

WEST, Ada Caroline (1860-1952) born Wise

Ada Caroline Wise, the daughter of Charles Wise (1829-1885 qv) and his wife Edith Caroline (born Crafton, 1833-1908 qv) of Croydon in Surrey, was born there on 18 July 1860(1).

She was married in 1891 to Joseph Walter West (1860-1933 qv), an artist of Harrow in Middlesex and there were four children(2).

Her husband became a very successful and well known artist and was a regular exhibitor at the Royal Academy(3).

Ada Caroline West of The Vane, The Avenue, Northwood, Middlesex, died on 13 March 1952, at the age of ninety one(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a stockbroker
- 2 For marriage and children see WEST, Joseph Walter (1860-1933)
- 3 See entry for WEST, Joesph Walter (1860-1933)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of J.Walter

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

WEST, Alfred (1823-1908)

Alfred West, the son of Leonard West (1795-1854 qv) and his wife Ann (born Rheim, 1796?-1872 qv) of Hull, was born there on 18 September 1823(1).

He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1833 to 1838(2).

He became a tea dealer at Hull(3) and was married in 1846 to Sarah Ann Petchell (1823-1897 qv) of Hull(4); there were seven children(5).

Alfred West of Hull died on 9 February 1908, at the age of eighty four(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 439
- 3 He is described as a tea dealer of Hull in his marriage entry, note 4 and in the birth entries for his two eldest children; in the birth entries for his remaining children (1852-1860) he is described as a corn miller of Hull
- 4 The wedding was at Hull on 10 September 1846: he is described as a bachelor, a tea dealer of Hull, the son of Leonard West, a tea dealer; she is described as a spinster of Hull, the daughter of Thomas Petchell, a corn miller (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Listed in the Digests of Births, Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

*Lydia Burtt	b 30 Sept 1847	
Alfred Holborn	b 10 Aug 1849	d 31 July 1908, aged 59
*Caroline Elizabeth	b 5 Jan 1852	
*Sophia Helena	b 22 July 1853	
*Sarah Ann Petchell	b 25 Jan 1855	
Thomas Henry qv	b 4 Feb 1858	m 1886 Ellen Florence Smith
Joseph Walter qv	b 3 May 1860	m 1891 Ada Caroline Wise (1860-1952 qv)
- \*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903: the marriage of Thomas Henry is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 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

His youngest son Joseph Walter became a well known painter and it is of interest to note that Bootham Register, loc cit, lists his hobbies as painting in water colour, particularly horses with landscape background

WEST, Alfred Holborn (1849-1908)

Alfred Holborn West, the son of Alfred West (1823-1908 qv) and his wife Sarah Ann (born Petchell, 1823-1897 qv) of Hull, was born there on 10 August 1849(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1864 to 1865.

After leaving school he worked for a short period in the corn trade in Hull. He then travelled in Egypt and on the continent for some time before finally settling in Hull. He educated a band of workers in the Scandinavian languages, so that they could meet immigrant ships and help immigrants in their passage through Hull. He was largely instrumental in protecting the immigrants.

He printed and distributed large numbers of leaflets on the Scriptures, in different languages.

For many years before his death he was an invalid. Alfred Holborn West of Hull died on 11 July 1908, at the age of fifty nine(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Bootham School Register 1935, p 440

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a tea dealer
- 2 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

WEST, Alice Mary ( 1864 ? - 1967 ) bom

We have no knowledge of Alice West's early life, except that she was born in Norwich in about the year 1864.(1) She and her husband Samuel West ( ) emigrated to South Africa and in October 1903 they met with others in the Y.M.C.A. in Cape Town to found the Cape Town Meeting which continued to meet there until the Meeting House was built in 1920.

She was a great strength to the meeting, a woman of enthusiasm, to whom the members of the meeting turned not only in meeting but in personal matters. She was known for her work outside the meeting, particularly in connection with welfare work for under privileged children, from which grew the Child Welfare Society. She was also active in work for mental hygiene. As a centenarian she remained vigorous in mind and speech and still attended meeting.

She died at Cape Town in 1967 aged 103.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE      The Friend Vol 125. (1967) pp. 563, 684.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, she was aged 103 at death.

WEST, Ann (1706-1740/41) after 1739 Sweetapple

[Ann West, daughter of James West ( - )  
and his wife Ann (born  
was married in 1739 to John Sweetapple (1706-  
1778 qv) of Godalming in Surrey.

See SWEETAPPLE, Ann (1706-1740/41) born West ]

WEST, Ann (1796?-1872) born Rheam

Ann Rheam, details of whose birth are not at present (1984) traced, was the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Rheam of Kingston-upon-Hull and was born about the year 1796(1).

She was married in 1818 to Leonard West (1795-1854 qv), a grocer of Kingston-upon-Hull and there were six children(2).

Ann West of Hull died on 12 February 1872, at the age of seventy six(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 76 at death: her birth is not traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest

2 For marriage and children see WEST, Leonard (1795-1854)

3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Leonard

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1873, p 151: 2 line entry for death, the widow of Leonard West

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

WEST, Ann (1831-1904) born Shipley

Ann Shipley, the daughter of Joseph Shipley (1793-1875 qv) and his first wife Rebecca (born Bennett, 1790-1840 qv) of Uttoxeter in Staffordshire, was born there on 7 December 1831(1).

She was married in 1862 to Edward Henry West (1830-1884 qv), a corn factor of Hull and there were four children(2).

Ann West of Brough near Hull died on 10 March 1904, at the age of seventy two(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cheshire & Staffs QM Births Digest: her father is described as a butcher and grazier
- 2 For marriage and children see WEST, Edward Henry (1830-1884)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Edward Henry

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

WEST, Anne (1837-1931)

Anne West, daughter of Edward and Ann (Thistletonwaite) West of Warrington, was born on the 3rd April 1837.

Her education varied from private tuition to attendance at Sister Westcombe's School at Winchester as a boarder. She became a teacher at Croydon Friends School and at Marie Gundry's private school at Kendal. Later she taught in the families of the Robinsons' of Pardshaw, the Emmots' of Oldham and the Haslocks' of Banbury.

Her adaptability made her a valuable business help to her sister Elizabeth Brown of "Banbury's Original Cake Shop".

She was a keen French student and amongst her happiest memories was a long visit to Friends in France.

Anne West was a member of Sibford School Committee. She helped with a flourishing Y.W.C.A., a Bible Corresponding Circle for Young Friends, and a Young Women's Bible Class. She took a special interest in the Meeting House library.

It is said of her - "Even in weakness and extreme old age her life never ceased to be inspiring to those amongst whom she lived".

She died on 24th December 1931.

WEST, Benjamin, 1738-1820

Portrait and Historical Painter.

b. 10 October 1738, Springfield (now Swarthmore), Pennsylvania. Youngest of ten children of John and Sarah (Pearson) West, birthright Friends who lost membership before marriage; thus West was not a birthright member of the Society of Friends, but he attended Springfield Meeting and is said to have asserted, "I was once a Quaker and have never left their principles."

ed. 1756, College of Philadelphia (now University of Pennsylvania). No degree.

m. 2 September 1765, Elizabeth Shewell (d. 1815), by elopement. Two sons.

1756, Completed first historical painting, The Death of Socrates.

1756-58, Painted portraits and historical paintings on commission in New York and Philadelphia.

1760-63, Studied and painted in Rome, Italy.

1763, Visited London, where he settled in 1764. Began lifelong friendship with Sir Joshua Reynolds.

1766, Became director of St. Martin's Lane Academy and of the Incorporated Society of Artists, London.

1767, Commissioned by King George III to paint The Departure of Regulus from Rome.

1768, A founder of the Royal Academy of Arts, London.

Part-time staff professor.

1772-1801, Historical painter to King George III.

1792, Declined offer of knighthood. Elected President of Royal Academy upon death of Sir Joshua Reynolds. Re-elected annually (except 1805) until 1820.

1794, Became known as a sympathizer with the French Revolution; gradually lost favor with King George III.

1802, Travelled to France.

1805, Resigned as President of the Royal Academy, then re-elected 1806 upon resignation of James Wyatt.

1806, Instrumental in founding the British Institution for the Promotion of the Fine Arts and its British Gallery (later the National Gallery).

Leading proponent of neo-classical painting. Trained many English and American artists, including John Singleton Copley, Charles and Rembrandt Peale, Thomas Sully, and Gilbert Stuart.

d. 11 March 1820, London. Age 81.

Numerous paintings by West are housed in the HSP.

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Magazine and Historical Chronicle, University of Pennsylvania,  
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raisonné. Yale University Press, 1986. -From HSP

WBE:

WEST, Benjamin, 1738-1820.

b. 28 Nov. 1738, Springfield (now Swarthmore), Del.

Co., Pa., s. of John and Sarah (Pearson) West.

1756, moved to Phila.

Historical and portrait painter.

Removed to New York.

1760, visited Rome, Italy.

1763, resided in London, Eng.

1765, m. Elizabeth Shewell, who came from America for her marriage. (d. 1817.)

1768, one of the earliest members of the Royal Academy.

1772, historical painter to King George III.

1792, Succeeded Joshua Reynolds as president of the Royal Academy.

Declined Knighthood.

Important as introducing modern costume in his paintings.

d. 2 Mar. 1820, London, Eng., in his 82nd year. Bur. in St. Paul's, London. Doubt as to whether he was a Friend.

Bull. Frds's Hist. Soc. 2:124.

Bull. Frds'. Hist. Ass'n., 30 no. 2:100, (portrait)

F.H.L. Sw. 7615.

Enc. Brit., p. 520.

Jones, Later Periods of Qu., p. 769.

Smith II:872.

Biog. Cat., p. 691.

WBE:

WEST, Benjamin, 1738-1820, page 2.

Lippincott's Biog. Dictionary, 2455.

Friends' Quarterly Examiner, 6 (1868), p.204.

*Har. Coll*  
Matlack Col., Book 18, p. 57 (portrait).

<sup>A</sup> The Friend (London) 1894, 34:57 (portrait).

Whitten, 1894, Quaker Pictures, Second Series, (portrait).

<sup>George W.</sup>  
<sup>A</sup> Pearson, Benj. and Esther (Furnas) Pearson, (portrait op. p. 140

Benjamin West, by Horace Mather Lippincott, from General Mag-  
azine and Historical Chronicle, 47, No. 1, 1944.  
<sup>of Univ of Penna Gen'Alumni Assoc</sup>

WEST, Edward Henry (1830-1884)

Edward Henry West, the son of Leonard West (1795-1854 qv) and his wife Ann (born Rheam, 1796?-1872 qv) of Hull, was born there on 8 August 1830(1).

He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1843 to 1846(2).

He became a corn factor at Hull(3) and was married in 1862 to Ann Shipley (1831-1904 qv) of Uttoxeter in Staffordshire(4); there were four children(5).

Edward Henry West of Brough near Hull died in the year 1884(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 Bootham School Register 1935, p 440
- 3 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 4
- 4 The wedding was at Uttoxeter on 13 March 1862: he is described as not in membership, a bachelor, a corn factor of Hull, the son of Leonard West, a gentleman; she is described as a spinster of Uttoxeter, the daughter of Joseph Shipley, a grazier (Digest of Marriages)
- 5 Given in Henry Ecroyd Smith, Annals of Smith of Cantley, p 134: the births are not traced in the Digest of Births:-

Leonard Henry	b 27 March 1864
Waldemar Shipley	b 2 March 1866
Margaret	b 4 Oct 1867
Ronald Bowett	b 10 Feb 1871 d 19 March 1872
- 6 Bootham School Register, loc cit: his death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

WEST, Elizabeth (1758-1788) after 1786 Woodruffe Smith

[Elizabeth West, daughter of Samuel West ( - )  
and his wife Mary (born , 1725?-1790 qv)  
of London, was married in 1786 to Thomas Woodruffe  
Smith (1747?-1811 qv).]

See SMITH, Elizabeth Woodruffe (1758-1788) born West ]

WEST, Hannah (1724?-1807) after Bowman

[Hannah West, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1983) traced, was married prior to 1751 to Henry Bowman (1723-1781 qv) of One Ash near Bakewell in Derbyshire.

See BOWMAN, Hannah (1724?-1807) born West ]

WEST, Jane Pyncent (1835-1887) after 1856 Hutchinson

[Jane Pyncent West, daughter of William West (1792-1851 qv)  
and his wife Jane (born Bracher,

WEST, Jane (1792-1860) born Bracher

Jane Bracher, the daughter of Thomas Bracher (1751?-1838 qv) and his wife Ann (born Carrington, -1833 qv) of Wincanton in Somerset, was born there on 14 September 1792(1).

She was married in 1837 to William West (1792-1851 qv) and there were eight children(2). Her husband was a distinguished chemist of Leeds and was made a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1846(3).

Jane West of Baths Pond died on 22 March 1860, at the age of sixty seven(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: her father is described as a tallow chandler
- 2 For marriage and children see WEST, William (1792-1851)
- 3 See entry for WEST, William (1792-1851)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of William

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1861, p 121: 2 line entry for death, the widow of William West

Joseph J. Green's Index to the Annual Monitor, 1813-1892, erroneously gives the year of the entry as 1864

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

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WEST, Jessamyn, 1902-1984

Writer.

b. 18 July 1902, near North Vernon, Indiana. Daughter of Eldo Roy and Grace Anna Milhous West.

ed. Fullerton High School, California; B.A., 1923, Whittier College, Ca.; Ph.D. candidate, University of California, Berkley. Honorary doctorates from Whittier College; Mills College, In.; Indiana University; University of Utah; Swarthmore College, Pa.; Western College for Women, Ohio.

m. 16 August 1923, Harry Maxwell McPherson. Two foster daughters.

1909, moved with family to Yorba Linda area, Ca.

1924, moved with husband to Hemet, Ca.

1925-29, Schoolteacher.

1929, summer, Graduate student at Oxford Univ., England.

1929, Entered graduate school of the Univ. of Ca., Berkley.

1931, Suffered lung hemorrhage, learned she had tuberculosis, entered sanatorium.

1931-45, Recuperating from illness.

1939, First short story ("99.6") published.

1940, Took up residence in Napa, Ca.

1945, Published The Friendly Persuasion.

1970-74, Trustee, Whittier College, Ca.

Member, East Whittier Monthly Meeting (of California Yearly Meeting); American Civil Liberties Union; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

WEST, Jessamyn, 1902-1984, Page 2.

Author, The Witch Diggers, 1951; Leafy Rivers, 1967; various other novels, short stories, articles and screen plays.

Editor, The Quaker Reader, 1962.

d. 23 February 1984, Napa, Ca. Age 81.

California Friend. Vol 38, No. 8 (April 1984) p. 3.

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Current Biography Yearbook, 1977. ed. Chas. Moritz. p. 433.

New York Times. February 25, 1984.

Shivers, Alfred S. Jessamyn West. New York: Twayne Publishers, 1972.

"Jessamyn West." Who's Who in America. 41st ed. (1980-81).

Whittier College Bulletin. Vol. 63, No. 2 (May 1970) 6.

WBE:

WEST, JOHN, 1690-

Father of Benjamin West.

1714/1715, came to America.

m. Sarah Pearson, a former Friend (b.1697)

He himself left England in unsatisfactory standing  
with Friends there. (J.B.)

1735, resided at Chester, Pa.

Removed to Newtown Square, Pa., and kept a tavern.

ca. 1759, became a member of Friends near the close of  
his life.

[1764/65, went to London with Elizabeth Shewell who was  
to marry his son Benjamin on arrival.] JBrenner

[Is not known to ever have returned to America.] JB

WEST, John (1690- )

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add: 1690-1776. born 28 x 1690 son of Thomas & Rachel (Gilpin) West  
ref: J.Frds Hist.Soc., 6, 1909, pp.99-100

Bull. Frds'. Hist. Soc., 2:124.

Geo. Smith's Hist. of Delaware Co., Pa., p. 512.

Smith II:871.

Biog. Cat., p. 689.

WBE:

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WEST, Joseph Walter, ca. 1863-1933.

b. ca. 1863, s. of Alfred and Sarah Ann (Petchell)

West of Bootham, York, Eng.

ed. at Bootham School.

Worked at Priestman Bros., engineers.

1884, went to the Royal Academy School.

Had studio at West Hampton.

m. Ada Wise (4 daughters)

Painter of Quaker pictures, as:

"The Silent Meeting", "I require thy Attention," "The Dropped Stitch." Produced fine posters for the Underground.

Visited Italy.

Honoured by a R.W.S. (?)

d. 27 June 1933, "The Vane," Northwood, Middlesex,  
age 73.

\* WEST, Joseph Walter  
note: date of birth 3 v 1860  
ref: Digest of births in Frds Hse.Lib., Lond.

9/86

WEST, Katherine (1755-1821) born Tuffen

Katherine Tuffen, the daughter of John Tuffen ( - ) and his wife Katherine (born ) of Marlborough in Wiltshire, was born there on 12 June 1755(1).

In the year 1772 she went to Barbadoes in company with a friend of her mother who had married a planter out there, but she had to return home four years later on account of her health.

In 1784 she and her mother and sister succeeded Mary Hill in an established school at East Hill, Wandsworth in Surrey. But her mother and sister died shortly afterwards and the conduct of the school fell upon her.

She was married in 1788 to Samuel West (1750/1-1827 qv), a citizen and skinner of London and there were five children(2). They lived in London for a time, but about 1791 moved out to Wandsworth, where Katherine West had kept up her school. She gave it up in 1805 and the family moved back to London, but the city did not suit her health and in 1814 they moved out to Plaistow in Essex.

For a while she was able to attend meetings in summer, but during the winter was confined to the house, where she practised her religion by herself. She was patient and cheerful under many afflictions.

Katherine West of Barking in Essex died on 28 March 1821, at the age of sixty six(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1824, pp 125-126

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Gloucester & Wilts QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see WEST, Samuel (1750/1-1827)
- 3 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Samuel

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

WEST, Leonard (1795-1854)

Leonard West, the son of Edward and Grace West of Hull in Yorkshire, was born there on 6 March 1795(1). His parents were careful to give him a religious education and as he grew in years he grew in the knowledge and love of God. His spiritual growth was consistent, although he had many conflicts to pass through, and he gradually attained a standing in the Society in which he was beloved and esteemed as an elder.

He was married in 1818 to Ann Rheam of Kingston upon Hull(2) and there were six children(3). He gave his own children the same careful training he had himself been fortunate to receive, but his family and business preoccupations did not interfere with his service to the Society. He did not often speak in meetings for worship, but what he said was always on the theme of faithfulness to the things which concern the glory of God and the peace of the soul.

He was active in many causes to promote the welfare of his fellows and was a willing helper in the work of the Bible Society and plans for the spread of education among the poor and destitute. His greatest trial during his last illness was his inability to attend meetings for worship, but he died very peacefully at Hull on 30 October 1854(4), at the age of fifty nine.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1856 pp 199-203

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer
- 2 The wedding was at Kingston upon Hull on 27 August 1818: he is described as a grocer of Kingston upon Hull, the son of Edward, a sail cloth manufacturer, and Grace, of Kingston upon Hull; she is described as the daughter of Edward, a currier, and Elizabeth Rheam of Kingston upon Hull (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages:-

Elizabeth	b 27 Feb 1821	no marriage recorded to 1891
Alfred	b 18 Sept 1823	who m 1846 Sarah Petchell
Henry	b 13 July 1826	no marriage recorded to 1891
Margaret	b 13 July 1826	who m 1858 Thomas Burtt (1823-1892 qv)
Edward Henry	b 8 Aug 1830	who m, as a non-member 1862 Ann Shipley
Caroline	b 17 July 1835	no marriage recorded to 1891

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

WEST, Margaret (1826-1865) after 1858 Burtt

[Margaret West, daughter of Leonard West (1795-1854 qv)  
and his wife Ann (born Rheam,  
of Hull, was married in 1858 to Thomas Burtt  
(1823-1892 qv) of Wakefield in Yorkshire.

See BURTT, Margaret (1826-1865) born West ]

WEST, Martha (1743?-1819) after 1771 Benwell, born Stanbrook

[Martha Stanbrook, daughter of Thomas and Martha Stanbrook of Egham in Surrey, was married firstly to Thomas West of London. She married secondly in 1771 John Benwell (1749-1824 qv) of Dartford and Sidcot.

See BENWELL, Martha (1743?-1819) formerly West, born Stanbrook ]

WEST, Mary (1661?-1735) after 1690 Croudson

(Mary West, the daughter of parents not professing with Friends, was married in 1690 to William Croudson of Warrington.

see CROUDSON, Mary (1661?-1735) born West)

WEST, Mary ( -1790) ~~born~~

There was a Mary West of Brentford, wife of Samuel, who died in 1790, aged 65. She had a daughter Elizabeth

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

WEST, Mary Louisa (1880-1926) after 1906 Irwin

(Mary Louisa West, daughter of Edward and Louisa West of Congresbury in Somerset, was married in 1906 to Wilfred Irwin (1856-1928 qv).

See IRWIN, Mary Louisa (1880-1926) born West )

WEST, Minnie Jane ( -1909) after 1877 Shout

[Minnie Jane West, daughter of Theodore West (1826-1898 qv) and his first wife Margaret, was married in 1877 to William Shout (1850-1924 qv) of Darlington and Cowton near Northallerton in Yorkshire.

See SHOUT, Minnie Jane ( -1909) born West ]

WBE:

WEST, Moses

Hemel Hempstead, in Hertfordshire, Eng.

1707, Author of A Treatise Concerning Marriage, (London)

Reprinted 9 times.

The author pleads against mixed marriages.

Smith II:873.

Chalkley, A Letter to a Friend, pub. by London Y.M., 1720-  
1812.

WEST, Peter Inglis (1945 ? - 1965 )

Peter West was born in about 1945 (1) the third son of Ranyard (Roy) and Lucy (b. ) West. His father was a member of Cambridge MM, Massachusetts. Part of his childhood was spent in New Zealand but later the family moved to Britain and Peter went to Balliol College, Oxford, to study medicine. At Oxford he was clerk of the active Young Friends Group, and attended the Young Friends International Conference in Norway in August 1965. He was appointed assistant clerk of Young Friends Central Committee in May 1965. He was a young man of wide interests, puppetry was an early love and to this could be added marquetry, boat building, rowing and sailing. He won a Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award and joined in young Friends work camps in his summer holidays.

He was lost at sea, believed drowned, in a boating accident off Flamborough Head, Yorkshire on September 11, 1965, aged 20.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 123 (1965) pp. 1140, 1192.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 20 at death.

WBE:

WEST, Robert

Lived at the Devizes, Wiltshire, Eng.

Had a dispute with Thomas Hicks, Baptist.

1658, The Voyce of Him That is Escaped From Babylon.

1660, Imprisoned...

1660, The Cause of Causes Declared.

1663, A Few Wprds in Brief for the Worldly Teachers and Worshippers to Consider of.

1668, A Discovery of Lathan.

1672, Damnable Heresie Discovered.

1673, A Demonstration in Brief, of What I Have Noted In A Book Intituled A Dialogue Between A Christian and A Quaker.

1674, The Pride of Jordan Spoiled.

1682, One of the 12 proprietors of East Jersey.

Besse, 2:40.

Smith, II:875.

Penney, N. ed.  
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Short Jour'L G. Fox, p. 308.

J.F.H.S., 13:76.

WEST, Samuel (1750/1-1827)

Samuel West, the son of Samuel West ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Paternoster Row in London, was born there on 17.xi.1750 [i.e. January 1750/1](1).

He became a citizen and skinner of London(2) and was married in 1788 to Katharine Tuffen (1755-1821 qv)(3); there were five children(4). About 1791 the family moved to Wandsworth in Surrey(5).

He was a regular attender at meetings for worship and discipline, but was chiefly interested in philanthropic causes. He was a master of many languages, which made him particularly useful to the committee of the Society of Friends of Foreigners in Distress. From its formation in 1806 he rarely missed a weekly sitting. He was an active and efficient member of the committee of the Hibernian Society for Schools, the London Female Penitentiary, the Guardian Society and different auxiliary Bible societies and associations, but he was careful not to undertake more than he could properly fulfil.

In the latter period of his life he found much comfort in silence and meditation.

Samuel West of Plaistow in Essex died very suddenly, as the result of a coach accident, on 9 January 1827, at the age of seventy six.(6)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1828, pp 32-34

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: his father is described as a skinner

2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3

3 The wedding was at Wandsworth on 13 August 1788: he is described as a citizen and skinner of Great St Helens in London, the son of Samuel and Mary West of Brentford in Middlesex; she is described as the daughter of the late John and Katharine Tuffen of Marlborough in Wiltshire (Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest)

Two Weeks Meeting vol 10 (1779-1789) p 280 gives notice of the intention of marriage of Samuel West with Catherine Tuffen of Kingston, Wandsworth & Croydon MM: her parents are described as both deceased.

4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest as follows:-

\*Edward b 7 Aug 1789

and in Sussex & Surrey QM Births and Marriages Digests as follows:-

\*Elizabeth b 22 Oct 1791

William qv b 5 Oct 1792

m 1837 Jane Bracher (1792-1860 qv)  
(Dorset & Hants QM Marriages)

Arthur b 25 Nov 1793

m 1826 Mary Moline

\*Katharine b 13 March 1796

\*No marriages traced in Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest nor in the Digest of Marriages to 1850

5 His four youngest children (1791-1796) were all born at Wandsworth

6 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 16, p 116: reference to his marriage  
Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 212: reference to his wife's boarding school

WEST, Sarah Ann (1823-1897) born Petchell

Sarah Ann Petchell, the daughter of Thomas Petchell (1793-1855 qv) and his wife Ann Turfitt (born Burtt, 1792-1858 qv) of Fulbeck in Lincolnshire, was born there on 11 July 1823(1).

She was married in 1846 to Alfred West (1823-1908 qv), a tea dealer of Hull and there were seven children(2).

Sarah Ann West of Hull died on 5 December 1897, at the age of seventy four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lincolnshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a grazier
- 2 For marriage and children see WEST, Alfred (1823-1908)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Alfred

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

WEST, Sarah Ann Petchell (1855-1927) after 1875 Priestman

[Sarah Ann Petchell West, daughter of Alfred West (1823-1908 qv) and his wife Sarah Ann (born Petchell, 1823-1897 qv) of Hull, was married in 1875 to Thomas Priestman (1846-1920 qv) of Hull.

See PRIESTMAN, Sarah Ann Petchell (1855-1927) born West ]

WEST, Special (1740-1817)

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Special West's early career was, unlike the early days of many Friends, in the army, which he entered after running away from his Quaker home. Dangers passed through brought him to himself, and though he had had very few advantages of education he became an able Minister. In 1773 he married Hannah Hagger, and occupied a farm at Northaw, Herts.

Testimony  
Piety Promoted  
Jenkins, Records  
Jnl. Friends Hist.Soc: 16, 23.

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930, p.133

see also next page

Special West was born in 1740, within the compass of Horslydown MM, Southwark, the son of William and Alice West (1). He was educated by his mother. He lived with his parents until his 16th year, and worked in his father's business, a furrier's. Being 'light and vain', he left home and enlisted in the army. He volunteered for the expedition to Guadaloupe, but was turned down as being too young and slender. He thus escaped death, as nearly the whole of the expedition was killed. He was next stationed on Jersey, where he fell asleep on sentry duty, but was ~~awakened~~ awakened by the noise of the approach of the inspecting officer. This escape (for the penalty was death) turned his mind to his disobedience towards his parents, and other sins. This was about his 18th year. He was discharged at the end of the war, and immediately returned home and sought his parents' forgiveness. He first appeared in the ministry about his 24th year.

He married, 29 September 1773, Hannah Hagger, daughter of Stephen and Hannah Hagger of Cloathall parish, Herts (2), and removed to Hertfordshire. He was on this occasion recommended from Barking MM as at times appearing in the ministry to the satisfaction of Friends. He resided for some years on a small farm at Northaw, Herts, where he and his wife laboured very hard, in the face of losses of stock by disease and theft, and suffered considerable privations. He ultimately, by industry and with the help of some legacies from friends, 'obtained a comfortable independence, for his station in life' (3). In later years he lived within 3 miles of Hertford. He is said to have known of the death of his friend William Allen in 1808 by seeing him 'crowned' in a dream (4).

He did not travel extensively in the ministry, but frequently attended neighbouring QMs and other meetings, marriages and burials, and on these latter occasions ministered particularly to non-Friends. In 1799 he visited part of Essex. Despite growing infirmity he remained an exemplary attender of meetings and a lively minister.

'As a man his characteristic was great simplicity, in his dealings he was upright and punctual, and by his consistent deportment he gained the esteem of those who knew him'.

He died 30 October 1817, in his 77th year, and was interred at Cotttered 6 November (5).

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PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Hertford MM in TCM vol.5 p.88 (i)

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 Not in London & Middx QM Births digest, 1720-1837
- 2 Beds & Herts QM Marriages digest. He is described as furrier of Great Ilford, Essex.  
Hannah Hagger was born 9.xii.1740 [i.e. Feb. 1740/1]. She died 4 Sept. 1820 aged 79  
- Beds & Herts QM Births digest  
Beds & Herts QM Burials digest

Children:

Special born 24 Aug. 1774  
Joseph Hagger born 20 Feb. 1776  
Hannah born 3 April 1778  
- Beds & Herts QM Births digest

- 3 Piety promoted (1854 ed.) vol.4 p.134  
His children Joseph Hagger and Hannah were born in the parish of Hastingfordbury, Herts  
- Beds & Herts QM Births digest
- 4 C. Sturge Family records (London 1882) pp.5-6
- 5 Beds & Herts Burials digest. Described as Farmer, of Benches, Herts

SEE ALSO

- The Friend (Philadelphia) vol.79 (1905-6) p.269  
F.G. Cash, The records of James Jenkins: 1761-1821 (repr. from Friends Quart.Exam.) p.507  
H.E. Forrest, A history of the Forrest family &c. (Wellington, Salep, pr.pr. 1923) p.12  
[K. Backhouse], A memoir of Mary Capper &c (London 1847)  
pp.105, 121, 189  
Notice of death Vol.00(81)

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WEST, Special (1740-1817)

Special West was born in 1740, in Southwark. ~~His~~ parents, William and Alice West, were Friends, and he received his education from his mother - 'a woman of good learning'. When he was 16 and working in his father's business - furriers - "amongst unsteady persons, being himself light, vain and disobedient to his parents" he ran away.

He enlisted in the army; he was rejected by the selection board for an expedition to Guadeloupe as he was considered too young and slender. He was afterwards glad of this because all the force was slaughtered, except two. The second example of divine providence occurred when he was sent to Jersey. He fell asleep one night when he was on sentry duty, and escaped the normal sentence of immediate death because the noise of the inspecting officer awoke him. His sins being brought home to him by these two lucky chances he went home as soon as the war ended, and sought the forgiveness of his parents.

He again took up the ways of Friends, and at the age of 24 was acknowledged a minister. In 1773 he married Hannah Hagger and removed to Hertford. Little known outside his own Monthly Meeting, he did on one occasion obtain a certificate to visit Essex.

He was a minister for 53 years - "A man of great simplicity upright and punctual"

He died in 1817, aged 77

Testimony of Hertford M.M., in MS. Test . vol.5 p.88

*see also previous page*

WBE: Additional Information.

WEST, Special, 1740-1817.

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On his farm at Northaw, lost several of his animals by disease, and his one remaining horse was stolen.

He and his wife walked the 7 or 8 miles to meeting. Gradually gained a comfortable independence.

Not much education, but well versed in Scripture.

1818 An. Mon.

J.F.H.S., 23:90.

Piety Prom., 11:159.

An. Mon., 7:34.  
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WEST, THEODORE (1826-1898)

Theodore West was born in Leeds in the year 1826, the son of William West, FRS. He was educated at the Friends' School at York, and then received training as a mechanical engineer.

In 1853 he emigrated to Sydney where he lived for some time returning to England in 1862. In 1865 he settled in Darlington, by which monthly meeting he was recorded a minister in 1867.

He took a warm interest in Adult School work, in Foreign Missions, the good of aboriginal Races, Temperance and other similar movements.

'While the bent of his mind was towards scientific investigation and enquiry, he firmly believed in the inspiration of the Bible. He was especially fond of natural history; and delivered most instructive lectures on this and other subjects.

A marked feature of his ministry was its wide range, and the openness he evinced to recognize and to impart to others the lessons God would teach us in the schools of nature and of life'.

Theodore West died 28 February 1898, aged seventy one years.

Testimony of Darlington MM in YM Proc. 1898, p.156

WBE:

WEST, Thomas

Hertford, Eng.

1660, imprisoned in Kent and much abused.

1662, Imprisoned for tithes.

1664, The Word of the Lord God Almighty (written in prison,)

1664, The Word of the Lord to All the Elect Number.

Smith, II:875.

Besse, 1:243,291.

WEST, Thomas Henry (1858-1908)

Thomas Henry West, the son of Alfred West (1823-1908 qv) and his wife Sarah Ann (born Petchell, 1823-1897 qv) of Hull, was born there on 4 February 1858(1). He was educated at Bootham School, York, from 1870 to 1874.

He was married in 1886 to Ellen Florence Smith(2) and there was one child(3).

He became town clerk of Hedon in East Yorkshire and all his life was a collector of old prints, especially those connected with the Stuart period. A portion of his collection was sold at Sothebys after his death.

Thomas Henry West of Holyrood Cottage, Hedon, died in the year 1908(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Bootham School Register 1935, p 441

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a corn miller
- 2 The Friend vol 28 (1887) p 25: On 21 December 1886 at St Lukes, Torquay, Thomas Henry, son of Alfred West, Hull, to Ellen Florence, daughter of the late Henry Smith, Liverpool, and step-daughter of the late Joshua Waller Saunderson, Hull
- 3 Given in Bootham School Register, loc cit: the birth is not traced in the Digest of Births:-  
Florence Muriel b 1889
- 4 His death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

WBE:

WEST, William

Shaftesbury, Eng.

1816, A History of the Forest or Chace known by the name  
of Cranborn Chace...

1831, Brief Enquiry into an Institution for Poor Trav-  
ellers.

WBE:

WEST, William, 1792-1851.

b. 1792, Wandsworth, Surrey, England, s. of Samuel and Katharine West.

Lecturer on Chemistry and his testimony sought in legal cases of poisoning. Medical students attended his classes.

1842, An Account of the Patent and Other Methods of Preventing or Consuming Smoke &c.

d. 10 Sept. 1851, Leeds? age 59.

WEST, William (1792-1851)

William West, the eldest son of Samuel and Katharine West of Wandsworth in Surrey, was born there on 5 October 1792(1). Nothing is at present (1975) known of his early life and education, but when he grew up he became a chemist and moved to Leeds, where he was for many years a lecturer in chemistry to medical students. Often in the course of his professional life he was called upon to give evidence in cases of poisoning and this caused him great exercise of mind, in case, holding as he did the invisible sacredness of all human life, his testimony should lead to the conviction of the prisoner.

In 1816 he founded the Leeds pharmacy of Reynolds and Branson, dispensing chemists(2). He was highly accomplished in all matters concerning scientific research and development and in 1846 was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society; he was the author of many scientific papers, some given locally and some at Burlington House(3). His activities were not limited by his scientific interests; he was secretary of the Anti-Slavery Society in Leeds and was a member of the Peace Congress at Paris from its beginning in 1849(4). He took a warm and active interest in the various philanthropic societies of his own town and was particularly concerned for mental health, serving on many committees for its promotion. In all his philanthropic work he was keenly aware of his responsibility towards the lives committed to his care and sometimes found himself at odds with his fellow committee members as to the extent to which he and they should act as educators of public opinion.

He was married in 1817 to Jane Bracher of Wincanton(5) and there were eight children of the marriage(6). Although he led an active professional life he did not neglect his religion and a part of every day was set aside for private study and meditation, a practice he commended to his family without in any way attempting to enforce it. In his lectures to his students he sometimes tried to introduce some moral teaching, often with beneficial results. He was not apparently either an overseer or an elder of his meeting and nothing is at present (1975) known of his contribution to the life of the Society, but he tried by quiet and patient example and in private opportunities to correct wrong doing when it came to his notice.

He died at Leeds on 10 September 1851(7), aged fifty nine, after several years of ill health.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1853 pp 194-198

SEE ALSO:- J Friendsn Hist Soc Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 196

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Surrey & Sussex QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 Pharmaceutical Journal 31 January 1920, p 95: Box 238, Friends House Library
- 3 Ibid.
- 4 Ibid.
- 5 The wedding was at Sherborne on 20 October 1817: he is described as a chemist of Leeds, the son of Samuel and Katherine; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Ann Bracher of Wincanton in Somerset (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 6 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest as follows:-

Katherine Tuffen	b 1 Jan 1822
Tuffen	b 15 August 1823
Margaret	b 27 Nov 1824
Theodore	b 15 June 1826
William	b 30 March 1828
Arthur	b 23 Sept 1830
Jane Elisabeth	b 16 June 1832
Jane	b 7 Jan 1835
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as an analytical chemist

PUBLISHED WORKS

An Account of the Patent and Other Methods of Preventing or Consuming Smoke &c: 1842

SEE ALSO:-

The Friend, vol 60 (1920) p 96

WESTBROOK, Mary (1728-1779) after 1754 Prichard

[Mary Westbrook, daughter of James Westbrook (1691-1729 )  
and his wife Rebecca (born Bax, 1699-1765 ) of Godalming  
in Surrey, was married in 1754 to Edward Prichard  
(1719/20-1775 qv) of Godalming.

See PRICHARD, Mary (1728-1779) born Westbrook ]

**WESTCOMBE, Anna Louisa (1821-1896)**

Anna Louisa Westcombe, the youngest child of Samuel Thompson Westcombe (1774-1839 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Trusted, 1780?-1841 qv) of Dunnington near Alcester in Warwickshire, was born there on 7 December 1821(1) and her early years were spent on their farm there.

The life was secluded and quiet, which probably led to Anna Louisa's shyness and reticence in later life. Her school life was spent at Worcester, where she remained as a teacher for some years. She wrote poetry all her life and this was probably the best exponent of herself. She led a quiet and uneventful life, but became more and more impressed with the importance of the Total Abstinence movement. She felt deeply for the sorrowful and needy and was a devoted worker in a Dorcas Society.

In September 1896 Anna Louisa Westcombe went to Italy and on the homeward journey she was taken ill. She died on 3 October 1896 at the age of seventy four(2).

**PRINCIPAL SOURCE**

Annual Monitor 1897, p 150

**REFERENCES AND NOTES**

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster of Worcester; her name is given as Ann

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

**SEE ALSO**

Evelyn Noble Armitage, The Quaker poets of Great Britain and Ireland, 1896, pp 294-7, for a brief biographical note and two of her poems. The biographical note adds, inter alia, that "her father was descended from Thomas Lawson, the Friend of George Fox" and that "when her school days were over she herself became a teacher in her sister's school at Worcester, where the other young poets, M.A. Binyon, and Hannah Bowden, were engaged in tuition". Note is made of three of her volumes of verse, The wasted grain (1873), Leaves from the banks of Severn (1880), Autumn leaves from the banks of Severn (1894).

The school at Worcester was conducted by A.L. Westcombe's sister Lucy (1810-1903 qv) until 1856

WESTCOMBE, Caroline (1813-1892) after 1841 Albright

[Caroline Westcombe, daughter of Samuel Thompson Westcombe (1774-1839 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Trusted, (1780?-1841 qv) of Oversley in Warwickshire, was married in 1841 to John Marshall Albright (1815-1909 qv).]

See ALBRIGHT, Caroline (1813-1892) born Westcombe ]

WESTCOMBE, Elizabeth (1780?-1841) born Trusted

Elizabeth Trusted, the daughter of Charles and Mary Trusted of Oversley in Warwickshire, was born about the year 1780(1).

She was married in 1806 to Samuel Thompson Westcombe (1774-1839 qv) of Oversley and there were eight children(2).

Elizabeth Westcombe of Worcester died on 23 November 1841, at the age of sixty one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 61 at death. Her birth is not traced in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM or Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digests
- 2 For marriage and children see WESTCOMBE, Samuel Thompson (1774-1839)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Samuel Thompson Westcombe

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

WESTCOMBE, Emma (1819-1904)

Emma Westcombe was the fifth daughter of Samuel Thompson and Elizabeth Westcombe, and was born at Alcester on 13 June 1819. In 1835 the family moved to Worcester which remained their home during the rest of her life. She was not strong and suffered from many severe illnesses, and her part in life was essentially home-keeping and domestic. She looked on herself as one 'not clever' in a clever family, and by taking upon her the domestic drudgery, she liberated others for the pursuit of literature, science and philanthropy.

When her sister, Mary Pumphrey, died, she lived for some years with her brother-in-law to look after his children; her aim was to teach them to 'be good' and to love work, but at that time her sympathies and interests were narrow and limited and the children looked elsewhere for the enjoyments of life, yet, as time went on Emma Westcombe kept 'on growing' as one of her nieces put it, and aided by an excellent memory, her interests and her sympathies continually extended themselves.

In 1886, the first signs of rodent ulcers showed themselves and from then onwards she was never without pain, but her energy, cheerfulness and industry continued unabated. From 1880 her Mothers' Meeting of about 100 members was her great interest; she visited her members diligently, took dinners to those who were ill, warm garments to those who needed them, and made a garment for each of her members every year, as well as other garments for the London Bible Women and the Labrador Mission. On her last birthday her room was like a flower show with presents from members of her Mothers' Meeting.

For many years she enjoyed visits to the Continent with her youngest sister until the death of the latter. As she grew older she developed gifts for conversation unknown in her earlier days and learned too, to enter into the interests of others in a new way. Later still the disease from which she suffered made fearful progress till there were few whom she could understand or could understand her. She died tenderly cared for to the end of her life at the age of 85 on the 13 September 1904.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1905 p.140

WESTCOMBE, John (1780-1860)

John Westcombe, the son of Thomas Westcombe (1724/5-1799 qv) and his wife Mary (born Thompson, 1739-1783 qv) of Bridport in Dorset, was born there on 18 September 1780(1). His mother died when he was about three years old and he was removed at an early age from the good influence of his home. His apprenticeship exposed him to worldly temptations, which were increased by his want of parental care and restraint.

As a young man he had an intelligent and enquiring mind, enjoyed reading and was interested in natural history. But his business was that of a currier and he was accustomed to travel around selling his leather to small shoemakers in country districts. It was then the common practice of the trade to treat their customers at public houses and being of a social disposition, with a strong sense of humour and quickness of wit, John Westcombe became the centre of the company with whom he spent his evenings and gradually became an habitual drunkard.

When he was about thirty years old his irregular habits lost him his membership of the Society and he was not re-admitted for several years, during which time he appeared to have repented of his misconduct. But his repentance was short lived and he again became enslaved by drink; although his friends laboured long and earnestly with him, he would not or could not change his ways and he once again lost his membership. He became a confirmed alcoholic and although he realised the damage he was doing both to his health and spiritual welfare, he was powerless to change his habits. As a last resort, when he was often afflicted by delirium tremens, shattered in health and with his character gone, his friends pleaded with him to take the temperance pledge.

He still maintained a high standard of integrity and truthfulness and in the spring of 1835 he signed the pledge for four months, during which time he completely abstained from alcohol. But at the end of this period he refused to renew the pledge, thinking he was cured, but he again fell away and for several weeks was continuously drunk. He became so worn and miserable that at last he agreed to take the pledge absolutely and from that time he never again relapsed. During the last twenty years of his life he was a humble and exemplary Christian and was re-intated into membership of the Society in 1840.

John Westcombe of Worcester died peacefully, apparently unmarried(2), on 18 November 1860, at the age of eighty(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1862, pp 154-161

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: his father is described as a mercer
- 2 No marriage is traced in Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

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

WESTCOMBE, Lucy (1810-1903)

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Lucy Westcombe, the daughter of Samuel Thompson Westcombe (1774-1839 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Trusted, 1780?-1841 qv) of Oversley near Alcester in Warwickshire, was born there in the old family farm house on 29 July 1810(1). A happy childhood in delightful country strengthened if it did not implant a love of beautiful scenery which remained with her all her life.

In 1816 the family moved into Alcester, where Lucy's first schooling was received from Nancy Franklin, who kept a small day and boarding school in the town. Later on she went to the school kept by Ann and Harriet Hoare and on leaving there she returned home to teach her younger sisters. When she was about fourteen she went on a visit to her uncle Stanley Pumphrey (1771-1843 qv) and was deeply impressed by the religious atmosphere of his household, which helped to counteract a brief period during which, in her own words, she "was soon in danger of losing even the desire for good." (Annual Monitor)

In 1829 she went, in an emergency, to help Letitia Impey (1792-1857 qv) with her school at Worcester; she remained at the school, first as a teacher, then as a partner and finally as sole proprietor, until 1856. It was often a time of hard work and anxiety, but she was a gifted teacher, creating an atmosphere of warm interest and affection and the girls were happy in the school. With several of her pupils she built up lifelong friendships.

In 1843 Lucy Westcombe heard the call to appear in the ministry; the effort to obey was great, but she found peace in surrender and was recorded a minister by Worcester & Salop Monthly Meeting in 1849. "The members of her own meeting can indeed testify to the power, directness, beauty and acceptableness of her ministry; it was never long or tedious, but she spoke as one who had a message to give and who gave it in the power and love of Him whose she was and whom she served." (Testimony)

In 1852 she accompanied Charlotte Burgess on a religious visit to the meetings and families of Friends in Herefordshire and Radnorshire; this was followed by similar journeys under minute, including a visit to Ireland. During a visit to her friend Christianna A. Price (1792-1879 qv) of Neath in South Wales, a terrible colliery accident occurred at Merthyr, twenty two miles away, and Lucy Westcombe and Christianna Price immediately went to Merthyr and visited each of the homes of the bereaved, bringing them messages of comfort, help and fellowship in the love of Christ.

When she gave up her school, her interest in education increased rather than diminished. She visited all the Friends' Schools in the country and then turned her attention to schools outside the Society.

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She worked for the Girls' British School so zealously that it became known as 'the Friends' School' among the poor of the neighbourhood. She was Superintendent of the Womens' First-day School at Worcester and greatly enjoyed visiting day and Sunday Schools when staying at other places. For many years she was on the Prison Visiting Committee and her connection with the Worcester Dorcas Society extended over seventy years.

From 1877 to 1892 she was a member of Worcester School Board and was rarely absent from its meetings. She undertook the personal supervision of needlework in the Board Schools and her unwearied help was greatly valued. The Board Schools brought her into contact with the poorest of the poor and agencies for the relief of child suffering met with warm sympathy, which with Lucy Westcombe meant practical help. One of these relief schemes was the boot fund, which she enjoyed administering for many years. Her maternal manner towards teachers and scholars endeared her to all and parents and teachers never hesitated to ask her advice when in any kind of difficulty. When with increasing age it became advisable for her to go about alone, friends who missed her would invariably find her at one of her beloved Board Schools.

Throughout her long and industrious life her health was very good and it was not until she reached her nineties that any failure appeared. Even during her last two years failing sight made little difference to her activities - if she could not do one thing, she found something else. Her life was a beautiful illustration of faithful citizenship.

Lucy Westcombe of Worcester died very peacefully on 19 May 1903, at the age of ninety two(2).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1904, pp 157-165

The Friend vol 43 (1903) pp 406-7

Testimony of Worcester & Salop MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1904  
p 233

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster

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

SEE ALSO:- Mistress of Worcester Boarding School - - - vol N (178)

WESTCOMBE, Lucy (1810-1903)

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Lucy Westcombe was born in 1810, and spent most of her life in Worcester, where for many years she kept a school for the daughters of Friends.

She was a recorded minister of Worcester and Salop Monthly Meeting and made several journeys under minute, including a visit to Ireland.

During a visit to her friend Christianna A. Price, of Neath, a terrible colliery accident occurred at Merthyr, twenty two miles away, and Lucy Westcombe and C.A. Price immediately went to Merthyr and visited each of the homes of the bereaved, bringing them messages of comfort, help and fellowship in the love of Christ.

'The members of her own meeting can indeed testify to the power, directness, beauty and acceptableness of her ministry; it was never long or tedious, but she spoke as one who had a message to give and who gave it in the power and love of Him whose she was and whom she served'.

Lucy Westcombe died 19 May 1903 aged ninety two years.

Testimony of Worcester & Salop MM in YM Proc. 1904, p.233

WBE: Additional Information.

WESTCOMBE, Lucy, 1810-1903.

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dau. of Samuel Thompson and Elizabeth Westcombe.

ca. 1818, long and dangerous illness.

ed. at School of Nancy Franklin. Later to school kept by Ann and Harriet Hoare.

1829, went to Worcester where she helped Letitia Impey. Of this school she became sole proprietor, and remained at Worcester till 1856.

1843, spoke as a minister.

1849, recorded as a minister.

1852, visited mtgs. and Friends in Herefordshire, in company with Charlotte Burgess. Made visits to all Friends Schools in England. Sup't. of Women's First Day School.

1877-92, member of Worcester School Board.

Failing sight scarcely hindered her industry.

d. 19 May 1903, Worcester, age 93.

The Friend (London) 1903; 843; 407 (portrait).

An. Mon. (N.S.), pp. 62,157.

WESTCOMBE, Mary (1739/40-1783) born Thompson

Mary Thompson, the daughter of Jonah Thompson (1702-1780 qv) and his wife Mary (born Beaton, - ) of Nether Compton in Dorset, was born there on 9.xi.1739 (i.e. January 1739/40)(1).

She was married in 1770 to Thomas Westcombe (1724/5-1799 qv), a mercer of Bridport in Dorset and there were seven children(2).

Some time prior to her death the family apparently moved to Bradpole in Dorset, where she died on 13 February 1783, at the age of forty three(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see WESTCOMBE, Thomas (1724/5-1799)
- 3 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Thomas

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

WESTCOMBE, Samuel Thompson (1774-1839)

Samuel Thompson Westcombe, the son of Thomas Westcombe ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Bridport Meeting in Dorset, was born on 10 May 1774(1).

He was married in 1806 to Elizabeth Trusted (1780?-1841 qv) of Oversley in Warwickshire(2) and there were eight children(3). He was then living at Oversley.

Samuel Thompson Westcombe of Worcester died on 5 July 1839, at the age of sixty five(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants GM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Alcester in the parish of Warwick on 27 March 1806: He is described as of Oversley in Warwickshire, the son of Thomas and Mary Westcombe of Bridport in Dorset; she is described as the daughter of Charles and Mary Trusted of Oversley in the county of Warwick (Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births and Marriages Digests and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Mary	b 5 Feb 1807	m 1830 Stanley Pumphrey (1805-1871 qv)
*Charles Trusted	b 7 July 1808	
Lucy qv	b 29 July 1810	d 19 May 1903 aged 92
Caroline	b 9 Jan 1813	July m 1841 McMarshall Albright (1815-1909 qv)
Thomas qv	b 5 Jan 1815	d 9 May 1893 aged 78
*Elizabeth	b 17 Feb 1817	
Emma qv	b 14 June 1819	d 13 Sept 1904, aged 85
Anna Louisa qv	b 7 Dec 1821	d 3 Oct 1896 aged 74

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

- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1840, p 37: 1 line entry for death

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

S.T. Westcombe was descended from Thomas Lawson (1630-1691 qv) the schoolmaster, linguist and herbalist (Evelyn Noble Armitage, The Quaker poets of Great Britain and Ireland, 1896, p 294)

WESTCOMBE, Sarah (1776- 1814) after 1809 Pumphrey

[Sarah Westcombe, daughter of Thomas Westcombe (1724/5-1799 qv)  
and his wife Mary (born Thompson, 1739/40-1783 qv), became in  
1809 the second wife of Stanley Pumphrey (1771-1843 qv).]

See PUMPHREY, Sarah (1776-1814 ) born Westcombe ]

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WESTCOMBE, Thomas (1724/5-1799)

Thomas Westcombe, the son of Thomas Westcombe ( - ) and his wife Mary (born ) of Bridport Meeting in Dorset, was born on 24.xi.1724 (i.e. January 1724/5)(1).

He was a mercer of Bridport(2) and was married in 1770 to Mary Thompson (1739/40-1783 qv) of Nether Compton in Dorset(3); there were seven children(4). Some time prior to 1783 he apparently moved to Bradpole in Dorset(5).

Thomas Westcombe of Nether Compton died on 5 February 1799, at the age of seventy 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 Nether Compton on 23 August 1770: he is described as a mercer of Bridport; she is described as the daughter of Jonah and Mary of Nether Compton in Dorset (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Hannah	b 7 July 1771	m 1797 Eliphael Jackson
Sarah	b 30 May 1773	d 23 July 1773
Samuel		
Thompson qv	b 10 May 1774	m 1806 Elizabeth Trusted (1780?-1841 qv) (Hereford, Worc. & Wales QM)
Sarah qv	b 23 April 1776	m 1809 Stanley Pumphrey (1771-1843 qv) (Hereford, Worc. & Wales QM)

\*Lucy b 15 April 1778  
\*John qv b 18 Sept 1780  
\*Mary Ann b 2 July 1782

- \*No marriages traced in Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest to 1837
- 5 His wife died at Bradpole: see WESTCOMBE, Mary (1739/40-1783)
  - 6 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

WESTCOMBE, Thomas (1815-1893)

Thomas Westcombe was born at Oversley, Warwickshire, on 5 January 1815, son of Samuel Thompson and Elizabeth Westcombe (1) and brother of Emma (1819-1904 q.v.) and Lucy (1810-1903 q.v.). At the age of 14 he became a master in the school which he attended as a pupil, but after a short while was apprenticed as a nurseryman to James Atkins of Northampton. After completing his apprenticeship he served as an assistant in the shop of his brother-in-law Stanley Pumphrey (1805-1871) and later in the counting-house of Edward Brewin (1811-1870 q.v.). He retained his interest in botany, however, exploring Great Britain, Ireland, Switzerland, the Pyrenees and Central Europe in his researches - sometimes in the company of James Backhouse (1794-1869 q.v.) and his father, and sharing his information and discoveries with others.

1825-  
1890/

James  
Backhouse,  
(1794-1869),  
q.v./

During the last ten years of his life he suffered acutely from rheumatism which prevented him from travelling or tending his garden and greenhouse, but he bore this affliction "without a murmur or sign of impatience".

He gave great service to the Society of Friends, being an Elder of the Worcester Meeting, and in addition helped the Worcester Branch Bible Society, the British School, the Ophthalmic Institution and the City Mission for many years, as well as the Temperance movement, being a pledged total abstainer for more than 50 years.

Although seeming shy and reserved he was true and warm in his friendship and to his intimates both humorous and kind. He seldom spoke of spiritual matters, but his outer life was clearly influenced by the life within.

After a short final illness Thomas Westcombe died on 9 April May 1893 at the age of 78.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1894 p.176.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Hereford Worcester & Wales ~~GM~~ G.M. Births Digest.

WESTGARTH, Sarah (1729-1774) after March

(Sarah Westgarth, daughter of George and Sarah Westgarth of Pudding Lane in the parish of St Margaret, London, was married to Benjamin March, but the date of her wedding is not at present (1975) traced.

See MARCH, Sarah (1729-1774) born Westgarth)

WESTLAKE, Agnes (1837-1906) born Neave

Agnes Neave, the tenth of the thirteen children of Josiah and Mary Ann Neave of Fordingbridge, was born there on 31 July 1837 (1). She lived the whole of her life in her native town. In 1863 she married Thomas Westlake (1826-1892) and shared with him in many good works.

She took an active interest in the local branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society and in evangelistic meetings, entertaining in her home ministers, missionaries and evangelists both before and after her husband's death in 1891.

During the last year of her life she suffered a great deal but bore up bravely for the sake of others. She died in August 1906.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Alton Southampton & Poole MM in YM Proc. 1907 p.201

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Birth Notes

WESTLAKE, Caroline (1820- ) born Capper

Caroline Capper, daughter of Jasper and Mary Capper of Islington, was born there on 17 January 1820 (1). She was married in 1839 to Edward Westlake (1818- ) of Southampton (2). She appears either to have left Southampton, or resigned her membership in the Society of Friends in the late 1870s (3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES :-

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: no description of her father is given; the place of birth is given as 34 York Place, City Road, parish of St Mary, Islington
- 2 For details of the marriage and children see WESTLAKE, Edward (1818- )
- 3 The family appear as members of Southampton meeting in Sussex Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members for 1877, but not in that for 1879

WESTLAKE, Caroline Jane (1824-1914) born Hooper

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Caroline Jane Hooper, the daughter of John Hooper (1782-1848 qv) and his wife Deborah (born Curtis, 1782-1854 qv) of Wandsworth and Kennington, was born at South Place, Finsbury on 25 August 1824(1). Her father was a well known London doctor, but in 1825 the family moved to Kennington, then on the edge of the country, where her father bought a large house in Newington Place from which he conducted his practice.

Her childhood was a very happy one. Like all the Hooper children her early education began on her mother's knee, learning to recognise words and read simple stories about the countryside and other lands. Later on her mother's cousin Curtis joined the household as governess and although she was not an inspired teacher she was a very lovable person and soon found a place for herself in the hearts of her young charges. On fine days the children were taken for country walks by their mother or cousin Curtis and on wet days they had the freedom of the large attic which covered the entire house and where many treasured possessions were kept. The doctor also took his children in turn out with him on his rounds, so that they became acquainted with the countryside around Kennington and sometimes he took them up to London, on excursions to the London Zoo and other places of interest.

Caroline Jane was the youngest surviving of the doctor's daughters and with her sisters Emily and Louisa (1818-1918 qv) was her mother's companion. After their father's death in 1848, they moved to Alton in Hampshire, her mother's birthplace, and she lived there until her mother's death in 1854. She was married in 1860 to Richard Westlake (1827-1915 qv) of Southampton and there were four children(2).

After her marriage she lived in Southampton for the rest of her life. She and her husband enjoyed fifty three years of marriage and shared all the interests of life together. She was a devoted mother and ruled her household with graciousness and dignity and offered a warm and cordial welcome to her guests. Early in her married life she visited the prisoners in Southampton gaol. When the family moved to Portswood, she sympathised with the needs of her poorer neighbours and she and her husband built a Mission Room where evangelical services were held on Sunday evenings and often special services for a week at a time. She established a large Mother's Meeting and took a Mens' Bible Reading on Sunday afternoons. She invited to her drawing room ladies of the neighbourhood for prayer and bible reading and many attended regularly for years.

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WESTLAKE, Caroline Jane (1824-1914) born Hooper

In 1877 Caroline J. Westlake was, with her husband, acknowledged a minister. Her ministry was simple and direct(3) and was much valued in her own and in the monthly meeting. Her practical messages always breathed a spirit of broad charity and were full of the love of God in Jesus Christ. They were accompanied with a vivid sense of the power and work of the Holy Spirit. Her prayers were wonderful and seemed to lift all into the divine presence.

Intellectually gifted, she delighted in writing her 'little books' and scattering these loving messages. One of the last and perhaps the best known was Reality: or behold the unseen.

5/ Caroline J. Westlake of The Firs, Belmont Road, Southampton, died on 3 March 1914, at the age of eighty nine(4).

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCES

- Louisa: Memories of a Quaker Childhood, ed. Evelyn Roberts,  
London 1970  
Testimony of Alton, Southampton & Poole MM in Yearly Meeting  
Proceedings 1915, p 360

#### REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a surgeon
- 2 For marriage and children see WESTLAKE, Richard (1827-1915)
- 3 The Friend vol 54 (1914) p 253
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Richard

#### SEE ALSO:-

- J Friends Hist Soc vol 3, p 77: vol 5, p 195  
Annual Monitor 1915, p 178  
Southampton Times 1914, Friends House Library vol QQ/145

WESTLAKE, Caroline Jane (1824-1914) born Hooper

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Caroline Jane Hooper was born at South Place, Finsbury on 25 August 1824, the daughter of John and Deborah (Curtis) Hooper. Her father was a well-known London doctor. After her father's death, she lived with her mother and sisters at Alton, till the death of her mother in 1854.

In 1860 she married Richard Westlake (1827-1915, qv) of Southampton, where she lived for the rest of her life. They enjoyed fifty-three years of married life and shared all the interests of life together. She was a devoted mother and ruled her household with graciousness and dignity and offered a warm and cordial welcome to her guests. Early in her married life she visited the prisoners in Southampton gaol. When the family removed to Portswood, she sympathised with the needs of her poorer neighbours and she and her husband built a Mission Room where evangelical services were held on Sunday evenings and often special services for a week at a time. She established a large Mothers' Meeting and took a Mens' Bible Reading on Sunday afternoons.

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Intellectually gifted, she delighted in writing 'her little books and scattering these loving messages'. One of the last, and perhaps the best-known, was 'Reality: or behold the unseen'.

She died on 5 March 1914: a woman beloved by all and whose hope and bright humour was specially attractive to the young.

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Alton Southampton & Poole MM in YM Proc. 1915 p.360

#### SEE ALSO

The Friend n.s. vol. (1914) p.233

Annual monitor 1915 p.175

Southampton times 1914 (Friends House vol. QQ/145)

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WESTLAKE, Edward (1818- )

Edward Westlake, son of William Colson (1791-1837) and Mary Westlake of Southampton, was born there on 22 June 1818 (1). He married in 1839 Caroline Capper (2): there were 13 children (3). He appears either to have left Southampton or resigned his membership in the Society of Friends in the late 1870s (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: no description of his father is given
- 2 The wedding was at Stoke Newington FMH on 12 September 1839: he is described as bachelor, merchant, of Southampton, son of William Colson Westlake, merchant; she is described as spinster, of Stoke Newington, daughter of Jasper Capper, Manchester warehouseman (Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 3 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows :-

Emily Mary	b 24 June 1840
Ada Caroline	b 30 October 1841
Ellen	b 29 March 1843
Clara	b 29 May 1845
Caroline	b 8 March 1847
Marion	b 13 November 1848
Florence	b 11 September 1851
Edward	b 3 Aug 1853
Herbert	b 30 Dec 1854
Dora	b 29 Feb 1855
Juliet	b 17 Oct 1857
Algernon	b 4 May 1859
Evelyn	b 20 Jan 1861

- 4 The family appear as members of Southampton meeting on Sussex Surrey & Hants QM printed list of members for 1877, but not in that for 1879

WESTLAKE, Mary (1790-1834) born Thompson

Mary Thompson, the daughter of Thomas Thompson (1747/8-1827 qv) and his wife Ann (born Gregory, 1756-1802 qv) of Nether Compton in Dorset, was born there on 24 September 1790(1).

She was married in 1815 to William Colson Westlake (1791-1837 qv), a merchant of Southampton and there were nine children(2).

Mary Westlake of Southampton died on 22 November 1834, at the age of forty four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: her father is described as a schoolmaster
- 2 For marriage and children see WESTLAKE, William Colson (1791-1837)
- 3 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of William Colson

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1836, p 47: 1 line entry for death

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

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WESTLAKE, Richard (1827-1915)

Richard Westlake, son of William Colson (1791-1837) and Mary Westlake of Southampton, was born there on 20 September 1827 (1). He lived his entire life in that town. He married in 1860 Caroline Jane Hooper (1824-1914, qv) (2) There were 4 children (3)

For many years he was clerk to the Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. In 1887 he became the editor of the Friends' Quarterly Examiner, in which position he remained for twelve years.

In early life his favourite recreations had been yachting and skating, but he always gave precedence to reading and other literary pursuits. He began to participate in the vocal ministry but it was not until 1877, when he had reached his fiftieth year, that he was recorded a minister.

His home, 'The Firs', was made into a place of friendship by him and his wife and Friends from some distance as well as local Friends would gather there for fellowship and discussion.

He died 6 June 1915.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Alton, Southampton & Poole MM in YM.Proc 1916, p.271

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: no description of his father is given
- 2 The wedding was at Tottenham FMH on 9 October 1860; he is described as bachelor, merchant, of 9 Brunswick Place, Southampton, son of William Colson Westlake, merchant; she is described as spinster, of Portswood Lawn, Portswood, Hants, daughter of John Hooper, surgeon (Digest of Marriage Registers)
- 3 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows :-

Richard	b 31 Aug 1861
Caroline Lucia	b 3 Dec 1862
Emily Mabel	b 5 April 1864
Constance Mary	b 15 July 1865

WBE: Additional Information.

WESTLAKE, Richard, 1827-1915.

Ed. at Hitchin.

Began business as a corn merchant, with his brothers.

Started a business as shipping agent for iron ore.

Afterwards as a sack contractor. It became a flourishing business.

1860, m. Caroline J. Hooper.

1883, appointed magistrate.

1896, attended the Manchester Conference.

1864, Address Delivered to the Members at the Workmen's Hall...

1864, Life and its Discipline, in the Old Banner series of Tracts.

An. Mon., 104:184.

Frds'. Quart. Exam., (1899), 33:441 (portrait), also (1915) 49:289.

The Friend (London) 1915, 55:499, (portrait).

Smith II:877.

WESTLAKE, Thomas (1826-1892)

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1791-1837X

Thomas Westlake was born at Southampton on 10 August 1826, the son of William Colson (1822-1887 q.v.) and Mary Westlake. He attended Hitchin School under Isaac Brown. He entered the business of his uncle, Samuel Thompson, at Fordingbridge, Hants, in 1844, subsequently becoming a partner and remaining in the business for the rest of his life.

In 1854 he married Hannah Sophia Neave, daughter of Josiah Neave of Fordingbridge (1). She died in 1857, however, leaving one son (2), and Thomas Westlake subsequently married Agnes Neave (1837-1906 q.v.) in 1863 (3).

He was always interested in nature and astronomy, and imparted his knowledge and interest to young men of the neighbourhood. Shortly after his second marriage he moved to a new house, in whose grounds he entertained Sunday Schools and Temperance Societies, and here in 1882 he built a mission room. He also in 1867 started an Adult School, which later moved to a mission hall which he built. Among other activities he served as vice-chairman of the Board of Guardians.

Although Thomas Westlake was a Friend in principle and in belief, being recorded a Minister in 1888, he also took part in the services of other denominations without regard to sectarian differences. He held firm to evangelistic doctrine and spoke of his experiences clearly, forcefully and fearlessly. The attendance of the Brighton Convention in 1875 was a time of great spiritual help to him.

He never allowed his interest in science and his spiritual revelation come into conflict, believing that in the Scriptures God had revealed Himself to man and made known His will. "Nature," he wrote in 1877, "giving evidence as it does of the power and wisdom of God, is altogether silent on His higher attributes - love, goodness, mercy, truth: man's origin as a spiritual being, his relationship to God now, and his future destiny. Surely this is a personal consideration, infinitely more important than any investigation of facts."

In January 1892 he contracted influenza, and after a week's illness died on 23 January 1892 at the age of 65, being buried at the Fordingbridge Friends' Burial Ground.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1894 p.180

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WESTLAKE, Thomas (1826-1892) contd.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. The wedding was at Fordingbridge on 15 June 1854: he is described as bachelor, manufacturer of Fordingbridge, son of William Colson Westlake, deceased; she is described as spinster of Fordingbridge, daughter of Josiah Neave, deceased. (*Digest of Marriage Registers*)
2. Listed in *Digest of Birth Notes* as follows:  
Ernest born 16 November 1855
3. The marriage is not recorded in *Digest of Marriage Registers*.

WBE: Additional Information.

Westlake, Thomas, 1826-1892.

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Entered the business of his uncle, Samuel Thompson,  
that of sail cloth manufacture.

Had a  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inch reflecting telescope, and built an ob-  
servatory for it.

Had a fine tenor voice.

Naturally gentle and retiring.

FPd's. Quar. Exam., 1892, 26:285.

The Friend (London), 1892, 32:84.

WESTLAKE, William Colson (1791-1837)

William Colson Westlake, the son of Edward Pyott Westlake ( - ) and his wife Elizabeth (born ) of Chase Hill in the parish of St Peters, Winchester, was born there on 5 December 1791(1).

He became a merchant at Southampton(2) and was married in 1815 to Mary Thompson (1790-1834 qv) of Nether Compton in Dorset(3); there were nine children(4).

William Colson Westlake of Southampton died on 5 April 1837, at the age of forty five(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Sherborne on 19 September 1815: he is described as a merchant of Southampton, the son of Edward Pyott and Elizabeth of Southampton; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Ann of Nether Compton in Dorset (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Dorset & Hants QM Births and Burials Digests and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Ann Thompson	b 27 Feb 1817	m 1847 Harford Lucy
Edward qv	b 22 June 1818	m 1839 Caroline Capper (1820- qv)
*Mary	b 8 May 1820	
William Colson qv	b 8 Feb 1822	m 1856 Elizabeth Coventry (1828- qv)
Eliza	b 5 Sept 1823	d 22 Oct 1823, aged 7 weeks
*Emma	b 10 March 1825	
Thomas qv	b 10 Aug 1826	m (1) 1854 Hannah Sophia Neave (2) 1863 Agnes Neave+ (1837-1906 qv)
Richard qv	b 20 Sept 1827	m 1860 Caroline Jane Hooper (1824-1914 qv)
*Eliza	b 10 Nov 1829	
- \*No marriages traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- +This marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 5 Dorset & Hants QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

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WESTLAKE, William Colson (1822-1887)

William C. Westlake, son of William Colson (1791-1837) and Mary Westlake of Southampton, was born there on 8 February 1822 (1). His ancestors on both sides were adherents of the Society of Friends in times when this involved persecution and imprisonment. He was a keen Friend, rarely absent from Monthly or Quarterly Meetings, and was for twenty one years Editor of the 'Friends Quarterly Examiner' (2).

William Colson Westlake spent all his life in his native town, taking an active part in its many institutions; he was interested in the Infirmary, the Dispensary, the Sunday Schools, the School Board, the Y.M.C.A., the Bible Society, Workmen's Clubs and Coffee Taverns and the Penny Bank. As a temperance worker his influence was great, and in the capacity of magistrate and member of the Licensing Committee he did all in his power to improve the habits of the people.

He had married in 1856 Elizabeth Coventry (3); there were 5 children (4).

'His was essentially a ministry of life, and we believe it was in the consistency of his life, as a witness for Christ amongst his fellow-men, that we find the key to the high estimate formed of him by all classes, as a devoted Christian citizen' (5)

William C. Westlake died on 21 November 1887

PRINCIPAL SOURCE :

Testimony of Alton Southampton & Poole MM in Y.M. Proc 1888, p.xii

REFERENCES AND NOTES :

- 1 Dorset & Hants QM Births Digest: no description of his father is given
- 2 He was the first editor; see Friends quart exam 1913, pp.464-5
- 3 The wedding was at Wandsworth on 3 July 1856: he is described as bachelor, corn merchant, of Southampton, son of William Colson Westlake, deceased; she is described as spinster, of Battersea Rise, daughter of Millis Coventry, corn factor, (Digest of Marriage Registers)

See over

WESTLAKE, William Colson (1822-1887) continued

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REFERENCES AND NOTES, contd. -

4 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows :-

William Coventry	b 24 Sept 1858
Mary	b 16 May 1860
Edward Thompson	b 17 Nov 1861
Albert	b 18 Aug 1863
Harold Arthur	b 28 Nov 1865

5 Testimony

SEE ALSO :-

Announcement of lecture at Hitchen 1868	vol N/155
do. do. Castle Square 1866	vol N/162
Circular re Old Banner Tracts 1864	Box 177

WBE: Additional Information.

WESTLAKE, William Colson, 1822-1887.

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Corn merchant at Southampton, Eng.

As a boy delighted in cricket, skating and boating.

Had mechanical skills.

m. in 1856, Elizabeth Coventry of Wandsworth. (children)

ca. 1869, recorded as a minister.

Author, The Sure Foundation, London, 1860, (A criticism  
of the Quakerism of his day.)

Minutes of London Y.M., 1888:XII.

Biog. Cat., p. 706.

The Friend (London) 27:327.

An. Mon. N.S., 47:184.

<sup>Prinson</sup> Friends of Half a Century, p. 305 (portrait).

WESTON, Daniel (1707-1755)

Daniel Weston, the son of Bethell Weston ( - ) and his wife Deborah (born ), was born on 20.vii.[September] 1707(1).

He became a citizen and cooper of London(2) and was married in 1741 to Mary Pace (1712-1766 qv) of Southwark in Surrey(3); there were five children(4).

Daniel Weston of the parish of St John, Wapping, died of gout on 25 October 1755, at the age of forty eight(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: his place of birth, mother's name and father's occupation are not given
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Gracechurch Street FMH on 29.viii.[October] 1741: he is described as a citizen and cooper of London, the son of Bethell Weston and Deborah of Haverfordwest in Pembrokeshire; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Anne Pace of the boro' of Southwark in Surrey (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

twins	d 6 vii [Sept] 1742, after birth
Mary b 17 vi [Aug] 1743	m 1762 John Eliot
Daniel b	d 1 vi [Aug] 1745, aged 4 months
Sarah b 2 vi [Aug] 1746	d 26 iv [June] 1747
- 5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

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

WBE:

WESTONK Edith, Ivy, -1924.

b. Folkestone, Eng., dau. of Sidney Cooper and Edith Weston.

Had share in management of photographic business, founded by her grandfather.

Elected to Town Council.

Justice of the Peace.

Worked for Belgian Refugees.

Unique photographer of children.

d. 20 Oct. 1924, Folkestone, Eng.

WESTON, Jane Bennett, 1925-1975

b. 1925, Toledo, Ohio.

ed. B.A., Oberlin College; M.A., University of Wisconsin.

m. Don Weston, d. 1971.

1949, Joined American Friends' Service Committee.

1949-51, Worked with displaced persons in Germany.

1972-74, Secretary, AFSC International Service Division.

Director, Housing Opportunities Program, Chicago; Associate Executive Secretary, AFSC's Chicago Office. Oversaw technical assistance, community development, and relief programs in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America.

d. August 15, 1975, Graduate Hospital, Phila. Age 50.

Friends Journal. 21 (1975) 504.

Philadelphia Inquirer. August 16, 1975.

Quaker Life. 16 (October 1975) 35.

WBE:

WESTON, Mary (Jr.), 1771-1797.

b. 23 May 1771, at or near Wapping England, dau. of  
Owen and Mary Weston.

Became plain.

Wrote verses.

Became tutor in the family of James Sheppard of Upton,  
and so remained 5 years.

Consumption.

d. 31 Oct. 1797, Upton, Essex, age 27.

A Short Account of Mary Weston, Jr., London, 1799.

WESTON, Mary (1712?-1766) aftw. Waring born Pace

Mary Pace, the daughter of Joseph Pace and  
his wife Anne (nee ) was married  
in 1741 to Daniel Weston  
in 1765 to Jeremiah Waring.

see WARING, Mary (1712?-1766) formerly Weston born  
Pace J

WESTON, Mary (1744?-1807) born Fyfield

Mary Fyfield, the daughter of William and Sarah Fyfield, of Ratcliff, was born about the year 1744(1). She appeared in the ministry about 1770 at the age of twenty six "in an acceptable Manner, but for many years past she very seldom appeared in public Testimony."

In 1777 she became the second wife of Owen Weston of Wapping(2), a cooper and the son of Edward and Hannah Weston of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania; there were three children of the marriage(3). Owen Weston's first wife Mary had died in 1776(4), leaving at least two daughters, Mary (1771-1797 qv) and Deborah. For a time the family lived at Mile End New Town, subsequently moving to White Horse Street, Wapping.

Mary Weston died on 30 December 1807(5), at the age of sixty three and was buried at Ratcliff on 8 January 1808; her husband survived her for a little over three years, dying on 22 February 1811(6), at the age of eighty five.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Brief Testimony of Ratcliff MM in TCMD vol 4, p 265

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 63 at death. There is no entry in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest
- 2 The wedding was at Ratcliff on 24 April 1777: he is described as a cooper of the parish of St John, Wapping, the son of Edward and Hannah Weston; she is described as of Mile End New Town, the daughter of William and Sarah Fyfield (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in London & Middlesex QM Births Digest as follows:-  
Owen b 24 February 1778  
Daniel b 26 June 1779  
James b 9 Sept 1781
- 4 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she died on 3 January 1776, aged 50
- 5 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest: she is described as of Ratcliff, the wife of Owen
- 6 London & Middlesex QM Burials Digest

SEE ALSO:- J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 25: "On the first day of this year I have recorded the death of Mary, wife of Owen Weston (d.1811) cooper, near Ratcliff Cross, who was formerly Mary

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WESTON, Mary (1744?-1807) born Fyfield

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Fyfield, and then a minister of the first eminence amongst Friends in London. I have understood that previous to uniting in marriage with Owen she had obtained a certificate in order to visit our American churches, but which that event prevented the accomplishment . . . She therefore sunk in the esteem of those who thought they saw in an abatement of fervour a diminution of her gift in the ministry. She was in person a large woman, with pleasing powers of conversation." (Jenkins: Records).

under 1808

Norman Penney, Pen pictures, p 25, states in a note on Mary Weston (1744?-1807) "O. and M. Weston had a daughter Mary (1771-1797) of whom A short account was printed in 1799". This note should, of course, refer to Owen Weston's first wife, Mary (d 1776).

WBE:

WESTON, Nathaniel

Banbury, Oxon, Eng.

1655, Imprisoned for 11 months. Goods worth £5 taken  
in lieu of fee-payment.

1660, A Warning from the mouth and spirit of the Lord.  
(London) In this tract he gives hard names in true 17th  
century fashion.

Smith II:877.

Besse, 1:563.

WESTON, Sidney Cooper (1842-1893)

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Sidney Cooper Weston was the youngest of the six sons of Lambert and Anna Maria Weston of Dover and spent his adult life at Folkestone, where he practised the business of a photographer.

He was one of three young men who reopened the discontinued Friends Meeting at Folkestone in 1881. An Adult School was established, and expeditions were planned when a small band went out into the country places proclaiming the Gospel message.

About the year 1890, his Monthly Meeting recorded him a minister, and this led to a deeper sense of his responsibility towards the growing number of those who had recently joined our Society at Folkestone.

'Our friend's ministry began in much simplicity, and throughout his Christian life it was his aim, with humility and plainness of speech, to do the work of an evangelist. He possessed also in a remarkable degree the happy faculty of speaking a word in season to those with whom he was brought in contact by business or otherwise, and his labours in this line of service are known to have been blessed to many in widely different stations in life'.

Sidney Cooper Weston died 25 January 1893 aged fifty years.

Testimony of

in YM Proc. 1893 p.148

WBE: Additional Information.

WESTON, Sidney Cooper, 1842-1893.

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b. 1842, s. of Lambert and Maria (Greenwood) Weston.

1853, Ackworth School until 1856.

Took Temperance Pledge and worked for Temperance.

Took photographs of notable men.

Philanthropist.

m. 1871, Edith Weston (a cousin). (3 children).

d. 1893

Reminiscences of Sidney Cooper Weston, London, 1898.

The Friend (London) 1893, 33:329 (portrait).

An. Mon., (N.S.) (1894) 52:191.

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WESTON, Susanna (1771-1847) born Horsnall

Susanna Weston was the daughter of William and Susanna Horsnall of Strood, Kent and was born on June 3 1771.

She was recorded a minister in 1816. She died at Dover on January 9 1847, and was buried there, aged 75, a minister 31 years.

WBE: Additional Information.

Weston, Susanna, 1771-1847, *née Horsnail* 21

m. Richard L. Weston.

Gave directions respecting her funeral.

Testimonies of Deceased Ministers, 1831-1847, 12:33.

An. Mon., N.S. 6, (1848), 143.

The Friend (London) (1847), 5:40. (The Friend seems mistaken  
as to her age.)

WBE:

WESTON, William

London (?), England.

1819, Author of: The Bible ready by the Quakers...(London)

Quotations from Early Friends, a valuable collection.

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WESTON, William (1704?-1774)

est / William Weston was born about 1704, (1) not a Friend. After seeking among various denominations without finding satisfaction, he was in middle age convinced at an evening meeting at Gracechurch Street, and became a diligent attender of Friends' meetings. About 1754 he became a minister, and some years after visited several neighbouring counties, notably Kent and Sussex.

From 1759 to 1773 he served as Recording Clerk.(2) Some two years before his death, however, he declined the office on account of his health, and retired to Rochester. His wife's name was Mary.(3)

He died 14 April 1774, and was interred in Friends Burial Ground, Rochester, 17 April. (4)

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Gracechurch Street MM in TCMD vol.3 p.21

#### NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 Age at death about 70/- TCMD
- 2 'Our recording clerks' in J. Friends hist.sec. vol.28 (1931)  
pp.33-4
- 3 ibid. She died in 1776 aged 64. - ibid (not in Kent QM  
Burials digest or London & Middx QM Burials digest)
- 4 Not in Kent QM Burials digest

WESTRAY, John ( -1708/9)

John Westray belonged to Isell Meeting in Cumberland (FPT)  
The record of his burial states that he was 'of Sunderland', in  
that county.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.476

WBE:

WESTROPE, Richard

(Brother Richard.)

First Warden of St. Mary's Settlement in York, opened  
1909.

1921, retired.

WESTROPE, Richard

9/86

add: died 13th March 1941 at Ackworth age 85

ref: Friend, Lond., 99, 1941, p.156

Richard was born October 1861 son of Captain Richard  
Westrope and his wife.

Richard was a member and Vice-president of the Governing Body  
of Ackworth.

Richard was a member of the Board of Governors of  
the Friends' School, Ackworth, and Vice-president of the Governing Body  
of the Friends' School.

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the Friends' School, Ackworth, and Vice-president of the Governing Body  
of the Friends' School.

The Friend (London) 1923, 63:793. (portrait).

WESTWOOD, William

( 1925 - 1981 )

William Westwood was born on August 31, 1925 at Ackworth, the son of James and Lilian Beatrice (b. Jones) Westwood.(1) He was educated at Ackworth and Bootham, served with the Royal Marines during the second world war and after service in further education in Leeds was appointed to the staff at Ackworth in 1953. His involvement was in physical training and he built up a close relationship with many pupils through this. In 1968 a new house ( Coram House ) was established for the younger boys and passing on responsibility for P.E. to younger colleagues he took on the duties of housemaster and teacher of science, mathematics and other junior subjects to the boys in their first two years. He was a great friend of the children and of staff and of the village children. He was a faithful member of Ackworth meeting, doorkeeper, organiser of junior meetings for worship, and organised superb socials each Christmas. Suddenly he was struck with an inoperable cancer and within a year died on April 12, 1981 aged 55.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend Vol. 139 (1981) p. 650

Death notice p. 484

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Birth Digest. His father was a schoolmaster ? at Ackworth.

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WBE:a

WETHERALD, Agnes Ethelwyn, 1857-1940.

b. 26 April 1857, at Rockwood, Ontario, Canada.

ed. Friends Boarding School, Union Springs, N.Y.;  
Pickering College, Pickering, Ontario.

She was for a time a journalist on the staff of the  
Toronto Globe, but for most of her life was a free-lance  
writer and contributor of verse to various periodicals.

Author: 1887, An Algonquin Maiden (with G. Mercer Adam).

1896, The House of Trees, and other Poems.

1902, Tangled in Stars.

1904, The Radiant Road.

1907, The Last Robin.

1921, Tree-top Mornings.

1931, Lyrics and Sonnets.

d. 9 March 1940, in her sleep, at Fenwick, Ontario.

Wallace, W. Stewart, The MacMillan Dictionary of Canadian Biography, p. 791.

New York Times 11 March 1940, p. 15.

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WETHERALD, Elizabeth (1730?-1784) formerly Ryley, born

Elizabeth Wetherald, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1977) traced, was born about the year 1730(1). Her first marriage was to a man named Ryley(2) and she lived at or near Halifax in Yorkshire. She made a second marriage in 1757 to Joseph Wetherald of Brough Hill, near Bainbridge(3) and there were eight children(4).

She first appeared in the ministry about 1766. She visited in Yorkshire and the adjacent counties and in 1778 made a ministerial journey to London, Norwich, Bristol and other parts of the southern counties. When she visited families she was "often Baptized into the States of the People." She was very useful in preparative meetings and in the women's monthly meeting, wherein she laboured to promote good order. "She was a Loving & Affectionate Wife, a tender and prudent Parent, and kind Neighbour."

She died on 18 January 1784 at the age of fifty four(5) and was buried in Friends' burying ground at Bainbridge.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Richmond M<sup>I</sup> in TCMD vol 3, p 271

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 54 at death. The only information at present (1977) available as to her parentage is that her mother's name was Ann
- 2 The marriage is not traced in Yorkshire QM, Lancashire QM, Durham QM or Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages Digests. A Thomas Riley of Skircoat near Halifax died on 1 April 1757 (Yorkshire QM Burials Digest)
- 3 The wedding was at Bainbridge on 14 December 1757: he is described as of Brough Hill, the son of Joseph, a husbandman, and Isabel his wife of Brough Hill in Yorkshire; she is described as a widow living at or near Halifax, the daughter of Ann (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)

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WETHERALD, Elizabeth (1730?-1784) formerly Ryley, born continued

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-

Joseph	b 20 Nov 1758	who d 9 Jan 1759?
Ann	b 20 May 1760	who d 11 Oct 1778
Isabel	b 3 Jan 1762	who d 28 Oct 1790
*Elizabeth	b 18 March 1764	
Peggy	b 30 Jan 1766	who m 1790 Joseph Grimshaw
*Martha	b 12 Feb 1768	
Jane	b 9 Jan 1770	who m 1802 Thomas Ventress
*George	b 31 Dec 1772	

\*No marriages traced to 1837

- 5 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Joseph Weatherald of Brushill, near Bainbridge, Aysgarth

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

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WETHERALD, Isabel (1781-1826) born Thistlethwaite

Isabel Thistlethwaite was born at Carr End, Wensleydale, 5 March 1781, the daughter of Richard and Agnes Thistlethwaite.(1)

a/ She married 21 Jan. 1803, at Counterside, John Wetherald, butcher, son of Joseph and Molly Wetherald of Hulme, near Manchester, Lancs.(2) They lived in Lancs. for some time, and by 1814 had removed to the north of Yorkshire.(3)

She first came forth in the ministry about her 34th year. 'Her life and deportment were consistent with the testimony she had to bear. Her public appearances were not frequent and generally short; but they were accompanied with life, and to the comfort and satisfaction of her friends'.

In 1825 she removed with her husband and family to Wakefield. Her health had been in decline for some time, and she survived the change but a few months. She died 19 March 1826, and was interred in Friends Burial Ground, Wakefield, 23 March. (4)

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Richmond MM and Pontefract MM in TCD vol.5 p.281

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 Yorks QM Births digest 1776-1837. Richard Thistlethwaite is described as 'husbandman'
- 2 Yorks QM Marriages digest. ✓ John Wetherald's birth is not in Lancs QM Births digest

Children:

Mary	born 2 April 1805	died 12 March 1806
Agness	born 29 Dec. 1806	
Jane )	born 27 Dec. 1808	
Ann )		
Joseph	born 10 April 1811	
Rachel	born 9 Sept. 1814	
Mary	born 14 Nov. 1816	
Richard	born 12 June 1818	
William	born 26 Sept. 1820	
Thomas	born 9 July 1822	
John	born 19 Sept. 1824	
	- Lancs QM Births digest	
	Yorks QM Births digest	
	Westmorland QM Births digest	
	Lancs QM Burials digest	

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WETHERALD, Isabel (1781-1826) born Thistlethwaite

(contd.)

- 3 Mary was born at Little Marsden, Lancs; Agness, Jane, Ann and Joseph at Burnley, Lancs; the remaining children at Healaugh, parish of Grinton, Yorks.
- 4 Yorks QM Burials digest gives date of burial as 24 March.

see also next page

WETHERALD, Isabel (1781-1826) born Thistlethwaite

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Isabel Wetherald was the daughter of Richard and Agnes Thistlethwaite, of Carr End in Wensleydale, N.W.Yorkshire. In 1803 she married John Wetherald of Hulme, Manchester, a butcher.

In 1825 the family removed to Wakefield.

Testimony.

Note by Norman Penney: Pen Pictures 1930, p.184

see also previous page

WETHERALD, Mary (1712?-1782)

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Mary Wetherald was born about 1712. She came forth in the ministry about her 27th year. She did not travel much in the ministry, but was 'serviceable' in her own meeting, and frequently attended Ulster Province & QM.

cap. 'Her life and conversation was becoming her station, her disposition was open, & her innocence remarkable; her spirit tender/and affectionate inciting her to the duty of visiting and sympathising with her Friends under affliction of Body or mind'.

She died 3 September 1782, aged about 70, and was interred in Friends Burial Ground near Ballyhagan, 5 Sept.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Ballyhagan Men's and Women's Meetings  
in TCMD vol.3 p.259

WETHERALD, Mary (1736/7-1753) after 1752 Binns

[Mary Wetherald, daughter of James Wetherald of Wensleydale in Yorkshire, was married in 1752 to Abraham Binns (1716/7-1784 qv).]

See BINNS, Mary (1736/7-1753) born Wetherald ]

WETHERALD, Rachel (1710?-1765) after 1733 Raw

[Rachel Wetherald of Cubeck, Aysgarth, daughter of  
was married in 1733 to John Raw (1707?-1754, qv).]

see RAW, Rachel (1710?-1765) born Wetherald ]

WBE:

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WETHERALD, THomas, 1791-1832.

b. 14 Jan. 1791, Bainbridge, Yorks., Eng.

m. Ann (children).

1819, came to Trenton, N.J.

Moved to Washington, D.C.

Minister.

1823, Alexandria Monthly Meeting, Va.

1823, appointed a meeting at Moorestown, N.J.

1829, settled on a farm at York, Pa.

1825, Sermons by Thomas Wetherald, delivered in the Friends' Meeting, Washington City. Reprinted.

1826, Sermons by Thomas Wetherald delivered in Baltimore and Washington, and at the State House in Annapolis.

Republished 1864.

1826, Sermons by Thomas Wetherald and Elias Hicks.

1829, Settled on a farm at York, Pa.

Thomas Wetherald's powerful sermons attracted so many people that York Mtg. House, (Pa.) would scarce contain the people assembled.

d. 1 May 1832, in his 42nd year.

*V.M.*  
Memorials, Balt., Md., 1875, p. 89.

Smith II:878.

Manuscript Journal of John Hunt (of Swarthmore)

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WBE:a

WETHERALD, William, 1820-1898.

b. 1820, Yorkshire, Eng.

ed. at Ackworth School until 15 years of age. He later declared that he did not acquire much learning there, but did learn how to educate himself.

1834, came to Canada, to a farm in Puslinch Township, three miles from where Guelph now is.

For seven years did not sleep more than 4 hours a night because he studied his few books by candlelight.

For many years a teacher.

1850, founded Rockwood Academy, said to be one of the finest schools in upper Canada at that time.

1864-66, Superintendent at Haverford College. Said to be a strict disciplinarian.

1866, returned to Upper Canada where he settled with his family on a farm in Pelham Township.

Years before he had been acknowledged minister by Pelham Monthly Meeting. For the rest of his life preached there and abroad.

Father of Ethelwyn Wetherald, Canadian poetess.

A forceful speaker, intensely sincere in his convictions and youthful even in old age.

d. 1898, Banbury, England, in his 78th year.

History of Haverford College, 1830-1890, pp. 319-328.

American Friend, 5(1898):864.

Dorland, A Hist. of the Soc. of Friends In Canada, (1917), pp. 187-189.

WETHERELT, Thomas (1679-1727)

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Thomas Wetherelt (Wetheret, Wetharelt, Wetherilt) was born ii./April/1679, the son of James and Elizabeth Wetheret of Bainbridge, Yorks.(1) About 1701 he removed to Wigton.

He married 19.vi./Aug./1702, at Tissinthwaite, parish of Wigton, An Palmer, daughter of David Palmer of Wigton. (2)

As a young man he was 'religiously inclined'. About 1708 he came forth in public testimony and became serviceable in his meeting. He visited Friends in adjacent counties several times, and was 'zealous for the promotion of Truth'.

Following an attack of vomiting and convulsions 27.ix./Nov./ he died 30.ix./Nov./1727 and was interred at Friends Burial Ground, Highmoor near Wigton, 3.x./Dec./. (3)

#### PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of QM at Cockermouth /Cumberland QM/ in TCMD vol.2 p.124

#### NOTES AND REFERENCES

1 Yorks QM Births digest

2 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Marriages digest. His father's residence is given as Fors in Wensleydale, Yorkshire. An Palmer's birth is not in Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births digest. She died in 1718 and was buried 11.v./July/ 1718 at Tissinthwaite  
- Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials digest

#### Children:

Jane	born 16.vi./Aug./1703
Thomas	born 25.x./Dec./1706
Ann	born 27.iv./June/1718

- Cumberland & Northumberland QM Births digest

3 Cumberland & Northumberland QM Burials digest. His burial place is given as Tissinthwaite.

WBE:

WETHERHEAD, Mary *Sic Weatherhead*

Bristol, Eng.

1657, came in the Woodhouse to America.

1658, Shipwrecked and drowned.

WETHERILL

~~Mary~~, Mary (1722-1779) born Noble

This is probably Mary Noble Wetherill, of whom John Woolman speaks by her maiden name. She was the daughter of Joseph Noble (son of Abel Noble, the 'contentious old "Free Will Baptist" with whom John Smith was given to arguing,) and Mary, daughter of Samuel Smith, 1st. a sister of Hon. Richard Smith I, and therefore aunt to the preacher Elizabeth Smith. Mary Noble was born 3mo. 31, 1722, and married in Philadelphia, 3mo. 19, 1743, Samuel Wetherill of Burlington. She died in the latter place, 9mo. 9. 1779. The mother, Mary Smith Noble, died in 1733, aged 32.

Note in 'The Journal of John Woolman', 1922, p.588

WBE: Additional Information

WETHERILL, Mary nee Noble, 1722-1779.

1763, visits with John Woolman and Elizabeth Smith families in Rancocas, N.J.

WBE:

WETHERILL, Richard, 1858-1910.

b. 12 June 1858, Chester, Iowa?, s. of Benjamin Kite and Marion (Tompkins) Wetherill. Family moved to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Ed. at home and at schools at Ft. Leavenworth.

Learned to speak German.

1876, moved to Joplin, Missouri.

1880, Wandered to Mancos, Colo. Started a ranch. The family was friendly with the Utes, and went about unarmed.

1888, discovered cliff-dwellings.

m. Marietta Palmer.

Made numerous collections from pre-historic cliff-dwellings.

Murdered, 22 June, 1910, near Farmington, N.M., ca. 42.

McNitt, Frank, Richard Wetherill, 1858-1910., 1957, (portraits).

WBE:

WETHERILL, Samuel, 1736-1816.

b. 12 Apr. 1736, Burlington, N.J., s. of Christopher and Mary Stockton Wetherill.

Came to Phila., and 1751, apprenticed to Mordecai Yarnall, carpenter there.

1775, with Christopher Marshall, est. the first factory in America for weaving, fulling and dyeing domestic fabrics.

m. Sarah Yarnall, d. of Mordecai Yarnall. (children).

1777 or 1779, disowned by his meeting for war activities.

1778, took oath of allegiance and supplied Washington's army at Valley Forge with a supply of cloth from his own factory. 'Tis said the supplying of cloth to Washington's little army at Valley Forge saved it from disbanding.

Established a chemical laboratory for dyes and drugs.

1780 or 81, Central figure in the Society of Friends, by some styled the Free Quaker. A minister and clerk of that meeting for many years. Both Washington and Franklin contributed towards the Mtg. House at 5th and Arch Sts., Phila., Pa.

1790, with his son Samuel Wetherill began the manufacture of white lead, &c.

The discipline of the Free Quakers recognized no creed, no testimonies, no heresies. No person could be disowned for any cause whatsoever, moral or theological. Self-defence and military service in defensive war were expressly per-

WBE:

WETHERILL, Samuel, 1736-1816, p. 2.

mitted. A few small meetings in Chester Co., Maryland and Mass., were affiliated with the main body, about 100 persons in all. Finally John Price Wetherill, grandson of Thomas, after worshipping almost alone for some years, closed the meeting house, although a Yearly Mtg. was still held until recently.

Active in Phila. Civic life.

Author: An Apology for the Religious Society, called Free Quakers. (Phila.) No date. (1798?)

Author: 1792, The Divinity of Jesus Christ proved, being a reply to Dr. Joseph Priestley's Appeal to the Serious and Candid Professors of Christianity, &c.

d. 24 Sept. 1816, Phila., Pa., age 80.

Hirst, Quakers In Peace and War, pp. 411, 412, 413.

The Friend (Phila.) 68:340.

Sharpless, A Qu. Experiment in Gov't., II:209.

Dict. Am. Biog., 20:23.

Jordan, Col. Fam. of Phila., p. 993, (portrait).

Wetherill, C., History of the Rel. Soc. of Frds.; Called by Some the Free Quakers., p. 16.

Smith Suppl, p. 353.

Hussey, From Merchants to Colourmen, 1956, Phila.

WBE:

WEYMOUTH, Mehitable, afterwards Jenkins, 1731-1815

see JENKINS, Mehitable, nee Weymouth

WHALLEY, Sarah (1750/1-1796) after 1776 Binns

[Sarah Whalley, daughter of John Whalley ( - )  
and his wife Ann (born of Yeadon in Yorkshire, was married in 1776 to Jonathan  
Binns (1755-1796 qv). }

See BINNS, Sarah (1750/1-1796) born Whalley ]

WHARLEY, Daniel ( -1721)

Daniel Wharley (Whirley) was a woollen-draper in George Yard. In 1686 he married Mary, the only daughter of Isaac and Mary Penington, and so became brother-in-law to William Penn. Mary Wharley died in 1726 (Penney, Experiences in the Life of Mary Penington, 1911, p.63 and genealogical table). Daniel Wharley's house and shop being but across the road from the meeting house and Chamber, George Fox often resorted thither and met William Penn and other Friends in both the shop and house, at times remaining to the midday meal. Wharley's death took place 3.ii.1721 at his country home and his burial at Jordans.

There is a reference in Jnl FHS i.33 to 'Daniel and Sarah Wharley (of Isaac Peningtons family)' present at a wedding at the Bull and Mouth in December, 1685.

Note by N. Penney in G. Fox, Short Journal, 1925, p.322

WBE:

WHARTON, Deborah nee Fisher, 1795-1888.

b. 24 Oct. 1795, in Phila., Pa., dau. of Samuel Rowland  
and Hannah (Rodman) Fisher.

1817, m. William Wharton. (Spruce St.), (10 children).

Minister.

Clerk of Race St. Yearly Meeting.

Made visits to Indians.

Manager of Swarthmore College, 1862-1870.

Lived very simply and was generous with large means.

d. 16 Aug. 1888, Jamestown near Newport, R.I., in her  
93rd year.

WBE:

WHARTON, Edward

Salem, Mass.

1664, Cruelly whipped divers times.

1675, New England's present Sufferings under their  
Cruel Neighboring Indians.

[Minute of the Morning Meeting respecting this pamphlet: - E.W.'s "New England's Present Sufferings" to be made waste paper of...]

WBE:

WHARTON, Joseph, 1826-1909.

b. 3 Mar. 1826, Phila., Pa., s. of William and Deborah (Fisher) Wharton.

Early education in private schools and from a tutor.

1842-45, worked on the farm of Joseph S. Walton, Chester Co., Pa., his health not permitting his going to college. During winters studied chemistry, also French and German.

m. in 1854, Anna Corbit Lovering. (3 children.)

Said to be the first manufacturer of metallic zinc in America, also of nickel. Was a leader in making armor plate; an owner of gold, silver, copper, iron and coal mines; builder of iron furnaces; head of menhaden fisheries and founder of the Wharton School of Finance and Economy, at the U. of Pa.

Favoured high protective tariff.

Was a founder of Swarthmore College.

1926, author of: Speeches and Poems by Joseph Wharton. (Phila.)

Had varied gifts and interests, being an able public speaker, and had artistic leanings.

d. 11 Jan. 1909, Germantown, Phila., in his 83rd year.

F.H.L. SW., BX 7616.

Dictionary of Am. Biog., p. 29.

Frds'. Intell., 66:62.

WHARTON, Samuel ( )

Samuel Wharton of Philadelphia was a member of the firm of Baynton, Wharton and Morgan, one of the earliest firms to open up the Western trade and the first to extend its connections as far as the Illinois. Besides its trading interests, the partners entered largely into western land speculation. They were the chief promoters of the Indiana Company, which was formed of merchants who suffered losses at the outbreak of Pontiac's conspiracy and claimed, as compensation from the Indians, land situated in modern West Virginia. The firm was also the backbone of a company that planned the establishment of a colony in Illinois. Samuel Wharton was consulted freely by Johnson and others about Indian affairs. His influence seems to have been particularly important at the treaty of Fort Stanwix in 1768. In 1769, he went to London to promote his various western interests. While there, he formed the famous Walpole or Grand Ohio Company which proposed the erection of the colony of Vandalia, west of Virginia. Wharton managed the English politicians so skilfully as to break down all opposition particularly that which came from Virginia. He is the author of the famous pamphlet, the 'Settlement of Ohio' an answer to Lord Hillsborough's report on western settlement, which has always been ascribed to B. Franklin. During the Revolutionary War, Samuel Wharton remained in Europe, whence he later returned to push his western scheme.

Note in 'The Political & Economic Relations' by  
A.T. Gary, 1935, pp. 463-464

WBE:

WHARTON, Susan Parrish, ~~ca.~~ 1851-1928.

b. ~~ca.~~ 1851. 5th mo., 23rd, 1852

Compiler of The Parrish Family.

Was one of the creators of the Inn at Buck Hill Falls.

1931, A settlement house, 1708-1710, N. 22nd St., for  
Negroes was named for her.

d. 21 Sept. 1928, Phila., Pa., in her 77th year.

The Friend (Phila.), 105:122.

Frds'. Intell., 85:801,782.

J.F.H.Soc., 26:80.

Philip Benjamin Phila Quakers in the Industrial Age  
pp.160-162

WHARTON, Thomas (1730-1782)

Thomas Wharton of Philadelphia was a brother of Samuel and even better known but he does not play so important a part in the development of the West. He acquired great wealth as a merchant. He was a partner of Galloway and Goddard in publishing the Chronicle. He at first, like many other Quakers, sympathized with the colonists in their opposition to the Mother country, but he withdrew his support when an appeal was made to force. In 1776 he was exiled to Virginia and lost his estate under the Confiscation Act.

Note in 'The Political & Economic Relations' by  
A.T. Gary, 1935, p.464

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WBE:

WHARTON, William, 1790-1856.

b. 27 June 1790, Phila., Pa., s. of Charles and Hannah (Redwood) Wharton.

1828, active in reorganizing those Friends of So. District Mo. Mtg., who joined Race St. Y. Mtg.

m. Deborah Fisher. (children)

Elder of Spruce St. Meeting, Phila.

Suffering illness borne with patience.

d. 15 Jan. 1856, Phila. (?) Pa., in his 66th year.

Friends' In

Frds'. Intell., 12:712.

Jour. of Sarah Hunt, p. 139.

Pa. Mag. of Hist. and Biog., I:459.

WHARTON, William Arthur (1887-1961)

William A. Wharton was born on 29 September 1887. He was a student at Woodbrooke from 1921 to 1922, and came there with the marks of inward suffering consequent upon his years in prison as a conscientious objector in the First World War. Not long afterwards when Friends resuscitated the Blue Idol, Coolham, Sussex, William and his wife Emmeline were appointed Wardens.

William Wharton shared a social concern with a passionate devotion to the cause of peace. He served the Society in the work for the unemployed in the Forest of Dean and the Rhondda during the depression in the 1930's. He worked for the conscientious objectors and prisoners of war in the second World War, and he took his place in the Aldermaston Marches.

Moving to Horsham, he and his wife gave devoted service to the Meeting there over many years, and in the early days when the members were few, William started an Adult School which helped to stimulate interest in the Meeting. His concern extended to refugees, and the organizing of FoR and PPU meetings. Later, when his wife's health was failing, they retired to Coolham, where Thakeham Meeting found in him a faithful Elder.

William Wharton served on the Home Service Committee of the Society. He was deeply concerned with the work of Spiritual Healing, and latterly became Editor of the Magazine of the Friends Spiritual Healing Fellowship. He was a staunch advocate of vegetarianism.

He was always an earnest seeker of the truth, and the faith that was so much a part of him was held side by side with an acceptance of much modern thought in matters of science and general outlook.

He died on 29 November 1961.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Lewes & Chichester MM in YM Proc. 1963 p.46

WHATLEY, Henrietta (1766?-1852) A

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Henrietta Whatley was educated in Switzerland and on her return became a governess in some families of rank until her marriage when she went to live in Cirencester.

A devout member of the Established Church she met members of our Society while in the promotion of benevolent objects. This contact led her to attend our religious meetings where she derived much comfort and refreshment from our silent worship.

It was during a serious illness that she decided, if permitted to recover, she would leave the established church and join the Society of Friends. This she did and some years later appeared in the ministry, being recorded a minister in 1826.

She died while visiting her son in Sussex on 13th September 1852, a minister about 30 years.

Testimony of Nailsworth M.M. in Testimonies 1853, p.17

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WBE: Additional Information.

WHATLEY, Henrietta, 1766-1852 *here?*

b. 1766, Killarney, Ire., dau. of a titled Colonel of a regiment; her mother a young actress.

H.W. was taken first to London and then to Neufchâtel, Switz.

ca. 1781 returned to England.

Bound apprentice in a baby-linen shop. Became friendly with another apprentice named Charlotte, with whom, at the expiration of her term, she formed a partnership. Having differed with Charlotte, she obtained a position as governess, which post she occupied for 16 years in 3 different families.

m. a widower. (2 children of her own and 1 of her husband by his former marriage.)

Her husband met her determination to join Friends with anger.

WBE:

WHEATLEY, Caleb

Pennsylvania

1692, joined with George Keith.

Made acknowledgement.

Disunited from the Society and reinstated.

m. Sarah Scholey of Notting Lane at Chesterfield,  
Burlington Co., N.J. on Oct. 10, 1696 (wife.  
supplied by a Wheatley descendant)

WHEATLEY, Elizabeth (1638?-1729/30)

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Elizabeth Wheatley was born about the year 1638 and became convinced of Truth about 1656, whereupon she was turned out of the house by her mother. She spent some years with a relative and became a member of Durham Quarterly Meeting.

She became a Minister about the year 1659 and in her travels visited most parts of England and several parts of Scotland.

'Being made willing to give up to what was manifested and called for at her hand to bear Testimony unto, she became a very serviceable Instrument in the Hand of the Lord, to the comforting and strengthening of many, by her continued Labour of Love'.

She died at Iveston on 20.xii.1729 [February 1729/30] aged about ninety one years, and a Minister for about seventy years.

Principal source

Testimony of Durham QM in TCMD vol.1 p.29, printed in  
A Collection of Testimonies 1760, p.27

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WBE:

WHEATLEY, Elizabeth, ca. 1637-1729.

Additional source: John Smith's Ms., 3:567.