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STANTON, Daniel (1708-1770)

Called by Rebecca Jones, 'that beloved Friend and Father in the Truth'. He was born in Philadelphia, son of Daniel and Abigail Stanton, of Rhode Island. His father was lost at sea before his birth, and his mother died soon after. The orphan boy was brought up by a brother of his mother, in New Jersey, who apprenticed him to a ship's carpenter for a time. He afterward learned the trade of a joiner, and succeeded his master on the death of the latter. In 1731 he went as companion to Henry Frankland, an English Friend, to Rhode Island, to visit his relatives. He was a nephew of Thomas Chalkley.

Daniel Stanton married, 2mo. 5, 1733, Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah Lloyd, of Philadelphia; she died 2mo. 1. 1748, aged forty years. He mentions having buried four sons before her death, and a week after he buried his youngest son. Of his two daughters, Abigail died 5mo. 23, 1757; she was the eldest, and in her twenty first year. There remained to him but Sarah who was left with his friends Israel Pemberton, or Reuben and Margaret Haines, in Germantown, when he was on his preaching tours. Sarah afterward married Benjamin Dorsey.

Daniel Stanton was a minister for over forty three years. He had traveled about for twenty of these before accompanying Samuel Nottingham, of England, to Barbados and Antigua. His wife's death occurred just before he left, in 1748. From Antigua they visited Tortola, and many 'hazards', we are told, occasioned their landing in Ireland. Between 1757 and 1760, he was engaged in 'visiting families' in Philadelphia. In 1758 he attended several Indian Treaties, and was at Easton, with James Pemberton and Benjamin Hooton, and mentions meeting the famous Indian, Tatamy (or Moses). He was on the Committee with John Woolman when London Grove meeting was set off separately. He also served with John Woolman on the Yearly Meeting's Committee to visit the slave holders near Philadelphia. In 1760 Daniel Stanton was for six months in South Carolina, and in 1768 traveled about New Jersey, New York and Long Island. His chief efforts were directed in his home town against 'stage plays, racing, drunkenness, and other great enormities encouraged and increasing in this city.' He visited the sick, and his presence was a real benediction.

STANTON, Daniel (1708-1770) cont.

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Daniel Stanton died at the house of Israel Pemberton, in Germantown, 6mo. 28, 1770, 'universally beloved.' aged 61: a preacher for 40 years. (Collection of Memorials,' p.282. Testimony, Philada. MM Life, Friends' Library, XII, p.150 ff. See also Israel Pemberton to his brother John, Pemberton Papers, Vol. XXI. p.23, Histor. Soc. Pa, 'Pennsylvania Gazette' for July 5, 1770)

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Piety pro., 8th part, 143

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STANTON, Deborah J., 1823-1890.

SEE LLOYD, Deborah J., nee STANTON, 1823-1890.

STANTON, Olive Mary

( 1898 / - 1974 )

on 25 April  
Olive Stanton was born ~~in about the year~~ 1898.(1)

She was educated at Birmingham University and at Girton College, Cambridge, and after general teaching for fifteen years was appointed Principal of Darlington Training College in 1936. She remained there for twenty five years during which she built up the college, (2) and established firm links between the college and the University of Durham. She retired from this work in 1961. In addition to her work for the college she also served on the local education committee and on the committees of Polam Hall, and Great Ayton School.

She attended regularly at Darlington Meeting where she was greatly loved and where her ministry was very much appreciated. An annual summer event for the Meeting was a " strawberry evening " in her well-kept garden in aid of the United Nations Association.

She died in York, after nearly a year's illness on May 4, 1974, aged 69.

Principal Source    The Friend    Vol 132 (1974) p. 655

References and Notes

1 FRC Teachers Register:

~~XX~~ There is no entry in the Digest of Births. She was aged 69 at death.

2. She published a history of the College in 1966 entitled  
" Our present Opportunities ".

She served for one year (1963-4) on the Agenda Committee and, after three years as deputy, was monthly meeting representative on Friends Education Council 1973-6 [Typescript Committee Index, Friends House Library]

WBE: a  
~~(prepared by RB)~~

STANTON, William, ca. 1816-1898

b. ca. 1816

1878-79, 1884 , Clerk, Ohio Y. Mtg. (F.G.C.)

Useful and esteemed member of Stillwater Quart. Mtg., Ohio

d. 13 Feb. 1898 in Somerton, Belmont Co., Ohio, aged  
ca. 82 yrs.

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 398  
Fds. Intell., 55 (1898), 310

STANTON, William Asplin (1862?-1908)

William Asplin Stanton joined our Society upon convincement in 1892. He was a blacksmith by trade and one for whom strong drink had a powerful attraction. After signing the pledge he had a hard battle to fight but one in which the grace of God held him up, so that there was no turning back. His early experience gave him a rare sympathetic power for helping other men passing through the same form of trial, and this was combined with a wonderful patience. He became an active helper in the Luton Adult School, eventually became a class teacher and died practically in harness.

He was deeply attached to the Society of Friends and, as a member felt his own personal responsibility. He was a diligent attender of both First-day and mid-week meetings for worship. His absolute sincerity and quiet earnestness were leading characteristics. He was no theologian, but always pleaded for reality and consistent practice in the religion of everyday life. Owing to his large Adult-School class on First-days and business on week days he was seldom able to attend Monthly or Quarterly Meetings, but as an Overseer he took his full share of visiting or other special work relating to Ministry and Oversight.

91 In the middle life his health failed but he was helped to forget his troubles in the distraction of daily work and this help from our Heavenly Father largely took away the fear of death.

W.A. Stanton passed away on 1 May 1908. The funeral was largely attended despite the pouring rain. The following words were written soon afterwards by a non-member:-

"There was not anything going in the way of good work that he had not a share in, and you can understand why men put down their tools and streamed out from factory and workshop 'just as they were' to stand at the graveside. You can understand that we all felt as if we'd lost an elder brother."

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Luton and Leighton MM in YM Proc. 1909 p.276

1. There is no record of a marriage in Cumberland & Northumberland Q.S.  
2. No obituaries are recorded in Cumberland & Northumberland Q.S.  
3. Cumberland & Northumberland Q.S. records Digests for 1738/9 (i.e. February 1738/9); the date of his death is not given and there is no description of him.

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STAPLOE, John (1638?-1717)

John Staploe was of 'near the Three Cups, further end of Aldersgate Street' in 1666 and at the Harrow in the same street in 1682. He was a member of Peel MM and active in its administration. In 1666 he married Grace Russell. Of their daughter, Anne Mercy (d.1700) there is a short life-history in Piety Promoted. The names of other children appear in the Marriage Register. Grace Staploe died in child-bed in 1691, aged 44.

The name Hester Staploe appears on the minutes of Peel MM anno 1712.

Sundry Ancient Epistles pp.35,40,41,178  
Kelsall: Diaries  
Christian Progress p.647

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925 p.330

STARBUCK, Alfred Bassett (1818-1874)

Alfred Bassett Starbuck, son of Paul (1780?-1843, qv) and Mary (1787?-1862, qv) Starbuck, was born at Milford Haven on 31 January 1818 (1). He married, probably at some time in the late 1830s or early 1840s, Elizabeth (2). She died at Milford on 22 December 1869 aged 60 years (3). He died there on 27 June 1874 aged 56 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest
- 2 ABS is listed as a member of South Wales MM in 1833 (T.M. Rees, A history of the quakers in Wales, 1925, p.280). Digest of Burial Notes records the burial of a daughter Annie who died 22 February 1846 aged 5 months. No children are entered in Digest of Birth Notes. ABS and his wife are both entered at the time of their deaths as non-members, and it may be assumed that he was disowned at the time of his marriage to her before a priest
- 3 Digest of Burial Notes
- 4 ibid

STARBUCK, Alice (1753?-1822) born

Alice daughter of was  
born about 1753 (1). In she married Daniel Starbuck  
(1751?-1818, qv). They moved from Nantucket to Milford Haven,  
and she died there on 16 July 1822, aged 69 years (2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Approximate year of birth deduced from age at death
- 2 Digest of Burial Notes

**STARBUCK, Alice (1783?-1849)**

Alice Starbuck, daughter of Starbuck, was born  
about 1783 (1). She came from Nantucket to Wales, and died at  
Grants Grove, near Neath, on 8 September 1849, aged 66 years (2).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Approximate year of birth deduced from age at death
- 2 Digest of Burial Notes: she is described as spinster

**STARBUCK, Benjamin (1787?-1819)**

Benjamin Starbuck, son of  
about 1787 (1). After settling in Pembrokeshire he became a  
banker (2). He died at Haverfordwest on 23 April 1819, aged 34  
years (3).

Starbuck, was born  
in Pembrokeshire he became a  
banker (2). He died at Haverfordwest on 23 April 1819, aged 34

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Approximate year of birth deduced from age at death
- 2 So described in ~~BigantxfBxxm~~ entry relating to his death
- 3 Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest

**STARBUCK, Charles Francis (1796-1841)**

Charles Francis Starbuck, son of Samuel (1762?-1829, qv) and Lucretia (1762?-1839, qv) Starbuck of Milford Haven, was born 2 November 1796 (1). He became a stockbroker in London (2), and died at Upper Clapton, London, on 14 October 1841, aged 44 years (3).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

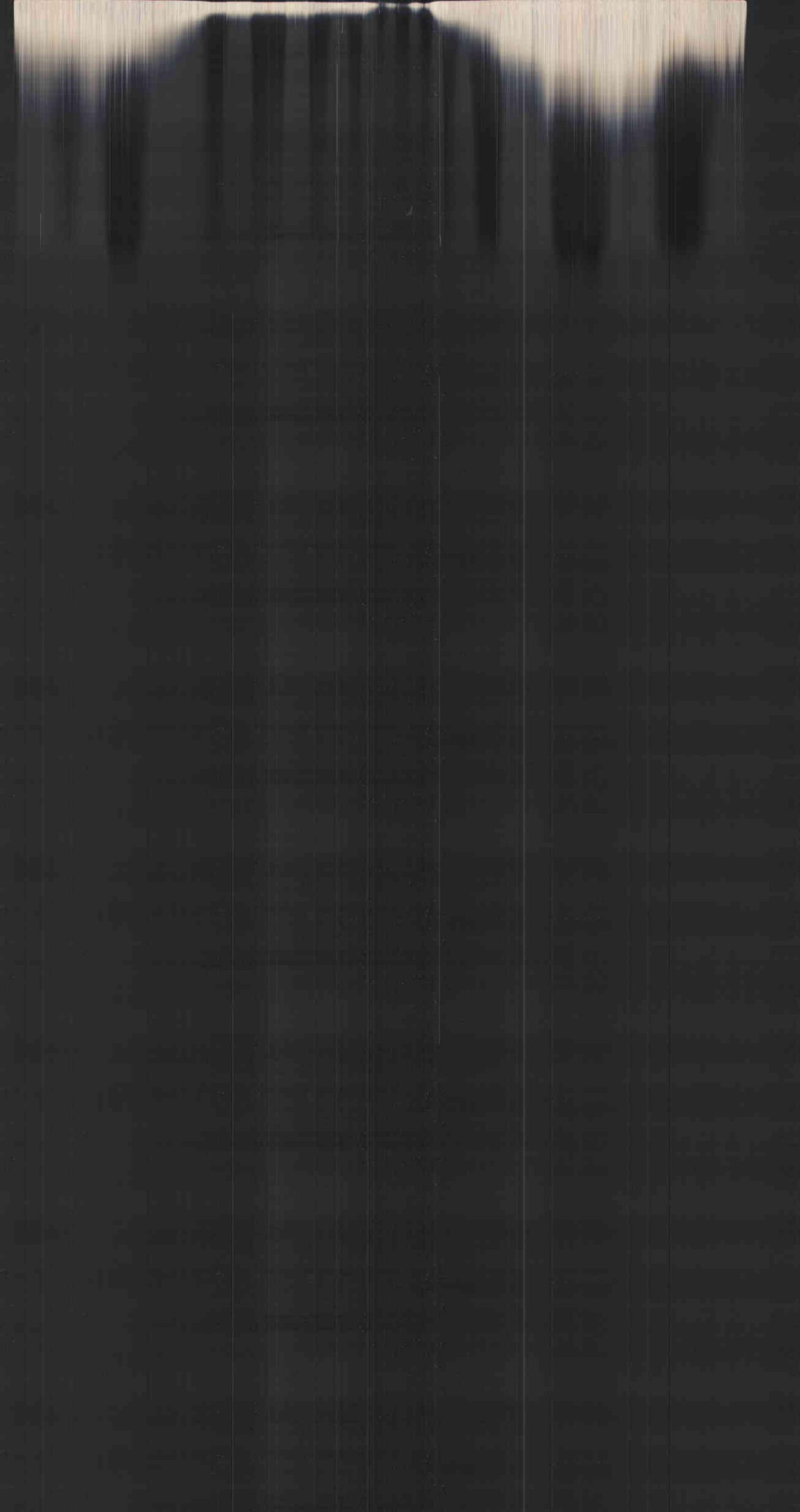
- 1 Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest
- 2 So described in entry relating to his death
- 3 Digest of Burial Notes

STARBUCK, Daniel (1751?-1818)

Daniel Starbuck, son of Starbuck, was  
born about 1751 (1). In he married Alice (1753?-  
1822, qv). They removed to Milford Haven from Nantucket and  
one child was born after the move (2). Daniel Starbuck died at  
Milford on 10 November 1818, aged 67 years (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Approximate year of birth deduced from age at death
- 2 Listed in Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest as follows:-  
Daniel born 9 Jan. 1794, qv  
A daughter, Elizabeth, born presumably before the family's removal  
to Milford, was married in 1812 to James Sheppard of Upton, Essex  
(Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: he is described as  
merchant. Annual monitor 1820 p.35 records that 'his decease was  
occasioned by the fall of a tree, or some timber; by which his body  
was greatly mangled. Though advanced in life, his loss will be  
deeply felt'. No further obituary is given there.



STARBUCK, Daniel (1794-1871)

Daniel Starbuck, son of Daniel (1751?-1818, qv) and Alice (1753?-1822, qv) Starbuck of Milford Haven, was born there on 9 January 1794 (1). He became a draper in Swansea (2). In he married Eliza (3): there was one child (4). His wife died on 1 November 1823, aged 21 years (5). He married, secondly, in Elizabeth (6): there were two children (7). His second wife died at Neath on 29 November 1832 (8). He died at Briton Ferry on 9 May 1871, aged 77 years (9).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: his father is described as merchant
- 2 So described in entries relating to the births of his two elder children (1823-1828); in that relating to the third he is described as shopkeeper; in that relating to his second wife's death (1832) as merchant
- 3 Not in Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest. As Eliza was a non-member (see Burials Digest) Daniel was presumably disowned for marriage before a priest
- 4 Listed in Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest as non-member:-  
Gayer born 29 July 1823, qv
- 5 Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest
- 6 Not in Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest. Elizabeth was a non-member (see Burials Digest). Daniel never appears to have been reinstated: he is not recorded as a member of South Wales MM in 1833 (T.M. Rees, A history of the quakers in Wales, 1925, p.280) and is listed as a non-member in his burial entry
- 7 Listed in Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest as non-members as follows:-  
John Penrose born 1 Dec, 1828, qv  
James Sheppard born 30 March 1830
- 8 Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: listed as non-member
- 9 Digest of Burial Notes: he is described as widower

WBE:

STARBUCK, Edward

Lived in Derbyshire, England. Was convinced  
and joined Friends.

1659 sailed for New England. Bought land  
from the Indians on Nantucket Island and began to  
engage in whale fishery. His descendants carried  
on the fishery. But after the Revolution they took  
the business back to Milford Haven in Wales.

Thomas, The builders of Milford.

## STARBUCK, Gayer (1781?-1858)

Gayer Starbuck, son of Starbuck, was born about 1781 (1). His family removed from Nantucket to Milford Haven. He became a merchant (2) and lived at Priory Lodge, Milford (3). In he married Eleanor (4): there were four children (5). He died at Priory Lodge, Milford, on 27 October 1858, aged 77 years (6). His widow died there on 5 April 1879, aged 79 years (7).

### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Approximate year of birth deduced from age at death
- 2 So described in birth entries relating to his two older children (1830 -1832)
- 3 So described in birth entries relating to his children and to his death
- 4 Marriage not in Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest. The children are all entered as non-members, and in the burial notes both parents are listed as non-members. Gayer Starbuck's name does not appear as a member of South Wales MM in 1833 (T.M. Rees, A history of the quakers in Wales, 1925, p.280) so it may be assumed that he was disowned for marriage before a priest
- 5 Listed in Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest as non-members as follows:-

William Gayer	born 6 Nov. 1830, qv
Ellen Jane	born 23 Oct. 1832
Richard Penrose	born 12 July 1834, qv
Elizabeth Ann	born 7 June 1836
- 6 Digest of Burial Notes: he is described as merchant and listed as a non-member
- 7 Digest of Burial Notes: she is listed as a non-member

**STARBUCK, Gayer (1823-1848)**

Gayer Starbuck, son of Daniel Starbuck (1794-1871, qv) by Eliza, his first wife, was born at Swansea on 29 July 1823 (1). He became a yeoman farmer (2) and died at West Farm, St Brides, on 21 January 1848, aged 24 years (3).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: listed as non-member
- 2 Described as yeoman in death entry
- 3 Digest of Burial Notes: listed as non-member

**STARBUCK, John Penrose (1828-1851)**

John Penrose Starbuck, son of Daniel Starbuck (1794-1871, qv) by Elizabeth, his second wife, was born at Swansea on 1 December 1828 (1). He died at Grants Grove, near Neath, on 27 November 1851, aged 23 years (2).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 ~~Registers of Deaths in Wales & Births Digest~~: he is listed as a non-member
- 2 Digest of Burial Notes: he is described as agent, and listed as a non-member

WBE:

STARBUCK, Joseph, 1774-1861

b. Feb. 27, 1774 at Nantucket, Mass., son of  
Thomas and Dinah (Trott) Starbuck.

m., 1793, Sally Gardner. 10 children. The  
marriage took place before a Justice of the Peace.  
At some time, possibly about this point, J.S. became  
disunited from Friends and is not known to have  
become a member again.

He was active in his father's whaling busi-  
ness and became one of the wealthiest citizens of his  
community. His life might well be compared with  
that of Stephen Girard. When he died the whaling  
industry had passed its apogee and was in decline.

d. March 9, 1861 at Nantucket, Mass., aged  
87 years.

Gardner, Three bricks and three brothers. (portrait)

STARBUCK, Lucretia (1762?-1839) born

Lucretia daughter of was born  
about 1762 (1). In she married Samuel Starbuck (1762?-1829, qv).  
They moved from Nantucket to Milford Haven. She appears to have  
moved from Milford within a few years of her husband's death in 1829 (2)  
and she died at Thirsk, Yorkshire, on 15 December 1839, aged 77 years  
(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Approximate year ~~of~~ birth deduced from age at death
- 2 She is not listed as a member of South Wales MM in 1833 (T.M. Rees,  
A history of the quakers in Wales, 1925, p.280) and as she was a member  
when she died it seems likely that she moved before 1833
- 3 Digest of Burial Notes: she is described as widow of Samuel

WBE:

STARBUCK, Lucy Coffin

1853, she compiled a collection of poetry  
about New England and published it under the title  
Seaweeds from the shores of Nantucket...

Hav. Col. ,PS 586 S65

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7616

STARBUCK, Maria (1798-1844)

Maria Starbuck, daughter of Samuel (1762?-1829, qv) and Lucretia (1762?-1839, qv) Starbuck, was born at Milford Haven on 22 April 1798 (1). Though a member by right of birth, she appears to have forfeited her membership before 1833 (2). She died on 25 January 1844, aged 45 years, and was buried at Milford (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest
- 2 Described as a non-member in entry relating to her death, and not in the list of members of South Wales MM 1833 (T.M. Rees, A history of the quakers in Wales, 1925, p.280)
- 3 Digest of Burial Notes: she is described as spinster and non-member

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STARBUCK, Mary, nee Coffin, 1645-1718

b. Feb. 20, 1645 at Haverhill, Mass. daughter  
of Tristram and Dionis (Stevens) Coffin

m. x. 1662, Nathaniel Starbuck, Jr. 10 children  
Mary is called by later generations "The Great Mary"  
and was a veritable Deborah among the islanders.

c. 1701 she was convinced following three  
separate visits made to the Island by Thomas Chakley,  
John Richardson and Thomas Story. She joined Friends  
} and became a minister.

d. Nov. 13, 1717 at Nantucket, Mass., aged  
about 73 years.

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STARBUCK, Mary (1787?-1862) born

Mary daughter of was  
born about 1787 (1). In she married Paul Starbuck (1780?-  
1843, qv). She died at Milford Haven on 28 September 1862, aged  
75 years (2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Approximate year of birth deduced from age at death
- 2 Digest of Burial Notes: she is described as widow of Paul

STARBUCK, Paul (1780?-1843)

PALEO, BURIED FRIENDS (1854-1872)

Paul Starbuck, son of  
about 1780 (1). His family removed from Nantucket to Milford Haven  
and he became a merchant there (2). He married in Mary  
(3): there were three children (4). He died at Milford Haven on  
14 March 1843, aged 63 years (5).

Starbuck, was born

Mary  
Milford Haven  
(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Approximate year of birth deduced from age at death
- 2 So described in birth entry for his eldest child (1815)
- 3 Marriage not traced in Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest:  
it was, however, presumably according to Friends' usage, as the children  
are recorded as members, and may be traced in another Quarterly Meeting  
Digest
- 4 Listed in Hereford Worcester & Wales GM Births and Burials Digests as  
follows:-

Eliza Sophia	born 16 Sept. 1815
a son	born 10 Feb. 1817
	died 10 Feb. 1817 aged 20 hours
- 5 Alfred Bassett born 31 Jan. 1818, qv  
Eliza Sophia was still a member of South Wales MM in 1833 (T.M. Rees,  
A history of the quakers in Wales, 1925, p.280): she does not appear  
in Digest of Burial Notes up to the year 1900

WBE:

STARK, Thomas, 1781-1857

b. c.1781

Lived at Mevagissey, Cornwall, England.

m. Elizabeth children.

One of his children was Fidelity Stark Hull.

d. Aug. 8, 1857 at Mevagissey, Cornwall,  
aged 76 years.

A Biographical notice of Thomas Stark, the Mevagissy  
Quaker...

An. Mon. (N.S.), 16(1858):169

The Friend (Phila.) 47(1874):410

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup.: 314

STARKEY, Constance ( -1691?) formerly Wilmer, born Sherwood

Constance Sherwood married Capt. Nathaniel Wilmer, (1621-1654). She removed to Ireland after her husband's death. She wrote a letter to Archbishop Fuller in 1661 which was printed (copy in Friends House). In 1666 she married Thomas Starkey, son of George and Ann Starkey, of Wrenbury, Cheshire. They died c. 1691 and were buried at Mountmellick MM per favour of William R. Wigham, registrar, Dublin, 1924)

Based on note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.330

Wilmer Constance  
Sherwood Constance

WBE:

STARR, Ann, afterwards Moore, 1717-1761

see

MOORE, Ann, nee Starr

James Starr

See members Penn Soc  
also Treas 1775 Soc for  
Abolit. of Slavery

etc

: 1785 Hooper

William and Mary Starr of  
arried in 1785 to James  
r).

born Starr ]

START, Mary (1759-1839) after 1786 Corder

[Mary Start, daughter of William and Mary Start of Halstead in Essex, was married in 1786 to James Corder (1756-1835 qv) of Feering Bury in Essex.

See CORDER, Mary (1759-1839) born Start ]

STAVERT, Agnes Riddell (1887?-1946) after 1923 King

[Agnes Riddell Stavert, daughter of William Stavert of Winchmore Hill, London, was married in 1923 to Archibald King (1884-1967 qv) of Winchmore Hill.

See KING, Agnes Riddell (1887?-1946) born Stavert ]

STEAD, Hannah (1780?-1843) after 1806 Wilson

(Hannah Stead, daughter of John and Sarah Stead of Birmingham,  
was married in 1806 to Caleb Wilson (1777-1842, qv).

See WILSON, Hannah (1780?-1843) born Stead)

WBE:

STEAD, John, 1710-1779

b. 1710 In Yorkshire,  
England.

ed. had little school learning.

Invented a mill for taking the hard skin off  
of barley grain. Also invented a sawmill operated  
by a steam engine.

d. 1779, aged about 69 years.

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 19( 1922):52

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STEARNS, Lutie Eugenia, 1866-1943

Librarian; lecturer.

b. 13 Sept. 1866, Stoughton, Mass., dau. Dr. Isaac Holden Stearns and w. Catherine (Guild, possibly Miller?). 1871, family moved to Milwaukee, Wis.

Ed.: 1887, grad, Milwaukee State Normal.

Taught for two yrs., public schools. 1890-97, supt., circulation dept., Milwaukee Public Library. 1893-95, helped estab. state library commission. 1897, became first paid staff mem., Free Library Commission; 1914, resigned, after serious illness and nervous breakdown, to devote time to lecturing and support of reform causes. Served as chief of traveling library dept. 1932-35, wrote column for Sunday Milwaukee Journal.

Campaigned for woman suffrage. 1922-27, Bd. of Regents, Wis. Normal Schools. 1928, toured Europe to study conditions for Amer. Institute of Internat'l Relations.

Mem.: A.L.A.; Women's Internat'l. League for Peace and Freedom; Down Town Club, Milwaukee (served as Pres.); Milwaukee City Club (former V-Pres.); Wis. Federation of Women's Clubs (founder); Milwaukee Business and Professional Women Club; 1912-16, bd. of dirs., General Federation fo Women's Clubs.

Described as "slight, plain woman, handicapped by a stammer." Friends included Edna Ferber, Jane Addams. After WWI, L.S. left Cong. Ch. to join Friends.

Among writings are: "Organization of Public Libraries;" "The Child and the Library;" "The Old and the New in Education;" "List of Books of Interest and Consolation for Spinsters."

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STEARNS, Lutie Eugenia, 1866-1943 cont'd

After a long illness, d. 25 Dec. 1943, of cancer, at her home in Milwaukee; ashes bur. Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wis.

James, Edward, ed., Notable Amer. Women, 3:353-54.

N.Y. Times, 27 Dec. 1943, 19:2.

Who's Who in Amer., 8:2222; 20:2357.

STEARNS, Edward (1829-1914)

Edward Stears was born on 16 August 1829, the eldest child of William Morley Stears (1802-1864 qv) and his wife Maria Stears (1806-  
born Johnson) of Leeds, Yorkshire (1). He was educated at Sidcot School, where he was a pupil from 1840, and at Lawrence Street (afterwards Bootham) School, York, from 1843 to 1844 (2). Like his father, he became a gas engineer; in 1857 he moved from Hull, where the family had been settled since about 1840, to London. In 1857 he married Rachel Abigail (1830-qv) Key.(3) Six children of the marriage are recorded (4).

It would appear that the first years of the marriage were ones of travel - their eldest daughter was born at Newcastle, co Wicklow, their second at Queen's Town, co Cork - but their home was in London, initially in Holloway, then in Islington, and finally in Brentford, before moving to Ireland about 1864 (5). They returned to London - by way of the West Riding of Yorkshire - about 1867, leaving it for Hull in 1871 (6).

By 1877 they had settled at Lisburn in northern Ireland, where Edward Stears managed the gas works (7). He served as president of the Gas Engineers Association, Ireland. He died at Lisburn on 6 July 1914. (8)

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest, where his father is described as a cutler of Leeds; he appears incorrectly in Bootham School register (1914) p 238 as born at Hull.
- 2 Sidcot register (1919) p 167; Bootham School register, loc cit.
- 3 Ibid; Peel MM register of members (1837-1860), LSF, which notes his acceptance into membership by certificate from Hull MM in May 1857, describing him as a gas engineer, living at 4 Crane Grove, Albion Road, Holloway. The marriage took place on 21 September 1857 at Brentford End; he was described as a bachelor and gas engineer of Holloway, son of William Morley Stears, gas engineer; and she as a spinster of Isleworth, daughter of William Key, printer.
- 4 Sidcot register and Bootham School register both give two sons and four daughters, but only the following have been traced in Digest of Births:

Maria Josephine	b 9 Dec 1858
Florence Helena	b 13 May 1860
Anna	b 13 Jan 1862
William Edward	b 12 Sept 1863
Samuel Morley	b 9 March 1868

It would appear that another daughter (perhaps born in Ireland) died young.
- 5 Digest of Births: Anna was born at Canonbury, where they had moved from 11 Ellington Terrace, Islington (Westminster MM register of members (1857-1864), LSF); William Edward was born at Brentford. The family's certificate of removal to Longford MM, of September 1863 was forwarded to Blackrock, Cork (Westminster MM removal certificate register (1832-1865)).
- 6 Westminster & Longford MM register of members (1865-1886) which records that the family were received as members by certificate from Brighouse MM in June 1867, and had a certificate out to Pickering & Hull MM in July 1871.
- 7 Ulster QM List of members, 1877, which records Edward and Bachelor Steers [sic] and their children Josephine, Helena, Anna, William Edward and Samuel Morley as members of Lisburn MM, living at Bridge Street, Lisburn. They do not appear in the 1874 List. Bootham School register records his retirement as manager in 1907 and notes his hobbies as natural history, fishing, shooting and mechanics.
- 8 Sidcot register.

STEARS, Isabel (1770?-1862) after 1796 Kitching

(Isabel Stears, daughter of Thomas and Mary Stears of Bewholme in Yorkshire, was married in 1796 to John Kitching (1771-1864 qv).

See KITCHING, Isabel (1770?-1862) born Stears )

STEARS, Thomas William (1832-1903)

Thomas William Stears was born on 4 May 1832, the second child of William Morley Stears (1802-1864 qv) and his wife Maria (1806- qv, born Johnson) of Leeds, Yorkshire (1). He was educated at Ackworth School, where he was a pupil from 1842 to 1844, and at York (2).

He became a gas company promoter. In 1864 he married Mary Carr.

Thomas William Stears died in 1903. (3)

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest, where his father is described as a cutler, of Leeds. The family moved to Stroud, Gloucestershire, about 1833 and from there to Hull, Yorkshire, about 1840.
- 2 Ackworth scholars 1779-1879, entry no 6471; Bootham School register, (1914) p 238 which notes that he became a pupil at the Lawrence Street school in 1845 and at Bootham in the following year.
- 3 The marriage is not recorded in Digest of Marriages, nor is it announced in The Friend between January 1864 and March 1865. No children of the marriage are given in Bootham School register, which also notes that he was blind, and that his hobby was music. It gives only the year of death and his residence as Hull; the death is not recorded in Digest of Deaths.

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STEARS, William Morley (1802-1864)

William Morley Stears was born on 3 June 1802 at Leeds, Yorkshire, the son of Morley (1772- ) and Martha Stears ( ) of Leeds (1).

By 1822 he was a cutler and instrument maker at Leeds (2). In 1828 he married Maria (1806- ) Johnson, daughter of Thomas (1772-1835) and Jane Johnson (1770?-1842, born Mason ) of Hull, Yorkshire (3). Six children of the marriage are recorded (4).

By 1834 he had apparently become an engineer and the family had moved to Stroud, Gloucestershire; by 1842 they had settled at Hull (5).

William Morley Stears died on 21 March 1864, aged 61 (6).

REFERENCES & NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest, where he is entered as not possessing a birthright membership; his father's insolvency had led to disownment by York MM in November 1797 (typescript index to York MM applications for membership, etc (1672-1797), Brotherton Library, University of Leeds, K.2.1 pp 305-306). At his son's birth in 1802, Morley Stears was entered as a bookkeeper and warehouseman of Leeds.
- 2 In Edward Baines, History, directory & gazetteer of the county of York [Leeds, 1822, reprinted New York, 1969], vol 1 p 80, W.M. Stears appears as 'working cutler, surgeon's instrument, umbrella, & parasol manufacturer, & agent to Cluley instrument maker, Sheffield, 86, Briggate, [Leeds].'
- 3 Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest, where he is described as a cutler of Leeds, son of Morley (land agent) and Martha Stears of Leeds; and she as daughter of Thomas (hardwareman) and Jane Johnson of Kingston-upon-Hull. The marriage took place on 11 December 1828, at Hull.
- 4 They are given as follows in Yorkshire QM Births Digest:

Edward	b 16 Aug 1829
Thomas William	b 4 May 1832

in Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest and in Digest of Deaths:

Maria Jane	b 15 Oct 1834
Samuel	b 23 Feb 1836
	d 1 May 1861

and in Digests of Births and Deaths:

John	b 30 July 1837
George	b 21 March 1842
	d 24 April 1861
- 5 He is described as an engineer at the births of his children in 1834, 1836 and 1837; at the birth of his son George in 1842 he is described as of Hull, but no occupation is given. At the marriage of his son Edward in 1857, William M. Stears is entered as 'gas engineer' (Digest of Marriages)
- 6 Digest of Deaths, where he is described as 'gas agent' of Hull; he was buried at Cottingham, near Hull.

STEDMAN, Mary (fl 1833-1884) after 1833 Ashby

[Mary Stedman, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Stedman of Cobham in Surrey, was married in 1833 to Francis Ashby (1808-1837 qv).]

See ASHBY, Mary (fl 1833-1884) born Stedman ]

STEED, Fanny (1877-1948) formerly Bragg, born Duckett

Fanny Steed was born Fanny Duckett on 30 October 1877, being one of twin sisters. She was twice married, first to Sidney Bragg in 1906 and then in 1933 to George Steed.

Fanny Steed first became acquainted with Friends at Stafford over thirty years ago when Mission and Sunday School work was carried on; after attending Meeting for Worship for some time she applied for membership. She had charge of the Sunday School and Girls' Club for many years, and in 1938 became Monthly Meeting Clerk, holding this office until 1947, when ill health compelled her to resign. She served on the Committee of the Guild of Social Welfare, helped with the Women's Adult School and was an active member of the Women's Co-Operative Guild.

'It was as fulfilling her duties as Clerk and Elder of the Staffordshire Monthly Meeting that she is best remembered, and with thankfulness. To that service she brought all the sweetness and love with which she was endowed, and guided the Meetings for business with grace and wisdom. To her was given the task of holding the life of our Meetings together during the difficult war years. Only those living in a scattered area such as ours, where Meetings are small and much is asked of few, can realise what that meant. Long journeys, often in the blackout and at times in poor health, added to advancing years, called for courage and endurance and dependence on God.

It can truly be said of her "After she had served her own generation, she fell on sleep".

She died 4 May 1948.

Testimony of Staffordshire MM in YM Proc. 1949 p.182

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7. May 1948

STEEL, Elizabeth ( -1747) after 1725 Hingston

(Elizabeth Steel, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Steel of Falmouth, was married in 1725 to Richard Hingston (1695-1748 qv).)

See HINGSTON, Elizabeth ( -1747) born Steel )

STEEL, Hannah (1681-1758) aftw. Wilson

[Hannah Steel, daughter of Joseph and Mary Steel  
of Moresgate, was married in 1715 to Richard Wilson  
of Cockermouth

see WILSON, Hannah (1681-1758) born Steel]

STEELE, Harold ( 1894 ? - 1979 )

Harold Steele was born in about the year 1894.(1) Little is known of his early life but he was a pacifist in the first world war and was imprisoned for his beliefs. Towards the end of his working life, curtailed through an accident, he went to live in a house perched high on the Malvern Hills.(2) He had a wife, Sheila, three children and limited savings but in 1957 he decided to make his stand against the horrors of nuclear warfare by sailing into the area of Christmas Island, the scheduled site for the next H.Bomb test. In spite of being unfit he was helped by a Japanese business man, who sponsored the visit, letters and help came from many people and groups and television interviews for I.T.V. and the Canadian Broadcasting Corpn. gave him an opportunity to speak out against the horrors and dangers of H. bombs. He reached Tokyo but was prevented from going to Christmas Island and later had to return home.

Later on he moved to Devonshire in about 1972 and he died there on April 16, 1979. aged 85.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 137 (1979) p. 590

death notice p. 476

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 85 at death.
2. Western QM printed list of members for 1955 records them both as attenders at Malvern meeting.
3. Worcester & Shropshire MM printed list of members for 1967 records his wife Sheila as an attender at Malvern, but there is no mention of him. In 1970 the list records them both as attenders.  
Devon & Cornwall GM printed list of members for 1973 records them both as attenders at Plymouth. The list for 1976 records Sheila as a member, but the lists for 76, 77 & 78 show Harold still as an attender.

WBE:

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STEEL (or Steele), John

b. in Cumberland, England.

1654 convinced and joined Friends. Became a minister. He was a man of excellent spirit, and clear in discerning the states and conditions of many people to whom he was made serviceable.

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Suffered despoiling of goods.

1677, A certain John Steel, a country ploughman, took part in a conference held in Bristol to try to reconcile persons splitting off from Friends owing to the Wilkinson-Story controversy. This J.S. bore a wonderful testimony, after which Wilkinson and Story remained silent, although they did not return to unity.

d. 1680 in Cumberland, England.

Penney, First publishers...38, 74

Piety pro., 2d part, 219

John Smith's Ms. 3:323

Taylor, Valiant Sixty, 93

Friends Library (Phila.) II:364

Kite (Walton), Incidents..., 371

The Friend (Phila.), 2(1828):140

STEEL, John William (1844?-1917)  
Also W.B.E.

John William Steel was born at Hutton Rudby, Yorkshire, where his father, a Scotchman, was in business as a builder. In early life he went to West Hartlepool, where he entered a printing business of which he later became proprietor, and which was subsequently carried on by his brother. In his early youth he had been brought up as a strict Presbyterian.

He began writing for the "South Durham and Cleveland Mercury" and other papers, and later joined the staff of the "Northern Echo" at Darlington under the editorship of W.T.Stead, who became a lifelong friend. He went next to Newcastle, on the staff of the "Newcastle Chronicle" where he remained for over 30 years, holding for most of the time the position of commercial editor (1). He was a most able journalist and made a detailed study of the iron and steel industries, the coal trade and railway undertakings, ships and ship building. He wrote on all these subjects with a sure grasp of facts and a lucidity of expression which made his articles both instructive and intelligible to the uninitiated.

He was a familiar figure at the Newcastle Commercial Exchange for many years and was held in high esteem by its members. He had an extensive knowledge of Quaker literature and history and wrote some valuable contributions on these subjects. He collaborated with Thomas Pumphrey in producing a history of "The Society of Friends in Newcastle and Gateshead".

John Steel married in Ackworth Meeting House an Irish Friend, Mary Chapman, from Co. Armagh, who had been on the nursing staff at Ackworth (2). There were three children (3)

He died, almost literally in harness, for when he could no longer hold a pen he dictated to his daughter an article on the iron and steel industry. He died on 17 October 1917 aged 73. It was said of him "J.W.Steel was not one who could lay bare the sacred things of the soul, but he lived his religion by his acts."

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Annual Monitor 1918 p.146

#### REFERENCES & NOTES :

- 1 For his retirement, see Friend (Lond.) 1913 p.32
- 2 The marriage was at Ackworth on 26 January 1886. He is described as bachelor, reporter, son of Archibald Stewart Steel, Stationer. She is described as spinster, daughter of Robert Chapman, farmer.
- 3 Children listed in Digest of Births <sup>Notes</sup> as follows :-

William Robert	born 6 June 1887
Mary Eleanor	born 4 November 1888
John Parker	born 20 December 1891

#### SEE ALSO :

Note re integrity, Friend (Lond.) 1918 p.43

Obituary Newcastle Chron. 18.x.1917 ; Newcastle Daily Mail 19.x.1917,  
(both vol.RR/183)

STEEL, Lawrence (1644?-1684)

W.B.E.

Additional references

Lawrence Steel was born in London and brought up among the Independents. For some time he acted as a Chaplain and Tutor in Dorsetshire. After his convincement in 1673, he settled in Bristol and kept school at the meeting-house at the Friars (Knight Sidcot School, 1908, pp.4, 5). 'He was a comely Person, but pale Complexioned, being inclined to a Dropsie, and inform as to his Health... of a grave solid serious Deportment; of a sweet even Temper and Disposition; of a sedate retired Life' (Whiting, Memoirs 1715, pp.115-119). In 1681, George Whitehead, Charles Jones, Jun., of Bristol and L. Steel appeared before Charles II to seek liberty for Friends imprisoned in Bristol, but with little success (Whitehead, Christian Progress, 1725, pp.504-513). Steel's death was accelerated by his sufferings in Newgate, Bristol. Some of his earlier spiritual experiences are detailed in his tract Jacob the Plain Man wrestling with God... and prevailing... over Esau, 1677.

Fox is hardly fair to Steel when he states that he 'preacht for hire', as Steel was very tender-spirited on this subject. Whiting says distinctly that when Steel's yearly stipend came to be paid for services in Dorsetshire 'he coult not take for Preaching or Praying (which also he had refused in London)' (Memoirs, p.117). No reference to 'Wiltsheere' has been found in records of his early life.

Whiting, Persecution exposed 115-119  
The Friend (Phila.), 1843, pp.101, 109, 118, 126

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 761k

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.465

STEEL, Nicholas ( -1697)

Nicholas Steel, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1977) traced, was probably a convinced Friend living at Bolton in Cumberland. He was married in 1661 to Mable Clerke(1) and there were eight children(2).

He died in 1697 and was buried on 26.vi.(August)1697(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at William Lothwheyt, Wharigg, on 15.x.(Dec)1661; no description of them is given (Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digest)
- 2 Listed in Cumberland & Northumberland Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

*Sarah	b 26 x (Dec)1662	
Mary	b 26 x (Dec)1662	who was buried at Wigton 31 xi 1662(i.e. Jan 1662/3)
*Jacob	b 11 vii (Sept)1664	who was buried 12 x (Dec)1728
*John	b 22 i (March)1667 (i.e. probably 1666/7, but possibly 1667/8)	
Joseph	b 7 ii (April)1670	who was buried 8 vi(Aug)1687
Anos	b 8 iii (May)1672	who was buried 15 vi(Aug)1672
Susan	b 2 v(July)1674	who in 1695 John Barker Junr
Rebeckey	b 22 viii(Oct)1677	who was buried 20 ii(April) 1678
- 3 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials Digest: the date of his death and his age at death are not given

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

STEELE, Joseph (1768-1831)

Joseph Steele, the son of Jonathan Steele ( - ) and his wife Ann (born ) of Thames Street in the parish of St Dunstans in the East, London, was born there on 26 September 1768(1).

He became a distiller at Clerkenwell(2) and was married in 1791 to Mary Sterry (1772-1847 qv) of London(3); there were eight children(4). About 1796 he became a flour factor and moved to Newington, then to Wandsworth and finally to Mitcham in Surrey(5).

Joseph Steele of Queen Square, Bristol, died on 14 September 1831, at the age of about sixty three(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Tottenham on 24 November 1791: he is described as a distiller of Woodbridge Street, parish of St James, Clerkenwell, the son of Jonathan and Ann Steele of Croydon in the county of Surrey; she is described as the daughter of Henry and Mary Sterry, late of Hatton Garden (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Mary	b 10 Nov 1792
*Anna Sophia	b 1 Feb 1794
*Hannah	b 9 Sept 1796
*Joseph	b 24 Feb 1798
Henry	b 18 Oct 1799
*Jonathan	b 13 June 1802
*Robert	b 6 Oct 1803
*Elizabeth	b 7 Sept 1813

\*No marriages traced in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1870
- 5 No occupation is given for his two eldest children, but on Hannah's birth in 1796 he is described as a flour factor: by the time Joseph was born in 1798 he had moved to Newington and in 1802, on Jonathan's birth, to Wandsworth; his youngest child Elizabeth was born in 1813 at Mitcham
- 6 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1832, p 44: 1 line entry for death

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

STEELE, Mary (1772-1847) born Sterry

Mary Sterry, the daughter of Henry Sterry (1732-1787 qv) and his wife Mary (born Fleatham, 1744?-1816 qv) of Snowhill, London, was born there on 4 July 1772(1).

She was married in 1791 to Joseph Steele (1768-1831 qv), a distiller of Clerkenwell and there were eight children(2). Her husband subsequently became a flour factor and they moved several times(3). In 1828 she published The Miscellany, moral and religious anecdotes and some verse(4).

Mary Steele of Milverton in Somerset died on 12 January 1847, at the age of seventy four(5), a widow for about sixteen years.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see STEELE, Joseph (1768-1831)
- 3 See entry for STEELE, Joseph (1768-1831)
- 4 Joseph Smith's Catalogue, vol 2, p 623
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Joseph

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1848, p 117: 2 line entry for death

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

WBE:

STEELE, Mary, c.1773-1847

b. c.1773

m., Joseph Steele (d.1831) They made their  
home in Croydon, Eng.

1828 she published The Miscellany... These  
were moral and religious anecdotes and some verse.

d. Jan. 12, 1847 at Milverton, Somersetshire,  
England aged 74 years.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:623

An. Mon. (N.S.), 6(1848):117

The Friend (London), 5 (1847):40

Frds. Hist. Lib., Swarth., BX 7616

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WBE:

STEER, Harriet, nee Harlan, 1795-1883

b. Aug. 20, 1795 at Doe Run, Chester County, Pa.,  
daughter of Enoch and Hannah Harlan.

She and her family joined Friends having been  
much reached by the ministry of William Savery. In  
1809 at Fallowfield, Chester County, Pa., she had a  
deep religious experience.

The family moved westward and settled about  
14 miles up the river from Zanesville, Ohio. She  
became a teacher as well as a student at Mt. Pleasant,  
Ohio.

m. (c.1820) Samuel Steer and settled near Mt.  
Leasant, O. 2 daughters. He died in 1838 soon  
after the family had removed to Cincinnati, O. Her  
health was not robust following a severe illness.

After her husband's death H.S. opened a board-  
ing house. She was a wide reader, giving much care to  
the poor. A minister.

d. Aug. 1, 1883 at Cincinnati, O.

Steer, Through grace to glory. Memory sketches from the  
life of Harriet Steer. (portrait)

WBE:

STEERE, Florence Esther, nee Trueblood, 1883-1935

b. Sept. 9, 1883 near New Vienna, Ohio, daughter  
of Benjamin F. and Sarah Huff (Terrell) Trueblood.

1884, removed with her parents to Oskaloosa,  
Iowa where he father was president of Penn College.  
1892 Family removed again to Boston where he father  
became head of the American Peace Society. They lived  
in Roxbury, Mass. and later Newton Highlands.

ed. Girls' Latin School, Roxbury, Mass. and  
1905 graduated from Boston University, Phi Beta Kappa.

1905-06 taught in Southboro, Mass. High School.

1906-10 taught French at Germantown Friends  
School, Phila., Pa.

m., Sept. 1910, Jonathan M. Steere. 2 sons.

F.T.S. was active in peace movement, of many  
Friendly concerns and was a gracious and beautiful  
woman.

1918 began service on Committee for Friends Sel-  
ect School, which continued till her death. She was  
Recording Clerk for 5 years.

d. March 21, 1935 after having been struck by an  
automobile near her home in Haverford, Pa. She was  
buried in the Friends burial grounds near Mapleville, R.I.

STEEVENS, Elizabeth (1756?-1841) born

Elizabeth Steevens, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1980) traced, was born about the year 1756(1).

She was married to Joseph Steevens (1728-1801 qv), a mealman of Chipping Wycombe in Buckinghamshire, some time prior to 1782 and there were nine children(2).

Elizabeth Steevens of Chipping Wycombe died on 13 October 1841, at the age of eighty five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 85 at death
- 2 For marriage and children see STEEVENS, Joseph (1728-1801)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Joseph

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

STEEVENS, James (1791-1850)

James Steevens,\* the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Steevens of Chepping Wycombe in Buckinghamshire, was born there on 5 January 1791(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1799 to 1805(2) and after leaving school he became a grocer at Basingstoke(3). He was married in 1834 to Sarah Hewett Gregory (1809-1877 qv) of Poole in Dorset(4) and there were three children(5).

James Steevens of Basingstoke died on 25 February 1850 at the age of fifty nine(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Buckinghamshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given, but he is described as a mealman in entries for other children of the family
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 48, no 2119
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Poole on 16 July 1834: he is described as a grocer of Basingstoke, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth of High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire; she is described as the daughter of Charles and Sarah, of Poole in the county of Dorset (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest and the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-  
\*Charles James b 23 Nov 1835  
Joseph Gregory qv b 4 April 1837 who d 21 Nov 1867  
Elizabeth Sarah b 18 June 1846 who m 1875 John Procter
- 6 \*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903

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

\*Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 90 erroneously gives him as John Steevens

STEEVENS, Jeremiah ( -1688)

Jeremiah Steevens belonged to Upperside MM., Bucks (Jnl FHS ix. 196). He was a maltster. His widow, Ann Steevens, departed this life in 1712. A son, Jeremiah, died in 1682. In 1665 while several Friends, including Jeremiah Steevens, were carrying the remains of Edward Perrot to the graveyard at Jordans, Ambrose Bennett of Bulstrode, 'rushed out of his inn... and having drawn his sword... with a forcible thrust threw the coffin off the bearers' shoulders, so that it fell to the ground in the midst of the street where it lay till evening'. Steevens and others were taken prisoners (Besse, Suff.; Littleboy, Jordans, 1920). The Steevens family was, for several generations, prominent among Friends in Wycombe. The old oak table at which Steevens entertained Fox, Penn, Ellwood and others is still preserved (Hist. of Life of Thomas Ellwood, Graveson ed. 1906).

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.373

STEEVENS, Joseph (1728-1801)

Joseph Steevens, the son of Joseph and Mary Steevens of Wycombe in Buckinghamshire, was born there on 28.viii.(October)1728(1).

He was a mealman of Chipping Wycombe(2) and was married some time prior to 1782 to Elizabeth (1756?-1841 qv)(3); there were nine children(4).

Joseph Steevens of Chipping Wycombe died on 21 July 1801, at the age of seventy two(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bucks QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given  
His place of birth is spelt Wickham
- 2 He is so described in the birth entries of his 6 youngest children
- 3 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 4 Listed in Bucks QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

*Joseph Seymour	b 22 March 1782	
*Mary	b 10 Nov 1783	
Elizabeth	b 20 May 1785	m 1816 George Robinson
Rebecca	b 7 Oct 1787	m 1814 Frederic Farrand
James	b 9 Jan 1789	d 15 Dec 1789
James qv	b 5 Jan 1791	m 1834 Sarah Hewett Gregory (1809-1877 qv) (Dorset & Hants QM)
*William	b 15 Nov 1792	
Sarah	b 18 Jan 1795	m 1832 Jacob George
Anna	b 21 June 1797	m 1848 John Huntley (1784-1871 qv)
- \*No marriages traced in Bucks QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1860
- 5 Bucks QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

STEEVENS, Joseph Gregory (1837-1867)

Joseph G. Stevens, the son of James and Sarah Hewett Stevens of Basingstoke in Hampshire, was born there on 4 April 1837(1). He was early of a religious turn of mind and his influence for good was felt even among his schoolfellow.

What promised to be a useful and fruitful life, of purity and innocence, was cut short by a long continuing illness and he died at Basingstoke on 21 November 1867, at the age of thirty(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1869 pp 190-191

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QN Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a chemist of Cross Street, Basingstoke

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

STEVENS, Sarah Hewett (1809-1877) born Gregory

Sarah Hewett Gregory, the daughter of Charles\* and Sarah Gregory of Martock in Somerset, was born there on 11 February 1809(1). She was educated at Sidcot School from 1819 to 1822 and in 1834 she was married to James Stevens (1791-1850 qv) of Basingstoke; there were three children(2). She was an occasional contributor to The Friend and to the Friends' Quarterly Examiner.

Sarah Hewett Stevens of Basingstoke died on 23 September 1877 at the age of sixty eight(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 90

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father is described as a baker
- 2 For marriage and children see STEVENS, James (1791-1850)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of James

\*Sidcot Register, op cit, erroneously gives him as Charles James

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

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WBE:a

STEINER, (Clara) Elizabeth Perry, 1886-1974.

b. 19 January 1886, in Westerly, Rhode Island.

ed. Wellesley College; grad. from the Smith College of Social Work with the equivalent of a master's degree.

m. 1941, Edward A. Steiner (d. 1956), a Professor of Religion at Grinnell College in Iowa.

1930-1940, psychiatric social worker in the Providence, Rhode Island, child guidance clinic.

Lived in Claremont, California, *at the end of her life.*

"Elizabeth was physically frail most of her life but there was never anything frail about her spirit! Her physical ailments, discomforts, or severe pain never interfered with her deep concern for the problems and suffering of others--and she gave of herself and her resources--both material and spiritual--in the cause of world peace, prison visiting, civil rights, the activities and projects of the American Friends Service Committee."

d. 23 January 1974. Her memorial service was at the Claremont Friends Meeting House. She willed her body for the use of the U.C.L.A. Medical Center, after which there would be cremation and burial of her ashes in Westerly, R.I.

STEINIGANS, Toni

1882?  
( ~~1872~~ - 1973 )

Toni Steinigans was a member of Wuppertal Meeting, Germany.

She had contacts with English Friends through her association with the Friends Relief Service Home at Bad Pyrmont.

She died on January 25, 1973 at the age of 90. Her ashes were interred at Bad Pyrmont on March 25.

SOURCE

The Friend Vol 131 (1973) p 582

SGJ 1976

STENDAHL, Greta (1883 ? - 1968) ✓

Greta Stendahl was born in about the year 1883 (1) a Swedish Friend who was a founder member of the Swedish Society of Friends and was Clerk of Sweden Yearly Meeting from 1935 - 1946.

She was in touch with English Friends during the first world war and subsequently took an active part in international work, being known in the United States of America as well as in Europe.

She died on March 24, 1968, aged 85.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE      The Friend    Vol. 126 (1968) p.398

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 85 at death.

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STEPHEN, Caroline Emelia (1835-1909)

Caroline E. Stephen's earlier days were closely connected with Cambridge as her father Sir James Stephen was Professor of History in the University. Her parents were devoted members of the Church of England, but she was one of that generation of men and women at Cambridge who looked for proof where their forefathers had been content with tradition. In the Society of Friends she found liberty, not only from dogma but from formalism. In it she found also a completely congenial mode of worship.

During her residence in Chelsea she opened a Friends' Meeting in her own house. Many gathered there were not members of the Society, but belonged to her own circle of friends.

Caroline E. Stephen was recorded a minister by Worcestershire and Shropshire Monthly Meeting in November 1889 during the time of her residence at Malvern. Her communications were usually short, and never took the form of a closely reasoned address; her thoughts were not illustrated by anecdote or narrative, either scriptural or otherwise; typically they found utterance in the form of a direct exhortation, which seemed to well up from within her spirit as does one of the vortices in a mighty current.

Whilst she was in sympathy with all rightly directed effort both at home and abroad, her own concern lay rather with those with whom she felt a natural affinity. Her circle of intimate friends contained more non-Friends than members of the Society, and she never allowed this circle to grow to such an extent as to impair her proper concern for each one. This restriction was rendered more easy by her physical infirmity which very much restricted her to her own home. Within the limits of the Society she confined herself almost exclusively to Meetings for Worship and Discipline. "My earnest desire" she wrote to Young Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting "has been to contribute what I could towards the maintenance of one form of united worship which seems to me to be absolutely pure, allowable, fitting and effectual, as offered by the humble and contrite in spirit to the High and Holy One that inhabiteth Eternity."

Caroline Stephen became a member of Cambridge, Huntingdon and Lynn Monthly Meeting in 1895. During her later years she took part in a series of informal gatherings of Friends who were either students of the University or of Newnham or Girton Colleges. These meetings took place on Sunday evenings in one of the Colleges. She also delighted to help the more earnest young Friends, sometimes in groups, sometimes alone.

Through her writings Caroline Stephen reached a large circle, both within and without the Society. In 'Quaker Strongholds' and 'Light Arising' she has given one of the most striking statements of the basis of the Society of Friends which has appeared in our time. She writes, "Doubts of each others orthodoxy have been so freely interchanged in all directions among

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STEPHEN, Caroline Emelia (1835-1909) continued

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Christians as to have lost much of their force. But no true Christian will contentedly acquiesce in any doubt as to his loyalty to Christ."

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Cambridge Huntingdon & Lynn MM in YM Proc. 1910 p.270

SEE ALSO :

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STEPHEN, Suzanne

( 1887 ? - 1972 )

Suzanne Stephen was a South African Friend, who was a tremendous worker for Friends' causes, and for right and justice. From its early days she had been an active supporter of the Quaker Service Fund, she was also a staunch and active committee member of the Black Sash movement and fearless in her open condemnation of apartheid.

During the last few years of her life she lived in a small bed-sitting room in a well planned home for the elderly in Johannesburg, about twenty minutes walk from the meeting house. From this base which was used also as an office she developed a comprehensive scheme of elementary correspondence courses for long term African prisoners. To about five hundred prisoners she became perhaps their only friend for with the returned lessons she would add personal notes praising and encouraging her unknown correspondents. She had a small band of white women helpers but insisted on signing all their work herself.

She celebrated her 85th birthday with members of the meeting and although growing frail continued most of her usual activities until very shortly before her death.

She died on November 7, 1972 at the age of 85.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE    The Friend    Vol 130 (1972) pp 1426, 1502.

STEPHEN, Suzanne, ca. 1887-1972

Additional Information

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Spoke Afrikaans fluently.  
Member, Transvaal Monthly Meeting.

The Friend (London) 130(1972)1503.

Society of Friends, South Africa Yearly Meeting, List of Members,  
December, 1965.

South Africa Quakers Newsletter, Johannesburg Series, No. 52,  
Nov./Dec. 1972, p.12.

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STEPHENS, Alice (Barber), 1858-1932

Illustrator.

b. 1 July 1858, near Salem, N.J., dau. Samuel C. Barber (Quaker farmer) and w. Mary (Owen).

Ed.: N.J. country schools; Phila. public schools. Studied art from an early age. 1870-6, studied intermittently at Phila. School of Design for Women; beginning in 1876, studied under Thos. Eakins at Pa. Academy of the Fine Arts. 1876-7, worked at Académie Julian (Paris), and studio of Filippo Colarossi. 1901-2, traveled and studied, art galleries in Eng. and the Continent.

m. Charles Hallowell Stephens (artist and collector of Indian relics), June 1890. Ch.: Daniel Owen (b. 1893).

At age 15, became self-supporting; sold wood engravings to various magazines. 1876, switched to illustrating, working with numerous media: charcoal; watercolor; full-oil color; wash. After 1887, became regular illustrator for Ladies' Home Journal; also illustrated for publishers Houghton Mifflin and Thos. Y. Crowell. Taught for several years (life and portrait classes) at Phila. School of Design for Women.

1887, exhibited pastel study and engraving at Paris Salon. 1890, won Mary Smith prize from Pa. Academy of Fine Arts (for "Portrait of a Boy"). 1895, received medal from Atlanta Exposition. 1899, gold medal at exhibition of women's work, Earl's Court, London. 1900, bronze medal at Exposition Universelle, Paris. 1929, comprehensive exhibition of work held at Plastic Club (of which A.S. was a founder), Phila.

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STEPHENS, Alice (Barber), 1858-1932 cont'd.

Notable among illustrations are those for books by George Eliot, Louisa May Alcott, Bret Harte, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Nathaniel Hawthorne (special ed. of The Marble Faun), and Henry W. Longfellow (special ed. of "The Courtship of Miles Standish").

1902, settled with husband and son in Rose Valley, Pa., in a stone barn converted to house and studio (Thunder Bird). Professional career virtually ended by 1926. Continued to paint (still life, landscapes, portraits of Quakers) for pleasure until shortly before death. A.S. distinguished by vigor, breadth of style, attention to detail present in her work.

d. 13 July 1932, following a paralytic stroke; bur. West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

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James, Edward T., ed., Notable Amer. Women, 3:359-60.

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STEPHENS, Amy (1773-1847) born Metford

Amy Metford, the daughter of William Metford ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Glastonbury in Somerset, was born there on 11 May 1773(1).

She became in 1796 the second wife of William Stephens (1756-1837 qv), a draper of Bridport in Dorset and there were twelve children(2). She was spoken of as "fair and comely," with cultivated tastes and was very successful in training her twelve children and four step-children, "nine sons, all respectable members of society; daughters all well educated."(3)

Amy Stephens of Bradpole in Dorset died on 6 March 1847, at the age of seventy three(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see STEPHENS, William (1756-1837)
- 3 The Friend vol 71 (1931) p 991
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 25, pp 33, 47

STEPHENS, Ann (1755-1794) born Dawe

Ann Dawe, the daughter of Thomas Dawe ( - ) and his wife Sarah (born ) of Taunton Meeting in Somerset, was born on 7 February 1755(1). In her marriage entry her parents are described as of Taunton.

She was married in 1788 to William Stephens (1756-1837 qv), a draper of Bridport in Dorset and there were four children(2).

Ann Stephens of Bridport died on 29 December 1794, at the age of forty(3), shortly after the birth of her fourth child.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see STEPHENS, William (1756-1837)
- 3 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of William, a draper

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 25, p 47

STEPHENS, Ann (1784?-1852) born Richards

Ann Richards, the daughter of David and Rebecca Richards of Marazion in Cornwall, was born about the year 1784(1).

She was married in 1813 to John Stephens (1786-1875 qv), a rope maker of Penzance and there were four children(2). In the winter of 1831-2 the family moved to Ashfield near Falmouth and both at Penzance and at Ashfield she was a great support and help to her husband in his work for the Society of Friends(3).

Ann Stephens of Ashfield died on 22 March 1852, at the age of sixty eight(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 68 at death. Her birth is not traced in Cornwall QM Births Digest, although several siblings are recorded
- 2 For marriage and children see STEPHENS, John (1786-1875)
- 3 Annual Monitor 1876, pp 154-156
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of John

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1853, p 184: 1 line entry for death

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

STEPHENS, Anna (1808- ) born Thompson

Anna Thompson, the eldest daughter of Joseph Thompson (1778-1855 qv) and his wife Anne (born Clark, 1788-1876 qv) of Bridgwater in Somerset, was born there on 1 June 1808(1).

She was married in 1834 to John Pike Stephens (1797- qv), a sail cloth maker of Bridport in Dorset and there were two children(2).

The date of her death is not at present (1985) traced(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see STEPHENS, John Pike (1797- )
- 3 Her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths to 1908

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

STEPHENS, Anne Leonora (1867- ) after 1905 Barrow

(Anne Leonora Stephens, daughter of John Stephens (1819-1903 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Jones, 1838-1916 qv) of Ashfield near Falmouth in Cornwall, was married in 1905 to George William Barrow (1864-1910 qv).

See BARROW, Anne Leonora (1867- ) born Stephens )

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STEPHENS. Arthur Leslie Nalder ( 1909 - 1976 )

Leslie Stephens was born in the year 1909.(1) One of his ancestors was a Cornish fisherman who was 'convinced' of his error by Geo. Fox in 1663. Another in 1835 was 'disowned' by the Society for marrying a non Friend.

He, himself took a degree in history at Oxford and at some time before 1944 became a factory inspector. In about 1944 he was appointed warden of Fircroft College, Birmingham, a working men's college at Selly Oak, which later moved into Primrose Hill, George Cadbury's former home, and where he remained for eleven years. From about 1956 until about 1967 he was director of the Institute of Personnel Management, and then in 1967 he moved with his wife Eileen to North Leach, Glos. There he began to attend the Friends' Meeting at Cirencester, and later joined the Society.(2)

During 1968/9 he served as deputy director of adult studies in Kenya returning to Cirencester, until in 1975 he and his wife moved to Dorset. He was closely involved in research for the tercentenary celebrations of Cirencester Friends in 1973.

He died at Poole General Hospital on 29, May 1976, aged 66.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend

Vol 134 (1976) p. 382

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. This date is probably taken from Cumulative Book Index entry concerning one of his publications.
2. Western QJ printed lists of members for 1971 and 1973 record them as members of the Society at Cirencester meeting.

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STEPHENS, D(aniel) Owen, 1893-1937.

b. 1893, s. Charles Hallowell Stephens and w. Alice (Barber); see STEPHENS, Alice (Barber), 1858-1932.  
ed. at Swarthmore College, and majored in astronomy. Graduated in 1915.

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Architect and artist with Day & Klauder, architects in Philadelphia.

Noted astronomical painter.

During World War I, with Friends' War Victims Relief Company in France.

Joined Swarthmore Meeting several years after returning from France. Lived at Moylan, Pa.

Member of the Hayden Planetarium-Grace Expedition.

1929, exhibited paintings in City Club of N.Y. and in the American Museum of Natural History.

1932, during the total eclipse of the sun, from atop Mt. Pleasant in Maine, he painted the lunar shadow as it sped across Mt. Washington.

Painted pictures of the Milkyway.

1937, travelled to Peru in order to paint the June 8th eclipse of the sun. Also painted the moon, corona, sky and prominences during that eclipse.

1936, Flow of Horizons (on Evolution); 1921, With the Quakers in France (1917-1919).

d. 23 June 1937, by a stroke of paralysis, Panama, aged 43 yrs.

STEPHENS, Eleanor (1792-1837) after 1820 Hoskins

[Eleanor Stephens, daughter of John Stephens ( - )  
and his wife Ann (born  
of Phillack in Cornwall, was married in 1820 to William  
Hoskins (1784-1840 qv). }

See HOSKINS, Eleanor (1792-1937) born Stephens ]

STEPHENS, Elizabeth (fl 1746-1788) born Giddy

Elizabeth Giddy, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced(1) was married in 1746 to William Stephens (1723-1796 qv) of Feock in Cornwall; there were two children(2).

The date of her death is not at present (1981) traced(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 In her marriage entry (see STEPHENS, William, 1723-1796) she is described as of Falmouth, but her birth is not traced in Cornwall QM Births Digest; her age at death is not at present (1981) traced
- 2 For marriage and children see STEPHENS, William (1723-1796)
- 3 In the marriage entry for her son William in 1788 she is described as of Bristol; her death is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 25, p 47

STEPHENS, Frederick Ernest ( 1914 ? - 1983 )

Frederick Stephens was born in ~~about the year 1914~~ (1)

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STEPHENS, Elizabeth (1838-1916) born Jones  
(1803-1873qv) (born Morgan) continued  
Elizabeth Jones, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Jones of Hereford, was  
born there on 14 January 1838(1). She was married in 1860 to John  
Stephens (1819-1903 qv), a rope manufacturer of Ashfield near Falmouth  
in Cornwall and there were twelve children(2).

She began to feel the call to speak in meeting about 1870 and  
did so with such acceptance that she was recorded a minister in 1877.  
Her ministry was based on an extensive and accurate knowledge of  
Scripture and the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ was her frequent  
theme. As an elder she was well qualified both to give words of loving  
encouragement and also faithfully 'to speak the truth in love' when  
necessity arose. With her husband, she travelled in Cornwall and the  
Scilly Isles and accompanied by other Friends she also visited Bristol  
& Somerset and Cumberland Quarterly Meetings. She was Quarterly  
Meeting representative to Meeting for Sufferings and the Home Mission  
Committee.

She gave her personal and financial support to various philan-  
thropic efforts. She was particularly interested in the temperance  
movement in Cornwall and was the first woman District Councillor in  
Falmouth. She was constantly concerned for and appealed to for the  
better housing of the working classes and erected several houses for  
their own workpeople near the rope factory at Ashfield. She was also  
one of the first two women on the Falmouth Board of Guardians.

In later life, there came a period of trials and bereavements  
which affected her health, but in these years when she was unable to  
attend meeting her solicitude for and interest in her friends' welfare  
were shown in the letters she constantly wrote to them. She also  
rejoiced when Friends were able at intervals to meet with her in her  
own drawing room for quiet times of prayer and spiritual fellowship.

'Her great humility was one of her essential characteristics.  
She could not bear to have her own gifts or service emphasised but  
"she made goodness to shine" and we can give thanks that "the beauty  
of such a saintly life does not end with death."'

Elizabeth Stephens of Ashfield, Falmouth, died on 1 November  
1916, at the age of seventy eight(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Cornwall MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1917, p 244

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STEPHENS, Gilbert (1862-1942)

see STEPHENS, John Gilbert (1862-1942)

Isabel Sturge, the eldest daughter of Robert Fowler Sturge (1835-1915 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Tregelles, ) of 1 Alma Road, Cotham, Bristol, was born there on 2 March 1866(1). She was married in 1890 to John Gilbert Stephens (1862-1942 qv), a rope manufacturer of Falmouth in Cornwall and there were two children(2). She spent all her married life at Ashfield, near Falmouth.

She was quiet, reserved and self-deprecating, but all her life was spent for others. In Falmouth she gave active support to the Prevention and Rescue Society, the Royal Cornwall Home for Girls and the British Women's Temperance Association, as president and as secretary of the County Union.

The overseas work of the Society appealed to her most and she served on the Friends Foreign Mission Association and the Friends Service Council(3). After the war Isabel Stephens and her husband and eldest son travelled extensively in Europe, where the Council of International Service had opened up new fields. In 1933, with other Friends, she visited the Holy Land and Syria. Two Hungarian children and a succession of German guests enjoyed the peace and hospitality of Ashfield. These experiences led her to an ever-growing concern for peace and the work of the League of Nations Union.

It was said of her, "Isabel Stephens did not speak often, but when she did she had something to say."

Isabel Stephens of Ashfield House, Falmouth died on 27 December 1936, at the age of seventy(4).

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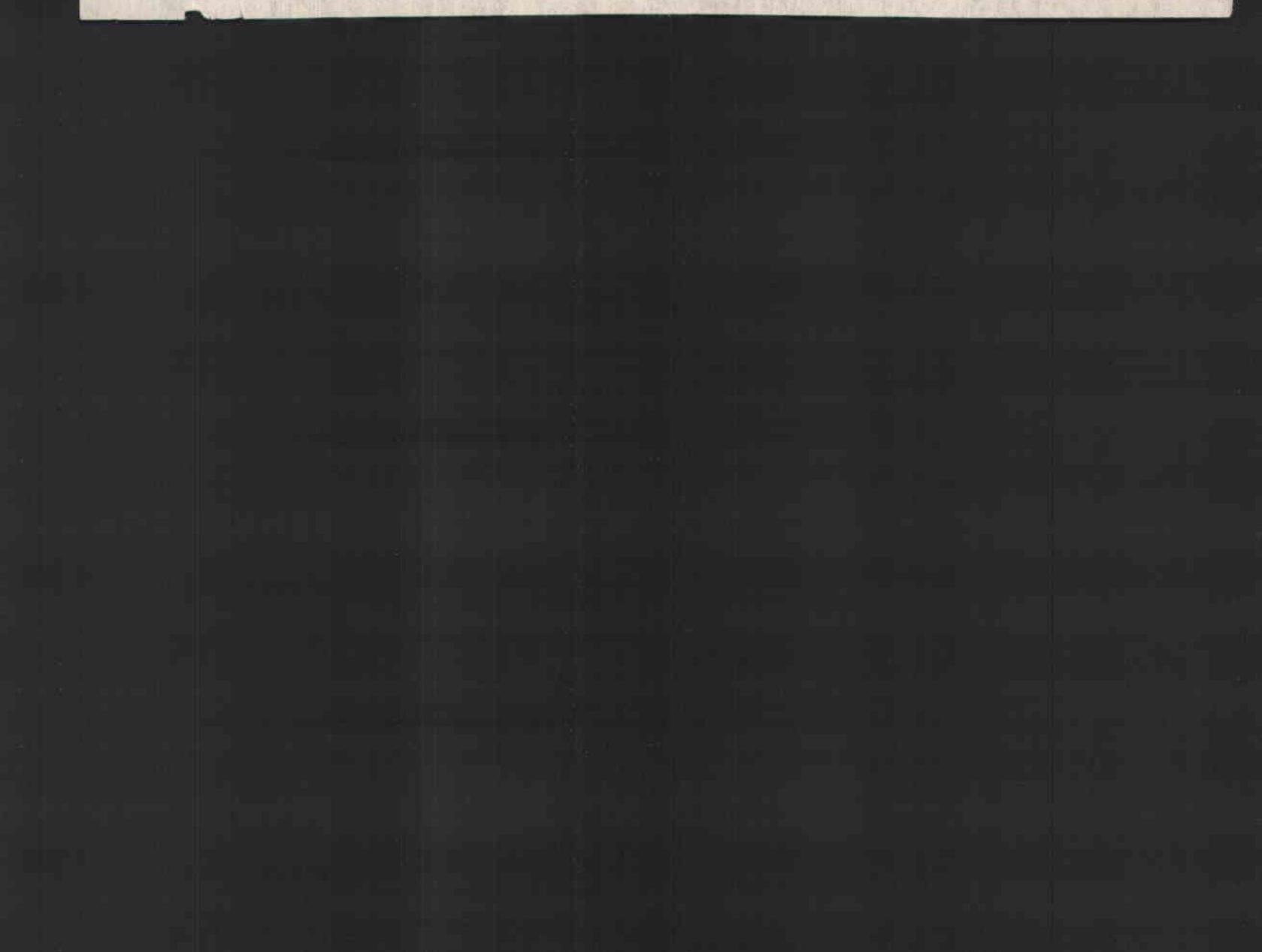
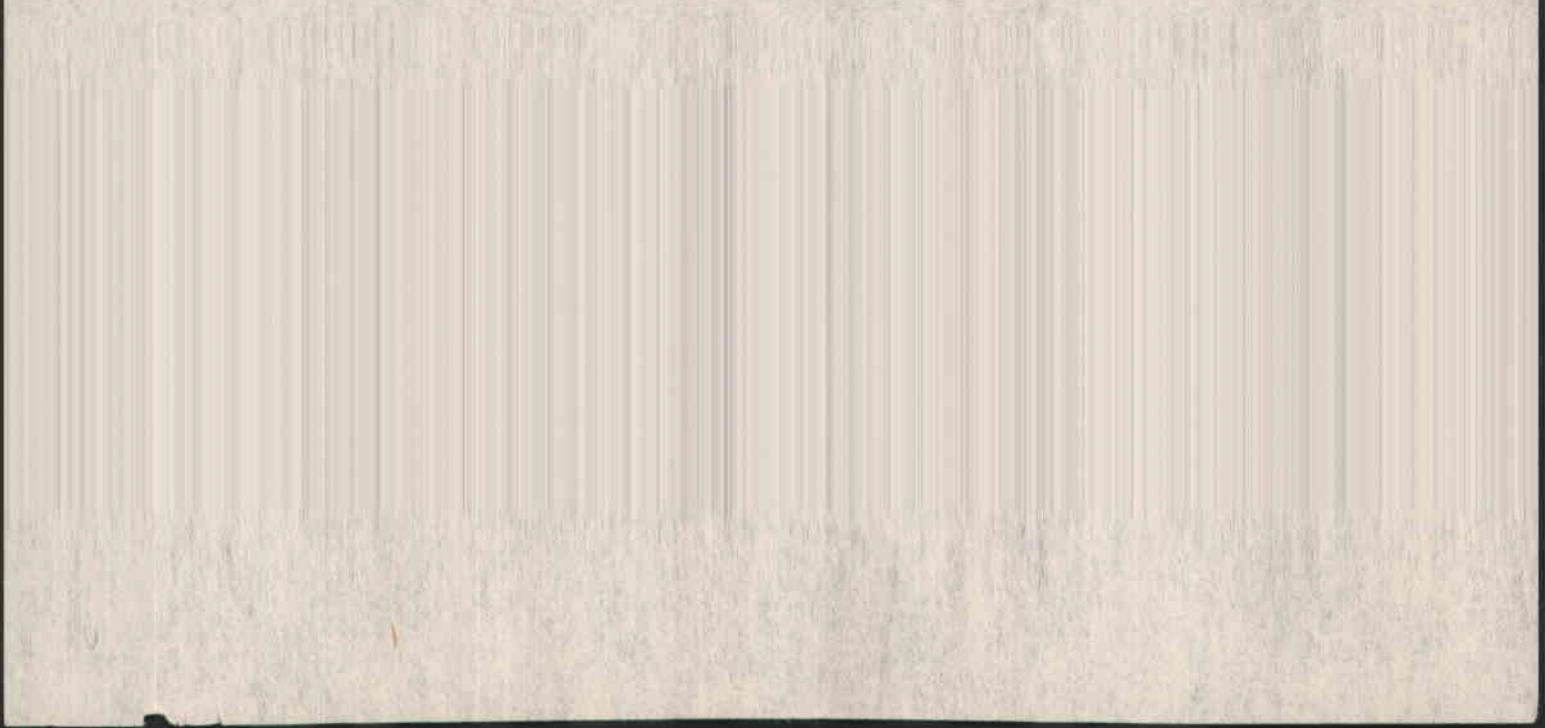
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- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a land agent
- 2 For marriage and children see STEPHENS, John Gilbert (1862-1942)
- 3 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library:-  

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FFMA	-	1913-1918: 1918-1927
FSC	-	1927-1936
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of J.Gilbert

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



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STEPHENS, Isabel (1866-1936) born Sturge

Isabel Sturge, eldest daughter of Robert Fowler and Margaret (Tregelles) Sturge, was born at Cotham, Bristol, on 2 March 1866. In 1890 she married John Gilbert Stephens and spent all her married life at Ashfield, Falmouth.

She was quiet, reserved and self-deprecating but her life was spent for others.

In Falmouth she gave active support to the Preventive & Rescue Society, the Royal Cornwall Home for Girls, the British Women's Temperance Association, as President and as Secretary of the County Union.

The overseas work of the Society appealed to her most, and she served on the F.F.M.A. and the F.S.C. After the war Isabel Stephens and her husband and eldest son travelled extensively in Europe, where the Council of International Service had opened up new fields.. In 1933, with other Friends, she visited the Holy Land and Syria. Two Hungarian children and a succession of German guests enjoyed the peace and hospitality of Ashfield.

These experiences led to an ever-growing concern for peace and the work of the League of Nations Union.

It is said of her, "Isabel Stephens did not speak often but when she did she had something to say."

She died 27 December 1936

STEPHENS, Jane (1703-1782) after Payle

(Jane Stephens, daughter of Thomas and Jane Stephens of county Wexford in Ireland, was married to a member of the Fayle family, but details of her wedding are not at present (1975) traced.

See FAYLE, Jane (1703-1782) born Stephens)

STEPHENS, John (1786-1875)

John Stephens, the son of John and Ann Stephens of Phillack in Cornwall, was born there on 4 July 1786(1). His family had been Quakers for many generations; his grandfather's grandfather, also named John Stephens, had married in 1679 Mary Jose, the daughter of Nicholas Jose who was referred to by George Fox in his Journal in 1659 as "an honest fisherman convinced, who became a faithful minister of Christ."

For a short period John Stephens became a sailor, but in early manhood he was led to forsake the sea and give himself up to the Lord's service. He was married in 1813 to Ann Richards (1784?-1852 qv) of Marazion in Cornwall(2) and there were four children(3). He and his wife settled in Penzance, where they tried to play the part of father and mother to the little company of Friends gathered from the country places around and John Stephens soon became a constant visitor of the sick and afflicted. He had a succession of needy pensioners in his neighbourhood to whom, while he was able, he paid personal visits weekly or monthly, giving what spiritual and temporal help he could. For several years he also regularly visited the town prison and the Sailors' Home, where his ministry, although exceedingly simple, was always well received.

In the winter of 1831-2 he moved to Ashfield near Falmouth, where he lived for the rest of his life. His wife died in 1852 and he was quite advanced in years before he spoke regularly in meetings for worship; it was not until 1864 that he was recorded a minister. He continued active until well into his eighties and after passing his eightieth birthday he visited, with the unity of his friends, some of the small meetings in South Wales and Herefordshire; in his eighty-sixth year he visited nearly all the members of his own monthly meeting in their families. He objected to having meetings especially appointed for him, but preferred to join the few attenders on their regular meeting day, with as little reference to himself as possible.

"As a man of business he was scrupulously upright in his dealings; his sympathy for the afflicted and distressed led him to charities often beyond what his means would seem to afford, but secretly were these acts performed. . . He had not a large gift of expression in words, but his communications in the ministry were felt to be weighty and accompanied with power." (Testimony)

In the winter before his death his health began rapidly to fail, but he rallied in the summer and was again able to enjoy life. He had always had a great love of the countryside and natural history

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STEPHENS, John (1786-1875)

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and found great pleasure as his life closed in sitting by his window watching the ever changing country scene.

John Stephens of Ashfield died on 4 September 1875, at the age of eighty nine(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1876, pp 154-158

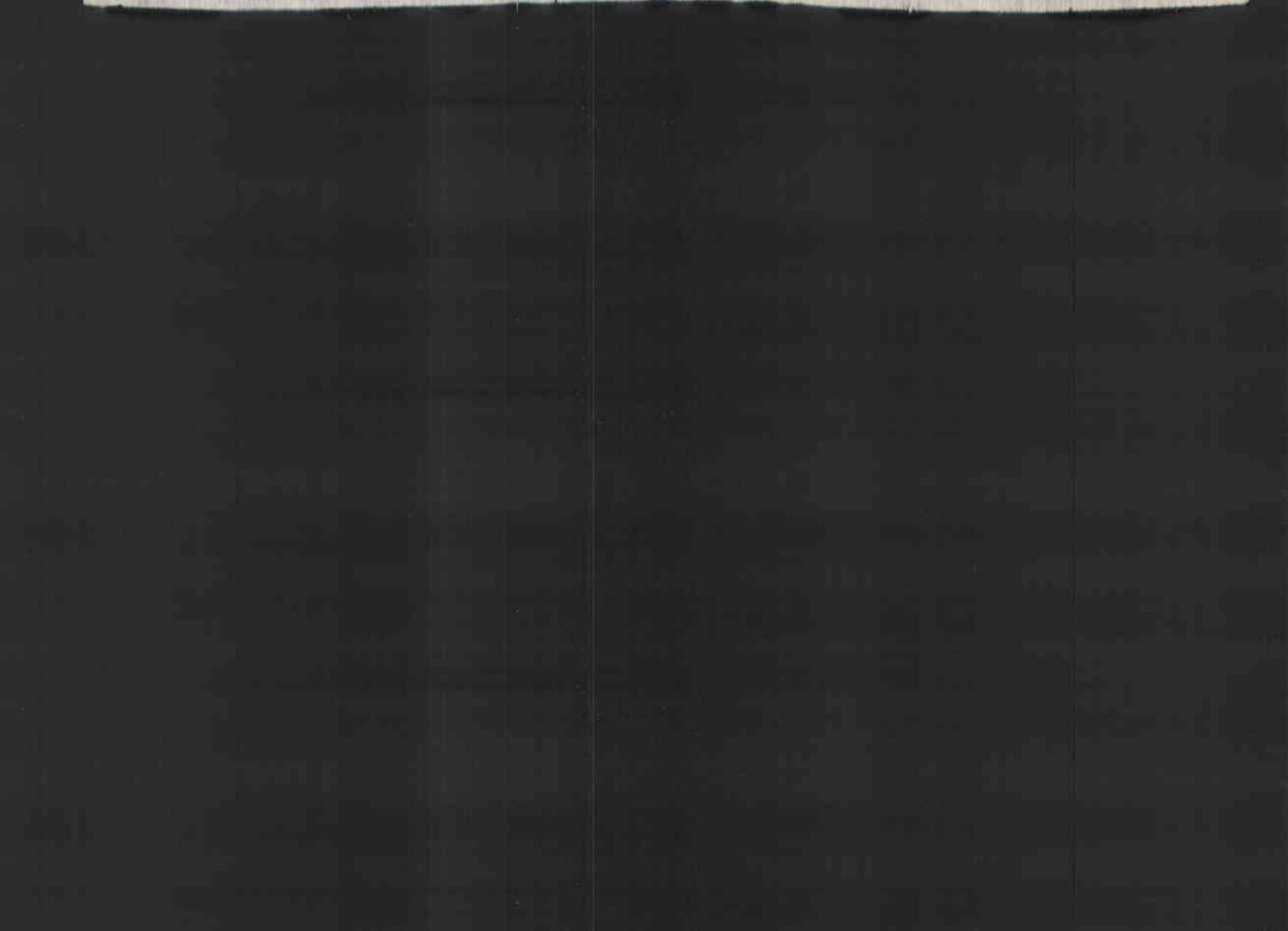
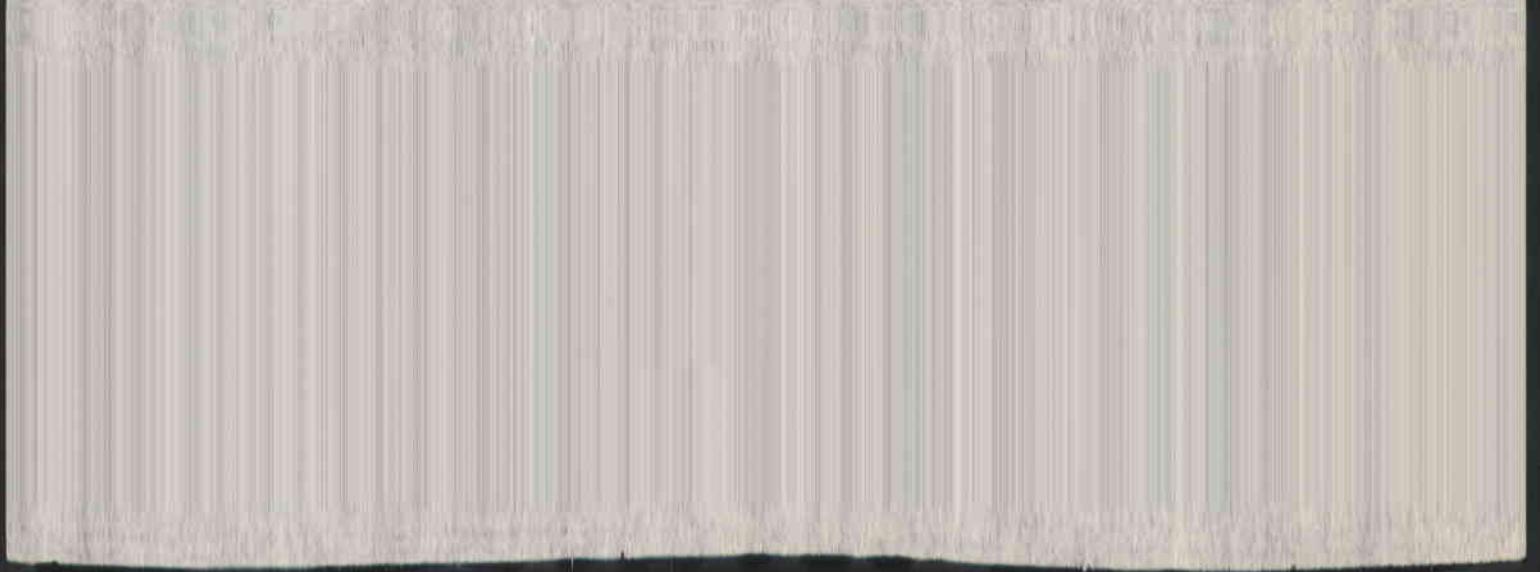
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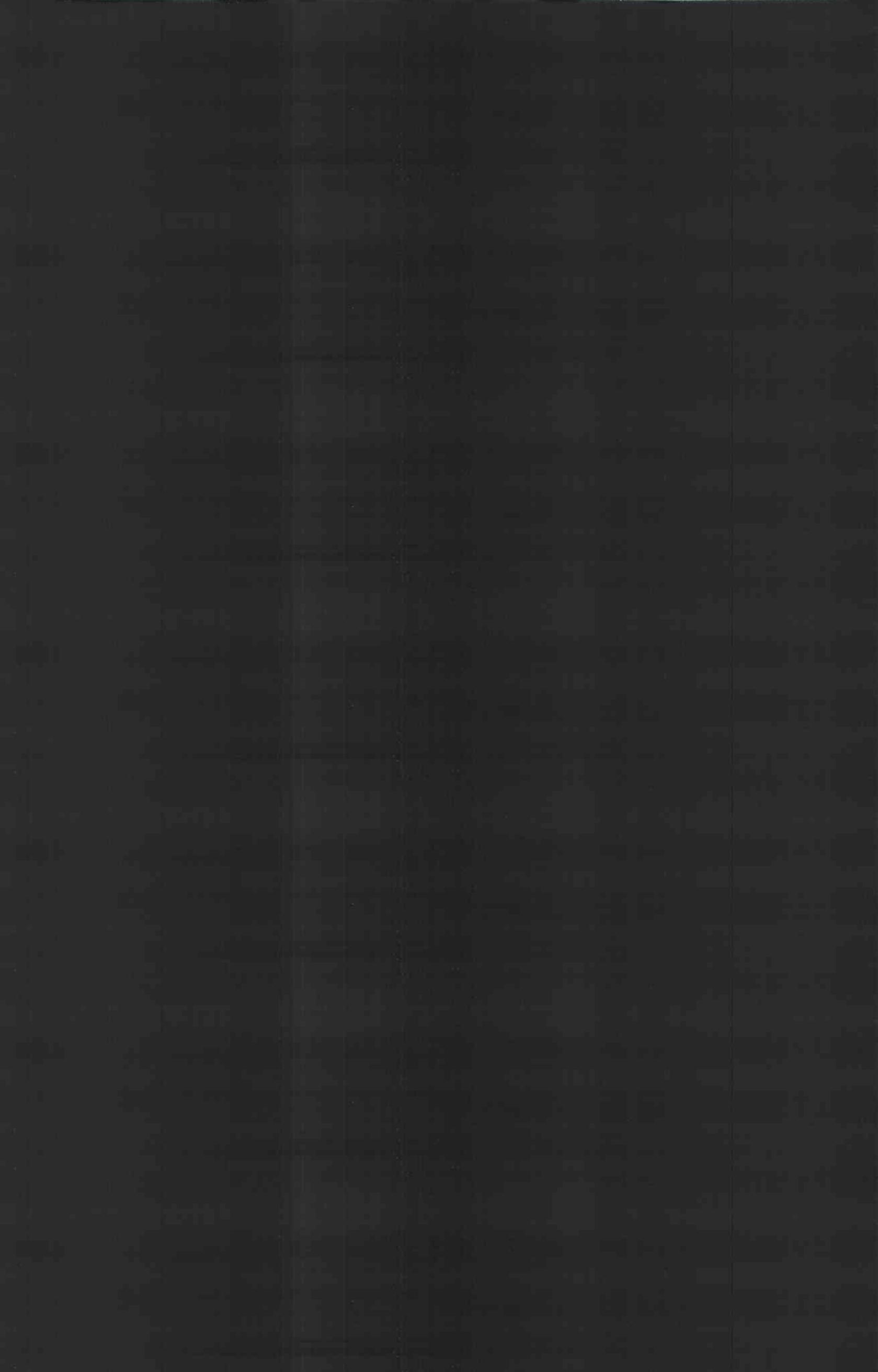
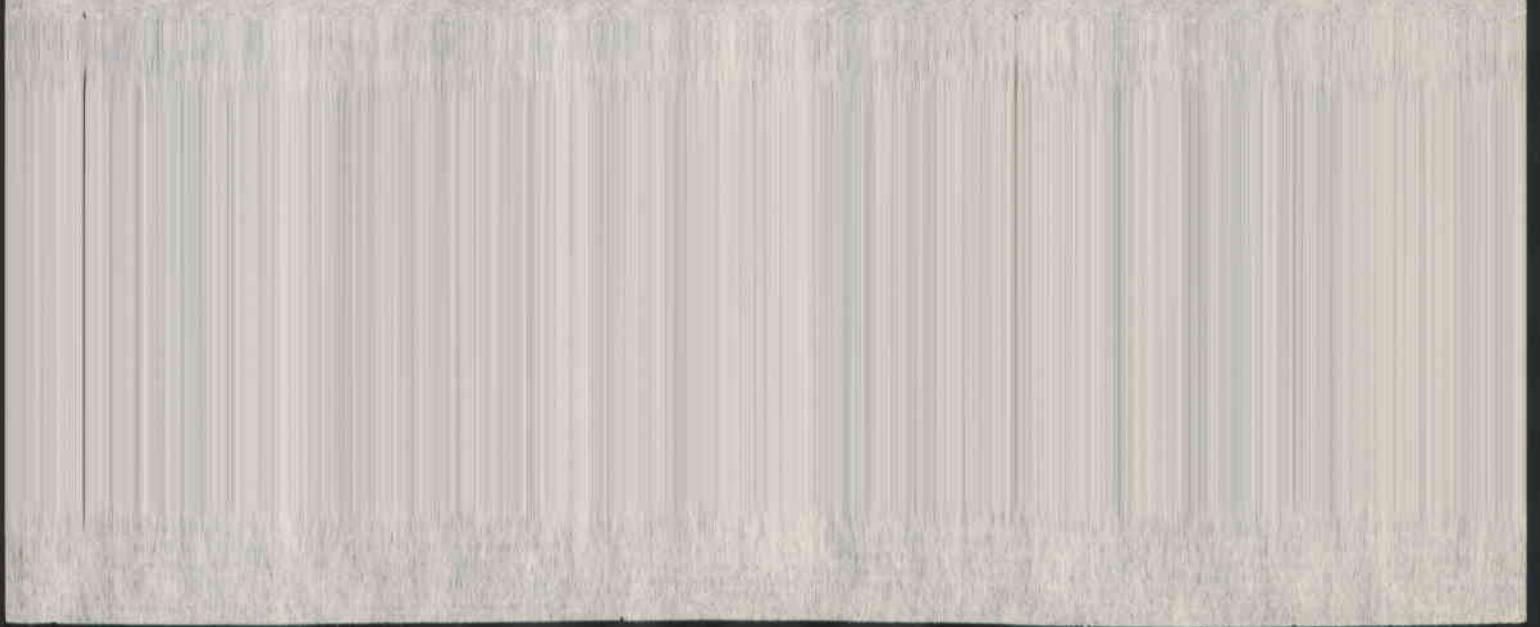
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- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father is described as a rope maker
- 2 The wedding was at Marazion on 31 March 1813: he is described as a rope maker of Penzance in Cornwall, the son of John and Ann Stephens of Phillack in Cornwall; she is described as the daughter of David and Rebecca Richards of Marazion (Cornwall QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Cornwall QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

*Ann	b 10 April 1815	
Eleanor	b 8 Dec 1816	m 1848 Robert Watson
John qv	b 18 Dec 1819	m 1860 Elisabeth Jones (1838-1916 qv)
- 4 \*Mary b 27 April 1824
- \*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1880
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a rope manufacturer

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





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STEPHENS, John (1786-1875)

John Stephens was born at Hayle, Cornwall, on 4 July 1786. As a child, with his family he attended the Friends Meeting at Marazion.

For a short period he followed a seafaring life, but after his marriage in 1813 to Ann Richards he lived at Penzance, where they endeavoured to fulfil the part of father and mother to the little company of Friends gathered from the country places around.

He moved to Ashfield, near Falmouth, about 1832, and lived there for the rest of his life. He was recorded a minister in 1864.

After passing his eightieth year he visited, with the unity of his friends, some of the small meetings in South Wales, and in his eighty-sixth year he visited nearly all the members of his own Monthly Meeting in their families. to

'As a man of business he was scrupulously upright in his dealings; his sympathy for the afflicted and distressed led him to charities often beyond what his means would seem to afford, but secretly were these acts performed.'

'He had not a large gift of expression in words, but his communications in the ministry were felt to be weighty and accompanied with power'.

He died 4 September 1875, aged eighty nine years.

Testimony of West Cornwall MM in YM Proc. 1876, p.xii

STEPHENS, John (1819-1903)

John Stephens, the son of John Stephens (1786-1875 qv) and his wife Ann (born Richards, 1784?-1852 qv) of Penzance, was born at Marazion in Cornwall on 18 December 1819(1).

Like his father, he became a rope maker at Ashfield near Falmouth(2) and was married in 1860 to Elizabeth Jones (1838-1916 qv) of Hereford (3); there were twelve children(4). His wife was a recorded minister and he travelled with her on some of her ministerial journeys(5).

John Stephens of Ashfield Budock in Cornwall died on 26 November 1903, at the age of eighty three(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father is described as a rope maker
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Hereford on 22 March 1860: he is described as a bachelor, a rope manufacturer of Ashfield, Falmouth, the son of John Stephens, a rope manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of Hereford, the daughter of Joseph Jones, a bookseller (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

*Eliza Mary	b 10 Feb 1861	
John Gilbert	b 27 Dec 1862	m (1)1890 Isabel Sturge (1866-1936 qv) (2)1938 Baroness Luisa Eugenie Tu Im-und- Knyphansen NM
Joseph William	b 8 June 1864	d 22 Nov 1865
*Francis Joseph	b 13 Dec 1865	
Anne Leonora qv	b 24 Oct 1867	m 1905 George William Barrow (1864-1910 qv)
Helen Elizabeth	b 21 Oct 1870	m 1894 Cyril Frith
Charles Robert	b 8 Aug 1872	m 1901 Fanny Player Sturge
Walter Morgan	b 26 Feb 1874	d 20 Nov 1891, aged 17
Philip John	b 4 July 1876	m 1903 Winifred Homan NM
*Arthur John	b 4 July 1876	
*Theodore	b 20 Dec 1877	
*Elliott	b 30 Nov 1879	
- \*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1941
- 5 See Stephens, Elizabeth (1838-1916)
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired rope manufacturer

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

STEPHENS, John Gilbert (1862-1942) 2X

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John Gilbert Stephens, the son of John Stephens (1819-1903 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Jones, 1838-1916 qv) of Budock in Cornwall, was born there on 27 December 1862(1). The Stephens family were among the earliest adherents of George Fox in Cornwall.

Like his father, he became a rope manufacturer at Falmouth in Cornwall(2) and was married in 1890 to Isabel Sturge (1866-1936 qv) of Bristol(3); there were two children(4). He married secondly in 1938 the Baroness Luisa zu Inn-und-Knyphausen(5).

He served the Society well on several central committees(6) and in spite of family, business and magisterial cares (he was chairman of East Kerrier Petty Sessions for many years) he always seemed to be able to find time to undertake extra work, in visiting distant meetings or entertaining guests.

His ministry, always thoughtful and suggestive, was enriched and deepened by his two chief journeys, one to Palestine with his first wife and the other in his last years with his second wife, to her homeland in East Prussia. Ever afterwards he remembered many little scattered groups in Germany in his prayers.

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John Gilbert Stephens of Ashfield House, Falmouth died on 28 November 1942, at the age of seventy nine(7).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 100 (1942) p 717

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a rope manufacturer
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entries, notes 3 and 5
- 3 The wedding was at Bristol on 24 June 1890: he is described as a bachelor, a rope manufacturer of Ashfield near Falmouth, the son of John Stephens, a rope manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of 101 Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol, the daughter of Robert Fowler Sturge, a land agent (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-  
John Sturge qv b 26 June 1891 m 1927 Helen Mary Rowat  
( - )
- \*Robert Tregelles b 29 July 1892
- \*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1941
- 5 The wedding was at Come to Good, Rock, Cornwall on 22 March 1938: he is described as a widower, a rope manufacturer, retired, the son of John Stephens (deceased); she is described as a spinster, a baroness, the daughter of Dodo zu Inn-und-Knyphausen. a landrat, retired (Digest of Marriages)
- 6 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library:-  
Meeting for Sufferings - 1920-1943  
Committee on Clerks - - 1934-1935  
FSC - - - - 1927-1945  
Home Service - - - - 1924-1927
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired rope manufacturer

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

STEPHENS, John Pike (1797- )

John Pike Stephens, the son of William Stephens (1756-1837 qv) and his second wife Amy (born Metford, 1773-1847 qv) of Bridport in Dorset, was born there on 16 June 1797(1).

He became a sail cloth maker at Bridport(2) and was married in 1834 to Anna Thompson (1808- qv) of Bridgwater in Somerset(3); there were two children(4)

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

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants 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 Bridgwater on 22 October 1834: he is described as a sail cloth maker of Bridport in Dorset, the son of William and Amy Smith [sic] of Bridport; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Anne Thompson of Bridgwater in Somerset (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest and in the Digest of Deaths as follows:-  
\*Herbert b 10 Feb 1836  
Gulielma b 31 March 1837 d unmarried 14 Aug 1892, aged 55
- \*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1880
- 5 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths to 1897

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

STEPHENS, John Sturge (1891-1954)

John Sturge Stephens, the son of John Gilbert Stephens (1862-1942 qv) and his first wife Isabel (born Sturge, 1866-1936 qv) of Ashfield, Falmouth in Cornwall, was born there on 26 June 1891(1). He was educated at Leighton Park School and went up to St John's College, Cambridge in 1910, where he read classics and developed an interest in history.

During the first world war he served in France with the Friends Ambulance Unit. Both before going up to Cambridge and after his release from the F.A.U. he spent some terms at Woodbrooke and was later a member of the Woodbrooke Council. In 1925 he was appointed to a Merttens Lectureship in international history at the University of Birmingham. Subsequently, he became a regular lecturer in modern history on the staff of the Department of History under Sir Raymond Beazley. He held this position until he retired, due to ill-health, in 1951. As a lecturer he concentrated on the seventeenth century, where his interest in religious history in general and in Quaker history in particular could find expression. He never concealed his enthusiasms and was a stimulating lecturer, imparting some of his zest to his students.

He was a teacher rather than a writer and although he spent some years in collecting material for a study of the influence of Baron Bunsen on nineteenth century politics, he never published anything substantial on this theme. He travelled a great deal in Europe, particularly in Germany and Poland and easily made worthwhile contacts. After the first world war he was for some time English Lector in the University of Frankfurt in Germany. He was intensely interested in all the new movements which sprang up during the years of the Weimar Republic, especially among German youth. The Bruderhof experiment and other young groups hailed him as one of their number and his tall, broad shouldered figure earned for him the name of "der lange Engländer" or "der lange John."

In 1929 he delivered the third Merttens Peace Lecture on "Danger Zones in Europe," a study of national minorities which showed the wide range of his sympathies, the extent and accuracy of his historical knowledge and the illumination derived from his personal observation. His knowledge was always at the service of causes for international understanding and goodwill. He was personally active in the East-West Friendship Council, which did much to secure a friendly reception for students from Asia and Africa.

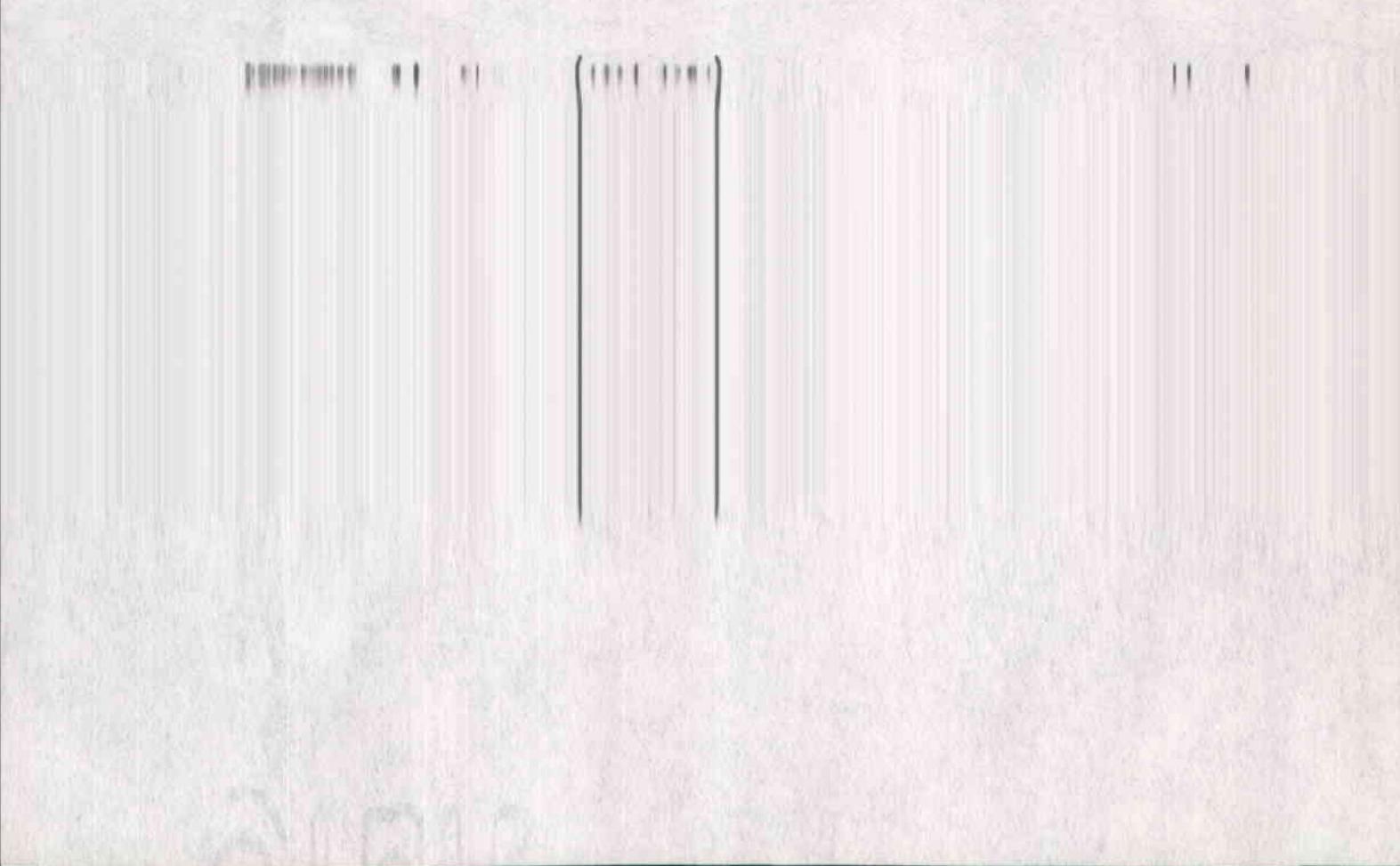
He was married in 1927 to Helen Mary Rowat ( - ), not at that time a member of the Society(2); there were three children(3). He served the Society on several central committees(4). In his later years he was sadly handicapped by a rare disease of the lungs, which compelled him to give up lecturing.

John Sturge Stephens of The Quarry, Northleigh, Witney in Oxfordshire, died on 12 July 1954, at the age of sixty three(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 112 (1954) pp 710-711, 857

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a rope manufacturer
- 2 The wedding was at Falmouth on 30 March 1927: he is described as a bachelor, a university lecturer of 35, Wheeleys Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, the son of John Gilbert Stephens, a rope manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of Lagan-Twyne, Rushing-Myler, the daughter of Robert Rowat, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-
 

John Christopher	b 24 April 1928	m 1952 Alice Kendon (The Friend 12 Sept 1952, p 818)
Rachel Margaret	b 22 March 1930	m 1953 John Brice Picton NM
Robert Nicholas	b 2 June 1935	m 1967 Mary Vivien Moore (The Friend 1 Sept 1967, p 1108)
- 4 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library:-
 

Committee on Clerks	-	1946-47
FSC	-	1946-1954
Peace	-	1937-1953
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a university lecturer (retired)

SEE ALSO:-

- J Friends Hist Soc vol 44, pp 70-71: article on The Catholic Boys at Ackworth  
 Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 43, p 59

STEPHENS, Leonora (1867-<sup>76</sup>) ) after 1805 Barrow

[A. Leonora Stephens, daughter of John (1819-1903 qv)  
and Elizabeth (born Jones, 1838-1916 qv) Stephens, of  
Ashfield, near Falmouth, Cornwall, was married in 1905  
to George William Barrow (1864-1910 qv).]

see BARROW, Anne Leonora (1867- ) born Stephens ]

STEPHENS, Mary (1694/5-1733) after 1717 Debell

[Mary Stephens, daughter of John Stephens ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Feock in Cornwall, was married in 1717 to John Debell (1691-1767 qv).]

See DEBELL, Mary (1694/5-1733) born Stephens ]

STEPHENS, Rebecca (1814 - 1893) aftw. Thompson

STEPHENS, Ruth (1760?-1815) after Corder

[ Rebecca Stephens, daughter of William Stephens  
and his wife Amy (nee ) was married  
in 1836 to Francis J. Thompson of Bridgwater

(Ruth Stephens, daughter of Stephens  
and his wife (see ) was married in  
by John Corder

see THOMPSON, Rebecca (1814-1893) born Stephens

see CORDER, Ruth (1760?-1815) born Stephens

WBE:

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STEPHENS, Samuel, c.1703-1747

b. c.1703

Lived at Cooladine, Ireland.

A minister, in 1732 he visited America with  
Mungo Bewley.

d. 1747

about the age of 44.

Bowden, 2: 240

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 10(1913):119,127

John Smith's Ms., 3:311

# Additional Information

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STEPHENS, Samuel (1703?-1747)

Samuel Stephens of Coleadine, who was born about 1703(1), was inclined towards a religious life from an early age; he appeared in the ministry when he was about eighteen and laboured therein for about twenty six years. In his gift he was "According to his Measure, a faithful Labourer about the space of twenty six years, not only in this his Native Country (Ireland), but he also visited some parts of Great Britain & America; and when at home and in Health a Constant attender of Half Yearly, Quarterly and Monthly Meetings: His Ministry was Solid and Edifying, and altho' but Short in Testimony, yet often Attended with a Degree of Life & Power to the Comfort & refreshment of the Living in Spirit. He was a Tender & Loving Husband, a good Neighbour & faithful Friend."

## PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Wexford MM 10.ii. (April) 1748 in TCMD vol.1 p.277

## REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged about forty three at time of death

STEPHENS, William (1723-1796)

William Stephens, the son of John Stephens ( - ) and his wife Joanna (born ) of Feock in Cornwall, was born there on 7.iv.[June] 1723(1).

He was married in 1746 to Elizabeth Giddy (fl 1746-1788 qv) of Falmouth in Cornwall(2) and there were two children(3).

William Stephens of Bristol died on 6 September 1796, at the age of seventy four(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Falmouth on 22.ix.[November] 1746: he is described as of Feock parish; she is described as of Falmouth. No further information is given (Cornwall QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Cornwall QM Births Digest as follows:-  
\*John b 21 [March] 1751/2  
William qv b 18 Jan 1756 m (1)1788 Ann Dawe (1755-1794 qv)  
(Dorset & Hants QM)  
(2)1796 Amy Metford (1773-1847 qv)  
(Bristol & Somerset QM)
- \*No marriage traced in Cornwall QM or Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digests
- 4 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 25, p 47

N.B. The Friend vol 71 (1931) p 991 states that there were three sons, but there is no trace of a third son in Cornwall QM Births Digest

STEPHENS, William (1756-1837)

William Stephens, the son of William Stephens (1723-1796 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Giddy, fl 1746-1788 qv) of Kenwyn in Cornwall, was born there on 18 January 1756(1). The Stephens name appears among Friends convinced from the earliest visits of George Fox to Cornwall.

William's parents were in humble circumstances and he was apprenticed, when about fourteen, to Champion of Plymouth; William went with him as second apprentice on the setting up of the Bristol China Works. His forte was in delicate flower decoration and any of his work extant today is regarded as almost priceless. At the end of his apprenticeship he moved to Tewkesbury and then back to Plymouth, before settling down as a draper near the Market Square at Bridport in Dorset, where he began to keep a diary which he kept up almost to the end of his life.

He was married firstly in 1788 to Ann Dawe (1755-1794 qv), who had come from Taunton in the previous year to start the drapery business(2); there were four children(3). To his great grief his wife died shortly after the birth of their fourth child. He married secondly in 1796 Amy Metford (1773-1847 qv) of Glastonbury in Somerset(4) and there were twelve children(5). William worked hard to support his large family and to bring them up to be respectable and well educated members of society. He and his wife were very hospitable to Friends travelling in the ministry, who frequently stayed at their house. Bridport Meeting House was large, but was often very sparsely occupied and there were few Friends, apart from the Kenways, who were resident in the district.

William Stephens was slight in build, with a pleasing, benevolent looking face, "a little man, with brown wig and three cornered hat," wearing silver buckles to his gaiters and shoes. He was notably conscientious and honourable in trade, a very consistent Quaker, yet liberal in his views and tolerant of others. He was physically tough rather than strong and enjoyed going out in all weathers; in middle life he often walked a mile and a half to the harbour, bathed and was back in business by six o'clock in the morning.

He was mainly self educated and had a retentive memory. He was fond of miscellaneous reading and, remembering what he had read, was able to use it for his own amusement. He wrote playful verses for his children and his handwriting was clear, with very few errors of grammar or spelling.

William Stephens of Bridport died on 4 February 1837, at the age of eighty one(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 71 (1931) pp 991-993

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Bridport on 18 December 1788: he is described as a shopkeeper of Bridport in Dorset, the son of William and Elizabeth of Bristol; she is described as of Bridport, the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Dawe of Taunton in Somerset (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-  

Sarah	b 4 Oct 1789	m 1819 Jacob Player Sturge (1793-1857 qv) (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages)
William	b 14 Feb 1792	m 1818 Amy Richards Bodilly
*Joseph	b 18 July 1793	
*Benoni	b 24 Dec 1794	

\*No marriages traced in Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1860
- 4 The wedding was at Glastonbury on 19 October 1796: he is described as a draper of Bridport in Dorset, the son of William and Elizabeth Stephens, late of Bristol; she is described as the daughter of William and Mary Metford of Glastonbury in Somerset (Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest )
- 5 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-  

*John Pike	b 16 June 1797	
Silvanus	b 21 Oct 1798	m 1845 Mary Hewett Gregory
*Henry	b 10 May 1800	
Mary	b 22 July 1801	m 1826 Thomas Smith Tregelles
*Elizabeth	b 22 July 1801	
*Samuel	b 26 Jan 1803	
*Ann	b 6 Dec 1804	
Isaac	b 2 July 1806	m 1830 Martha Hannam
*Walter	b 24 July 1806	
Jane	b 5 Aug 1809	d 2 July 1825, aged 16
Eleanor	b 3 Nov 1810	m 1835 James Clark (1811-1906 qv)
Rebecca	b 26 Dec 1814	m 1836 Francis James Thompson (1813-1896 qv)

\*No marriages traced in Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1860
- 6 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 28, p 79: extract from diary  
 Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 16, p 133; vol 23, p 70;  
 vol 25, pp 33, 47; vol 26, p 60

WBE:

STEPHENS, William, 1756-1837

b. 1756.

ed. largely self-educated.

Apprenticed to Champion in the china business  
in Plymouth. Then moved to Tewksbury. Later came  
back to Plymouth.

1788 settled at Bridport as a draper.

m., 1788, Ann Dawe (d.1794) 4 children.

m.(2d) Amy Metford in 1796. She was from  
Glastonbury. They had 12 children. She died in  
1847. Their home was a haven for travelling  
Friends.

He kept a diary. He was slight in build, with  
a pleasing face; a little man, with a brown wig and  
three cornered hat, he was fond of exercise, going  
out in all weathers.

d. Feb., 1837 at Bridport(?), aged 81  
years.

The Friend (London), 71(1931):991 (portrait)

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STEPHENSON, Deborah (1794-1826)

Deborah Stephenson, the daughter of William and Hannah Stephenson of London, was born there on 30 June 1794(1). As a child she had a natural vivacity and cheerfulness of disposition, but it was tempered as she grew up by her religious inclination and she grew into a pleasant and instructive companion.

In 1812 she went to Ireland as governess to the children of a friend near Clonmel in county Tipperary. She fulfilled her duties admirably and when she was eighteen she first appeared in the ministry, being recorded a minister by Tipperary Monthly Meeting in 1820. In the same year she moved to Folkestone in Kent, where she lived for a short time before going with her sister to the south of France, for the benefit of her health.

She returned to England in 1823 and again lived at Folkestone for a few months, when her appearances in the ministry, although no frequent, were lively and edifying. In 1825 she went on a visit to Sarah Grubb of Anner Mills, near Clonmel and here her health began seriously to decline. She stayed for nine months with Sarah Grubb and was frequently exercised in her gift, but she died there on 24 May 1826, in her thirty second year(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Testimony of Folkestone MM 8 March 1827 in TQMD vol 5, pp 261-263  
Annual Monitor 1828, p 30

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given  
2 Kent QM Burials Digest: her age is given as about thirty

is described as silversmith

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

STEPHENSON, Elizabeth (1771-1843) aftw. Robson

[ Elizabeth Stephenson, daughter of Isaac Stephenson of Bridlington Quay in Yorkshire, and his wife Elizabeth (nee ) was married in 1796 to Thomas Robson

see ROBSON, Elizabeth (1771-1843) born Stephenson ]

STEPHENSON, Elizabeth (1804-1865) after 1836 Neave

(Elizabeth Stephenson, daughter of Isaac and Hannah Stephenson of Stockton-on-Tees, was married in 1836 to Shipley Neave (1798-1881 qv).

See NEAVE, Elizabeth (1804-1865) born Stephenson)

STEPHENSON, Isaac (1694-1783)

Isaac Stephenson, the son of Rad and Mary Stephenson, was born in Yorkshire on 29.vii.(September)1694(1). He was a master mariner of Bridlington in Yorkshire(2) and was married three times. His first marriage was in 1719/20 to Anne Raine of Bridlington Key(3) and the marriage was childless(4). There is at present (1977) no trace of his second marriage or of his wife's name(5), but he took as his third wife, some time before 1763, Elizabeth Mair (1741-1795), the daughter of Samuel and Ann Mair of Beeford(6); there were five children(7).

Isaac Stephenson died on 26 May 1783(8), at the age of eighty eight.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given; his name is spelt Isack
- 2 He is so described in references in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45
- 3 The wedding was at Bridlington on 8.xi.1719 (i.e.1719/20): he is described as of Bridlington Key; she is described as of Bridlington Key. No further details are given (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 No children are traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
- 5 There is no record of the marriage in Yorkshire QM, Lancashire QM, Westmorland QM, Cumberland & Northumberland QM, Durham QM, Scotland GM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests
- 6 J Friends Hist Soc vol 14 (1917) p 75: the marriage is not traced in Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest and J Friends Hist Soc vol 19 (~~1918~~) (1922), p<sup>121</sup> ~~p 75~~ states:- "Neither in the Yorkshire Register nor in the minutes of Bridlington MM can I find mention of the marriage of Isaac Stephenson the Elder, though soon after the marriage begin the entries in the Register of the births of children"
- 7 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest and Marriages Digest as follows:-

*Mary	b 14 Oct 1763	
Isaac qv	b 13 Nov 1765	who m 1798 Hannah Masterman
Ann	b 4 Dec 1766	who m John Bowran (Friends House MSS, Box 1)
Elizabeth qv	b 25 June 1771	who m 1796 Thomas Robson (1768-1852 qv) (Durham QM Marriages)
Samuel	b 7 April 1774	who m Hannah Nowson (Friends House MSS, Box 1)
- 8 \*No marriage traced to 1837
- Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a mariner of Bridlington Quay, Yorkshire

SEE ALSO:- Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 18, p 40:  
Vol 19, p 121: vol 23, p 90: Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 193

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STEPHENSON, Isaac (1765-1830)

Isaac Stephenson, the son of Isaac & Elizabeth Stephenson, was born at Burlington Quay, Yorkshire, on 13 November 1765.

After completing his apprenticeship at Scarborough he served in a Friend's shop at Hitchin for a few years before starting his own business as a miller near Stockton-on-Tees. In 1797 he became an elder, and a year later he married Hannah Masterman.

At the age of 44 he became a recorded minister and was granted a certificate in 1812 to visit Lancashire. Subsequently he visited Friends in most parts of Great Britain, Ireland and the Isle of Man. In 1823 he went to the United States for two years; 'owing to the peculiar nature of our society there, at that time, this service was attended with many trying exercises', however the trip was, eventually, rewarding.

In 1826 he moved to Manchester where his contribution to Meetings for discipline were considered 'very serviceable'. In 1829 and 1830 he made further journeys mainly to the Western Counties, and in 1830, though in a feeble state, he was granted a certificate to visit Ireland where he died of a stroke at the age of 65, on 20 May 1830

Testimony of Hardshaw East M.M., in MS Test.vol.6 p.3

*see also next page*

STEPHENSON, Isaac (1765-1830) *(N)*

Isaac Stephenson the younger was for many years a miller of Stockton-on-Tees and, later, a cornfactor in Manchester. In 1798 he married Hannah Masterman. He travelled extensively in Europe and America; he died whilst on a visit to Ireland.

Testimony

Corder's Memorials. 1845 (correcting 1820 to 1830)  
J. Friends hist. soc. vol.5,14,15,18-20

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.91

*see also previous page*

Additional information

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STEPHENSON, Isaac (1765-1830)

Isaac Stephenson was married in 1798 to Hannah Masterman(1) and there were four children(2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Kirbymoorside on 7 June 1798: he is described as a miller of Stockton in Durham, the son of Isaac and Elizabeth Stephenson; she is described as the daughter of James and Hannah Masterman of Kirbymoorside (Durham QM Marriages Digest)
- 2 Listed in Durham QM Births Digest as follows:-

Hannah	b 9 March 1801	
Isaac	b 20 Dec 1802	
Elizabeth qv	b 13 August 1804	who m 1836 Shipley Neave (1798-1881 qv)
Sarah	b 23 Jan 1807	who m 1832 Joseph Rowntree (1801-1859 qv)

N.B. In J Friends Hist Soc Sup 17 (Pen Pictures), p 201, Hannah is erroneously described as having married Joseph Rowntree in 1832, but the Durham QM Marriages Digest confirms that he married Sarah, as stated in J Friends Hist Soc vol 5, p 18

SEE ALSO:- Reminiscences in J Friends Hist Soc vol 18

Letter to Hannah Master in J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 91

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 11, pp 201, 202: vol 14, pp 76, 99: vol 15, pp 58, 143: vol 18, p 104: vol 20, p 67: vol 23, pp 83, 90: vol 26, pp 55: vol 31, p 89: Sup 16, p 91n: Sup 17, pp 127, 154, 169, 171, 190, 201

WBE:  
Additional references

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STEPHENSON, Isaac, 1765-1830

Memorials of Deceased Members of the Soc. of Friends. (1843), pp 32-37.  
London Y.M., Testimonies (1831-1847): No. 2  
Jones, Later periods of Qu., 459  
The Friend (Phila.), 3(1830):328; 85(1902): 171  
4(1831):334

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STEPHENSON, John (1718-1797)  
Also WBE

John Stephensen was born at Kirby Moorside, Yorks, 29.vi.  
Aug, 1718, the son of John and Ruth Stephenson (1). In 1741  
he married Rebecca Snowden (2).

d/ He came forth in the ministry about 1751, and travelled in  
many parts of England, and once in Scotland. He visited Ireland  
twice, once in 1756, (3) and went once to America, in 1761 (4).  
'In his Ministry he was careful neither to go before, nor  
beyong' the motion of Life', and his labours tended 'to the  
advancement of the cause of Truth and Righteousness, the  
edification of the Churches, and his own Peace, having the near  
unity of his Brethren at home and abroad'.

At some time in his life he removed to Co. Durham, where he  
died after long illness, at his house at Stockton, 26 May 1797,  
and was interred in Friends Burying Ground, Norton, aged about  
79, 29 May (5).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Stockton MM in TCMD vol.4 p.126

#### NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 Yorks QM Births digest
- 2 Not in Yorks QM Marriages digest. Not in Durham QM Marriages digest.
- 3 'Recorded Friends travelling in Ireland 1656-1765' in J.Friends hist.sec. vol.10 (1913) p.259
- 4 'An account of ministering Friends from Europe who visited America, 1656 to 1793' in J.Friends hist.sec. vol.10 (1913) p.120.
- 5 Durham QM Burials digest

WBE:

Stephenson, Marmaduke, -1659.

b.

**S** countryman and ploughman who lived near Market Weighton in Yorkshire, England.

m. children.

1655, convinced and joined Friends.

1658, In June he sailed on a missionary voyage to the Barbadoes, where he heard of the severity of the penalties against Quakers in Massachusetts Bay Colony and felt required to go to see for himself.

1659 came to Boston, Mass., declared himself, and was banished from the colony. At Salem he was re-arrested, and sentenced to death with Mary Dyer and William Robinson. In Tuke's account William Leddra was also so treated at that time.

Dec. 27, 1659 the sentence of death by hanging was carried out on Boston Common.

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 10 (1913): 117

Tuke, Biog. Notices, II:39-44 (spells name Stevenson)  
Evans, Friends in the 17th century, 188

Sewell, History, I:402

Jos. Smith's Cat., Sup.:315

Stephenson, A call from death to life.

Besse, 2: 198, 199, 201, 204, 205, 221, 224, 238, 247, 249, 259, 258.

STEPHENSON, Sarah (1738-1802)

Sarah Stephenson was a daughter of Daniel and Sarah Stephenson and was born at Whitehaven. With Mary Jefferys she travelled in most places in the British Isles where Friends resided, and in 1801 they crossed the Atlantic. Sarah Stephenson died in Philadelphia.

Memoirs. 1807

Piety promoted

J. Friends hist. soc. vol.10,13,15,16,20.

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.87

Friends Library, EV:171

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 27(1930):30

STEPNEY, Mary (1769-1843) after 1793 Binns

[Mary Stepney, daughter of Thomas Stepney ( - )  
and his wife Mary (born  
of London, was married in 1793 to Joseph Binns  
(1774-1836 qv). ]

See BINNS, Mary (1769-1843) born Stepney ]

WBE:  
(prepared by RB)

STERN, Elizabeth Gertrude (Levin) , 1890 ~~X~~-1954

b. ~~8x~~ 1890, dau. of Rev. Aaron and Sarah Leah  
(Rubenstein) Levin.

ed. B.A., U. of Pitt., M.A. (hon.); student N.Y. School  
of Social Work.

m., Sept. 26, 1911, Leon Thomas Stern. 2 sons.

Principal, night school, N. Y. City.

Asst. to Dir. Yorkville Community, East Side House  
Settlement, N. Y. City.

1913 Organizer, director night school, Galveston, Texas.

1913 Jacob Schiff Immigration Bureau, Galveston, Texas.

1919 Director of welfare work, Wanamaker's, Phila.

1923 Community Centre, N. Y. City.

1924 Executive Director Council House, New York.

One of the organizers of the National Jail Assn.

1941 Member, Welfare Study Com., Armstrong Assn.

Chairman Quaker worship of Old Folks Home Advisory Com.,  
Friends Center for Older People.

1942 (on) Chairman, social problems, Providence Friends' Mtg.  
Media, Pa.

1942 (on) Member, advisory board (negro homes), U.S.  
Housing Authority, Phila.

Member Women's International League for Peace,  
Wider Quaker Fellowship, Pa.

1942 (on) Member State Citizens Com. to Study Negro  
and the Law.

WBE:  
(prepared by RB)

STERN, Elizabeth Gertrude (Levin) page 2.

1942 (on) Member joint committee, American Friends' Service and Women's International League. *In peace.*

1952 Member of Friends General Conference Committee.

Wrote an editorial column; lectured; appeared on radio and TV. Wrote for the New York Times, New York World, Phila. Sunday Press, Phila. Sunday Record, column in the Public Ledger (later became Phila. Inquirer).

With husband wrote many articles about social problems, ie., care for the aged, capital punishment, prison reform.

Widely known as author under the pen name of Eleanor Morton. Author of several books. Among them: My Mother and I; Not all Laughter; Josiah White---Prince of Pioneers; When Love Comes to Woman; I am a Woman and a Jew; The Women in Ghandhi's Life, 1953; wrote with husband, A Friend in Court.

A member of Western District M.M. and 12th St. Meeting.

d. 9 Jan. 1954, Phila., aged 64(?) yrs.

The Friend (Phila.) 127(1954):248.

Fds' Intell, 111(1954), 51, 52.

Who Was Who in America, III(1951-1960), 818.

New York Times (1954) Jan. 10; 86:1.

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born Hicks

George Hicks (1729-1787 qv) and his wife Sarah  
) of Saling in Essex, was born

Joseph Sterry (1777-1857 qv) of Great Bardfield  
see children(2). Her husband subsequently moved  
, where he became an oilman(3).

ts died on 25 October 1811, at the age of thirty

her father's occupation is not given  
en see STERRY, Joseph (1777-1857)  
or burial entry, note 4  
rials Digest: she is described as the wife of

J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 211

STERRY, Ann (1787-1864) born Pollard

Ann Pollard, the daughter of Joseph Pollard (1754-1836 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Cummins, 1756?-1813 qv) of Hertford, was born there on 27 December 1787(1).

She became in 1820 the second wife of Richard Sterry (1784-1865 qv), an oilman of Southwark in Surrey and there were five children(2). Her husband's business prospered and after the birth of their children Richard and Ann Sterry moved to a large house in Croydon in Surrey(3).

Ann Sterry of Croydon died on 28 January 1864, at the age of seventy six(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see STERRY, Richard (1784-1865)
- 3 See entry for STERRY, Richard (1784-1865)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Richard

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1865, p 156: 2 line entry for death

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

STERRY, Anna (1710-1749) born Gerrey

Anna Gerrey, the daughter of Richard Gerrey ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of the parish of St George in Southwark, was born there on 25.vi.[July] 1710(1).

She was married in 1730/31 to Benjamin Sterry (1704-1755 qv), a salter of Southwark and there were nine children, most of whom died young(2).

Anna Sterry of Southwark died of a fever on 30.i.[March] 1749, at the age of thirty eight(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see STERRY, Benjamin (1704-1755)
- 3 London & Middlesex 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

STERRY, Anthony (1759-1826)

Anthony Sterry, the son of Richard Sterry ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of the Borough, Southwark in Surrey, was born there on 14 April 1759(1).

He became an oilman(2) and was an exemplary member of the Society, but his usefulness was not confined within its limits. For many years he devoted much of his time to philanthropic work and he had a close sympathy with the trials of suffering humanity. He was unassuming in all that he undertook and was a pleasant companion; his general conduct showed his concern "to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with his God."

As he grew older he was subject to frequent attacks of gout, succeeded by great debility, which he bore with patience and resignation. Some weeks before he died he had a paralytic seizure, from which he appeared to rally, but Anthony Sterry of Newington Butts in Surrey died, apparently unmarried(3), on 29 March 1826, at the age of sixty seven(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1827, pp 43-44

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his burial entry, note 4
- 3 No marriage is traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales and no children are traced in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest
- 4 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he is described as an oilman

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

STERRY, Anthony (1826-1847)

Anthony Sterry, the son of Joseph Sterry (1800-1875 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Brown, 1802-1843 qv) of High Street in the parish of St George the Martyr, Southwark in Surrey, was born there on 28 August 1826(1).

As a child he was very delicate and of a wilful disposition, but this he was early able to subdue and truthfulness was a prominent feature of his character. He became seriously ill in 1846 and at the same time felt he had lost his faith in God and this gave him great mental and spiritual conflict.

His illness did not yield to treatment and Anthony Sterry died peacefully on 23 January 1847, at the age of twenty(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1848, pp 117-123

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

STERRY, Benjamin (1704-1755)

Benjamin Sterry, the son of Joseph Sterry ( - ) and his wife Sarah (born ) of Peel Monthly Meeting, was born on 24.ii.[April] 1704(1).

He became a salter at Southwark(2) and was married in 1730/31 to Anna Gerrey (1710-1749 qv) of Southwark(3); there were nine children(4).

Benjamin Sterry of the parish of St George in Southwark died on 16 June 1755, at the age of fifty one(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his place of birth and his father's occupation are not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Park in Southwark on 12.xi.1730 [i.e. January 1730/31]: he is described as a salter of Southwark, the son of Joseph and Sarah Sterry of Snowhill, London; she is described as the daughter of Richard Gerrey of the parish of George the Martyr, Southwark (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Joseph	b 10 or 17 x [dec] 1731 (two entries)	d 31 i [March] 1742, aged 10
Richard	b 14 iii [May] 1733	m 1757 Mary Neatby
Anna	b 23 v [July] 1734	d 3 i [March] 1746/7, aged 13
Martha	b 29 ix [Nov] 1735	d 15 viii [Oct] 1738, aged 3
Sarah	b 21 vi [Aug] 1737	d 24 ii [April] 1738
Mary	b 22 xi 1738 [i.e. Jan 1738/9] or 22 xii 1738 [i.e. Feb 1738/9] (two entries)	d 22 xi 1744 [i.e. Jan 1744/5]
Benjamin qv	b 7 vii [Sept] 1742	m Sarah (1758?-1820 qv)
Joseph	b	d 29 iii [May] 1744, aged 2 days
Daughter	b	d 9 iv [June] 1746, aged 1 day

No marriages are traced in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest, except for Richard in 1757
- 5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

STERRY, Benjamin (1742-1811)

Benjamin Sterry, the son of Benjamin Sterry (1704-1755 qv) and his wife Anna (born Gerrey, 1710-1749 qv) of Southwark, was born there on 7.vii.[September] 1742(1).

He was married some time prior to 1782 to Sarah (1758?-1820 qv) (2) and there were five children(3). He was for some years an upholsterer, but by 1797 he had become an oilman(4).

Benjamin Sterry of Southwark died on 27 May 1811, at the age of seventy(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales. No notice of it appears in the Two Weeks Meeting minutes
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Mary qv	b 11 Oct 1782	
Richard	b 11 May 1784	m 1815 Elizabeth Warren
*Sarah	b 11 May 1788	
Ann Gerrey	b 12 April 1790	d 31 Aug 1797, aged 7
Hannah qv	b 13 Sept 1797	m 1823 Thomas Norton (1797-1868 qv)
- 4 \*No marriage traced in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest
- 5 In the birth entries for his four eldest children he is described as an upholsterer or upholsterer: by the time Hannah was born in 1797 he had become an oilman
- 5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he is described as an oilman

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

STERRY, Charlotte (1829-1912) after 1856 Wallis

[Charlotte Sterry, daughter of Richard Sterry (1784-1865 qv) and his second wife Ann (born Pollard, 1787-1864 qv) of Southwark in Surrey, was married in 1856 to Arthur Wallis (1830-1900 qv).]

See WALLIS, Charlotte (1829-1912) born Sterry ]

STERRY, Eliza (1828-1908) after 1857 Ashby

[Eliza Sterry, daughter of Joseph Sterry (1800-1875 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Brown, 1802-1843 qv) of Southwark in Surrey, was married in 1857 to James Ashby (1831-1883 qv).]

See ASHBY, Eliza (1828-1908) born Sterry ]

STERRY, Elizabeth (1788-1817) born Warner

Elizabeth Warner, the daughter of Tomson Warner (1738 - 1816 qv) and his second wife Elizabeth (born Tilbury, -1791 ) of the parish of St Giles, Cripplegate in London, was born there on 2 April 1788(1).

She was married in 1815 to Richard Sterry (1784-1865 qv), an oilman of Southwark in Surrey and there was one child(2).

Elizabeth Sterry of Southwark died on 28 February 1817, at the age of twenty nine(3), three months after the birth of her daughter.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and issue see STERRY, Richard (1784-1865)
- 3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Richard

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1818, p 25: 2 line entry for death, which gives her age at death as 28

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

STERRY, Hannah (1797-1831) after 1823 Norton

[Hannah Sterry, daughter of Benjamin Sterry (1742-1811 qv)  
and his wife Sarah (born  
of Southwark in Surrey, was married in 1823 to Thomas  
Norton (1797-1868 qv).]

See NORTON, Hannah (1797-1831) born Sterry ]

STERRY, Henry (1702-1743/4)

Henry Sterry, the son of Joseph Sterry ( - ) and his wife Sarah (born } of the parish of St Sepulchre in London, was born there on 20.vi.[August] 1702(1).

He became a tinplate worker and citizen of London(2) and was married in 1730 to Martha Underwood (1711-1736 qv) of London(3); there were four children(4).

Henry Sterry of the parish of St Sepulchre in London died of asthma on 12 or 14.xi.1743 [i.e. January 1743/4] (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Devonshire House FMH on 29.vii.[September] 1730: he is described as a citizen and tinplate worker of London, the son of Joseph and Sarah Sterry of London; she is described as the daughter of Thomas Underwood of London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Henry qv	b 29 i [March] 1732	m (1)1756 Martha Horne (1735-1766 qv)
		(2)1768 Mary Fleatham (1744-1816 qv)

Sarah	b 23 vi [Aug] 1733	d 20 ix [Nov] 1742, aged 9
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*Thomas	b 10 ii [April] 1735
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Samuel	b 10 ii [April] 1736	d 28 ii [April] 1736
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\*No marriage traced in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest

- 5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he died aged 42; no description of him is given

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

STERRY, Henry (1732-1787)

Henry Sterry, the son of Henry Sterry (1702-1743/4 qv) and his wife Martha (born Underwood, 1711-1736 qv) of Snow Hill in the parish of St Sepulchre, London, was born there on 29.i.[March] 1732(1).

He became a currier and citizen of London(2) and was married firstly in 1756 to Martha Horne (1735-1766 qv) of Bermondsey(3); there were two children(4). He married secondly in 1768 Mary Fleatham (1744?-1816 qv) of London(5) and there were three children(6). They were members of Peel Monthly Meeting.

Henry Sterry of Hatton Street in the parish of St Andrew, London, died on 29 November 1787, at the age of fifty seven(7). James Jenkins, who attended his funeral at Long Lane, says:- 'Although in affluent circumstances, such was the state of his poor mind, that he suffered extreme affliction for a considerable time before his death, from the dread of becoming a pauper.'(8)

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given. His date of birth suggests that he was in fact 55 when he died
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entries, notes 3 and 5
- 3 The wedding was at Horsleydown on 8 April 1756: he is described as a currier and citizen of London, the son of Henry and Martha Sterry of London; she is described as the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Horne of Bermondsey in Surrey (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Joseph	b 26 Feb 1757	d 19 March 1757
Henry	b 26 Feb 1757	died?
- 5 The wedding was at Gracechurch Street FMH on 30 November 1768: he is described as a citizen and currier of London, the son of Henry and Martha Sterry of Snow Hill; she is described as the daughter of Joshua and Hannah Fleatham of London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 6 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Hannah	b 10 Aug 1769	m 1788 Samuel Hoare
Henry	b 9 Dec 1770	m 1795 Beatrice Harman
Mary qv	b 11 July 1772	m 1791 Joseph Steele (1768-1831 qv)
- 7 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he died of asthma; no description of him is given
- 8 James Jenkins, Records and recollections, p 280

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

STERRY, Henry (1732-1787)

Henry Sterry, son of Henry and Martha Sterry of Snow Hill, parish of St Sepulcher's, London, was born there on 29.i.[March] 1732 (1).

In 1768 he married Mary Fleatham (1744?-1816) (2): there were 3 children (3). They were members of Peel M.

Henry Sterry died at Hatton St, parish of St Andrew, City, on 29 November 1787, aged 57 years (4). Isaac James Jenkins, who attended his funeral at Long Lane, says: 'Although in affluent circumstances, such was the state of his poor mind, that he suffered extreme affliction for a considerable time before his death, from the dread of becoming a pauper' (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: no occupation of his father is given. The date of birth suggests that his age at death was wrongly accounted
- 2 The marriage was at Gracechurch Street FMH on 30 November 1768: he is described as citizen and currier, of London, son of Henry and Martha Sterry of Snow Hill; she is described as daughter of Joshua and Hannah Fleatham, of London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

Hannah	b 10 Aug 1769	who m 1788 Samuel Hoare
Henry	b 9 Dec 1770	
Mary	b 11 July 1772	who m 1791 Joseph Steele
- 4 London & Middlesex QM Deaths Digest: he died of asthma. See note 1, commenting on the statement of his age at death
- 5 James Jenkins, Records and recollections, p 280

STERRY, Joseph (1777-1857)

Joseph Sterry, the son of Richard and Mary Sterry of the borough of Southwark in London, was born there on 28 January 1777(1). In 1799 he married Ann Hicks(2) and lived for a time at Great Bardfield in Essex, where his eldest son was born(3). In 1800 he moved back to London(4) and two more sons were born to him(5). He lived in London for about twenty seven years, serving as a member of the Six Weeks Meeting(6), until he removed to the country in 1827(7).

There is at present (1975) no trace of the part of the country to which he moved, but he died at Hertford on 1 January 1857(8), aged nearly eighty.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as an oilman
- 2 The wedding was at Dunmow in the county of Essex on 2 April 1799: he is described as of Great Bardfield in Essex, the son of Richard and Mary Sterry, late of Hartford; she is described as the daughter of George and Sarah Hicks, late of Saling in the county of Essex (Essex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Essex QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Joseph, <sup>qv</sup> b 14 Feb 1800
- 4 Minutes of Southwark MM 16 September 1800
- 5 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Robert b 18 Dec 1801  
Henry b 30 April 1803
- 6 Six Weeks Meeting vol 19 (1821-1836) pp 192,301
- 7 Ibid.
- 8 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-5

STERRY, Joseph (1800-1875)

Joseph Sterry, the son of Joseph Sterry (1777-1857 qv) and his wife Ann, born Hicks, of Great Bardfield and London, was born at Great Barfield in Essex on 14 February 1800(1). Shortly after his birth his father moved to London, within the compass of Southwark Monthly Meeting. In 1823 he married Margaret Brown(2) and there were eight children of the marriage(3).

✓ (1802-1843, qv)

He was an active Friend and a member of the Six Weeks Meeting; he appears as cashier and also as being entrusted with the necessary steps for the conveyance of a freehold property of Southwark Meeting(4).

He died in London on 4 November 1875(5), aged seventy five.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a shopkeeper
- 2 The wedding was at Barith on 3 July 1823: he is described as an oilman of Southwark in Surrey, the son of Joseph and Ann Sterry; she is described as the daughter of John and Susannah Brown of Barith (Cams & Hunts QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Anthony	b 28 August 1826	
Eliza qv	b 30 June 1828	who m 1857 James Ashby
Arthur	b 2 August 1832	
William	b 24 Feb 1834	
Arthur Charles	b 14 July 1835	
an unnamed son	b 25 June 1836	who d 25 June 1836

Listed in Digest of Births as follows:-

Mary	b 6 July 1838
John	b 4 March 1842

- 4 Digest of Deaths: there is no description of him

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

**STERRY, Margaret (1802-1843) born Brown**

Margaret Brown, the daughter of John junior and Susannah Brown of Marith in Huntingdonshire, was born there on 19 February 1802(1). In 1823 she married Joseph Sterry (1800-1875 qv) and there were eight children(2).

She was a consistent Friend, filling for many years the station of overseer and in the integrity of her conduct testifying to the principles she professed. She was deeply exercised by the decline in standards in the Society and occasionally in meetings offered words of warning and encouragement to others.

She died at Southwark after a long illness on 10 November 1843(3), aged forty one.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1845 pp 124-129

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Camb & Hunts QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see STERRY, Joseph (1800-1875)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Joseph junior

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

STERRY, Martha (1711-1736) born Underwood

Martha Underwood, the daughter of Thomas Underwood ( - ) and his wife Sarah (born ) of High Holborn in the parish of St Giles in the Fields in Middlesex, was born there on 20.iii.[May] 1711(1).

She was married in 1730 to Henry Sterry (1702-1743/4 qv), a tinplate worker and citizen of London and there were four children(2).

Martha Sterry of the parish of St Sepulchre in London died in childbirth on 6 or 16.ii.[April] 1736, at the age of about twenty five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given, but he is described as a brewer in entries for siblings
- 2 For marriage and children see STERRY, Henry (1702-1743/4)
- 3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: no description of her is given; her age at death is given as 26

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

STERRY, Martha (1735-1766) born Horne

Martha Horne, the daughter of Benjamin Horne (1698-1766 qv) and his wife Mary (born Warner, 1707-1782 qv) of Bermondsey in Surrey, was born there on 1.viii.[October] 1735(1).

She was married in 1756 to Henry Sterry (1732-1787 qv), a currier and citizen of London and there were twin sons(2).

Martha Sterry of the parish of St Sepulchre in London died of consumption on 25 October 1766, at the age of thirty one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see STERRY, Henry (1732-1787)
- 3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: no description of her is given

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

Mary Sterry, daughter of Henry Sterry (1732-1787),  
the wife of Peter Steele, 1747-1816, of London,  
and mother of 1791 to Joseph Steele (1769-1847).

STERRY, Mary (1744?-1816) born Fleatham

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Mary Fleatham, the daughter of Joshua and Hannah Fleatham of London, was born about 1744 (1). She went through a considerable conflict before she was able to 'adopt the plain scriptural language and simplicity of attire which we believe the truth leads into' (2). In 1768 she married Henry Sterry (3), who died in 1787.

In 1793 Mary Sterry was acknowledged a minister and subsequently she acceptably visited most of the meetings in England and Ireland. She is said to have sat in every meeting house in these two countries, but to have been refused a certificate to visit America (4). James Jenkins, who says that she was born in London but displayed in her preaching the accent of Yorkshire, commented: 'She was deemed to be a pretty large and acceptable minister, but the manner of her delivery was to me gratingly unpleasant' (5).

She died on 27 October 1816, aged 72 years, a minister 23 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Devonshire House MM in TCMD vol 5 p 84

SEE ALSO

J. Friends hist soc vol 12, 15, 18

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Not traced in London & Middlesex or Yorkshire QM Births Digests: year of birth deduced from age at death; parents' names from entry in London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest
- 2 Testimony
- 3 For details of the marriage and children, see STERRY, Henry (1732-1787)
- 4 Norman Penney in a footnote in his edition of Pen pictures of London yearly meeting, 1930, p 56
- 5 James Jenkins, Records and recollections, pp 912-9, which elaborates fairly fully on her character and activities: for incidental references see also pp 626, 666

STERRY, Mary (1782-1853)

Mary Sterry, the daughter of Benjamin Sterry (1742-1811 qv) and his wife Sarah (born 1758?-1820 qv) of Fenchurch Street in the parish of Allhallows, Staining, Mark Lane in London, was born there on 11 October 1782(1). As the eldest child of a family of five, she matured early and undertook important responsibilities. The family moved to Southwark, where she continued to live until she went to Croydon about 1845.

At about the age of twenty she took charge of a large establishment, in which several of the assistants ~~were~~ inmates of the house. She filled this post most capably and faithfully for a number of years and was deeply concerned for the spiritual welfare of the young people in her care.

She was a Friend not only by birth but by convincement and was warmly attached to the principles of the Society. She was a regular attender at meetings for worship and discipline and her weighty and instructive counsel was much valued. She was concerned that the discipline should be conducted in a spirit of charity and took a very humble view of her own religious attainments, but when she was about forty she appeared in the ministry. Her religious visits were mainly confined to her own quarterly meeting.

In her domestic and social circle she was greatly beloved and exercised an influence which was sweetly and wholly good, entering with lively interest into the concerns of those around her. She was a frequent visitor to the sick and afflicted and to the poor she was a kind and judicious helper and friend. She was instrumental, with others, in the establishment of a society in Southwark to help the sick and needy and also took a prominent part in conducting a school for poor children. In everything she did she was sustained by her daily practice of private prayer and meditation, seeking the Lord's guidance in her work.

When she moved to Croydon, about eight years before her death, she felt it right to give up active work, but her mind remained unimpaired. In the latter part of her life she suffered much bodily infirmity, but she attended her own meeting until shortly before her death.

Mary Sterry of Croydon died on 28 February 1853, at the age of seventy(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1854, pp 118-137

Testimony of Kingston MM in Testimonies 1854, p 14

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as an upholster
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster

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

STERRY, Sarah (1758?-1820) born

Sarah Sterry, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1981) traced, was born about the year 1758(1).

She was married prior to 1782 to Benjamin Sterry (1742-1811 qv), an upholsterer and later an oilman of Southwark and there were five children(2).

Sarah Sterry of Wandsworth in Surrey died on 19 June 1820, at the age of sixty two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 62 at death

2 For marriage and children see STERRY, Benjamin (1742-1811)

3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Benjamin

SEE ALSO:-  
Annual Monitor 1821, p 30: 1 line entry for death  
J Friends Hist Soc vol 28 (1931) p 65: anecdote

STERRY, Mary (1782-1853)

Mary Sterry was the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Sterry of London where she was born on 11 October 1782. Soon afterwards the family settled in Southwark where she continued to live until her removal to Croydon about 1845.

When she was about 40 she appeared in the ministry. Her religious visits were mainly confined to her own Quarterly Meeting. In the latter part of her life she suffered much bodily infirmity but was able to attend Meetings until within a few days of her death on 28 February 1853 in her 71st year. Her body was interred in Friends Burial Ground, Croydon.

Testimony of Kingston M.M. in Testimonies 1854, p.14

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Additional reference

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STERRY, Mary, c.1783-1853

An. Mon. (N.S.), 11(1854):118

STERRY, Richard (1784-1865)

Richard Sterry, the son of Benjamin Sterry (1742-1811 qv) and his wife Sarah (born 1758?-1820 qv) of Fenchurch Street in the parish of All Hallows in London, was born there on 11 May 1784(1).

He went into business as an oil merchant and built up a thriving and prosperous concern; people came to him because they could rely upon the excellent quality of his goods and his prompt execution of orders. He was married firstly in 1815 to Elizabeth Warner (1788-1817 qv) of Uxbridge in Middlesex(2) and there was one child(3). He married secondly in 1820 Ann Pollard (1787-1864 qv) of Hertford(4) and there were five children(5).

After the birth of his children, the family moved to Croydon in Surrey. There, Richard Sterry occupied an influential position, both in the town and in the meeting. He did not wear the Quaker style of dress, an unusual thing in those days, but rather that of a prosperous London merchant. His large house, Oakfield Lodge, with its extensive gardens, was the scene of much hospitality. He took a deep interest in the Friends' school at Croydon, visiting it frequently as a member of the Committee.

Richard Sterry of Croydon died on 23 February 1865, at the age of eighty(6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 70 (1912) p 62 in the course of an obituary of Charlotte Wallis

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as an upholsterer
- 2 The wedding was at Brentford on 20 June 1815: he is described as an oilman of Southwark in Surrey, the son of Benjamin and Sarah Sterry of Southwark; she is described as the daughter of Tomson and Elizabeth Warner of Uxbridge in Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-  
Mary Ann b 29 Nov 1816 m 1838 Henry Barrett
- 4 The wedding was at Hertford on 10 May 1820: he is described as an oilman of Southwark in the county of Surrey, the son of Benjamin and Sarah Sterry of Southwark; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Pollard of Hertford (Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

*Richard	b 3 June 1821	
*Alfred	b 7 Feb 1823	
Sarah qv	b 5 May 1825	m 1851 Richard Wallis (1823-1881 qv)
Priscilla	b 17 June 1827	m 1871 Alfred Manser
Charlotte qv	b 7 May 1829	m 1856 Arthur Wallis (1830-1900 qv)

\*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1880

- 6 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1866, p 171: 2 line entry for death

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

STERRY, Sarah (1825-1897) after 1851 Wallis

[Sarah Sterry, daughter of Richard Sterry (1784-1865 qv)  
and his second wife Ann (born Pollard, 1787-1864 qv) of  
Camberwell in Surrey, was married in 1851 to Richard  
Wallis (1823-1881 qv).]

See WALLIS, Sarah (1825-1897) born Sterry ]