

WBE:

MATTHEWS, Anna, nee Foulke, 1827-1915

b. March 4, 1827 at Gwynned, Penna , daughter of David and Mary (Roberts) Foulke.

m. May 8, 1845 John Dukehart Matthews at Ellicott City, Md. and moved to Gunpowder, Md. to live.

For twelve years she served the Baltimore Yearly meeting of Women as Clerk at Park Avenue with marked executive ability and dignity. Her wise counsel and rare gift of keen business ability was greatly valued and frequently sought in monthly, quarterly and yearly meetings as well as by the entire community around Gunpowder Monthly Meeting.

d. Jan. 14, 1917 at her home at Mt. Pleasant, Md. aged 88 years.

Information supplied to WBE by Anna M. Corse.

[Frd. Intel., 74(1917): 27, 60] BC

MATTHEWS, Elizabeth (1843?-1921) after 1876 Garnett

[Elizabeth Matthews of Chorlton-on-Medlock, daughter of Edward Matthews, was married in 1876 to Charles Garnett (1842-1921 qv) of Chorlton-on-Medlock and Manchester.

See GARNETT, Elizabeth (1843?-1921) born Matthews ]

MATTHEWS, Emily Jane (1823-1887) aftw. Harding

[ Emily Jane Matthews, the daughter of William  
Matthews and his wife Jane (nee )  
was married in 1848 to Robert Harding ]

see HARDING, Emily Jane (1823-1887) born Matthews ]

MATTHEWS, Esther Sophia (1868-1964) born Horsnall

Esther Sophia Horsnall, the daughter of Henry Horsnall (1828-1881 qv) and his wife Eliza (born Catchpool, 1830-1929 qv) of Bulford Mill, Cressing in Essex, was born there on 9 August 1868(1).

She was married in 1911 to John William Matthews (1863-1951 qv), a farmer of Earls Colne in Essex, but the marriage was apparently childless(2). Esther Sophia Matthews of The Limes, Earls Colne, died on 13 March 1964, at the age of ninety seven(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage see MATTHEWS, John William (1863-1951)
- 3 The Friend vol 122 (1964) p 362: she is described as the widow of John William Matthews

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

MATTHEWS, John

John Matthews was a member of Peel Meeting and suffered for his attendance (Suff.i.416,461). Despite the correction on page 118, it is probable that John Matthews was intended, his residence being near that of John Elson, and not James Matthews who lived away to the East (118.3).

Note by N. Penney in G; Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.336

WBE:

MATTHEWS, John Ernest, 1850-1930

b. 1850 at Cambridge Heath, England.

Member of shipping firm of Matthews and Luff.

Founded the Fellowship of National goodwill. Was  
a prison visitor.

1926 visited United States and Jamaica. Was  
a member of meeting for Sufferings. Spent many winters  
in Algiers and was a vegetarian.

d. April 26, 1930 at Silver Birches, Storrington,  
Sussex, age 80 years. His ashes were buried at  
Jordans.

The Friend (London), 70(1930):390, 458 (portrait)

MATTHEWS, John William (1863-1951)

John William Matthews, the son of William Matthews ( - ) and his wife Rebecca (born ) of Earls Colne in Essex, was born there on 21 August 1863(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1874 to 1880 and studied at the Flounders Institute in 1880 and 1883(2).

About 1883 he was a junior master at Ackworth School, but although always fond of teaching he returned to Earls Colne to help his father with his farm and seed business. He took this over on his father's death and continued in business until 1931, when he retired and devoted himself to his garden.

He was married in 1911 to Esther Sophia Horsnaill (1868-1954 qv) of Croydon in Surrey(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

Apart from his farming and gardening interests, he enjoyed cricket, football and mountaineering, retaining an interest in them when he was no longer able to take an active part. He did much to maintain the meeting house at Earls Colne, one of the oldest in Essex, and while it was closed he attended Coggeshall Meeting.

John William Matthews of The Limes, Earls Colne, died on 23 April 1951, at the age of eighty seven(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 109 (1951) p 453

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 259
- 3 The wedding was at Esher on 18 November 1911: he is described as a bachelor, a farmer of Ashwells, Earls Colne, the son of William Matthews, a farmer; she is described as a spinster of Park View, Chatsworth Road, Croydon, the daughter of Henry Horsnaill, a miller (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 5 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

MATTHEWS, Martha

( 1895? - 1981 ) b.

Martha Matthews was born in Ayrshire in about the year 1895 (1) and grew up in the town of Irvine, where at the age of 17 she met Frederick W. Matthews a birthright Quaker. They were married in 1922 (2) and attended Glasgow meeting, Martha joining the Society of Friends soon after their marriage.(3) They were valued Friends at Glasgow until 1940 when they moved to Newcastle. They stayed there until Fred retired in 1960 when they returned to Ayrshire and joined the meeting at Ayr. There she was noted for her catering in connection with all Friends activities. Her talents in home making were given to the service of the meeting as well as to her own home. She was a woman of true humility and a simple faith with a happy spirited sense of enjoyment.

She died on March 10, 1981, aged about 86.(1)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 139 ( 1981 ) p. 479.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. The obituary in The Friend contains no details of date of birth nor of age at death. It mentions that she was seventeen years old in 1912 from which it has been deduced that she was born in about 1895 and was about 86 years old in 1981 when she died.
2. There is no record of this in the Marriage Digest and no other record has been found.
3. The obituary is misleading on this point. Frederick Matthews' name does not appear in the printed lists of members of ~~Glasgow~~ Scotland Yearly Meeting until 1932 in Glasgow. There is no mention of a wife. In 1936 three children are listed but there is still no mention of his wife who appears for the first time in the list for 1939.

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MATTHEWS, Mary, nee Cooper, 1779-1847

b. July 15, 1779 in Baltimore County, Maryland,  
daughter of Thomas and Catherine Cooper.

Not a birthright Friend.

c.1795 she came to reside among Friends. C.1800  
she joined Gunpowder Monthly Meeting.

m. Eli Matthews. (children)

1822, recognized a minister.

1830 attended Ohio Yearly Meeting (Liberal?)

1846 with Ann P. Jackson visited families.

d. Jan. 29, 1847 after a sudden illness at her  
home in Gunpowder, Maryland. in her 68th year.

Baltimore Y.M., Memorials (1875), 130

WBE:

MATTHEWS, Oliver, c.1721-1824

b. c.1721

Plain, punctual and hospitable, he lived on  
a farm.

m.

Had several children all

of whom pre-deceased him except one.

d. Jan. 17, 1824 in Baltimore County, Md., in  
his 103rd year.

Fds. Misc., I:359

MATTHEWS, Susannah (1751?-1791) after 1788 Beavington

[Susannah Matthews, daughter of William and Elizabeth

MATTHEWS, Rebecca (1825-1905) born Allen

Rebecca Allen, the third daughter of John (1790-1859, qv) and Elizabeth Allen of Liskeard, was born there on 15 January 1825 (1). Her father superintended his children's education and from him she learned a lifelong love of nature and sense of responsibility, especially to her poorer neighbours.

In 1861 she married William Matthews (1808-1904, qv) of Earl's Colne and lived there the rest of her long life. At first her days were largely occupied with the care of her children, but soon she found opportunities for service in the village and her knowledge of simple remedies won her the title 'Dr Matthews'. She was largely instrumental in obtaining the services of a district nurse for the village. She was one of the founders of the Band of Hope at Earl's Colne. She worked devotedly for the British and Foreign Bible Society both at Liskeard and at Colne.

Rebecca Matthews was recorded a minister by East Cornwall MM in 1860. Diffident of her own powers, her natural self-forgetfulness and spiritual sincerity gave force to her words. Her wide personal sympathy and an interest in the present, continued throughout her later years, were the secret of her influence. Her ministry was a ministry of love.

She died at Earls Colne on 31 March 1905, aged 80 years (2).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Cogleshall MM in YM Proc. 1906 p.209

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Cornwall QM Births Digest

2 Digest of Burial Notes

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MATTHEWS, William, 1732-1792

b. June 19, 1732 in Stafford County, Virginia,  
son of William and Mary Matthews. The parents  
died while W.M. was a young child.

| 1754, appeared in the ministry.

Suffered many outward losses and much discouragement. Finally, triumphed over his difficulties.

Visited most of the meetings of Friends in America. In 1783 visited England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales with John Pemberton. On approaching the English coast they were taken by a French privateer and forced to land at Dunkirk. After about a month were allowed tp ship for Dover, Eng.

1787 returned to Phila. in time for Yearly Mtg.

d. May 7, 1792 and was buried at York-town in his 60th year.

Balt, Y.M., Memorials) 40

Com.y, Frds. Misc., VII:241

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MATTHEWS, William, -1816

Bath, England.

Secretary to the West of England Agricultural Society.

Recognized a minister. Espoused liberal doctrines and sided with Hannah Bernard. Was ultimately disowned.

1786 editor of The Miscellaneous Companions. (3 vols.)

1802, wrote The Recorder: being a collection of tracts and disquisitions&c;; 1810, Extracted from Bath Chronicle: As persons who have taken a warm interest in the establishment of the ... Bath Forum Lancastrian Free School, we use the liberty of noting the afforts of one of its adversaries."

d. April, 1816 at Bath, Eng.

Frds. Hist. Lib., Sw., BX 7615

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 22:81

Jos. Smith's Cat., II:164; Sup., 248

WBE:

Additional References

MATTHEWS, William, 1808-1904.

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MATTHEWS, William (1808-1904)

William Matthews was born at Coggeshall in the year 1808, and was educated at Earls Colne School, being afterwards apprenticed to business. On the sudden death of his father, William Matthews finding himself unable to support his mother and her young family, joined the Army; while undergoing training at Croydon he speaks of the kindness of a Friend. In 1834 he obtained his discharge from the Army and began business as a corn merchant at Kelvedon, and in the same year joined the Society, becoming a member of Coggeshall Monthly Meeting. In 1835 he married Elizabeth Kendall of Colchester. He was recorded a minister in 1842 and for more than forty years was often from home for weeks or months together in Gospel work amongst Friends in England, Scotland and Ireland.

William Matthews married Rebecca Allen of Liskeard in 1861 his first wife having died in 1858.

He was an untiring worker in the cause of Temperance, and an ardent supporter of the Bible Society, being for many years its local secretary.

'The simple record of his journeys is interspersed with frequent acknowledgment of the help graciously given, "to one so poor and unworthy", to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, and of his desire to render all the praise to his Heavenly Father'.

William Matthews died 8 January 1904 aged ninety five years.

Testimony of Coggeshall MM in YM Proc. 1904, p.248

MAUD, Deborah (1697-1774) after 1733 Stansfield

Deborah Maud, daughter of John and Anne (née...  
of Whalley in Lancashire), was married in 1733 to John  
Stansfield (1692-1756 see 1025/7-152).

MATTHEWS, William (1830- )

William Matthews was born on 17 November 1830, the son of Morritt  
and Ann Matthews of Dewsbury, Yorkshire

SOURCE OF INFORMATION :

Frederick W. Matthews of Ayr, on whose behalf a search was made in 1967

ACTION TAKEN BY THE LIBRARY :

No record of William Matthews or the marriage of his parents was  
traced in the Yorkshire GM register digests, although FWM says that  
the birth certificate, which he has, is in Quaker form

MAUD, Esther (1727?-1794) aftw. Tuke

[Esther Maud, daughter of Maud of  
Bingley, Yorkshire, and his wife  
(nee ) was married in 1765 to  
William Tuke of York, as his second wife

see TUKE, Esther (1727?-1794) born Maud ]

MAUD, Samuel (1667-1730)

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Samuel Maud was born at Leeds of Presbyterian parents; in his eighteenth year he went to live at Sunderland with his uncle, William Maud, a Friend, through whom he became convinced.

'He demonstrated to the World the blessed Effects of the Power of Truth, by a sober and religious conversation, in which he seemed daily to improve, until he was raised up to bear a publick Testimony to the Light of Jesus, which had wrought his Reformation'.

He died 4.ii.[April] 1730, aged sixty three years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Newcastle MM, in TCMD vol.1p.34, printed in A Collection of Testimonies 1760, p.32

WBE:  
Additional reference

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MAUD, Samuel, 1667-1730

John Smith's Ms. II:464

MAUD, Timothy (1729/30-1796)

Timothy Maud, of Bradford, was born 3.i.1729 / i.e. March 1729/30 ~~E~~  
(poss. March 1729) <sup>7</sup>, the son of Timothy Maud Jr. and Ann his wife,  
of Ravenroyd, parish of Bingley, Yorks (1).

He married, 26 March 1764, at Bradford, Anne Fothergill, daughter  
of Emanuel and Elizabeth Fothergill of Bainbridge, Yorks (2).

At the time of his marriage he was described as a linen-draper (3).  
However, at some period of his life (presumably subsequent to  
this) he became a surgeon and apothecary (4).

He was a friend of John Fothergill. In May 1796, being 'a Friend  
of great worth, as well as medical knowledge, who had retired from  
practice' (5), he was appointed temporary superintendent of the  
Retreat, York, upon its opening.

He died shortly after, however, 8 July 1796, aged 67, and was  
interred at Bradford 10 July (6).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

H.R. Hodgson, The Society of Friends in Bradford: a record  
of 270 years (Bradford 1926) p.56

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 Yorks QM Births digest

2 Yorks QM Marriages digest

Anne Fothergill was born 26.ix.Nov. 1742. She died 1 May 1769

- Yorks QM Births digest

- Yorks QM Burials digest

Child:

William (qv) born 18 Feb. 1765

- Yorks QM Births digest

3 Yorks QM Marriages digest

4 Yorks QM Burials digest

5 S. Tuke, Description of the Retreat &c (York 1813) p.46

6 Yorks QM Burials digest

MAUGER, Paul Victor Edison ( 1896 - 1982 )

Paul Mauger was born on January 7, 1896 the son of Victor Eugene and Matilda Blanche Mauger .(1) He was educated at Saffron Walden School and grew up into a career in architecture to which he made a great contribution. During and subsequent to the first world war he served in France with the War Victims Relief Committee and retained a love of that country and of its culture. Experiences in Jerusalem in the late twenties led him to become a keen protagonist for a settled Palestine that could accommodate both Arabs and Jews. In 1926 he married Irene Newbery (2) and they made their home at Welwyn Garden City. He had joined the meeting there in about 1923. He was a great traveller, loved watching cricket and lecturing on landscape and on architecture. He had a love of classicism stimulated by his knowledge of mainland Greece but this did not blind him to the need for each generation to make its own contribution to architecture and he and his partners gained many awards and great recognition. He was keenly interested in his professional association, in the Town and Country Planning Association, in the Quaker Fellowship of the Arts and gave much time to his own meeting of Welwyn Garden City. He also served on Friends central committees.(3)

Although a recognised architect for nonconformist churches, particularly for the Methodists it was not until the mid-fifties that he designed his first meeting house but then he grew more and more involved in designing for Friends. His wife Irene died on June 9, 1973 after 47 years of marriage. Later in 1976 he married Ruth Bunce (4).

He died on November 2, 1982 aged 86.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES.

The Friend Vol. 140 (1982) p. 1489

Testimony of Hertford & Hitchin MM

Y.M.Precs. 1983 p. 155

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. The names of his parents are taken from the Marriage Digest entry cited below.
2. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Ratcliff FMH on June 12, 1926. He is described as bachelor, architect of Welwyn Garden City, she as Irene Ruth Newbery spinster, student, daughter of Frederic and Charlotte Hannah Newbery of Shadwell.
3. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.

Friends Relief Service

Friends Service Council 1942 - 1948

Palestine Watching Cttee 1944 - 1951

4. The Friend 1976. p. 572. The marriage took place at Hatfield. They are both described as of Welwyn Garden City.

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MAULE, Israel, c.1779-1828

b. c.1779 son of Daniel and

Hannah (Brown) Maule, who lived in the Philadelphia area.

m. (1st) AnnGarrigues. 5 children

m. (2d) Ann Price. 5 children

An elder among Friends.

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MAULE, Jacob, 1840-1933

b. Aug. 18, 1840 at Colrain, O., son of Joshua  
and Sarah (Ecroyd) Maule.

ed. 1854-61 Westtown School.

Storekeeper in Colerain, O. where he was  
conscientious not to make more than a certain per-  
centage.

m. 1875, Rachel Raley (d. 1920)

Travelled in Canada, No. Carolina, and Kansas.

The separations in the Society were a great grief to  
Jacob Maule, and he strove to heal the breaches and  
to find points of unity. He had warm friends in all  
groups. Attempted to open First-day schools in  
his own group (the Hoyle, or larger body, or Wilbur  
Friends, as they were called).

In later life he taught in a Union Bible School  
until deafness forced his retirement. He was long a  
faithful member of the Olney (Boarding School) Comm-  
ittee and worked for peace, temperance and education.

d. July 12 or 18, 1933 at Colerain, O. in his  
93rd year, a minister about 50 years.

Westtown School, The Westtonian, 39(1933):32

The Friend (Phila.), 107(1933):110

Information from Mary Maule Haines of Germantown, Pa.

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MAULE, Joseph E.

1859 wrote Some extracts and remarks on acknowledging meetings of separatists, as though they were Friends.

1860 J.E.M. was one of the "General Meeting" or "Primitive Friends", who in 1860, withdrew from Phila.

Y.M.

m. Feb. 18, 1885 Susan C. Gorham of Scipio Mo.  
Mtg., New York. (d. 1912)

He continued intermittently to write other tracts relating to religious problems.

Hinshaw, Encyc., II:1086, 949

[Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:167] B.C.

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MAULE, Joshua, 1776-1812

b. Dec. 28, 1776 at Radnor, Pa., son of Daniel  
and Hannah (Brown) Maule.

1792, apprenticed to Jacob Hughes at Marcus Hook  
to learn tannery. He was somewhat prone to levity.  
Indulged in various excesses and dissipation.

1794, Enlisted to help suppress the Whiskey  
Rebellion, but his father obtained his release and  
he returned home to his family place. He acknowledged  
his error to Friends.

| c.1795 a minister.

m., 1797/8 Rebecca Johnson, daughter of Jacob  
Johnson of Phila. Pa. Taught school at Radnor, Pa.

1803 opened a school for girls at Wilmington, Del.

1806 made a religious visit to Canada with his  
uncle, Jacob Maule.

1810 with Eli Hilles opened a boarding School  
for girls in Wilmington. In 1811 his wife died.

1812 paid a religious visit to Abington and Bucks  
Quarterly Meetings.

d. Aug. 30, 1812 in Middletown, Bucks County in  
his 36th year.

WBE:

MAULE, Joshua, 1806-

b. May 15, 1806 in Radnor Township, Penna., son  
of Jacob and Jane Maule.

1831, moved to Ohio and worked as a blacksmith.  
Made his home in Colerain, O.

m., 1832 Sarah N. Ecröyd. Children. She died Jan., 1871  
1857 wrote and published a Letter to Benjamin Hoyle,  
who was then clerk of Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative)  
In this he finds fault with some of B.H.'s official acts.  
Later J.M. and a few other Friends withdrew from the  
Conservative Yearly Meeting and established a small Gen-  
eral Meeting which lasted only a few years. They met at  
Concord, Belmont County, Ohio and issued A Testimony for  
the Truth.

1862 wrote An examination of "Considerations suggested  
by the present position of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting" in  
The Friend, Feb. 1, 1862. He sympathized with John Wilbur  
and was critical of the attitude of the Yearly Meeting.

1863 was one of the signers to An Address to the  
members of the Society of Friends...

m. (2d) Hannah T. Cope of West Chester, Penna. They  
had one daughter.

1886, appears to have been still living when the  
publication occurred of his Transactions and changes in the  
Society of Friends.

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MAULE, Thomas, c.1643-1724

b. c.1643

Raised in the Anglican Church.

c. 1655 left England for Barbadoes.

1671 convinced, probably by George Fox.

1668/69 A tailor by trade, he came to live at Salem, Mass. where he became a merchant.

m. Naomi Lindsey, of Lynn, Mass. 1 son, John and perhaps other children.

T.M. was five times imprisoned, three times heavily fined and three times whipped through the streets of Salem at a cart's tail. His shop was robbed of a large amount of goods, and he was denied protection by the magistrates of the town.

Because Mauke opposed witchcraft trials he was given the nickname of No-devil Maule.

1702 George Keith tried unsuccessfully to incline T.M. to his way.

He published a number of tracts and books, among them in 1695, Truth held forth and maintained; New England persecutors mauled with their own weapons; 1701, An abstract of a letter to Cotton Mather, &c; 1703, For the service of Truth, against George Keith.

WBE:

MAULE, Thomas, c.1643-1724

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[ His first mentioned publication caused a furor and he was indicted for "divers slanders against the Government and Churchea of this Province" and was put on trial before a jury. This case preceding the more famous similar trial of John Peter Zenger in 1735 is like it in being essentially a defence of the right of each man to free speech. It is the more remarkable because a jury of his peers in a hostile Puritan community defied the charge of the judge and returned a verdict of not-guilty according to the indictment.] BC

[ m. (2d) Sarah Kendall, Dec. 7, 1713. 3 children.] BC

d. 1724 in Salem, Mass., aged about 81 years.

Nicholson, Genealogy of the Maule family, 6.

Jones, M.B., Thomas Maule, the Salem Quaker...

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:167

WBE:

MAULSBY, John, 1753-1785

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b. Nov. 17, 1753 in Penna., son of

At an undetermined date he removed to Maryland and settled in the neighborhood of Gunpowder, Md. Monthly Meeting.

1773 apparently joined Friends. Also preached among Friends.

1778 removed to Pipe Creek Meeting.

1781, m. Mary Starr.

1783 removed to Baltimoretown (?) His appearances in the ministry were mostly short, yet frequently seasoned with Truth.

d. Sept. 10, 1785 Baltimoretown (?), aged nearly 32.

Barnard, E.K. Early Maltby..., 217, 219

(This volume is to be found at Swarthmore College, although WBE did not so indicate on his manuscript notes.)

M.B., B.L.C.

MAW, Ann (1776-1849) after 1809 Palian

(Ann Maw, daughter of John Maw (1748-1819 qv) and his wife Mary (born Burtt, 1744-1823 qv), of Gainsborough, was married in 1809 to Thomas Palian.

See PALIAN, Ann (1776-1849) born Maw )

MAW, Deborah (1777-1799) after 1797 Bourn

(Deborah Maw, daughter of John Maw (1748-1819 qv) and his wife Mary (born Burtt, 1744-1823 qv), of Gainsborough, was married in 1797 to William Bourn.

See BOURN, Deborah (1777-1799) born Maw )

MAW, Edith Mary (1850-1894) born Allen

Edith Mary Allen, the daughter of Stafford Allen (1806-1889 qv) and his wife Hannah Hunton (born Ransome, 1813-1880 qv) of Stoke Newington, was born there on 9 February 1850(1). She was married in 1873 to Samuel Alexander Maw (1846-1909 qv) a banker of Needham Market in Suffolk, and there were seven children(2).

Edith Mary Maw of Needham Market died on 23 December 1894 at the age of forty four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a drug grinder
- 2 For marriage and children see MAW, Samuel Alexander (1846-1909)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Samuel Alexander

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

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**MAW**, Edith Muriel (1880-1943) aftw. Gregory

[Edith Muriel Maw, the daughter of Maw  
and his wife (nee )  
was married in 1905 to W. Edward Gregory

see      **GREGORY**, Edith Muriel (1880-1943) born Maw

MAW, Ellen (1711-1765) after 1731 Reckitt

(Ellen or Ellinor Maw, the daughter of Simon and Mary Maw of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, was married in 1731 to William Reckitt (1706-1769 qv).

See RECKITT, Ellen (1711-1765) born Maw )

**MAW, Emily** (1853-1914) born Thorp

Emily Thorp, the eldest daughter of John Hall (1823-1904, qv) and Annabella Thorp of Leeds was born on 9 November 1853 (1). She was educated at The Mount, York, and on leaving school entered whole-heartedly into the work being carried on by young Friends in Leeds Meeting. She had a Young Men's Bible class, and helped in the Band of Hope.

She married in 1878 Thomas Maw of Needham Market (2) there were two sons and four daughters (3). She supported the mission work carried on by her husband at the Meeting House, and worked also for the Y.M.C.A.

In 1887 the family moved to Felixstowe, where Emily Maw conducted a Bible class in the small Meeting, and opened her home on Sunday evenings for family worship. For several years she was clerk to the Women's Quarterly Meeting of Essex and Suffolk. In 1886 she lost her youngest little girl, and in 1891 her husband died. Five years later she took charge of the home for children of Friend missionaries at Needham Market. In 1908 she moved to Watford, and subsequently to Sudbury where her grandchildren were a constant source of joy to her. After two years of failing health she died on 13 January 1914, aged 61 years.

**PRINCIPAL SOURCE :**

Annual monitor 1915, p.136

**SEE ALSO :**

Friend ns vol.54 (1914) p.52

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes; her father is described as butcher

2 The wedding was at Leeds on 19 June 1878; he is described as bachelor, gentleman, of Needham Market, son of Samuel Alexander Maw, gentleman; she is described as spinster, of Headingley, daughter of John Hall Thorp, builder (Digest of Marriage Registers)

3 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows :-

Rachel Winifred	born 1 June 1879
Samuel Herbert	born 12 Sept 1880
Thomas Henry	born 5 Sept 1882
Emily Margaret	born 14 July 1884
Lucy Helen	born 29 Nov 1887
Ethel Windsor	6 Sept 1885
	died 1910 aged 27 years
	died 24 Sept 1886

## MAW, John (1748-1819)

John Maw, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Maw of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, was born there on 21.vi.(August)1748(1). The Maw family were for many years yeomen landowners in the Isle of Axholme and their association with the Society of Friends went back to its early days, with the burial of Robert Maw of Belton in 1680. Thomas Mawe de Epworth, yeoman, is mentioned as a freeholder in 1561 and was probably the founder of the family. John Maw, ~~a mustard manufacturer~~, was married in 1770 to Mary Burtt (1744-1823 qv) the daughter of Joseph Burtt (1693-1765 qv) and his wife Deborah (1705-1765 qv) of Welbourn(2) and there were six children of the marriage(3).

The marriage made a happy link between the two families and they took a mutual pleasure in one another's company. The young people formed an essay society and went on sketching expeditions together, while the wide margins of the Heath provided a delightful collecting ground for those interested in botany. John's daughter Deborah horrified the family in 1797 when she eloped to Gretna Green with William Bourn of Gainsborough, who although an excellent young man was a member of the Church of England. Deborah was very penitent on her return home and begged with tears to be forgiven. The marriage was later celebrated at the parish church at Gainsborough and the two families remained on friendly terms. Some of the Bourns attended meeting and became Quakers.

John Maw died on 12 January 1819(4), at the age of seventy one,

### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Mary Bowen Burtt, The Burts, a Lincolnshire Quaker Family, 1500-1900, Hull 1937, pp 87, 122-124

### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Waddington on 26 November 1770: he is described as a grocer and chandler of Gainsborough, Lincs, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Maw of Wainfleet; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Deborah Burtt, late of Welbourn, Lincs (Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Lincolnshire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Thomas	b 3 Dec 1771	who d 11 Dec 1771
Ann qv	b 5 July 1776	who m 1809 Thomas Palien
Deborah qvb	b 27 Oct 1777	who m 1797 William Bourn (Mary Bowen Burtt, op cit, p 121)
Mary qv	b 1 Sept 1779	who m 1815 William Bayldon
John	b 7 Dec 1781	who d 7 June 1837
Phebe	b 21 Sept 1786	who d unmarried
- 4 Lincolnshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a mustard manufacturer

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HAW, John (1748-1819)

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N.B. There is no reference to him in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45  
or in the typescript Index of Testimonies, Friends House Library

MAW, Louisa (1814-1900) aftw. Appleby, aftw. Nodal

[Louisa, the second daughter of John and Margaret Maw,  
married Joshua Appleby of Manchester in 1839. In 1875  
she married John Nodal of Sale.]

see NODAL, Louisa (1814-1900) formerly Appleby, born Maw]

MAW, Lucy (1774-1856) born Alexander

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Lucy Alexander, the eldest daughter of Samuel Alexander (1749-1824 qv) and his wife Elizabeth, of Needham Market in Suffolk, was born there on 18 May 1774(1); her mother died when she was about twelve years old.

When she was about twenty four she first spoke in the ministry and was recorded a minister in 1801. She was married in 1804 to Thomas Maw (1772-1849 qv) and there were two children(2). Until the death of her only daughter in 1828 she used her gifts as a minister only within her own quarterly meeting, but later on she visited Friends in several parts of England, especially showing sympathy for the small and isolated meeting. In many of her journeys she was accompanied by her husband and her last visit was to Friends in Essex, in the company of Carolina Norton.

Her husband died in 1849 and she survived him for about seven years. Her last illness was short; she died on 8 November 1856 at the age of eighty two(3), a minister for fifty five years. She was buried in Friends' burial ground at Needham Market.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Woodbridge MM in Testimonies 1857, p 29

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see MAW, Thomas (1772-1849)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Thomas

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc Sup 17 (Pen Pictures), p 187: letter to Elizabeth Dudley 4 June 1828, printed in Memoirs of Elizabeth Dudley, 1861, p 153

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 16, p 72:  
Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p ii: Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) pp 133,134,148  
Annual Monitor 1858, p 131: 1 line entry for her death

**MAW, Lucy (1774-1856) born Alexander**

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Lucy Maw was the eldest daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Alexander of Needham Market. Her mother died when she was about 12 years old.

When about 24 years of age she first spoke in the ministry and was recorded a minister in 1801. In 1804 she married Thomas Maw. Until the death of her only daughter in 1828 she used her gifts as a minister only within her own Q.M. Later however she visited Friends in several parts of England especially showing sympathy for the small and isolated meeting. Her last visit was to Friends in Essex. This was done in the company of Carolina Norton.

Her last illness was short. She died 8 November 1856 in the 83rd year of her age; a minister for 55 years. Her remains were interred in Friends Burial Ground at Needham Market.

Testimony of Woodbridge M.M. in Testimonies 1857, p.29

MAW, Mary (1744-1823) born Burtt

Mary Burtt, the daughter of Joseph Burtt (1693-1765 qv) and his wife Deborah (born Burtt, 1705-1765 qv) of North End, Welbourn in Lincolnshire, was born there on 26.x.(December)1744(1). She was married in 1770 to John Maw (1748-1819 qv) of Gainsborough and there were six children of the marriage(2); two sons, one of whom did not survive infancy, and four beautiful daughters. Throughout her married life she was beloved by a large circle of relations and friends and died at Gainsborough on 23 January 1823(3), having been for four years a widow.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Mary Bowen Burtt, The Burttis, a Lincolnshire Quaker Family, 1500-1900,  
Hull 1937, 87

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see MAW, John (1748-1819)
- 3 Lincolnshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as of Gainsborough, Lincs, the widow of John, a mustard manufacturer

N.B. There is no reference to her in J Friends Hist Soc vols 1-45 or in the typescript Index of Testimonies, Friends House Library

MAW, Mary (1779-1819) after 1815 Bayldon

(Mary Maw, daughter of John Maw (1748-1819 qv) and his wife Mary (born Burtt, 1744-1823 qv), of Gainsborough, was married in 1815 to William Bayldon.

See BAYLDON, Mary (1779-1819) born Maw )

MAW, Rachel (1809-1899) born Alexander

Rachel Alexander, the daughter of Samuel Alexander (1773-1838 qv) and his wife Rebecca, born Biddle, of Ipswich, was born there on 19 November 1809(1). She was married in 1841 to her first cousin Samuel Alexander Maw (1807-1884 qv) and there were four children(2). A marriage between first cousins was contrary to the rules of the Society and probably took place in a church or registry office, leading to the disownment of the parties concerned. The births of the first two children of the marriage were not recorded by the Society, but that of their son Samuel Alexander in 1846 was so recorded and they were probably re-admitted into membership about that time.

Rachel Maw of Needham Market died on 17 February 1899, at the age of eighty nine(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: her father is described as a banker
- 2 For details of children see MAW, Samuel Alexander (1807-1884)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Samuel Alexander

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

MAW, Rachel Louisa (1843?-1865)

Rachel Louisa Maw, the daughter of Samuel A. Maw and his wife Rachel of Needham Market in Suffolk, was born there about the year 1843(1). She was the eldest of a large family and her desire to see her parents' wishes enforced sometimes gave her the appearance of being overbearing. She also had a naturally warm and hasty temper, which cost her much pain to subdue. She was educated at Lewes and afterwards at York, and retained many happy memories of the time she had spent at the latter place and the friends she had made there.

After leaving school she lived at home and gave her time to a quiet round of duties, domestic, social, benevolent and religious, and gave every promise of becoming a useful member of the Society. She also worked for the Hospital for Sick Children in London and was an active member of the Bible Society.

She died of consumption on 12 January 1865, at the age of twenty two(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1866, pp 90-97

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 22 at death. There is no entry in the Digest of Births
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster of Needham Market

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

MAW, Rose (1745-1822) born Candler

Rose Candler, the eldest child of Lawrence Candler (1719?-1776 qv) and his wife Rose (born 1715?-1778 qv) of Kelvedon in Essex, was born there on 16.x.[December] 1745(1).

She was married in 1769 to Simon Maw (1747-1799 cv), then a linen draper at Ipswich in Suffolk and there were seven children(2). Her husband subsequently followed a variety of occupations(3).

Rose Maw of Ipswich died on 12 April 1822, at the age of seventy six(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Essex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see MAW, Simon (1747-1799)
- 3 See entry for MAW, Simon (1747-1799)
- 4 Suffolk QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Simon

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1823, p 23:-

"She was little known out of her own quarterly meeting, and the circle of her family connexions; but she was a valuable member of the society; and few have more assiduously or more honourably discharged the relative duties of life."

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

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MAW, Samuel Alexander (1807-1884)

born  
Alexander / Samuel Alexander Maw, the only son of Thomas Maw (1772-1849 qv) and his wife Lucy (1774-1856 qv) of Creeting Marys and Needham Market in Suffolk, was born at Creeting Marys on 22 October 1807(1). He received a careful and religious education and his devoted love and obedience to his parents were very striking. After the death of his father in 1849 he undertook the care of his widowed mother and was also a devoted brother to his only sister, who suffered from a spinal complaint. Shortly after the death of his sister he accompanied Joseph John Gurney (1788-1847 qv) on one of his journeys in the ministry and this prolonged period of intercourse with a highly gifted minister greatly strengthened his religious character.

His kindness of heart, cheerful disposition and genial manner made him a great favourite with young and old and as he grew up he was helpful to others in many ways. He was married in 1841 to Rachel Alexander(2) and there were four children(3), but his three daughters all died young. He ruled his household with a firm but loving hand and was a kind father, delighting to give pleasure to his children, but also feeling the solemn responsibility of training and educating them. He was deeply grieved by the death of his three beloved daughters, although he accepted his loss with patient submission to the will of God.

He was acknowledged a minister in 1877, having for several years previously held the office of elder. He did not feel called upon to exercise his gift beyond the limits of his own neighbourhood, although he counted it a privilege when appointed to service of a more extended nature. He was decidedly and warmly attached to the Society and was a useful member of his monthly and quarterly meetings. He was a warm advocate of the Total Abstinence Society and about two years before his death gave the town of Needham Market in Suffolk a house for a coffee tavern, with a sum of money to prepare and furnish it. He did not confine his benevolence to his own neighbourhood, but so quiet and unostentatious were his acts of kindness that sometimes not even his closest friends were aware of them.

In 1883 he had a severe attack of paralysis, from which he only partially recovered, although he could still attend meeting and enjoy the company of his friends.

Samuel Alexander Maw of Needham Market died on 4 July 1884, at the age of seventy six(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1885, pp 114-120

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Suffolk QM Births Digest: his father is described as a paper maker
- 2 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-  
 Rachel Louisa qv b 1843? who d 12 Jan 1865, aged 22  
 Ellen Elizabeth b 1845? who d 15 Aug 1869, aged 24  
 Samuel Alexander qv b 2 Aug 1846 who m (1) 1873 Edith Mary Allen  
 (2) 1902 Jane Waring Baker  
 Lucy Sophia b 12 Aug 1851 who d 12 July 1862
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

The births of the first two children are not in Digest of Births. Rachel Alexander was daughter to Samuel Alexander (1773-1838) who was brother to Lucy (Alexander) Maw (1774-1856), Samuel Alexander Maw's mother. The Society's discipline did not allow first cousin marriages and the marriage must therefore have been before a priest or superintendent registrar, either being a disownable offence. This may suggest that S.A. and Rachel Maw were reinstated in 1845 or 1846. EHM Nov 1977

Rachel Maw of Needham Market died 17 February 1899, aged 89 years (Digest of Deaths: she is described as widow of Samuel Alexander

**MAW, Simon (1747-1799)**

Simon Maw, the son of Thomas Maw ( - ) and his wife Elizabeth (born ) of Wainfleet in Lincolnshire, was born there on 27.iv.[June] 1747(1).

He became a linen draper at Ipswich in Suffolk(2) and was ~~employed~~ to

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**MAW, Samuel Alexander (1846-1909)**

Samuel Alexander Maw, the son of Samuel Alexander Maw (1807-1884 qv) and his wife Rachel (born Alexander, 1809-1899 qv) of Needham Market in Suffolk, was born there on 2 August 1846(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1858 to 1863 and on leaving school he became a banker.

He was married in 1873 to Edith Mary Allen (1850-1894 qv) of Stoke Newington(2) and there were seven children(3). His wife died in 1894(4) and in 1902 he took as his second wife Jane Waring Baker of Creeting St Mary in Suffolk(5); there were no children of his second marriage(6). Two of his three surviving sons served the Society as missionaries, but his second son, Norman Francis, went to America, where he became a rancher and left the Society to join the Anglo-Saxon Federation, the American branch of British Israel.(\*)

6 qv)

He was a Justice of the Peace and was clerk to Essex and Suffolk Quarterly Meeting from 1894 to 1900(7), serving also as an overseer and an elder. Together with his brother Thomas he founded the first Band of Hope in Suffolk and was a preacher of the Gospel. He lived at Sudbury in Suffolk from 1877 to 1892 and later at Fillmore in California from 1905 until his death in 1909. He enjoyed cricket, tennis and golf and was an expert gardener, being especially interested in experimenting with foreign flowers.

He died on 3 September 1909 at Fillmore, California, at the age of sixty three(8).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Bootham School Register 1935, p 260

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Stoke Newington on 25 September 1873: he is described as a bachelor, a gentleman of Needham Market, the son of Samuel Alexander Maw, a banker; she is described as a spinster of Stoke Newington, the daughter of Stafford Allen, a drug grinder (Digest of Marriages)

\* see Bootham School register, under MAW, G.W.; MAW, N.F.; MAW, W.A.

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MAW, Thomas (1772-1849)

Thomas Maw was a son of Simon Maw of Ipswich, and carried on business as Chemist and Druggist "at Needham, and the business suiting his taste he took pleasure in it." In 1804 he married Lucy, daughter of Samuel Alexander. He was taken ill while in attendance at Y.M. in 1849

There is a considerable account of Thomas Maw in the Robson MSS. in Friends House Library

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930, p.148

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Additional information

Maw, Thomas, 1772-1849

b. April 9, 1772 at Kelsdale, Suffolk, England,  
son of Simon and Rose Maw.

He was a friend of the Bible Society and also  
interested in botany.

He had a sudden heart attack upon his return from  
Yearly Meeting and

d. July 7, 1849 at Needham Market, aged 77 years.

An. Mon. (N.S.), 8(1850):76

Memoir of Thomas Maw.

MAW, Wilfred Alexander (1874-1940)

Wilfred Alexander Maw, the eldest son of Samuel Alexander Maw (1846-1909 qv) and his first wife Edith Mary (born Allen, 1850-1894 qv) of Needham Market in Suffolk, was born there on 4 November 1874(1). He was educated at the Friends' School, Lexden, Colchester from 1882 to 1886, at Paradise House, Stoke Newington from 1887 to 1888, at Bootham School, York from 1888 to 1891 and at Leighton Park School from 1891 to 1892.

For ten years, from 1892 to 1902, he was a clerk in the bank of Gurney & Barclay, but in 1903 he joined the Friends' Foreign Mission Association and served abroad in China. He was married in the same year to Edith Benson(2) and there was one child(3). He and his wife spent three years in Hankow, followed by four years in Chunking, a spell of two years in Sunking and another year in Chunking.

He resigned from the Society in 1911, having accepted the sacraments of baptism and the eucharist and joined a Pentecostal movement known as the 'Tongues Movement.' He worked in the London office of the Friends' Foreign Mission Association as a draughtsman in 1913 and was assistant rate collector for Finchley Urban District Council from 1914 to 1918; he was called up for service during the first world war, but was rejected owing to extreme deafness. He joined the staff of Charles Knight & Co, Ltd, Printers and Local Government publishers in 1918.

He was always a keen student of the Bible and enjoyed preaching the Gospel. He died in 1940(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Bootham School Register 1935, p 261

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a gentleman
- 2 The marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 Listed in Bootham School Register 1935, p 261, as follows:-  
Geoffrey Morison b 1909
- 4 Bootham School Register 1971. His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

MAX, Margaret (1756-1820) formerly Pim, born Penrose

Margaret Penrose, the daughter of George and Elizabeth (born Duckett) Penrose, was born on 10 May 1756(1).

MAWDITT, Thomas (1689-1770)  
also WBE

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Thomas Mawditt of Cullumpton was brought up in the Church of England. In about his 20th year, during a period of searching and seeking, he was taken to a Friends Meeting and knew he must join Friends, despite finding their silent meeting and the use of "thee" and "thou" strange and alien at first.

He married Mary Sommers in 1714 (1): they had one child (2).

He was called to the work of the ministry in his 33rd year, and his ministry was acceptable and well received, "being accompanied with a life and conversation agreeable thereto". He was a diligent attender at Meetings despite his ill health.

He died on 13 July 1770, aged 81, a minister for about 48 years.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Devon QM in TCMD vol.2 p.369.

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. The marriage was at Cullumpton on 28.v. [July] 1714: he is described as of Cullumpton, cordwainer; she is described as of Cullumpton, spinster (Devonshire QM Marriages Digest).
2. Listed in Devonshire QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Constance            born 28.v. [July] 1715

#### SEE ALSO

Piety promoted vol.II

WBE:  
(proper WBE:)

MAXFIELD, Albert, ca. 1833-1912

b. MAXFIELD, Daniel C., [1842/3 - 1927] JBC

[b. c. 1842/3 in New England.] JBC

Teacher at Moses Brown School, Providence, R.I.

from 1868-1875. [Editor of Mainfield, Int. No. 142]

1875-1879 Governor of Boys at Moses Brown.

m. Aug. 17, 1876 Alice R. Wing, also a teacher at  
Moses Brown. She taught there 1867-79 with the exception  
of one year. They had two children, a son and a daughter.

1880 the family settled at Amesbury, Mass.

D.C. Maxfield and his wife both served for many years  
on the New England Yearly Meeting committee for the  
oversight of Moses Brown School and D.C.M. was clerk of  
the committee for several years circa 1919.

Aug. 17, 1926 "Golden Anniversary" of their wedding.

d. [27] March 17, 1927 at Amesbury, Mass. in his 85th  
year. JBC.

Kelsey, R.W., Centennial Hist. of Moses Brown School, (port-  
rait, opp. 104)

Am. Friend, 14(1926):591; 15(1927):290 JBC.

[New Eng. Y.M., Minutes, 1927, Appendix, p.88] JBC

MAY, Hannah (1790-1860) born Morris

Hannah Morris, daughter of William and Ann Morris of Ampthill, Beds, was born there on 22 September 1790 (1).

She married in 1814 Joseph May (1787-1878) of Henley upon Thames and there were 12 children (2). Between 1818 and 1820 the family moved to Hertford and in 1839 emigrated to South Australia (3).

Hannah May died on 11 May 1860 and was buried at Adelaide (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Beds & Herts QM Births Digest: no description of her father is given
- 2 For details of the marriage and children see MAY, Joseph (1787-1878)
- 3 For more information see MAY, Joseph (1787-1878)
- 4 Pedigree register vol 3 (1914) p 102: there is no entry in Digest of Deaths

There is no entry concerning her in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

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(prepared by RB)

MAXWELL, Hugh W., 1820-1913

b. 1820 in Wayne Co., Ind., s. of John Maxwell.

Lifelong Friend.

m. (1st), 1840, Ruth Ann James. (d. 1858) Children.

Resided near Earlham on the Boarding School farm for a few yrs. (Richmond, Ind.)

m., (2nd) Miriam A. Rambo

After 2nd wife's death, ca. 1913, returned to Kansas and lived with dau., Caroline, until death.

Constant interest in Earlham. One of the first and most liberal subscribers in first endowment effort, 1871. Sent a subscription of \$3000. to Earlham shortly before his death.

d. 30 Dec. 1913 at La Harper, Kansas, aged 94 yrs.

**MAXWELL, John (1778?-1843)**

John Maxwell, M.D., details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1975) traced, was born about the year 1778(1). He was convinced of the Truth early in life and in 1824 he married Sarah Binks(2), but the marriage was childless(3). Notwithstanding the nature of his calling, he was remarkably regular in his attendance at meetings for worship and was seldom absent even from weekday meetings. He was a consistent Friend and the steadiness of his conduct was proof of the importance he attached to the Society's principles.

He died at Glasgow of typhus fever, caught in the exercise of his profession, on 3 November 1843(4), at the age of sixty five.

**PRINCIPAL SOURCE**

Annual Monitor 1845 p 80

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Aged 65 at death
- 2 The wedding was at Glasgow on 29 April 1824: he is described as a doctor of medicine, the son of John, a shoemaker, and Catherine Maxwell of Glasgow; she is described as the daughter of Thomas, a manufacturer, and Sarah Binks of Knaresborough (Scottish Marriages Digest)
- 3 No children are recorded in the Scottish Births Digest
- 4 Scottish Burials Digest: he is described as a doctor of medicine

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

MAY, Joseph (1787-1878)

Joseph May, son of Joseph (1759-1827 qv) and Margaret (born Clark, 1760?-1825) May of Henley on Thames, Oxon, was born there on 29 March 1787 (1).

He married in 1814 Hannah Morris (1790-1860 qv) (2): there were 12 children (3).

He had been an ironmonger in Henley (4) but, between 1818 and 1820, the family moved to Hertford where he was in business as a druggist (5). In 1839 the whole family, accompanied by Joseph Barratt of Maldon, emigrated to South Australia (6).

Joseph May died on 11 March 1878 and was buried at Adelaide (7).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: his father is described as draper
- 2 The wedding was at Ampthill FMH on 2 November 1814: he is described as ironmonger, of Henley upon Thames, co of Oxford, son of Joseph and Margaret May of Henley upon Thames; she is described as daughter of William and Ann Morris of Ampthill, co of Bedford (Beds & Herts QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest as follows:-

Frederick	b 6 Sept 1815	
William qv	b 29 Oct 1816	
Maria qv	b 29 May 1818	who m 1843 Henry Weston Phillips
and in Beds & Herts QM Births Digest as follows:- ( -1898)		
Thomas	b 22 Jan 1821	
Edward qv	b 22 Jan 1821	
Margaret qv	b 31 Dec 1822	who m 1847 George Phillips (1820-1900)
Joseph	b 25 March 1825	who m 1856 Frederick Mackie (1812-1893 qv)
Rachel Ann qv	b 9 Nov 1826	who m 1853 Joseph Barratt (1816-1881)
Hannah Sophia	b 13 Sept 1828	who m 1855 William Saunders (1823-1900)
Elizabeth	b 8 May 1830	
Lucy qv	b 9 May 1832	who m 1858 Arthur Coleman ( -1867)
Henry	b 17 Nov 1834	d 9 Sept 1835
- 4 So described in entries concerning his marriage and the births of the first three children (1814-1818)
- 5 So described in entries concerning the births of his nine youngest children (1821-1834)
- 6 Pedigree register vol 3 (1914) pp 97, 106
- 7 Pedigree register vol 3 (1914) p 102: there is no entry in Digest of Deaths

There is no entry concerning him in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

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MAY, Amelia, 1796-1822

b. Oct. 3, 1796 at Barton, Vt., daughter of James  
and Elizabeth May.

Joined Friends. She became a minister despite her  
frail health. She was attacked with a white swelling which  
made necessary the amputation of a limb. She recovered  
sufficiently from this to be able to make a journey.

Her complaint returned and she endured much suffering  
with great patience.

d. Aug. 20, 1822, in her 26th year.

New York Y.M., Memorials (1829), -bound in volume marked  
1025.

[Anna Maria May, daughter of Edward Curtis May (1796-1877 qv) and his wife Caroline (born Hooper, 1796-1885 qv) of Tottenham in Middlesex, was married in 1867 to Edmund Ashby (1841- qv).]

MAY, Ann (1775-1847) born Curtis  
See ASHBY, Anna Maria (1833-1886)

born 21

Ann Curtis, daughter of James (1740/1-1813 qv) and Sarah (born Trimmer, 1746-1782 qv) Curtis of Alton, was born there on 12 December 1775 (1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1784 to 1789 (2).

She married in 1795 Samuel May (1772-1851 qv), then of Alton: there were 10 children, the last 6 being born after the family had moved in 1804 to Ampthill, Bedfordshire (3). In or about 1799 her father-in-law Edward May (1732-1805 qv), a ministering Friend who had been widowed for the second time in 1778, joined the household (4).

In 1832 she was appointed to the station of elder, "yet she was not unfrequently engaged, as a minister, in short, but acceptable and weighty communications" (5).

Ann May of Ampthill died 13 March 1847, aged 71 years (6).

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: her father is described as surgeon
- 2 Ackworth scholars, 1879, p 15 [admission no 675]. Cf Annual monitor 1848 p 83:- "Losing her mother in early life, she was educated at Ackworth school; in which valuable establishment she remained some years. At this early period of her life, she was remarkable for her vivacity and sweetness of disposition; and by these, as well as by her more solid qualities, she endeared herself greatly to those around her"
- 3 For details of the marriage and children, see MAY, Samuel (1772-1851). See also Annual monitor 1848 pp 84-5:- "Her maternal love was unusually strong; and perhaps it may be said, that she indulged in it almost to a fault... It must be confessed, that a little more firmness might, on some occasions, have been useful to her children". The move to Ampthill appears to have taken place in the early summer of 1804 (Testimony of Hitchin MM concerning Edward May, in TCMD vol 4 p 209). For reference to her care of the young men employed by her husband in business, see Annual monitor 1848 p 86
- 4 Annual monitor 1848 pp 88-9
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as wife of Samuel

There is no reference to her in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

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MAY, Caroline (1796-1885) born Hooper

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Caroline Hooper, daughter of Benjamin and Ann Hooper of Camberwell, was born there on 1 March 1796 (1). The youngest of a family of nine, she was used to waiting on others. Her governess, a dissenter, took her with her to chapel and she considered it a great promotion when she "was allowed to join the rest of the family in attending the large Friends' Meeting at Gracechurch Street". It was not, however, until many years afterwards that she became a decided Friend.

When she was 15 she paid a visit to her cousin Sarah Hooper of Reading (afterwards known as the hardworking friend of the Jews). The family were Anglicans and their Christian life impressed her. On her return home she read Barclay's Apology and "it satisfied me as to the scriptural grounds of the profession of Friends as a religious society". Ministry in the course of a meeting for worship not long after confirmed her in her convictions after a time of perplexity and distress.

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In 1822 she married Edward Curtis May (1796-1877), a surgeon at Tottenham: there were 7 children (2). Tottenham was to be her home for the rest of her life. Their married life lasted just 55 years when, after an illness of nine months, Edward May died. For the remainder of her life she was cared for by her daughter Sophia (1830-1897 qv) (3).

After months of failing health it appeared in October 1884 that she was dying, but she revived and was able to communicate with those around her, commemorating her entry into her ninetieth year. She died on 22 May 1885, aged 89 years. She had been a recorded minister (4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1887 pp 140-148

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: no occupation for her father is given
- 2 For details of the marriage and children, see May, Edward Curtis (1796-1877)
- 3 Annual monitor 1898 p 78, in obituary of Sophia May
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as of Tottenham, a minister, widow of Edward Curtis

There is no reference to her in J Friends hist soc vol 1-45

MAY, Caroline (1828-1899) after 1857 Mounsey

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[Caroline May, daughter of Edward Curtis (1796-1877 qv) and Caroline (born Hooper, 1796-1885 qv) May of Tottenham, was married in 1857 to John Mounsey (1823-1896 qv).]

see MOUNSEY, Caroline (1828-1899) born May ]

WBE:

MAY, Charles, c.1801-1860

b. c.1801

1854 elected a Fellow of the Royal Society for his  
skill in constructing astronomical instruments for  
Greenwich Observatory.

d. 10 or 13 August, 1860 at Westminster, London, aged  
about 59 years.

The Friend (London), 18(1860):178

An. Mon. (N.S.), 19:44

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 20:128

MAY, Edward (1701-pre 1756)

Edward May, son of Edward (1670?-1740 qv) and Phillis (born -1748?) May of Drayton Mill, Berks, was baptised at Drayton in 1701 (1).

He became a clockmaker in Witney, Oxon (2).

He married in 1725 Mary Crowley (1706-1775 qv) (3): 3 children are recorded (4).

Edward May had died before 1756 (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Article on May family by W L May and P Lucas in Pedigree register vol 3 (1914) p 99. Drayton is 2 miles south-west of Ahingdon
- 2 So shown in entry concerning his marriage (1725): no occupation is shown in the entries relating to the births of his children
- 3 The marriage was at Witney on 27 ix [November] 1725: he is described as of Witney, Oxon, clockmaker, son of Edward May of Draiton Mill, Berks; she is described as spinster, daughter of John Crowley of Witney, Oxon (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

John qv  1756/	b 5 viii [Oct] 1726	m (1) 1749 Elizabeth Thomas (1722/3-1784 qv); (2) 1792 Mary Pottinger (born 1726?-1807 qv)
	Elizabeth qv	d 25 Jan 1775
	Edward qv	m (1)/Elizabeth Merrell (1730- 1764 qv); (2) 1765 Mary Bonwell (1742/3-1778 qv)
- 5 Pedigree register, loc cit. His death is not traced in Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest. He is not shown as deceased in the entry in Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest for his son Edward's first marriage (1756): May and Lucas may have based their statement on the evidence of a marriage certificate still in family hands

There is no reference to him in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 53

WBE:

MAY, Edward, -1805

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Watch and clock-maker by trade.

A minister among Friends.

1790 wrote, Remarkable extracts...from a work...  
by Peter Jurieu. (The quotations are seen to explain  
by historical events, especially in France, the prophecies  
found in Revelation)

d. April 19, 1805 at Ampthill, Bedfordshire.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:168

MAY, Edward (1732-1805)

Edward May, son of Edward (1701-pre1765 qv) and Mary (born Crowley, 1706-1775 qv) May of Witney, Oxfordshire, was born there on 25 vii [September] 1732 (1).

1756

By 1755 he had settled in Henley on Thames as a clockmaker (2).

He married, in that year, Elizabeth Merrell (1730-1764 qv) (3): there were 4 children (4). He married, secondly, in 1765, Mary Benwell to (1742/3-1778 qv) (5): there were 5 children (6).

"He came forth in the ministry about the middle part of life" and is noted as "a minister 27 years" (that is, from about the time of the death of his second wife) and as "having at different times visit[ed] divers parts of this Nation in the love of the gospel...in some of which visits he travelled pretty much on foot" (7). He was frequent in attending the yearly meeting (8).

He published in 1790 Remarkable extracts...from a work...by Peter Jurieu, where the quotations were intended to illustrate from recent history, more especially in France, the prophecies found in Revelation (9).

He moved between 1798 and 1800 to Alton, Hampshire, where his son Samuel (1772-1851) had settled (10). In 1804 Edward May moved to Ampthill with his son Samuel and family (11).

Edward May of Ampthill died 19 January 1805, aged about 73 years (12).

There is no reference to him in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: no occupation for his father is given
- 2 So described in the entries relating to both his marriages (1756, 1765): no occupation is given in entries for the births of the children of either marriage
- 3 The marriage was at Henley FMH on 18 June 1756: he is described as of Henley, Oxon, clock-maker, son of Edward and Mary May of Witney, Oxon; she is described as daughter of Joseph and Ruth Merrell of Henley, Oxon (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-  

Mary	b 23 May 1758	d 4 June 1763
Joseph	qv b 21 April 1759	
Edward	qv b 16 Oct 1760	
John	qv b 31 Oct 1763	
- 5 The marriage was at Henley FMH on 30 August 1765: he is described as of Henley, Oxon, clock-maker, son of Edward and Mary May of Witney, Oxon; she is described as daughter of William and Rachel Benwell of Henley in Oxfordshire (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
- 6 Listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-  

William	b 1 Aug 1766	d in infancy (Pedigree reg)
Thomas	qv b 4 July 1767	
William	b 25 Jan 1770	d 13 Dec 1773

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MAY, Edward Curtis (1796-1877)

Edward C. May, son of Samuel (1772-1851 qv) and Ann (born Curtis, 1775-1847 qv) May of Alton, Hampshire, was born there on 16 November 1796 (1). The family moved from Alton to Ampthill, Beds, between 1803 and 1806 (2).

He had a naturally ardent and rather hasty temperament but possessed strong filial affection. Thus he gave up his long cherished wish to enter the medical profession and, yielding to his parents' wishes, was apprenticed to a draper at Leighton Buzzard. After about five months, however, his health gave way and an affection of the hip disqualified him for that kind of employment. At the age of 18, with his parents' full consent, he was apprenticed to Robert Huntley, surgeon, at Faringdon.

Faringdon meeting at this time was so small that he was often the only Friend on the men's side at the mid-week meeting. His mind was harassed by unitarian views, but his doubts were set at rest partly through a visit from Elizabeth Dudley (1779-1849 qv). It was at this stage that he first recognised that he might one day be called to the ministry, though many years were to pass before this was to be fulfilled (3).

In 1822 he settled in medical practice in Tottenham and the same year married Caroline Hooper (1796-1885 qv) of Croydon (4): there were 7 children (5). About twelve years after settling at Tottenham he first appeared in the ministry and though he continued to speak for a number of years it was not until his fifty-eighth year (1853) that he was recorded a minister. In the course of his long medical practice, however, he found a ministry by the bedside of his patients, in the faithful discharge of which he was often led to speak words in season to many who profited by his devoted service in their spiritual as well as in their physical welfare.

His monthly meeting recorded that "his communications in the ministry were generally simple in character, but comprehensive and practical in their bearing, frequently dwelling on the necessity of a change of heart, and on the influence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. He often gave expression to the proof of discipleship being evidenced by the love of the brethren one to another". (6)

In 1863 and 1864 he united with William R. Dell (1804-1874 qv) in visiting meetings in London & Middlesex QM as well as holding meetings in theatres and schoolrooms and in the tent erected in Whitechapel burial ground (7). About the same time he took part in a few midnight meetings. He subsequently held several meetings in and about Tottenham, intended chiefly for the working classes.

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MAY, Edward Curtis (1796-1877) continued

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Edward May relinquished practice as a medical man about ~~100~~ years before his death [i.e. about 1867]. He was a warm supporter of the temperance cause and during the last two years of his life devoted much time to the subject of vivisection. On this latter subject he wrote to the press, to members of parliament, and to some of his fellow doctors.

In September 1876 Edward and Caroline May paid a visit to their son-in-law and daughter W.D. and Eliza Sims, at Ipswich. He returned in his usual health, but was taken ill in his garden on 30 October 1876. There followed a nine months' illness before his death at Tottenham on 7 August 1877, aged 80 years (8).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual monitor 1878 pp 96-104

Testimony of Tottenham MM in YM Proc 1878 p viii

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: no occupation for his father is given
- 2 see MAY, Samuel (1772-1851)
- 3 His father Samuel (1772-1851), grandfather Edward (1732-1805) and great-great-grandfather Edward (1670?-1740) were all ministering Friends
- 4 The marriage was at Croydon FMH on 7 August 1822: he is described as of Tottenham, co of Middlesex, surgeon, son of Samuel and Ann May of Ampthill, co of Bedford; she is described as daughter of Benjamin and Ann Hooper of Croydon, co of Surrey (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 5 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Lucy Ann	b 21 March 1825	who m 1848 John Green Nine (1818-1884 qv)
Eliza	b 28 July 1826	who m 1855 William Dillwyn Sims (1825-1895 qv)
Caroline qv	b 18 Sept 1828	who m 1857 John Mounsey (1823-1896 qv)
Sophia qv	b 16 May 1830	
Edward Hooper	qv b 2 Nov 1831	
Anna Maria qv	b 29 April 1833	who m 1867 Edmund Ashby (1841-qv)
Isabella	b 28 Feb 1835	d 20 April 1836
- 6 Quotation from testimony
- 7 On 18 July 1864 Friends gave permission for a tent to be placed upon Whitechapel burial ground for "the purpose of religious services amongst the poorer classes not in the habit of attending any place of worship" (quoted in Robert Sandall, The history of the Salvation Army, vol 1, 1947, p 38). The Salvation Army later made use of the iron tent at Whitechapel

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MAY, Edward Curtis (1796-1877) continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES (continued)

S Digest of deaths: he is described as surgeon. The death notice in The Friends ns vol 17 (1877) p 261 records him as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. For reference to his illness, see notice of Caroline May in Annual monitor 1887 p 145

Alfred Tuke Alexander mentions Edward C. May in his "Yearly Meeting attenders - familiar personalities" in J Friends hist soc vol 27 (1930) p 15, but without any further description. There is no other reference to him in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

MAY, Edward Curtis (1796-1877) 3

Edward Curtis May was born at Alton, in Hampshire, in 1796. He was trained in the medical profession and in 1822 settled at Tottenham as a surgeon, shortly afterwards marrying Caroline Hooper.

Though he had for many years spoken in meetings, it was not till his fiftyeighth year that he was recorded as a minister; yet in the course of his long medical practice he found a ministry by the bedside of his patients, in the faithful discharge of which he was often remarkably led to speak words in season to many who profited by his devoted service, in their spiritual as well as in their physical welfare. After his acknowledgment as a minister by his Monthly Meeting, he held meetings in schoolrooms, tents, and in one or two theatres in and about London, and also helped others in midnight meetings.

'His communications in the ministry were generally simple in character, but comprehensive and practical in their bearing, frequently dwelling on the necessity of a change of heart, and on the influence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. He often gave expression to the proof of discipleship being evidenced by the love of the brethren one to another.'

Edward Curtis May died 7 August 1877 in his eighty-first year.

Testimony of Tottenham MM in YM Proc. 1878, p.viii

WBE:

Additional information

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May, Edward Curtis, 1796-1877

b. 1796 at Ampthill, formerly Alton, Hampshire, England, son of Samuel and Mary Ann May.

Apprenticed first to learn drapery business.

Apprenticed to Robert Huntley, surgeon at Farringdon, Berkshire. A visit by Elizabeth Dudley tended to establish him. He had tended to unitarian views prior to this.

1822 settled as a doctor at Tottenham.

m. Caroline Hooper of Croydon. (children)

c. 1834 first spoke as a minister. Was actually recoded in 1853.

1863/64 united with William Dell in visiting Meetings in his own quarter.

1867 gave up medical practice. Was an active supporter of temperance and opposed vivisection. Was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Surgeons.

d. Aug. 7, 1877, Tottenham (?), aged 80.

The Friend (London), 17(1877):261

An. Mon. (N.S.), 36(1878):96

MAY, Eliza (1826-1915) after 1855 Sims

[Eliza May, daughter of Edward Curtis (1796-1877 qv)  
and Caroline (born Hooper, 1796-1885 qv) May of  
Tottenham, Middlesex, was married in 1855 to William  
Dillwyn Sims (1825-1895 qv) of Ipswich, Suffolk.

see SIMS, Eliza (1826-1915) born May ]

MAY, Elizabeth (1722/3-1784) born Thomas

Elizabeth Thomas, daughter of Isaac ( ) and Sarah  
(born ) Thomas of Witney, Oxon, was born  
there 7 i [March] 1722/3 (1).

She married in 1749 John May (1726-1800 qv), a Witney clockmaker:  
3 children are recorded (2).

Elizabeth May of Witney, Oxon, died 11 December 1784, aged 60 years  
(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: no occupation for her father is given
- 2 For particulars of the marriage and children, see MAY, John (1726-1800)
- 3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she is described as wife of John, clockmaker

There is no reference to her in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 53

MAY, Elizabeth (1728-1775)

Elizabeth May, daughter of Edward (1701-pre 1756 qv) and Mary (born Crowley, 1706-1775 qv) May of Witney, Oxon, was born 10 viii [October] 1728 (1).

Elizabeth May of Witney died 25 January 1775 (2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: no place of birth, parents' abode or occupation of her father is given. He is described as clock-maker, of Witney in his marriage entry (1725) and as of Witney in the entry for the birth of her brother Edward (1732)
- 2 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest, no age being given: she is described as daughter of Edward and Mary. She was aged 46 years. In Pedigree register vol 3 (1914) p 98 her death is given as 21 January

There is no reference to her in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 53

MAY, Joseph (1752-1827)  
MAY, Elizabeth (1730-1764) born Merrell

Elizabeth Merrell, daughter of Joseph ( ) and Ruth (born Gilpin, ) Merrell, was born at Henley, Oxfordshire, on 26 iii [May] 1730 (1).

She married in 1756 Edward May (1732-1805 qv), a clockmaker of Henley: there were 4 children (2).

Elizabeth May died 9 August 1764, her body being interred in Henley FBC on 14 August (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

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- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: the parents names are as given in the entry concerning her marriage, so that the identity may reasonably be presumed although no age at death is given
- 2 For details of the marriage and children, see MAY, Edward (1732-1805)
- 3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: she is described as wife of Edward, but no age is given
- 4 listed in Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Henry b 27 March 1786  
Joseph qv b 29 March 1787

There is no reference to her in J Friends hist sec vol 1 - 45

The death is Rachel as not in Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: the date is taken from Pedigree Register Vol 3 (1914) p 105

5 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest: he is described as ironmonger

There is no reference to him in J Friends hist sec vol 1 - 45

MAY, Mary (1706-1775) born Crowkey

Mary Crowley, daughter of John (pre 1676?-1724 qv) and Elizabeth (born Young, 1676/7 or 1677/8-post 1724 qv) Crowley of Witney, Oxon, was born 10 ii [April] 1706 (1).

She married in 1725 Edward May (1701-pre 1756), a Witney clockmaker; 3 children are recorded, born between 1726 and 1732 (2).

Mary May "late of Witney" died 29 August 1775 (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: the surname is spelt Crowly and no place of birth, parents' abode or occupation of her father is given. Her father is described as of Witney, maltster, in his marriage entry (1696) and will (1724)
- 2 For particulars of the marriage and children, see MAY, Edward (1701-pre 1756)
- 3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest, no age being given; Pedigree register vol 3 (1914) p 99. Her body was interred at Witney. She was aged 69 years

There is no reference to her in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 53

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

Mary Benwell, daughter of William and Rachel (born White )  
Benwell, was born at Henley, Oxfordshire, on 26 xii [February] 1742/3 (1).

She married in 1765, as his second wife, Edward May (1732-1805 qv), a  
clockmaker of Henley: there were 5 children, as well as 3 surviving  
children from the first marriage (2).

Mary May of Henley died 17 January 1778, aged about 35 years (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: no occupation for her father is given
- 2 For details of the marriage and children, see MAY, Edward (1732-1805)
- 3 Berks & Oxon QM Burials Digest

There is no reference to her in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

MAY, Rachel Ann (1826-1906) aftw. Mackie

[Rachel Ann, daughter of Joseph May married Frederick  
Mackie in 1856.]

see MACKIE, Rachel Ann (1826-1906) born May ]

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MAY, Robert ( ? -1729)

Robert May of Mildenhall was convinced of the Truth when he was about twenty. He was favoured with "a Gift of the Ministry in which he laboured very zealously and faithfully for more than twenty years, and although he was a man of but mean Education yet his Ministry was sound and plain . . . and his life and conversation being accompanied with meekness and humility was very Exemplary and inoffensive." The testimony speaks of him as a loving husband and a tender father; there is no trace of his marriage(1), but his wife's name was apparently Elizabeth and she bore him six children.(2)

During the last nine months of his life he suffered from dropsy and died on 12.ix.(November)1729.(3)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Bury MM 16.i.1739 (i.e. probably March 1739/9 but possibly March 1739/40) in ~~TCMD~~ vol.1 p.16 16 i 1739/40 [but perhaps intended as 1629/30, the QM endorsement being 31 i (March) 1730]. In ~~TCMD~~ vol 1 p 16

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 There is no record of his marriage in Suffolk QM, Essex QM, Norfolk & Norwich QM or London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digests
- 2 Listed in Suffolk Births Digest as follows:-

Elizabeth	b 12.ii.(April)1708
Ann	b 21.ix.(November)1710
Robert	b 21.i.1712 (i.e. probably March 1711/12, but possibly March 1712/13)
Mary	b 25.vi.(August)1713
John	b 21.ix.(November)1720
James	b 8.v.(July)1723
- 3 Suffolk Burials Digest: he died on 12.ix.(November)1729; there is no description of him and his age at death is not given

**MAY, Samuel (1772-1851)**

Samuel May, son of Edward May (1732-1805 qv) of Henley, Oxfordshire, by his second wife, Mary (born Benwell, 1742/3-1778), was born there on 16 November 1772 (1).

He settled in business in Alton, Hants (2).

He married in 1795 Ann Curtis (1775-1847 qv) (3): there were 10 children (4).

At some stage between 1805 and 1806 the family moved from Alton to Ampthill, Bedfordshire, where he was a draper (5).

Edward May of Ampthill died 17 January 1851 aged 78 years (6).

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: no occupation for his father is given
- 2 He is described as manufacturer in the entry concerning his marriage (1795): no occupation is given in the entries concerning his four eldest children (1796-1803)
- 3 The marriage was at Basingstoke on 17 December 1795: he is described as of Alton, co of Southampton, manufacturer, son of Edward and Mary of Henley on Thames, co of Oxon; she is described as daughter of James and Sarah Curtis of Alton (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Edward Curtis qv	b 16 Nov 1796
Charles qv	b 4 May 1801
Lucy	b 2 Aug 1799 d 23 Aug 1802
Francis qv	b 17 July 1803

and in Beds & Herts QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

James	b 26 Aug 1806
Priscilla	b 2 July 1809 who m 1835 Edward Harris Strange
Samuel	b 20 Sept 1813 d 8 March 1830
Walter	b 26 June 1815 d 12 April 1819
Sophia	b 20 Jan 1818 d 25 Feb 1819
Lewis	b 10 March 1822 d 1 Feb 1837
- 5 The first four children (1796-1803) were born at Alton; the youngest six (1806-1822) at Ampthill. No occupation for Samuel May is given in the entries for the youngest six children, except in the case of Sophia (1818) where he is described as draper. Verses by T.P., composed 1809, entitled "At Becky's shop, Ampthill, Bedfordshire" (printed in J Friends hist soc vol 26 (1929) pp 43-4) include the line "But best of candles have from May" which might, if it applies to Samuel, be construed as suggesting that he was a candle manufacturer

MAY, Samuel (1772-1851) continued

REFERENCES AND NOTES (cont)

6 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

There is no other reference to him in J Friends hist soc vol 1-45,  
beyond that noted in footnote 5

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MAY, Sophia (1830-1897)

Sophia May, the fourth daughter of Edward Curtis (1796-1877, qv) and Caroline (born Hooper, 1796-1885, qv) May of Tottenham, was born there on 16 May 1830 (1). Her life was an uneventful one, but her faithfulness in friendship, her loving interest in the welfare of others, made her beloved.

She attended school at Lewes which was run by the Dymond sisters, where she showed herself lively, cheerful and conscientious. She was fond of reading and of intellectual pursuits, was an excellent German scholar, delighted in beauty and loved nature. Her sympathy with sorrow and suffering were deep both for people and for animals. She worked for peace, and was secretary for several years to the Tottenham branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

As the only daughter at home, she looked after her mother, who was in failing health for some time until her death in 1885. The home was then broken up, and Sophia May never again had a settled home. Her nature was a clinging, sensitive one, and her own loneliness made her enter into the loneliness of others. She spent six months with a sister at Bournemouth, and then moved to Ipswich, where she spent the last two months of her life in the home of her sister, E Sims.

Her religion was simple, earnest and "broad in the best sense". Prayer was a reality, help and comfort to her, and her faith was a firm one. She did not care for theology and doctrinal controversy.

After illness patiently, gently and considerately borne, she died at the age of 67 on 7 September 1897.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE  
Annual monitor 1898 p.74.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a surgeon.

MAY, Thomas (1767-1805)

Thomas May, son of Edward May (1732-1805 qv) of Henley, Oxfordshire, by his second wife, Mary (born Benwell, 1742/3-1778 qv) was born there on 4 July 1767 (1).

He became a haberdasher in London (2).

He married in 1789 Mary Green (1765-1842 ) (3): there were 5 children, only one of whom survived infancy (4).

Thomas May of Fish Street Hill, parish of St Magnus City, died on 22 December 1805, aged 38 years (5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Berks & Oxon QM Births Digest: no occupation for his father is given
- 2 He is described as of Gracechurch Street, haberdasher, in the entries relating to his marriage and the births of his children (1789-96)
- 3 The marriage was at Gracechurch Street FMH on 16 December 1789: he is described as of Gracechurch Street, haberdasher, son of Edward and Mary May of Henley, co of Oxford; she is described as daughter of Stephen and Mary Green of Wallingford, co of Berks (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Ann	b 28 Oct 1790	d 14 Sept 1791
Elizabeth	b 14 Jan 1792	m 1812 Daniel Pearman
George	b 5 Jan 1793	d 26 Jan 1794
Maria	b 5 Jan 1793	d 4 Feb 1794
William	b 21 June 1796	d 18 Sept 1796

This information is also given in Pedigree register vol 3 (1913-6) pp 100-1
- 5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: he is described as "died of dropsy"

There is no reference to him in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

MAY, William (1816-1903)

William May was born at Henley, Oxfordshire, in the year 1816, and was educated at Ackworth School, being then apprenticed to Allen & Hanbury, chemists, of London.

In 1839 he emigrated with his father and other members of the family to South Australia where he became a farmer.

For about twenty years he was Clerk of the Two Months' Meeting of Friends in South Australia, and in 1874 he removed with his family to Tasmania where he settled on a farm about fourteen miles from Hobart. Here he continued his interest in the local meeting, and was for many years Clerk of the Annual Meeting.

William May was a member of the Friends' High School Committee, and was for several years the editor of 'The Australian Friend'.

William May died 10 November 1903 aged eighty six years.

Testimony of Hobart MM in YM Proc. 1904, p.254

MAY, William Lewis (1861-1925)

William Lewis May was born in South Australia in 1861, the eldest son of William May, an English Friend, and his wife, Mary Cotton, a Friend from Tasmania. He settled in Sandford, Tasmania, in 1874, where he developed an orchard property.

He took great interest in Friends' work and was clerk of his Monthly Meeting for 15 years, Monthly Meeting being held at his house annually. He also served on the committee of Friends High School, Hobart. A keen conchologist, his collections of English, Australian and Tasmanian shells were outstanding, and he made many careful drawings, which were later printed by the Tasmanian Government as illustrations to his book on shells. He was a supporter of the Ralph's Bay canal project.

He married twice:

1. 1888 Margaret Greer, an Irish Friend
2. 1904 Edith Lester, a Friend from Victoria, Australia.  
He has 2 sons and 4 daughters.

He died on 30 August 1925.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Hobart MM in YM Proc. 1926 p.205.

MAYLENS, Robert

see MALINS, Robert

MAYLIN, Bartholomew ( -1680)

The home of Bartholomew Maylin was Lambourn Woodlands in Berkshire. From his house, Oliver Sansom and others were committed to Reading Gaol, in 1660 (Sansom, Life, 1710). His wife, Ann, died in 1671.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.446

MAYNARD, Benjamin ( -1675)

Benjamin Maynard was of Wine Street, Bristol (cf. Transactions of Bristol & Glos. Arch. Soc., 61. 182). bur. 1. June 1675 (Q.M. Bur. Reg. for Bristol & Som.). cf. Besse; Bishope, C.B., 112f., 128, 138; West Answering; R. Blome, Fanatick History, 22 f.; Bristol Corporation Records, Sessions Books 04447 (1), ff. 11. 13; Anon., Sufferings in Bristol, 74, 85, 89 f., 109, 122; Bristol Men's Two-weeks' Meeting MSS., 1, f. 4a. Thēse refs. I owe to E. Russell Mortimer.

i Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.67

MAYNARD, Mary Ann Byles (1864-1944) born .....

Mary A.B.Maynard (Mab) was born in 1864 and educated at Bradford Grammar School and Newnham College, Cambridge, after which she taught at the Salt School in the model village built on the Aire three miles from Bradford, where her sister Harriet was Principal.

In 1893 she left for America to marry Kenyon Maynard, M.A. with whom she ran a General Store at the little town of Corfu near Buffalo. Later they were able to go to Chicago to work at Hull House Settlement, and in 1919 Kenyon Maynard decided to return to England to work in Woolwich, joining Friends in 1923.

After Kenyon's death Mary Maynard transferred her membership (with that of her daughter Frieda) to Friends House Meeting.

Mary Maynard was for nearly fifteen years a member of Friends Service Council, serving on the Scandinavia and Germany Committees; she maintained a prolific correspondence with Swedish and German Friends, and was three times Hostess at the Rest Home in Germany. Her own home was always open to Council visitors, returning missionaries or office staff, needing temporary lodging.

She died on 4 March 1944.

Testimony of Hampstead M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1945, p.170

WBE:

MAYNE, John

A schoolmaster of Clerkenwell, London, England.

1827 , published a small tract on baptism, showing what it is not, and what it really is.

1828, published On love to God and our neighbor.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:170

WBE:

MAYNFORTH, Robert

Convinced.

1691 wrote An Exhortation to all people in general,  
together with a warning to the drunkards &c.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:170

MEADE

~~Fell~~, Sarah (1643?-1714) ~~bom.~~ Fell

Sarah Fell was the fourth daughter of Thomas and Margaret Fell, of Swarthmoor Hall. She was, perhaps, the most intellectual and active of the Swarthmoor sisterhood. She was clerk (secretary) of several women's meetings for Church affairs, including that of Lancashire Quarterly Meeting, and her handwriting is very neat and clear. Croese extols her after the following fashion, 'She was not only Beautiful and Lovely to a high degree, but wonderfully Happy in Ingenuity and Memory; so stupendiously Eloquent in Discoursing and Preaching... that she ravish'd all her beholders and hearers with Admiration and Wonder. She apply'd her self to the study of the Hebrew Tongue...' (Hist. 1696, pt. i. p.47). Sarah kept the accounts of the household at the Hall - her account book (1673-1678) is now in the possession of J. Herbert Midgley, J.P. of Grange-over-Sands (Midgeley, Margaret Fell, 1908).

<sup>at Gray's  
Ref. Lib.</sup>  
3 Her work in connection with her step-father's papers was considerable. In 1681 she married William Meade, and removed to the South of England (see 347.2).

Webb, Fells, 1865, many reff.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.386

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MEADE, Sarah (1643?-1714) born Fell cont.

Sarah Meade was fourth daughter of Thomas and Margaret Fell of Swarthmoor and wife of William Meade of London and Essex (162.2). She doubtless was of great help to her husband in his work as one of Fox's literary executors.

Webb, Fells, 1865  
numerous MSS in Friends House

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.485

see also previous page

WBE:

Additional Information

MEADE, Sarah (nee Fell) 1642-1714.

b. 1642 the fourth daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Askew) Fell, (later Fox)

She managed Quarterly Meeting books as admirably as she did her household accounts. ( The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell, 1920 London)

m. 1681 William Meade. They had one son, Nathaniel.

Effectuated a swift reform in the methods of Box Meeting.

Friends, Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, BX7614

Braithwaite, Sec. Per. of Qu., 207

Hirst, Qu. in Peace and War, 73

Ross, M.Fell, 342-3

MEADE, William (1628-1713)

William Meade belonged to an Essex family of considerable landed property and local influence. He was a 'citizen and merchant tailer' of London, which description does not imply any acquaintance with tailoring; he was also a linen draper. In 1675, he married Mary Lawrence, at the Bull and Mouth. She died at his house in Highgate in 1679. They had two children, one of whom died in 1676, and Jonathan, the younger, in 1680.

In 1670, about the time he joined the Friends, he purchased Gooseyes (Gooses), a house near Romford in Essex, part of which still stands, and he had a town house at the Ship in Fenchurch Street (Cal. S.P. Dom. 1676-7, p.564). He was known in his early Quaker days as Captain Meade, but it seems hardly likely that the following refers to him:- 'On Oct. 16, 1671, Sir John Robinson and two others were invited to dinner by Captain Mead, the great Quaker, to his house at Clapham, where they had ten or twelve dishes of meat, but no butcher's meat, and most abominable Christmas pies, and were all served in silver and made half drunk, though the Quaker never drak to them' (Cal. S.P. Dom. 1671, p.527). Meade shared with William Penn the honours of the world-famed trial in the Old Bailey in August, 1670 (see 162.1). At Devonshire House in 1681, Meade was united in marriage with Sarah Fell, fourth daughter of Judge Fell of Swarthmoor. There was only one son, Nathaniel (355.2). Meade's name occurs occasionally in connection with Friends' work in London but he said to have lost his early love for Friends (Smith, Cata. 1867,ii.162). William and Sarah Meade were buried in Barking Friends' Burial Ground, the headstone, still standing, being erected by their son.

Webb, Fells, 1865, Penns, 1867

Cal. S.P. Dom. 1670

DNB

Mss in Friends House

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.420

WBE:

Additional information

MEADE, William, 1627-1713

1677 undertook for a year the management of a stock company for the employment of poor Friends in spinning.

During his lifetime he had been a Presbyterian and an Independent before joining Friends. He was a person of great trade and great estate. He showed very little charity or understanding to William Penn because he disliked the latter's association with James II and his subsequent retreat into hiding.

d. June 3, 1713 and was buried at Barking, Essex, aged 86 years.

Braithwaite, 2nd Per. of Qu., 207

Jour. of G. Fox, Bi-cent. ed., 2:372

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:170

Evans, Friends in the 17th cent., 451

Frds. Hist. Lib. Swarth~~s~~, BX 7678

WBE:

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MEADER, John, 1797-1860

b. Nov. 3, 1797 at Rochester, N.H., son of Joseph  
and Elizabeth Meader.

m. 1819, Elizabeth Taber Hoag.

1824 acknowledged a minister by Sandwich Monthly  
Meeting, N.H..

1829 did some travelling in the ministry to New  
York, Phila., Ohio and Indiana which kept him away from  
home over two years.

1841 visited North American Indians who had been  
moved west of the Mississippi, as well as Yearly Meetings  
in Indiana and Ohio.

1850 with his wife visited Great Britain and some  
places on the Continent, including Norway.

d. June 7, 1860 of consumption at Providence, R.I.,  
aged 62 years.

Testimony concerning John Meader

Am. An. Mon., 5:19

Jour. Frds. Hist Soc., 6:80;11:17

An. Mon. (N.S.), 19:135

Hav. Col. Ms. Col., Portraits of J and E.T.H. Meader

WBE:a

MEADER, Olney T., 1839-1906.

b. 1839, Rochester, N.H., s. of Hanson and Susan L.  
(Shaw) Meader. Birthright Friend.

1859, ♀ m. Susan H. Nutter (2 children) Lived in  
Rochester until 1873, when they moved to Boston.

Became a hat manufacturer.

1878 onward, an elder.

Active in New England Yearly Meeting and in his  
monthly meeting and quarterly meeting, as numerous min-  
utes reveal.

He and his wife were generous in their hospitality.

He possessed the qualities of gentleness, cheerfulness,  
modesty, yet allegiance to his convictions. Had  
faith in the young and a fine aesthetic sensitivity.

d. 18 Sept. 1906, Boston, Mass.

Am. Frd., 13(1906):761-762. (portrait.)

WBE:

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MEADER, William C., 1832-1908

b. June 11, 1832 in Vermont, son of Joshua and  
Jemima R. Meader.

| Acknowledged a minister. One of "primitive" Friends.  
m., 1855, Lydia D. Hoag, also a minister. They  
moved to Poplar Ridge, N.Y.

1869 made first of six visits to Great Britain.  
Others were in 1873, 1880, 1889, 1894 and 1898.

1907 visited New England.  
d. April 7, 1908 at Poplar Ridge, N.Y. in his 76th  
year.

Fritchley (Eng.) Mo. Mtg., Memorial, 1908

L The Friend (Phila.), 83(1910); 346-7 JBC

MEATYARD, Elizabeth Sarah (1825-1894) after 1850 Palmer

[Elizabeth Sarah Meatyard, daughter of Robert Meatyard  
(1790-1868) and his wife Sarah (1800-1870)

MEAKENS, Martha ( - ) aftw. Dry

MEAKENS, Margaret (1622?-1692) born

(Martha Meakens, daughter of John and Margaret Meakens, was married in 1678 to William Dry.

Margaret Meakens was the wife of John Meakens (1622?-1694) dyer, of Cripplegate. Their daughter Mary married James Strutt (100.2) and their daughter Martha married William Dry (171.1). Margaret was a member of the Six Weeks Meeting in 1671. She was one of the signatories to A Testimony to Young People, sent out in 1685 by the Women's Meeting at the Bull and Mouth. She wrote a Testimony to Anne Whitehead in 1686. For her action in remaining in town during the Great Plague see Jnl FHS x.15. George Fox wrote a letter to the Women's Meeting in London, dated from Swarthmoor, 28.ii.1676 (the same date as that of a very long letter to the YM printed Ell. Text.ii.235ff), and addressed to Rebecka Travers, Mary Elson, Anne Travers, Mary [? Marg.] Meakens, Jane Woodcock, Anne Whitehead and Martha Fisher.

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.329

MEATYARD, Robert (1798-1882)

Robert Meatyard, the son of Robert Meatyard ( - ) and his wife Martha (born ) of Salisbury, was born there on 14 October 1798(1).

He became a chemist at Lower Tooting in Surrey(2) and was married in 1824 to Sarah Storrs (1794-1865 qv) of Isleworth(3); there were seven children(4).

About 1832 the family moved to Basingstoke in Hampshire, but some time after his wife's death Robert Meatyard returned to London(5).

Robert Meatyard of 25 Clissold Road, Stoke Newington, died on 15 October 1882, at the age of eighty four(6).

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 Brentford on 24 November 1824: he is described as a chemist of Lower Tooting in Surrey, the son of Robert and Martha Meatyard of Alton in Hampshire; she is described as of Isleworth, the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Storrs, late of Bethnal Green in Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births and Burials Digests and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Elizabeth Sarah qv	b 16 Nov 1825	m 1850 George Palmer (1818-1897 qv)
Emma	b 30 July 1827	m 1882 Stafford Allen
Robert	b 29 Oct 1828	d 13 Dec 1828, aged 6 weeks
Rachel	b 26 April 1830	d 20 May 1830, aged 5 weeks

and in Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest as follows:-

Mary Ann	b 17 March 1832
Rachel	b 27 Jan 1834
Martha	b 16 Dec 1834

No marriages are traced for these three children in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- 5 His four eldest children (1825-1830) were all born in London: his three youngest children (1832-1834) were born at Basingstoke, where he is described as a chemist. His wife died at Basingstoke in 1865, but he died in London
- 6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

MEATYARD, Sarah (1794-1865) born Storrs

Sarah Storrs, the daughter of Joseph Storrs ( - ) and his wife Sarah (born ) of Mile End in Middlesex, was born there on 16 October 1794(1).

She was married in 1824 to Robert Meatyard (1798-1882 qv), a chemist of Lower Tooting in Surrey and there were seven children(2). About 1832 the family moved for a time to Basingstoke in Hampshire, but later returned to London(3).

She was for many years an invalid, but was patient in suffering and humble in resignation to the divine will. A deep sense of her own unworthiness was a conspicuous trait in her character. Her ill health prevented her from much association with her friends, beyond her own family(4).

Sarah Meatyard of Basingstoke died on 20 November 1865, at the age of seventy one(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see MEATYARD, Robert (1798-1882)
- 3 See entry for MEATYARD, Robert (1798-1882)
- 4 Annual Monitor 1867, p 108: brief obituary notice
- 5 Annual Monitor, loc cit: her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

WBE:a

MEDARY, Samuel, 1801-1864.

b. 25 Feb. 1801, Montgomery Co., Pa., s. of  
Quaker parents.

ed. at the academy in Norristown, but never graduated.  
Taught school to earn money for his education.

At age 16, contributing prose and poetry to local magazines.

1820, with family moved to Montgomery Co., Maryland.

1823, lived in Georgetown, D.C.

1825, moved to Batavia, Ohio. Became co-worker with Thomas Morris in the democratic party.

m. Eliza Scott (Quaker). 12 children.

1828, estab. Ohio Sun at Bethel, Ohio with Morris to support Jackson for president of the U.S.A. Three times he was elected representative to the state legislature.

1837, Democrats elected him supervisor of public printing. He held this office for ten years. Ran the democratic paper Ohio Statesman.

1844, chairman of the Ohio democratic delegation to the National Convention in Baltimore.

Became a virtual party dictator in Ohio. Supported the annexation of Texas, reoccupation of Oregon and supported the Mexican War. Reputedly the originator of the motto: "Fifty-four Forty or Fight" but there is no proof that this is true.

MEDCALF, Mary (1718-1800) after 1738 Pim

[Mary Medcalf, daughter of Joseph and Alice (born Barcroft) Medcalf, was married in 1738 to Charles Pim (1709-1771 qv).]

See PIM, Mary (1718-1800) born Medcalf ]

MEDDEN, Mary (1699?-1785) after 1721 Bax

[Mary Medden, daughter of Richard Medden of Guildford in Surrey, was married in 1721 to Thomas Bax (1691-1758 qv) of Holbrook in Ockley in Surrey.

See BAX, Mary (1699?-1785) born Medden ]

**MEGAHY, Basil Patras (1854-1941)**

Basil P. Megahy, the son of Richard and Eliza Megahy, was born at Gracehill in Ireland on 3 January 1854(1). He was one of a large family whose parents belonged to the Moravian Church. "He was not of the usual Ulster political persuasion."

After training at the Flounders Institute he studied for a time at South Kensington. He then went to Sidcot School as science master and held the post for eighteen years. Accuracy of thought was always his aim and many of his pupils found in him their inspiration and intellectual awakening.

After his retirement from teaching in 1896 he was married in 1898 to Sarah Marianne Bradley (1855?-1940 qv) of Preston, formerly headmistress of Sidcot School(2); the marriage was childless(3), but they brought up in their home several nephews and nieces. Together they took over a derelict steam laundry and made it into a model institute and business success. After their retirement they continued to take the closest personal interest in the welfare of their former employees.

Their continued interest in education included botany, geography and Esperanto. Many activities in the town owed much to their support and their house was always open to visitors from many countries.

Basil P. Megahy of 15 Watling Street, Fulwood, Preston, died on 20 July 1941, at the age of eighty eight(4).

**PRINCIPAL SOURCE**

The Friend vol 99 (1941) p 402

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 141
- 2 The wedding was at Preston on 2 April 1898: he is described as a bachelor, a laundry proprietor of North Cliff Street, Preston, the son of Richard Megahy, a photographer; she is described as a spinster of 13 Jordan Street, Preston, the daughter of Michael Bradley, a steward (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired laundry proprietor

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

MEGAHY, Sarah Marianne (1855-1940) born Bradley

Sarah Marianne Bradley, the daughter of Michael and Mary Anne Bradley, was born at Warwick on 22 January 1855(1). She was educated at Sidcot School from 1867 to 1870(2).

After leaving school she studied for two years in Germany and then became a schoolmistress. Her professional qualifications were not high and her success was due chiefly to her character and her skill in understanding and managing the girls in her care. She inspired interest in a variety of subjects and was an excellent reader. She taught for a time at Mountmellick and Sibford Schools, but her chief post was as headmistress of Sidcot School from 1883 to 1896. From her work there she reaped the lasting affection of her pupils.

She was married in 1898 to Basil Patras Megahy (1854-1941 qv), science master at Sidcot, but the marriage was childless(3). The two forsook teaching and moved to Preston in Lancashire, where her husband had started a very successful laundry business out of most unpromising material. Their success was due to persistence and ability and Sarah Megahy was a faithful friend of her employees. She was a member of the Preston Education Committee for a long time, but the cause to which she gave herself wholeheartedly was work for peace and both she and her husband studied Esperanto. Many men and women who visited their home had a practical introduction to the language and they talked freely to people of many nationalities in conferences at Antwerp and Edinburgh, Prague, London and Weston-super-Mare.

Sarah Megahy was for a time a member of the Northern Friends' Peace Board and when her health prevented her from taking an active part in its affairs she was given an honorary membership which she retained until her death. Her local work was carried out through Preston Meeting, of which she was an elder, and through women's organisations.

Sarah M. Megahy of 15 Watling Street Road, Fulwood near Preston, died on 29 April 1940, at the age of eighty five(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 98 (1940) p 288

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Sidcot Register 1808-1958, p 23: her birth is not traced in the Digest of Births
- 2 Ibid
- 3 For marriage see MEGAHY, Basil Patras (1854-1941)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Basil P.

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

WBE:

MEIDEL, Christopher

ed. in Denmark although himself a Norwegian by nationality.

c. 1700 came to London as chaplain to Prince George of Denmark. Served as preacher in the Danish Church there.

Then became pastor of an Independent Congregation in London, until at last he became a member of Friends.

1706 wrote To my neighbors and others...assembled to dance. He preached in the streets, perhaps at Liskeard. Was imprisoned at Truro and fined £ 20 by the sessions. Imprisoned also at Launceston. For a time he labored under certain scruples as that he should testify against Sabbath observance by working on that day, and that he should not write, nor walk out (though given liberty to do so), nor to eat some sorts of vistuals.  
Translated Barclay's Apology into Danish.

Budge, Annals of the early Friends..., 354

Jos. Smith's Cat., 172

MEILI,      Karl      ( - 1975 )

Karl Meili was a Swiss Friend, who is said to have been the first Swiss to be admitted into membership of London Yearly Meeting.(1)

When the first world war came he was working as a gardener at Kew Gardens and had to remain in England for the duration of the war. He married Liseli, another Swiss who was stranded here (2) and later returned to Switzerland. He continued unflinchingly devoted to the Society of Friends and to England for the rest of his life. He acted as Clerk to Switzerland Yearly Meeting for several years.

He was a man of solid faith and simple ways, a keen gardener, and it was in this way he seemed to serve God best. He was a convinced socialist, once losing a good job because of his convictions, and he preferred to work in the service of small social and religious communities. He read intelligently, and kept mentally alert until his death. He had a large family of six children, one of whom settled in England, and twenty two grandchildren and great grandchildren.

His wife died in 1974 and he died in the little village of Lavigny in September 1975.

Principal Source      The Friend Vol 133 ( 1975 ) p. 1206

References and Notes

1. We have no date of birth, neither have we any information about his life previous to his appearance in England.
2. London/Middlesex QM printed lists of members record him as a member of New Southgate meeting in 1921, with his wife 'Elizabeth' and an address in Berne, Switzerland, and in 1922 at Tottenham meeting, also with the address in Berne.

WBE:

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MELEMS, Mary

England.

A minister.

1656-1664 between these dates she visited New England.

John Smith's Ms., 2:501

WBE:  
ADD:  
**MELHUISH, Thomas (1737?-1802)**

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MELHUISH, Thomas, c.1737-1802

Thomas Melhuish was a Somersetshire man, a general shopkeeper and tailor. The autobiography of Joseph Metford (1776-1863, see J. Friends hist. soc. vol.25) mentions his "his naturally reserved and morbid temperament...a slave to the pipe". From about 1768 he travelled in the ministry. His wife was Jane Mullet, widow, and his home was Taunton.

Life. 1805

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.88

Joined Friends and was acknowledged a minister.

Removed to Taunton where he married Jane Mullet and became a shopkeeper.

1768 visited one of the western counties. Then in 1771 visited Ireland on a religious account. Thereafter, he was a frequent traveler in many parts of England on Truth's account.

d. Dec. 16, 1802 at Taunton, aged about 65 years.

1805 posthumous publication of An account of the early part of the life and Conviction of Thomas Melhuish.

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Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:173

WBE:

MELLIDGE, Anthony

(or MILLIDGE)

A Baptist living in Lime, Corfe, in the Isle of Purbeck, Dorsetshire, Eng.

At the age of 15 years he was placed with the captain of a ship to learn navigation, and kept for 5 years.

Was "pressed" into service of the Parliament.

Served as mate on several vessels, and finally as Captain of the "Sapphire".

Convinced and joined Friends. Suffered imprisonment, first at Dorchester. He was sent to the House of Corrections for some 14 weeks. Discharged by order of the Committee of Parliament.

1656 wrote A true relation of the former faithful and long service, &c.

1660 taken from Meeting at Poole and imprisoned.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:173

Besse, 1:168, 229.

MELLOR, John (1795-1875)

John Mellor, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1979) traced, was born at Quarnford in Staffordshire in the year 1795. He was the eldest of a family of five children and was brought up by kind and affectionate parents in the principles of the Established Church.

When he grew up he left home and settled in business at Furness in Cheshire. While there he was drawn to the Wesleyan Methodists and eventually became a very prominent member, taking part very actively in the Sunday school. About 1834 he was lent a copy of Robert Barclay's Apology and was deeply influenced by what he read, so that in due course he began to attend Friends' meetings; although his Methodist friends did their utmost to dissuade him, he at length felt himself called to apply for membership of the Society.

Soon after being accepted into membership he began to hold meetings for worship on Sundays in his own house and these were attended by a few neighbours as well as his own family. Joseph Buckley (1804-1868 qv) attended one of these meetings and he was also visited by George Jones (1765-1841 qv) and his wife Ann (1774-1846 qv). As a result of these meetings, which grew in number, the meeting house at Low Leighton, which had been closed for many years, was re-opened and the influence of the Society was spread in the neighbourhood.

John Mellor was appointed an elder in 1853 and removed to Whaley Bridge in Cheshire, where there were a few Friends. From time to time he spoke in meeting for worship in a spirit of exhortation, but always in great humility of spirit. As he grew older and his health declined he attended meetings with more than ordinary interest, but the later years of his life were overshadowed by the death of his wife in 1864(1).

John Mellor of Whaley Bridge died after a brief illness on 7 December 1875, at the age of eighty(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1877, pp 101-105

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 There is no trace of a marriage or children in Cheshire & Staffs QM Marriages and Births Digests, or in the Digests of Marriages and Births
- 2 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

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MELLOR, Lydia (1693-1754) born Arnold

Lydia Arnold, the daughter of Joshua and Mary Arnold of Whittington in the county of Derby, was born on 28.x.(December)1693.(1) Her parents educated her carefully in the beliefs and principles of the Society and their precepts and example made a deep impression on her, so that as she reached maturity she grew in wisdom and grace. She appeared in the ministry when she was about twenty four; her testimony was not at first lengthy, but as her gift increased her doctrine became lively and powerful. "She often deeply Sympathised with the Afflicted, and had a word of Consolation to the distressed in Spirit; greatly encouraging the Youth in the way of well doing, a diligent attender of Meetings, to which duty she also stirred up her Family & Servants, was well qualified for the Discipline of the Churd, & Steady for the Cause of Truth, delighted to entertain the Lords Servants, to whom her heart & house were freely open."

She married Samuel Mellor of Manchester(2) and there were six children of the marriage.(3)

She died on 18 March 1754(4), aged sixty years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Lancashire QM 18 April 1754 in TCD vol.1 p.385

(Handwritten MM 18 March 1754 endorsed by

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Derby & Notts QM Births Digest: she was born on 28.x.(December)1693, the daughter of Joshua and Mary
- 2 There is no record of the marriage in Derby & Notts QM or Lancashire QM Marriages Digests
- 3 Listed in Lancashire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Arnold	b 20.vii.(September)1723
Ebenezer	b 15.i.(March)1725/6
Mary	b 22.vi.(August)1728
Samuel	b 5.iv.(June)1730
Joshua	b 30.vii.(September)1731
Cornelius	b 10.iii.(May)1734
- 4 Lancashire QM Burials Digest: she died on 18 March 1754; she is described as a minister, the wife of Samuel Mellor of Manchester

MELLOR, Matthew (1703-1770)

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Matthew Mellor was born in Derbyshire, 8.vi.Aug. 1703, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Mellor (1), but lived for most of his life within the compass of Hardshaw MM, Lancs. He was called to the ministry as a young man about the age of 20, and travelled widely throughout England and Scotland, and twice visited Ireland, in 1741 and 1752 (2).

He was very diligent in attending meetings for worship and for discipline, and exemplary in taking his family (3) to weekday meetings, though this entailed closing his shop. He conducted his temporal concerns with prudence and circumspection, and 'his Meek Steady behaviour rendered him dear to & beloved by his Servants & others who were intimately acquainted with him. It may be truly said he was a heavenly minded Man and adorned the doctrine he had to deliver, by a Godly Conversation'.

A short time before his death he removed from Manchester to Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. After about nine months there he requested, and was given, a certificate to visit the counties on the way to Lancashire. He died suddenly, in the course of this journey, at the house of William Simons of Bugbrook meeting, Northants, 27 or 28 May 1770, and was buried at Bugbrook 30 May (4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimonies of Hardshaw MM and Bury MM in TCMD vol.2 pp.366, 368

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 Derby & Notts QM Births digest
- 2 TCMD gives his age at death as 65, which would give a date of birth about 1705
- 3 'Record of Friends travelling in Ireland 1656-1765' J.Friends hist. soc. vol.10 (1913) pp.244, 256. He is described as Matthew Mellor of Manchester.
- 4 Not in Lancs QM Marriages digest; not in Derby & Notts QM Marriages digest. In the 18th century 'family' included servants and apprentices
- 5 Lancs QM Burials digest  
TCMD states that he was buried in Friends Burial Ground, Floor, Northants.

WBE:

MELLOR, Lydia, afterwards Shackleton, c.1749/50-1829

see

Shackleton, Lydia, nee Mellor, c.1749/50-1829

MELLOR, Maria (1835-1865)

Maria Mellor, the daughter of Thomas and Maria Mellor, was born at Flash in Staffordshire on 19 August 1835. From her earliest years she was of an innocent and serious disposition. As a child she was associated with the Wesleyans, her parents attending both the Established Church and the Wesleyan Chapel. When she was nearly fourteen she went to live with her uncle John Mellor of Furness and later of Whalley Bridge, who was a member of the Society of Friends. For about a year she continued to associate with the Wesleyans, but then she began to accompany her cousin Sarah Mellor to Friends' meetings and gradually learned to value silent worship and the truth as professed by the Society. She was received into membership when she was about twenty four.

Her life was too brief for her to have much time in which to become an active and useful member of the Society, but the work she did was chiefly among young people and both by precept and example her influence was good.

She died at Whalley Bridge of consumption on 20 October 1865, at the age of thirty(1).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1868, pp 164-166

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster of Whalley Bridge

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

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WBE:

MELVINE, George, -1698

ed. had little formal education.

1669, convinced and joined Friends.

m.

Suffered imprisonment and despoiling of goods. His wife would not be owned as a Friend, although G.M. was a favored minister.

1677 Besse says G.M. and 10 others were taken to prison at Aberdeen.

d. April 11, 1698, near Uriel, Scotland.

Besse, 2:531

Jour. Frds. Hist Soc., 7, No.4:186

WBE:a

MENDENHALL, Abby G., 1832-1900, nee Swift.

b. 19 Aug. 1832, West Falmouth, Mass., dau. of Silas and Chloe Swift. Birthright Friend.

Life-work in Minneapolis, Minn.

1858, m. R.J.Mendenhall of North Carolina, and moved to Minneapolis.

Member of Iowa Yearly Meeting.

Helped organize Bethany Home, a refuge and reformatory for women. She was its treasurer for 23 years.

Charitable and loving.

d. 11 Jan. 1900, Minneapolis, Minn.

Am. Frd., 7(1900):154 (p. 145, portrait.)

Western Work, 1-6 (1900):vol. 4, Feb.

WBE:

MENDENHALL, Ann, afterwards Peirce, 1737/38-1828

see

PEIRCE, Ann, nee Mendenhall, 1737/38-1828

WBE:

MENDENHALL, Benjamin, -1743

b.

in Pennsylvania.

c.1743 accompanied Samuel Hopwood of Tadcaster,  
Yorks., Eng. on a visit to No. Carolina.

Suffered from an intermittent fever. Attended  
meetings at the Old Neck under great difficulty.

d. July 13, 1743 at the home of Zacharieh Nixon,  
Perquimans County, N.C.

John Smith's Ms. II:481

WBE:

MENDENHALL, Cyrus, 1810-1877

b. Nov. 3, 1810 at East Fairfield, Columbiana County, Ohio, son of Aaron and Lydia (Richardson) Mendenhall.

ed. 1834 entered junior class at Haverford School, (later College).

Became a fur trader among the Indians around Lake Superior. Later a copper miner. Launched the first vessel "The Algonquin" on Lake Superior.

m. 1836 Esther Rundle.

m. (2d) 1848, Anna T. Updegraff.

1856-58 member of House of Representatives of Ohio. Drafted a law forbidding infliction of corporal punishment. Also instituted plan by which a prisoner might by good behavior reduce the time of imprisonment.

m. (3d) Phebe E. Howell.

Contracted a serious illness in the mountains of Colorado where he was performing difficult engineering work.

d. Feb. 11, 1877 at Oskaloosa, Iowa, aged about 66.

Hav. Coll., Mat. Cat., 2

Frds. Review, 30:635

WBE:a

MENDENHALL, Elihu Emery, 1817-1906.

b. 4 May 1817, North Carolina, s. of James and Miriam Hockett Mendenhall. His family was a Quaker one, from the beginnings of Quakerism.

ed. at a school in Deep River Meeting house, and New Garden Boarding School, the first year it opened. He was an apt, capable student.

m. Anna Hill (d. 1856), 1841. She was the daughter of Samuel and Mary Branson Hill. They lived for awhile at Uhaurie, Randolph Co. (4 children)

A regular attender of meetings for worship and business. More than 50 years elder and clerk of Deep River Meeting. Clerk of North Carolina Yearly Meeting for many years.

1859, m. Abigail N. Hill, dau. of Aaron and Milliecent Hill. She was for many years, clerk of Women's Yearly Mtg.

He gave his support to the monthly meeting school and the Temperance movement.

Ran a farm, mill, tanyard, country store and post office.

The crusade of his life was for the maintenance and improvement of New Garden Boarding School, later Guilford College. On Board of Trustees for 30 years and chairman of it for many years. One of his more cherished hopes was to live to see the college out of debt. This was amply fulfilled. Partly through his petitioning Allen Jay under-

WBE:a

MENDENHALL, Elizabeth, nee Burgess, later Harvey, ?1802-1888.

b. 1802? near Lynchburg, Virginia, dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hendricks) Burgess, Friends. Her mother was among the first to demand freedom of the slaves.

1812, they moved to Ohio. Many of their slaves (freed) followed them.

ed. superiorly.

m. Dr. Jesse Harvey (children)

They forwarded education in their community, Harveyburg, Ohio, until 1840, when they were finally able to found an academy. One room of the school building was for Negro children. E.H.M. taught the children in spite of the fact that many white parents withdrew their children when they heard of it. It became the first school for Negro students in Ohio.

1847, moved to the Shawnee Indian's Mission in Kansas to teach Indian children and aid the Indians in adapting to the white man's civilization.

After her ~~children~~ <sup>husband</sup> died, she and her children returned to Ohio.

m. Mendenhall.

Later moved to Plainfield, Indiana.

d. 1 May 1888, Indianapolis, Ind., in her 87th year.

Christian Worker, 18(1888):252.

WBE:a

MENDENHALL, Dr. Isaac, 1826-1888.

b. 14 March 1826, Preble Co., Ohio, S. of John and Margaret (Brown) Mendenhall. Born a Friend.

ed. well in public schools. Studied medicine at Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Began to practice medicine near West Elkton, Ohio.

After 1 year there, moved to ~~Henry/Co/~~ Peru, Indiana.

1848, went to Henry Co., Indiana where he built up a good practice.

1848, m. Rachel Brown, dau. of Isaac Brown of Henry Co., Indiana. (8 children, 4 living at his death)

Founder of the Citizens' State Bank. On its Board of Directors when he died.

Important member of the State Medical Association.

1863-1871, served as medical examiner for pensions.

Living at Newcastle, Ind., before there was a Frds' Meeting, he gave the room Friends congregated in for several years until a meeting house was built, on land he donated.

He and his wife kept a gracious household, always open to travelling ministers.

d. 8 Oct. 1888, New Castle, Ind., aged 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Christian Worker, 18(1888):528.

Mendenhall, T.A., History of the Mendenhall Family (1912):217.

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

MENDENHALL, J. Lindley -1941

O.  
Member Miami Mo. and Miami Quarterly Mtg.; served as  
clerk of both.

As a young man, active in the Grange.

In later years served the local and county Farm Bureau

1913-14

1918-19

1921-23

1933 Clerk, Ind. Y. Mtg., (F.G.C.)

Pres. of the board of directors of a county coop  
store dealing in farm supplies; earnestly believed in  
the cooperative manner of conducting business.

At death treasurer of Miami Quarterly Mtg.; also  
superintendent and treasurer of the Friends Home.

d. 20 Oct. 1941

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 391  
Friends Intell., 98, (1941), 757.

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WBE:

MENDENHALL, James, 1751-1816

b. 10 XII 1751 in the neighborhood of Hopewell,  
Va., son of

Gave way to vain enjoyments. Then was led to abandon  
vanity.

c. 1776 a minister, after which he traveled exten-  
sively.

d. Aug. 25, 1816 of a nervous disorder at Hopewell,  
Va., aged about 65 years.

Balt. Y.M., Memorials (1833), 96

WBE:

MENDENHALL, Joseph, -1748

1747, made an elder of Kennett Meeting, Pa.

d. 1748 and was buried at Kennett, Pa.

John Smith's Ms., II:480

WBE:

2X

MENDENHALL, Martha, 1713-1794

b. April 14, 1713

X c. 1732, minister

m., (issue) Visited

meetings of Friends in other parts of the American  
continent.

d. Oct. 28, 1794 and was buried at Tuscarora, in  
her 82d year.

Balt. Y.M., Memorials (1833), 60

WBE:

MENDENHALL, Mary, afterwards Hobbs, 1852-1930

see HOBBS, Mary, nee Mendenhall

WBE:

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MENDENHALL, Moses, c.1693-1731

b. c.1693 of Concord, Penna., son of Benjamin  
and Mendenhall.

c. 1719 m. and settled at Kennett, Penna.  
/ 1724 a minister. Visited Maryland, New Jersey,  
and places nearer home. He was gifted in matters of  
discipline.

d. Nov., 1731 at Kennett, Pa., aged 38 years.

John Smith's Ms. II:480

Phila. Y.M., A Col. of Mem. (1787), 93

WBE:4  
(prepared by RB)

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MENDENHALL, Moses T., 1886 - 1943

b. 21 Nov. 1886 near Lynnville, Iowa, son of Allen and Ruth Elmira (Hockett) Mendenhall.

Grew up on a farm.

ed., Central Holiness U., (Iowa); Cleveland Bible Institute, 1914.

m., 2 Sept. 1908 Margaret Vanderpol. 3 children.

Held pastorates in Raisin Valley, Mich; in Center, Honey Creek, New Sharon, Earlham, and the Gilman Community Church, Iowa; in East Whittier and Los Angeles, Calif.

For 2 yrs, assistant to Charles Whitely, Superintendent of Iowa Y. Mtg.

1929-33 Superintendent, Iowa Y. Mtg.

d. 11 Aug. 1943 in Los Angeles, Calif., aged ca. 57 yrs.

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 393  
The American Friend, 31(1943), 367

WBE:

MENDENHALL, Nereus, 1819-1893

b. Aug. 14, 1819 near Jamestown, No. Carolina, son  
of Richard and Mary Pegg, Mendenhall

ed. studied at Hverford and graduated 1839

Learned printing. Became principal of New Garden  
Boarding School.

1845 took an M.D. degree at Jefferson Medical  
College, Phila. Pa., and then returned to New Garden.

m. 1851, Orianna Wilson.

Civil engineer for No. Carolina Railroad. Twice a  
member of state legislature. Also served as Clerk of  
North Carolina Yearly Meeting, <sup>1860-71</sup> Wrote a History of New  
Garden Boarding School.

1878-80 moved north and taught at Wm. Penn Charter  
School and Haverford College. Became Superintendent at  
Haverford.

d. Oct. 29, 1893 at Jamestown, N.C., aged 74 years.

Qua Biog., Ser. II, 5:246 (portrait)

Cartland, So. Qu. & Slavery, 362

Thorne, D.L.(Gilbert), Guilford College. Index)

Hav. Col., Mat. Cat., 13

The Friend (Phila.), 67:136

Am. Friends, <sup>Review</sup> 47(1893):271

ELLIOTT, QU. ON THE AM FRONTIER, 396

WBE:a

MENDENHALL, Rufus M., 1836-1884.

b. 1836, near Economy, Indiana.

Lived 9 years on Eel River, Miami Co. where he established a meeting. Then returned to his old meeting, West River. He was a member & minister of Springfield Monthly Meeting, Indiana.

d. 20 Dec. 1884, n/r Economy, Ind., aged almost 48.

Christian Worker, 15(1885):175.

WBE:a

MENDENHALL, Sarah Jane, 1807-1884.

SEE HILL, Sarah Jane, nee MENDENHALL.

WBE:

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MENDENHALL, William Orville, 1879-1958

Verona, NY

b. 1879 at Ridge Farm, Ill. of Quaker parents.

His mother was Almeda Rees. Father was Albert J. Mendenhall

ed. Penn College and A.M., Haverford College and

Ph. D. Univ. of Michigan in mathematics.

Taught at Stanford in Calif., Wilmington in Ohio.

m. Lucy Osgood. One son, William R., b. 1914.

1907 went to Earlham College where he served as

Dean of Men.

1918-34, President, Friends University, Wichita, Kans.

1934-43, President, Whittier College, Whittier, Calif.

1927 served as Presiding Clerk, Five Years Meeting.

Also w as Vice-chairman, American Friends Service Committee.

d. July 5, 1958 at Westfield, New Jersey, aged 79.

Cooper, Whittier, independent college in California, index

Fuds. Journal, 4(1958):472

Harris, The Quaker and the West, photo of portrait, p.75

Portrait found in Hav. Lib. BX 7624 S9 Q21 (This has not  
been found by B.C.)

MENEFFY, Frances ( 1907 ? - 1981 ) b. Waters

Frances Waters was born in about the year 1907 (1) and was educated at Saffron Walden from 1919 - 1925 (2) and at Westhill College, Birmingham. She emigrated in 1929 to teach at the Friends School, Wanganui, New Zealand, and there she met Charles Menefy whom she married. In 1941 they moved to a house there, where the Friends Settlement now stands. There were seven children of the marriage.

She returned to teaching at the school for a time from 1955 - 1966, acting as head for a time. She also served as clerk to New Zealand Y.M. from 1969 - 1971 and represented Yearly Meeting overseas. After her husband's death in 1978 she moved to the Friends Settlement to live. She had written a history of Friends School, Wanganui where she had taught for so many years.

She died on July 1, 1981 aged 74.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 139 (1981) p. 1224

Death Notice p. 1204 for period of her clerkship of New Zealand Yearly Meeting.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth she was aged 74 at death. It has not been possible to trace her parents.
2. List of Saffron Walden Old Scholars - Friends House Library. In 1919 her parents were not listed in London & Middlesex QM printed list of members but they might have figured elsewhere.

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MENNELL, George (1810-1892)

George Mennell, son of Isaac (1770-1839 qv) and Martha (born Dawson, 1777-1850 qv) Mennell of Scarborough, was born there on 15 August 1810. He was educated at Lawrence Street School, York, prior to

MENNELL, Christabel (1872-1958)

She married in 1854 Samuel Duke (1811-1889 qv) (2), there were 8 children (4).

Christabel Mennell was born 15 July 1872, of Quaker parents.

She was assiduous in her attendance at meetings for church affairs, and regularly attended Meeting for Sufferings, first as a representative, and later as an Elder.

For many years she was a member of the Penal Reform Committee, acting as its clerk from 1933-1938. She also acted as a hostess at the Quaker Rest Home at Bad Zirmont. She served on various other bodies, both inside and outside the Society, whose aims were the welfare of the under-privileged.

'Always kind and cheerful, she had a brusqueness that indicated that she knew her own mind.'

She died 17 October 1958

Testimony of Luton & Leighton M.M. in Y.M.Proc. 1959, p.196

and of Philip Dawson, on the death of Mr. Lewis, see Cross Section Register, under their own entries. Bootham Register, under George Mennell's entry, spells Wilfred Isaac as Wilfred.

He is described as of Scarborough in entries concerning his marriage and the births of his 4 eldest children (1834-45), of Newcastle in entries relating to the births of his 4 youngest (1847-51). In the marriage and birth entries he is described as woolen (sic) manufacturer (1834-9), no occupation (1846), coke manufacturer (1847-52), no occupation (1854). Bootham Register describes him as coke manufacturer formerly lime draper.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 6 He is described as of Newcastle at the time of his daughter PHM's marriage (1862); his name is not shown under Newcastle in the 1874 monthly meeting printed list of members (the first available at LSF); Hannah Mennell's death on 19 March 1869 is described as "at St Paul's Square, York" (The Friend ns vol 9 (1869) p 91)
- 7 Devon & Cornwall QM printed lists of members 1889, 1892 (none earlier than 1889 available at LSF); The Friend ns vol 32 (1892) p 260; Digest of Deaths, where he is described as gentleman, the death being publicly registered at Yatton and his body interred in Clevedon Cemetery (the death being registered by East Devon MM)

There is no reference to him (save for that referred to in note 2) in  
J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

"of Scarborough, afterwards of Picton House, Newcastle-on-Tyne, later of Alverton Hill, Penzance, co. Cornwall" (Henry Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley, 1878, p 225)

MENNELL, Hannah (1811-1869) born Tuke

Hannah Tuke, daughter of Samuel (1784-1857 qv) and Priscilla (born Hack, 1786-1828 ) Tuke of the parish of St Mary, Castlegate, York, was born there on 25 November 1811 (1).

She married in 1834 George Mennell (1810-1892 qv), a woollen draper of Scarborough and, from about 1847, a coke manufacturer of Newcastle upon Tyne: there were 8 children (2). George and Hannah Mennell were still living in Newcastle in 1862 (3).

Hannah Mennell of St Pauls Square, York, died there on 19 March 1869, aged 57 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as tea dealer
- 2 For particulars of the marriage and children, see MENNELL, George (1810-1892)
- 3 George Mennell is so described in the entry concerning the marriage of a daughter in 1862
- 4 The Friend ns vol 9 (1869) p 91; Digest of Deaths: she is described as wife of George

There is no reference to her in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

MENNELL, Hannah Garbutt (1817-1846) after 1842 Robson

[Hannah G Mennell, daughter of Isaac (1770-1829 qv)  
and Martha (born Dearman, 1777-1860 qv) Mennell of  
Scarborough, was married in 1842 to Edward Capper  
Robson (1812-1893 qv) of Sunderland.

see ROBSON, Hannah Garbutt (1817-1846) born Mennell ]

MENNELL, Henry Tuke (1835-1923)

Henry Tuke Mennell, the eldest child of George and Hannah Mennell was born at Scarborough on 19 June 1835 (1). He spent several years of his boyhood with his grandparents, Samuel (1784-1857 qv) and Priscilla Tuke of York while attending Bootham school.

Under John Ford's influence he became interested in natural history and made excellent collections of British shells and flowering plants. He entered into the family tea business, first at York and later in London. After an illness he worked for a short period in his father's coal business at Newcastle. He had many shared interests with his friend and school fellow Robert Spence Watson. From 1865 their holidays were spent abroad. They were active members of the Alpine Club. Henry Tuke Mennell returned to the tea business in London in 1861 becoming a partner with George W. Dodds. He settled in Croydon and married Maria Bradley Newman in 1868. (2) There were nine children (3).

He was associated with Ackworth, Croydon and Saffron Walden school committees. He was a director of Friends Invident Institution and a trustee of the Flounders Institute, the Worthing children's homes and the Michael Yoakley almshouses. He was active on relief work in France in 1870 and in Ireland in 1880. The war victims' workers' Star used in war relief work was copied from the one used by H.T. Mennell in France in 1870. He died on 9 December 1923 at Croydon.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Kingston MM Y.M. Proc. 1924 p.173

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 His father is described as draper  
Yorkshire & Births Digest:

- 2 The wedding was at Peckham on 14 May 1868. He is described as bachelor, teadealer of Croydon, son of George Mennell, gentleman. She is described as spinster of Peckham, daughter of Edward Newman printer.  
(Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 3 Listed in Digests of Birth & Burial Notes as follows:

WBE:

MENNELL, Henry Tuke, c.1835-1923

b. c.1835 at Scarborough, Yorks., Eng., son  
of George and Hannah (Tuke) Mennell.

ed. School on Lawrence St., York.

1850 entered his uncle's business, Tuke & Co.,  
York, tea merchants and cocoa manufacturers. Later, joined  
his father in the coal business in Newcastle.

1861, took up the tea business with George W.  
Dodds.

m. Maria B. Newman of Peckham and settled at Croydon.  
They had children.

His hobbies included conchology and botany. He was  
a keen mountaineer, making ascents in Switzerland and in  
the Tyrol.

1871, helped refugees in France.

1875 a member of meeting for sufferings.

1912 in his 73rd year climbed to 12,000 feet.

d. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1923 at Croydon, aged 88 years.

The Friend (London), 63(1923):1004 and 1007 (portrait)  
Bootham School, Century Souvenir Number, portrait op.163.

WBE:

MENNELL, Isaac, c.1770-1829

b. c.1770 at Malton, England, son of Thomas and  
Dorothy Mennell

Followed the sea and was impressed, but eventually released. Became captain of the Plato. Shipwrecked near Memel.

Became a woolen draper at Scarborough, Yorks.

m., 1800, Martha Dearman of Thorne.

Took a useful part in Friendly concerns.

Suffered a very trying illness which he bore with patience.

d. Jan. 17, 1829 at Scarborough, aged 59 years.

Posthumous publication of A brief memoir of Isaac Mennell, &c(1829)

An. Mon., 18(1830):123

Jos. Smith's Cat., 2:173

Kite, Memorials of deceased members (1843):207

MENNELL, Martha (1777-1860) born Dearman

Martha Dearman, daughter of Nathan Dearman (1741-1811 qv) and his first wife, Mary (born Huitson, 1739-1792 qv) Dearman of Thorne, Yorkshire, was born there on 27 March 1777 (1). By 1797 her father had become a linen manufacturer at Pindar Oaks, near Barnsley (2).

She married in 1799 Isaac Mennell (1770-1829 qv), a woollen draper of Scarborough: there were 11 children (3).

Martha Mennell of Scarborough died 7 September 1860, aged 83 years (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: the place of birth and parents abode is spelt Thorn; her father is described as shopkeeper
- 2 H W Atkinson, Families of Atkinson & Dearman, 1933, p 70: her parents were resident there at the time of her marriage
- 3 For particulars of the marriage and children, see ME NELL, Isaac (1770-1829)
- 4 The Friend vol 18 (1860) p 197; Digest of Deaths; she is described as widow of Isaac

There is no reference to her in J Friends hist soc vol 1 - 45

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MENNELL, Robert Oscar (1882-1960)

Robert Mennell, son of Henry Tuke Mennell, was born on 19 June 1882. He was educated at Whitgift Grammar School and at Bootham School, York. After leaving school he travelled extensively. Later he entered the family tea business; and in 1910 he married Lilius Clark (1).

All his life he was an ardent advocate of Quaker causes and of the Quaker way of living. He served the Society faithfully and well in many capacities, especially the Friends relief services. The spirit of Christ coursed abundantly through him, a living water flowing everywhere. It was by all these positive qualities that Robert Mennell endeared himself to those he came into contact with. His personality always reached outwards in joy, light, hope, faith, love and peace. There was abundant evidence of his power of turning ordinary business contacts into deep friendships here and in every country he visited - Poland, Central and South East Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. He travelled to Poland after the first World War - a dangerous journey, then - as a representative of the Society of Friends, a visit which brought encouragement and hope to the Quaker team operating there under great difficulties. The mentally afflicted moved him deeply, and he faithfully carried out his task as a member of the York Retreat Management Committee. He was a man of peace, which involved him in imprisonment during the first World War (2). After the war he was led to stand - though unsuccessfully - as a pacifist parliamentary candidate for the East Surrey Division. He stood again in 1924 (3) and in 1929 (4). He was interested in the problems of India, and had admiration for Gandhi and his teaching.

He died on 1 January 1960, aged 77 years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :-

Testimony of Kingston MM, printed in Y.M.Proc.1961 p.85.  
Croydon Advertiser and Surrey County Reporter, 25.v.1929  
[Press cutting, 051.1]

REFERENCES AND NOTES :-

1. Press cutting in vol.MM.104
2. His tribunal is described in Friend vol.56, 1916, p.627  
His experiences in prison are described in Friend, vol.57, 1917,  
pp.636-7 and in No-Conscription Fellowship: A souvenir  
of its work during the years 1914-1919, pp.54-58
3. Friend, vol.64, 1924, p.301  
cf. Christian World, 3.iv.1924 [Press cutting 051.1]  
Croydon Advertiser 15.x.24 [Press cutting 051.1]
4. Parliamentary election address, 1924 L.051.10  
Croydon Advertiser and Surrey County Reporter. Loc.cit.  
Parliamentary election address, 1929, Box L.2.

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MENNELL, Robert Oscar (1882-1960) contd.

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SEE ALSO :-

- /l.c. Friend vol.60, 1920, p.624  
Labour and Christianity, an address given at Oxford Meeting house,  
Oxford  
-Chronicle 6.v.1921 [vol. VV/35]

MENNELL, Samuel Tuke (1846-1919)

For Samuel Tuke Mennell, son of George (1810-1892 qv) and Hannah Mennell (1811-1869 qv born Tuke) of Scarborough, Yorkshire, and afterwards of Newcastle on Tyne, who changed his surname to Meynell in middle life

see MEYNELL, Samuel Tuke (1846-1919) born Mennell

MENSCHING, Wilhelm ( 1888 ? - 1964 )

Wilhelm Mensching was born in about the year 1888.(1) He grew up to be a German pastor in the Lutheran Church, but in the first world war he and his young wife and children had suffered greatly in Africa, where he had been a missionary and he also was imprisoned (interned) in India. Back in Germany he was secretary of the German branch of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, but with the rise of Hitler, this had dissolved itself to avoid being banned. He continued to travel in Germany holding private meetings, in India he had watched the growth of Gandhi's Satyagraha movement which had made a great impression on him. He continued his work throughout the Nazi era and the second world war, helping countless people, and only saved from dismissal and internment by the love of his parishioners and by the respect of the local police and Nazi officials.

With the end of the war he continued his work for reconciliation and at the request of others set up an international centre for young people (with aid from all over the world ) at Petzen, where he was pastor. The centre was called 'Freundschaftsheim' or Friendship House and it became an independent centre where representatives of East and West or of other opposing parties could meet for free interchanges. Towards the end of his life he was awarded an honorary Doctor's degree by the University of Leipzig as a tribute to his work for reconciliation from "the other side of the curtain ". William R. Hughes who knew him well records in the obituary that he was really a Quaker but could never have deserted his flock.

He died on August 25, 1964, at the age of 76.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 122 (1964) pp 1094/5

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 76 at death.