

ECCLES, Solomon (1618?-1683)

Solomon Eccles (Eagles) came of a musical family of London, and he himself as a music-teacher was in receipt of from £150 to £200 a year, by means of which he did 'maintain both himself and his Family very genteelly and plentifully' (Groese, Hist. 1696, pt. i. p.133). He was educated in Episcopalian doctrine, but, relinquishing that, he successively united himself to Presbyteriana, Independents and Baptists, before being attracted to Quakerism. It is said that on becoming a Friend, he 'burnt and brake many good Instruments of Musick, and burnt Books of great price and value at Tower Hill' (Musick Lector, 1667, p.7). Eccles's great zeal outran his discretion, and the various strange actions performed, such as his passing through Smithfield Fair naked with a pan of fire on his head, his denunciation of judgment on London during the Great Plague in 1665 and his taking possession of a pulpit and 'communion-table' in one of the churches on which to act the part of a shoemaker, cannot be defended, though Eccles believed that he had a Divine commission to perform these things (Signs are from the Lord, 1663). Sewel writes, 'What the benefit of this strange action, I leave' and again 'Though in some respect he might by his great zeal have been transported a little too far, yet he gave proofs of a sincere heart' (Hist. 1722). The records of his journeys in the New World do not contain notices of any eccentricities, but on his return to England he was led by his too hasty zeal into a denunciation of John Story and a prophecy of his death in 1677, an offence which he afterwards acknowledged and condemned (Thomas Crisp, Babel's Builders, 1681, p.15; Steven Crisp, Babylonish Opposer, 1681, p.7; Stillingfleet, Seasonable Advice, 1702, p.82, and Phillips's answer). The apology of Eccles is dated in Barbados, in Third Month (May) 1681. His decease took place in London. Defoe states that the wife of Eccles was one of the first to be carried to the grave in the Quakers' dead-cart (Journal of the Plague Year).

Greenway, Alarm, 1662

Leslie, Snake in the Grass, 1698, and Wyeth's reply

Bury, Messages and Warnings, 1728

Saul's Errand, 1728, p.31

Rutty, Hist. 1751

Ainsworth, Old Saint Paul's, 1841

Bowden, Hist. 1850

DNB

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Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.428

WBE:

Additional information:

ECCLES, Solomon, 1618-1683.

1663, abused at Tanner's End, near Edmunton.

Carried his music books and instruments to Tower Hill and burned them amid the teasings of the mob. 1667, imprisoned in Gloucester. 1671, embarked in the Yacht "Industry" with George Fox and 11 other Friends for Barbadoes. 1672, went from Jamaica to Boston, Mass. Was arrested at a meeting there, and banished to Barbadoes.

Erroneously prophesied the death of John Story (see Works of S. Crisp, p. 461).

Author: A Music-lector: or, the Art of Music discoursed of . . ., 1667.

In the year '59 . . . (An account of his disturbing the singing in the steeplehouse, in Alderman-bury, and his sufferings in consequence.)

The Quakers challeng [sic] . . . , 1668.

In this S. E. challenges Matthew Caffin, Jeremy Ives and William Burnet . . . to fast seven days and seven nights. And to wake seven days and seven nights!

Author of several tracts.

d. 2 XI 1683, Spitalfields, London, Eng., aged 65.

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

Braithwaite, Second period of Qu., pp. 25, 246, 320.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:553.

Fox, Short journal, 1925, pp. 273, 381.

Hancock, The Peculiarium, 1859, p. 222.

WBE:

Additional information:

ECCLES, Solomon, 1618-1683. Page 2.

Besse, 1:216, 393, 407, 2:259.

Fox, Journal, 7th ed., 2:92.

Jour. of Geo Fox (Penney), 2:428.

ECCLESTON, Daniel(1745?-1821)

Daniel Eccleston was born in the Fylde district of Lancashire about 1745 (1). His family later moved to Whitehaven and he was a merchant in Liverpool and later in Lancaster after having (it seems) travelled in America in his youth (2).

He issued a token halfpenny in 1794 and medals to Napoleon in 1802 and General Washington in 1805 (3)

He published in 1797 Reflections on religion (4) and The lamentations of the children of Israel (5).

He died at Lancaster on 3 March 1821 aged 76 years and his body was interred in the Friends burial ground there (6)

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 76 at death. His birth is not recorded in Lancashire QM Births Digest.
- 2 Information from Mrs Edith Tyson, curator, The Museum, Lancaster, June 1967, perhaps derived from obituary notices.
- 3 Ibid
- 4 Smith Descriptive catalogue, vol 1, p.554, where there is extensive quotation from a statement on the verso of the title leaf.
- 5 Not in Smith: referred to in 1821 obituaries
- 6 Lancashire QM Births Digest: he is described as non-member. His death was prematurely announced in 1816 (information from Mrs Tyson)

ECCLESTON, Theodor (1650-1726)

Theodor Eccleston was son of Richard and Priscilla Eccleston. Seekers who became Friends. Richard died in 1665 and his widow married Thomas Hart, of Enfield in 1671. The descent of Theodor Eccleston is traced to its end, in Jnl FHS vi.94. William Sewel (1654-1720) the Dutch historian, writes: 'I cannot well omit here publicly to acknowledge the signal kindness and diligence of my well-beloved and much esteemed friend Theodor Eccleston, of London, who hath furnished me with abundance of materials... for the compiling of this work' (Preface to History of the Quakers). Eccleston's address was Crown Court, Gracechurch Street. He was prominent and active in the affairs of the Quaker Church. His mother was among the '7000 Handmaids' who petitioned in 1659 for the abolition of tithes.

YM Epistles 1684, 1685
Christian Progress, pp.590,647,659,695
William and Alice Ellis, 1849
London Friends' Meetings, 1869
House of Lords MSS 1695-97
Jnl FHS i.ii.vii.xii.xviii
Mss in Friends House

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox Short Journal, 1925, p.340

WBE:

Additional information:

ECCLESTON, Theodor, 1650 or 1651-1726.

b. 1650 or 1651, London, Eng. Resided in London.

Published, 1693 to 1722, epistles of encouragement and advice, a testimony to John Crook, a representation of the Quakers' case in not swearing, and replies to adversaries.

Author: A treatise concerning the Life of God in the soul of man, 1723.

A tender farewell to my loving friends, 1726?

d. 18 May 1726, Morlake, Surrey, aged 75.

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

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:554, suppl.:113.

WBE:

ECKLEY, John, ca. 1652/53-ca. 1688/89.

b. ca. 1652/53, near Leominster, Eng., s. John and Libble Eckley.

m., 1679, Hannah Prichard (d. 1682).

| Minister.

ca. 1684, came to Phila., Pa., and was appointed Provincial Judge. 1684, took certificate to Barbadoes. 1686, went to Haverford West, South Wales.

m. (2d), Sarah (Bateman) Burge (d. 1692).

1687, returned to Phila. 1687, Commission of the Peace. Active in establishing new colony on a stable basis, and in helping settle disputed claims.

A testimony by Samuel Jennings.

d. 1688-89, of the small-pox, Phila? Pa., aged ca. 37.

Bull. Friends Hist. Soc., 4:141.

Friends Quart. Exam., 41:547.

Phila. Y. Mtg., Col. of memorials, 1787.

The Friend (Phila.), 27:205.

John Smith's ms., 1:608.

WBE:

ECKROYD, Tabitha, afterwards Marriott, 1724-1786

see

MARRIOTT, Tabitha, nee Ecroyd, 1724-1786

ECROYD, Alfred Russell (1844-1922)

Alfred Russell Ecroyd, the son of Benjamin Ecroyd (1800-1857 qv) and his second wife Hannah (born Russell, 1804-1873 qv) of Ashfield Terrace, Horton, Bradford in Yorkshire, was born there on 14 December 1844(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1856 to 1860. He was married in 1870 to Hannah Maria Neild (1839-1915 qv) of Cheadle Bulkeley(2) and there were five children(3).

He played a prominent part in local and international affairs, particularly in the cause of temperance. He was honorary secretary of the Sheffield Temperance Electoral Association from 1885 to 1890, secretary of the Liverpool and District Direct Vote League from 1890 to 1893 and a member of the Consultative Council of the United Kingdom Alliance from 1888 to 1903. He spent his winters in Spain and from 1909 to 1914 he was vice-president for Spain of the International Prohibition Confederation. In 1909 and 1910 he introduced the idea of total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the State into Spain, by distributing some sixty thousand temperance pamphlets by post and by hand throughout all the forty nine provinces. In 1910 he was founder and first editor of El Abstemic, a quarterly temperance newspaper which was distributed free of charge throughout Spain by the Spanish Anti-alcoholic League, which he founded in 1911. He also distributed peace tracts throughout Spain, in conjunction with the Wisbech Peace Society.

He had a great interest in natural history and was an honorary member of the British Natural History Society in 1865. His other hobbies included entomology, genealogy, meteorology, drawing and painting.

Alfred Russell Ecroyd of Sorrento, Walnut Road, Torquay and La Solana Rey, Artana, Spain, died on 20 May 1922 at the age of seventy seven and was buried in the Civil Cemetery at Eslida in Spain(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Bootham School Register 1935, pp 142-143

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a conveyancer
- 2 The wedding was at Morley on 13 January 1870: he is described as a bachelor, a steel manufacturer of Owlerton near Sheffield, the son of Benjamin Ecroyd (deceased) a conveyancer; she is described as a spinster of Cheadle Bulkeley, the daughter of Isaac Neild (deceased) an accountant (Digest of Marriages)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-
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| Russell qv | b 28 Feb 1871 | m 1911 Maria Perez* |
| Ethel Mary qv | b 28 July 1872 | d 23 Feb 1935, aged 62 |
| Wilfrid Thorp qv | b 14 Oct 1873 | m 1905 Mary Davy (1869-1946 qv) |
| Cuthbert Wigham | b 4 May 1875 | m 1907 Emily Josephine Reynolds |
| Alfreda Maria | b 3 May 1879 | d 24 Sept 1930, aged 51 |
- *This marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages. Maria Perez was a Spanish Protestant and the ceremony took place at Valentia in Spain, a meeting for worship being held afterwards in a Baptist Chapel loaned by the Swedish pastor (See ECROYD, Russell (1871-1938))
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired ironmaster

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

ECROYD, Alice (1647-1742) born Pollard

Alice Pollard, details of whose parentage are not at present (1980) traced, was born in the year 1647(1).

She was married in 1678/9 to John Ecroyd (-1721/2 qv), a weaver of Briercliff in Lancashire and a minister of the Society, and there were five children(2).

Alice Ecroyd of Edgend in Lancashire died on 20.vii.(September)1742(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Thomas Backhouse Ecroyd, Armathwaite, Cumberland, 1930, quoted in J Friends Hist Soc vol 27 (1930) p 16:- "Again, Alice Ecroyd, mother of Richard Ecroyd, was born in 1647 . . ." Her birth is not traced in Lancashire QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see ECROYD, John (-1721/2)
- 3 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the relict of John Ecroyd, late of Briercliff

ECROYD, Alice (1728-1809) aftw. Rigge

[Alice Ecroyd, daughter of Ecroyd
and his wife (nee
) was married in 1751 to
Isaac Rigge

see RIGGE, Alice (1728-1809) born Ecroyd]

ECROYD, Ann (1780-1859)

Ann Ecroyd, the only child of John Ecroyd (1729-1814 qv) and his second wife Mary (born Cropper, 1735?-1810 qv) of Edgend, Little Marsden in Lancashire, was born there on 27 October 1789(1).

She was a most active and benevolent woman, spending no small part of her income on the needs of others. She was the well-known friend and benefactor of the poor around her and in times of commercial depression she often helped those who had been improvident. Her charities were by no means confined to her own district and she collected and distributed large supplies of food and clothing to sufferers from the Irish famine.

She took a lively interest in the welfare of her friends, often expressing her love and religious concern in little notes of sympathy, counsel and reproof and coming as they did from her heart, these often proved a help and comfort. In her capacity as an elder she accompanied Hilda Seers, a minister from North America, on a religious visit extending over Scotland, the north of England and the greater part of Ireland.

Ann Ecroyd of Edgend died on 8 February 1859, at the age of seventy eight(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1860, pp87-88

H.Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley &c, p 116

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 23 (1926) p 93: Richard Cockin describes her in 1820 as follows:- "She is 55 years of age, looks rather worn down, is very simple in her deportment and in conversation evinces a diffident sweetness of disposition."

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 20, pp 16, 67; vol 27, p 16; vol 37, p 28

ECROYD, Ann (1822-1846)

Ann Ecroyd, the daughter of William Ecroyd (1796-1876 qv) and his first wife Elizabeth, born Tatham, of Lomeshaye near Burnley, was born there on 16 July 1822(1). Her childhood was marked by attacks of illness and she was of a delicate constitution, but she had a lively and affectionate disposition and was much beloved within the circle of her family and friends. As she grew up she was not free from the snares and temptations of the world, but always bitterly regretted lapses from the standards she had set for herself.

Her life was too short for her contribution to the Society to be measurable and she died after a lingering illness on 29 May 1846(2), aged twenty four.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1847 pp 22-42

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire Q.M Births Digest: her father is described as a worsted manufacturer. The Annual Monitor gives her place of birth as Lomeshope, but all other references give Lomeshaye
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the daughter of William

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

WBE:

ECROYD, Benjamin, 1800-1857.

b. 13 Jan. 1800, Marsden, near Burnley, Eng., s. Henry and Mary Ecroyd. Later of Rochdale.

1809, sent to Ackworth School.

m., 1825, Eliza Stanfield.

m. (2d), 1833, Hannah Russell.

ca. 1815, assistant in Joseph Tatham's School, at Leeds. Directed his studies towards the legal profession. Became conveyancer and in 1830, settled at Bradford.

Elder. 1831, became a member of the Ackworth School Committee, and was never long off that appointment till his death. Instrumental in founding Friends Provident Institution, and became Secretary.

d. 23 May 1857, Bradford, aged 57.

The Friend (London), 91(1933):371 (portrait).

An. Mon. (N. S.), 16(1858):73.

ECROYD, Benjamin (1800-1857)

Benjamin Ecroyd, the son of Henry and Mary Ecroyd of Marsden near Burnley, was born there on 13 January 1800(1). As a child he was of a gentle and timid disposition and while still quite young was sent to Ackworth School, where he remained from 1809 to 1811(2). He cherished his memories of the school and of the superintendent Robert Whitaker and took a lively interest in the affairs of the school all his life; he was made a member of the School Committee in 1831.

When he was about fifteen he became an assistant at Joseph Tatham's school in Leeds and lived with the family. He remained there until he was twenty one, but teaching was not his vocation and while he was at the school he studied law. After he left Leeds he qualified as a conveyancer and started in practice at Halifax, where he lived until he moved permanently to Bradford in 1830. As a professional man he soon gained a high reputation and position.

He was married in 1825 to Elizabeth Stansfield(3) and there was one child(4), but his wife died in 1829(5), a few months after the birth of her daughter. In 1833 he took as his second wife Hannah Russell(6) who bore him four children(7).

Soon after his removal to Bradford he became deeply interested in the establishment of the "Friends' Provident Institution", in which for many years he occupied an important position. Little is known of his early religious experiences and he shrank from discussing them, but he was warmly attached to the Society and was for many years clerk to the large Monthly Meeting to which he belonged. He helped the Society in many quiet and unobtrusive ways and was an elder during his latter years. In his family circle he was much beloved and willingly served; the influence of his quiet spirit, his meekness and gentleness were felt by all around him.

He died at Bradford on 23 May 1857(8), at the age of fifty seven.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1858, pp 73-87

SEE ALSO:-

The Friend (London) vol 91 (1933) p 371 (portrait)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a cotton twist manufacturer
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, London 1879, p 69
- 3 The wedding was at Halifax on 20 April 1825: he is described as a conveyancer, the son of Henry, a yeoman, and Mary Ecroyd, of Little Marsden, Lancashire; she is described as of Halifax, the daughter of John, a woolstapler, and Mary Stansfield (both deceased) (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-
Mary b 24 March 1829 no marriage traced to 1903
- 5 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she died on 11 August 1829, of Halifax, the wife of Benjamin
- 6 The wedding was at Leeds on 18 September 1833: he is described as a conveyancer of Bradford, Yorkshire, the son of Henry, a yeoman, and Mary of Little Marsden, Yorkshire; she is described as the daughter of William, a merchant, and Mary Russell (both deceased) (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 7 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Henry	b 2 Oct 1834	no marriage traced to 1903
Lucy Hannah	b 29 Feb 1836	no marriage traced to 1903
Elizabeth	b 3 Dec 1838	no marriage traced to 1903
Alfred Russell	b 14 Dec 1844	who m 1870 Hannah Maria Neild
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a conveyancer of Horton Bradford, Yorkshire

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

ECROYD, Eliza (1798-1829) born Stansfield

Eliza Stansfield, the daughter of John Stansfield (1767-1813 qv) and his wife Mary (born Slater, 1764-1808 qv) of Lothers in the parish of Carlton in Yorkshire, was born there on 22 October 1798(1). Her mother died when she was about nine years old and when her father died about five years later she went to live with her uncle Joshua Stansfield at Halifax.

She was married in 1825 to Benjamin Ecroyd (1800-1857 qv) and there was one child(2). She had always from her childhood been of a religious disposition and was a faithful member of the Society, although she was diffident in the expression of her feelings and convictions.

Her health was delicate and Eliza Ecroyd of Halifax died on 11 August 1829, at the age of thirty one(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1830, pp 15-18

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a woolstapler
- 2 For marriage and issue see ECROYD, Benjamin (1800-1857)
- 3 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Benjamin

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

ECROYD, Elizabeth (1722-1801) after 1754 Payne

[Elizabeth Ecroyd, daughter of Richard Ecroyd (1689-1787 qv) and his wife Susanna (born Kayley, 1696-1763 qv) of Briercliff in Lancashire, was married in 1754 to William Payne (1710/11-1768 qv).]

See PAYNE, Elizabeth (1722-1801) born Ecroyd]

ECROYD, Elizabeth (1796-1823) born Tatham

Elizabeth Tatham, the daughter of John Tatham (-) and his wife Bridget (born) of Settle in Yorkshire, was born there on 2 December 1796(1).

She was married in 1821 to William Ecroyd (1796-1876 qv) of Lomeshaye, near Burnley and there was one child(2).

Elizabeth Ecroyd died of consumption on 5 February 1823, at the age of twenty six(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a book-keeper
- 2 For marriage and issue see ECROYD, William (1796-1876)
- 3 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of William of Lomeshaye

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

ECROYD, Elizabeth (1810-1875) formerly Stansfield, born Dixon

Elizabeth Dixon, the daughter of Edward Dixon (-) and his wife Sarah (born) of Swarbeck in the parish of Giggleswick in Yorkshire, was born there on 8 March 1810(1).

She was married in 1829 to Richard Stansfield (1803-1836 qv), a farmer of Lothersdale in Yorkshire and there were three children(2). Her first marriage was very brief and after about thirteen years of widowhood she became in 1849 the third wife of William Ecroyd (1796-1876 qv) of Lomeshaye in Lancashire; there were two children(3).

Elizabeth Ecroyd of Lomeshaye died on 13 December 1875, at the age of sixty five(4). She was an elder of her meeting(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a farmer
- 2 For marriage and children see STANSFIELD, Richard (1803-1836)
- 3 For marriage and children see ECROYD, William (1796-1876)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of William
- 5 Annual Monitor 1877, p 37: 1 line entry for death

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

ECROYD, Elizabeth (1838-1858)

Elizabeth Ecroyd, the daughter of Benjamin Ecroyd (1800-1857 qv) and his second wife Hannah (born Russell, 1804-1873 qv) of Ashfield Terrace, Horton, Bradford in Yorkshire, was born there on 3 December 1838(1).

She was naturally of a retiring disposition, fearful of giving expression to her religious feelings, but her inner life was conspicuous in the conscientious performance of her daily duties and in the influence of her gentle and loving spirit. The family moved from Bradford to Doncaster in 1858; she found leaving her friends a great hardship and regretted the necessity of giving up her class at the First-day School.

In the autumn of 1858 she spent some time at the seaside with her mother and sisters and seemed in good health, but on her return home she became very ill. She bore her illness with patient trust in the love of God and when it became evident that she would not recover she faced her approaching death with undiminished faith and piety.

Elizabeth Ecroyd of Doncaster died on 23 October 1858, at the age of nineteen(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1860, pp 76-87

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a conveyancer
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the daughter of Benjamin and Hannah. Her age at death is given in the Digest and in the Annual Monitor as 20

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

ECROYD, Ethel Mary (1872-1935)

Ethel Mary Ecroyd was born 28 July 1872 (1), the elder daughter of Alfred Russell and Hannah Maria Ecroyd of Torquay and Spain. She was the sister of Wilfrid Ecroyd of Manchester.

In 1903 she went out to Syria on temporary service, and was accepted as a permanent missionary in 1904. She taught at the girls' boarding school at Brummana, and was for a time superintendent there. Later she was at the Trade School, and more recently coached older students at the Boys' High School in mathematics. She kept in touch with old scholars, and did work in the Syrian villages.

She returned to England in 1934 because of failing health.

She died 23 February 1935, aged 62, at Worthing (2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

The Friend, vol 93 (1935) p.210

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

1 Digest of Birth Notes

2 Place of death from entry of death, The Friend, vol 93 (1935) p.198

ECROYD, Frances (1734-1784) born Tipping

Frances Tipping, the daughter of Thomas Tipping () and his wife Ann (born) of the Monastery of Sawley in Lancashire, was born on 13.iii.[May] 1734(1).

She was married in 1757 to Richard Ecroyd (1731-1798 qv) of Edgend in Little Marsden in Lancashire and there were eleven children, born between the years 1758 to 1774, many of whom died in infancy(2).

Frances Ecroyd of Lomeshay in Little Marsden in the parish of Colne in Lancashire died on 13 August 1784, at the age of fifty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her place of birth and her father's occupation are not given
- 2 For marriage and children see ECROYD, Richard (1731-1798)
- 3 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Richard

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

ECROYD, Hannah (1724/5-1793?) after 1751 Shipley

[Hannah Ecroyd, daughter of John Ecroyd (1679-1755 qv) and his wife Martha (born Smith, fl 1714 qv) of Briercliff in Lancashire, was married in 1751 to Joseph Shipley (1721-1778 qv).]

See SHIPLEY, Hannah (1724/5-1793?) born Ecroyd]

ECROYD, Hannah (1804-1873) born Russell

Hannah Russell, the daughter of William Russell (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Liverpool, was born there on 14 March 1804(1).

She became in 1833 the second wife of Benjamin Ecroyd (1800-1857 qv) and there were four children(2).

Hannah Ecroyd of Sheffield died on 16 July 1873, at the age of sixty nine(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a merchant
- 2 For marriage and children see ECROYD, Benjamin (1800-1857)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Benjamin

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1874, p 62: 3 line entry for death

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

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ECROYD, Hannah Maria (1839-1915) born Neild

Hannah Maria Neild, the fourth child of Isaac Neild (-) and his wife Hannah (born) was born in the year 1839. Her parents were both of staunch Quaker stock, but at the time of her birth were not in membership of the Society, having resigned from Manchester Meeting at the time of the Beaconite Controversy. Her father worked for the Congregational Church in Cheadle, but after his death Hannah Neild rejoined the Society of Friends and five of her children, including Hannah Maria, were admitted also.

After acting as governess in various Manchester families, and later at Bradford, Hannah Maria married in 1870 Alfred Russell Ecroyd (1844-1922 qv) of Sheffield and there were five children(1).

For six years she was a useful overseer in Sheffield Meeting and, with the encouragement of her sister-in-law Mary Ecroyd, became a minister, being recorded by Balby Monthly Meeting in 1884. She also began to speak in the cause of temperance and became one of the founders of the Sheffield Women's Temperance Association. After a six weeks' mission, she was one of the speakers in a closing demonstration in the largest hall in Sheffield. From 1887 to 1892 she was one of the two women representatives of the United Kingdom Alliance and during the two following years was a speaker on behalf of the Women's Total Abstinence Union. In the next ten years she addressed over a thousand meetings in Great Britain and Ireland, sometimes speaking at five meetings in one day. She was a fine speaker and liked especially to address large audiences of working class people.

In 1890 the family moved to Liverpool, where Hannah Ecroyd worked tirelessly for the cause of temperance. Four years later she went to Spain, where she lived for fifteen years in a very isolated place. She made friends with the local peasantry and talked to them about religion and temperance. As a result of her work, a temperance organization was started soon after she left - the first in Spain. She really enjoyed the simplicity of her rural life in Spain, especially as she was frequently visited by members of her family. She paid three visits to England during the period, attending London Yearly Meeting on each occasion. In 1910 she returned to England and settled in Torquay.

Hannah Maria Ecroyd of Somerton, Chelston, Torquay, died on 26 April 1915 at the age of seventy six and was buried in the cemetery at St Mary Church, Gallipoli(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1916, p 38

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ECROYD, Hannah Maria (1839-1915) born Neild

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 For marriage and children see ECROYD, Alfred Russell (1844-1922)
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Alfred Russell
The Annual Monitor 1916 gives her place of burial as Torquay

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

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ECROYD, Hannah Maria (1839-1915) born Neild

Hannah Maria Neild was born in 1839, the fourth child of Isaac and Hannah Neild. Her parents were both of staunch Quaker stock, but at the time of her birth were not in membership of the Society, having resigned from Manchester Meeting at the time of the Beaconite Controversy. Her father worked for the Congregational Church in Cheadle, but after his death, Hannah Nield rejoined the Society of Friends and five of her children, including Hannah Maria, were admitted also. After acting as governess in various Manchester families, and later at Bradford, Hannah Maria married Alfred R. Ecroyd of Sheffield in 1870. For six years she was a useful Overseer in Sheffield Meeting and, with the encouragement of her sister-in-law, Mary Ecroyd, became a minister, being recorded by Balby Monthly Meeting in 1884. She also began to speak in the cause of temperance, and became one of the founders of the Sheffield Women's Temperance Association. After a six weeks' mission, she was one of the speakers in a closing demonstration in the largest hall in Sheffield. From 1887-1892 she was one of the two lady representatives of the United Kingdom Alliance, and during the two following years was a speaker on behalf of the Women's Total Abstinence Union. In the next ten years she addressed over a thousand meetings in Great Britain and Ireland, sometimes speaking at five meetings in one day. She was a fine speaker and liked especially to address large audiences of working class people.

In 1890 the family moved to Liverpool where Hannah Ecroyd worked tirelessly for the cause of temperance. Four years later she went to Spain, where she lived for 15 years, in a very isolated place. She made friends with the local peasantry and talked to them about religion and temperance. As a result of her work, a Temperance organization was started soon after she left - the first in Spain. She really enjoyed the simplicity of her rural life in Spain, especially as she was frequently visited by members of her family. She paid three visits to England during the period, attending Yearly Meeting on each occasion. In 1910 she returned to England and settled in Torquay. She died on 26 April 1915 aged 76, and was buried in Torquay Cemetery.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1916 p.38

ECROYD, Henry (1726/7-1784)

Henry Ecroyd, the eldest son of Richard Ecroyd (1689-1787) and his wife Susanna, born Kailey, of Wolverden and Edgend in Lancashire, was born at Wolverden on 24.xi.1726 (i.e. January 1726/7)(1). He was married in 1751 to Mary Moss, the daughter of Isaac and Martha Moss of Manchester(2) and there were thirteen children(3).

Henry Ecroyd was regarded by many of his descendants as the pride of the family and his name continued to be perpetuated in all those parts of the world to which the family of Ecroyd spread. He bore a high character in his native dale and his active and intelligent mind commanded great influence over a wide area. His chief characteristic appears to have been a great suavity, combined with decision, which earned him the local soubriquet of 'gentle Henry' or 'patient Henry.' With his two brothers John and Richard he successfully introduced into the district the dyeing and manufacture of worsted, which became a staple product. As the eldest son he inherited from his father the family estate at Edgend, together with the property of his Kailey grand-parents.

He made frequent journeys on horseback in the district, either on business connected with his farm and mill, or to the religious and disciplinary meetings of the Society. On these occasions he often took with him, on his own horse, either his wife or one of his daughters.

He died at Edgend on 4 September 1784(4), aged about fifty eight, and was buried at the Friends' burial ground at Marsden Height.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Henry Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley, 1878, pp 102-103

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Manchester on 17 viii (October) 1751: he is described as a member of Marsden Monthly Meeting, the son of Richard and Susanna Ecroyd of Little Marsden, Lancs; she is described as of Manchester, the daughter of Isaac and Martha Moss of Manchester (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Richard	b 14 Sept 1752	who d unmarried 20 Feb 1823
Isaac	b 23 April 1754	who d 15 Oct 1762
John	b 20 June 1755	who d unmarried 11 Feb 1778
Sarah	b 15 Dec 1756	who d 13 Oct 1757
Henry	b 31 July 1758	who d 19 March 1759
*Mary	b 14 or 22 Feb 1760	who m (1) 1787 Robert Routh (2) Herbert Cann
Susannah	b 16 Nov 1761	who d 23 Feb 1762
Martha qv	b 2 April 1763	who m 1778 William Smith (1756- 1832 qv)
Henry	b 17 Oct 1764	who d 4 Jan 1765
Susanna	b 21 Feb 1766	who m 1794 John Clark
James	b 1 Nov 1767	who went to Philadelphia and m 1800 Martha Howarth
Sarah	b 28 July 1769	who d June 1772
Elizabeth	b 18 Nov 1771	who d 22 Sept 1772

*There is a double entry in the Births Digest for this child
4 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: he is described as of Edgend in the
parish of Colne, Lancashire

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

ECROYD, Henry (1765-1843)

Henry Ecroyd, the son of John Ecroyd (1729-1814 qv) and his first wife Lucy (born Bradley, 1722/3 or 1723/4-1766 qv) of Edgend, Little Marsden in Lancashire, was born there on 13 January 1765(1).

He was apprenticed to Dodgson Brothers, grocers of Kendal, and started in business on his own account in Manchester. He moved to Withy Grove, Shude Hill and in 1795-6 to Chapel House, Marsden, joining his relatives John and William Marriott in the firm of Marriott and Ecroyd, cotton spinners. After the death of his partners the business was disposed of about 1807 and he returned to the tea and grocery trade at Rochdale. He eventually retired to a house he had built at Limefield, Marsden.

He was married in 1792 to Mary Bolton (1764-1850 qv) of Warrington in Lancashire(2) and there were five children(3). He was a man of a "meek and quiet spirit," (Annual Monitor) diligent in the occupation of his time and talents for the promotion of truth and righteousness on earth; he was a bright example of humble submission to the will of his Lord and Master and an elder of his meeting.

He suffered an attack of paralysis in the summer of 1838, from which he never fully recovered. Henry Ecroyd of Edgend near Marsden died on 4 December 1843, at the age of seventy eight(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

H.Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley &c, p 116
Annual Monitor 1845, pp 52-53

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Warrington on 23 August 1792: he is described as a grocer of Manchester, the son of John and Lucy Ecroyd (deceased), late of Edgend, Lancashire, now of Winstanley in the parish of Wigan; she is described as the daughter of Benjamin and Hannah Bolton of Warrington, Lancashire (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and the Digest of Deaths as follows:-

John 1 ^v	b 21 July 1793	d unmarried 6 April 1873
Hannah	b 23 April 1795	d 6 May 1796
Benjamin qv	b 13 Jan 1800	m (1) 1825 Eliza Stansfield (1798-1829 qv) (2) 1833 Hannah Russell (1804-1873 qv)

*James b 14 Aug 1801

Henry b 13 Feb 1805 d 21 Feb 1806

*No marriage traced in Lancashire QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1870

- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an elder

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M'CROYD, Henry (1765-1843)

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

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ECROYD, John (-1721/2)

John Ecroyd, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1980) traced,(1), was a weaver of Briercliff in Lancashire(2) and was married in 1678/9 to Alice Pollard (1647-1742 qv)(3); there were five children(4).

[He was a minister of the Society and travelled extensively(5).]

[John Ecroyd of Lomeshay, Little Marsden in Lancashire , died on 12.xi.1721 (i.e.January 1721/2)(6).]

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Age at death not given. His birth is not traced in Lancashire QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Stephen Sagar's house, Marsden, on 2.xi.1678 (i.e. January 1678/9): he is described as a weaver of Briercliff, Lancashire; she is described as a spinster of Forest of Pendle in Lancashire. No further details are given (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-
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|------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| John qv | b 3 x(Dec)1679 | m 1714 Martha Smith
(Yorkshire QM Marriages) |
| James | b 27 xi 1681 (i.e.
Jan 1681/2) | buried 4 vi (Aug)1683 |
| Elizabeth | b 9 iv(June)1684 | m 1705 William Whaley |
| Mary | b 9 i(March)1686/7 | m 1711 William Oddy |
| Richard qv | b 15 ix(Nov)1689 | m 1719/20 Susannah Kayley
(1696-1763 qv) |
- 5 He is so described in his burial entry, note 6
- 6 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: he is described as late of Briercliff, died at Lomeshay. "A minister & travelled much."

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

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ECROYD, John (1679-1755)

John Ecroyd, the son of John Ecroyd (-1721/2 qv) and his wife Alice (born Pollard, 1647-1742 qv) of Briercliff near Burnley in Lancashire, was born there on 3.x.(December)1679(1). His father was a minister of the Society. He was married in 1714 to Martha Smith (fl 1714 qv)(2) and there were seven children(3).

About his twentieth year he turned to solitude and religious meditation, but in the process of time he was led by unsuitable company into evil ways, and was overtaken by intemperance. He endeavoured on many occasions to recover himself, but as he said, these efforts 'being made too much in his own Will, were of short duration.' About ten years before his death, however, he was again effectually awakened to a sense of his duty, and with the help of the Lord was brought again to a state of grace.

Thereafter, 'his Ministry was lively and powerful, tending to awaken and arouse to Diligence the Careless and Lukewarm; severe, in the Power of the Highest, to the Stubborn and Rebellious, but he had often a Word in Season to the weary Soul; tenderly exhorting the Diffident, but Contrite-hearted, to confide in that merciful Regard himself had so largely experienced.'

'He was a Man endowed with Uncommon Qualifications for the Good of his fellow Creatures, not only with respect to his serviceable Station in the Church of Christ, which was indeed truly eminent, but also in the Practice of Physick; in which Profession he was very successful, obtaining a good Report amng People of all Ranks and Persuasions, and being remarkable for his integrity and Moderation.'

John Ecroyd of Briercliff died on 17 February 1755 and was interred at Friends burying ground in Marsden, at the age of seventy six(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Marsden MM in TCMD vol 1, p 394, printed in A collection of testimonies, 1760, p 288

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 2 The wedding was at Fairfield on 30.iii.(May)1714: he is described as John Akeroyd of Briarcliff, Burnley in the county of Lancashire; she is described as the daughter of Stephen Smith of Fairfield in the parish of Adingham in Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 29 viii(Oct)1716	d 10 x(Dec)1717
Mary qv	b 23 ix(Nov)1718	m 1740 John Tipping (1713-1768 qv)
John	b 7 viii(Oct)1721	m Martha ? of Rotherham*
Hannah qv	b 8 i(March)1724/5	m 1751 Joseph Shilpey (1721-1778 qv)
Alice qv	b 15 x(Dec)1728	m 1751 Isaac Rigge (1713-1777 qv)
Richard	b 17 x(Dec)1730	m in the East Indies*
Stephen	b 10 iv(June)1735	m 1758 Deborah Davies

- * See H. Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley &c, p 94
- 4 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: he is described as the son of John and Alice, late of Briercliff

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 14, p 81:- He "practised physic with good success and great reputation. In his old age, about 10 years before his death, he came forth in a Public Testimony in which he appeared pretty largely, in great zeal and fervency."

H. Ecroyd Smith, op cit, pp 93-94

John Ecroyd was born on 3.x [December] 1679 (1) the son of John and Alice Ecroyd of Briercliffe, Burnley, Lancaster, his father being a minister of the Gospel. About his twentieth year he turned to solitude and religious meditation, but in process of time he was led by unsuitable company into evil ways, and was overtaken by the Evil of Intemperance. He endeavoured on many occasions to recover himself, but as he said, these efforts 'being made too much in his own Will, were of short Duration.' About ten years before his death, however, he was again effectually awakened to a sense of his duty, and with the help of the Lord was brought again to a state of grace.

Thereafter, 'his Ministry was lively and powerful, tending to awaken and arouse to Diligence the Careless and Lukewarm; severe, in the Power of the Highest, to the Stubborn and Rebellious, but he had often a Word in Season to the weary Soul; tenderly exhorting the Diffident, but Contrite-hearted, to confide in that merciful Regard himself had so largely experienced.'

'He was a Man endowed with Uncommon Qualifications for the Good of his fellow Creatures, not only with respect to his serviceable Station in the Church of Christ, which was indeed truly eminent, but also in the Practice of Physick; in which Profession he was very successful, obtaining a good Report among People of all Ranks and Persuasions, and being remarkable for his integrity and Moderation.'

John Ecroyd died 17 February 1755, and was interred at Friends Burying Ground in Marsden, in the seventy seventh year of his age.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Marsden MM in TCMD vol.1, p.394, printed in 'A collection of testimonies', 1760, p.288

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest

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Additional information:
ECROYD, John, ca. 1679-1755.

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His father an able minister. The son John made a good beginning, but, although of great abilities both natural and acquired, lost his first zeal and fervour for the Truth, was immersed in a life of business, and became less circumspect. Was overtaken with the evil of intemperance.

ca. 1745, he was effectually awakened. He now willingly stooped to the cross of Christ, despised the shame, and became an eminent instrument of help to lost sheep.

"I feel an evidence of peace with God: there is peace through his precious blood."

d. 17 (or 21) Feb., Biercliffe, Lancashire. Bur. Marsden.

John Smith's ms., 1:601.

ECROYD, John (1729-1814)

John Ecroyd, the son of Richard Ecroyd (1689-1787 qv) and his wife Susanna (born Kayley, 1696-1763 qv) of Edgend, Little Marsden in Lancashire, was born there on 24.v.(July)1729(1).

He became a stuff-maker at Marsden(2) and was married in 1759 to Lucy Bradley (1722/3 or 1723/4-1766 qv) of Bristol(3); there were four children(4). He married secondly in 1779 Mary Cropper (1735?-1810 qv) of Ormskirk in Lancashire(5) and there was one child(6).

John Ecroyd of Edgend died on 6 July 1814, at the age of eighty five(7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Bristol on 24 August 1759: he is described as a stuff-maker of Marsden in Lancashire, the son of Richard and Susanna Ecroyd of Marsden; she is described as the daughter of James and Ann Bradley of Bromyard in Herefordshire (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Henry	b 17 April 1761	d 7 Dec 1764
John	b 4 July 1762	d 28 Dec 1783
Henry qv	b 15 Jan 1765	m 1792 Mary Bolton (1764-1850 qv)
Tabitha	b 30 Nov 1765	d 10 Aug 1784
- 5 The wedding was at Bolton in Lancashire on 22 September 1779: he is described as of Edgend in Little Marsden, Lancashire, the son of Richard and Susanna Ecroyd (deceased) of Edgend in Little Marsden; she is described as of Ormskirk, Lancashire, the daughter of Thomas Cropper and Ann of Bickersteth near Ormskirk (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 6 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest and the Digest of Deaths as follows:-

Ann qv	b 27 Oct 1780	d 8 Feb 1859, aged 78
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- 7 Lancashire 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

ECROYD, John (1793-1873)

John Ecroyd, the son of Henry Ecroyd (1765-1843 qv) and his wife Mary (born Bolton, 1764-1850 qv) of Edgend, Little Marsden in Lancashire, Manchester and Rochdale, was born at Manchester on 21 July 1793(1).

He died unmarried(2) at Edge End near Burnley in Lancashire, where his family originated, on 6 April 1873, at the age of seventy nine(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
H.Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley &c erroneously gives
his year of birth as 1794
- 2 H.Ecroyd Smith, op cit
- 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

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ECROYD, Lucy (1722/3 or 1723/4-1766) born Bradley

Lucy Bradley, the daughter of James Bradley (-) and his wife Ann (born) of Bromyard in Herefordshire, was born there on 6.1.1723 (i.e. possibly 1722/3 but probably 1723/4)(1). She appears to have removed to Bristol at some time prior to 1757(2). She was married in 1759, at Bristol, to John Ecroyd (1729-1814 qv), a stuff-maker of Edgend, Little Marsden in Lancashire and there were four children(3).

Her mother died when she was thirteen years of age and for a time she was 'drawn into Vanity.' However, she turned from this 'after many sore conflicts,' and about her nineteenth year she first came forth in the ministry. Her ministry proved acceptable and she 'adorned her Doctrine by a Conduct agreeable thereunto.' She was constant in visiting and sympathising with those under affliction and was concerned to encourage the least appearance of good in any, while mourning over those who disregarded the precepts of Truth. About her twenty fourth year she visited London with Rebecca Smith of Nailsworth and had acceptable service(4). She visited most counties of England several times, paid a general visit through Ireland in 1757 with Jane Crosfield(5) and was twice in Wales.

Lucy Ecroyd of Edgend, Little Marsden, died on 27 January 1766, in her forty second year (6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Marsden MM in TCMD vol 2, p 270

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 J Friends Hist Soc vol 10 (1913) p 260: she is described as Lucy Bradley from Bristol in that year
- 3 For marriage and children see ECROYD, John (1729-1814)
- 4 Piety Promoted (1824 ed.) vol 2, p 417
- 5 J Friends Hist Soc vol 10 (1913) p 260: 'Record of Friends travelling in Ireland'
- 6 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: the Testimony gives the date of her death as 26 January, in her 41st year

SEE ALSO:-

M. Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley, Balby and Doncaster &c ([Sunderland] pr. pr. 1678) pp 114-5

ECROYD, Lucy (1723/4-1766) born Bradley

• / Lucy Bradley was born 6.i.1723 [*i.e.* March 1723/24 (poss. March 1723)], the daughter of James and Ann Bradley of Bramyard, Herefordshire (1). She appears to have removed to Bristol at some time prior to 1757 (2).

She married 24 August 1759, at Bristol, John Ecroyd, second son of Richard and Susanna Ecroyd of Edgmond, Lancs. He was a stuff-maker (3).

Her mother died when she was 13 years of age, and for a time she was 'drawn into Vanity'. However she turned from this after 'many sore conflicts', and about her 19th year she first came forth in the ministry. Her ministry proved acceptable, and she 'adorned her Doctrine by a Conduct agreeable thereunto'. She was diligent in visiting, and sympathising with those under affliction, and was concerned to encourage the least appearance of good in any, while mourning over those who disregard the precepts of Truth. About her 74th year she visited London with Rebecca Smith of Nailsworth, and had acceptable service (4). She visited most counties of England several times, paid a general visit through Ireland in 1757 with Jane Crosfield (5), and was twice in Wales.

2/ She died 26 January 1766, in her 41st year, and was interred in Friends Burial Ground, Marsden, 30 January (6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Marsden MM in TCMD vol.2 p.270

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 Hereford Worcs & Wales Births digest
- 2 Described as Lucy Bradley from Bristol in that year
- J.Fds.hist.soc. vol.10 (1913) p.260
- 3 Bristol and Somerset QM Marriages digest
John Ecroyd was born 24.v. July 1729. He married secondly 22 Sept. 1779 Mary Cropper. He died 6 July 1814, aged 85.
- Lancs QM Births digest
Lancs QM Marriages digest
Lancs QM Burials digest

Children:

Henry	born 17 April 1761	died 7 Dec. 1764
John	born 4 July 1762	died 28 Dec. 1783
Henry	born 13 Jan. 1765	
Tabitha	born 30 Nov. 1765	died 10 Aug. 1784
	- Lancs QM Births digest	
	Lancs QM Burials digest	

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ECROYD, Lucy (1723/4-1766) born Bradley (contd.)

- 4 Piety promoted (1854 ed) vol.2 p.417
- 5 'Record of Friends travelling in Ireland' in J.Fds.hist.soc. vol.10 (1913) p.260
- 6 Lancs QM Burials digest gives 27 Jan. as date of death and says she died in her 42nd year.

SEE ALSO

M. Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley Balby and Doncaster &c (Sunderland) pr.pr. 1878 pp.114-5

ECROYD, Margaret (1797-1835) born Farrer

Margaret Farrer, the daughter of William Farrer (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Kirkby, Kendal in Westmorland, was born there on 22 December 1797(1).

She became in 1826 the second wife of William Ecroyd (1796-1876 qv) of Lomeshaye in Lancashire and there were four children(2).

Margaret Ecroyd of Lomeshaye died on 21 May 1835, at the age of thirty seven(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: her father is described as a husbandman
- 2 For marriage and children see ECROYD, William (1796-1876)
- 3 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of William

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

ECROYD, Martha (1763-1832) after 1789 Smith

(Martha Boroyd, daughter of Henry Boroyd (1726-1784 qv)
and his wife Mary, born Moss, of Edgend in Lancashire,
was married in 1789 to William Smith (1756-1832 qv)

See SMITH, Martha (1763-1832) born Boroyd)

ECROYD, Martha (1763-1832)

[Martha Ecroyd, daughter of Henry Ecroyd of
Egmond Lancs and his wife
(nee) was
married in 1789 to William Smith

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see SMITH, Martha (1763-1832) born Ecroyd

ECROYD, Mary (1718-1802) after 1740 Tipping

[Mary Ecroyd, daughter of John Ecroyd (1679-1755 qv) and his wife Martha (born Smith, fl 1714 qv) of Briercliff in Lancashire, was married in 1740 to John Tipping (1713-1768 qv).]

See TIPPING, Mary (1718-1802) born Ecroyd]

ECROYD, Mary (1735?-1810) born Cropper

Mary Cropper, the daughter of Thomas and Ann Cropper of Bickersteth near Ormskirk in Lancashire, was born there about the year 1735(1).

She became in 1779 the second wife of John Ecroyd (1729-1814 qv) of Edgend, Little Marsden in Lancashire and there was one child(2).

Mary Ecroyd of Edgend died on 24 May 1810, at the age of seventy four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 H.Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley &c, p 115: her birth is not traced in Lancashire QM Births Digest, although siblings are given
- 2 For marriage and issue see ECROYD, John (1729-1814)
- 3 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of John

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

ECROYD, Mary (1764-1850) born Bolton

Mary Bolton, the daughter of Benjamin and Hannah Bolton, was born on 5 January 1764(1).

She was married in 1792 to Henry Ecroyd (1765-1843 qv), a grocer of Manchester and there were five children(2). After several moves, the family finally returned to Edgend, Little Munden in Lancashire, where Henry Ecroyd was born(3).

Mary Ecroyd of Edgend died on 31 December 1850, shortly before her eighty seventh birthday(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 H.Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley &c, p 116: her birth is not traced in Lancashire QM Births Digest
- 2 For marriage and children see ECROYD, Henry (1765-1843)
- 3 See entry for ECROYD, Henry (1765-1843)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Henry

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

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ECROYD, Mary (1829-1877)

Mary Ecroyd, the daughter of Benjamin Ecroyd (1800-1857 qv) and his first wife Eliza (born Stansfield, 1798-1829 qv) of Halifax, was born there on 24 March 1829(1). Her mother died when she was less than a year old. She grew up to be serious minded, with an earnest desire to devote herself to the Lord's service.

(She first spoke in the ministry at a quarterly meeting at Leeds in 1853 and was recorded a minister by Balby Monthly Meeting in 1862. She visited Ireland in the following year and in 1865 was appointed superintendent of Mountmellick School, but she was obliged to resign this position in 1866 on account of her health. In the winter of 1869-1870 she accompanied Sarah F. Smiley (1830-1917 qv) on a visit to the Scilly Isles, Cornwall, Devonshire and other parts of the west of England and shortly after returning from this visit she felt herself again called to Ireland.

She moved to York in 1870 to assist in the girls' school there, but although she was very useful her delicate health often prevented her from giving much active service. Her loving sympathy, judicious counsel and kind interest were of great value and were much appreciated by many of her pupils. At the end of 1875 she left York, intending to live with a relative at Carlisle, but she became seriously ill and spent most of the remaining months of her life at St Leonards-on-Sea, often in great pain.

Mary Ecroyd died at St Leonards after a long illness, on 17 January 1877, at the age of forty seven(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Annual Monitor 1878, pp 68-78

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a conveyancer
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of York, daughter of the late Benjamin; he age at death is given as 48

SEE ALSO:-

The Friend vol 17 (1877) p 59: 3 line entry for death

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

WBE:

ECROYD, Mary, 1829-1877.

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b. 1829, Halifax, Yorkshire, Eng., dau. Benjamin and
Eliza (Stanfield) Ecroyd. Mother died early.

1865-66, superintendent at Mountmellick School, Ire.

On account of frail health was forced to retire. 1870,
removed to York to assist in Girls School.

1853, first spoke in meeting at Leeds. 1862, recorded
a minister by Balby Mo. Mtg. 1869-70, with Sarah F. Smiley
visited the Scilly Islands, Cornwall, Devonshire and some
other parts of the West of Eng. Later she visited central
district of Ire.

1875, to St. Leonard's on account of illness.

d. 17 Jan. 1877, St. Leonards-on-the-Sea, aged 48.

The Friend (London), 17(1877):59.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 36:68.

ECROYD, Mary (1869-1946) born Davy

Mary Davy, daughter of Henry Davy (-) and his wife Elizabeth (born) of Sheffield and Scarborough, was born at Sheffield on 20 April 1869(1).

She was married in 1905 to Wilfrid Thorp Ecroyd (1873-1954 qv) and there was one child(2). Her husband was a cashier and all his working life was spent in Manchester, where he made a great contribution to the work of the Society(3).

Mary Ecroyd of 19 North Avenue, Levenshulme, Manchester, died on 19 January 1946, at the age of seventy six(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a grocer
- 2 For marriage and issue see ECROYD, Wilfrid Thorp (1873-1954)
- 3 See entry for ECROYD, Wilfrid Thorp (1873-1954)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Wilfrid Thorp

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

ECROYD, Richard (1689-1787)

Richard Ecroyd, the son of John Ecroyd (-1721/2 qv) and his wife Alice (born Pollard, 1647-1742 qv) of Briercliff in Lancashire, was born there on 15.ix.(November)1689(1).

He was married in 1719/20 to Susanna Kayley (1696-1763 qv) of Longfield in Yorkshire(2) and there were eight children(3). Later in life he became a yeoman at Edgend, Little Marsden in Lancashire(4).

Richard Ecroyd of Edgend died on 9 November 1787, at the age of ninety eight(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Shoobroad in Longfield, Yorkshire, on 1.i.(March) 1719/20: he is described as of Briercliff, Lancashire; she is described as a spinster of Longfield, Yorkshire. No further information is given (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Martha	b 11 x(Dec)1720	d 15 ix(Nov)1751
Elizabeth	b 6 v(July)1722	m 1754 William Payne
Tabitha	b 2 ix(Nov)1724	m 1758 Richard Marriott
*Henry	b 24 xi 1726/7 (i.e. Jan 1726/7)	
John qv	b 24 v(July)1729	m (1)1759 Lucy Bradley (1722/3 or 1723/4-1766 qv) (Bristol & Somerset QM) (2)1779 Mary Cropper (1735?-1810 qv)
Richard	b 25 iv(June)1731	m 1757 Frances Tipping
James	b 31 x(Dec)1732	d 14 i (March)1736/7
*Susanna	b 21 xii 1739/40 (i.e. Feb 1739/40)	

*No marriages traced in Lancashire QM Marriages Digest

- 4 He is so described in his burial entry, note 5
- 5 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a yeoman

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 21, p 67: vol 27, p 16

ECROYD, Russell (1871-1938)

Russell Ecroyd, the eldest son of Alfred Russell Ecroyd (1844-1922 qv) and his wife Hannah Maria (born Neild, 1839-1915 qv) of Sheffield, was born there on 28 February 1871(1). He was educated at a private school in Doncaster and then at Sidcot School, with his brothers, in 1886(2). On leaving school he entered his father's factory as a metal worker. Like his parents, he worked hard for total abstinence. About 1890 the family moved to Liverpool and Russell Ecroyd worked for the Liverpool and District Direct Veto League, of which his father was secretary.

In 1893 he left for Spain to help his father in an unsuccessful mining venture at Almadenejos in the province of Ciudad Real. Later he was manager of an electric lighting company's generating station, but about 1896 he moved to Castellon to be nearer his parents who were at Artana. He set up in business as a cycle and motor dealer and repairer, and at one time ran a local bus service.

He was married in 1911 to Maria Perez, a Spanish Protestant, at Valentia, a meeting for worship being held in a Baptist Chapel loaned by the Swedish pastor; their only daughter died in infancy. Alfred R.Ecroyd acted as Deputy Registrar for East Devon Monthly Meeting.

On the setting up of a republic in 1931 and the granting of religious freedom, Russell and Maria Ecroyd saw the opportunity for presenting the Quaker message. In August 1931 they attended a representative conference of Protestant workers in Madrid. They were concerned to set up a Quaker Embassy in Spain and for this purpose visited London Yearly Meeting in 1931, 1933, 1935 and 1936, and visited America in the autumn of 1934. Following this visit to America a weekly meeting for worship was arranged, but was discontinued after a few weeks.

He became a naturalised Spanish subject. On the outbreak of the Spanish civil war he entered upon relief works and was helpful to Alfred Jacob in the organisation of relief.

Russell Ecroyd of Castellon in Spain died on 1 February 1938(3), at the age of sixty six.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend, vol 96 (1938) p 196

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a tilter, etc.
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 65
- 3 Digest of Deaths: no age or occupation given. He was on the FSC Foreign Membership List

SEE ALSO:-

The Friend vol 96 (1938) p 218

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 57, 1938, p 84

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

ECROYD, Russell (1871-1938)

Russell Ecroyd was born 28 February 1871 in Sheffield, the eldest son of Alfred Russell and Hannah Maria (born Neild, 1839-1915, qv) Ecroyd. He was educated at a private school in Doncaster and then at Sidcot, with his brothers. On leaving school he entered his father's factory as a metal worker. Like his parents, he worked hard for total abstinence. About 1890 the family moved to Liverpool, and Russell Ecroyd worked for the Liverpool and District Direct Veto League, of which his father was secretary.

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He died on 1 February 1938 (1).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.96 (1938) p.196

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Digest of Burials: no age or occupation is given. He was on the FSC Foreign Membership List

SEE ALSO:

The Friend, vol.96 (1938) p.218

ECROYD, Susanna (1696-1763) born Kayley
Susanna Kayley the daughter of Henry Kayley } was born in Lancashire) and his
wife Martha (pm) on 17.iv.(Jw) 1696(1).
She was married in 1719/20 to Richard Ecroyd (1689-1787 qv) of Briercliff
in Lancashire and there were eight children(2). Later on the family
moved(3).
Anna Ecroyd of Edgend died on 15 March 1763, at the age of about
sixty six(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see ECRYD, Richard (1689-1787)
- 3 See entry for ECRYD, Richard (1689-1787)
- 4 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Richard

SEE ALSO:- Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 21, p 67

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BECROYD, Wilfrid Thorp (1873-1954)

Wilfrid Thorp Ecroyd, the son of Alfred Russell Ecroyd (1844-1922 qv) and his Hannah Maria (born Neild, 1839-1915 qv) of Sheffield, was born there on 14 October 1873(1). He spent a year at Sidcot School in 1886(2). He was married in 1905 to Mary Davy (1869-1946 qv) of Scarborough(3) and there was one son(4).

All his working life was spent in Manchester. He made a great contribution to the work of the Society there and devoted himself equally to spiritual and administrative matters. He served as an elder and had a great fund of knowledge about Mount Street and its history.

Byrom Street (Manchester's 'Bedford Institute') owed much to him and he took a leading part in the establishment by the Manchester Adult Schools of the Henry Woodhead Guest House at Abergale. It was largely under his guidance that the work of three separate buildings was brought under the one roof at the altered premises at Mount Street. He took an active share in the Welfare Centre for unemployed men in the Mount Street basement and also in the Conscientious Objectors' Advisory Committee.

He took a great interest in the Burnage Garden Village and lived until his death in one of the first houses to be built under the scheme. For sixteen years he served as secretary of the committee of management and served on the committee until his death.

He married, secondly, in 1947 Clara Ivy Topham(5).

Wilfrid Thorp Ecroyd of 19 North Avenue, Burnage, Manchester, died on 6 July 1954, at the age of eighty(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 112 (1954) p 835

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a steel manufacturer
- 2 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 65
- 3 The wedding was at Scarborough on 19 May 1905: he is described as a bachelor, a cashier of 55 Carlton Street, Moss Side, Manchester, the son of Alfred Russell Ecroyd, a fruit grower; she is described as a spinster of 28 Victoria Road, Scarborough, the daughter of Henry Davy, a grocer (Digest of Marriages)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-
Henry Russell b 5 June 1906 m 1933 Else von Schubert
(The Friend, 1933, p 696)
- 5 The wedding was at Mount Street, Manchester, on 17 May 1947: he is described as a widower, a secretary (Housing Estate Society) of 19 North Avenue, Levenshulme, Manchester, the son of Alfred Russel Ercroyd, a retired manufacturer; she is described as a spinster, a school teacher (elementary education) of 96 Laburnum Read, Denton, the daughter of James Topham, a coach builder (Digest of Marriages)
She is described as C.Ivy Ercroyd
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired department manager, chemical exporters

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

Wilfrid

ECROYD, William Thorp (1873-1954)

Wilfrid

William Thorp Ecroyd was born 14 October 1873, a son of Alfred Russell and Hannah Maria (born Neild, 1839-1915, qv) Ecroyd of Sheffield (1).

He married in 1905 Mary Davy (2), there was one son (3).

All his working life was spent in Manchester. He made a great contribution to the work of the Society in Manchester, and devoted himself equally to spiritual and administrative matters. He was an elder. He had a great fund of knowledge about Mount Street and its history.

Byrom Street (Manchester's 'Bedford Institute') owed much to him, and he took a leading part in the establishment by the Manchester Adult Schools of the Henry Woodhead Guest House at Abergele. It was largely under his guidance that the work of 3 separate buildings was brought under the one roof at the altered premises at Mount Street. He took an active share in the Welfare Centre for unemployed men in the Mount Street basement, and also in the Conscientious Objectors' Advisory Committee.

He took a great interest in the Burnage Garden Village, and lived until his death in one of the first houses built under the scheme.' For 16 years he served as secretary of the committee of management, and served on the committee until his death.

He had married, secondly, in 1947 Clara Ivy Topham (4).

He died 6 July 1954, aged 80.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol 112 (1954) p.835

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as steel manufacturer
- 2 The marriage was at Scarborough on 19 May 1905: he is described as bachelor, cashier, of 55 Carlton Street, Moss Side, Manchester, son of Alfred Russell Ecroyd, fruit grower; she is described as spinster, of 28 Victoria Road, Scarborough, daughter of Henry Davy, grocer
(Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in Digest of Births as follows:-
Henry Russell 6 5 June 1906
- 4 The marriage was at Mount Street, Manchester, on 17 May 1947: he is described as widower, secretary (Housing Estate Society) of 19 North Ave, Levenshulme, Manchester, son of Alfred Russell Ecroyd, retired manufacturer; she is described as spinster, school teacher (elem.education) of 96 Laburnum Road, Denton, daughter of James Topham, coach builder *(Digest of Marriages)*. She is described as C.Ivy Ecroyd

ECROYD, William (1796-1876)

William Ecroyd, the son of Richard Ecroyd (-) and his wife Elizabeth (born) of Lomeshaye in the township of Marsden in Lancashire, was born there on 17 October 1796(1). The property had been held by his ancestors for several generations. He was educated at Leeds under his uncle Joseph Tatham (1767-1843 qv) and after his schooldays were finished he was articled for some years as an assistant teacher, although it was not his own choice of a profession. In 1815, when he was about nineteen, he returned home to help his father and at once showed his aptitude for business.

Although his time and attention were now too fully occupied to allow much time for further study, he had received a liberal education, which gave him a taste for solid reading and an enthusiastic love of English poetry, which proved a source of delight to him throughout his life. At the same time, the dignity of character and deep religious feeling of his uncle made a lasting impression on him and inspired an attachment to the principles of the Society of Friends which was never shaken.

He was married in 1821 to Elizabeth Tatham (1796-1823 qv) of Settle(2) and there was one child(3). But his wife died of consumption after only two years of marriage and in 1826 he married secondly Margaret Farrer (1797-1835 qv) of Kendal in Westmorland(4); there were four children of his second marriage(5). But before he was forty he was again left a widower, until in 1849 he married thirdly Elizabeth Stansfield (1810-1875 qv), the widow of Richard Stansfield (1803-1836 qv) and daughter of Edward and Sarah Dixon of Giggleswick in Yorkshire(6); there were two children(7).

William Ecroyd took a considerable share in the administration of the district, both as Guardian of the Poor and as chairman of the local Board, in which service he gained deep and abiding respect from men of all shades of opinion. He pleaded earnestly for civil and religious liberty; he was an ardent friend of the causes of peace, education and temperance and he was an uncompromising opponent of the spirit of priesthood in all its forms. His business prospered and he became comparatively wealthy, but he used his riches to relieve the poor and needy and maintained in his personal life the simplicity he loved.

He was a man of few words about religion, distrusting the effect of a great exercise of vocal ministry upon the growth and extension of a healthy religious life; but he was a diligent attender at all meetings and a reverent worshipper in the spiritual temple of God. In the work of discipline and in business affairs he found a large sphere of service. He was an elder for many years; for some years he acted as clerk to his quarterly meeting and also to his own monthly meeting and few committees were appointed upon which his name did not appear.

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"To hush the many voices of self within us; to dwell deep, waiting for the teaching of the Holy Spirit, and willing to receive his loving admonition; striving patiently to discipline our first springs of thought and will according to his counsels of heavenly wisdom; and to let this better life (with or without words as the gift might be) preach and commend its source to those around; this was William Ecroyd's idea of religion and his daily aim." (Testimony)

William Ecroyd enjoyed through a long life the blessing of good health, but in the autumn of 1875 he was seriously ill. He never recovered from the sudden death of his wife, although he tried hard to take his usual interest in things around him.

William Ecroyd of Lomeshaye died on 18 June 1876, at the age of seventy nine(8).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1877, pp 37-48

Testimony of Lancashire & Cheshire QM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1877, p vii

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Settle in Yorkshire on 17 October 1821: he is described as a worsted manufacturer of Lomeshaye in Marsden, the son of Richard and Elizabeth Ecroyd; she is described as the daughter of John Tatham, a linen draper, and his wife Bridget (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest and the Digest of Deaths as follows:-
Ann qv b 16 July 1822 d 29 May 1846, aged 24
- 4 The wedding was at Liverpool on 28 September 1826: he is described as a worsted manufacturer of Lomeshaye in Marsden, Lancashire, the son of Richard Ecroyd, a worsted manufacturer, and his wife Elizabeth; she is described as of Kirkdale, the daughter of William Farmer, a yeoman, and his wife Mary (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

William Farmer qv	b 14 July 1827	m 1851 Mary Backhouse
Richard	b 11 May 1829	m 1875 Emily Woodhead
*Elizabeth	b 16 July 1831	
*Edward	b 29 Oct 1833	

*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 6 The wedding was at Bradford on 14 March 1849: he is described as a widower, a worsted spinner and manufacturer of Lomeshaye, Little Marsden in Lancashire, the son of Richard Ecroyd, a worsted manufacturer; she is described as a widow of Edmund Street, Little Horton, Yorkshire, the daughter of Edward Dixon, a farmer (Digest of Marriages)
- 7 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-
Richard b 12 Nov 1850
John b 9 March 1852
- N.B. No marriages are traced for these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 8 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1045

ECROYD, William (1796-1876)

William Ecroyd was born at Lomeshaye in 1796. He was educated at Leeds under his uncle Joseph Tatham, afterwards remaining at the school for some time as an apprentice. At the age of nineteen he was called ~~home~~ to assist in his father's business, with which he remained associated for many years.

By the age of forty he had twice been left a widower, but in 1849 he married Elizabeth Stansfield, of Bradford, wh~~o~~ made his home a cheerful and welcoming place to all, including his workpeople who were deeply attached to him.

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He died 18 June 1876, aged seventy nine years.

Additional information

ECROYD, William (1796-1876)

William Ecroyd was married twice. His first wife was Elizabeth Tatham, whom he married in 1821(1); there was one child of the marriage(2). Elizabeth Ecroyd died in 1823(3) and he married secondly Margaret Farrer(4), who bore him four children(5). Margaret Ecroyd died on 21 May 1835(6) and not in 1832 as previously stated.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Settle in Yorkshire on 17 October 1821: he is described as a worsted manufacturer of Lomeshaye in Marsden, the son of Richard and Elizabeth Ecroyd; she is described as the daughter of John Tatham, a linen draper, and his wife Bridget (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 2 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest as follows:-
Ann qv b 16 July 1822
- 3 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: she died on 5 February 1823
- 4 The wedding was at Liverpool on 28 September 1826: he is described as a worsted manufacturer of Lomeshaye in Marsden, Lancashire, the son of Richard Ecroyd, a worsted manufacturer, and his wife Elizabeth; she is described as of Kirkdale, the daughter of William Farrer, a yeoman, and his wife Mary (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest as follows:-

William Farrer	b 14 July 1827
Richard	b 11 May 1829
Elizabeth	b 16 July 1831
Edward	b 29 Oct 1833
- 6 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: she died on 21 May 1835, aged 37; she is described as the wife of William Ecroyd of Lomeshaye, a worsted manufacturer

ECROYD, William Farrer (1827-1915)

William Farrer Ecroyd was born on 14 July 1827 the eldest son of William (1796-1876) qv) and Margaret Ecroyd of Loneshaye, Little Marsden, Lancs (1). He was educated at Ackworth from 1837-1840, and afterwards at a private school conducted by George Edmundson at Blackburn.

In 1841 he entered his father's business of spinning and dyeing yarns at his Loneshaye Works, and after eight years was admitted into partnership. With his brother Edward he was instrumental in extending the business very considerably, adding to it the manufacture of worsted piece goods. "They set an example of industry, enterprise, integrity and generosity that made the name of Ecroyd one of the most esteemed, not only in their own locality but throughout Lancashire and the West Riding of Yorkshire."

In 1851 he married Mary Backhouse, daughter of Thomas Backhouse of York (2). There were 9 children (3).

In the seventies William Ecroyd left the Society of Friends to join the Church of England, but he always retained his sympathy with Friends' principles, and acknowledged how much he owed to his early upbringing among Friends. His religious views were greatly influenced by the work of F.D.Maurice, Arnold and Kingsley, and he felt deeply that the acquisition of wealth creates an obligation to help those who are less fortunate.

In 1879 he originated a policy of Tariff Reform, which he set forth in a pamphlet entitled "The Policy of Self-Help". He worked hard to promote this policy, and in 1881, after one unsuccessful attempt, became one of the MPs for Preston; and was for four years an active and valued supporter of the Conservative Party (4). In 1886 he contested the Rossendale Division of Lancashire, but was not successful and did not again stand for Parliament.

He was a great reader and travelled frequently on the continent during the period from 1859 to 1886. After fifty years of active business life he retired, first to Witherslack, near Grange-over-Sands, and later to Credenhill Park near Hereford, where he died, aged 88, on 9 November 1915, and was buried in the churchyard there.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual monitor 1917, p.55

SEE ALSO :

Obituary in Preston guardian 13.xi.1915 (Friends House Library RR/78)

Ackworth old scholars association rep. 1916 p.83

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REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as worsted manufacturer
- 2 The wedding was at York on 1 October 1851: he is described as bachelor, worsted manufacturer, son of William Ecroyd, worsted manufacturer; she is described as spinster, of York, daughter of Thomas Backhouse, nurseryman (Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 3 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows :-

Edith Mary	born 16 Jan 1853
Margaret	born 19 June 1854
Gertrude	born 28 March 1856
Thomas Backhouse	born 7 July 1857
Alizon	born 4 March 1859
William	born 28 Feb 1861
Mary	born 13 Oct 1862
Edward	born 9 Oct 1864
Adelaide Jane	born 30 Nov 1866
- 4 see The Friend ns vol.44, p.832. He appears to have been in 1886 a member of an unspecified royal commission

EDDINGTON, Alexander (1847-1929)

Alexander Eddington, the son of William Eddington (1800-1883 qv) and his wife Rachel, born Gregory of Congresbury in Somerset, was born there on 6 November 1847(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1857 to 1863(2). As a young man he went to Norwich, where he entered the flourishing grocery business of Henry Brown (1815-1900 qv) of The Walk. In time Alexander Eddington became a partner and the business was known as Brown & Eddington; he carried on alone after Henry Brown's death, in due course passing it on to his son.

He was twice married. His first marriage was in 1871 to Sarah Maria Brown, a niece of Henry Brown(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4) and Sarah Eddington died in 1879 at the age of thirty four(5). His second marriage took place in 1884, to Florence Amy Rutter (1851-1918 qv) of Mere(6) and there was an only son(7).

Alexander Eddington was a faithful and enthusiastic Friend, holding many responsible offices in the Society. He was treasurer of both the quarterly and monthly meetings and clerk of the monthly meeting from 1899; his wise and timely help, quietly given, was much valued. But his chief interest lay in the work of the adult schools and he was in fact the father of the movement in Norwich, being one of the founders of the First-day School at the Friends' Meeting House in Upper Goat Lane. The beginning of these schools, of which there were finally two, was a very modest one, with only about half a dozen members, but after twenty years there were as many as six hundred men on the books at Goat Lane; Women's Schools were also started. Alexander Eddington's interest in these schools was maintained to the end of his life and for sixty years he was superintendent at Goat Lane, winning the affection of all his scholars.

He had great organising ability and the coffee carts which were started in 1878 owed their success mainly to his energetic piloting of the venture, which he regarded as a very practical effort on behalf of temperance. A variety of other causes, such as clubs and savings banks, also owed much to his help. His was a nature that invited friendship and confidence; he was a man of high purpose, of simplicity of life and great and unostentatious generosity, with an unfailing toleration of those whose views differed from his own.

Throughout his life he was keenly interested in science and natural history and contemplated writing a book on the lines of Kingsley's Water Babies, but this he never completed. His scientific interests often served him well in illustrating his thoughts when speaking in meeting. In his retirement he found much pleasure in his garden and delighted to

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entertain his friends, as he and his wife had always done. When quarterly meeting was held at Norwich his house was often home for a large number of Friends and those from country places, isolated from their fellow members, felt their hearts warmed and their sense of loneliness dispelled.

Following a severe illness he had to curtail his activities in the last two years of his life, but he continued to take a keen interest in the passing scene. His last illness was very brief and Alexander Eddington of 28 Unthank Road, Norwich, died in a Norwich nursing home on 2 November 1929, a few days before his eighty second birthday(8).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 69 (1929) pp 1047-1048 (portrait)

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 65
- 3 The wedding was at Norwich on 19 September 1871: he is described as a bachelor, a grocer's assistant of 14 Market Place, Norwich, the son of William Eddington, a yeoman; she is described as a spinster of Albemarle Road, Norwich, the daughter of Josiah Brown, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she died on 13 June 1879, of Eaton, Norwich
- 6 The wedding was at Mere, Wiltshire, on 11 June 1884: he is described as a widower, a grocer of Norwich, the son of William Eddington; she is described as a spinster of Mere, the daughter of John Farley Rutter, a solicitor (Digest of Marriages)
- 7 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-
Arthur John qv b 9 Dec 1886 who m 19.9 Doris Irene Morgan
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired grocer

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

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EDDINGTON, Alexander, ca. 1847-1929.

b. ca. 1847, Somerset, Eng.

1869, came to Norwich.

1871, m. Sarah Maria Brown (d. 1879).

Entered the business of Henry Brown of The Walk, becoming
a partner.

m. (2d), Florence Amy Rutter (d. ca. 1918). One son,
Arthur J. Eddington. For wife see Eddington, Florence Amy
(Rutter), 1851-1918.

1899, clerk of Mo. Mtg. Headed large Adult School
at Norwich. Enjoyed entertaining Friends in his home.

Keenly interested in science and natural history.
Helped maintain Coffee Carts to combat alcoholic drinking.
Had organizing ability.

Short illness.

d. 2 Nov. 1929, Unthank Rd., Norwich, aged near 82.

The Friend (London), 69(1929):1016, 1047 (portrait).

EDDINGTON, Alfred (1833-1861)

Alfred Eddington, the eldest son of William Eddington (1800-1883 qv) and his wife Rachel, born Gregory of Congresbury in Somerset, was born there on 18 January 1833(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1843 to 1846.

With his brother William (1835-1892 qv) he opened a business in Chelmsford in Essex for threshing with the then newly invented steam threshing machines. Later he took out a patent for steam ploughs.

Alfred Eddington of Springfield in Essex died, apparently unmarried(2), on 3 December 1861 at the age of twenty eight(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, pp 65-66

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grazier
- 2 No marriage is traced in the Digest of Marriages or given in Sidcot School Register
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an engineer

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

EDDINGTON, Ann (1786-1812) after 1806 Gregory

[Ann Eddington, daughter of William Eddington (1755?-1806 qv)
and his wife Mary (born Wilkins, 1761?-1825 qv) of Yatton in
Somerset, was married in 1806 to Joseph Gregory (1774-1826 qv)
of Yatton.

See GREGORY, Ann (1786-1812) born Eddington]

EDDINGTON, Anna (Clark) (1870-1944) after 1900 Reynolds

(Anna Eddington, known as Anna Clark Eddington, daughter of William Clark Eddington (1840-1894 qv) and his wife Helen, born Pumphrey of Worcester, was married in 1900 to Edward Bassett Reynolds (1866-1934 qv).

[Eddington]

See REYNOLDS, Anna (~~Clark~~) (1870-1944) born Eddington)

EDDINGTON, Arthur Henry (1850-1884)

Arthur Henry Eddington, the son of William Eddington (1800-1883 qv) and his wife Rachel, born Gregory, of Congresbury in Somerset, was born there on 1 May 1850(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1860 to 1864. He taught at Bootham School, York from 1867 to 1870 and gained his B.A.(London) in 1871; this was followed by a period of teaching at Sidcot School from 1871 to 1874, when he was the first Quaker graduate on the staff.

During the winter of 1874 to 1875 he studied philosophy at Heidelberg. On returning to England he became a tutor at the Flounders Institute from 1875 to 1878, when he succeeded Henry Thompson (1827-1908 qv) as headmaster of Stramongate School in Kendal. The school was controlled by an old Quaker charity, the Bryan Lancaster Trust, and Kendal Meeting retained the right of approving the choice of headmaster. Arthur Henry Eddington was married in 1878 to Sarah Ann Shout of Darlington(2) and there were two children(3).

In 1884 an epidemic of typhoid swept through the town of Kendal and Arthur Henry Eddington fell a victim to it. He died on 14 February 1884, his promising career cut short at the age of thirty three(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 66

A.Vibert Douglas, The Life of Arthur Stanley Eddington, London 1956, p 1

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Darlington on 24 July 1878: he is described as a bachelor, a teacher of Ackworth; she is described as a spinster of Darlington, the daughter of Major Shout, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digest of Births as follows:-
Winifred b 29 July 1879
Arthur Stanley qv b 28 Dec 1882
No marriages are traced for either of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1941
- 4 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

EDDINGTON, Arthur John (1886-1946)

Arthur J. Eddington was the son of Alexander and Florence Amy Eddington. He was born 9 December 1886, in Norwich. After education at Sidcot and Bootham, and a business training with Rowntree's of Scarborough, he joined his father's grocery firm in Norwich.

During the 1914-18 war he served for a time with the F.A.U.

In 1919 he married Doris Irene Morgan, and their home became a centre of Quaker hospitality. From 1928 to 1943 he was Clerk of Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Q.M., and in 1930 became Clerk of Norwich M.M., also acting as Treasurer and Registering Officer. He became Assistant Clerk to Meeting for Sufferings in 1935, and Clerk in 1939.

By nature a student, he devoted much of his leisure to historical research, particularly in Quaker history, and in 1932 he published 'First Fifty Years of Quakerism in Norwich'. He was a frequent contributor to Friends Historical Journal, and the Friends Quarterly Examiner. He was deeply interested in the Gurney family, and the Library at Friends House possesses selected transcripts made by him of the Gurney MSS.

'Throughout his life faithfulness, integrity and kindness were outstanding qualities of Arthur Eddington's character. He was faithful in his attention to every detail in the work he undertook, faithful in his attendance at meetings, - above all, faithful in his witness to God. Most of those who knew him will remember him first for the simple kindness which made him so unsparing of himself in the service of others.'

He died 9 June 1946.

Testimony of Norwich M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1947, p.145

WBE:

Additional information: ~~Arthur John Eddington~~

EDDINGTON, Arthur John, 1886-1946.

Mother was Florence Amy (Rutter) Eddington.

President of Friends Historical Society.

1939 to 1945, clerk of Mtg. for Sufferings.

d. Norwich in his 60th year.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 38:1.

The Friend (London), 104:478, 501.

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

WBE:

EDDINGTON, Arthur Stanley, 1882-1944.

b. 28 Dec. 1882, Kendal, Eng., s. Arthur H. and Sarah Ann Eddington.

Ed. Bryn Melyn school, Weston-super-Mare; Owens College, Manchester; 1902, Trinity College, Cambridge; London Univ.

1906-1913, chief assistant at Royal Observatory, Greenwich.
1913, professor of astronomy, Cambridge.

1914, Fellow of Royal Society. 1929, gave Swarthmore Lecture. 1930, knighted. 1938, order of merit. Foremost astronomer of his day.

A faithful attender of meetings for worship.

Author: The expanding universe.

The nature of the physical world.

Science and the unseen world.

Science and religion, London, 1931.

And other works.

d. 22 Nov. 1944, Cambridge, Eng., in his 62d year.

Shapley, He expanded the universe, from Sky and telescope,

v. 4, no. 3, Jan. 1945.

The Friend (London), 69(1929):447 (portrait), 92(1934):1005
(portrait), 102:775.

Friends Quart. Exam., 79:72 (portrait).

Jacks, Sir Arthur Eddington, 1949.

Additional Information

EDDINGTON, sir Arthur Stanley (1882-1944) 27

Arthur Stanley Eddington was born 28 December 1882 at Kendal, the son of Arthur Henry and Sarah Ann Eddington. His father, who had been tutor at the Flounders Institute, Ackworth, was headmaster of the Friends School, Stramongate, Kendal.

Arthur S. Eddington was educated at Bryn Melyn private School, Wester-super-Mare, and entered Owens College, Manchester, in 1898, by special permission as ~~he~~ he was under the minimum age. He lived at Dalton Hall, whose Principal, John William Graham, had been a master at Stramongate. He took 8 sessional prizes for mathematics and physics. In 1899 he took the Heginbotham Scholarship, and finally the University Scholarship.

In 1902 he went to Trinity College, Cambridge, and in 1904 was Senior Wrangler - the first Friend to hold this position. He also took his BSc. at London University, obtaining a scholarship for physics. He was Smiths Prizeman at Cambridge in 1907, and also in 1907 was elected to a Fellowship at Trinity.

From 1906-1913 he was chief assistant at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich. In 1913 he became Plumian Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge, and in 1914 he became also the Director of the Cambridge University Observatory. He held these two positions for the rest of his life. It was said of him that he was the first person in Britain to understand and accept Einstein's theory of relativity, and Einstein commended him as his best interpreter.

He was President of the International Astronomical Union and a Past President of the Physical Society and of the Royal Astronomical Society. In 1914 he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society, and in 1926 awarded their Gold Medal. In 1930 he received the Order of Merit, and was knighted in the same year.

He was an active member of the Society of Friends. During his time at Greenwich he attended Peckham Meeting. At Cambridge he was a constant attender at Meeting, although his work prevented him from entering very fully into the activities of the group. During an appeal for funds to rebuild the meeting house he acted as joint treasurer with Albert J. Crosfield.

During the 1914-18 war he was a conscientious objector, and the University separately applied for him as 'indispensable'. He was exempted 'conditional on continuing his present occupation'. He was Chairman of the National Peace Council from 1941-43, and was a sponsor of the Peace Pledge Union.

He was the author of several books: The Expanding Universe, The Nature of the Physical World, Science and the Unseen World, which was the Swarthmore Lecture of 1929.

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EDDINGTON, sir Arthur Stanley (1882-1944) continued

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He had marked literary gifts, and at one time hesitated between an arts and a scientific career. He loved good music and drama, played chess, and relaxed over the novels of Jules Verne and Dorothy Sayers. His holidays were often spent in cycle rides. He was of a retiring disposition and had great humility, but had true kindness of spirit and was helpful when asked for advice.

He died 22 November 1944 at Cambridge, aged 61.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

The Friend, vol.102 (1944) p.775

EDDINGTON, Caroline Elizabeth (1876-1950) born Newman

Caroline Elizabeth Newman, the daughter of Henry Stanley Newman (1837-1912 qv) and his wife Mary Anne (born Pumphrey, 1835-1908 qv) of Leominster in Herefordshire, was born there on 14 February 1876(1).

She was married in 1913 to Joseph Clark Eddington (1872-1931 qv), a cabinet maker of London whom she had known from her childhood, but the marriage was childless(2).

Caroline Elizabeth Eddington of Croft House, Perseverance Road, Leominster, died on 19 May 1950, at the age of seventy five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a grocer
- 2 For marriage see EDDINGTON, Joseph Clark (1872-1931)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a widow

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

EDDINGTON, Eliza (1837-1912) after 1860 Wood

[Eliza Eddington, daughter of William Eddington (1800-1883 qv) and his wife Rachel (born Gregory, 1810-1886 qv) of Congresbury in Somerset, was married in 1860 to Thomas Ashby Wood (1835-1914 qv) of Reigate in Surrey and Tunbridge Wells in Kent.

See WOOD, Eliza (1837-1912) born Eddington]

EDDINGTON, Ellen (1839-1877) born Pumphrey

See EDDINGTON, Helen (1839-1877) born Pumphrey

EDDINGTON, Florence Amy (1851-1918) born Rutter

Florence A. Rutter was born at Shaftesbury on 5 July 1851, her parents removing to Mere in Wiltshire when she was four years of age.

In 1882 she offered her services to FFMA for Madagascar and was accepted, but the unsettled state of the island prevented her from going. In 1884 she married Alexander Eddington and settled at Norwich where she became fully identified with First-day school work with its many activities including total abstinence, children's schools, mother's meetings and Scripture Union. Her regular and punctual attendance and quick insight well qualified her for the post of Superintendent of the Women's School, a post which she occupied for many years.

She was a keen Bible student, taking a prominent part in weekly meetings for study. She also took a lively interest in young people and children and was founder of the children's school. She was appointed Clerk to the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in 1887 and helped and encouraged many members who were sick and infirm by her personal visitation and letters.

Florence A. Eddington died on 19 November 1918.

Testimony of Norwich MM in YM Proc. 1919, p.326

EDDINGTON, Hannah (1793-1840) after 1816 Gregory

(1755?-1806qv) (born Wilkins)

[Hannah Eddington, daughter of William and Mary Eddington of Yatton in Somerset, was married in 1816 to Isaac Gregory (1778-1832 qv).]

See GREGORY, Hannah (1793-1840) born Eddington]

EDDINGTON, Helen (1839-1877) born Pumphrey

(born Helen Pumphrey, the daughter of Stanley Pumphrey (1805-1871 qv) and Westcombe his wife Mary of Worcester, was born there on 8 November 1839(1).

She was married in 1864 to William Clark Eddington (1840-1894 qv) and there were four children(2).

She died on 13 November 1877 at the age of thirty eight(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see EDDINGTON, William Clark (1840-1894)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of William Clark

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1879, p 59: 2 line entry for death

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

EDDINGTON, Helen Clark (1874-1953)

Helen Clark Eddington, the daughter of William Clark Eddington (1840-1894 qv) and his wife Helen, born Pumphrey of Worcester, was born at Guildford in Surrey on 8 September 1874(1). She was educated at Sidcot School from 1887 to 1890 and at The Mount School, York, from 1891 to 1893. She took her London B.A. degree in 1899.

She was an assistant mistress at Saffron Walden School from 1900 to 1901 and in the latter year she became an assistant mistress at The Mount.

On her retirement she moved to 18 Elmam's Street, Leominster in Herefordshire, to be near her sister Anna Eddington Reynolds (1870-1944 qv). She died on 10 August 1953 at the age of seventy eight(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 66

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a retired teacher

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

EDDINGTON, Isabel (1866-1951) born Simpson

Isabel Simpson, the daughter of Henry Simpson (1837-1912 qv) and his wife Caroline (born Jeffrey, 1842- qv) of Melksham in Wiltshire, was born there on 22 October 1866(1). She was educated at Sidcot School from 1879 to 1882(2).

She was married in 1893 to William Clark Eddington (1867-1954 qv), a printer and binder of Swindon and there were two children(3).

Isabel Eddington died at Watford in 1951(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 160: her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 Sidcot Register, loc cit
- 3 For marriage and children see EDDINGTON, William Clark (1867-1954)
- 4 Sidcot Register, loc cit: 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:

EDDINGTON, Joseph Clark, ca. 1873-1931.

Elder.

Had skill of turning his hand to any chore. Interested
in botany. Devoted to boys and girls, and worked for clubs.

d. 5 Mar. 1931, Leominster, aged 58.

The Friend (London), 71(1931):240, 246 (portrait).

Additional Information

BIDDINGTON, Joseph Clark (1872-1931)

Joseph Clark Biddington, son of William Clark and Helen (born Pumphrey) Biddington of Worcester, was born 28 November 1872 (1). His father was a well-known painter.

Joseph C. Biddington was educated at Sidcot (1885-1888) and afterwards learned carving at Bath. About 1893 he came to London to enter the cabinet-making trade. He was one of the first residents of Chalfont House, a Quaker settlement in Queens Square. Here he began to undertake social work and continued to teach classes for 35 years, particularly in the Cromwell Club for boys and the Frideswide Club for girls, both carried on under the auspices of Westminster meeting.

He worked also for the adult school, becoming secretary and then president of the Westminster school. Among his colleagues were George Newman, Percy Bigland, James Doyle Penrose and Charles and Ernest Warner. In time he became a leader in the London Adult School Union. He entered fully into the work and hobbies of the people attending the schools, in camping, outings and assistance in times of need.

In 1913 he married Caroline Elizabeth Newman (1876-1950)⁽²⁾, they had been acquainted from childhood. There were no children (3).

In later life he came more and more to value the meeting for worship and to see it as the spring of the social work to which he had devoted his life. He was an elder and an overseer of Westminster, and was for 11 years clerk to the preparative meeting. He was on two occasions secretary of the Portfolio Society.

He was managing director of Lyle-Barrs Ltd, office furnishers and printers.

He died at Leominster on 5 March 1931, aged 58 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend ns vol 71 (1951) p.231

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes. M.D. Blaschko, Sidcot school register of old scholars, 1958, gives his place of birth as Guildford
- 2 The wedding was at Jordans FMH on 30 April 1913 (Blaschko p.66)
- 3 None listed in Sidcot school register either in his entry (p.66) or that of his wife (p.151)

EDDINGTON, Lydia (1789-1864) after 1810 Naish

[Lydia Eddington, daughter of William Eddington (1755?-1806 qv) and his wife Mary (born Wilkins, 1761?-1825 qv) of Yatton in Somerset, was married in 1810 to John Naish (1786-1875 qv) of Congresbury in Somerset.

See NAISH, Lydia (1789-1864) born Eddington]

EDDINGTON, Maria (1794-1878) after 1830 Bishop

[Maria Eddington, daughter of William Eddington (1755?-1806 qv) and his wife Mary (born Wilkins, 1761?-1825 qv) of Yatton in Somerset, was married in 1830 to John Mullett Bishop (1801-1865 qv) of Bristol.

See BISHOP, Maria (1794-1878) born Eddington]

EDDINGTON, Maria (1846-1879) born Brown

see EDDINGTON, Sarah Maria (1846-1879) born Brown

EDDINGTON, Martha (1797-1892) after 1835 Palmer

(Martha Eddington, daughter of William Eddington (1755?-1806 qv)
and his wife Mary, born Wilkins of Yatton in Somerset, was
married in 1835 to Walter Palmer.

See PALMER, Martha (1797-1892) born Eddington)

EDDINGTON, Mary (1761?-1825) born Wilkins

Mary Wilkins, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Wilkins of Broomham in Wiltshire and was born about the year 1761(1).

She was married in 1785 to William Eddington (1755?-1806 qv), a grazier of Yatton in Somerset and there were eleven children(2).

Mary Eddington of Yatton died on 9 April 1825, at the age of sixty four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 64 at death: her birth is not traced in Gloucester & Wilts QM, Dorset & Hants QM or Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digests
- 2 For marriage and children see EDDINGTON, William (1755?-1806)
- 3 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she is described as a widow

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

EDDINGTON, Mary (1835-1930) after 1865 Brown

[Mary Eddington, daughter of William Eddington (1800-1883 qv)
and his wife Rachel (born Gregory, 1810-1886 qv) of
Congresbury in Somerset, was married in 1865 to Charles
Brown (1835-1927 qv) of Weston-super-Mare in Somerset.

See BROWN, Mary (1835-1930) born Eddington]

EDDINGTON, Rachel (1810-1886) born Gregory

Rachel Gregory, the daughter of Thomas Gregory (1773-1825 qv) and his wife Phebe (born Selfe, 1772-1844 qv) of Bristol, was born there on 27 March 1810(1).

She was married in 1832 to William Eddington (1800-1883 qv), a grazier of Congresbury in Somerset and there were eight children(2).

Rachel Eddington of Weston-super-Mare died on 5 January 1886, at the age of seventy five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father is described as a butcher and grazier
- 2 For marriage and children see EDDINGTON, William (1800-1883)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1887, p 86: 3 line entry for death, the widow of William Eddington of Yatton

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

EDDINGTON, Rebecca (1802-1830) after 1825 Palmer

(Rebecca Eddington, daughter of William Eddington (1755?-1806 qv)
and his wife Mary, born Wilkins, of Yatton in Somerset, was
married in 1825 to Joseph Palmer (1798-1873 qv).

See PALMER, Rebecca (1802-1830) born Eddington)

EDDINGTON, Sarah (1791-1869) after 1811 Gregory

[Sarah Eddington, daughter of William (1755?-1806 qv)
and Mary (born Wilkins) Eddington of Yatton,
Somerset, was married in 1811 to Bishop Gregory (1783-
1857 qv) of Yatton, Claverham, Street and Weston-
super-Mare, Somerset.

see GREGORY, Sarah (1791-1869) born Eddington]

EDDINGTON, Sarah Ann (1852-1924) born Shout

Sarah Ann Shout, the daughter of Major Shout (1816?-1888 qv) and his wife Ann (born Mason, 1814-1878 qv) of Darlington, was born there on 13 September 1852(1).

She was married in 1878 to Arthur Henry Eddington (1850-1884 qv), a schoolmaster at the Flounders Institute and later headmaster of Stramongate School and there were two children(2).

Sarah Ann Eddington of The Observatory, Cambridge, died on 4 November 1924, at the age of seventy two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see EDDINGTON, Arthur Henry (1850-1884)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Arthur Henry

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

EDDINGTON, Sarah Maria (1846-1879) born Brown

S.Maria Brown, the daughter of Josiah Brown (1808-1877 qv) and his wife Rachel (born Stackhouse, 1808-1877 qv) of Cannon Street, London, was born there on 26 February 1846(1).

She was married in 1871 to Alexander Eddington (1847-1929 qv), a grocer of Norwich, but the marriage was childless(2).

S.Maria Eddington of Eaton, Norwich, died on 13 June 1879, at the age of thirty three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage see EDDINGTON, Alexander (1847-1929)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Alexander; her age at death is given as 34

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1880, p 61: 2 line entry for death, the wife of Alexander Eddington; her age at death is given as 34

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

EDDINGTON, sir Stanley (1882-1944)

[see EDDINGTON, Sir Arthur Stanley (1882-1944)]

EDDINGTON, Sylvanus (1843-1894)

Sylvanus Eddington, the son of William Eddington (1800-1883 qv) and his wife Rachel, born Gregory of Congresbury in Somerset, was born there on 29 June 1843(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1853 to 1857.

He was married at Whitby on 18 May 1870 to Kate Taylor(2) and there was one child, a son named Alfred born on 8 January 1879(3).

After the death of his eldest brother Alfred (1833-1861 qv) he joined his brother William (1835-1892 qv) in a foundry for the manufacture of steam agricultural engines at Chelmsford in Essex.

Sylvanus Eddington of Cottage Place, Chelmsford died on 4 April 1894 at the age of fifty one(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 66

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 His birth is not traced in the Digest of Births and no marriage is traced for him in the Digest of Marriages to 1941
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an engineer

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

EDDINGTON, William (1755?-1806)

William Eddington, the son of Thomas and Judith Eddington of Kingston Seymour in Somerset, was born about the year 1755(1).

He was a grazier of Yatton in Somerset(2) and was probably a convinced Friend. He was married in 1785 to Mary Wilkins of Broomham in Wiltshire(3) and there were eleven children(4).

William Eddington of Yatton died on 20 February 1806, at the age of fifty one(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 51 at death. There is no entry in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Cleverham on 10 August 1785: he is described as a grazier of Yatton in Somerset, the son of Thomas and Judith Eddington of Kingston Seymour in Somerset; she is described as the daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Wilkins of Broomham, Wiltshire (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Ann	b 10 June 1786	who m 1806 Joseph Gregory
Maria	b 13 June 1788	who d 14 May 1793
Lydia	b 24 Sept 1789	who m 1810 John Naish
Sarah	b 12 March 1791	who m 1811 Bishop Gregory (1783-1857 qv)
Hannah	b 18 Jan 1793	who m 1816 Isaac Gregory
Mariu	b 19 July 1794	who m 1830 John Mullett Bishop
Elizabeth	b 12 Feb 1796	who m 1829 Samuel Clark (1799-1889 qv)
Martha qv	b 23 Dec 1797	who m 1835 Walter Palmer
William qv	b 28 July 1800	who m 1832 Rachel Gregory (London & Mddx QM Marriages)
Rebecca qv	b 12 April 1802	who m 1825 Joseph Palmer (1798-1873 qv)
Mary	b 11 Jan 1805	who d 14 May 1805
- 5 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: he is described as a grazier

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

EDDINGTON, William (1755?-1806)

William Eddington, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the son of Thomas and Judith Eddington of Kingston Seymour in Somerset and was born about the year 1755(1).

He became a grazier at Yatton in Somerset(2) and was married in 1785 to Mary Wilkins (1761?-1825 qv) of Broorham in Wiltshire(3); there were eleven children(4).

William Eddington of Yatton died on 20 February 1806, at the age of fifty one(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 51 at death: 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 Claverham on 10 August 1785: he is described as a grazier of Yatton in Somerset, the son of Thomas and Judith Eddington of Kingston Seymour in Somerset; she is described as the daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Wilkins of Broomham in Wiltshire
(Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Ann qv	b 10 June 1786	m 1806 Joseph Gregory (1774-1826 qv)
Maria	b 13 June 1788	d 14 May 1793
Lydia qv	b 24 Sept 1789	m 1810 John Naish (1786-1875 qv)
Sarah qv	b 12 March 1791	m 1811 Bishop Gregory (1783-1857 qv)
Hannah qv	b 18 Jan 1793	m 1816 Isaac Gregory (1778-1832 qv)
Maria qv	b 19 July 1794	m 1830 John Mullett Bishop (1801-1865 qv)
Elizabeth qv	b 12 Feb 1796	m 1829 Samuel Clark (1799-1889 qv)
Martha qv	b 23 Dec 1797	m 1835 Walter Palmer (1793-1868 qv)
William qv	b 28 July 1800	m 1832 Rachel Gregory (1810-1886 qv) (London & Mddx QM Marriages)
Rebecca qv	b 12 April 1802	m 1825 Joseph Palmer (1798-1873 qv)
Mary	b 11 Jan 1805	d 14 May 1805
- 5 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: he is described as a grazier

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

EDDINGTON, William (1800-1883)

William Eddington, the only son of William Eddington (1755?-1806 qv) and his wife Mary, born Wilkins of Yatton in Somerset, was born there on 28 July 1800(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1810 to 1814(2).

He became a grazier of Congresbury in Somerset(3) and was married in 1832 to Rachel Gregory of Peckham in Surrey(4); there were eight children(5).

William Eddington of Congresbury died on 13 July 1883, at the age of eighty three(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grazier
- 2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 66
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4; Sidcot School Register describes him as a farmer
- 4 The wedding was at Peckham on 12 April 1832: he is described as a grazier of Congresbury in Somerset, the son of William and Mary Eddington, late of Yatton in Somerset; she is described as of Peckham in Surrey, the daughter of Thomas and Phebe Gregory of Taunton in Somerset (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Alfred qv	b 18 Jan 1833	who d 3 Dec 1861
Mary	b 15 Feb 1835	who m 1865 Charles Brown
William qv	b 15 Feb 1835	who d 14 July 1892
and in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-		
Eliza	b 7 Oct 1837	who m 1860 Thomas Ashby Wood
*Hannah	b 31 Dec 1839	
Sylvanus qv	b 29 June 1843	who m 1870 Kate Taylor <u>(Sidcot Register)</u>
Alexander qv	b 6 Nov 1847	who m (1)1871 Sarah Maria Brown (2)1884 Florence Amy Rutter (1851-1918 qv)
Arthur Henry qv	b 1 May 1850	who m 1878 Sarah Ann Shout
- *No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

EDDINGTON, William (1835-1892)

William Eddington, the son of William Eddington (1800-1883 qv) and his wife Rachel, born Gregory of Congresbury in Somerset, was born there on 15 February 1835(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1844 to 1848.

With his eldest brother Alfred (1833-1861 qv) he went into business at Chelmsford in Essex, threshing with the then newly invented steam threshing machinery. After the death of Alfred in 1861 he was joined by his brother Sylvanus (1843-1894 qv). He is described in the Sidcot School Register as a farmer, but he finally became a commission agent(2).

William Eddington of 143 Abbeyfield Road, Rotherhithe, died apparently unmarried(3) on 14 July 1892 at the age of fifty seven(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, pp 65-66

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grazier
- 2 He is so described in his burial entry, note 4
- 3 No marriage is traced in the Digest of Marriages or given in the Sidcot School Register
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a commission agent

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

EDDINGTON, William Clark (1840-1894) born Clark

William Clark, the son of Samuel Clark (1799-1889 qv) and his wife Elizabeth, born Eddington, of Taunton in Somerset, was born there on 23 January 1840(1). At some period before his first marriage he adopted his mother's maiden name and became known as William Clark Eddington.

He was an artist(2) and was married in 1864 to Helen Pumphrey of Worcester(3); there were five children(4). Helen Eddington died in 1877 at the age of thirty eight(5).

Some time before 1887 William Clark Eddington was married to Alice L. Stone(6) and there were at least two children(7). The facts surrounding his later life suggest that he left the Society ~~and disappears~~ of His Death is not traced(8). he died at Worcester 13 December 1894 (8).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a draper
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Worcester on 2 June 1864: he is described as a bachelor, an artist of Cerner Villa, Kenwick, Worcester, the son of Samuel Clark, a gentleman; she is described as Ellen Pumphrey, a spinster of Thorniloe, Worcester, the daughter of Stanley Pumphrey, a commission agent (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Mary	b 29 Jan 1866	who d 27 Jan 1870
William Clark qv	b 27 Dec 1867	who m 1893 Isabel Simpson
Anna qv	b 17 Nov 1870	who m 1900 Edward Bassett Reynolds (1866-1914)
Joseph Clark qv	b 28 Nov 1872	who m 1913 Caroline Elizabeth Newman
- 5 N.B. Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 66 gives also Helen Clark qv who was born on 8 Sept 1874
- 6 Digest of Deaths: she died on 13 Nov 1877; her name is given as Helen
- 7 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 7 No children are traced in the Digest of Births, but Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, pp65 and 66 gives the following:-

Albert Clark	b 31 Jan 1887
Edward Clark	b 9 March 1888
- 8 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths under either Clark or Eddington; nor is it traced in The Friend (London). It is, however, given in The Pumphrey pedigree, 1909, chart 3

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45
In April 1887 he delivered a lecture on the Reminiscences of a Landscape Painter and a Chat about Art at Leominster vol 529, 14

EDDINGTON, William Clark (1867-1954)

William Clark Eddington, the eldest son of William Clark Eddington (1840-1894 qv) and his wife Helen, born Pumphrey of Worcester, was born there on 27 December 1867(1). He was educated at Sidcot School from 1878 to 1883(2).

He was a printer and binder of Swindon(3) and in 1893 he was married to Isabel Simpson of Cockermouth(4); there were two children(5).

He died at Watford in 1954(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as an artist
- 2 Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 66
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Cockermouth on 27 July 1893: he is described as a bachelor, a printer and binder of Swindon, the son of William Clark Eddington, an artist; she is described as a spinster of Cockermouth, the daughter of Henry Simpson, a commercial traveller (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 66 gives the following, whose births are not traced in the Digest of Births:-
Isabel b 24 Aug 1903
Helen Caroline b 20 March 1905
No marriages for either of these children are traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 6 Sidcot School Register 1808-1958, p 66: 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

EDDISON, Booth (1808-1859)

Booth Eddison, the son of John and Ann Eddison of Gateford, Worksop, Notts, was born there on 17 March 1808 (1). He became a surgeon in Nottingham (2). He died at Madeira on 7 March 1859 aged 50 years (3).

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 Derby & Notts QM Births Digest: his father is described as Yeoman. He is registered as a non-member, which suggests that one of his parents was not in membership at the time of his birth.
- 2 James Lomax, A history of quakers in Nottingham, [1948], p.37, where it is stated that his house was in High Pavement.
- 3 Digest of Burial Notes

EDDISON, George (1750-1827)

George Eddison, the son of George and Priscilla Eddison of Wortley in the parish of Leeds in Yorkshire, was born there on 23.v.(July)1750(1).

He became a maltster at Waterhall, Leeds(2) and was married in 1782 to Susanna Firth of Scholes in the parish of Burstall in Yorkshire(3); there were four children(4).

He served for a time on the Country Committee for Ackworth School(5).

George Eddison of Holbeck Lodge near Leeds died very suddenly* on 9 March 1827, at the age of seventy six(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire 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 on 4 September 1782 near Brighouse in Yorkshire: he is described as a maltster of Waterhall, Leeds in Yorkshire, the son of George, a clothier, and Priscilla (deceased); she is described as the daughter of Thomas, a carpenter, and Mary Firth of Scholes in the parish of Burstall, Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Mary	b 19 Oct 1783	m 1811 Caleb Fletcher (1784-1864 qv)
Susanna	b 11 March 1785	m 1819 Samuel Greenwood
*Priscilla	b 29 Sept 1787	
*Jane	b 14 Dec 1790	
- 5 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
- 6 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a yeoman

*Annual Monitor 1828, p 13:- "His death was awfully sudden. He had risen in the morning at his usual hour, and gone into the room in which he was accustomed to pass his time before breakfast; and was found there a corpse." (Complete entry.)

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

WBE:

EDDY, John Hartshorne, 1783-1817.

b. 1783, s. Thomas and Hannah (Hartshorne) Eddy.

A deaf mute.

1809-1810, Columbia College.

Became a practical botanist. Prepared a large map of
N. Y. State.

d. 1817, aged ca. 34.

Friends Intelligencer, 83(1926):553.

WBE:

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EDDY, John L., 1798-1867.

b. 1798, Rutland, Vt.

Officer in a military company.

Attended meetings of Baptists and Methodists. Joined Friends in Hamburg Mo. Mtg., N. Y.

m., ca. 1823, Lydia Gifford (d. 1863). Several children.

1834, they removed to Huron Co., Ohio. Farmer. 1849,
1849, acknowledged a minister. Travelled in N. Y.
and Canada. 1856, attended Phila. Y. Mtg., as well as many
meetings in N. J. and Pa. 1857, visited in Ind., Md. and
N. C. Other extensive travels. 1860, visited Eng., Ire.,
Scot., Germany, Norway and France. 1863, returned to U. S. A.
m. (2d(1865), Mary Ferris of Kingston, Canada.

A man of strong frame.

d. 4 Oct. 1867, Fredericksburg, Ont., Canada, aged ca. 69.

Friends Review, 16(1862):11, 17, 33; 20(1867):587.

Eddy, Memoir of John L. Eddy, 1875.

Buckley, Memoirs, pp. 344, 348, 350, 352, 355, 361, 365 et. seq..

Thomas Eddy New York
Corresponding member, Philadelphia
Society for Alleviating the Miseries of
Public Persons; Constitution of the
Philadelphia Society for Alleviating
the Miseries of Public Persons, printed
by Solomon W. Conrad, No. 87 Market
Street, (Phila.) 1821.

EDDY, Thomas (1758-1827)

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Thomas Eddy of New York made a fortune by buying only the cheapest goods and by supplying the British troops during the Revolution.

Note in 'The Political & Economic Relations' by A.T. Gary, 1935, p.458

Taylor

WBE:

Additional information:

of

EDDY, Thomas, 1758-1827.

b. 5 Sept. 1758, Phila., Pa., s. James and Mary (Darragh) Eddy. Parents Presbyterians; were convinced of Friends principles.

ca. 1770, attended Friends Grammar School, Phila.

m., 1782, Hannah Hartshorne (d. 1832), an elder. Issue. 1779, became an insurance broker in New York, and was successful. In Commission business as Eddy, Sykes & Co.

1822, wrote letter to John Warder, Phila., Pa., concerning the unsound doctrines of Elias Hicks. This created a stir. 1823, assisted Anna Braithwaite in her travels.

Philanthropist, interested in many philanthropies. Called the "American Howard." 1817, promoted the Erie Canal. With General Philip Schuyler, secured the establishment of a State Prison. 1818, Bloomingdale Asylum established. For 28 years he was its governor. Worked for the welfare of the Indians in N. Y. and in New Eng. Was interested in botany, and his son carried on that interest.

Author: An account of the State Prison... in the City of N. Y., 1801.

Hints for introducing an improved mode of treating the insane, 1815.

Memoir of John Murray, Jr., 1819.

d. 16 Sept. 1827, New York? aged 69.

WBE:

Additional information:

EDDY, Thomas, 1758-1827. Page 2.

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Dic. Am. Biog., 6:15.

Knapp, Life of Thomas Eddy, 1836 (portrait).

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:555.

Friends Intelligencer, 83(1926):552.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 20:49.

Biog. Cat., p. 196.

Ekirch, Thomas Eddy and the beginnings of prison reform in
New York, from N. Y. History, v. 24, no. 3, July 1943.

Eddy, Hints for introducing an improved mode of treating the
insane in the a sylum, 1815 (reprinted 1916. Second
facsimile reprint, 1951).

EDEN, Henry Wilfred (- 1964)

Henry Eden was a valued member of Liverpool meeting of which he was a member for upwards of sixty years. He appears first as a member in 1912,(1) and apart from his service to the Society of Friends he did a great deal in the locality.

He was a member of the P.P.U., a founder member of the Liverpool branch of F.O.R. in 1914, a convincing speaker and a great help to many C.O.s in both world wars. He was a loyal and active officer of the Union of Heating and Ventilating Engineers up to the time of his death, he was a member of the Adult School Union, the Band of Hope, he worked in the cause of education and was a school governor, served as a prison chaplain and as a magistrate in Liverpool. He was instrumental in establishing technical courses for apprentices in the city and its neighbourhood. He was a voluntary worker for the Personal Service Society for more than forty years and a trusted friend and adviser to the people of the Everton district where he lived.

In his service for the Society he served on several Friends central committees (2) and although the obituary states that he lived in the Everton district for sixty years he seems to have served as correspondent for St. Helen's Allowed Meeting from 1922 - 1932.(3)

He died on November 8, 1964 - no age is given.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 123 (1965) p. 177

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Lancs & Cheshire QM printed list of members for 1912 is the first to record him as a member in Liverpool.
2. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library
Meeting for Sufferings 1940 - 1946/7, 1949/50, 1951/2.
Conscription Committee 1941/2 - 1945
Peace Committee 1943 - 1965
3. Index of Clerks - Friends Ho. Library.

EDEY, Susanna (1767-1820) after Veale

(Susanna Edey, daughter of Ebenezer and Susanna Edey of Germans in Cornwall, was married some time prior to 1792 to John Veale (1760?-1826 qv).

See VEALE, Susanna (1767-1820) born Edey)

EDGE, John (1634?-1704)

John Edge is mentioned six times in Christian Progress (pp.542,589,595,618,640,659). He accompanied Whitehead and Rowland Vaughan on their hurried visit to the Attorney General, and was in other ways, helpful to suffering Friends. The Ym of 1684 and 1685 appointed Edge one of the receivers for money collected for ransom of Friends captives in Algiers.. He was a member of Peel MM living in the parish of St Andrew's, Holborn.

John Edge (?his son) and his wife Jane emigrated from St Andrew's, Holborn, to Pa. about the year 1685 (Pa.Gene. Soc. iv.(1909), 285).

First-days Meetings
Kelsall: Diaries, i.30

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925 p.335

WBE:a
(prepared by RB)

EDGERTON, Jane, ca. 1823-1915

b. ca. 1823, dau. of William and Sarah (Foulke)

Edgerton.

Grandparents had emigrated to Ohio to escape limits
of slavery.

Father died when she was 5; family moved in with
grandparents.

Birthright Friend.

Teacher; worked to further the public school system
in Ohio.

1856, with her mother established a home; adopted
two children.

1872-88, 1890-91, Clerk, Women's Mtg., Ohio Y. Mtg.
(F.G.C.)

Active in the W.C.T.U.

d. 6 Feb 1915, St. Clappsville, Ohio, aged 92 yrs.

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. F^{riend}entier, 398
Friends Intell, 72(1915), 381-392

WBE:

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EDGERTON, Jesse, 1845-1924.

b. 12 July 1845, near Barnesville, Ohio, s. Joseph and Charity (Doudna) Edgerton.

Ed. Friends Primary School at the "Ridge", and Mt. Pleasant Boarding School.

1864, taught school at Flushing, Ohio.

m., 1865, Semira Stratton (d. 1878). Six children.

m. (2d), Susan Gilbert, 1882. One son.

Minister.

Author: Open letter, no. 3, 1890.

Militarism; the curse of nations, 1900.

The new Quakerism, 1900.

A brook by the way; a volume of poems . . .,

Damascus, Ohio, 1913.

Left a diary.

d. 11 Mar. 1924, Damascus, Ohio, in his 79th year.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7616.

The Friend (Phila.), 97:478, 98:363 et. seq.

WBE:

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EDGERTON, Joseph, 1797-1865.

b. 10 Sept. 1797, Wayne Co., N. C., s. James and Sarah Edgerton.

m., 1818 Charity Doudney (Doudna) (d. 1855).

Settled in the limits of Somerset Mo. Mtg., Ohio.

| ca. 1820, appeared as a minister. 1833, acknowledged
a minister. Laboured in all the Y. Mtgs. on the American
continent.

m. (2d), 1857, Anna M. Brantingham.

Removed to the limits of Coal Creek Monthly Mtg., Iowa.

Author: Address to the members of the Society of Friends, 1841. Reprinted four times.

Erysipelas for ten days.

d. 30 Oct. 1865, Coal Creek? Keokuk Co., Iowa, aged 68.

The Friend (Phila.), 39(1866):160.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:556.

Piety Promoted, 12th part, p. 355.

Edgerton, Some account of the life and religious services
of Joseph Edgerton, 1885.

WBE:

EDGERTON, Walter.

Spiceland, Ind., U. S. A.

Disowned by his Y. Mtg. on the slavery question.

Author: A history of the separation in Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends; which took place in the winter of 1842 and 1843, on the anti-slavery question, &c., 1856.

Modern Quakerism examined and contrasted with that of the ancient type, Indianapolis. 2d ed., Manchester, Eng., 1876.

Walter Edgerton's disownment by Spiceland Mo. Mtg., Ind. Y. Mtg. Statement of the case by Walter Edgerton, 1877.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:556, suppl.:113.

British Friend, 1:index.

The Friend (London), 1:69.

The Friend (Phila.), 17:85, 92, 93.

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WBE:

EDGERTON, Walter, ca. 1858-1930.

Member of New Garden Mo. Mtg. of Friends, Ohio.

Minister. Travelled North, East, South and West.

d. 11 Oct. 1930, as the result of a collision of automobiles, aged ca. 72.

The Friend (Phila.), 104(1930):251, 272.

EDMINSON, Frederick John (1860?-1922)

Frederick John Edminson, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1980) traced, was born about the year 1860(1). He was not by birth a Friend, although he had Quaker ancestry. He took his degree at Owen's College, Manchester and became a teacher, teaching at Hereford and then at Mill Hill. While at Mill Hill he married Elizabeth Wiles of St Albans and there were three children(2). His wife died in 1919.

In 1891 he joined the staff at Leighton Park. In 1895 he was appointed the first housemaster at Grove House, a position he held until his retirement in 1912. He was a man of overflowing energy; a keen sportsman, a frank warm-hearted friend to boys and colleagues alike. Grove House, under the management of Frederick and Elizabeth Edminson, had a distinctive character of its own.

Frederick and Elizabeth Edminson and their three children joined the Society several years after coming to Leighton Park. Frederick took a warm and active interest in the work of Reading Meeting. He inspired an anti-gambling movement, united an inter-church temperance deputation, started a Reading Peace Society and organised a Guild of Help which developed into the Reading Council of Social Welfare.

He left Leighton Park in 1912 and became secretary of the Woodbrooke Extension Committee. The strain of the first world war affected his health and he was obliged to give up this post, but he threw himself warmly into work for conscientious objectors. He became editor of the Trade Union journals, The Police Review and The Land Worker and he was Appeal Organiser for Buckinghamshire for the League of Nations Union at the time of his death.

He was intensely interested in the idea and development of Jordans village. In 1918 he and his wife moved from Birmingham to Hendon and in September 1921 he and his daughter Margaret moved to Jordans.

Frederick John Edminson of Crutchers Dell, Jordans died on 30 November 1922, at the age of sixty two and was cremated at Golders Green(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 63 (1923) p 18

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 62 at death

continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- b viii 1888 / 2 Given in Berks & Oxon QM printed Lists of Members, 1900, as follows:-
Winifred Shield / m 1920 Wilfrid Ernest Littleboy
(1885-1979 qv)
*Margaret Wiles d 19 iii 1972 aged 79 yrs
b 24 i 1895 / Janet Wiles / m 1920 Ronald Davis Rees NM
*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1963
3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a secretary

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 15, p 108

EDMINSON, Janet, 1895-1974

See REES, Janet nee Edminson, 1895-1971

MACADAM BOND
100% RAG CONTENT
MADE IN U.S.A.

EDMONDS, Mary (1800-) after 1821 Richards

(Mary Edmonds, daughter of William and Catherine Edmonds of Marazion in Cornwall, was married in 1821 to Richard Richards (1792-1878 qv).

See RICHARDS, Mary (1800-) born Edmonds)

EDMONDSON, Jane (1823-1906) aftw. Benson

[Jane Edmondson, daughter of George and Ann Edmondson
married Davis Benson in 1859.] 7

see BENSON, Jane (1823-1906) born Edmondson]

EDMONDSON, John

John Edmondson lived on his farm, Cedar Point, near Tredhaven (or Tred-Avon, now corrupted to Third Haven, situate near the present town of Easton, Talbot County, Md.). He was elected to represent Talbot County in the Assembly, but was long prevented from taking his seat because of the oath (Gummere, Quaker in the Forum, 1910, p.160). He is frequently mentioned in the minutes of Maryland Yearly Meeting, preserved in Baltimore, Md.

Norris, Early Friends in Maryland, 1862, p.15
Two Hundredth Anniversary at Third Haven, 1884
Literary Era, 1900, p.50

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.440

WBE:

Additional information:

EDMONDSON, John, -1697 or 1698.

m. Ten children.

1658, Calvert Co., Md. 1663, Talbot Co.

Founder of Third Haven Mtg., meeting house and library.

Edmundson and Roberts, John Edmondson, - large merchant of
Tred Haven Creek, from Md. hist. Mag., Sept. 1955, vol.
50, no. 3.

EDMONDSON, John Beeby (1831-1887)

John Edmondson, the son of Thomas (1792-1851, v. WBE) and Rachel (Hodgson) Edmondson was born at Carlisle on 22 June 1831 (1). His father was at that time an upholsterer but later invented the idea of the printed railway ticket and set up a firm in Manchester for their manufacture. John Edmondson in turn became a master ticket printer.

On 25 June 1857 he married Elizabeth Whitlock (2). There were 8 children (3).

He died on 4 May 1887 aged 55 (4).

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births Digest. His name is given only as 'John'.
- 2 The marriage was at Manchester. His name is entered as John Beeby Edmondson. She was the daughter of John Sturt Whitlock. Digest of Marriage Registers.
- 3 Listed in the Digest of Birth Notes as follows:-

Rachel Abby	born 21 June 1859
Mary Jane	born 6 Oct 1860
Eleanor	born 18 Mar 1862
Thomas John	born 19 Oct 1863
William Barrow	born 20 June 1865
George	born 9 May 1867
Elizabeth Wadkin	born 2 July 1871
Arthur Whitlark	born 8 Mar 1873

- 4 Digest of Burial Notes

EDMONDSON, Joseph (1831-1908)

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Joseph Edmondson had a deeply-rooted faith, clear vision of duty, prompted by love, and a calm and dignified spirit. His judgment was wise his counsel reliable and he was fearless in the defence of what he believed to be the truth. He was especially devoted to the cause of peace and of social purity.

The Friends' Adult School held a large place in his affections and the memory of his clear enunciation of Scripture was long spoken of by the men who attended his class.

Joseph Edmondson was an acceptable minister of our Society and the loss to this Monthly Meeting and especially to his own Meeting of Halifax, was keenly felt.

Though latterly laid aside by a long illness of five-and-a-half years, he continued to take a warm interest in our own religious Society and thus testified to young and old that he was kept by the grace of God.

He died at Halifax 16 Oct. 1908, aged nearly 72.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Brighouse MM in YM Proc. 1909 p.248

OTHER PRINCIPAL SOURCES TO BE EXAMINED

Annual monitor 1910

The Friend 1908 pp. 736, 771

SEE ALSO

Opinions on vivisection (Box 135)

WBE:

Additional information:

EDMONDSON, Joseph, 1831-1908.

b. 9 Mar. 1831, Penketh, Eng.

1841, attended Ackworth School (from Birmingham), and
Tulkeith Hall.

Had business experience at Kendal. 1860, took business
position at Bradford, with Joseph Smithson.

m., 1868, Ellen Priestman, of Bradford.

Invented calculating machine, but refused order for war
purposes.

Liberal in politics. With Josephine Butler fought and
vanquished the State regulation of vice, after a 16-year
battle.

Loved children. Had unusual power both in speaking
and writing, though never physically strong. 1903, had a
stroke.

The Friend (London), 48(1908):728, 771 (portrait).

The An. Mon. also includes a portrait.

WBE:

EDMONDSON, Margaret (Staniford), ca. 1630-1691.

b. ca. 1630, Bramly, Derbyshire, Eng., dau. Thomas Staniford.

m., 1652, William Edmondson, and lived in Ire. ✓ see
Edmondson, William, 1627-1712]. Children.

A loyal support to her husband in singular trials.

d. 15 July 1691, at the home of her son-in-law, six miles from Dublin, aged over 60.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 33:32.

Edmundson, Journal of the life.

EDMONSON, Mary (1680 - 1767) ~~born~~ after 1705 GLOVER

[Mary Edmonson, daughter of Edmonson ()
and , born)Edmonson,
travelled in the ministry in 1701 and, in 1705, was
married to Francis Glover ()
see GLOVER, Mary (1680 - 1767) born Edmonson]

EDMONDSON, Mary Agnes (1845-1926) born Airay

Mary Agnes Airay was born in 1845 at East Ardsley, near Wakefield, the daughter of James and Alice Airay. On her mother's side she could trace her Quaker ancestry back to the time of George Fox.

She was educated at Ackworth School.

In 1868 she married John Edmondson of Leeds. He was in business.

From 1893 to 1898 she lived at Wakefield, where she took a great interest in Adult School work, as she had done in ~~Walsfield~~. She (Leeds) frequently presented books to form the nucleus for Adult School libraries.

Another of her concerns was for the visitation and building up of small meetings. She removed to Ilkley in 1898, and worked to revive and keep going a meeting at Farfield, some 4½ miles away. She also took great interest in P.S.A. work.

She died 15 May 1926 at Ilkley, aged 80 (1).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

The Friend ns vol 66 (1926) p.469

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Date of death in entry of death, The Friend vol 66 (1926) p.458

WBE:

EDMONDSON, Thomas, 1792-1851.

b. 1792, Lancaster, Eng.

Apprenticed to Gillows & Co. at Lancaster.

Cabinet maker, then grocer.

Was station agent at Milton Station, now called Brampton Junction, on the Newcastle and Carlisle railway. 1836, used hand stamps on railway tickets. 1837, printed railway tickets were first used. The idea of printing tickets suddenly came to T. E. He had the idea of checking passengers by numbers, instead of names. This was called "booking." The profits from his invention were used by him to pay off a former bankruptcy.

d. 22 June 1851, Broughton, Manchester, in his 59th year.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 16:110, 19:132.

The Friend (London), 9:133, 109:816.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 10:19.

Dic. Nat. Biog.

The Listener, 5 May 1959, p. 242 (picture of printing machine).

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EDMONDSON, Thomas (1837-1908)

Thomas Edmondson, the son of Joseph and Ann Edmondson of Great Bolton, was born there on 8 August 1837(1). His uncle invented the card ticket system for the railways and Thomas's brother John went from Yorkshire to Ireland to print tickets for the Irish railways. Thomas joined John in the late 1850s. The Edmondson patent was taken up by printing firms and John and Thomas set up as seedsmen in Dublin.

Thomas married a daughter of Samuel Roberts and became a prominent and respected member of the Society in Ireland. He generally attended the little meeting of Friends at Churchtown, Dundrum, where he was a beloved and effective minister. For over fifty years he took an active part in preparing essays and debates in the Dublin Friends' Institute.

About 1888, owing to 'misunderstanding as to his status in a firm with which he was connected,' he was involved in money difficulties. He then set up the Dublin Laundry at Milltown; this was successful and he was able to repay all the debts for which he had been held responsible. He served on Rathmines Urban Council and was chairman at the time of his death.

His wife had died some time previously and it was partly to help him to recover from her loss that he was persuaded to become one of the Irish delegates to the Five Years Meeting. Soon after his return he sailed with Charles E. Jacob to South America, on his last journey.

Thomas Edmondson died on 11 February 1908 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, aged seventy(2)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend, vol 48 (1908) p 118

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a schoolmaster
- 2 His death is not recorded in the Digest of Deaths

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

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~~EDMONDSON~~, William (1627-1712)

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William Edmondson was the Quaker apostle of Ireland. He was born at Little Musgrave in Westmorland, and he served in the Parliamentary army, but on his marriage in 1652 with Margaret Stanford of Bramley (? Brampton), Derbyshire (d.1691), he went over to Ireland and settled in business at Antrim and later at Lurgan. On a visit to the North of England in 1653, he met some Friends and became convinced of Quaker principles. He accompanied various itinerant preachers, who visited his adopted land, and himself entered into the work of the ministry and consequent suffering. He was three times in America and the adjacent islands, 1671-2, 1675-7, 1683. Correspondence with G. and M. Fox, Samuel Waldenfield, Robert Haydock and others is extant in Friends House.

Edmondson married, the second time, in 1697, his wife being Mary Strangman (d.1732). One of his children was named Hindrance and another Trial. There are numerous descendants within and without the pale of Quakerism. His death took place at his residence at Rosenallis and his burial at the burial ground hard by.

The valuable Journal of his life, travels and sufferings was first published in 1715, and it was several times reprinted. John Wesley writes in his Journal, under date 17 July, 1765, 'I met here [Edenderry] with the Journal of William Edmundson. If the original equalled the picture (which I see no reason to doubt) what an amiable man was this! What faith, love, gentleness, long-suffering!... I scruple not to say, 'Let my soul be with the soul of William Edmundson' '.

During the Home Rule controversy in 1893, a letter, written by Edmondson in 1704 (printed in Friends' Magazine, 1830, i.154), was reproduced in facsimile and distributed to Friends and others.

[Ball] Premonitory Extracts, 1819, p.220

Leadbeater, Biog. Notices, 1823, pp.1-51

British Friend, 1847, p.269

Bowden, Hist. 1850

Budge, Annals, 1877

Myers, Immigration of Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania, 1902, pt.i
chap. iii

DNB

Quaker Biographies, 1909, vol.ii

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.427

.see also next sheet

EDMONDSON, William (1627-1712)

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William Edmondson - often rendered Edmundson - was of Lurgan, Co. Armagh. 'the founder of Irish Quakerism' (B.Q., 210), which he established at Lurgan in 1654 after convincement by Nayler in 1653. his Journal (1715), one of the most informative and illuminating of early Quaker Journals, is praised by John Wesley in his Journal, s.d. 17 July 1765, cf. DNB, as Edmundson; C.J., ii.427.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.58

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Additional information:

EDMONDSON, William, 1627-1712.

s. John and Grace Edmondson. Was the youngest of six children, left orphans.

Apprenticed to a carpenter and joiner at York, Eng.

1650, went into Scot. under Cromwell. 1651, battle at Worcester, and took part in the siege of the Isle of Man. 1652, recruited for the Scotch Army.

For wife see Edmondson, Margaret (Staniford), ca. 1630-1691. 7 Seven children.

Brought goods from Eng. to Ire. and sold them at Antrim. ca. 1654, returned with goods to Ire. Home, Mountmelick, Ire. 1671, put in the stocks. 1672, debate with Roger Williams at Newport, R. I. It lasted three days, with another day at Providence, R. I. 1676-77, on 2nd visit to Am., found Friends on Long Island much troubled by Ranters, of whom he reclaimed some. 1688-90, suffered in the Irish rebellion.

2nd wife Mary Strangman, had been a widow.

Called the "hammer of Ireland."

Author: A letter of examination, 1672.

An epistle containing wholesome advice . . ., 1701.

d. 31 Aug. 1712, bur. at Tineel, Ire., near Rosenallis, in his 85th year.

Weeks, Southern Qu. and slavery, pp. 30, 41.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 33:32.

WBE:

Additional information:

EDMONDSON, William, 1627-1712. Page 2.

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Friends Library, 2:84.

Qu. Biog., Series 1, 2:105.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:557.

Bull. Friends Hist. Assn., 42(1953), no. 1:3.

The Wayfarer, 9:150.

Bowden, Hist. of Friends in Am., pp. 69 et. seq.

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

WBE:

EDMUNDS, Albert Joseph, 1857-1941.

b. 1857, s. Thomas and Rebecca Edmunds, Eng.

Attended Croyden School and Flounders Institute.

Came to Am. Assistant librarian at Haverford College.

Cataloguer at Historical Soc. of Pa.

A pupil and disciple of J. Rendel Harris. Scholar and mystic.

Author: Buddhist and Christian Gospels, . . . , 1914.

History simplified . . . , 1914.

And other works.

d. 1941, aged ca. 84.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 3, no. 3:120.

Friends Hist. Library, Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7616.

EDMUNDS, Grizell Maria (1799-1890) after 1827 Smith

[Grizell Maria Edmunds, daughter of Samuel and
Grizzell Edmunds of High Wycombe, was married in
1827 to Richard Smith (1784-1856, qv).]

see SMITH, Grizell Maria (1799-1890) born Edmunds]

EDMUND'S, Rebecca (1834-1926) born Hallatt

Rebecca Hallatt was born in 1834 at Chacewater, near Penzance.* Her father was Joseph Hallatt, a local preacher of the Methodist New Connexion, who was against a paid ministry. About 1842 he had a disagreement with the Methodist minister, and with his family ceased to attend chapel. First Rebecca and then the rest of the family attended the Quaker meeting at Truro Vean, and later joined the Society.

Rebecca Hallatt was, a few years later, apprenticed as a teacher at the British School, and afterwards she and her sister started a private school at Penzance.

+ In about 1854 she married Thomas Edmunds of London, and they lived at Tottenham. They had 11 children. Twenty five years later, for reasons of health, they left London. Thomas Edmunds took a grocery and drapery business in Essex, but he died four years later. She had a hard struggle to provide for her family and keep up the business, and after 9 years her health broke down.

Rebecca Edmunds and her husband were workers for total abstinence in Essex. She started Bands of Hope and Temperance meetings in a loft at their house. She was a frequent attender at meetings for worship, though the meeting house was six miles away, and also at Monthly and Quarterly Meetings.

After she gave up her business Rebecca Edmunds removed to Bishops Stortford, and then to Epping. In 1903 she moved to Kings Lynn.

She died 6 January 1926, aged about 92 (1).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend n.s. vol.66 (1926) p.391

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

1 Digest of Burials

* So The Friend, spelling Chasewater. But perhaps to be identified with Chacewater, $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles SW of Truro

+ In fact, 1856: see Digest of Marriages

EDMUNDSON, Gertrude (1854-1930) born Watson

Gertrude Watson, the daughter of Joseph Watson (1807-1874 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Spence, 1814-1871 qv) of Newcastle on Tyne, was born there on 15 October 1854(1).

She was married in 1875 to John Wigham Edmundson (1847-1922 qv), an ironmonger of Gateshead on Tyne and there were six children, born between the years 1875 and 1888(2).

Gertrude Edmundson of Rothbury, 212 Wingrove Road, Newcastle on Tyne, died on 3 October 1930, at the age of seventy five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see EDMUNDSON, John Wigham (1847-1922)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of J.W.

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

EDMUNDSON, John Edgar (1879-1920)

John Edgar Edmundson, the son of John Wigham Edmundson (1847-1922 qv) and his wife Gertrude (born Watson, 1854-1930 qv), was born on 22 April 1879(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1890 to 1891(2).

After leaving school he served his apprenticeship with an engineering works on the Tyne and in 1900 he joined the staff of Edmundson's Electricity Corporation, with whom he was associated for the rest of his life. In business he had a high character for honesty and straightforwardness.

He was married in 1903 to Marion Hall (1878-1961 qv) of Thirsk(3), herself an old scholar of Ackworth and there were four children, born between the years 1905 and 1911(4).

While he was living at Scarborough he took a useful place in the Friends' meeting and in the adult school. He had a great knack of making friends with all kinds of people and at Grantham during the first world war he kept open house for officers and soldiers from the nearby camp. Although always upholding his own peace principles his hospitality and his unsparing efforts on behalf of men in hospital were much appreciated.

He served on the Ackworth School Committee for some years.

John Edgar Edmundson of 7 Douglas Road, West Hawick in Roxburghshire, died on 17 September 1920, at the age of forty one(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 40 (1921) p 69

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Given in L.C.Coombes, Wigham of Coanwood, overprint from Archaeological Aeliana, 4th series, vol xliv, Table IV: his birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 24, entry 10429: from Gateshead
- 3 The wedding was at Thirsk on 29 July 1903: he is described as a bachelor, an electrical engineer of Gateshead on Tyne, the son of John Wigham Edmundson, an electrical engineer; she is described as a spinster of Market Place, Thirsk, the daughter of John William Hall, a draper and grocer (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

*Kathleen Mary	b 28 Feb 1905	
Norah Gertrude	b 22 June 1906	m 1933 Gerald Grover Brown
Joan Wigham	b 8 Oct 1907	m 1931 John Philipson Hall
Arnold Watson	b 6 Feb 1911	m 1935 Henrietta Beecham
- *No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1960
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an electrical engineer

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

EDMUNDSON, John Wigham (1847-1922)

John Wigham Edmundson, the son of Joshua E. Edmundson () and his wife Mary (born Wigham, 1818-1906) was born in Dublin in the year 1847. He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1860 to 1864 and took his B.A. degree at Trinity College, Dublin.

He became an ironmonger at Gateshead on Tyne(1) and was married in 1875 to Gertrude Watson (1854-1930 qv) of Gateshead(2); there were six children, the birth of two of whom was recorded by the Society(3). / in England

John Wigham Edmundson became managing director of the Sunbeam Lamp Co.Ltd. and a member of Newcastle Meeting(4). He retired in 1911 and in 1914 he moved to Thirsk in Yorkshire(5). He was a man of great faith and peace of mind. Sometimes in the quiet of the small meeting he attended in his later years his voice would be heard in prayer or testimony, but his ministry also included much visitation to those in affliction and his help was given with loving kindness. He was a happy man, at peace with the world and gave hospitality generously. He was an elder of his meeting.

John Wigham Edmundson of Rothbury, Sowerby, Thirsk, died on 1 September 1922, at the age of seventy four(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 62 (1922) p 608
Bootham School Register 1935, p 145

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 2
- 2 The wedding was at Newcastle on Tyne on 24 February 1875: he is described as a bachelor, an ironmonger of Bensham Grove, Gateshead, the son of Joshua Edmundson, an ironmonger; she is described as a spinster of Bensham Grove, Gateshead, the daughter of Joseph Watson, a solicitor (*Digest of Marriages*)
- 3 Given in L.C.Coombes, Wigham of Coanwood, overprint from Archaeologia Aeliana, 4th series, vol xliv, Table IV and listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Herbert Watson	b 5 Dec 1875	m 1904 Olive Mary Harrison
Gertrude Mary	b 6 May 1877	m 1904 Lawrence Richardson (1869-1953)
John Edgar qv	b 22 April 1879	m 1903 Marion Hall (1878-1961 qv)
*Sarah Watson	b 7 Nov 1880	m (1) 1911 Myrtle Pansy Benjerfield
Cyril	b 2 Jan 1883	(2) 1930 Margaret Cameron (Bootham Reg. 1935, p 145)
- 4 Durham QM printed list of members: he appears with his family for the first time in 1882
- 5 He does not appear in Durham QM printed list of members in 1914, but appears in that year as a member of Thirsk Meeting, Yorkshire QM printed list of members
- 6 The Friend vol 62 (1922) p 614: his death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

EDMUNDSON, John Wigham (1847-1922)

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John Wigham Edmundson moved to England about 1882 and became managing director of the Sunbeam Lamp Co.Ltd. and a member of Newcastle Meeting(2). He retired in 1911 and in 1914 he moved to Thirsk in Yorkshire(3). He was a man of great faith and of peace of mind. Sometimes in the quiet of the small meeting he attended in his later years his voice would be heard in prayer or testimony, but his ministry also included much visitation to those in affliction and his help was given with loving kindness. He was a happy man, at peace with the world and gave hospitality generously. He was an elder of his meeting.

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*Eva Lucy b 17 Nov 1888

*No marriages are traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1941

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 2 Durham QM printed List of Members: he appears with his family for the first time in 1882
- 3 He does not appear in Durham QM printed List of Members in 1914, but appears in that year as a member of Thirsk Meeting, Yorkshire QM printed List of Members
- 4 The Friend vol 62 (1922) p 614: 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

EDMUNDSON, Joshua (1806?-1848)

Joshua Edmundson, the son of Joshua Edmundson (-) and his wife Charlotte (born) of Dublin, was born about the year 1806(1). He was a Dublin ironmonger and was descended from William Edmundson, the first Friend in Ireland(2).

He was married in 1840 to Mary Wigham (1818-1906 qv) of Edinburgh(3) and there were five children(4).

Joshua Edmundson died of typhus fever, following the Irish potato famine of 1847(5) on 26 June 1848, at the age of forty two(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 42 at death
- 2 See entry for EDMUNDSON, Mary (1818-1906)
- 3 The wedding was at Edinburgh on 6 May 1840: he is described as an iron-monger of Dublin, the son of Joshua, a merchant (deceased) and Charlotte of Dublin; she is described as of Edinburgh, the daughter of John tertius, a merchant and Jane (deceased) of Edinburgh (Scotland QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in L.C.Coombes, Wigham of Coanwood, overprint from Archaeologia Aeliana, 4th series, vol xliiv, Table IV, as follows:-

Joshua William	b 5 Dec 1841	m 1875 Maria Newley
Jane Wigham	b 30 Jan 1843	m 1866 Joseph Fisher Shackleton
Charlotte	b 28 April 1844	d 13 July 1916
Eliza	b 25 Oct 1845	
John Wigham	b 27 Nov 1847	m 1875 Gertrude Watson

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- 5 See entry for EDMUNDSON, Mary (1818-1906)
- 6 L.C.Coombes, loc cit

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

EDMUNDSON, Margaret (Staniford), ca. 1630-1691.

see EDMONDSON, Margaret (Staniford), ca. 1630-1691.

EDMUNDSON, Marion (1878-1961) born Hall

Marion Hall, the daughter of John William Hall (1842-1929 qv) and his wife Mary Ann (born Smith, 1841-1911 qv) of Thirsk in Yorkshire, was born there on 20 February 1878(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1889 to 1893(2).

She was married in 1903 to John Edgar Edmundson (1879-1920 qv), an electrical engineer of Gateshead on Tyne and an old scholar of Ackworth and there were four children, born between the years 1905 and 1911(3).

After her marriage she lived for a short time at Scarborough and afterwards at Grantham and at Hawick in Roxburghshire. The early death of her husband left her with many difficulties, but these she faced with courage, gaiety and a quiet mind.

For many years her home was a lonely cottage on the Yorkshire moors, where she welcomed her children and grandchildren and which became a haven of peace and friendship for refugees. For several years after the second world war she was visited by German ex-prisoners from the nearby camp, who brought their wives to see her.

Marion Edmundson was a trusted friend to all in the neighbourhood and her unfailing faith and courage were an example to all who knew and loved her. Although many years of her life were spent out of the reach of a Quaker meeting her love and loyalty to the Society of Friends remained undimmed to the end of her life.

Marion Edmundson of 9 Swan Road, Harrogate, died on 9 August 1961, at the age of eighty three(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Ackworth Old Scholars Association Reports 81 (1962) p 61

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a grocer and draper
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1879-1930, p 21, entry 10330: from Thirsk
- 3 For marriage and children see EDMUNDSON, John Edgar (1879-1920)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of John Edgar

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

EDMUNDSON, Mary (1680 - 1767) after 1705 , GLOVER

[Mary Edmundson (or Edmonson), daughter of
and () Edmundson ()
travelled in the ministry in 1701 and, in 1705 was married to
Francis Glover () Edmundson,
see

GLOVER, Mary (1680-1767) born Edmundson]

EDMUNDSON, Mary (1818-1906) born Wigham

Mary Wigham, the daughter of John (Tertius) Wigham (1784-1864 qv) and his wife Jane (born Richardson) of Edinburgh, was born there on 6 August 1818(1). From an early age she had the care of her brothers and sisters in a family where the anti-corn law agitation, the passing of the reform bill and the anti-slavery campaign were live issues.

She was married in 1840 to Joshua Edmundson (1806?-1848 qv), a Dublin ironmonger descended from William Edmundson, the first Friend in Ireland; there were five children(2). Her mother-in-law was a descendant of the Jacob Goff of Wexford who refused to bear arms during the Irish rebellion of 1798. The Edmundsons made a happy home for the apprentices who lived with them. Joshua Edmundson died in 1848 of the typhus fever that followed the Irish potato famine, in which Dublin Friends were active in running soup kitchens and other relief. Left a widow with five small children, Mary Edmundson bravely took up her duties and was helped in the family business by her two brothers John Richardson Wigham (1829-1906 qv) and Henry Wigham (1822-1897 qv).

In 1861 she moved to Allermuir, Foxrock. For many years she held the offices of overseer and elder in Bustace Street Meeting. Her voice was occasionally heard in vocal ministry - in loving exhortation or prayer - but the larger part of her ministry lay in practical sympathy. She was a member of the Mountmellick School Committee for forty years.

She attended personally a mothers' meeting in a very poor part of Dublin. She worked most actively in the temperance movement from the beginning. With her brothers she established the Dublin Friends Total Abstinence Association and she also started the Friends Band of Hope. The work of the Friends Foreign Mission Association was close to her heart and she was most hospitable to missionaries home on furlough. She was also active in the anti-slavery cause. She assisted in 1876 in establishing the Dublin Prison Gate Mission and once a week, in all weathers, she regularly welcomed discharged prisoners at the prison gate and took them to the mission house in Blackhall Place to breakfast.

She lived in full possession of her faculties, a beloved grandmother and great grandmother, to the age of eighty eight and drove the six miles into meeting on the last Sunday of her life.

Mary Edmundson of Dublin died on 16 July 1906. (3)

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1907, pp 67-82

Testimony of Dublin MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1907, p 220

EDMUNDSON, Mary (1818-1906) born Wigham

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Scotland QM Births Digest: her father is described as a manufacturer
- 2 For marriage and children see EDMUNDSON, Joshua (1806?-1848)
- 3 L.C.Coombes, Wigham of Coanwood, overprint from Archaeologia Aeliana
4th series, vol x1iv, Table IV gives the year of her death as 1905

SEE ALSO:-

- The Friend vol 46 (1906) p 533
The Christian year 31 January 1907 (Friends House Library vol CC/138)

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

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EDMUNDSON, Mary (Wigham), 1818-1906.

b. Aug. 1818, Edinburgh, dau. John (Tertius) and
Jane (Richardson) Wigham.

m., 1840 Joshua Edmundson, of Dublin, ironmonger.

(d. ca. 1847) Five children. Husband died of typhus fever.

1861, M. E. and family to Allermuir, Foxrock, near
Dublin.

Overseer and elder. Worked against slavery and for
temperance. 1876, worked in the Dublin Prison Gate Mission.

Enthusiastic botanist.

Rheumatism compelled her to be taken in a wheel-chair
to the top of Eustace Mtg.

d. 16 July 1906, Allermuir, Fox Rock, Dublin, aged 88.

The Friend (London), 46(1906):490, 533 (portrait).

An. Mon. (N. S.), 65(1907):67.

EDMUNDSON, Thomas, 1792-1851.

see EDMONDSON, Thomas, 1792-1851.

~~EDMONDSON~~, William (1627-1712)

see EDMONDSON, William (1627-1712)

EDMUNDSON, William, 1627-1712.

see EDMONDSON, William, 1627-1712.

EDRIDGE, John

John Edridge, citizen and haberdasher, son of Thomas Edridge, of Buntingford, in Hertfordshire. In 1683 he married Constance Moore of Love Lane, distiller, widow of Francis Moore. For three years in succession, 1686, 1687, 1688, he was appointed by YM to inspect charitable accounts. For his connection with West Jersey see Penna. Mag. v.

There was another John Edridge, a tanner, of Ratcliff MM.

Suff.i.482,484
First-days Meetings

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.324

WBE:

Additional information:

EDRIDGE, John.

George Fox stayed at his house one night.

Besse, 482, 484.

John Smith's ms., 1:610.

Fox, Short journal, 1925, p. 111.