothers and in 1865 they retired from it and purchased the Mayfield Cotton Mills in Staffordshire. The mills were in a very run down state and the workmen were dispirited, but after many difficult years a model economy, with cottages, a Co-operative Store and reading and school rooms helped to put the business on a prosperous footing.

George Simpson was married in 1866 to Sophia Burtt (1843-1912 qv) of Leadenhurst in Lincolnshire(2) and there were six children(3). He took part in public life as a Guardian of the poor and later as a county magistrate and helped to form the Ashbourne Shire Horse Society, of which he later became president. In 1892 he retired to Hazelbrow, near Derby, where he made a hobby of his beautiful garden, which gave joy to many.

George Simpson of Hazelbrow died on 9 January 1926, at the age of eighty nine(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 45 (1926) p 87

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a brewer
- 2 The wedding was at Heanor on 8 November 1866: he is described as a bachelor, a cotton spinner of Mayfield near Ashbourne, the son of George Simpson (deceased), a brewer; she is described as a spinster of Leadenhurst, Lincolnshire, the daughter of Charles Burtt (deceased), a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births and Deaths as follows:-

Charles Burtt	b 26 July 1867
Edith	b 6 Dec 1868
George	b 22 Aug 1871
Florence Sophia	b 4 May 1876
Herbert	b 6 Jan 1878
Chrystabel	b 8 Feb 1885 d 15 Feb 1885, aged 7 days

No marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1930
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired cotton spinner

SIMPSON, Gertrude (1863-1941) after 1889 Peile

[Gertrude Simpson, daughter of Henry Simpson (1837-1912 qv)  
and his wife Caroline (born Jeffrey, 1842- qv) of  
Melksham in Wiltshire, was married in 1889 to Walker  
Peile (1862-1909 qv).]

See PEILE, Gertrude (1863-1941) born Simpson ]

SIMPSON, Gladys Mary (1893?-1971) born Gibson

Gladys Mary Gibson, the daughter of Mr and Mrs Gibson of Penarth in Wales, was born about the year 1893(1).

She became in 1913 the second wife of Henry Jeffrey Simpson (1868-1938 qv) of Ravenswood, Grays in Essex and there was apparently one son(2). She was not at the time of her marriage a member of the Society of Friends and was not admitted into membership until some time after her husband's death. The family moved to Jordans between 1932 and 1934 and in 1935 she and her son are shown as non-members of Jordans Meeting(3).

After her husband's death in 1938 there is a gap of about eight years when her movements are not at present (1981) traced and she next appears as a member of Street Meeting in Somerset in 1946(4). She moved to Bristol about 1960 and lived there until her death(5).

Gladys Mary Simpson of Avenue House, Bristol died in a nursing home on 29 March 1971, at the age of seventy eight(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 78 at death
- 2 For marriage see SIMPSON, Henry Jeffrey (1868-1938); the birth of the son is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 3 London & Middlesex QM printed Lists of Members: Henry Jeffrey Simpson is shown as a member of Ratcliff & Barking MM in 1932, with his wife and son as non-members. In Beds & Herts QM printed Lists of Members he is shown as a member of Jordans Meeting in 1934, without his wife, who is shown as a non-member, with her son, in 1935. Henry Jeffrey Simpson died at Jordans
- 4 Bristol & Somerset QM printed Lists of Members: she is shown as a member of Street Meeting from 1946 to 1958
- 5 Bristol & Somerset QM printed Lists of Members: she is shown as a member of Redland Meeting from 1960 to 1970
- 6 The Friend, 29 March 1971

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

M.D. Blaschko, Sidcot school register, 1958, p 188, gives her maiden name as Gilson, apparently in error

SIMPSON, Hannah (1773-1842) after 1795 Dixon

[Hannah Simpson, daughter of James and Margaret Simpson of Kirkbymoorside in Yorkshire, was married in 1795 to Joseph Dixon (1765-1851 qv).]

See DIXON, Hannah (1773-1842) born Simpson ]

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SIMPSON, Hannah (1785-1872) born Robinson

Hannah Robinson, daughter of George and Elizabeth (born Fell) Robihson of Plumgarths, Westmorland, was born there on 18 September 1785 (1).

She married in 1806 Joseph Simpson (1781-1857 qv); there wer 11 children of the marriage (2).

Hannah Simpson of Kendal died on 21 December 1872 aged 87 years (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: her father is described as farmer
- 2 For details of the marriage and children see SIMPSON, Joseph (1781-1857)
- 3 Annual monitor 1875 p 195: she is described as widow of Joseph Simpson.  
No entry for her is traced in Digest of Deaths or in The Friend for 1st  
mo. 2nd mo, or 3rd mo 1873 sv Deaths

All but the eldest child, viz those born 1809-1831, are entered as non-member, suggesting that either Joseph Simpson or Hannah were not in membership at the time. The evidence seems to point towards the fact that she was not in membership at the time of her death.

Hannah Simpson was living in Scalthwaiterigg, Kendal in 1871 (census return) and 1872 (executors' advertisement in local newspaper) - information from Jean D. Simpson, 1977

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SIMPSON, Henry Charles (1851-1934)

Henry Charles Simpson, the youngest son of George Simpson (1809-1862 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Harrison, 1809-1892 qv) of Newton Heath in the parish of Manchester, was born there on 27 November 1851(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1861 to 1866, followed by two years at Bootham School York, from 1867 to 1868(2).

SIMPSON, Henry (1837-1912)

~~Henry~~ **SIMPSON, Henry (1833? - 1893)** ~~Simpson (1800-1874 qv) and his wife~~  
~~Name (born 1809) of Malton in Yorkshire, was born~~  
~~there on 2 February 1837(1). He was educated at Sibdon School from~~  
~~1847 to 1851(2).~~

Henry Simpson, born in 1832 or 1833, became attached to the Adult School and the Friends' Meeting at his native Malton at the age of about 52 after a "roving" life, during which he had been connected with Friends in various capacities. He was subsequently received into membership of the Society (1). He was a "bright Christian" and cheerful despite a painful disease. Though in poor circumstances he was always ready to help others. Henry Simpson died on 19 May 1893 at the age of 60 (2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE Births Digests: his father is described as an Annual monitor 1894 p.150

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. In 1890 he is recorded as an attender of Malton Meeting (List of members etc in Yorkshire QM 1890); at the time of his death he is recorded as a member (Digest of Burial Notes): he may therefore be assumed to have been accepted into membership sometime between 1890 and 1893.
2. Digest of Burial Notes: he is described as boatowner. In List of members etc in Yorkshire QM 1896 there is an entry as an attender under Malton, Simpson, Mary (Henry) - Mary Simpson is presumably his widow.
- 3.

Henry Jeffrey qv b 9 March 1868 m (1) 1897 Mabel Winifred Brooks (1872-1951 qv)

(2) 1913 Gladys Gibson MM (1893-1971 qv)

James Tyler b 27 Jan 1870 m 1-92 James Hog  
Caroline Jeffrey b 21 March 1871 d unmarried 8 Aug 1959, aged 63

\*Elizabeth Ashby b 21 March 1871

\*Isabel Frances b 1872

\*Florence b 25 July 1876

No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1950

6. He is so described in his burial entry, note 9

7. Digest of Deaths: he is described as a commercial traveller

SIMPSON, Henry Jeffrey (1868-1938)

Henry Jeffrey Simpson, the son of Henry Simpson (1837-1912 qv) and his wife Caroline (born Jeffrey, 1842- qv) of Melksham in Wiltshire, was born there on 2 March 1868(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1881 to 1882(2).

He became a clerk in a cement works at Grays in Essex(3) and was married in 1897 to Mabel Winifred Brooks (1872-1911 qv) of Grays;(4) there were three children(5). His wife was the daughter of his employer and in due course he was made a partner in the cement works(6). He married secondly in 1913 Gladys Gibson (1893?-1971 qv) of Penarth(7), but the marriage was apparently childless(8).

Henry Jeffrey Simpson of Greenmeadow, Jordans died on 17 October 1938(9).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as an ironmonger
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 160
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Wanstead on 19 August 1897: he is described as a bachelor, a clerk in a cement works, of 43 High Street, Grays, the son of Henry Simpson, a commercial clerk; she is described as a spinster of "Duvals", Grays, Thurrock, the daughter of Edmund Wright Brooks, a cement manufacturer (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-

Robert Jeffrey	b 1 April 1901
Edmund Oliver	b 14 May 1902
Richard Vivian	b 10 Dec 1906

No marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1963
- 6 Sidcot Register, loc cit
- 7 The Friend vol 53 (1913) p 680: on 30 September 1913, at Penarth, Henry Jeffrey Simpson of Ravenswood, Grays, Essex to Gladys Mary, elder daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Gibson of Penarth  
The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 8 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 9 The Friend vol 96 (1938) p 954: he is described as formerly of Ravenswood, Grays, Essex

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

SIMPSON, Hester (1795-1834) born Withy

Hester Withy, the daughter of George Withy (1763-1837 qv) and his wife Lydia (born Harwood, 1772-1860 qv) of Castle Street, Bristol, was born there on 25 April 1795(1).

She was married in 1825 to William Simpson (1795-1866 qv), a brush manufacturer of Melksham in Wiltshire and there were five children(2).

She was early awakened to a knowledge of the love of God and was faithful to the light she perceived throughout her life. She was an exemplary wife and mother.

She bore a protracted and painful illness with great resignation and died peacefully on 30 March 1834, at the age of about thirty nine(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1835, pp 40-41

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father is described as a woollen draper
- 2 For marriage and children see SIMPSON, William (1795-1866)
- 3 Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of William of Melksham

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

SIMPSON, Hubert ( 1889 - 1975 )

Hubert Simpson was born on January 12, 1889, at Kendall, the son of Arthur William ( ) and Jane ( ) Simpson. His father was a Quaker craftsman and teacher of craft, in whose footsteps Hubert followed.(1)

Hubert was educated at Stramongate school and at Ackworth from 1902 - 1904 and then began his career as a craftsman in wood, which was broken during the first world war when he joined the R.A.M.C. In 1918 he married Edith Mary Vaulkhard (2) who like himself was skilled in crafts, her main interest being exquisite needlework in which she showed a very good sense of colour and design. Hubert helped to form the Red Rose Guild of Craftsmen, and between the wars he and Edith were familiar figures at the exhibitions held in Manchester. They had two children, Jean and Oliver.(3)(4)

Hubert served on many Quaker committees both local and central, was a representative of Westmorland QM on Meeting for Sufferings (5) and for fifty years until his death was one of the Bryan Lancaster trustees, in which capacity he gave valued service. He served the local community as a magistrate and brought to that service keen intelligence, sound commonsense, wisdom and human sympathy.

Examples of his craftsmanship may be found in his old school at Ackworth, in Kendal Parish Church, Cartmel Fell Church, and in Brigflatts Meeting House among many private homes and other places, it is beautiful, simple and always admirably suited to its purpose, he stood for integrity in craftsmanship. He was also a keen gardener and it is recorded that it was a joy to see him handle plants and flowers. He had also a great sense of humour and was a superb teller of tales.

He died in hospital at Kendal on June 7, 1975, at the age of 86.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE      The Friend Vol. 133 (1975) p. 771

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Digest of Births. Father is described as a 'wood carver'.
2. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Kendal FMH on July 22, 1918. Both were members, he is described as bachelor 'cabinet maker' she as spinster, daughter of William Vaulkhard, draper of Kendal.
3. Westmorland QM list for 1920 records them both as members at Kendal.
4. The 1924 printed list of members records the children as Jean Davidson, and Oliver Holme.
5. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library. This records his membership of Meeting for Sufferings from 1959/60 - 1961/62. and of the Swarthmoor Hall Committee from 1950/1 - 1954.

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WBE:

SIMPSON, Hubert 1889-1975.

b. 1889, s. Arthur W. Simpson.

ed. Stromongate School; 1902-1904, Ackworth School.

m. Edith; son and dau.

Lifetime of service to Kendal Meeting; skillful gardener and wood furniture maker.

WWI, served in Royal Army Medical Corps.

WWII, supported Quaker Evacuation School at Yealand Manor, Eng. and took in evacuee children.

Magistrate; Founder-member of Red Rose Guild; member, Meeting for Sufferings, Ackworth Old Scholars' Assoc.; Bryan Lancaster trustee for fifty years.

d. 7 June 1975, age of 86.

The Friend (London) 133(1975):771.

"List of Members," Eighty-fourth Annual Report of the Ackworth Old Scholars' Association: 1965-1966, 107.

SIMPSON, Isaac (1670-1735)

Isaac Simpson, the son of Martin Simpson ( -1709 qv) and his wife Ann Osborne (born Wilson, 1630?-1718 qv) of Castlebank, Grayrigg in Westmorland, was born there on 16.vi.[August] 1670(1).

He was married in 1699 to Rebecca Moore (1672-1737 qv) of Grayrigg(2) and there were three children(3).

Isaac Simpson was buried at Beckhouses on 27.viii.[October] 1735(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Lambrigg on 23.vi.[August] 1699: he is described as the son of Martin Simpson of Castlebank in Grayrigg; she is described as the daughter of John Moore of Sunnybank in Grayrigg (Westmorland QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Westmorland QM Births Digest as follows:-

Ann	b 4 v [July]	1700			
Martin qv	b 30 i [March]	1703	m	Rachel	( -1752 qv)
John	b 1 viii [Oct]	1705			

No marriages are traced for any of these children in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 4 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: he is described as the son of Martin; the date of his death is not given

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

SIMPSON, Isabel ( -1695) aftw. Holm, born Birkett

[ Isabel Birkett of Urswick, daughter of  
was married in 1675 to Christopher  
Simpson (d.1681) and in 1683 to William Holme.

see HOLME, Isabel ( -1695) formerly Simpson,  
born Birkett ]

<sup>after 1699</sup>  
SIMPSON, Isabel (1666-1748) born Townsend

[Isabel Simpson, daughter of William Simpson, was  
born 2 vii [September] 1666. She married in 1699  
John Townsend.

see TOWNSON, Isabel (1666-1748) born Simpson ]

SIMSON, Isabel (1866-1951) after 1893 Eddington

[Isabel Simpson, daughter of Henry Simpson (1837-1912 qv)  
and his wife Caroline (born Jeffrey, 1842- qv) of  
Melksham in Wiltshire, was married in 1893 to William  
Clark Eddington (1867-1954 qv).]

See EDDINGTON, Isabel (1866-1951) born Simpson ]

SIMPSON, Jane Eliza (1827- ) born Backhouse

Jane Eliza Backhouse, the daughter of Joseph Backhouse (1798-1881 qv) and his wife Mary Ann (born Holmes, 1791-1874 qv), was born in the year 1827(1).

She was married in 1862 to William Simpson (1825-1869 qv), an accountant of Darlington in county Durham and there were four children(2).

The date of her death is not at present (1982) traced(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Joseph Foster, Descendants of John Backhouse, London 1894, p 38: her birth is not traced in the Durham QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see SIMPSON, William (1825-1869)
- 3 Her 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

SIMPSON, James (170<sup>2</sup>? -1732)

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James Simpson was educated as an Anglican and as a young man joined the Society as a member of New Malton Monthly Meeting. He received the gift of Ministry about the year 1702, and travelled in various parts of the country. His chief concerns were for the discipline of the Church and for the care of young people.

"He was not forward to open his Mouth in the Church, but waited to feel the Lord's Power to fill his Heart; and in the flowing of his Love he dispensed with Faithfulness, to the Refreshment of many thirsty Souls, who were waiting for Consolation."

He died 23.viii [October] 1732, and was interred in Friends Burying Ground, Barton, a Minister about thirty years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :-

Testimony of New Malton MM, in TCMD vol.1 p.59, printed in A Collection of Testimonies 1760, p.61

WBE:  
Additional reference

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SIMPSON, James, -1732

John Smith's Ms. 3:135

SIMPSON, John (1734-1798)

John Simpson, the son of John Simpson ( - ) of Workington in Cumberland, was born there on 10.xii.[September] 1734(1).

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He was married in 1763 to Mary Penman (1738-1802 qv) of Little Broughton in Cumberland(2) and there were seven children(3). The family lived at Seatonby in Cumbria(4). His wife was a minister of the Society and

SIMPSON, James, 1743-1811

b. May, 19, 1743 in Bucks County, Pa., son of at the age  
of fifteen years.

John and Hannah Simpson.

c.1746 his father died and his mother remarried, a man who was a Presbyterian. James seldom attended Friends meetings after this event.

Learned the trade of a cooper and went to live with his brother John. This gave him a chance to attend Buckingham Friends Meeting. Ill health forced him to abandon his trade as cooper and take up store-keeping in Buckingham. But he could not permit the selling of rum in the store so he had to give that up. Took up the trade of brush and broom making. He then carried his products to sell into the southern states. Nicholas Waln, not approving of James trade in this manner, purchased his whole stock.

1789 removed to live at Horsham, Pa.

1790, m. Martha Shoemaker, a widow.

d. April 9, 1811 at Frankford (?), Phila.,  
Pa. aged about 68 years.

Lukens, Gleanings at Seventy-five, 25

Comly, Frds. Misc., 1V:193 - 227, 92, 126; V:115,173;  
V1:79; 1X:34; X:283,328,377

The Friend (Phila.), 49(1875):14; 70(1897):406;  
61(1888):315; 77(1903):180

Sutcliff, R., Travels in North America, 246-47

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individually for the help of those around them, especially where the persons to be cared for were unable to defend themselves; at the same time he was always wishful to encourage a right feeling of independence in those he was trying to help, and felt strongly the necessity of stimulating them to effort, rather than doing for them what they were able to do for themselves."  
(Testimony)

Joseph Simpson of Sunnyside, Mayfield, Ashbourne, died suddenly from heart failure on 2 October 1901, at the age of sixty six(4). He was greatly mourned by people in all walks of life and many tributes were paid to him in the local press.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1903, pp 93-102

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 21 (1902) pp 107-109

Testimony of Staffordshire MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1902, p 201

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a brewer
- 2 The Friend vol 10 (1870) p 253: on 15 September 1870 at Burlington, New Jersey, U.S.A., Joseph Simpson of Mayfield, near Ashbourne, to Agnes, eldest daughter of Harrison and the late Emma Alderson, formerly of Blackburn, Lancashire
- 3 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-
 

Agnes Alderson	b 18 Nov 1871
Sara Mildred	b 25 May 1874
Joseph	b 13 Sept 1875

 No marriages are traced for these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1930
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a cotton spinner

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

#### SEE ALSO

The Friend ns vol 41 (1901) p 688

SIMPSON, Margaret Harrison (1841-1920) after 1864 King

Margaret Harrison Simpson, daughter of George Simpson

SIMPSON, Mabel Winifred (1872-1911) born Brooks  
SIMPSON, Joseph (1835-1901)

Mabel Winifred Brooks, the daughter of Edmund Wright Brooks (1834-1928 qv) and his wife Lucy Ann (born Marsh, - qv) of Grays in Essex, was born there on 11 November 1872(1).

Joseph Simpson was born at Manchester in the year 1835, and was educated at Ackworth School and Tulketh Hall, near Preston. In 1866 he settled at Mayfield as a cotton spinner with two of his brothers. He was eventually made a partner in the cement works(2).

For many years he served on the Committee of Ackworth School, and he was keenly interested in Sunday School work, being a Superintendent in Liverpool and in Manchester, and later conducting a Bible class for the young men in the village of Mayfield.

Towards the close of the Civil War in America, Joseph Simpson visited the United States on behalf of Friends, to obtain correct information respecting the Negro population, and on his return addressed a considerable number of meetings, advocating the relief and education of the freedmen.

'He felt most strongly the responsibilities resting on people individually for the help of those around them, especially where the persons to be cared for were unable to defend themselves; at the same time he was always wishful to encourage a right feeling of independence in those he was trying to help, and felt strongly the necessity of stimulating them to effort, rather than doing for them what they were able to do for themselves'.

Joseph Simpson died in the year 1901.

Testimony of Staffordshire MM in YM Proc. 1902, p.201

SIMPSON, Maria (1764-1843) born Gundry

Maria Gundry, the daughter of William Gundry ( - ) and his wife Katherine (born ) of Calne in Wiltshire, was born there on 8 September 1764(1).

She was married in 1793 to William Tully Simpson (1769-1808 qv), an apothecary of Bristol and there were four children(2). About 1796 the family moved to Melksham in Wiltshire, where her husband became a physician(3). She was an elder of her meeting(4).

Maria Simpson of Melksham died on 24 May 1843, at the age of seventy eight(5), a widow for about thirty five years.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see SIMPSON, William Tully (1769-1808)
- 3 See entry for SIMPSON, William Tully (1769-1808)
- 4 Annual Monitor 1844, p 93: 2 line entry for death
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of W.T.

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

SIMPSON, Martha (1776-1857) after 1802 Heath

[Martha Simpson, daughter of Robert Simpson ( - )  
and his wife Mary (born  
of Bristol, was married in 1802 to Charles Heath  
(1775-1829 qv) of Andover in Hampshire.

See HEATH, Martha (1776-1857) born Simpson ]

SIMPSON, Martin ( -1709)

Martin Simpson, details of whose birth are not at present (1981) traced(1), was the son of Robert Simpson ( -1685 ) and his wife Isabell (born -1684 ) of Castlebank, Grayrigg in Westmorland(2).

He was married in 1669 to Ann Osborne (born Wilson, 1630?-1718 qv) (3) and there were two children(4).

Martin Simpson of Castlebank died on 9.iv.[June] 1709(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 His birth is not traced in Westmorland QM Births Digest: his age at death is not given
- 2 Pedigree of Simpsons of Castlebank, Friends House Library
- 3 The wedding was at E.Wilson's, Sunnybank, on 21.viii.[October] 1669: he is described as of Castlebank; she is described as a widow, the daughter of Edward Wilson (Westmorland QM Marriages Digest and Supplement)
- 4 Listed in Westmorland QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-  
Isaac qv b 16 vi [Aug] 1670 m 1699 Rebecca Moore (1672-1737 qv)  
Robert b 24 x [Dec] 1671 buried 11 viii [Oct] 1689  
The pedigree of Simpsons of Castlebank gives his date of death as 24.viii.[October] 1689
- 5 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

SIMPSON, Martin (1703-1780)

Martin Simpson, the elder son of Isaac Simpson (1670-1735 qv) and his wife Rebecca (born Moore, 1672-1737 qv) of Castlebank, Grayrigg in Westmorland, was born there on 30.i.[March] 1703(1).

He became a yeoman at Chapelhouses in Grayrigg(2) and was married some time prior to 1727 to Rachel ( -1752 qv) (3); there were eleven children(4).

Martin Simpson of Chapelhouses in Grayrigg in the parish of Kirkby Kendal in Westmorland died on 23 September 1780, at the age of seventy seven(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his burial entry, note 5
- 3 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 4 Listed in Westmorland QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

*Isaac	b 30 ii [April]	1727	
*Elizabeth	b 1 x [Dec]	1728	
*John	b 15 xii 1730	[i.e. Feb 1730/1]	
Rachel	b 4 xii 1732	[i.e. Feb 1732/3]	m 1760 Richard Parrington
Thomas qv	b 1- xi 1734	[i.e. Jan 1734/5]	m 1774 Elizabeth Atkinson (1743/4-1817 qv)
Martin	b 31 viii [Oct]	1736	buried 6 Jan 1766
Robert	b 24 viii [Oct]	1738	buried 12 Nov 1752
*Anna	b 29 xii 1739	[i.e. Feb 1739/40]	
*Rebecca	b 13 iii [May]	1742	
*Mary	b 8 iv [June]	1743	
*Sarah	b 26 ix [Nov]	1745	

\*No marriages traced in Westmorland QM Marriages Digest

The surname of the four youngest daughters is spelt Sympson

- 5 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: he is described as a yeoman

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

SIMPSON, Mary (1664-1754) after

Richardson

(Mary Simpson, daughter of William and Anne Simpson of Langtoft in Yorkshire, was married to a man named Richardson. The date of the marriage and any further details are not at present (1977) traced.

See RICHARDSON, Mary (1664-1754) born Simpson )

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SIMPSON, Mary (1735/6-1816) born Tully

Mary Tully, the daughter of William Tully ( - ) and his wife  
Mary (born ) of Stokes Croft, Bristol,  
was born there on 23.xi.1735 [i.e. January 1735/6] (1).

She was married in 1768 to Robert Simpson (1742?-1805 qv), an apothecary  
of Bristol and there were six children(2).

Mary Simpson of Kings Square, Bristol died on 6 January 1816, at the age  
of eighty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see SIMPSON, Robert (1742?-1805)
- 3 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she is described as the relict of  
Robert, an apothecary

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

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SIMPSON, Mary (1738-1802) born Pearson

Mary Pearson, the daughter of Robert Pearson of Little Broughton, was born there on 4.vii.(September)1738.(1) She appeared in the ministry at the age of twenty two. In 1763 she married John Simpson of Brathey Hill(2) and there were five children of the marriage.(3)

She died on 26 September 1802(4) and was buried at Cockermouth. She was aged sixty four and had been a minister for forty two years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Cumberland & Northumberland QM 29 March 1804 in TCMD  
vol.4 p.192

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Digest of Births: she was born on 4.vii(September)1738, the daughter of Robert
- 2 The wedding was at Little Broughton on 25 February 1763. He is described as late of Cockermouth now living at Settworthy; she is described as living at Little Broughton (Cumberland & Northumberland QM Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in Cumberland & Northumberland Digest of Births as follows:-

Betty	b 2 March 1765
Robert	b 28 April 1772
Ann	b 31 January 1774
Anthony	b 28 June 1777
Deborah	b 3 November 1779
- 4 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Digest of Burials: Mary Simpson of Cockermouth, widow of the late John Simpson of Brathey Hill, died on 25 September 1802

SIMPSON, Mary (1782-1861) born Fearon

Mary Fearon, the daughter of John Fearon ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Cockermouth in Cumberland, was born there on 23 February 1782(1).

She was married in 1804 to Anthony Simpson (1777-1813 qv), a watchmaker of Cockermouth and there were four children(2).

Mary Simpson of Cockermouth died on 8 October 1861, at the age of seventy nine(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest: her father is described as a grocer
- 2 For marriage and children see SIMPSON, Anthony (1777-1813)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a widow

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1863, p 169: 2 line entry for death, the widow of A.Simpson

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

SIMPSON, Mary (1799?-1865) formerly Shoobridge, born Tyler

Mary Tyler, details of whose birth are not at present (1983) traced, was the daughter of William and Hannah Tyler, who at the time of her first marriage were described as late of Hart Street, London; she was born about the year 1799(1).

She became in 1830 the second wife of Hoffgaard Shoobridge (1775?-1834 qv), a miller of Witham in Essex and there was one child(2).

She became in 1838 the second wife of William Simpson (1795-1866 qv), a brush manufacturer of Melksham in Wiltshire and there was again one child(3).

Mary Simpson of Melksham died on 3 February 1865, at the age of sixty six(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 66 at death. Her birth is not traced in London & Middlesex QM, Essex QM or Berks & Oxon QM Births Digests
- 2 For marriage and issue see SHOOBRIDGE, Hoffgaard (1775?-1834)
- 3 For marriage and issue see SIMPSON, William (1795-1866)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of William

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1866, p 170: 2 line entry for death, the wife of William Simpson

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

SIMPSON, Mary (1816- )

Mary Simpson, the eldest daughter of Robert Simpson (fl 1815-1838 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Salter, fl 1815-1838 qv) of Wellington in Somerset and Manchester, was born at Wellington on 24 April 1816(1).

She was educated at Sidcot School from 1827 to 1829(2).

The date of her death is not at present (1982) traced(3), but her father moved to Manchester in 1833(4) and the family may have left the Society after the Beaconite controversy of 1835.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father is described as a draper
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 188
- 3 Her death is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM, Lancashire QM Burials Digests or the Digest of Deaths. It is not given in the Sidcot Register, loc cit
- 4 See entry for SIMPSON, Robert (fl 1815-1838)

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

SIMPSON, Rachel (-1752) born

Rachel Simpson, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced(1), was married some time prior to 1727 to Martin Simpson (1703-1780 qv), a yeoman of Castlebank in Grayrigg, Westmorland; there were eleven children(2).

Rachel Simpson died on 7 December 1752(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 As there is no marriage entry, it is not at present (1981) possible to trace the name of her parents. Her age at death is not given
- 2 For children see SIMPSON, Martin (1703-1780)
- 3 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Martin of Castlebank

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

SIMPSON, Rebecca (1672-1737) born Moore

Rebecca Moore, the daughter of John Moore ( - ) of Whinfieldhead Meeting, was born on 18.vii.[September] 1672(1).

She was married in 1699 to Isaac Simpson (1670-1735 qv) of Castlebank in Grayrigg, Westmorland and there were three children(2).

Rebecca Simpson of Kendal Monthly Meeting was buried on 2.v.[July] 1737(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see SIMPSON, Isaac (1670-1735)
- 3 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Isaac; her age at death is not given, nor is the date of her death

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

SIMPSON, Robert (1742?-1805)

Robert Simpson, the son of Robert and Dinah Simpson of Kingsclear in Hampshire, was born about the year 1742(1).

He became an apothecary at Bristol(2) and was married in 1768 to Mary Tully (1735/6-1816 qv) of Bristol(3); there were six children(4).

Robert Simpson of James parish, Bristol died on 14 February 1805, at the age of sixty three(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 63 at death. His birth is not traced in Dorset & Hants QM or Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digests
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Bristol on 26 May 1768: he is described as an apothecary of the city of Bristol, the son of Robert and Dinah Simpson, late of Kingsclear in Hampshire; she is described as the daughter of William and Mary Tully of Bristol (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest )
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

William Tully qv	b 29 April 1769	m 1793 Maria Gundry (1764-1843 qv) (Glos. & Wilts QM Marriages)
Mary	b 29 May 1770	m 1794 John Newman
Robert	b 7 Sept 1771	buried 7 April 1772
Dinah	b 24 Sept 1773	d 16 Dec 1797, aged 24
Martha	b 27 Oct 1776	m 1802 Charles Heath
Robert	b 7 Jan 1780	d 15 Oct 1808, aged 28

- 5 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: he is described as an apothecary

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

SIMPSON, Robert (fl 1815-1838)

Robert Simpson was the son of John and Mary Simpson of Wellington in Somerset; the date of his birth is not at present (1982) traced(1).

He became a draper at Wellington(2) and was married in 1815 to Sarah Salter (fl 1815-1838 qv) of Taunton in Somerset(3); he was said to have had eighteen children(4), but only fourteen can be traced as recorded by the Society(5). In 1833 the family moved to Manchester, where Robert Simpson became a manufacturer of weighing machines(6).

The date of his death is not at present (1982) traced(7) and it is possible that he left the Society after the Beaconite controversy of 1835.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 His birth is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Wellington on 12 July 1815: he is described as a draper of Wellington in Somerset, the son of John and Mary Simpson of Wellington; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Sarah of Taunton in Somerset (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 23 (1904) p 96
- 5 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest and the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Mary qv	b 24 April 1816	
Sarah qv	b 23 July 1817	
Thomas qv	b 29 Sept 1818	
*John Sheppard qv	b 30 April 1821	
Robert qv	b 13 Sept 1822	
George qv	b 8 Sept 1823	m 1854 S Ogden  (AOSA Reports, loc cit)
William qv	b 2 Jan 1825	m 1862 Jane Eliza Backhouse (1827- qv)
Jane	b 24 Dec 1826	
Ann	b 29 April 1829	
Elizabeth	b 11 April 1830	
Anthony	b 17 July 1831	
Edward	b 9 July 1833	
Fanny	b 2 March 1835	
Emma Jane	b 28 May 1838	

\*His name is erroneously given in the Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 188 as John Simpson Simpson

Apart from William, no marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

- 6 Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports, loc cit
- 7 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

SIMPSON, Robert (1800-1874)

Robert Simpson, the son of William Tully Simpson (1769-1808 qv) and his wife Maria (born Gundry, 1764-1843 qv) of Melksham in Wiltshire, was born there on 2 March 1800(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1808 to 1814 and was the first pupil to arrive at the school(2).

He became an ironmonger at Melksham(3) and was married in 1829 to Emma Tyler (1800-1885 qv) of London(4); there were four children(5). His second son Robert, who died in 1849 at the age of thirteen, was educated at Sidcot School from 1847 to 1848(6). Robert Simpson was an elder of his meeting(7).

Robert Simpson of Melksham died on 3 March 1874, at the age of seventy four(8).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: his father is described as a doctor of medicine
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 189
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Peel FMH on 8 April 1829: he is described as an ironmonger of Melksham in Wiltshire, the son of William Tully and Maria Simpson, late of Melksham; she is described as the daughter of William and Hannah Tyler, late of London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

William	b 1 May 1830	m 1862 Jane Eliza Backhouse
Hannah Maria	b 30 Nov 1831	m 1857 Christopher Robinson
Robert	b 16 July 1835	d 24 March 1849, aged 13
Henry qv	b 21 Feb 1837	m 1862 Caroline Jeffrey (1842- qv)
- 6 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 189
- 7 Annual Monitor 1875, p 161: 2 line entry for death
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

SIMPSON, Robert (1822-1899)

Robert Simpson, the son of Robert Simpson (fl 1815-1838 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Salter, fl 1815-1838 qv) of Wellington in Somerset and Manchester, was born at Wellington on 13 September 1822(1).

He was educated at Sidcot School from 1833 to 1836(2).

Robert Simpson of Darlington died, apparently unmarried(3), on 30 December 1899, at the age of seventy seven(4). He was not in membership at the time of his death; his father moved to Manchester in 1833(5) and the family may have left the Society after the Beaconite controversy of 1835.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given, but in entries for his elder siblings he is described as a draper
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 189
- 3 No marriage is traced in the Digest of Marriages or given in the Sidcot Register, loc cit
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a labourer, NM
- 5 See entry for SIMPSON, Robert (fl 1815-1838)

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

SIMPSON, Sarah (1809-1892) born Harrison

Sarah Harrison, the daughter of Reuben Harrison ( - ) and his wife Margaret (born ) of Buerstell in the parish of Rochdale in Lancashire, was born there on 7 August 1809(1).

She was married in 1834 to George Simpson (1809-1862 qv), a brewer of Newton Heath in Lancashire and there were nine children(2).

Sarah Simpson of Southport in Lancashire died on 13 March 1892, at the age of eighty two(3), a widow for about thirty years.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 For marriage and children see SIMPSON, George (1809-1862)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of George

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1893, p 123: 2 line entry for death

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

SIMPSON, Sarah (fl 1815-1838) born Salter

Sarah Salter was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Salter of Taunton in Somerset; the date of her birth is not at present (1982) traced(1).

She was married in 1815 to Robert Simpson (fl 1815-1838 qv), a draper of Wellington in Somerset and there were fourteen or eighteen children(2). In 1833 the family moved to Manchester(3).

The date of her death is not at present (1982) traced(4) and it is possible that she left the Society after the Beaconite controversy of 1835.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her birth is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see SIMPSON, Robert (fl 1815-1838)
- 3 See entry for SIMPSON, Robert (fl 1815-1838)
- 4 Her 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

SIMPSON, Sarah (1817- )

Sarah Simpson, the daughter of Robert Simpson (fl 1815-1838 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Salter, fl 1815-1838 qv) of Wellington in Somerset and Manchester, was born at Wellington on 23 July 1817(1).

She was educated at Sidcot School from 1828-1831(2).

The date of her death is not at present (1982) traced(3), but her father moved to Manchester in 1835(4) and the family may have left the Society after the Beaconite controversy of 1835.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father is described as a draper
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 189
- 3 Her death is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM, Lancashire QM Burials Digests or the Digest of Deaths. It is not given in the Sidcot Register, loc cit
- 4 See entry for SIMPSON, Robert (fl 1815-1838)

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

SIMPSON, Sophia (1843-1912) born Burtt

Sophia Burtt, the daughter of Charles Burtt (1811-1863 qv) and his wife Mary Ann (born Howick, ) of Leadenham in Lincolnshire, was born there on 15 February 1843(1).

She was married in 1866 to George Simpson (1837-1926 qv), a cotton spinner of Mayfield in Staffordshire and there were six children(2). In 1892 she and her husband retired to Hazelbrow, Duffield near Derby and made a hobby of their beautiful garden(3).

Sophia Simpson of Hazelbrow died on 19 December 1912, at the age of sixty nine(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see SIMPSON, George (1837-1926)
- 3 See entry for SIMPSON, George (1837-1926)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of George

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

SIMPSON, Thomas (1734/5-1820)

Thomas Simpson, the son of Martin Simpson (1703-1780 qv) and his wife Rachel (born -1752 qv) of Castlebank, Grayrigg in Westmorland, was born there on 10.xi.1734 [i.e. January 1734/5] (1).

He was at various times a husbandman, a yeoman and a farmer(2) and was married in 1774 to Elizabeth Atkinson (1743/4-1817 qv) of Hutton, near Kendal in Westmorland(3); there were seven children(4).

Thomas Simpson of Kendal died on 23 January 1820, at the age of eighty five(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is described as a husbandman in the birth entries for his two eldest children in 1775 and 1777: as a yeoman in the birth entries from 1778 to 1781 and as a farmer in the birth entries for his two youngest children in 1783 and 1786
- 3 The wedding was at Beckhouses on 9 May 1774: he is described as of Grayrigg near Kendal in Westmorland, the son of Martin and Rachel Simpson of Grayrigg; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Atkinson, late of Hutton, near Kendal in Westmorland (Westmorland QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Westmorland QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

*Martin	b 29 Jan 1775	
Hannah	b 25 Feb 1777	d 10 July 1777, aged 19 weeks
*Rachel	b 12 June 1778	
*Hannah	b 12 June 1778	
Joseph qv	b 13 Jan 1781	m 1806 Hannah Robinson (1785-1872 qv)
Elizabeth	b 19 July 1783	m 1813 Ishmael Nash
*Agnes	b 6 April 1786	
- \*No marriages traced in Westmorland QM Marriages Digests
- 5 Westmorland QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

SIMPSON, Thomas (1818- )

Thomas Simpson, the eldest son of Robert Simpson (fl 1815-1838 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Salter, fl 1815-1838 qv) of Wellington in Somerset and Manchester, was born at Wellington on 29 September 1818(1).

He was educated at Sidcot School from 1830 to 1832(2).

He was apparently unmarried(3).

The date of his death is not at present (1982) traced(4), but his father moved to Manchester in 1833(5) and the family may have left the Society after the Beaconite controversy of 1835.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as a draper
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1938, p 189
- 3 No marriage is traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 4 His death is not traced in Lancashire QM Burials Digest or in the Digest of Deaths. It is not given in the Sidcot Register, loc cit
- 5 See entry for SIMPSON, Robert (fl 1815-1838)

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

SIMPSON

~~SIMPSON~~, William (1627?-1670/1)

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William Sympson was of Lancashire, in which county he was convinced. He travelled in Cumberland, Oxfordshire and other districts of England and Ireland. Fox says of him, in A Short Relation Concerning the Life and Death of... William Simpson, 1671:- 'This William Simpson was a faithful Servant and Prophet of the Lord to the Nations... He went three years Naked and in Sackcloth, in the days of Oliver and his Parliament, as a Sign... who was made many times to go through Markets... and to Cambridge stark naked... and... through London naked and he was obedient unto the heavenly command...' Sympson died while on a visit to Barbados with John Burnyeat, in Twelfth Month (Feb.), 1670/1, and was buried in Richard Forstall's garden at Bridge Town. At the end of A Short Relation is Sympson's paper, Going Naked a Signe. He wrote two or three other articles.

John Burnyeat, 1691

Piety Promoted

F.P.T.

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MSS In Friends House

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Note by E. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed 1911 vol. II p.373

WBE:  
Additional information

SIMPSON, William, 1627-1670/71

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With Thomas Curtis was instrumental in the  
convincement of Isaac and Mary Penington.

John Smith's Ms., 3:169

Ross, Marg, Fell, 396

Besse, 1:408, 409, 410

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:575

Piety pro. 2d part, 213

Hodgkin, Gulielma: Wife of Wm. Penn, 35

WBE:

SIMPSON, William, 1756-1804

Surveyor.

1796, visited Ireland.

Emigrated to America and settled at Abington,  
Penna.

Removed to Muncy, Penna.

d. 1804 at the age of 48 years.

Starbuck, K. "Early life of William Simpson" in Muncy  
Hist. Soc., 10(1951):17 (see also, Bul. Frds.  
Hist. Soc., 45(1956):54)

SIMPSON, William (1795-1866)

William Simpson, the son of William Tully Simpson (1769-1808 qv) and his wife Maria (born Gundry, 1764-1843 qv) of Castle Street, Bristol, was born there on 24 February 1795(1).

He became a brush manufacturer at Melksham in Wiltshire(2) and was married firstly in 1825 to Hester Withy (1795-1834 qv) of Downend, Gloucester(3); there were five children(4). He married secondly in 1838 Mary Shoobridge (born Tyler, 1799?-1865 qv), the widow of Hoffgaard Shoobridge (1775?-1834 qv) of Witham in Essex(5); there was one child(6).

William Simpson of Melksham died on 19 May 1866, at the age of seventy one(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as an apothecary
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entries, notes 3 and 5
- 3 The wedding was at Frenchay on 4 May 1825: he is described as a brush manufacturer of Melksham in Wiltshire, the son of William Tully and Maria Simpson of Melksham; she is described as the daughter of George and Lydia Withy of Downend in Gloucestershire (Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

*Edward	b 3 April 1826
*Lydia	b 13 Nov 1827
George	b 25 March 1829
*Mary	b 8 Nov 1831
*William Henry	b 2 Sept 1833

\*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 5 The wedding was at Witham on 17 May 1838: he is described as a widower, a brush maker of Melksham in Wiltshire, the son of William Tully Simpson, a physician; she is described as a widow of Witham, the daughter of William Tyler, an accountant (Digest of Marriages)
- 6 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 19 May 1839
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No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 7 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1867, p 133: 1 line entry for death

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

SIMPSON, William (1825-1869)

William Simpson, the son of Robert Simpson (fl 1815-1838 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Salter, fl 1815-1838 qv) of Wellington in Somerset and Manchester, was born at Wellington on 2 January 1825(1). The family moved to Manchester in 1833(2).

He was educated at Sidcot School from 1835 to 1836(3).

He became an accountant at Darlington in county Durham(4) and was married in 1862 to Jane Eliza Backhouse (1827- qv) of Scarborough(5); there were four children(6).

William Simpson died in 1869(7). The precise date of his death is not at present (1982) traced(8), but the family may have left the Society after the Beaconite controversy of 1835.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given, but in entries for elder siblings he is described as a draper\*
- 2 See entry for SIMPSON, Robert (fl 1815-1838)
- 3 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 189
- 4 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 5
- 5 The wedding was at Scarborough on 19 August 1862: he is described as a bachelor, an accountant of Darlington, the son of Robert Simpson, a gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Scarborough, the daughter of Joseph Backhouse, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
- 6 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-

Marian Backhouse	b 24 May 1863
Rosamund Backhouse	b 10 May 1865
Cicely Elizabeth	
Backhouse	b 6 Feb 1867
Winifred Matilda Holmes	b 26 May 1868

No marriages are traced for these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1930
- 7 Sidcot Register, loc cit
- 8 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

\*William Simpson is erroneously described in Joseph Foster, Descendants of John Backhouse, London 1894, p 38, as the son of Robert Simpson (1800-1874 qv) of Melksham in Wiltshire

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

SIMPSON, William (1828-1892)

William Simpson, the son of Joseph Simpson (1781-1857 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Robinson, 1785-1872 qv) of Crosthwaite, was born at Moss-side in the parish of Heversham in Westmorland on 28 July 1828(1). He was recorded as not in membership with the Society at the time of his birth, which suggests that one or other of his parents were not in membership(2).

He was married about 1856 in the Registry Office of Stoke-upon-Trent to Eleanor Holme (1831-1901 qv) of Kendal in Westmorland(3) and there were three children, Arthur William (1857-1922 qv), Edith Margaret and Albert Henry, whose births were not recorded by the Society(4). By about 1860 he had a position as salesman and cutter with Messrs Whitewell, Braithwaite and Nelson, carpet manufacturers; he held this job until his death, although he never felt it was his true vocation and it was poorly paid. His wife kept a family of five on £1.00 per week(5).

He was an attender at Kendal Meeting in 1890(6), but he died, not in membership, on 24 December 1892 at Kendal, at the age of sixty four(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: his father is described as a farmer
- 2 See entry for SIMPSON, Joseph (1781-1857) for the probable disownment of Hannah Simpson, because of the birth of a child four months after her marriage
- 3 Eleanor Davidson, The Simpsons of Kendal, 1978, p 3: Eleanor Holme was married when she was 25
- 4 Eleanor Davidson, op cit, p 14
- 5 Eleanor Davidson, op cit, p 3
- 6 Westmorland QM printed lists of members
- 7 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

SIMPSON, William (1845-1914)

William Simpson, the son of George Simpson (1809-1862 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Harrison, 1809-1892 qv) of Newton Heath near Manchester, was born there on 12 March 1845(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1854 to 1859 and subsequently at Bootham School, York, from 1859 to 1860(2).

After a few years' experience with a Manchester firm, he started in business on his own account as a cotton manufacturer, adding calico printing later on. He believed that in business life ample opportunities are given for a man to put his religion into practice and throughout his career he looked upon his work as a solemn trust. He also played his full part in civic affairs and accepted a seat on the Manchester City Council in 1893. He served on a number of committees and was especially interested in the Art Gallery and Technical School Committees; he was elected one of the Council Directors on the Ship Canal Board. He also served as a Borough magistrate and as a governor of Manchester Grammar School.

By the force of his own example he was very successful in inducing others to give time and money to public welfare, although he kept himself in the background. He was never prominent as a speaker and never sought office, but to him more than to anyone else was due the successful re-organisation of the Manchester Liberal Federation.

He was married in 1870 to Rachel Maria Corbett(3) and there were five children(4). He resigned his membership of the Society at a time when a number of earnest-minded Friends in Manchester left it for greater freedom of thought.

William Simpson of Whaley Bridge, Cheshire, died on 25 January 1914, at the age of sixty eight(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 33 (1914) p 113

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a brewer
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 371
- 3 Bootham School Register 1935, loc cit: the marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 4 Given in Bootham School Register 1935, loc cit: the children are not traced in the Digest of Births:-
  - Daniel Harrison
  - Mary
  - Reuben
  - Edward
  - Caroline DorotheaNo marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1930
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a cotton manufacturer, not in membership

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

SEE ALSO

Annual monitor 1915 pp 168-9

SIMPSON, William Tully (1769-1808)

William Tully Simpson, the son of Robert Simpson ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Castle Street, Bristol, was born there on 29 April 1769(1).

He became an apothecary in Bristol(2) and was married in 1793 to Maria Gundry (1764-1843 qv) of Calne in Wiltshire(3); there were four children(4). About 1796 he moved to Melksham in Wiltshire, where he became a physician(5).

William Tully Simpson of Melksham died on 5 September 1808, at the age of thirty nine(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Calne on 11 December 1793: he is described as an apothecary of Bristol, the son of Robert and Mary Simpson of Bristol; she is described as the daughter of William and Katherine Gundry of Calne in Wiltshire (Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

William	b 24 Feb 1795	m 1825 Hester Withy
*Maria	b 25 Oct 1796	

and in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest and the Digest of Deaths as follows:-

Catherine	b 23 Oct 1798	d 3 Feb 1869
Robert qv	b 2 March 1800	m 1829 Emma Tyler (1800-1885 qv) (London & Mddx QM Marriages)
- \*No marriage traced in Gloucester & Wilts QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1856
- 5 His daughter Maria was born at Melksham in 1796 and in the birth entry he is described as a physician
- 6 Gloucester & Wilts QM Burials Digest: he is described as a physician; his age at death is given as 40

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

SIMS, Ann (1764?-1799) after 1788 Kenway

[Ann Sims, daughter of John and Ann Sims of Yarmouth,  
was married in 1788 to James Kenway (fl 1788 qv).]

See KENWAY, Ann (1764?-1799) born Sims ]

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SIMS, Eliza (1826-1915) born May

Eliza May was born at Tottenham, in the parish of Tottenham, Middlesex, on 18 July 1826, the daughter of Edward Curtis May (1796-1877 qv) and Caroline May (born Hooper, 1796-1885 qv) (1).

On 13 September 1855, at Tottenham, she married William Dillwyn Sims (1825-1895 qv) of Ipswich; four children of the marriage are recorded (2).

Eliza Sims continued to live at Ipswich after her husband's death, and died there on 9 January 1915 (3).

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest; no description of Edward Curtis May is given.
- 2 London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest; for a list of the children, see SIMS, William Dillwyn (1825-1895).
- 3 Digest of Deaths, where she is entered as aged 88, of 75 St Matthew's Street, Ipswich, widow of William Dillwyn Sims.

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SIMS, Mary (1725/6-1799) after 1782 Smith

[Mary Sims, daughter of John Sims ( - )  
and his wife Ann (born  
of Bishopsgate, was married in 1782 to Thomas  
Smith (1725-1792 qv). ]

See SMITH, Mary (1725/6-1799) born Sims ]

SIMS, Sarah (1715/6-1799) after Beck

[Sarah Sims, daughter of Henry Sims ( - ) and  
his wife Katharine, or Catherine, (born )  
of Canterbury in Kent, was married in to Thomas  
Beck (1707-1788 qv).]

See BECK, Sarah (1715/6-1799) born Sims ]

SIMS, Sarah (1790-1823) born Burtt

Sarah Burtt, the elder daughter of William Burtt (1761-1832 qv) and his wife Lydia, born Hutchinson, of Low Hall, Fulbeck in Lincolnshire, was born there on 6 March 1790(1). In 1808 the wife of her uncle Jonathan Hutchinson (1760-1835 qv) died and the young girl went to live at Gedney to help him take care of his young family. The baby, Procter Hutchinson, was taken to Low Hall, where he grew up with his uncle and aunt.

Sarah left Gedney in 1818 on her marriage to Samuel Sims(2), a chemist in Stockport, and there were two daughters of the marriage(3). Sarah Sims died when she was only thirty three, on 17 October 1823(4), and her uncle Jonathan wrote of his loss:- "I have been bereaved by death of a beloved niece, wife of Samuel Sims of Stockport, who for several years previous to her marriage was my companion and housekeeper, much to our mutual comfort and satisfaction. This dear young woman, always amiable and serious, had, I believe, for a considerable time been increasingly solicitous for her eternal well-being, and though her path was a retired one, her end seems to have been crowned with peace."

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Mary Bowen Burtt, The Burtts, a Lincolnshire Quaker Family, 1500-1900,  
Hull 1937, pp 135, 145

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Brant Broughton on 12 September 1818: he is described as a chemist and druggist of Stockport, the son of Olive and Sarah Sims of Stockport; she is described as of Fulbeck, the daughter of William and Lydia Burtt of Fulbeck, Lincolnshire (Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Sarah Ann	b 14 Nov 1819	no trace of a marriage to 1879
Lydia Burtt	b 8 Oct 1823	who m 1847 Frederick Alexander
- 4 Cheshire & Staffs QM Burials Digest: she is described as of Heaton, Lancashire, the wife of Samuel

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45 or in the Index to the Annual Monitor 1813-1892, ed Joseph J. Green, London 1894  
~~or in typescript Comisiae 200, Friends House Library~~

SIMS, William Dillwyn (1825-1895)

William Dillwyn Sims was born in London on 7 July 1825, the son of John Sims (1792-1838 qv), MD, and Lydia Sims (born Dillwyn, 1785-1830 qv) of Cavendish Square (1). He was educated at Tottenham; first at the boys' preparatory school kept there by Frances and Priscilla Coar and then from 1835 at Grove House, under the headmastership of Thomas Binns (1798-1872 qv), where he remained for seven years (2). Orphaned at the age of thirteen, he went to live with his uncle and aunt, Richard Dykes Alexander (1788-1866 qv) and Ann Alexander (born Dillwyn, 1783-1868 qv), at Ipswich in Suffolk. After leaving school, he was for a short time with a Friend at Chelmsford who was a miller, so that he should have some business experience. He then returned to Ipswich to join Ransomes & May, manufacturers of agricultural machinery there. He became a partner in the firm (then renamed Ransomes & Sims) in 1851, when Charles May (1801-1860 qv) left it. He was a partner for twenty-one years, and continued to retain an interest in the business until his death. (3)

On 13 September 1855, at Tottenham, he married Eliza May (4); four children of William Dillwyn Sims and Eliza Sims (born May, 1826-1915 qv) are recorded (5).

He was able to retire from Ransomes & Sims in his late forties, to devote his time to social, benevolent and religious work. He was assistant clerk to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight from 1872 to 1875 and clerk from 1876 to 1881 and in 1883, in which year he was recorded as a minister by Woodbridge MM, and served on the committee which revised the Book of discipline. He was clerk of Suffolk QM from at least 1871 to 1881, and a governor of Leighton Park School, Reading, from 1890 to 1894. He was a warm supporter of the Temperance cause, and strongly opposed vivisection. He was president of the Ipswich Young Men's Christian Association from its foundation in 1873, taking particular interest in its Sunday Bible-class and its social work. He also supported the Ipswich & East Suffolk Hospital, the local savings and penny banks and the local auxiliary of the British & Foreign Bible Society. For over twenty-five years he was a member of the board of guardians. (6)

William Dillwyn Sims died on 7 March 1895, aged nearly seventy (7).

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest, where his place of birth is given as Cavendish Square, and John Sims described as doctor of medicine.
- 2 Annual monitor, 1896, pp 152-156; Theodore Compton, Recollections of Tottenham Friends..., 1893, pp 12-14, 23; Tottenham School 1828-1877: list of scholars, [1878], pp 4-5. The latter two give his name as Dillwyn Sims; in later life his name appears in full, as William D. Sims, and as W.D. Sims.
- 3 Testimony of Woodbridge MM in YM Proc 1895, pp 149-150; Ransomes' "Royal" records, Ipswich, [1939], pp 51-52; Annual monitor, 1896, p 153, which states that he became a partner in 1847, implying that it was in that year that the firm's name was changed and that his 'uncle' Charles May left it.

SIMS, William Dillwyn (1825-1895) cont

- 4 Digest of marriages, where he is described as a bachelor and iron-founder, of Ipswich, son of John Sims, physician; and she as a spinster, of Tottenham, daughter of Edward Curtis May [1796-1877 qv], surgeon. It was by this marriage that William Dillwyn Sims became nephew to Charles May.
- 5 Given as follows in Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths:
- |              |                |                |                    |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Lydia        | b 26 Sept 1858 | m 14 July 1891 | Edward Ernest May  |
| Anna Olivia  | b 11 Nov 1860  | d 25 Dec 1947  |                    |
| John Dillwyn | b 8 April 1862 | d 30 Dec 1905  |                    |
| Caroline May | b 26 Sept 1863 | m 8 Feb 1898   | James Joseph Cooke |
- The marriage of John D. Sims to Mildred Ransome, daughter of Robert Charles Ransome, another of the directors of the firm, is noted in The Friend, 30 Sept 1898, p 636. It took place at St Jude's Church, South Kensington, London on 20 September 1898.
- 6 YM Proc 1895, pp 149-150; Annual monitor, 1896, pp 152-156; The Friend, 22 March 1895, p 182; The British Friend, April 1895, p 87.
- 7 Digest of Deaths, where he is described as a gentleman, of Ipswich, aged 69. He was buried at Ipswich.

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SIMS, William Dillwyn (1825-1895)

William D. Sims was born in London in the year 1825, the son of Dr Sims of Cavendish Square. At the age of thirteen years, being orphaned, he went to live at Ipswich with his uncle Richard Dykes Alexander, where he became connected with the agricultural engineering firm of Ransome, Sims and Jeffries.

He retired from business comparatively early and devoted his time to social, benevolent and religious work, being for several years Clerk of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and forming one of the Committee for the revision of the Book of Discipline in 1883.

William Sims was a supporter of the Temperance cause, and a strong opponent of vivisection. He was president of the Ipswich Young Men's Christian Association from its foundation in 1873.

He was a recorded minister for several years, and spoke acceptably in many of the smaller meetings in his neighbourhood.

'His breadth of charity and love towards all were strikingly apparent, and a friend writes of his "quiet daily walk with God, so consistent, so uniform, so full, first of Holy aspirations, and then of good deeds performed with such entire self-abnegation".

William Dillwyn Sims died 7 March 1895.

Testimony of Woodbridge M<sup>m</sup> in YM Proc. 1895, p.149

SINCLAIR, Abiah (1716/7-1794) aftw. Darby, born Maude

[Abiah Maude, the daughter of Samuel Maude and  
his wife Rachel (nee ) was married  
in c.1734 to John Sinclair  
in 1745 to Abraham Darby

see DARBY, Abiah (1716/7-1794) form. Sinclair, born Maude ]

SINCLAIR, Peter Henry (1837-1891)

Peter H. Sinclair was born in Shetland in 1837, the son of a farmer. At about 18 he went to sea, where he rose to be a second mate. He married at 23, a Shetland girl. At 36 he left the sea and moved with his family to Sunderland, where he resided until he died.

Soon after settling in that town he began to attend Friends Meeting and Adult School, joining the Society in 1882 (1). He was a regular attender at Pottery Buildings Meetings, and was Superintendent of the Sunday School for many years.

PHS said that is was really Robert W. Douglas, visiting the Mission at Pottery Buildings, who converted him. PHS was a happy Christian whose face showed his religion, and many a one was cheered by a kind smile and a few loving words. He was a great favourite with the young, and, indeed, with all who knew him. He died suddenly on 10 September 1891, aged 54 (2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

1/1c      Annual Monitor, 1892 p.132

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1    He and his wife, Helen Barbara, are listed as members of Sunderland FM in Durham QM List of Members for 1883
- 2    Digest of Burials: he is described as of Bishopswearmouth, Mariner

WBE:

SINCLAIR, Rebecca, afterwards Turner, 1795-1877

see

Turner, Rebecca, nee Sinclair, 1795-1877

WBE:a

SING, Cyrus Richmond, 1825-1904.

b. 21 Dec. 1825, Pickering, Ontario.

1848, moved to Meaford, Ontario, then a dense wilderness.

1851, moved to Nottawasaga, where he and his brother laid out the little town of Singhampton, named after C.R.S. He built a grist mill, saw mill and carding mill there.

1855, returned to Meaford and built more mills on the Big Head River. As a result, he claimed to have carded the first pound of wool ever carded in the County of Grey. It became a successful business.

He was well-known as: Reeve of St. Vincent, mayor of Meaford, warden of the county, and for his honesty and persuasive powers in these offices. 1898, retired from all municipal duties.

Life-long and dedicated member of Friends (Orthodox) Elder of Grey Meeting.

Deeply involved in the activities of Canada Y.M. and Pickering College.

Visited numerous quarterly and yearly meetings in G.B. and the U.S.

d. 25 April 1904, Meaford, Ontario, in his 79th year.

American Friend, 12(1905):228-229, 236.

Dorland, Arthur G., A Hist. of the Soc. of Frds. In Canada, (1927), p. 192.

SINGER, Emily Gertrude (1878-1967)

Emily G. Singer was born in Henley-on-Thames on 21 July 1878, one of a large Quaker family (1).

She was educated at Saffron Walden School and then entered the photographic business. Her interest in people, however, led her into first caring for children and then into general nursing; she then opened a home for a few sick or old people no longer able to care for themselves. She was an ardent supporter of the Friends Service Council.

She died on 28 February 1967

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Hampstead MM in YM Proc 1968 p.168

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 No entry in Digest of Birth Notes. Only Charles Singer (her father) is listed in the 1879 Berks & Oxon printed list of members, but on the printed list for 1889, p.23, both parents (Charles A. and Caroline P.M. Singer, Melbourne House, Henley) are shown as members, and 8 children as attenders.

**SINGLETON, Josiah (1811-c1892)**

Josiah Singleton, son of William (1770?-1832, qv) and Sarah Singleton, was born at Ackworth on 3 January 1811 (1). He was on the staff at Queenwood College, Hampshire, while George Edmondson was in charge there (2). In January 1849 he married Martha Walker of Manchester (3). He had left Queenwood in 1848 for his own school at Spring Bank, Darwen, Lancs (4). He died about 1892 (5). Both Tyndall and Frankland loved him dearly and visited him often (6).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as school-master
- 2 Information from Dr W.H. Brock, University of Leicester, December 1969
- 3 Tyndall's Journals: information through Dr W.H. Brock. No entry traced in Digest of Marriage Registers
- 4 Information from Dr W.H. Brock
- 5 Letter from Frankland to Mrs Tyndall: information through Dr W.H. Brock
- 6 Information from Dr W.H. Brock

? / SINGLETION, Mary (1691-1741) aftw. Atkinson

[ Mary Singleton, daughter of William Singleton of  
Darlington and his wife Ann(nee )  
was married in to Richard Atkinson  
of Colthouse

? / see ATKINSON, Mary (1691-1741) born Singleton ]

SINGLETON, William (1770?-1832)

William Singleton was born about 1770 (1). He was married before about 1797 to Sarah----- (2). In 1801 he was a hosier in Nottingham (3) having either removed thither or become a member of the Society of Friends about this time (4). In 1805 he became a teacher at Ackworth, remaining there until 1812 (5). There were at least ~~2~~ children (6). After leaving Ackworth he set up a boarding school for boys at Broom Hall, Sheffield (7). In 1820 he went out to West Africa under the Friends African Instruction Fund (8).

6/ In 1823 he resigned his membership, having given dissatisfaction to the elders of Balby Monthly Meeting, and others, by his ministry (9). The following year he wrote Strictures on the yearly meeting epistle of 1824 and at least one other anti-Quaker pamphlet (10).

He died at Sheffield on 10 June 1832, aged 62 years (11). His widow died at Queenwood, Hants, on 24 June 1848, aged 77 years (12).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 62 at death
- 2 Marriage not traced in Derby & Notts QM Marriages Digest: her Christian name in digest entries respecting their children
- 3 So described in birth entries concerning their children born 1801, 1802, 1805
- 4 One, and possibly two, children were born before 1801 and no entries appear in Derby & Notts QM births digest
- 5 Ackworth school centenary publications, 1879. He is described as Schoolmaster in the birth entries for his two youngest children, both born at Ackworth. He wrote Mentor and Amanda, or a visit to Ackworth School, 1814
- 6 Viz, ~~two~~ presumed born before 1801:  
Anne born c 1798 (d 1863 aged 65) who m George Edmondson  
~~Edward~~ (information from W. H. Brock, Univ. of Leicester, Nov 1969)  
and listed in Derby & Notts QM Births Digest as follows:  
John b 15 March 1801  
Elizabeth b 30 Dec 1802  
Sarah b 28 May 1805  
and listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:  
Mary b 2 April 1807  
Josiah b 3 Jan 1811

continued

WBE:

SINGLETON, William, c.1790-

b.           c.1790

ed. 1806-10 student at Ackworth School. Became  
a master of reading after a year and continued teaching  
at Ackworth until 1812.

1816 spoke in Friends meeting but his ministry  
was not approved by Friends. In 1823 he left the  
Society of Friends.

Author, 1814, Mentor and Amanda (verse) and  
1823, The result of seven years' mission among Friends  
of Bally Monthly Meeting, Yorks; and 1824, A letter to  
Joseph John Gurney...

d.           ? ? ?

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:577

Nodal, Bibliog. of Ackworth, 28

Teachers and Officers of Ackworth School, 1779-1879, 9

SINNOCK,      Nora      ( 1887 - 1973 )

Nora Sinnock was born in 1887, and seems to have lived in Portishead, Somerset, for the greater part of her life.

Her name appears as an attender at Portishead Meeting in 1926 and as a member in 1939.(1) She was intensely loyal to the meeting and was largely responsible for its survival through a difficult time when only five or six families were involved and the attendance at meeting was consequently very small.

She taught weaving for over 40 years under the auspices of the Bristol Guild of the Handicapped. About twenty years ago she took a leading part in establishing a small but thriving weaving industry at the Oji River leprosy settlement in Nigeria.

She died at Portishead on December 14, 1973, aged 86.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE      The Friend Vol 132 ( 1974 ) pp 140, 268

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- Bristol & Somerset  
1. Western QM lists of members.

SGJ. 1976

SINTON,      Thomas Tertius      ( 1913 - 1963 )

Thomas Sinton was born on January 5, 1913 at Gilford, N. Ireland. He was a member of a well known linen manufacturing family and was actively engaged in the bleaching and finishing section of the business. In 1943 he married C. Eileen Wicklow of Dublin and there were two daughters of the marriage.

He served his own meeting Moyallon, as PM clerk and as overseer and was a greatly valued member, as also, of Monthly, Quarterly and Yearly Meetings which he regularly attended. He also served on numerous committees. He also served on the committee of Drogheda Grammar School in which he was deeply concerned and for the last eighteen months of his life he gave his interest to Oxfam and while in hospital or at home he raised several amounts in its aid by hand loom weaving.

He died in Bainbridge Hospital, Co. Down on August 16, 1963, aged 50.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend

Vol. 121 (1963) p. 1075

SGJ OCT.'80

WBE:

SIPPELL, Theodor, 1871- ?

b. 1871 in Germany.

Became a pastor at Schweinberg, near Kassel in Germany. Never in membership with Friends, but sympathetic.

1920 wrote, Zur Vorgeschichte des Quakertums (The pre-history of Quakerism) This is available at Haverford College.

1937 wrote Werdendes Quäkertum... (Budding Quakerism...)

SIPPELL, Theodor (1871-1959) 9/86  
add: died November 1959 age 87 years  
ref: Friend, Lond., 117, 1959, p.28, 213

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7631

SIRED, FAMILY of

(Buckinghamshire)

see

SIRETT, FAMILY of

SIRETT, FAMILY of

(Buckinghamshire)

SOURCE OF INFORMATION :

Search undertaken in 1969 on behalf of Mrs E. M. Blore of  
Wellingborough

ACTION TAKEN BY LIBRARY :

No reference to the name Sirett [Syret, Sired etc.] occurs in the  
register digests of Buckinghamshire QM

WBE:

SISSON, Charles, 1847-1919

b. Sept. 7, 1847 at Coventry, R.I., son of  
Asa and Mary Ann (Peck) Sisson.

ed. public schools, and then Moses Brown School  
in Providence, R.I. where he graduated in 1866. He  
kept a diary which is a valuable historical resource.

m/, 1888, Elizabeth Davies Eyre of Phila., Pa.

Served as member of Committee in charge of Moses  
Brown School for many years. Also was on Foreign  
Missionary Committee, the Peace and Service Committee,  
etc. of New England Yearly Meeting. Also, served as  
Treasurer of Moses Brown School.

d. Nov. 10, 1919 at Providence, R.I. aged about  
72 years.

Am. Friend, 8(1920):70 (portrait)

Kelsey, Cent. Hist. of Moses Brown School, Index

WBE:

SITWELL, Elkaneh

1762, An Epistle from Elkaneh Sitwell...

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7615

WBE:

SIXMITH, Bryan,

Warrington, Lancs., England. Convinced and  
joined Friends.

m. Son, William  
1676, wrote The unskillful skirmisher rebuked  
for blasphemy... (An answer to John Cheney's A skirmish  
made upon Quakerism)

d. c. 13th of December, 1679 at Warrington, Eng.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:578

WBE:

SKEIN, (or Skeine), John, - 1690

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Raised a Presbyterian in Aberdeen, Scotland.

c. 1670 While a merchant in his community became convinced and joined Friends. Became a minister.

1676, summoned and fined, then imprisoned. He suffered several distraints of goods. But he wore out the cruelty of his persecutors.

Came to Burlington in West Jersey and was for two years the Governor of the Province.

d. and was buried Aug. 27, 1690, Northampton, New Jersey.

Besse, 2: 503, 508, 509, 512, 514, 516, 517, 519, 524, 528, 533.

John Smith's Ms., 3:175

The Friend (Phila.), 27(1854):252

Bul. Frds. Hist. Soc., 5(1913):17

WBE:

SKENE ( or Skein), Alexander, -1693

b.

A magistrate and city treasurer of Aberdeen,  
Scotland.

m. Lillias

Convinced and joined Friends. Addressed seven  
"Queries" to the Protestant ministers of Aberdeen  
concerning the nature of true worship. Also wrote  
a Preface to Keith's The way of truth cast up.

1681 wrote A plain and peaceable advice to  
those called Presbyterians in Scotland.

d. 1693

Burnet, The Story of Qu. in Scotland, 57,67,120  
Besse, 2: 499,500,503,508,509,512,517,520,521,524,532  
Gough, History, 2:451  
Smith, Jos., Catalogue, 2:578-9

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WBE:

SKELTON, John, ca.1655-1718.

b. ca.1665.

Convinced and joined Friends. Became a minister and  
a faithful laborer in the cause of Truth.

Suffered a fine of £ 10 for a meeting in the Savoy.

1716, visited Friends all over England and Wales,  
travelling over 1660 miles in two years.

d. ca.8 I 1718, and was buried at Bunhill Fields,  
London, aged 63 years.

Piety Pro., 6th part, 176.

Besse, 1:472.