

FOX, Joshua (1760-1791)

Joshua Fox, the son of George Croker Fox (1727/8-1781 qv) and his wife Mary (born Were, -1796 qv) of Fowey and Falmouth in Cornwall, was born within the compass of Austell Monthly Meeting on 11 December, 1760(1).

He died unmarried(2) on 10 December 1791, at the age of thirty one(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 Joseph Foster, The Descendants of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall, London 1872, p 11
- 3 Cornwall QM Burials Digest: he is described as the son of George and Mary Fox of Falmouth

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

FOX, Joshua (1792-1877)

Joshua Fox, the son of Robert Were Fox (1754-1818 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Tregelles, 1768-1848 qv) of Falmouth in Cornwall, was born there on 17 April 1792(1).

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He became a merchant at Budock in Cornwall(2) and was married some time prior to 1824 to Joanna Mary Flannering(3); there were three children(4).

He scarcely ever left Cornwall, yet he was known far beyond the limits of his own county for his love of animals and birds and his skill in taming them. The latter were his constant companions in his beautiful garden and he sought to awaken in the young a love of studying their habits rather than seeking their destruction. His grounds were full of trees, shrubs and flowering plants and he had planted in them many varieties of rose trees.

He had a great love of the Scriptures and in his later years he visited the homes of his poor neighbours and read to them from the Bible. He was a warm advocate of peace principles, was kind and courteous to all and loved to communicate from his varied stores of knowledge, especially on subjects connected with natural history.

Joshua Fox of Falmouth died on 27 March 1877, at the age of eighty four and was buried at Budock(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

London Friends Institute Biographical Catalogue 1888, pp 254-256

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 He is so described in the birth entries for his children
- 3 Joseph Foster, The Descendants of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall, London 1872, p 11: the marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
- 4 Listed in Cornwall QM Births Digest and given in Joseph Foster, loc cit, as follows:-

Josephine	b 17 April 1824	m	James Bull, Commander RN
*Maria Louisa	b 1 July 1825		
Joanna Ellen	b 14 Nov 1826	m	Rev. Davis
- 5 *No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903 or given in Joseph Foster, loc cit
- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1878, p 82: 2 line entry for death

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

WBE:

FOX, Joshua, 1792-1877

b. in 1792, Falmouth (?), England, son of Robert Were (Sr.) and Elizabeth Fox.

Passionately fond of nature and tamed animals and birds which were his companions upon his beautiful grounds. Had a great love for Scripture, and used to read to the poor.

An advocate of peace principles.

d. March 27, 1877 at Tregadna, near Falmouth and buried at Burdock aged nearly 85 years.

An. Mon. (N.S.), 36(1878):82

Biog. Cat., 254

FOX, Lewis (1803-1839)

Lewis Fox, the son of Robert Were Fox (1754-1818 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Tregelles, 1768-1848 qv) of Falmouth, was born there on 15 February 1803(1).

He was a merchant of Perran wharf in Cornwall(2).

Lewis Fox of Perran wharf died unmarried(3) on 6 December 1839, at the age of thirty six(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
Joseph Foster, The Descendants of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall, London 1872, p 11 gives his name as Louis
- 2 He is so described in his burial entry, note 4
- 3 No marriage is traced in Cornwall QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages or given in Joseph Foster, loc cit
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a merchant. Foster, loc cit, erroneously gives his year of death as 1840

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

FOX, 'Libbie' (1852?-1926)

see FOX, Sarah Elizabeth (1852?-1926) born Davies

FOX, Louis (1803-1839)

See FOX, Lewis (1803-1839)

FOX, Lucy (1783-1859) born Barclay

Lucy Barclay, the twin daughter of Robert Barclay (1751-1830 qv) and his wife Rachel (born Gurney, 1755-1794 qv) of Clapham in Surrey, was born there on 24 April 1783(1).

She was married in 1810 to George Croker Fox (1785-1850 qv), a merchant of Falmouth in Cornwall, but the marriage was childless(2).

Lucy Fox of Falmouth died on 4 February 1859, at the age of seventy six(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
She was descended from Robert Barclay (1648-1690 qv) of Ury, the author of the Apology
- 2 For marriage see FOX, George Croker (1785-1850)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of George Croker Fox

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

WBE:

FOX, Lucy Anna, afterwards HODGKIN, 1841-1934

see HODGKIN, Lucy Anna, nee Fox

Fox

FELL, Margaret (1614-1702) formerly Fell, born Askew 2)

Margaret Fell was the wife of Judge Thomas Fell (d.1658; DNB).
of Swarthmore Hall, Ulverston, Lancs. In 1669 married George Fox,
'nursing-mother' of early Quakerism. Mother of Margaret Fell,
junior cf. DNB; C.J.; i.407f.; Fells, Crosfield, M. Fox.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.59

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FOX, Margaret (nee Askew, afterwards Fell) (ca.1615-1702)

b. ca. 1615 in Marsh Grange, near Dalton, Eng.,

dau. of John and Margaret (?) Pyper (?)Askew

m. 1632 Thomas Fell (1598-1658), lived at Swarthmoor.

see

Fell, Thomas and Fox, George for additional data

1652 convinced by George Fox.

ca. 1658 Judge Thomas Fell died,

1660 first visit to London.

1662 second visit to London.

1663 Thousand mile journey through England for the
most part on horseback.

1664 arrested and imprisoned at Lancaster for $4\frac{1}{2}$ years.

1668/9 third visit to London.

1669 m. George Fox at Bristol, Eng.

1670 imprisoned again at Lancaster for one year.

1671 fourth visit to London.

1673 fifth visit to London.

1674 sixth visit to London.

1675 Geo. Fox stayed at Swarthmoor for 21 months.

1681 Seventh visit to London.

1683 arrested, tried, fined and imprisoned.

1684 eighth visit to London.

1690 ninth visit to London.

1697-8 tenth visit to London.

d. 23 II 1702 at Swarthmoor.

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Additional Information page 2.

FOX, Margaret (nee Askew, afterwards Fell) (ca.1615-1702)

Among her published works may be cited:

1655, False Prophets, Antichrists, Deceivers which
are in the World, &c

1656, For Manasseh Ben Israel, the Call of the Jews
out of Babylon, &c

1657, A Loving Salutation to the Seed of Abraham, &c

1660, A Declaration and an Information from us the
People of God called Quakers, to the present Governors,
the King and both Houses of Parliament, &c

1665, A Call to the Universal Seed of God, Throughout
the whole World, &c

1666, Woman's Speaking Justified, Proved and allowed
of by the Scriptures, &c

1694, The Testimony of Margaret Fox concerning her
late Husband, George Fox, &c

1701, Margaret Fox' last Testimony.

d. June 23, 1702, Swarthmore Hall, in her 88th year.

Ross, M. Fell: 391, 408 Evans, Frds. in the 17th Cent., 51

Fox, Journal, 7th ed. II:73 Frds. Quart. Exam., 70:109

Brailsford, Quaker Women: 42 et seq

Jos. Smith's Cat., I:597 Jour. of G. Fox, (bi-cent. ed.)
1:119-122

Piety Promoted, 9th part,:51 Frds. Histl Lib., Swarthmore BX7614

Fell, M.: A Brief Collection of Remarkable Passages . . .

FOX, Margaret (1883 - 1965) after 1910 Sawdon

Margaret Fox, daughter of R. Hingston (1853-1924 av)
and Elizabeth (b) Fox, married
Ernest William Sawdon (1879? - 1962) at Chungking,
in China, on 30. August 1910.

SEE

SAWDON, Margaret (1883 - 1965) b. Fox

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FOX, Margaret Veronica (1895-1976)

Margaret Veronica Fox, the daughter of George Henry Fox (1845-1931 qv) and his wife Rachel Juliet (born Fowler, 1858-1939 qv) of Wodehouse Place and Glendurgan, Falmouth in Cornwall, was born at Wodehouse Place on 16 October 1895(1).

She served the Society as clerk to Cornwall Monthly Meeting and later as clerk to Falmouth Preparative Meeting(2).

Margaret Veronica Fox died suddenly at Gyllyngdine Hotel, Falmouth, on 7 July 1976, at the age of eighty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a ship agent
- 2 Index of Clerks, Friends House Library: she was clerk to Cornwall MM from 1956-1959 and to Falmouth PM from 1960-1972
- 3 The Friend

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

FOX, Margaret Winifred (1867-1957)

Margaret Winifred Fox, the daughter of Joseph Hoyland Fox (1835-1915 qv) and his wife Mariana Fox (born Tuckett, 1839-1908 qv) of Wellington in Somerset, was born there on 5 November 1867(1). Brought up as a member of the Society of Friends, she spent almost her whole life in Wellington.

In her youth she was very active and enjoyed winter sports in England with her brother Gerald. Painting was a great joy to her and upon Charlotte (1861-1949 qv) she cultivated her gift under Claude. Woodbrooke and the friendship of

FOX, Margaret Winifred (1867-1957)

In her youth at Wellington she took a great deal to her; the local meeting was constantly entertained by George Fox's son and his wife and their two sons, and she was constantly entertained by her sister-in-law during the summer months.

Margaret Winifred Fox, the daughter of Joseph John and Mariana Fox, was born on 5 November 1867 (1).

Brought up as a member of the Society of Friends, she spent almost the whole of her life at Wellington, Somerset. In her youth she was very active and painting was a great joy to her.

The small Wellington Meeting owes a great deal to her; she took a warm interest in every member and attender, and her vocal ministry was short and to the point.

As long as she was able she walked with two sticks, and even gardened as far as possible. Woodbrooke and the friendship of William Littleboy meant a lot to her.

She died on 10 March 1957 aged 89.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE: Her father is buried at a woodland cemetery at The Friend, vol. 115 (1957) p. 288.

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- (1) Digest of Birth Notes

Additional references in J. Friend Birth Note vol. 19, p. 195
Sep 16 (1st Particulars)

Maria Barclay, the youngest daughter of Robert Barclay (1751-1830 qv) and his wife Rachel (born Gurney, 1755-1794 qv) of Clapham and Bury Hill in Surrey, was born at Clapham on 11 December 1785(1). Her mother died when she was eight years old. Her father's tenderness and his attempt to fill her mother's place led him to yield to many things which were inconsistent with the principles of the Society and, with her large circle of brothers and sisters, she "was early introduced into general society. For a time her youthful mind was carried away by the fascinations of the world; but whilst mingling, as she occasionally did, in its amusements, she was led to see their emptiness and vanity."(Testimony)

She was gradually induced to give up all her former pursuits and to appear in the dress of a plain Friend. Although she received nothing but sympathy and help from her father and family, this was at first a trial to her, as was the plain language of Friends, which often kept her silent in company. She had previously attended some sittings of London Yearly Meeting and after her change of heart she attended the full Meeting.

In 1810 one of her sisters died, leaving her the care of seven young children and although she felt herself little fitted for the task, she found strength in prayer and in the grace of God. In 1814 she was married to Robert Were Fox (1789-1877 qv), a merchant of Falmouth and there were three children(2). During forty four years of marriage she was an example of Christian humility, simplicity and devoted care for her husband and children; her influence was sweet and lovely, not only in her family circle but among her friends and acquaintances. She was a peace lover and a peace maker and was often called upon to heal breaches caused by detraction and misunderstanding.

Like her husband, she was a persevering worker for the Bible Society. She was deeply touched by the plight of the poor and ignorant and did what she could to alleviate their distress. Her natural activity, combined with habits of order and self-denial, enabled her to accomplish an amount of business which was a source of wonder to those around her.

She first spoke in meeting for worship in 1819 and in 1823 she was acknowledged a minister. The following year she was liberated to visit families in her own monthly meeting and from that time until 1855 she was frequently engaged in the service of the Gospel, visiting Ireland in 1843 and the south of France in 1846. In 1832, with Lucretia Crouch (1777-1858 qv), she visited the poor of Falmouth in their own homes or two or three families together.

Soon after her last visit among her own monthly meeting in 1855 her only son died. From this time her health gradually gave way and Maria Fox of Penjerrick in Cornwall died on 4 June 1858, at the age of seventy two; she was buried at Budock(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1859, pp 73-91

Testimony of West Cornwall MT in Testimonies 1859, p 10

FOX, Maria (1785-1858) born Barclay

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Sussex & Surrey QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
She was descended from Robert Barclay (1648-1690 qv), the author
of the Apology
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, Robert Were (1789-1877)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Robert Were Fox

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

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FOX, Maria (1785-1858) born Barclay

Maria Fox was the daughter of Robert and Rachel Barclay, and was born at Clapham on 11 December 1785. Her mother died when she was 8 years old. She was the youngest of a large family and "with them was early introduced into general society. For a time, her youthful mind was carried away by the fascinations of the world; but whilst mingling, as she occasionally did, in its amusement, she was led to see their emptiness and vanity" (*).

In 1810, on the death of one of her sisters, she undertook the care of her 7 young children. In 1814 she married Robert Were Fox of Falmouth. She first spoke in meetings for worship in 1819, and was recorded as a minister in 1823. The following year she was liberated to visit families in her own M.M. and from then until 1855 she was frequently engaged in visits, including Ireland in 1843 and the South of France in 1846. In 1832 with Lucretia Creuch she visited the poor of Falmouth in their own homes or two or three families together.

Soon after her last visit among her own M.M. in 1855 her only son died. From this time her own health gradually gave way and she died on 4 June 1858 aged 72 years. Her body was interred at Budeck.

(*) Testimony of West Cornwall M.M.

Testimony of West Cornwall M.M. in Testimonies 1859, p.10

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WBE:
Additional information

FOX, Maria nee Barclay ca. 1785-1858

An. Mon. (N.S.), 17(1859):73

Hav. Coll. Qu. Col., portrait

FOX, Maria (1793-1844) born Middleton

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Maria Middleton, the daughter of Benjamin Middleton (1746-1814 qv) and his wife Tabitha (born Hoyland, 1749/50-1809 qv) of Wellingborough in Northamptonshire, was born there on 30 March 1793(1). She was a lively child, with an amiable disposition and much natural vivacity, but she had the benefit of a careful religious upbringing, in an atmosphere of calm and tranquillity. She had considerable imagination and a warm interest in literature and poetry and pursued whatever she was engaged in with great earnestness and perseverance. Her parents provided her with suitable reading matter and with other means of acquiring knowledge and she gratefully availed herself of these advantages.

As she grew in years she grew in grace and in the knowledge and love of God and her religious character increased in strength and solidity. But her health was delicate and she showed early signs of consumption. She was sent to Matlock for a time and in 1821 she moved with her only sister Hannah Middleton (1786-1835 qv) to Southampton. There and elsewhere her tender heart was drawn to the poor and afflicted and she did what she could to alleviate their distress.

She was acknowledged a minister in 1825 and in company with her sister she visited some parts of Holland and Germany, as well as the Friends of Pyrmont and Minden. She was afterwards engaged in further religious service.

She was married in 1827 to Samuel Fox (1794-1874 qv), a woollen manufacturer of Wellington in Somerset and there were three children(2). In 1837 the family moved to London and settled at Tottenham(3), where in 1838 she became a member of Tottenham Meeting. She was repeatedly away from home in the service of the Gospel, but was always careful to await the Lord's guidance before setting out on her journeys. Her last journey in the ministry was to Scotland and some of the northern counties, in company with her husband.

She returned home in 1843 and was seldom absent from her own meetings afterwards. During this period her testimony was frequent and was given with brightness and power. Her youthful liveliness never forsook her, although it was mellowed by the years and she continued to be an interesting companion. But her health suddenly gave way and the consumption with which she had been threatened all her life developed into a serious illness.

Maria Fox of Tottenham died on 15 January 1844, at the age of nearly fifty one(4), a minister for more than twenty years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1845, pp 54-66

Testimony of Tottenham MM in Testimonies 1844, p 29

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Northants QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, Samuel (1794-1874)
- 3 See entry for FOX, Samuel (1794-1874)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Samuel

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FOX, Maria (1793-1844) born Middleton

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PUBLICATIONS

Thoughts by the Sea-side; or a Friendly address to Sailors, ca.1825

Joseph Smith's Catalogue, vol 1, p 704

SEE ALSO:-

Memoirs of Maria Fox, London 1846

The Friend (London) 1844, p 47: 2 line entry for death

J Friends Hist Soc vol 6 (1909) p 132: her ministry

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 3, p 142n: vol 15, p 145:
vol 21, p 59: vol 23, p 34: Sup 16 & 17 (Pen Pictures) pp 36n, 178

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FOX, Maria (1794?-1844) born Middleton

Maria Fox was the daughter of Benjamin and Tabitha Middleton, of Wellington in Northamptonshire.

In 1821 she moved with her sister to Southampton, and in 1825 was acknowledged as a minister, and next year with relatives visited some parts of Holland and Germany and also Friends at Pyrmont and Minden.

In May 1827 she married Samuel Fox, then living at Wellington in Somerset. Her last journey in the service of the Gospel was to Scotland and some of the northern counties.

She died at Tottenham on 15 January 1844 and was buried there, being nearly 51 and a minister for more than 20 years.

Testimony of Tottenham M.M. in Testimonies 1844, p.29

WBE:
Additional information

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FOX, Maria, nee Middleton ca. 1793-1844

ca. 1825 she published Thoughts by the Sea-side; or, a Friendly address to Sailors.

Memoirs of Maria Fox, London, 1846

Jos. Smith's Cat., I:704

An. Mon. (N.S.), 3(1845):54

Testimonies from 1831-1847, 47:29

The Friend (London), II(1844):47

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FOX, Maria (1793-1844) born Middleton

Maria Middleton, the daughter of Benjamin and Tabitha Middleton of Wellingborough in Northants, was born there on 30 March 1793(1).

In 1821 she moved with her sister to Southampton and in 1825 was acknowledged as a minister. In the next year she visited with relatives some parts of Holland and Germany, and also Friends at Pyrmont and Minden.

In May 1827 she married Samuel Fox (1794-1874 qv), then living at Wellington in Somerset and there were three children of the marriage(2). Her last journey in the service of the ministry was to Scotland and some of the northern counties.

She died at Tottenham on 15 January 1844(3) and was buried there, aged nearly fifty one and a minister for more than twenty years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Tottenham MM in Testimonies 1844, p 29

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Northants QH Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, Samuel (1794-1874)
- 3 Digest of Deaths:

PUBLICATIONS

Thoughts by the Sea-side; or a Friendly address to Sailors, ca. 1825
Jos. Smith's Catalogue, vol 1, 704

SEE ALSO:-

- Memoirs of Maria Fox, London 1846
Annual Monitor 1845, p 54
~~Testimonies from 1801-1847, pp 19, 47~~
The Friend (London) 1844, p 47
J Friends Hist Soc vol 6 (1909) p 132: her ministry
Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 3, p 142n: vol 15, p 145:
vol 21, p 59: vol 23, p 34: Sup 16 & 17 (Pen
Pictures) p 36n, 178

FOX, Maria (1836-1919) born Crewdson

Maria Crewdson, the daughter of Wilson Crewdson (1790-1871 qv) and his wife Margaret (born Robson, 1803-1862 qv) of Chorlton on Medlock in the parish of Manchester, was born there on 17 March 1836(1).

She was married in 1858 to Francis Edward Fox (1834-1914 qv), an under-writer of London and there were ten children(2). The family lived for some years at Tottenham in Middlesex, but in 1870 Francis Fox, for the sake of his wife's health, moved down into Cornwall and shortly afterwards to Uplands, near Plymouth(3).

Maria Fox of Uplands, Crown Hill, South Devon died on 23 January 1919, at the age of eighty two(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a cotton spinner
She was a niece of Isaac Crewdson (1780-1844 qv), the author
of the Beacon
- 2 For marriage and children see Fox, Francis Edward (1834-1914)
- 3 See entry for FOX, Francis Edward (1834-1914)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Francis Edward

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

FOX, Mariana (1807-1863) after 1833 Tuckett

[Mariana Fox, daughter of Robert Were Fox (1754-1818 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Tregelles, 1768-1848 qv) of Falmouth, was married in 1833 to Francis Tuckett (1802-1868 qv).]

See TUCKETT, Mariana (1807-1863) born Fox]

FOX, Mariana Fox (1839-1908) born Tuckett

Mariana Fox Tuckett, the daughter of Francis Tuckett (1802-1868 qv) and his wife Mariana (born Fox, 1807-1863 qv) of Frenchay near Bristol, was born there on 8 May 1839(1).

She was married in 1860 to Joseph Hoyland Fox (1833-1915 qv), a woollen manufacturer and banker of Wellington in Somerset and there were six children(2). They started their married life at Woolcombe, about two miles from Wellington, until about 1867 her husband built The Cleve, a delightful house nearer to the woollen factory(3).

Mariana Fox Fox of The Cleve, Wellington, died on 1 June 1908, at the age of sixty nine(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a leather factor
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, Joseph Hoyland (1833-1915)
- 3 See entry for FOX, Joseph Hoyland (1833-1915)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Joseph Hoyland

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

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FOX, Marion Charlotte (1861-1949)

Marion Charlotte Fox, the daughter of Joseph Hoyland Fox (1833-1915 qv) and his wife Mariana Fox (born Tuckett, 1839-1908 qv) of Woolcombe in Somerset, was born there on 18 August 1861(1). About 1866 her father built The Cleve near Wellington in Somerset and she lived there all her life, in the midst of a large family circle, taking a keen interest in the town and its people. She travelled abroad every year with her parents, bringing home many a well filled sketch book, but her real joy in painting came when she rediscovered her gift under the painter James Pryde.

Although she was from birth a Friend, she made her own personal rediscovery of Quakerism, joining the Summer School movement and the early days of Woodbrooke. She was there for the very first term under the wardenship of Joshua Rowntree (1844-1915 qv) and found much in common with Rendel Harris (1852-1941 qv). During her many subsequent visits, she sometimes acted as housekeeper, being always ready, there and elsewhere, to step into the breach and bring help where needed. She often helped Neave Brayshaw (1861-1940 qv) to shepherd the Young Friends' Tramps. In her own neighbourhood she served as Preparative and Monthly Meeting clerk and as clerk to the Quarterly Meeting Extension and Visitation Committee. She took frequent and acceptable part in meetings for worship. "Her ministry was never glib or easy, being the fruit of much reading, thought and varied experience. She cherished the life in her own Meeting, and rejoiced in the presence of children there." (Testimony)

But as life went on new service opened up for her. During the first world war she worked in the offices of the Friends Emergency Committee for innocent alien enemies and was for a time its secretary; she also served on several other central committees of the Society(2). Directly after the Peace Treaty was signed she was one of the first four Friends to go to Germany, after which she paid constant visits there. She also visited relief workers in France and was twice in Poland. In 1936 she visited America with Elizabeth Fox Howard (1873-1957 qv) and during the Hitler regime she often acted as hostess at the Home of Rest for Nazi victims. She spoke German well and her last visit to the country was in 1938, when she attended the German Yearly Meeting at Bad Pyrmont. On the occasion of her eightieth birthday in 1941 a German refugee who had known her for twenty years, wrote of "her influence and power in spreading love and goodwill among people in distress, both spiritually and otherwise." (The Friend)

Marion Fox remained young in heart to the last and her home, which she shared with her sister Margaret (1867-1957 qv) was a centre for young and old. Her delightful sense of humour never failed and she could always see a streak of light even when things seemed darkest. Her cheerful courage, even when failing health confined her to her bed, made it a delight to be with her. She had to the end a wonderful gift of comradeship and vivid, understanding sympathy.

Marion Charlotte Fox of The Bower, Wellington in Somerset, died on 13 January 1949, at the age of eighty seven(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 107 (1949) p 51

Testimony of West Somerset MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1949, p 252

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a woollen manufacturer
- 2 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library:-

Meeting for Sufferings:	1900-1902: 1909-1911: 1916-1927
Continental	1918-1919
Education	1902-1908
Emergency	1916-1919
FSC	1927-1945
Home Service	
War Victims Relief (1914)	1919-1924
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the daughter of Joseph Hoyland and Mariana

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

SEE ALSO:-

Hubert Fox, ed., Marion Fox, Quaker (portraits)

WBE:

Additional information

FOX, Marion Charlotte (1861-1949)

FOX, Marion Charlotte, 1861-1949

b. Aug. 18, 1861 at Woolcombe, Somerset, Eng.

Marion C. Fox was born 18 August 1861, the daughter of Joseph Hoyland Fox and Mariana Tuckett of Frenchay. She lived all her life in Wellington, in the midst of a large family circle and took a keen interest in the town and its people. She attended the very first term at Woodbrooke under Joshua Rowntree's Wardenship, and found much in common with Rendel Harris. During her many subsequent stays, she sometimes acted as housekeeper, being always ready, there and elsewhere to step into a breach and bring help where needed.

Following World War I she worked in Germany. She

spoke and in her own neighbourhood she served as Preparative and Monthly Meeting Clerk, and as Clerk of the QM Extension and Visitation Committee. She visited America in 1936. During the first war she worked in the London offices of the Emergency Committee for innocent alien enemies, succeeding Anna B. Thomas as Hon. Secretary; and directly peace was signed she was one of the first four Friends to go to Germany, after which she paid frequent visits there. She was often hostess at the Rest Home for victims of Nazi oppression, and in 1938 attended Germany Yearly Meeting.

1936 with Elizabeth Fox Howard she visited America.

'Her ministry was never glib or easy, being the fruit of much reading, thought and varied experience. She cherished the life in her own Meeting, and rejoiced in the presence of children there.'

She died 13 January 1949

Testimony of West Somerset MM in YM Proc. 1949, p.252

The Friend (London), 107(1949):47

Fox, Hugh, ed., Marion Fox, Quaker. (Portraits)

FOX, Marion Elizabeth (1863-1942) born Pease

Marion Elizabeth Pease, the daughter of Henry Pease (1807-1881 qv) and his second wife Mary (born Lloyd, 1826-1909 qv) of Darlington, was born there on 29 December 1863(1).

She was married in 1892 to John Howard Fox (1864-1951 qv) of Wellington in Somerset and there were four children(2).

She gave devoted public service to the town and district of Wellington, her work being of particular benefit to women and children. The Wellington Maternity Home and the Wayfarers' Hospital near Taunton owed much to her inspiration and initiative.

She was a member of the Somerset Public Assistance Committee and the Taunton Area Guardians. A life-long member of the Society of Friends and an elder, she gave constant service in the cause of peace and on behalf of the starving and refugees. She served the Society on the Home Service Committee and the Vagrancy Committee(3).

Marion Elizabeth Fox of Robin's Close, Wellington, died on 14 September 1942, at the age of seventy eight(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 100 (1942) p 563

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a merchant
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, John Howard (1864-1951)
- 3 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library:-
 Home Service
 Vagrancy - 1936/7
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of J. Howard

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 10, p 105: The Golden Rule Calendar, compiled by Marion E. Fox

FOX, Marjorie Ellis (1893 - 1981) b. Gibbins

Marjorie Gibbins was born at Edgbaston, Birmingham on January 28, 1893 the daughter of Richard Cadbury (1846 - 1928 qv.) and Caroline (b. Lloyd 1854 - 1920 qv.) Gibbins.(1) She was educated

at home, and began her local protestant in 1940 to marry Julian Pease Fox ().(2) Julian Fox was a member, later codirector of a family textile firm in Wellington, Somerset and they settled there for the rest of their lives. There she served on many hospital and welfare committees and on national health and hospital boards. She served on the U.K. National Council and was president

FOX, Marion Elizabeth (1864?-1942) born Pease very man reading much
news from his wife now later his sight failed. Her eldest son
Kingsley took his father's place in the family business and her younger
son Ronald became a doctor, thus fulfilling her own dreams which she
Marion Elizabeth Fox, the wife of John Howard Fox of Wellington,
and the daughter of Henry and Mary Pease of Darlington, was born
about 1864.

She gave devoted public service to the town and district of
Wellington, her work being of particular benefit to women and
children. The Wellington Maternity Home and the Wayfarers'
Hospital near Taunton owed much to her inspiration and
initiative.

She was a member of the Somerset Public Assistance Committee and
Taunton Area Guardians. A life-long member of the Society of
Friends and an Elder, she gave constant service in the cause of
peace and on behalf of the starving and refugees.

She died on 24 September 1942, aged 78.

2. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at 1061 Bull Street,
Birmingham on June 17, 1920. He is described as 6/8, widow
PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.100 (1942) p.563

Friends' Committee Room, Friends' No. Library.

Meeting Fox Suffrages 1953 - 54, 1961 - 62.
Agenda Committee 1959/60, 1963 - 1966, 1964 - 65.
Church Govt. Revision 1961 - 1967
Clarks 1961 - 1966
Office Arrangements 1966/7 - 1972
Plymde Education Council 1970 - 1975
Home Service Committee

4. Index of Clerks - Friends No. Library

Wellington P.M. 1936 - 1942
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FOX, Marshall Nathaniel (1873?-1949)

Marshall N. Fox, the son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Fox of Falmouth, was born about 1873.

From 1895 to 1903 he managed the publishing business of Headley Bros., having trained as a printer. He visited China and Ceylon on behalf of the F.P.M.A. and on his return became joint secretary of the F.F.M.A.

In 1906 he married Annie Elizabeth Leslie, Principal of the Girls' High School, Brummana, and the next year was appointed Principal of the Boys' High School there.

In Syria during the 1914-18 war he worked for Armenian refugees and for the Syria and Palestine Relief Fund. Returning to Brummana after the war, he stayed there till 1928. Always concerned for the Armenian refugees, he succeeded in raising money and building cottages for them.

Retiring from F.S.C. in 1929, he and his wife remained in Beirut till 1947, making their home a centre of hospitality.

He died on 24 February 1949, aged 76, at Kelvedon, Essex.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol. 107 (1949) p. 198

FOX, Mary (1687-1725) born Bealing

Mary Bealing, the daughter of Edward Bealing (-) and his wife Alice (born) of Penryn in Cornwall, was born there on 3.vii.[September] 1687(1).

She was married in 1714 to George Fox (1693-1756 qv) of Parr in Cornwall and there were five children(2).

Mary Fox died in sixth month [August] 1725(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, George (1693-1756)
- 3 Cornwall QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of George; the precise date of her death is not given

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

FOX, Mary (Polly) (1744-1781) born Emmett

Polly Emmett, the daughter of Nicholas Emmett (-) and his wife Susanna (born) of St Austell Monthly Meeting, was born on 15.vii.[September] 1744(1).

She was married in 1771 to Benjamin Fox (1744/5-1814 qv) of Parr in Cornwall and there were seven children(2).

Polly Fox of Parr died on 20 June 1781(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, Benjamin (1744/5-1814)
- 3 Cornwall QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Benjamin; the year of her death is wrongly given as 1681

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

FOX, Mary (-1796) born Were

Mary Were, details of whose birth are not at present (1981) traced(1), was the daughter of Thomas Were of Wellington in Somerset(2).

She was married in 1749 to George Croker Fox (1727/8-1781 qv) of Fowey in Cornwall and there were nine children(3). About 1762 the family moved to Falmouth(4).

Mary Fox of Falmouth died on 4 June 1796(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Her age at death is not given. Her birth is not traced in Bristol & Somerset QM, Devonshire QM or Cornwall QM Births Digests
- 2 Joseph Foster, The Descendants of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall, London 1872, p 11
- 3 For marriage and children see FOX, George Croker (1727/8-1781)
- 4 See entry for FOX, George Croker (1727/8-1781)
- 5 Cornwall QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of George C.Fox

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 10, p 200

FOX, Mary (1750-1839)

Mary Fox, the eldest daughter of George Croker Fox (1727/8-1781 qv) and his wife Mary (born Were, -1796 qv) of Fowey and later of Falmouth in Cornwall, was born at Fowey on 13.vi.[August] 1750(1).

Mary Fox of Falmouth died on 26 February 1839, at the age of eighty eight(2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 Digest of Deaths: no description of her is given

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1840, p 15:

"This aged friend kept her bed for about 14 years previous to her death. Though she had been abundant in acts of kindness and charity, yet she was deeply sensible in her last illness, that she had nothing of her own whereon to rely; but her only hope was in the mercy of God through Jesus Christ our Lord . . ."

The remainder of the short entry deals with her death

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

FOX, Mary (1754-1845) after 1782 Armitage

[Mary Fox, daughter of Samuel Fox (-)
and his wife Ann (born
of Nottingham, was married in 1782 to Joseph
Armitage (1755-1843 qv) of Nottingham.

See ARMITAGE, Mary (1754-1845) born Fox]

FOX, Mary (1768-1841) born Brown

Mary Brown, the daughter of John Brown (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Landrake in Cornwall, was born there on 1 or 4 November 1768(1).

She was married in 1792 to Edward Fox (1749-1817 qv), a merchant of Wadebridge in Cornwall and there were seven children(2).

Mary Fox of Gonvena, Wadebridge died on 19 October 1841, at the age of seventy three(3), a widow for about twenty four years.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, Edward (1749-1817)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Edward

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

FOX, Mary (1770-1835) born Tregelles

Mary Tregelles, the daughter of Joseph Tregelles (1727-1795 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Hingston, 1737-1811 qv) of Falmouth in Cornwall, was born there on 3 April 1770(1).

She was married in 1792 to Thomas Were Fox (1766-1844 qv), a merchant of Falmouth and there were four children(2).

Mary Fox of Falmouth died on 26 January 1835, at the age of sixty four(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, Thomas Were (1766-1844)
- 3 Cornwall QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Thomas Were, a merchant; her age at death is given as 65

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1836, p 19: 1 line entry for death

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

WBH:
Additional information

FOX, Mary nee Sanderson 1788-1846

FOX, Mary (1788-1846) born Sanderson

John and Margaret Sanderson.

Mary Fox was the daughter of John and Margaret Sanderson of London and was born there on December 23 1788. She became a minister in 1812, and visited many parts of Great Britain.

She was the first to accompany Elizabeth Fry to Newgate.

In 1821 she married Sylvanus Fox, and made religious visits in following years to Ireland, Scotland, the Shetlands and America.

On 24 December 1846 she died, aged 58, a minister about 36 years, and was buried at Wellington.

visited Ireland.

d. Dec. 29, 1846 at Wellington(?), Eng. aged 58 years.

* [See also] Testimony of West Somerset M.M. in Testimonies 1847, p.1

Testimonies of accused ministers, 12:3

An. Non. (N.S.), 6(1848):42

The Friend (London), 5:20

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FOX, Mary (1788-1846) born Sanderson

Mary Sanderson, the daughter of John Sanderson (1749?-1816 qv) and his wife Margaret, born Shillitoe, of London, was born there on 23 December 1788(1). Her mother died when she was only seven years old, but her father devoted himself to her upbringing on Christian principles and she was remarkable from an early age for the docility of her disposition and her desire to please others. Even in childhood she was of a serious and thoughtful turn of mind and by the time she was about sixteen it was clear that she was being prepared for the service of God; she appeared in the ministry when she was about twenty two. Her testimony was living and powerful and it was clear that her call and qualifications were indeed from the Lord.

She was acknowledged as a minister in 1812, when she was about thirty four and soon afterwards she joined her two friends Martha Smith (1763-1832 qv) and Barbara Hoyle (1764-1829 qv) on a religious visit to the families of Friends in Bristol. From this time onwards she travelled frequently in the service of the ministry in many parts of Great Britain and was the first to accompany Elizabeth Fry on her labours in Newgate gaol. In the intervals of her ministerial journeys she devoted much time to co-operating with Elizabeth Fry and others in measures designed for the reformation of female prisoners.

In 1821 she married Sylvanus Fox (1791-1851 qv) of Wellington and there were seven children of the marriage(2). In spite of the demands made upon her time by her household duties and the care of a growing family, she still often felt herself called from home to travel in the service of the ministry. One of her latest services of this kind was a visit to most of the Friends in Ireland, in company with Rebecca Collins from America. Her doctrine was sound and scriptural, nor was it in words alone that she bore witness to the doctrine which inspired her life; her conduct and conversation testified to the reality of her Christian profession. Always disposed to form a lowly estimate of herself, she habitually avoided everything that tended to detract from the reputation of others, seeking to discover whatever was good in them, rather than dwelling on their faults.

She died at Wellington on 29 December 1846(3), after an illness of about six months; she was aged fifty eight.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1848 pp 42-48

* Her ministerial visits included Ireland, Scotland, the Shetland Isles and America (Testimony)

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FOX, Mary (1788-1846) born Sanderson

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For details of marriage and children see FOX, Sylvanus (1791-1851 or)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Sylvanus

SEE ALSO:-

Testimony of West Somerset MM in Testimonies 1847, p 1

The Friend (London) vol 5 p 20

J Friends Hist Soc vol 20(1923) pp 92-94; letter from M.Grosfield
vol 21(1924) pp 37-40; letters from uncle R.Cookin
vol 22 (1925)pp 69-71; " " " "
vol 23(1926) pp 33-34; " " " "

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 8, p 37: vol 15, pp59,
145: vol 16, pp71,72: vol 19,pp 139: vol 20, pp 17,63: vol 21, p 60:
vol 23, p 89: vol 24 pp 24,78: vol 27,p 31: Supp 16 p 23:
Supp 17, pp 152, 177, 190

N.B. The references to J Friends Hist Soc Supp 16, p 11 and Supp 17, p 208
are incorrect

FOX, Mary (1799-1883)

Mary Fox, the daughter of Edward Fox (1749-1817 qv) and his wife Mary (born Brown, 1768-1841 qv) of Gonvena, Egloshaile in Cornwall, was born there on 10 December 1799(1).

Mary Fox of Plymouth died on 27 May 1883, at the age of eighty three(2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: her father is described as a merchant
- 2 Digest of Deaths: no description of her is given

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1884, p 34: 1 line entry for death

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

FOX, Mary (1803-1863) after 1835 Crouch

[Mary Fox, daughter of Francis Fox (-)
and his wife Ann (born
of Parr in Cornwall, was married in 1835 to
Edward Anson Crouch (1800-1860 qv) of Penzance in
Cornwall.

See CROUCH, Mary (1803-1863) born Fox]

FOX, Mary (1816-1895) after 1841 Cheal

[Mary Fox, daughter of David Fox (1790-1871 qv),
and his wife Sarah (born 1795? - 1828)
of Dewsbury in Yorkshire, was married in 1841 to
John Cheal (1800-1896 qv) of Crawley in Sussex.

See CHEAL, Mary (1816-1895) born Fox]

FOX, Mary (1835-1892) after 1854 Pease

[Mary Fox, daughter of Alfred Fox (1794-1874 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Lloyd, 1804-1890 qv) of Falmouth, was married in 1854 to Joseph Whitwell Pease (1828-1903 qv).]

See PEASE, Mary (1835-1892) born Fox]

FOX, Mary Augusta (1861?-1945) after 1892 Burtt

[Mary A.Fox, daughter of T.B.Fox of Devizes in
Wiltshire, was married in 1892 to Edward John
Burtt (1860-1938 qv) of Gloucester.

Son BURTT, Mary Augusta (1861?-1945) born Fox]

FOX, Mary Catherine (1843-1934)

Mary Catherine Fox, the daughter of George Fox (1796-1862 qv) and his wife Rachel Collier (born Hingston, 1799-1885 qv) of Kingsbridge in Devonshire, was born there on 18 November 1843(1). She had a happy childhood among a large family of brothers and sisters and often spoke of riding exploits with her father.

When her parents moved to Plymouth, she and her sister Charlotte (1832-1920 qv) entered whole-heartedly into religious work, taking a special interest in Bible classes and institute work among seamen and the police, and also in much other philanthropic work. One of her enduring interests was in the Seamen's Bethel on the Plymouth Barbican. She gave faithful service in her classes for the fisher boys, who were proud to be known as "one of Miss Fox's boys." She was treasurer of the Colportage Association and supported the Bible Society and her time was so fully occupied that she seemed to ignore her home comforts.

She was a regular attender at Mutley Meeting. Hers was a life of quiet and happy service with the aim of doing good to all who came in contact with her.

Mary Catherine Fox of 2 Anglesey Villas, Ford Park, Plymouth died on 9 February 1934, at the age of ninety(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 92 (1934) p 160

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as a banker
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster

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

FOX, Mary Catherine (1843-1934)

Mary Catherine Fox, daughter of George and ~~and~~ Rachel Collier Fox, of Wadebridge, Kingsbridge and Plymouth, was born at Kingsbridge on 16 November 1843 (1).

In Plymouth, Mary and her sister Charlotte entered whole-heartedly into religious work, especially Bible classes and institute work among seamen and police. One of her longest interests was in the Seamen's Bethel on the Plymouth Barbican.

She was regular in attending Mutley Meeting. Hers was a life of quiet and happy service with the aim of doing good to all who came in contact with her.

She died on 9 February 1934 at Ford Park, Plymouth, aged 90.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.92 (1934) p.160

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- (1) Digest of Birth Notes: her father is described as banker.

Mary Jane Fox, the daughter of Francis Fox (1797-1862 qv) and his wife Rachel (born Womersley, 1795?-1855 qv) of Bruce Grove, Tottenham, was born there on 27 June 1831(1). Her childhood was shared by an only brother, Francis Edward Fox (1834- 1914 qv) and their mutual joy in the open air, in natural history and in sketching in their Tottenham circle and on their holidays in Cornwall is reflected in her early journals.

She was married in 1864 to her cousin Alfred Lloyd Fox (1829-1885 qv) of Falmouth in Cornwall and there were three children(2). After her marriage she became one of the family circle at Falmouth and her country home Penmore, a house with a pleasant garden and small farm about a mile from Falmouth, quickly became a centre of hospitality and kindness. She took an active part in the intellectual and philanthropic life of the neighbourhood and in spite of her full family life she shared her husband's many interests in social and religious work. His close connection with the Friends' Mission at Brumana was a special feature in the family life and from the time of his visit to the Lebanon in 1867 he and his wife took a deep and lifelong interest in the progress of the mission. During this period Mary Jane Fox felt a call to the ministry and was recorded a minister by West Cornwall Monthly Meeting on 17 December 1878, at the same time as her husband(3).

After her husband's death in 1885 she and her three sons moved to London, where she began attending Westminster Meeting. As a minister and elder she took a much valued part in the life of the meeting and of the little Notting Hill Gate Evening Meeting, which was often held at her house; "it is much when a gift in the ministry can bring, through its messages, a sense of the reality of eternal things, it is more when, as in this case, the life of the minister is the greater and more convincing evidence of that supreme fact."(Testimony)

On the question of peace she maintained an unshaken position. For about thirty years she was treasurer of the Peace Union and both as treasurer and member of the committee she was admirable. In presiding at meetings she showed the rare faculty of uniting firmness of purpose and power of clear statement with a gentle persuasiveness of manner. When the time came for uniting the Peace Union with the Peace Society she entirely approved of the change, although this ended her work as treasurer; she was appointed president of the Peace Union Committee of the Peace Society.

Both in Falmouth and in London her hospitality extended not only to her relatives and friends, but to young people and strangers attending her meeting. She was always cheerful and good-humoured and took a most intelligent interest in the affairs of the world.

Mary Jane Fox of 17 Campden Hill Gardens, London died on 21 October 1919, at the age of eighty eight(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 59 (1919) p 698

Annual Monitor 1919-20, pp 125-137

Testimony of Westminster & Longford MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1920
p 272

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a tea dealer
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, Alfred Lloyd (1829-1885)
- 3 Friends House Library List of recorded ministers 1861-1924
- 4 Digest of Deaths: p 884 is s/t three lines in the notice of her death. The Friend (1919) p 698.

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

"Her parents...lived at Elmsea, Tottenham, and from her birth in 1831 till her marriage in 1864, she was brought up in the cultured circle of Friends, which included the Hodgkins, Binnses, Howards and Fowlers" (The Friend ns vol 59 (1919) p 698). Annual monitor 1919/20 pp 126-7 also comments on the Tottenham background including an observation that "though music was forbidden it is told that Amelia Opie taught the young Mary Jane singing". She was present at the coronation processions both of Queen Victoria and Edward VII

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Additional information

FOX, Mary Jane,

1831-1919

b. FOX, Mary Jane (1831-1919) born Fox
daughter of Francis and Rachel Fox. Her ³

Mary Jane Fox was born 27 June 1831, the daughter of Francis and Rachel Fox of Tottenham.

Her childhood was shared by an only brother, Francis Edward Fox, their mutual joy in the open air, in natural history, in sketching, in their Tottenham circle and in their holidays in Cornwall, is reflected in her early journals.

In 1864 she married Alfred Lloyd Fox of Falmouth meeting and fully shared her husband's concern for the establishment of the Friends missions at Brumana and Ramallah. During this period she felt a call to the ministry and received encouragement from the older Friends of her meeting - she was recorded a minister in 1878.

After her husband's death in 1885 she, and her three sons, moved to London where she began attending West-^{18 years.} minister meeting. Her ministry was greatly valued: 'it is much when a gift in the ministry can bring, though its messages, a sense of the reality of eternal things, it is more when, as in this case, the life of the minister is the greater and more convincing evidence of that supreme fact'.

One of Mary Jane Fox's chief interests was the 'Peace Union' for which she worked for thirty years - her correspondence with its supporters was greatly valued.

Both in Falmouth and in London, her hospitality extended, not only to her kindred and friends, but to young people and strangers attending her meeting. Towards the end of her life a meeting for worship was held at her home on Sunday evenings.

She died 21 October 1919.

Testimony of Westminster & Longford MM in YM Proc. 1920, p. 272

WBE:

FOX, Nathaniel

1835-1910

b. 1835, Falmouth, Eng., son of Joseph and Anna Peters Tregelles Fox. He was delicate in early life. Apprenticed to an ironmonger.

m. 1857 to Elizabeth Cox (d. 1905). 11 children.

1865 elected Mayor.

1870 His home ~~and~~ shop destroyed by fire. The house which replaced the former building proved a wholesome and pleasant home. The family were active in the affairs of the Society of Friends. N.F. a Liberal in politics. He also served as a Magistrate.

Was Clerk of Mo. Mtg. for 10 years. He was naturally reserved, never putting himself forward.

d. April 1, 1910 at Falmouth and was buried at Burdock, aged 74 years.

The Friend (London), 50(1910):239 (portrait)

An. Mon. (N.S.), 98(1911):75 (portrait)

FOX, Newberry (1906?-1979)

see FOX, George Newberry (1906?-1979)

FOX, Olivia Lloyd (1868-1950)

Olivia Lloyd (Ivy) Fox, the elder daughter of Howard Fox F.G.S.(1836-1922 qv) and his wife Olivia Blanche, born Orme, of Rosehill in Falmouth, was born on 5 February 1868(1).

Except for a few years at Newnham College, Cambridge, she spent all her life at Rosehill. She was an ardent Liberal and was for thirty years a Poor Law Guardian.

She joined the Society of Friends during the first world war(2) and, a convinced pacifist, took her full share of the work of the Society in a quiet way. She was an elder and an overseer, regularly attended business meetings and served on the Meeting for Sufferings and the Friends Service Council(3).

At Rosehill she and her sister Stella (1876-1954 qv) entertained generously and presented part of their tropical garden to the town of Falmouth. In later years her increasing blindness was borne with gallant courage.

Olivia Lloyd Fox of Rosehill, Falmouth died on 3 March 1950, at the age of eighty two(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 108 (1950) p 195

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson, vol 2, p 444
- 2 Devon & Cornwall QM printed lists of members: she is shown as a member in 1915, but not in 1914 (p 35)
- 3 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library:-
Meeting for Sufferings:- 1930-1940
Friends Service Council:- 1930-1942
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the daughter of the late Howard and Blanche

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 28, p 66

FOX, Olivia Lloyd (1868-1950)

Olivia Lloyd Fox was born on 5 February 1868, the elder daughter of Howard Fox, F.G.S., and Olivia Blanche Orme.

Except for a few years at Newnham College, Cambridge, she spent all her life at Rosehill. An ardent Liberal, she was for 30 years a Poor Law Guardian.

She joined the Society Of Friends during the First World War, and, a convinced pacifist, took her full share of the work of the society in a quiet way, as Elder and Overseer and in business meetings.

At Rosehill she and her sister entertained generously and presented part of their tropical garden to the town of Falmouth. In later years her increasing blindness was borne with gallant courage.

She died on 3 March 1950, and was buried at Friends Ground at Budock.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.108 (1950) p.195

FOX, Philip (1755-1775)

Philip Fox, the son of George Croker Fox (1727/8-1781 qv) and his wife Mary (born Were, -1796 qv) of Fowey and later of Falmouth in Cornwall, was born at Fowey on 5 December 1755(1).

He died unmarried in 1775, at the age of twenty(2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 Joseph Foster, The Descendants of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall, London 1872, p 11: his death is not traced in Cornwall QM Burials Digest

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

FOX, Polly (1744-1781) born Emmett

See FOX, Mary (Polly) (1744-1781) born Emmett

FOX, Rachel (1739 or 1740-1761) after 1760 Hingston

[Rachel Fox, daughter of George Fox (-) and his
second wife Anna (born Debell,) of Cornwall,
was married in 1760 to John Hingston (1735/6 or 1736/7-1816 qv).]

See HINGSTON, Rachel (1739 or 1740-1761) born Fox]

FOX, Rachel (1795?-1855) born Womersley

Rachel Womersley, the daughter of Robert and Jane Womersley of Minster in Kent, was born about the year 1795(1).

She was married in 1830 to Francis Fox (1797-1862 qv), a wholesale tea dealer of London and there were two children(2).

Rachel Fox of Lordship Lane, Tottenham died on 17 November 1855, at the age of sixty(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 60 at death. Her birth is not traced in Kent QM or London & Middlesex QM Births Digests
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, Francis (1797-1862)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Francis

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

FOX, Rachel (1802-1882) born Crewdson

Rachel Crewdson, the daughter of William Dillworth Crewdson (1774-1851 qv) and his wife Deborah (born Braithwaite,) of Highgate in the parish of Kirkby Kendal in Westmorland, was born there on 31 January 1802(1).

She was married in 1833 to Henry Fox (1800-1876 qv), a woollen manufacturer of Wellington in Somerset and there were two children(2).

She and her husband left the Society at the time of the Beacon controversy in 1835(3).

Rachel Fox died at Wellington on 25 July 1882, at the age of eighty(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Westmorland QM Births Digest: her father is described as a banker
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, Henry (1800-1876)
- 3 J Friends Hist Soc vol 24 (1927) p 28
- 4 Descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson, vol 3, p 572: her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

FOX, Rachel Anna (1830-1927) after 1860 Gibbins

[Rachel Anna Fox, daughter of George Fox (1796-1882 qv) and his wife Rachel Collier (born Hingston, 1799-1885 qv) of Plymouth, was married in 1860 to Henry Bevington Gibbins (1830-1910 qv).]

See GIBBINS, Rachel Anna (1830-1927) born Fox]

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FOX, Rachel Collier (1799-1885) born Hingston

Rachel Collier Hingston, the second daughter of Joseph Hingston (-) and his wife Catherine (born) of Dodbrook in Devonshire, was born there on 30 August 1799(1). She was given a careful religious education and her thoughts were early turned to the love of God and the uncertainty of life. She was married in 1819, in her twentieth year, to George Fox (1796-1882 qv), a merchant of Wadebridge in Cornwall and there were thirteen children(2). Her happy marriage lasted for over sixty two years.

She had much in her lot which might have led her from an internal life to an external one. Her attractiveness of person and character made her much admired among a large and lively circle of relatives and friends and as a young bride in her husband's home in Cornwall she had the opportunity of frequent worldly intercourse. But while cherishing the association of those she loved she had an intense inner conviction that she would be called to the ministry and she kept before her always the knowledge of her high calling to serve God. She first spoke in the ministry at Wadebridge and was recorded a minister by West Devon Monthly Meeting in April 1854. Her testimonies were brief, but often proved to be messages of strength and comfort to her friends.

It was mostly in the ministry of daily life that she served her Lord. Her meeting was small, but she was not narrow in her sympathies and while she was most steadfastly attached to the Society, she found a varied sphere for her charity among members of other denominations. When the family moved to Kingsbridge in Devonshire, where her husband became a banker, she organised a night school for the working lads of the town and found in this connection frequent opportunities for religious instruction. She also organised tract distribution around Kingsbridge, but as she was not well enough to undertake it herself she entrusted the work to her children. Quite late in life she opened at the meeting house a Sunday class for young women in service or other employment and taught in it herself.

She took a warm interest in missionary work and accounts from Spain especially interested her, as she had lost a son serving there. Her correspondence with her absent children was marked by much tenderness and discrimination and as her life drew towards its close she was deeply grateful for the affectionate care she received from her daughters.

Rachel Collier Fox of Compton Gifford in Devonshire died on 22 May 1885, at the age of eighty five(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1886, pp 45-52

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Devon QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given, but he is described as a merchant in the entry for her sister Catherine
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, George (1796-1882)
- 3 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of George

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

FOX, Rachel Cookworthy (1792-1879) born Prideaux

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Rachel Cookworthy Prideaux, the daughter of George Prideaux (-) and his wife Anna (born) of Kingsbridge in Devonshire, was born there on 20 July 1792(1).

She was married in 1815 to Robert Were Fox (1792-1872 qv) and there were eleven children(2). At the time of her marriage her husband was a banker at Plymouth, but he followed a number of occupations during his lifetime, necessitating frequent removals, before he settled down to practise as a dentist in Exeter(3).

Rachel Cookworthy Fox died on 23 December 1879 at Exeter(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Devon QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, Robert Were (1792-1872)
- 3 See entry for FOX, Robert Were (1792-1872)
- 4 Annual Monitor 1881, p 61: 3 line entry for death. Her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

FOX, Rachel Elizabeth (1833-1923) after 1854 Fox, after 1867 Tuckett

[Rachel Elizabeth Fox, daughter of Alfred Fox (1794-1874 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Lloyd, 1804-1890 qv) of Falmouth, was married firstly in 1854 to Samuel Lindoe Fox (1830-1862 qv). She married secondly in 1867 Philip Debell Tuckett (1833-1894 qv).]

See TUCKETT, Rachel Elizabeth (1833-1923) formerly Fox, born Fox]

FOX, Rachel Juliet (1858-1939) born Fowler

Rachel Juliet Fowler, the daughter of Henry Fowler (1823 - 1880) and his wife Ann Ford (born Barclay, 1822-1913 qv) of Glebelands, Woodford in Essex, was born there on 11 January 1858(1).

After her schooldays she lived at home, sharing a social life with a large circle of relations and friends and helping in philanthropic interests. She had a great interest in the Bible, both spiritually and intellectually / and from time to time she spoke in Wanstead Meeting.

She was married in 1862 to George Henry Fox (1845-1931 qv), a merchant of Falmouth in Cornwall and there were seven children(2). Rachel was active and strong and joined her children in bathing, walking, cycling, tennis and many other pursuits. She was very hospitable and entertained continually, both at Wodehouse Place, the family's first home, and later at their lovely house at Glendurgan.

She attended Falmouth Meeting regularly and took part in the ministry. She and her husband unfailingly supported monthly and quarterly meetings and for many years she never missed attending London Yearly Meeting. When opportunities occurred she spoke at Friends' schools and served on several of the central committees of the Society(3).

She read widely, especially on subjects which bore on Bible history and revelation and about 1913 she became convinced of the truth of the writings of Joanna Southcott. As a result she felt impelled to leave Friends and she joined the Church of England in 1919, becoming the first president of the Panacea Society, which she helped to found. She did not, however, formally resign her membership of the Society of Friends until 1926(4).

Rachel Juliet Fox of 8 Rothsay Gardens, Bedford, died on 13 August 1939, at the age of eighty one and was buried at Budock in Cornwall(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 97 (1939) p 738

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: her father is described as an ironfounder
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, George Henry (1845-1931)
- 3 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library:-
 - Meeting for Sufferings - 1907-1926
 - Education - 1902-1926
 - Home Service
- 4 Devon & Cornwall QM printed lists of members: she is shown as a member of Falmouth Meeting in 1925, but not in 1926. She resigned her committee membership in 1926
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of George Henry

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 3, p 78: A Plea for Mysticism
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 11, p 125

FOX, Rachel Juliet (1858-1939) born Fowler

Rachel J. Fox was born on 11 January 1858, the seventh of the ten children of Henry and Ann Ford Fowler of Glebelands, Woodford, Essex.

In 1882 she married George Henry Fox and moved to Falmouth, where she attended the Meeting and ministered. She and her husband supported Monthly and Quarterly Meetings and rarely missed Yearly Meetings. Rachel also gave talks at Friends' Schools.

After about 1903 she broke with Friends and joined the Church of England, convinced by the writings of Joanna Southcott. Her new beliefs led to her becoming the first President of the Panacea Society.

A great reader, she studied the Bible both intellectually and devotionally. She had a deep appreciation of the beauties of nature, and, being active and strong, joined her children in their pursuits.

She died at Bedford on 13 August 1939, aged 81.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.97 (1939) p.758

WBE:

FOX, Rachel Tregelles, later WORSDELL, ca. 1864-1934.

SEE WORSDELL, Rachel T., nee FOX, ca. 1864-1934.

FOX, Rebecca (1801-1880) born Payne

Rebecca Payne, the daughter of James and Susannah Payne of Southwark, was born there on 13 July 1801(1). She was educated at Ackworth School from 1811 to 1815(2) and after leaving school lived in London with her parents until the death of her mother, when she was about twenty one. They had been most tenderly attached to one another and her mother's death made a deep impression on Rebecca, renewing in her a determination to dedicate her life to the Lord's service. Soon afterwards she left London for Dewsbury in Yorkshire, to help a Friend in his business.

She was married in 1829 to David Fox (1790-1871 qv), a widower of Dewsbury and there were eight children(3); she also became step-mother to the five surviving children of her husband's first marriage. She lived a very busy life, but both she and her husband strove to fulfil their social obligations and were regular in their attendance at meetings for worship, both on Sunday and during the week. Rebecca became an active and valued member of her monthly meeting and in due time was appointed an overseer and an elder.

In 1871 she and her husband moved to Ayton in Yorkshire, to be near some of their married children, but only six weeks later David Fox died very suddenly. Rebecca survived him for nine years, dying at Great Ayton on 30 June 1880, at the age of seventy eight(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1881 pp 61-64

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father is described as a baker
- 2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, London 1879, p 73
- 3 For marriage and children see FOX, David (1790-1871)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of David

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

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FOX, Rebecca Phillips (1793-1875)

Rebecca Phillips Fox, the youngest daughter of George Fox (1746-1816 qv) and his second wife Frances, born James, of Perran Wharf in Cornwall, was born there on 12 April 1793(1). She had a sheltered childhood, in marked contrast to the wandering life which was subsequently to be hers, but throughout all the changes and contrasts of her environment she retained a gentle, loving character and shared with her sister the care of their brother's motherless children.

She left her home in 1822 and a long life of varied scenes and frequent illness followed. During her wanderings she was for a time in Kendal, where she was acknowledged a minister by Kendal Monthly Meeting in 1848. Owing to her frequent sickness and infirmity, her ministry was much curtailed and was given in the private counsel of a wise and loving heart rather than in public testimony. But the meetings of ministers and elders, held in her quiet room, were often times of strong mutual comfort. The greatest sorrow in her life was the death in 1861 of her sister Anna, to whom she was very close.

In 1862 she moved finally to Kendal, where the last years of her life were spent. Among many friends there she found true companionship and what might have been a lonely life was made one of thankfulness and kindly intercourse. "It is as a faithful servant of Christ, who, though withdrawn from active service, retained a lively interest in His cause, that she is now chiefly remembered. Her wise counsel, as well as the cementing influence of her cordial love, remained to be precious to her friends." (Testimony)

She retained her clearness of mind until the end of her days, until at the age of eighty two Rebecca Phillips Fox passed peacefully away on 2 January 1875(2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1876, pp 79-84

Testimony of Kendal MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1875, p xvii

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: her father is described as a merchant
- 2 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster

SEE ALSO:- The Friend vol 15 (1875) p 52: 4 line entry for death

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

FOX, Rebecca Phillips (1793-1875)

Rebecca Phillips Fox was born on 12 April 1793 at Perran Wharf, Cornwall, the daughter of George and Frances Fox (1). She was recorded a minister by Kendal Monthly Meeting in 1848, though she was for many years an invalid and unable to attend meetings.

'It is as a faithful servant of Christ, who, though withdrawn from active service, retained a lively interest in His cause, that she is now chiefly remembered. Her wise counsel, as well as the cementing influence of her cordial love, remained to be precious to her friends.'

She died 2 January 1875, aged 81 years.

Testimony of Kendal MM in YM Proc. 1875, p.xvii

References and notes

1 Cornwall Births Digest

WBE:
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FOX, Rebecca Phillips, ca. 1793-1875

An. Mon. (N.S.), 34(1876):79

The Friend (London), 15(1875):52

FOX, Reynolds (1840-1915)

Richard Fox, the son of Joseph Fox (1729/30-1797/8) and his wife Elizabeth (born 1733-1802 av), of Gloucester, was born there on 7 September.

See FOX, Richard Reynolds (1840-1915)

He was married to Louisa a widow(?) and was a pilot in the port of Gloucester (1851, 1861, 1871) of family (?) there were five or six children.
Richard Fox of Gloucester died on 15 February 1881, at the age of seventy-six(?)

JOSEPH FOX
Joseph Fox, son of Richard Dignett, his father's occupation is not known, but he was a member of Parliament, see entry for John Dignett (1729/30-1785).
He was a member of his wife's family, some
of whom resided in Gloucester Street, WC on 18 August 1785. He is described
as a Gentleman. The son of Joseph and Elizabeth Dignett, 1785, of Gloucester, is the first
mention of Joseph and Elizabeth Dignett, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Dignett
is mentioned in 1792, as Mrs Anna Dignett.
Joseph Fox married Anne, nee Dignett, in Gloucester, Gloucestershire 1772, p. 15
of Gloucester 28 May 1772 A. M. 1772, and 21
June 1772 25 Sept 1772
Elizabeth 22 Sept 1772 28 Dec 1772, born 21
Aug 1771 21 Jan 1773, son of
R. Fox 1772 28 Dec 1772 21 Aug 1773, son of
Elizabeth Dignett, 1772, of Gloucester, Dignett is given in
the 1801 Gloucester census as

Richard Dignett, he is described as a Gentleman of Gloucester.

JOSEPH FOX
The following information is from a letter dated 27 June 1881:

FOX, Richard Hingston (1787-1818)

Richard Hingston Fox, the son of Richard Fox (1764-1841 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Forster, 1757-1833 qv) of Falmouth, was born there on 30 June 1787(1).

Like his father, he became a surgeon at Falmouth(2).

Richard Hingston Fox of Falmouth died unmarried(3) on 11 April 1818, at the age of thirty(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father is described as a surgeon
- 2 He is so described in his burial entry, note 4
- 3 Joseph Foster, Pedigree of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall, London 1872, p 13
- 4 Cornwall QM Burials Digest: he is described as a surgeon

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

FOX, Richard Hingston (1853-1924)

R.Hingston Fox, the fourth child of Joseph John Fox (1821-1897 qv) and his wife Sarah Angell (born Allen, 1827-1912 qv) of Stoke Newington in Middlesex, was born there on 2 February 1853(1). For generations there had been a doctor in the Falmouth family of Fox and R.Hingston Fox was fifth in direct succession in the medical profession. He had the good fortune to be brought up in a remarkable home. His father was a man of wide learning and his mother a beautiful, gifted and deeply religious woman. He took his medical course at the London Hospital where in 1874, at the early age of twenty one, he qualified as M.R.C.S. and L.S.A., as well as winning scholarships in scientific subjects. Ten years later he took the M.D.Brux. and the M.R.C.P. London and a Fellowship was conferred on him shortly before his death(2).

From an early age Hingston Fox had been his father's helper and companion and an early experience was his work for the War Victims' Fund in 1870, during the Franco-Prussian War. After qualifying he was for a number of years in general practice in Finsbury Park and also built up a city practice at Finsbury Square. In 1879 he was married to Elizabeth Tyler (1852-1928 qv), the daughter of Charles Tyler (1816-1902 qv), the first editor of The Friend(3) and there were seven children(4).

He was active in foreign mission work and for many years he acted as honorary physician to St Luke's Medical Mission in Bunhill Row, to the Friends' Syrian Mission, to which he paid a lengthened visit in 1892 with William Clarkson Allen (1846-1908 qv), and other philanthropic bodies. He was a member of the London Committee of the Lebanon Hospital for Mental Diseases. He was also interested in life assurance and was a member of the Assurance Medical Society and medical officer to the Friends' Provident Institution and the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution.

(1919) / At the beginning of his medical career he had joined the Hunterian Society, of which throughout his life he continued to be an active member, holding in turn all the offices and contributing many papers to its meetings. He was deeply interested in the history of his profession and his monograph on William Hunter was followed by Dr John Fothergill and His Friends, an intimate study of eighteenth century life and character and a labour of love to which he devoted his leisure time over some years. At the time of his death he had almost completed The History of the Hunterian Society; he possessed a great capacity for taking pains and the historian's insight into the work and character of individuals. He was also acutely sensitive to the movement of thought of his own time and his attitude towards human problems, even after the devastation of war, was optimistic and hopeful. He was a not infrequent contributor to The Friend and his work appeared in the Friends Quarterly Examiner from time to time. In 1923 he was

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FOX, Richard Hingston (1853-1924)

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president of the Friends Historical Society.

In 1902 Dr Hingston Fox gave up general practice and moved to Gordon Square. A year or two later his health, never very robust, led to the surrender of his city practice and he took rooms in Harley Street, conducting a general consulting practice and living in turn at Hampstead, Golders Green and Jordans village. He was leader of the Adult School at Stoke Newington.

He was essentially a student and his interests were wide. He enjoyed translating from Hebrew and Greek texts, maintaining the original thought and rhythm. He believed in regular pursuits and an ordered way of life, which included time for walking, on which he was a most interesting companion, and among his hobbies were antiquities, birds, botany and above all books, with which in his home and his consulting room he was everywhere surrounded. Cautious, retiring, deliberate of speech and wise in judgment, behind his reserve there were warm feelings and quick insight, which won him many friends. He was a lifelong member of the Society of Friends and was for many years a member of the Friends Foreign Mission Board, the Friends Council for International Service on behalf of which he visited the Eisenau Conference in 1923, the Home Service Committee and served on the Meeting for Sufferings ~~definitely~~ from 1884 to 1904(5) and ~~probably~~ in all for nearly fifty years.

as an
appointed
member /

Devonshire House,

He was at various times a member of Westminster & Longford, ~~Hampstead~~ and Luton & Leighton Monthly Meetings. He was greatly valued as an elder and had long been acknowledged a minister of the Society(6); his contributions were always marked by thoughtfulness and depth. He invariably set some time apart each morning for quiet meditation and the hours set apart, as well as his attendance at meetings for worship, were a source of great strength to him and contributed to the balanced view of life which many found so helpful.

After a severe operation and a very brief illness Dr R.Hingston Fox of The Haven, Jordans Village, Beaconsfield, died on 20 April 1924 at the age of seventy one(7).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 44 (1924) pp 354-356

Testimony of Luton & Leighton MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings
1925, p 173

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a surgeon
- 2 The Friend vol 63 (1923) p 330
- 3 The wedding was at Manchester on 5 June 1879: he is described as a bachelor, a surgeon of South Hornsey, the son of Joseph John Fox, a surgeon; she is described as a spinster of Manchester, the daughter of Charles Tylor, out of business (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Lydia	b 8 June 1880	who m 1920 William George Grant NM
*Mary	b 20 Aug 1882	
*Margaret	b 25 July 1883	
Joseph Tylor qv	b 11 Jan 1885	who m 1912 Elsie Lilla Gilbert
*Elizabeth Allen	b 12 Aug 1886	
*Anna	b 16 Aug 1887	
*Helen	b 5 June 1892	
- 5 *No marriages recorded in the Digest of Marriages to 1941
- 6 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library + Recorded a minister 15 July 1886 by Devonshire House MM: Friends House Library List of recorded ministers 1861-1924
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a physician

SEE ALSO:--

Obituaries in Times 25 April 1924, Lancet 26 April 1924,
Christian 1 May 1924 (Friends House NEWS 092.3 Fox)
 Jordans PM: Richard Kingston Fox, a testimony (Box 271)

Friends House Library

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

+ Ministers were ex-officio members of the Meeting

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FOX, Richard Hingston (1853-1924)

Richard Hingston Fox was born at Stoke Newington on 2 February 1853, the third child of Joseph John and Sarah Angell Allen Fox. His father was a surgeon. He studied medicine at London Hospital and took his diploma when only 21 years old. He went into general practice at Finsbury Park. Early in his career he became medical officer to the Friends' Provident Institution. In middle age he became a consultant in order to economise his physical powers which were never robust. He was elected a F.R.C.P. (1)

On 5 June 1879 he married Elizabeth Tylor, daughter of Charles Tylor the first editor of The Friend. There were 7 children (2).

He had literary gifts, and in 1919 published Dr. Fothergill and his Friends. He also translated texts from Greek and Hebrew. In 1923 he was president of Friends Historical Society.

He was active in foreign mission work, being a member of the Friends' Syrian Mission Committee. He visited Lebanon in 1892 with William Clarkson Allen. He was physician to the Friends Foreign Mission Committee and was a member of the London Committee of the Lebanon Hospital for Mental Diseases.

He was a member of the Friends Council for International Service, and in 1923 visited the Eisenach Conference. He was a member of Meeting for Sufferings for nearly 50 years, and was at various times a member of Westminster and Longford, Hampstead and Jordans/ MMs. At Stoke Newington he was leader of the Adult School. He was greatly valued as an elder.
Luton & Leighton

Richard Hingston Fox died on 20 April 1924.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:-

Testimony of Luton & Leighton MM in YM Proc. 1925, p.173

REFERENCES AND NOTES:-

- 1 See note in Friend vol. 63 (1923) p.330
- 2 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows:-

Lydia	born 8 June 1880
Mary	born 20 August 1882
Margaret	born 25 July 1883
Joseph Tylor	born 11 January 1885
Elizabeth Allen	born 12 August 1886
Anna	born 16 August 1887
Helen	born 5 June 1892

SEE ALSO:-

Obituaries in Times 25.iv.1924, Lancet 26.iv.1924, Christian 1.v.1924
(Friends House NEWS 092.3 Fox)

Friend vol. 64 (1924) pp.345, 354

Jordans PM: Richard Hingston Fox, a testimony (Box 271)

Additional information

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FOX, Richard Hingston (1853-1924)

Richard Hingston Fox was married in 1879 to Elizabeth Tylor (1852-1928 qv), the daughter of Charles Tylor (1816-1902 qv)(1); there were seven children(2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Manchester on 5 June 1879: he is described as a bachelor, a surgeon of South Harrow, the son of Joseph John Fox, a surgeon; she is described as a spinster of Manchester, the daughter of Charles Tylor, out of business (Digest of Marriages)
- 2 Listed in the Digests of Births and Marriages as follows:-

Lydia	b 8 June 1880	who m 1920 William George Grant NM
Mary	b 20 Aug 1882	no marriage traced to 1941
Margaret	b 25 July 1883	no marriage traced to 1941
Joseph Tylor	b 11 Jan 1885	who m 1912 Elsie Lilla Gilbert
Elizabeth Allen	b 12 Aug 1886	no marriage traced to 1941
Anna	b 16 Aug 1887	no marriage traced to 1941
Helen	b 5 June 1892	no marriage traced to 1941

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FOX, Richard Hingston, 1853-1924

b. 1853 at Stoke Newington, England, son of [Joseph] BC
John and Sarah Angell (Allen) Fox.

1870, worked for War Victims Fund.

ed. at Eondon Hospital and entered general practice at
Finsbury Park.

Visited Syria.

Medical Officer of Friends' Provident Inst.

m. 1879 to Elizabeth Tyler of Brighton. They had one
son and six daughters. Acknowledged a minister. /

1902 he gave up medical practice. Dr. Fox was
essentially a student. He read the Bible in Greek and
Hebrew. He was never robust in health.

His publications include: Theophilus Waldmeier in
1916-17, John Fothergill and his friends, in 1919, and
The History of the Hunterian Society, also 1919.

d. April 20, 1924 at Jordans, Beaconsfield, aged 71 years.

The Friend (London), 64(1924):350 and 355(portrait)

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FOX, Richard Reynolds (1840-1915)

R. Reynolds Fox, the son of George Fox (1796-1882 qv) and his wife Rachel Collier (born Hingston, 1799-1885 qv) of Kingsbridge in Devonshire, was born there on 27 March 1840(1). He had a happy childhood in the beautiful Devon countryside and was surrounded by the sweet and loving Christian influence of his parents and his home. One of his brothers spoke of the happy Saturday afternoons when, with a pony placed at their disposal by their father, he and Reynolds enjoyed their first experience of tract distribution among the pretty villages of south Devon. Reynolds was educated at home and later attended Benjamin Abbott's school at Hitchin in Hertfordshire.

After a brief period in his father's bank and subsequently with Joseph Pease (1799-1872 qv) at Darlington, he was articled to a firm of solicitors at Bristol, followed by further training under Joseph Bevan Braithwaite (1818-1905 qv) in London. While in Bristol he undertook the care of one of the senior classes of boys at the Friars and many of his letters home show not only his warm interest in his pupils, but his concern for their spiritual welfare.

He was married in 1867 to Frances Elizabeth Crewdson (1839-1922 qv) of Lancashire(2), but the marriage was childless(3). In the following year he settled as a solicitor at Plymouth and his beautiful country house became both a source of inspiration and a resting place for those called to the Lord's service.

He worked hard in Plymouth to promote the cause of temperance and the social uplifting of the town and neighbourhood. He was at various times president of the Band of Hope, the Temperance Association, the Town Mission, the Seamen's Bethel and other societies. He was one of the governors of the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital and rarely missed a meeting. He took a deep interest in the cause of education and before their absorption by the Education Authority he was an active member of the Free Schools. He supported the work of the Bible Society and the Young Men's Christian Association and his lovely grounds at Westbrook were at the disposal of many religious and philanthropic societies for garden parties and annual gatherings. In 1873, with the help of his cousin Francis Edward Fox (1834-1914 qv), he established an evening meeting at Westbrook. At Crown Hill, near his home, he provided a coffee shop and temperance club for the young men of the village; he was one of the founders of the Crown Hill Convalescent Home and acted as its secretary until he died.

He was an invaluable counsellor and helper. There were few of the Society's interests in which he did not take an active part and there were few questions of policy or administration in which his advice was not sought. For many years he acted on the Boards of the Friends' Syrian Mission and the Friends' Foreign Mission Association, while the Friends' Home Mission Committee had from its inception his earnest and sympathetic support.

About eighteen months before his death he gave up the position of clerk to the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight, which he had held for twenty years. As an overseer and elder he discharged his duties with sympathetic wisdom and his judgment was careful and discriminating. He

frequently spoke in meetings for worship, which were enriched by his reverent spirit. He set a good example in his interest in all that concerned West Devon Meeting. He was regular in attendance at meetings for worship and business and encouraged all members to participate in this service as one of the duties of membership. Although evangelical in his views, his convictions were supported by Christian courtesy and not by controversy, and were characterised by the breadth of thought which accompanied all his work. He was deeply attached to the Society, but he had close friends both in the Anglican and Free Church communities. He radiated a spirit of cheerfulness and love.

R. Reynolds Fox of Westbrook, Crown Hill in Devonshire, died on 11 October 1915, at the age of seventy five(4). Representatives of different churches and men of all grades of society were present at his funeral.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1916, pp 58-64

The Friend vol 15 (1915) pp 832-833

Testimony of West Devon MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1916, p 253

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a banker
- 2 The wedding was at Manchester on 3 October 1867: he is described as a bachelor, a solicitor of 6 Richmond Terrace, Clifton, Bristol, the son of George Fox, a banker; she is described as a spinster of Southside, Whalley Range, Manchester, the daughter of Wilson Crewdson, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
- 3 No children are traced in the Digest of Births or given in Joseph Foster, The Descendants of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall, London 1872, p 10
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a solicitor

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc Sup 34 ("The Other Branch") p 56: anti-Hicksite in his views

FOX, Richard Reynolds (1840 - 1915)

Richard Reynolds Fox was born at Kingsbridge ~~the~~ 27 March 1840 to George and Rachel Fox.

In 1867 he married Frances Elizabeth Crewdson of Manchester; the following year the couple settled at Plymouth, where he was a solicitor. There, for nearly fifty years, he advocated the causes of peace and temperance and many others directed to the uplifting of mankind. He was a governor of the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital and was a founder-member and secretary of the Crownhill Convalescent Home.

Reynolds Fox was an elder and overseer of Plymouth meeting, setting a good example in his interest in all that concerned West Devon meeting. He was regular in attendance at meetings for worship and business and encouraged all members to participate in this service as one of the duties of membership.

The home at Westbrooke was frequently opened for gatherings of a social and philanthropic nature; it was here that he died the 11 October 1915.

Testimony of West Devon MM in YM Proc. 1916, p.253

WBE:
Additional information

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FOX, Richard Reynolds, 1840-1915

b. 1840, at Kingsbridge, Devon, England, son of
George and Rachel Fox.

ed. by private tuition at home and in the school
of Benjamin Abbott at Hitchin.

Employed in his father's bank; later with Joseph
Pease at Darlington.

Articled to solicitors in Bristol, and later worked in
the London chambers of J. Bevan Braithwaite.

m. 1867 to Elizabeth Crewdson of Manchester.

1868 solicitor at Plymouth.

1873, established mission at Westbrook. Was active in
meeting concerns. Worked for temperance and social uplift.
Was an Elder and an Overseer. Was good to the poor.

d. Nov. 10, 1915 in Plymouth at age 75 years.

An. Mon. (N.S.) 104(1916):58 (portrait)

The Friend (London), 55(1916):833 (portrait)

FOX, Robert Barclay (1873-1934)

Robert Barclay Fox was born on 24 July 1875, the only son of Robert and Ellen (Bassett) Fox.

He was educated at Winchester and Magdalen College, Oxford where his keenness in sport made him outstandingly popular.

The duties he performed in and around Falmouth were wide and varied. In 1920 he was High Sheriff of Cornwall; for many years he was an Alderman of the County Council and was a chairman of several schools as well as a director of the old Falmouth Docks Company. He was Consul for Denmark and Vice-Consul for Norway, ^{Germany} and Finland.

In 1900 he married his cousin Margaret ("Peggy") Bassett and her death in 1928 left him very lonely. As he grew older, gardening and horticulture became increasingly interesting to him.

His death was keenly felt by the Meeting at Falmouth, to which he had always set a "standard". Having supported the Church of England as well as Friends, both shared in his funeral service.

He died on 22 April 1934 aged 61, and was buried in Friends Burial Ground at Budock.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.92 (1934) p.388

WBE:

FOX, Robert Barclay, 1873-1934

b. July 24, 1873 at Falmouth, son of Robert and Ellen (Bassett) Fox.

ed. at Winchester and Magdalen College, Oxford.

Keen for soccer and tennis and cricket. In tennis he was at times champion of Cornwall.

Held posts as High Sheriff, Alderman, Director of Old Falmouth Docks. Also served as Consul for Denmark, Vice-Consul for Germany, Norway and Finland.

He was senior partner in G.C.Fox & Co.

1900 m. to Margaret Bassett, who died in 1928.

R.B.F gave financial support to Church of England and to the Society of Friends. Of late years regularly attended Friends Meeting, Falmouth.

d. April 22, 1934 of a heart attack at Grove Hill, Falmouth, aged 60 years.

The Friend (London), 92(1934):378, 388(portrait)

FOX, Robert Fortescue (1853-1940)

R. Fortescue Fox, the son of Joseph John Fox (1821-1897 qv) and his wife Sarah Angell (born Allen, 1822-1912 qv) of Stoke Newington in Middlesex, was born there on 24 December 1853(1). As a small boy he was red-haired and like quicksilver; he was educated at a dame school and at London University.

Like his brothers he entered medicine, studying at the London Hospital Medical School and after receiving his M.D. he was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. In 1883 he sailed as a ship's surgeon on a voyage to China, but in 1884 for reasons of health he settled at Strathpeffer in Scotland, where he became well known as a specialist in medical spa treatment. He became absorbed in the problem of chronic rheumatism and the small spa which he conducted attracted over ten thousand patients a year. Each winter he travelled on the Continent, studying mineral springs. While in Scotland he married in 1885 Katherine Stewart MacDougall, the daughter of the Rev. W. S. MacDougall of Strathpeffer(2) and there were six children(3).

In middle life he returned to London, where as a general physician he continued to specialise in the treatment of rheumatism. He was the founder and president of the International Society of Hydrology and president of the League against Rheumatism. As first chairman of the Red Cross Clinic for rheumatism, his reputation was so great that he was asked to produce the invaluable official handbook of the British Health Resorts Association. He was editor of Archives of medical hydrology.

Eminent in his profession, he won a high place in public estimation and the effect of his skill, knowledge and devotion at home and abroad was inestimable. He was a pioneer in redirecting English medicine towards rehabilitation, prevention and healing. A persistent seeker after truth, he faithfully pursued his Quaker principles in his life and practice and he was greatly beloved. He served as medical director of the Enham Village Centre for disabled soldiers and gave many other services.

R. Fortescue Fox of 12 Chester Terrace Mews, Regents Park, NW 1, died on 15 June 1940, at the age of eighty one(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

The Friend vol 98 (1940) p 395

Friends Quarterly Examiner vol 74 p 252

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father is described as a surgeon
- 2 C.Y.Sturge (ed.) Leaves from the past, 1905, slip 1: the marriage is not traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 3 C.Y.Sturge, op cit: the children are not traced in the Digest of Births:-

Constance Mary	b 1886
Hilda Angell	b 1887
Charlotte Iris	b 1890
William Fortescue	b 1892 who d 1897
Andrew Stewart	b 1893
Theodore Fortescue	b 1899
- No marriages are traced for any of these children in the Digest of Marriages to 1941
- 4 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a physician

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

FOX, Robert Fortescue (1858-1940)

Robert Fortescue Fox, the son of Dr. Joseph John and Sarah Angell Fox, was born on 24 December 1858 at Stoke Newington.

Like his brothers he entered medicine, studying at the London Hospital Medical School. Subsequent to receiving his M.D. he was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

Settling at Strathpeffer in Scotland he became well-known as a specialist in medical spa treatment. In middle life he returned to London, where as a general physician he specialised in rheumatism.

He was the founder and ~~first~~ President of the International Society of Hydrology and president of the League against rheumatism. First chairman of the Red Cross Clinic for rheumatism, his reputation was so great that he was asked to produce the invaluable official handbook of the British Health Resorts Association.

Eminent in his profession, he won a high place in public estimation and the effect of his skill, knowledge and devotion at home and abroad is inestimable. He was a pioneer in redirecting English medicine towards rehabilitation, prevention and healing.

A persistent seeker after truth, he faithfully pursued his Quaker principles in his life and practice.

He died in London on 15 June 1940.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.98 (1940) p.395

WBE:

FOX, Robert Fortescue, 1858-1940

b. Dec. 24, 1858 at Stoke Newington, Eng., son of Joseph John and Sarah Angell (Allen) Fox. As a small boy was red-haired and like quicksilver.

ed. at a dame school and London Univ. and London Hospital.

1883 sailed as ship's surgeon on voyage to China.

1884 for reasons of health took an appointment at Strathpeffer, Rossshire. He became absorbed in the problem of chronic rheumatism. Had a little spa which attracted over 10,000 patients in a year. Each winter he travelled on the Continent studying mineral springs.

He became president of the International Society of Hydrology and also of the International League against Rheumatism.

Served as Medical Director of the Enham Village Centre for disabled soldiers.

Author of Official Handbook of the British Health Resorts Association.

Editor of Archives of Medical Hydrology. Many other services, also. He was greatly beloved.

d. June 15, 1940 in London, England, aged 82 years.

Frds. Qu. Exam, 74:252

The Friend (London), 98(1940):395

FOX, Robert Were (1754-1818)

Robert Were Fox, the son of George Croker Fox (1727/8-1781 qv) and his wife Mary (born Were, -1796 qv) of Fowey and later of Falmouth in Cornwall, was born at Fowey on 5 September 1754(1).

He became a merchant at Falmouth(2) and was married in 1788 to Elizabeth Tregelles (1768-1848 qv) of Falmouth(3); there were ten children(4). He was appointed by George Washington as American Consul at Falmouth(5).

Robert Were Fox of Falmouth died on 2 November 1818, at the age of sixty four and was buried at Spiceland(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall M 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 Falmouth on 2 July 1788: he is described as a merchant of Falmouth in Cornwall, the son of George Croker and Mary Fox of Falmouth; she is described as the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Tregelles of Falmouth (Cornwall QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Cornwall QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests, the Digests of Marriages and Deaths and given in Joseph Foster, The Descendants of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall, London 1872, p 11 as follows:-

Robert Were qv	b 26 April 1789	m 1814 Maria Barclay (1785-1858 qv) (Sussex & Surrey QM)
George Philip	b 26 March 1790	died sp 2 Oct 1854
Joshua qv	b 17 April 1792	m pre 1824 Joanna Mary Flanner
Alfred qv	b 9 Sept 1794	m 1828 Sarah Lloyd (1804-1890 qv (Warwick, Leics. & Rutland QM)
Henry Francis	b 26 Dec 1795	d 9 Dec 1809
Charles qv	b 22 Dec 1797	m 1825 Sarah Hustler (1800-1882 qv) (Westmorland QM Marriages)
Charlotte qv	b 18 Aug 1799	m 1849 Samuel Fox (1794-1874 qv)
Elizabeth		
Tregelles qv	b 22 Oct 1800	m 1833 William Gibbins (1791-1843 qv)
Lewis qv	b 15 Feb 1803	d 6 Dec 1839, aged 36
Mariana qv	b 12 Jan 1807	m 1833 Francis Tuckett (1802 - 1868 qv)
- 5 London Friends Institute, Biographical Catalogue, p 250
- 6 Cornwall M Burials Digest: he is described as a merchant

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1820, p 24: 1 line entry for death
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc Sup 17 (Ten Pictures) p 177

FOX, Robert Were (1754-1818)

Robert Were Fox, the son of George Croker and Mary Fox of Fowey was born on 5 September 1754 (1). He was a merchant. He married Elizabeth Tregelles (1768-1848, qv) on 2 July 1788 at Falmouth (2); there were 10 children (3). He died on 2 November 1818 aged 64 years, and was buried at Spiceland (4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest
- 2 Cornwall QM Marriages Digest
- 3 Listed in Cornwall QM Births Digest as follows:
Robert Were, qv born 26 April 1789
George Phillip born 26 March 1790
Joshua, qv born 17 April 1792
Alfred, qv born 9 Sept 1792 1794
Charles, qv born 22 Dec 1797
Charlotte, qv born 18 Aug 1799 af tw. Fox
Henry Francis born 26 Dec 1795 died 9 Dec 1809
Elizabeth Tregelles born 22 Oct 1800 m William Gibbins on 29 March 1833
Lewis born 15 Feb 1803
Mariana born 12 Jan 1807 n. Francis Tuckett on 29 March 1833
- 4 Cornwall QM Burials Digest

WBE:

FOX, Robert Were (Sr.), 1754-1818

b. Fowey, Cornwall, July 5, 1754, son of George Croker and Mary Fox.

A merchant of Falmouth.

1788 m. to Elizabeth Tregelles. They had a large family.

R.W.Fox was appointed by George Washington as American Consul at Falmouth.

d. in 1818 at the age of 64 years.

FOX, Robert Were (1758-1793)

Robert Were Fox, the son of Edward Fox (1719- qv) and his wife Anna (born Were, 1719-1788 qv) of Minver Meeting, was born at Wadebridge in Cornwall(1) on 23 December 1758(2).

He became a merchant at Wadebridge(3) and was married in 1790 to Dorothy Hingston (1766-1842 qv) of Devonshire(4); there were three children(5).

Robert Were Fox of Wadebridge died on 24 October 1793 at the age of thirty four and was buried at Tregangeves(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Joseph Foster, Pedigree of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall, London 1872, p 10
- 2 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 3 He is so described in the birth entries for his children
- 4 The wedding was on 28 April 1790; he is described as of Wadebridge; she is described as the daughter of John and Rachel Hingston. No further information is given (Devonshire QM Marriages Digest)
The Robert Were Fox born 1754 who was the son of George Croker and Mary Fox had married Elizabeth Tregelles on 2 July 1788
- 5 Listed in Cornwall QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests as follows:-
*Dorothy b 16 June 1791
Robert Were qv b 14 Nov 1792 m 1815 Rachel Cookworth Prideaux
Rachel Anna b 24 March 1794 d 23 March 1796
*No marriage traced in Cornwall QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1850
- 6 Cornwall 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

FOX, Robert Were (1789-1877)

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Robert Were Fox, the son of Robert Were Fox (1754-1818 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Tregelles, 1768-1848 qv) of Falmouth in Cornwall, was born there on 26 April 1789(1). His father was a merchant of Falmouth and Robert was educated at home, but when he entered his father's counting

house he pursued his education. The bent of his mind and the influence of his tutors combined to guide him towards the study of physical science and he was greatly influenced by the work of his fellow Cornishman Sir Humphry Davy and by John Dalton (1766-1844 qv).

FOX, Robert Were (1758-1793)

Robert Were Fox, the son of Edward and Anna born Were Fox, of Minver meeting, was born on 23 December 1758 (1). He married Dorothy Hingston on 28 April 1790 (2): there were 3 children (3).

He was a merchant. research; his favourite subjects were at first the nature of his profession and the world around him, and the work he

He died on 24 October 1793 aged 34 years and was buried at Tregongeeves.(4) the Royal Society. The results of his work were recorded in

the transactions of the Royal, the Geological and other societies. As the distribution of the mineral treasures of his native county more and more attracted his attention, he was led through geology to magnetism and the two points on which he contributed most successfully to the then current knowledge were improvements in the dipping needle, which led to more accurate observation at sea, and his theory of the connection between magnetic currents and the deposit of minerals in the earth's crust.

His research did not narrow his mind and he had a wide interest in every movement for the relief of human suffering. The Bible Society and the British Union School had his steady support and as an old man his kindly manner with the young was most marked. He was conscientiously attached to the principles of the Society of Friends and faithful in their support, although he was diffident in expressing his opinions freely in meetings for discipline and was always humble and reticent about his religious experiences. He was an elder of his quarterly meeting for more than fifty years. He accompanied his wife, who was a minister, on her visits to Friends in the south of France and his visits to Portugal in the anti-slavery cause and to Spain with other delegates for the promotion of religious liberty had his

REFERENCES & NOTES:

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest
- 2 Cornwall QM Marriages Digest. He is described as of Wadebridge. His parents' names are not given, but the Robert Were Fox born 1764 who was the son of George Croker and Mary Fox had married one Mary Elizabeth Tregelles on 2 July 1788. Dorothy Hingston was the daughter of John and Rachel Hingston.
- 3 Listed in Cornwall QM Births Digest as follows:
Dorothy born 16 June 1791
Robert Were qv born 14 Nov 1792
Rachel Anna born 24 March 1794 died 23 March 1796
- 4 Cornwall QM Burials Digest

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the humble faith and childlike simplicity of the Christian philosopher became increasingly apparent." (Testimony)

His health had been delicate in middle age, but it seemed to improve as old age approached and at eighty he was vigorous in both mind and body. From about the age of eighty five he was troubled with three years of intermittent illness. Robert Were Fox of Penjerrick near Falmouth died on 25 July 1877, at the age of eighty eight(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1878, pp 82-91

Testimony of Devon & Cornwall QM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings 1878, p vii
London Friends Institute Biographical Catalogue, 1888, pp 251-254

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Dorking on 28 April 1814: he is described as a merchant of Falmouth in Cornwall, the son of Robert Were and Elizabeth Fox of Falmouth; she is described as the daughter of Robert and Rachel Barclay of Bury Hill in Surrey (Sussex & Surrey QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Cornwall QM Births, the Digests of Marriages and Deaths and given in Joseph Foster, The Descendants of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall, London 1872, p 11 as follows:-

*Anna Maria b 21 Feb 1816
 Robert Barclay b 6 Sept 1817 m 1844 Jane Gurney Backhouse
 (1814-1860)

Caroline b 24 May 1819 d unmarried 12 Jan 1871

*No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1880 or given in
 Joseph Foster, loc cit

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

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 50, p 260: letters from J.S.Mill

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 7, pp 30, 32n: vol 8, p 38
 vol 53, p 187

FOX, Robert Were (1789-1877)

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Robert Were Fox was born at Falmouth on 26 April 1789, the son of Robert Were and Elizabeth Fox. (1) He was an elder of his Quarterly Meeting for more than fifty years. He was conscientiously attached to the principles of the Society, and faithful in their support, though diffident in expressing his opinions freely in meetings for discipline.

'Gifted with a spirit of research and clear reasoning powers, he attained early in life to considerable eminence as a man of science, and was brought into intimate intercourse with many of his most distinguished contemporaries. As he learned more and more of the works of the Creator, the humble faith and childlike simplicity of the Christian philosopher became increasingly apparent.'

Robert Were Fox died 25 July 1877 in his eighty eighth year.

Testimony of Devon & Cornwall QM in YM Proc. 1878, p.vii

References and notes

1 Cornwall QM Births Digest. He is to be distinguished from Robert Were Fox born at Wadebridge 14 November 1792, the son of Robert Were and Dorothy Fox (ihid)

WBE:

Additional information

FOX, Robert Were (Jr.), 1789-1877

b. 1789, Falmouth (?), England, son of Robert Were and Elizabeth (Tregelles) Fox.

A successful merchant. Interested in science, and in high pressure steam, temperature in mines, and in distribution of minerals in Cornwall, also geology and magnetism.

1814 married Maria Barclay (See also Maria Barclay FOX) of Bury Hill. She died in 1869. 1 son, daughters.

R.W.F. was interested in Bible Schools and British Union Schools. Had a lovely garden in the glade of Penjerrick.

1827 an Elder, a post he held for more than 50 years.

1848 made Fellow of the Royal Society.

1855 death of his only son in Egypt.

1871, death of his daughter Caroline.

1875 commemorated his 86th birthday by distributing "Paragraph Bibles" to near relations and servants.

d. July 25, 1877 at Penjerrick, near Falmouth in his 88th year.

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An. Mon. (N.S.), 36(1878):82

FOX, Robert Were (1792-1872)

Robert Were Fox, the son of Robert Were Fox (1758-1793 qv) and his wife Dorothy (born Hingston, 1766-1842 qv) of Wadebridge in the parish of Egloshaile in Cornwall, was born there on 14 November 1792(1).

He was married in 1815 to Rachel Cookworthy Prideaux (1792-1879 qv) (2) and there were eleven children(3).

He tried many means of making a livelihood. At the time of his marriage he was a banker at Plymouth(4) and continued in this occupation until about 1818, when he is described as a merchant of Plymouth(5). By 1820 he had become a land surveyor at Kingsbridge in Devonshire(6), but about 1824 he had a brief period as a confectioner at Bristol(7). By 1829 he was practising as a dentist in Exeter and he continued in this occupation for the rest of his life(8).

Robert Were Fox of Mount Radford, Exeter, died on 27 August 1872, at the age of seventy nine and was buried at Kingsbridge(9).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father is described as a merchant
- 2 The wedding was at Kingsbridge on 13 March 1815: he is described as a banker of Plymouth, the son of Robert Were (deceased) and Dorothy of Wadebridge in Cornwall; no description of her is given (Devon QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Devonshire QM Births and Burials Digests, Bristol & Somerset QM Births and Burials Digests, Sidcot Register 1808-1958, pp 76-77, the Digest of Deaths and in Joseph Foster, The Descendants of Francis Fox of St Germans, London 1872, p 10 as follows:-

Robert Were qv	b 22 Jan 1816	m 1842 Sarah Sturge (1816- qv)
*Rachel Prideaux	b 1 Feb 1817	m 1848 Charlotte Monkhouse
Francis	b 12 Sept 1818	
Charles Prideaux*	b 22 Oct 1820	
George Frederic qv	b 21 Feb 1822	m 1850 Sarah Anne Newsom (1827?-1906 qv)
William Cookworthy	b 27 April 1824	d 10 Dec 1824
Sylvanus Bevan	b 1825	d unmarried 12 Dec 1912
Octavius Annesley	b 28 July 1829	m 1865 Miriam Simmons
John Hingston	b 22 Dec 1830	m 1860 Frances Monkhouse
Walter Henry	b 22 May 1834	d 20 Aug 1835

Devonshire QM Burials Digest gives also William Henry, who died 8 Aug 1832, aged 5 years
- *No marriage traced in the Digest of Marriages to 1903
- +He became a Roman Catholic priest: see Joseph Foster, loc cit
- 4 He is so described in his marriage entry and in the birth entries of his two eldest children
- 5 He is so described in the birth entry of his son Francis
- 6 He is so described in the birth entries of his sons Charles Prideaux and George Frederic
- 7 He is so described in the birth entry for his son William Cookworthy
- 8 He is so described in the birth entries for his three youngest sons and in his burial entry, note 9
- 9 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired dentist

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

FOX, Robert Were (1816-1859)

Robert Were Fox, the eldest son of Robert Were Fox (1792-1872 qv) and his wife Rachel Cookworthy (born Prideaux, 1792-1879 qv) of Plymouth, Kingsbridge and Exeter in Devonshire, was born at Plymouth on 22 January 1816(1).

He became a dentist(2) and was married in 1816

of Bristol(3), but the marriage was apparently nullified(4).

Robert Were Fox of Park Street, Bristol died on 25 May 1859, at the age of forty seven and was buried at Hockliffe, Gloucester in Gloucestershire(5).

FOX, Robert Were (1792-1872)

(1792-1872, qv)

Robert Were Fox, the son of Robert Were and Dorothy (born Hingston) Fox, was born at Wadebridge on 14 November 1792 (1). He married Rachel Cookworthy Prideaux at Kingsbridge on 13 March 1815 (2); there were 11 children (3).

He is described successively as banker, merchant, land surveyor and, from 1829, dentist. For some years after his marriage he lived at Plymouth, later moving to Kingsbridge and, about 1829, to Exeter.

He died on 27 October 1872 aged 80 and was buried at Kingsbridge (4).

D.N. There is no reference to him in Friends Burial Books (1-4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

1 Cornwall QM Births Digest

2 Devonshire QM Marriages Digest

3 Listed in Devonshire QM Births Digest as follows:

Robert Were qv born 22 Jan 1816

Rachel Prideaux born 1 Feb 1817

Francis born 12 Sep 1818

Charles Prideaux born 22 Oct 1820

George Frederick born 21 Feb 1822

Octavius Annesley born 28 July 1829

John Hingston born 22 Dec 1830

Walter Henry born 22 May 1834

died 20 Aug 1835

and in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest:

William Cookworthy born 27 April 1824

died 10 Dec 1824

Devonshire QM Burials Digest has an entry:

William Henry

died 8 Aug 1832 aged 5 yrs.

Another child, not recorded in the Births Digest of Devonshire or

Cornwall QMs is mentioned in Joseph Foster A revised genealogical

account of ... families descended from Francis Fox of St Germans

etc, 1872 p 10:

Sylvanus Bevan born 1825

4 Digest of Burial Notes

WBB:

FOX, Samuel

1781-1868

FOX, Robert Were (1816-1859) f William and Mary

Fox.

Robert Were Fox, the son of Robert Were (1792-1872, qv) and Rachel Cookworthy (born Prideaux) Fox was born at Plymouth on 22 January 1816 ^{8/}(1). On April 1842 he married Sarah Sturge, daughter of Young and Sarah Sturge of Bristol (2); there were no children.

A Secretary of the Nottingham Anti-Slavery Ass'n.,

He was a dentist.(3).

and an Adult School pioneer.

shire He died on 23 May 1859 aged 43 years and was buried at Hazle Olveston, Gloucester(4).

rise at five."

d. Aug. 6, 1868 at Nottingham about age 87.

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

1 Devonshire QM Births Digest.

2 Digest of Marriage Registers. Sarah Sturge was born at Bristol on 23 July 1816 - Bristol and Somerset QM Births Digest.

3 He is so described at the time of his marriage.

4 Digest of Burial Notes.

The Friend (London), 7(1868):271.

REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-
 *Benjamin Middleton b 8 Feb 1828
 Samuel Lindoe b 6 June 1830 m 1854 Rachel Elizabeth Fox
 Joseph Hoyland qv b 18 April 1833 m 1860 Mariana Fox Tuckett /x
- 5 The wedding was at Falmouth on 18 April 1849: he is described as a widower, a woollen manufacturer of Tottenham, the son of Thomas Fox, a woollen manufacturer; she is described as a spinster of Falmouth, the daughter of Robert Were Fox, a merchant (Digest of Marriages)
- 6 No children are traced in the Digest of Births, but she was past child-bearing age at the time of her marriage
- 7 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

SEE ALSO:-

- Annual Monitor 1876, p 78: 2 line entry for death
Pike, Quaker Anecdotes 1880
 Jonathan Dymond 1907
Fox, Woollen manufacture at Wellington, Somerset, 1914
J Friends Hist Soc vol 6 (1909) p 132: his ministry
 Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 3, p 142n: vol 15, p 145:
 vol 21, p 59: vol 23, p 34: Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 36n
 Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 178
Biographical Catalogue, p 261

N.B. The Annual Monitor 1876, pp 177-185 does not differ substantially from the Testimony, but adds the following:- "Samuel Fox was ever a promoter of Peace, both in its more extended bearing as affecting the interests of nations as well as in the daily affairs of life, not unfrequently taking to himself the blessed office of Peacemaker. He was one of a deputation of Friends who waited on Lord Aberdeen and Sir Robert Peel, at the time that the Oregon question threatened a war between England and America, with an earnest appeal in favour of an amicable settlement."

FOX, Samuel (1794-1874)

Samuel Fox was born at Wellington, Somerset, in 1794, the eleventh of the fifteen children of Thomas and Sarah Fox.

He was recorded as a minister in 1827, and at the same time received a certificate for visiting Dublin Yearly Meeting and the Half Year's Meeting of South Wales. In 1827 he married Maria Middleton and in company with her visited many of the Quarterly Meetings. In 1837 he removed with his wife and family to London, residing at Tottenham for nearly thirty years. Maria Fox died in 1844, and in 1849 Samuel married Charlotte Fox, of Falmouth. He retired from business in 1857, his main object being to devote more time to religious and philanthropic objects and in 1866 he and his wife moved to Falmouth.

Samuel Fox supported many societies for the promotion of peace and education; he was treasurer of the Friends' Tract Society and revised many of its tracts. He was deeply interested in the Temperance Society and was a member of the general committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

He was a member of Meeting for Sufferings and of many of its committees; he attended Yearly Meeting regularly, taking a prominent part in its deliberations; he was a member of the conference of 1833 for preparing a new edition of the Book of Extracts, and of the committee appointed in 1860 to revise that volume. 'It was instructive to witness the calm, modest, Christian dignity with which he stated his conclusions (not hastily formed), and the readiness with which he forbore to press his own views when the reasons on which he based them failed to convince others.'

'The ministry of our dear friend was much valued amongst us. It was clear, sound, practical and edifying, and while weighty and impressive, not diffuse in words. In prayer, whether in the congregation or in the family circle, he was especially weighty.'

He died 28 December 1874.

Testimony of West Cornwall MM in YM Proc. 1875, p.xiii

Additional information

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FOX, Samuel (1794-1874)

Samuel Fox, who married Maria Middleton in 1827(1) had three children(2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at Southampton on 16 May 1827: he is described as a woollen manufacturer of Wellington in Somerset, the son of Thomas and Sarah Fox of Wellington; she is described as the daughter of Benjamin and Tabitha, of Wellingborough, Northants (Dorset & Hants QM Marriages Digest)
- 2 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest as follows:-
 Benjamin Middleton b 8 Feb 1828
 Samuel Lindoe b 6 June 1830
 Joseph Hoyland qv b 18 April 1833

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 6 (1909) p 132; his ministry
Incidental references in vol 3, p 142n; vol 15, p 145; vol 21, p 59;
vol 23, p 34; Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 36n
Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 178

WBE:
Additional information

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FOX, Samuel, 1794-1874

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AN. M&N. (N.S.), 34(1876):78

The Friend (London), 15:52

Samuel Mickle Fox

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Elected 7/1788

Cookworthy

William Cookworthy (1705-1780 qv) and his
son of West Division of Devonshire Monthly
738(1).

Fox (1736-1769 qv) and there were three

brothers. She died March 1814, at the age of seventy six(3), a

daughter's occupation is not given
Francis (1736-1769)
description of her is given

References in J Friends Hist Soc vol 3, p 85: vol 17, p 43

FOX, Sarah (1759-1833) born Smith

Sarah Smith, the daughter of Thomas Smith (1725-1792 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Underwood, 1735-1778 qv) of Lombard Street in London, was born there on 25 March 1759(1).

She was married in 1783 to Thomas Fox (1747/8-1821 qv), a woollen manufacturer of Wellington in Somerset and there were fifteen children(2). They lived at first in a modest house in South Street, Wellington, until Thomas Fox built a commodious house near his mill at Tonedale, about a mile out of Wellington, which had a farm attached.

Sarah Fox was practical and courageous, a good housekeeper and very hospitable, keeping open house for travelling Friends. She enjoyed visiting the farm, which she did almost daily. She always wore a muslin cap, neckerchief crossed at the breast, short sleeves, long mittens and velvet shoes and was affectionately known to everyone as 'Madam'. She and her husband kept an open mind about the spread of evangelicalism and she was once seen sitting on the shafts of a dung putt in a farm yard, earnestly listening to the words of an itinerant minister.

She was a careful and affectionate mother. Her sons were all educated at the Friends' school at Milverton, together with Tuckett cousins from Bristol and Fox and Tregelles cousins from Falmouth, all of whom Sarah provided with harpers and saw into the coach for home at the beginning of the school holidays.

She survived her husband for about twelve years. Sarah Fox of Wellington died on 9 April 1833, at the age of seventy four(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Hubert Fox, Quaker Homespun, London 1958, pp 60-63, 116, 124

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, Thomas (1747/8-1821)
- 3 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: she is described as a widow

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1834, Supplement, p 144: 2 line entry for death

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 11, p 126:
Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) p 81

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FOX, Sarah (1761-1833) born Birkbeck

Sarah Birkbeck, the daughter of John Birkbeck (1722/3-1761) and his wife Sarah (born Wilson, 1726/7-1773) of Settle in Yorkshire, was born there on 11 October 1761(1). She was orphaned at the age of thirteen.

She spent some time at Ackworth, but in 1793 she left the school to join her friend Sarah Harrison (1746-1812 qv) of North America for a five year long sequence of journeys around Great Britain. She was called to the ministry in 1797; herministry was of an "affectionate & persuasive character." Her time at Ackworth had given her a deep interest in education, which lasted for the rest of her life.

She was married in 1799 to Francis Fox (1765-1812 qv), a chemist of Plymouth and there were two children(2). After her marriage, which left her early widowed with a young daughter, she did not travel much, except on social visits, sometimes of several months' duration.

She fell ill in 1829 and her health gradually declined. Sarah Fox of Plymouth died on 30 October 1833, at the age of seventy two(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of West Devonshire MM in TCMD vol 6, p 44

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, Francis (1765-1812)
- 3 Devonshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the widow of Francis

SEE ALSO:-

- Birkbecks of Westmorland, 1900
Wormall Diary (MS in Friends House Library)
J Friends Hist Soc Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) pp 25-26
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 13, p 15

S.B. Foster, The pedigree of Wilson of High Wray, 1890, p 94

- p 117,
* Robert Birkbeck, The Birkbecks of Westmorland, 1900, incorrectly describes her as "leaving issue one son and one daughter": the son had died in infancy in 1804

FOX

~~BIRKBECK~~, Sarah (1761-1833) born Birkbeck

Sarah Birkbeck was the daughter of John and Sarah (Wilson) Birkbeck of Settle, Yorks. She married in 1799 Francis Fox of Plymouth. Before her marriage she accompanied Sarah Harrison on her travels while in this country.

Birkbecks of Westmorland. 1900
J. Friends hist. soc. vol. 13, 15
Wormall Diray (MS in Friends House)

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) pp. 25-6

In 1793 she left Ackworth and joined her friend Sarah Harrison of North America, for a 5-year long sequence of journeys around Great Britain. In 1799 she married Francis Fox of Plymouth. After this time she did not travel except on social visits (of several months duration). Her ministry was of an infectious and persuasive character. In 1829 she fell ill, and gradually declined; and she died in 1833, aged 72.

see also next sheet

FOX, Sarah (1800-1882) born Hustler

Sarah Hustler, the daughter of William Hustler (1766-1802 qv) and his wife Jane (born Fell, 1768- qv) of Undercliffe near Bradford in Yorkshire, was born there on 8 August 1800(1).

She was married in 1825 to Charles Fox (1797-1878 qv), a merchant of Perran-Arworthall in Cornwall and there were two children(2). At the time of her marriage she was living at Ulverston in ~~Westmorland~~(3). Lancashire

Sarah Fox of Trebah Constantine in Cornwall died on 19 February 1882, at the age of eighty one and was buried at Budock(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, Charles (1797-1878)
- 3 See note 3 in entry for FOX, Charles (1797-1878)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of Charles

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1883, p 41: 2 line entry for death
Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 8, p 9n

FOX, Sarah (1802-1883) after 1825 Crewdson

[Sarah Fox, daughter of Francis Fox (1765-1812 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Birkbeck, 1761-1833 qv) of Plymouth, was married in 1825 to William Dillworth Crewdson (1799-1878 qv).]

See CREWDSON, Sarah (1802-1883) born Fox]

FOX, Sarah (1805-1886) born Crewdson

Sarah Crewdson, the daughter of William Dillworth Crewdson (1774-1851 qv) and his wife Deborah (born Braithwaite,) of Kendal in Westmorland, was born there on 22 March 1805(1).

(1801-1860 qv), a woollen manufacturer

FOX, Sarah (1804-1890) born Lloyd

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Sarah Lloyd, the daughter of Samuel Lloyd I (1768-1849 qv) and his wife Rachel, born Braithwaite of Kendal (1768-1854 qv), of Birmingham and Farm, was born in Birmingham on 25 November 1804(1). She was married in 1828 to Alfred Fox of Falmouth (1794-1874 qv) and there were twelve children of the marriage(2).

Sarah Fox lived a matriarchal life at Falmouth. Besides bringing up twelve children, she ran two large households at Wodehouse Place and Glendurgan and coped magnificently with her husband's habit of bringing half a dozen or more sea captains unexpectedly home to dinner. She lived a busy, active and useful life; she rode a great deal, sometimes to Quarterly Meeting at Truro, and with her wonderfully straight back is said to have looked very graceful and picturesque on horseback. Gifted with considerable intellectual ability, she enjoyed good literature and stimulating conversation and although she loved her family, and family life was close knit and happy, she never shrank from outspoken criticism if it was necessary and would not hurt the recipient. In her old age she was remembered as a grandmother with deep affection, tempered with a certain amount of awe. Sitting in her plain drawing room in a straight backed chair, she had a short way with those who failed her. The anxious member of her family reading aloud to her would be brought up short by being told "Thee mumbles, and drops thy voice too much," while the unexpected and unwelcome guest was summarily dismissed - "How-do-thee do, Rebecca, and farewell."

All her life she had a friendly concern for various philanthropic projects designed for the well being of her fellows and paid a weekly superintending visit to the Maria Camilla, a home to train girls for service with private families. She was at times humbled by a sense of spiritual unworthiness, at times oppressed by the cares of her large family and the struggle to bring it up worthily on a limited income, but throughout her life she was faithful to the principles of the Society and in her journal expressed her thankfulness that "Ever since I was born, it is God who has crowned me."

She died at Falmouth on 24 December 1890(3), at the age of eighty six.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Two Homes by A Grandson (Samuel M. Fox), Plymouth 1925, pp 9-92

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FOX, Sarah (1816-) born Sturge

Sarah Sturge, the daughter of Young Sturge (1781-1844 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Jallend,) of Bristol, was born there on 23 July 1816(1).

She was married in 1842 to Robert Were Fox (1816-1859 qv), a dentist of Bristol, but the marriage was apparently childless(2).

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

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: her father is described as a land surveyor
- 2 For marriage see FOX, Robert Were (1816-1859)
- 3 Her death is not traced in the Digest of Deaths

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

FOX, Sarah Angell (1822?-1912) born

Sarah Angell Fox, the wife of Joseph John Fox of Stoke Newington, was born about 1822.

She was a devoted wife and mother, and a friend to everyone who came to the meeting. She had a gift for poetry and wrote some lines for F.F.M.A. after the tragedy in Madagascar.

She died on 10 December 1912 at the home of her son, R. Hingston Fox, M.D. of Hampstead Hill Gardens, London, and was buried in Friends Burial Ground, Stoke Newington.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.52 (1912) p.849

FOX, Sarah Anne (1827?-1906) born Newsom

Sarah Anne Newsom, ~~details of whose birth and parentage are not at present known~~, was born about the year 1827(1).

She was married in 1850 to George Frederic Fox (1822-1874 qv), a dentist of Exeter and there were twelve children(2). Later on the family moved to Gloucester(3). ~~She may not have been in membership with the Society at the time of her marriage, but~~ She is shown as a member of Gloucester Meeting from 1875 until her death(4).

Sarah Anne Fox of Beresford House, Barton Street, Gloucester died on 5 October 1906, at the age of seventy nine(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Aged 79 at death *
- 2 For marriage and children see FOX, George Frederic (1822-1874)
- 3 See entry for FOX, George Frederic (1822-1874)
- 4 Western QM printed Lists of Members
- 5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of George Frederic

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

* She is described as daughter "of the late Joshua and Isabella Newsom of Bagnalstown, county Carlow" in the entry relating to her marriage in The Friend vol 8 (1850) p 176. The marriage was at Waterford.

FOX, Sarah Charlotte (1834-1876) after 1852 Fowler

[Sarah Charlotte Fox, daughter of Alfred Fox (1794-1874 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Lloyd, 1804-1890 qv) of Wodehouse Place, Falmouth in Cornwall, was married in 1852 to Robert Nicholas Fowler (1828-1891 qv).]

See FOWLER, Sarah Charlotte (1834-1876) born Fox]

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~~(prepared by RB)~~

FOX, Sarah Cooper, ca. 1842-1936

b. ca. 1842

1901-19, Clerk, Ohio Y. Mtg. (F.G.C.)

Active for many years in philanthropic work and for the cause of temperance.

d. 15 Feb. 1936 at niece's home, Mary Hillegas, near Cadiz, Ohio, aged 94 yrs.

Elliott, Errol T., Qu. on the Am. Frontier, 398
Friends Intell., 93(1936), 156

Sarah Elizabeth Tregelles, the daughter of Edwin Octavius Tregelles (1806-1886 qv) and his wife Jenepher (born Fisher, 1809?-1844 qv) of Neath in South Wales, was born at Exeter in Devonshire on 18 February 1837(1). Her mother died when she was only seven years old, while her father was ill from yellow fever in Trinidad and until his return, and for several years afterwards, she was cared for by her Tregelles aunts. She was not a strong child, but she was warm-hearted, conscientious and loving and shrank from grieving anyone. She began her school life at Frenchay, near Bristol, under Wilhemina Taylor (1811?-1901 qv).

In 1850 her father married Elizabeth Richardson (1813-1878 qv) and the family moved to Derwent Hill, Shotley Bridge, ^{in Yorkshire.} Sarah became a pupil at York Friends' Girls School in Castlegate. There her lively disposition often brought her into trouble, but she was religiously inclined and as she grew older she grew in the grace of God. Attendance at York Meeting and the influence of Friends there convinced her of the truth of the principles held by the Society and thereafter she was a Friend not only by birth and education, but by convincement. When the school was removed to The Mount under her aunt Rachel Tregelles (1805-1874 qv), Sarah returned for a short time to help her; she thus became acquainted with many of the girls and formed some lifelong friendships.

She led a very quiet life after leaving The Mount, but she read her Bible regularly and spent part of every day in private prayer and retirement. She first spoke in meeting for worship at York, when she was about twenty five. She lived at intervals with her aunts at Falmouth and was recorded a minister by West Cornwall Monthly Meeting in 1870. In 1871 she was married to Joseph Hingston Fox (1835-1912 qv), an insurance broker of Surbiton, but the marriage was childless(2). Her home for eighteen years was at Surbiton, near Kingston-on-Thames and she became a member of Kingston Meeting.

In 1889 Sarah Fox and her husband left Surbiton and with a minute from their monthly meeting they visited Constantinople, Athens, Rome and Paris and spent some time among the company of Friends at Nimes and Congenies. Sarah found great pleasure, when at the Friends' Mission Home at Stamboul, in accompanying the lady superintendent into the waiting room for outpatients, and listening to her reading the words of Christ in Turkish, to Mohammedan and Christian men and women. In the following year she and her husband attended Dublin Yearly Meeting.

"In our meetings her ministry was characterised by simplicity and freshness; its power being due, not to eloquence, but to the faithfulness with which the Gospel message, clearly apprehended and deeply felt, was delivered to others." (Testimony)

On returning to England Sarah and her husband had no settled home, but moved from place to place as the Spirit led them. Finally it seemed to them that they were called to Cambridge, to assist the struggling meeting(3), but before they could settle there, Sarah decided in the spring of 1892 to visit Ireland. She had the approval of her monthly meeting and visited Mount Mellick Meeting and the Girls' School. While in

FOX, Sarah Elizabeth (1837-1892) born Tregelles ³ continued

Ireland she was taken ill; she went to Dublin to consult a doctor, but to no avail and Sarah Elizabeth Fox died in Dublin on 7 April 1892, after attending Leinster Quarterly Meeting.

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PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1893, pp 53-60

Testimony of Kingston MM in Yearly Meeting Proceedings, 1893, p 138

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest: her father is described as a civil engineer
- 2 For marriage see FOX, Joseph Hingston (1835-1912) ¶
- 3 See entry for FOX, Joseph Hingston (1835-1912)

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

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FOX, Sophia Lloyd (1848-1870)

Sophia Lloyd Fox, the daughter of Alfred Fox (1794-1874 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Lloyd, 1804-1890 qv) of Falmouth in Cornwall, was born there on 28 September 1848(1).

(b)

FOX, Sarah Elizabeth (1837-1892) born Tregelles

Sarah Elizabeth Tregelles was born at Exeter on 18 February 1837 the daughter of Edwin (1806 -1886,qv) and Jenepher Tregelles(1).

In 1870 she was recorded a minister by West Cornwall Monthly Meeting, and in 1871 upon her marriage to Joseph Hingston Fox (1835-1912, qv) she removed to Kingston Meeting (2). In the autumn of 1889 Sarah Fox and her husband, holding a minute from her Monthly meeting, spent some weeks with the little company of Friends at Constantinople, and also visited Friends in the South of France; and the following spring they attended Yearly Meeting in Dublin.

'In our meetings her ministry was characterised by simplicity and freshness; its power being due, not to eloquence, but to the faithfulness with which the Gospel message, clearly apprehended and deeply felt, was delivered to others'(3).

Sarah Elizabeth Fox died on 7 April 1892 in Dublin, after attending Leinster Quarterly Meeting.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

Testimony of Kingston MM in YM Proc. 1893, p. 158

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

1 Hereford Worcester and Wales GM Births Digest

2 Digest of Marriage Registers. The marriage was at Falmouth on 26 April 1871. No children are recorded in the Digest of Births Notes.

3 Testimony.

FOX, Stella (1876-1954)

Stella Fox, the younger daughter of Howard Fox F.G.S. (1836-1922 qv) and his wife Olivia Blanche, born Orme, of Rosehill, Falmouth in Cornwall, was born on 11 December 1876(1). In childhood she was precocious, quick-witted and amusing. Her early literary promise was never fulfilled, but the flowering took another form, for she always abounded in love and good works.

She lived all her life at Rosehill, with her sister Olivia Lloyd Fox (1868-1950 qv), who was known as Ivy, and joined the Society of Friends with her during the first world war(2).

A silent, although active, member of Falmouth Meeting, she helped to catalogue the library, entertain friends and support her sister in her deeds of love and mercy. Outside the Society, she helped with research into parish registers and in cataloguing the Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Library. She and her sister presented part of their tropical garden at Rosehill to the town of Falmouth(3).

Stella Fox died at the Beechfield Nursing Home, Yelverton, South Devon, on 1 March 1954, at the age of seventy seven(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 112 (1954) p 261

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson, vol 2, p 444
- 2 Devon & Cornwall QM printed lists of members, p 35: she is shown as a member in 1915, but not in 1914
- 3 See entry for FOX, Olivia Lloyd (1868-1950)
- 4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as a spinster

SEE ALSO:-

Incidental reference in J Friends Hist Soc vol 28, p 66

FOX, Stella (1877?-1954)

Stella Fox was born about 1877 at the family home at Rosehill, Falmouth, where she spent all her life.

In childhood she was precocious, quick-witted and amusing. Her early literary promise was never fulfilled, but the flowering took another form, for she always abounded in love and good works.

A silent active member of Falmouth Meeting, she helped to catalogue the library, entertain friends, and ~~help~~^{suffice} her sister Ivy in her deeds of love and mercy. Outside the Society, she helped with research in Parish registers and in cataloguing the Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Library.

She died on 1 March 1954, aged 77.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.112 (1954) p.261

Sylvanus Fox, the fifth son of Thomas Fox (1747/8-1821 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Smith, 1759-1833 qv) of Wellington in Somerset, was born there on 22 October 1791(1). His father was a serge maker and banker of Wellington and Sylvanus, like all his brothers, was educated at the Friends' school at Newington Green leaving school at fourteen and becoming a woollen draper.

As a boy he had an amiable disposition and was of a religious turn of mind, but his health was delicate and he spent much of his early childhood invalid, he first spoke in the ministry and his first public service to people outside the Society was an address to the waiters to the Pump-room at Bath where he had gone for the benefit of his health. He was received a minister at West Bromwich Monthly Meeting in 1812, and so remained until

second/ [Susannah Fox, daughter of David Fox (1790-1871 qv) and his wife Rebecca (born Payne, 1801-1880 qv) of Bawtry in Yorkshire, was married in 1852 to Edwin Standing (1828-1859 qv). She married secondly in 1866 London(3) Henry MacNay (fl 1866 qv).

and the two were very close indeed. Both were of unity of purpose and action that the record of one could be used to fit the record of the other. They were careful to observe moderation in the use of the comforts of life and they were generous to the poor and unfortunate without thought of any return.

After his wife's death Sylvanus Fox remained much at home and his health showed signs of declining, but in 1847 he visited many of the meetings of Friends in the north of England and subsequently those in London. From this period until his death he was engaged from time to time in religious service around Wellington.

He was ill shortly before leaving home for London Yearly Meeting in 1851, but he safely reached the house of his brother-in-law Cornelius Huchbury (1796-1869 qv). On the following morning he was taken ill after family reading. He died later that day, 17 May 1851, at the age of fifty-nine(3). He was buried at Wellington.

PRIORITIES SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1852, pp 21-25

Testimony of West Somerset 1771 in Testimonies 1852, p 9

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Gloucester City Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 Robert Fox, Woolen Housewife, London 1798, pp 16-17
- 3 The wedding was at White Hart Court on 10 July 1821: he is described as a woollen draper of Wellington in the county of Somerset, the son of Thomas and Sarah Fox; she is described as the daughter of John and Margaret Anderson, late of Boston in Middlesex (London & Middlesex of Marriages Digest)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

- 4 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births and Burials Digests and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-

Sylvanus	b 15 April 1822
Mary	b 25 Oct 1823
Sarah	b 30 Dec 1824
Margaret	b 24 April 1826
Elizabeth	b 8 June 1828
Anna Rebecca	b 31 Jan 1831
Sanderson	b 29 Aug 1833

m 1858 Edward Burnett Tyler
d 4 Jan 1834, aged 18 weeks

With the exception of Anna Rebecca, no marriages are traced in the Digest of Marriages for any of these children to 1903

- 5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a woollen manufacturer; his age at death is given as about 60

SEE ALSO:-

The Friend vol 9 (1851) p 114: 3 line entry for death

J Friends Hist Soc vol 26, pp 53-55: letters from F.Cockin

Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 10, p 104: vol 11, p 126:
vol 15, p 59: vol 16, pp 71, 72: vol 20, pp 17, 63, 92, 94:
vol 21, p 60: vol 23, p 59: vol 24, p 24: vol 49, p 274:
Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) pp 177, 178, 190

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FOX, Sylvanus (1791-1851)

8 Sylvanus Fox was born at Wellington in 1791,
the fifth son of Thomas & Sarah Fox. He first
appeared in the ministry in 1812 being recorded by
West Somerset Monthly Meeting in 1815. For a few
years his health had been seriously impaired and when
at Bath on that account he held a meeting for
persons not of the Society. Thenceforward until 1849
he paid despite bodily infirmity many and extensive
religious visits to most parts of Great Britain and
Ireland.

In 1821 he married Mary Sanderson of London who
accompanied him in many of his travels. She died in
1846. For the next few years he remained much at
home, and his health showed signs of decline. He
was ill shortly before leaving home for Yearly Meeting
1851 but he safely reached the house of his brother-in
-law Cornelius Hanbury. On the following morning,
17 May, he was taken ill after family reading, dying
later in the day aged about 60 years. His body was
interred at Wellington.

Testimony of West Somerset M.M. in Testimonies 1852, p.9

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Additional information

FOX, Sylvanus (1791-1851)

In 1821 Sylvanus Fox married Mary Sanderson(1) and there were seven children of the marriage(2).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 The wedding was at White Hart Court on 18 July 1821: he is described as a woollen draper of Wellington in the county of Somerset, the son of Thomas and Sarah Fox; she is described as the daughter of John and Margaret Sanderson, late of Tottenham in Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 2 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest as follows:-

Sylvanus	b 15 April 1822
Mary	b 25 Oct 1823
Sarah	b 30 Dec 1824
Margaret	b 24 April 1826
Elizabeth	b 8 June 1828
Anna Rebecca	b 31 Jan 1831
Sanderson	b 29 August 1833

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Additional information

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FOX, Sylvanus, 1791/2-1851

A.M. Mon. (N.S.), 10(1851):21

The Friend (London), 9(O.S.), (1851):114

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 20:94

Lond. Y.M., Testimonies (1852):9

Tabitha Croker, the daughter of George Croker (-1697 qv) and his wife Anstace (born Tripe,) of Lineham in Devonshire, was born on 22.iv.[June] 1664(1). Her father had joined the Society of Friends about the year 1658 and was frequently imprisoned for his beliefs.

She became in 1686 the second wife of Francis Fox (-1704 qv), a shopkeeper and farmer of St Germans in Cornwall and there were seven children(2).

She was an upright and faithful woman and was for many years a minister of the Society; although her work in the ministry did not extend much beyond Cornwall and Devonshire her services were justly valued. Her husband died leaving her with a large and comparatively young family and although she was deeply anxious for their spiritual and temporal welfare her judgment and conduct were equal to the burden placed upon them.

After her husband's death she carried on his business and farm, but about three years later she was imprisoned in the county gaol at Bodmin for non-payment of tithes. In her widowed state this was a severe blow to her, but she bore all her trials with courage and fortitude. She was imprisoned for about fourteen months and a piece of needlework, done by her while she was in prison, was preserved in the family for many years. After her imprisonment she gave up the farm and moved into the town.

Tabitha Fox died on 6.i.1730 [i.e. probably March 1729/30 but possibly March 1730/31] and was buried at Looe in Cornwall(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 2 (1844) pp 217-219

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Devon QM Births Digest: her place of birth and her father's occupation are not given
- 2 For information relating to her marriage and children see FOX, Francis (-1704)
- 3 Her death is not traced in Cornwall QM or Devon QM Burials Digests

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

FOX, Tabitha (1731/2-1801)

Tabitha Fox was born on 15.xii.1731 [i.e. February 1731/2] (1), the daughter of George and Anna Fox, of Parr, Cornwall.

She was diligent in attending meetings, and a firm upholder of the discipline of the Society. She first appeared in the ministry about 1794, though she seldom spoke.

"Love and Gratitude to the supreme Source of all her blessings, were the prevailing dispositions of her heart, so benevolence and goodwill to mankind, and an especial feeling for the sufferings of the poor, were part of the fruits produced, denying herself in divers respects of what her friends considered both lawful and expedient for her, in order that her ability might be enlarged to administer to the necessities of others".

Tabitha Fox died on 22 December 1801, aged about seventy years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of West Cornwall MM in TCMD vol.4 p.189

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Cornwall QM Births Digest

FOX, Tabitha (1763-1790) after 1786 Cookworthy

[Tabitha Fox, daughter of Edward Fox (1719-pre 1788 qv) and his wife Anna (born Were, 1719-1788 qv) of Wadebridge in Cornwall, was

FOX, Tabitha (1731-1801)

Tabitha Fox was the eldest daughter of George Fox of Par, Cornwall, and Anna Debelle; and a prominent Friend and minister from about 1794.

Testimony
Fox of St Germans. 1372.

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

FOX, Theodore (1831-1899)

Theodore Fox, the son of Alfred Fox (1794-1874 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Lloyd, 1804-1890 qv) of Wodehouse Place, Falmouth in Cornwall, was born there on 4 April 1831(1).

He became an ironfounder at Neath Abbey(2) and was married in 1857 to Harriet Howell Kirkbride (1828-1902 qv) of Norwich(3); there were five children(4). The family moved to Guisborough about 1865(5) and from thence to Saltburn in Durham about 1880, where Theodore Fox traded under the name of Fox, Head & Co of Middlesborough(6). In 1888 he is shown as living at Seascale(7). In 1899 he appears to have moved to Sutton in Surrey(8).

Theodore Fox of Sutton died on 27 September 1899, at the age of sixty seven(9).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father is described as a merchant
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry and in the birth entries for his four eldest children
- 3 The wedding was at Norwich on 26 March 1857: he is described as a bachelor, an ironfounder of Neath Abbey, the son of Alfred Fox, a merchant; she is described as a spinster of Earlham Road, Heigham, Norwich, the daughter of John Kirkbride, a gentleman (Digest of Marriages)
- 4 Listed in the Digest of Births and in the Descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson, vol 2, pp 406-414, as follows:-

Theodore Alfred	b 1 Feb 1858	m 1884 Anna Eliza Kirkbride (in America)
Edwin Kirkbride	b 14 May 1859	m 1890 Annie Elizabeth Lonsdale
Eliza Gurney	b 9 July 1861	m 1910 Edward Ivimey
Herbert Lloyd	b 29 June 1863	m 1895 Edith Constance Colquhoun
Harriet Beatrice	b 30 Sept 1865	m 1896 Louis Conyers Wrigley

The birth of Harriet Beatrice is not traced in the Digest of Births and none of the marriages are traced in the Digest of Marriages
- 5 Durham QM Printed lists of members: the family appears on the Guisborough Meeting list from 1865 to 1879
- 6 Durham QM printed lists of members: the family appears on the Saltburn Meeting list from 1880 to 1899, when the name of his firm is given
- 7 Durham QM printed lists of members: the family are shown on the Saltburn Meeting list, but living at Seascale
- 8 He is still shown on the Saltburn Meeting list in 1899, but living out of the Meeting area; his wife is shown in 1900 as living at Sutton
- 9 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a retired ironmaster, of Kingston MM

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

Thomas Fox, the son of Edward Fox (1719-pre 1788 qv) and his wife Anna (born Were, 1719-1788 qv) of Minver Monthly Meeting in Cornwall, was born at Wadebridge in Cornwall on 17.i.1747 [i.e. March 1747/8] (1).

He joined the woollen manufacturing business of his grandfather, Thomas Were, at Wellington in Somerset and at the age of sixteen was sent to Holland to learn the language and business methods. While he was abroad his father was taken ill and never fully recovered, but on returning home in 1768 Thomas found his brother Edward efficiently carrying on the family business, so he went back to Wellington. His grandparents were both elderly strict Quakers, living a very quiet life and it was a rather austere environment for a young man of twenty, although he had some friends of his own.

The Were family of Wellington had been serge makers for more than a century. When he first went to Wellington, Thomas possessed twenty pounds, which he invested in the business. He worked hard and his grandfather was pleased with him and in 1772, at the age of twenty five, he became a partner in the business. The firm traded with Amsterdam, Bruges, Rotterdam, Ostend and Hamburg, the connection with Holland dating from the time William of Orange came to Britain in 1688. Thomas was married in 1783 to Sarah Smith (1759-1833 qv) of London(2) and there were fifteen children(3).

During the war with America which started in 1774 the woollen merchants of the west country were not at first seriously affected, but on the entry of France into the war on the side of America Thomas and others feared for the safe carriage of their goods. Trade became bad and the situation was aggravated by the conduct of the weavers, who in a time of national shortage went on strike for an increase in their wages. The strike petered out, but with the output of woollen goods almost stopped, the warehouses of the manufacturers were filled with fleece wool which could not be used and there was a proposal that it should be sold abroad, a step made illegal during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I; but so great was the demand for English fleece on the Continent that it was smuggled abroad in large quantities.

Thomas solved his own problems with the help of the East India Company, which agreed to carry his goods to China; this entailed some changes in his manufacturing practice, serge being supplemented by a finer white cloth which was in greater demand. He was interested in any new developments in the manufacture of woollen cloth and he arranged to see James Watt and to consider the possibilities of the new steam engine; although he did not instal steam in his works, he took advantage of the new developments in spinning and weaving taking place in Lancashire and Yorkshire. He tried without success to form an association of woollen manufacturers in the west country, but he found little co-operation and no-one would keep to the agreed price.

In 1787, on the advice of his father-in-law, he started to issue his own bank notes and this side of his business expanded rapidly. It developed into a well known west country bank with fifty branches and agencies; it was the last private bank in England to issue its own bank notes, which it did until 1921, when it was absorbed into Lloyds Bank, one of the many banks of Quaker origin.

In 1797 Thomas bought Coldharbour Mill, which had the great advantage of a good head of water. It had previously been a grist mill and a good deal of alteration was necessary to make it suitable for the manufacture of woollen cloth, but in 1799 Thomas and Sarah Fox inherited a large sum of money under the Will of Sarah's father and part of this fortune they decided to invest in a much larger factory at Coldharbour than had been originally intended.

The firm weathered the difficulties caused by the French Revolution, but although the country as a whole was prosperous, Thomas was deeply touched by the almost famine conditions prevailing among the poor and opened a shop in Wellington where food, fuel and clothing were sold without profit. He kept the management of this shop in his own hands and was much exercised as to where he could buy goods which he could afford to sell at a low price. He found rice to be the most acceptable substitute for bread and here his connection with the East India Company stood him in good stead. His relationship with the company was not always free from difficulty, but on the whole it worked to the advantage of both sides.

In February 1800 Thomas had bought some old flour mills about a mile from Wellington and on his return home from a holiday in Cornwall he set to work to convert them into an up-to-date woollen factory, which became known as Tonedale. The work was finished in the spring of 1803 and Thomas also bought the surrounding farm land, adding farming to his activities. Cold-harbour and Tonedale relieved him of the necessity of investing in steam power, since water power provided all his needs. He also built himself a commodious house close to Tonedale, preferring to remain in close contact with his workers.

As his numerous sons grew into manhood, Thomas brought them into the business. He trained them wisely and treated them with respect. When his son Thomas was still under twenty he regularly consulted him about the business and sent all his sons to Yorkshire to study business methods. In 1809 Thomas Fox junior became his father's partner and in the years to come he was joined by his five brothers. As his sons joined him in the business, Thomas senior began to hold weekly board meetings; he had no desire to keep the reins in his own hands longer than was necessary and gradually the sons took over the day to day running of affairs, their father being available to give advice on questions of policy and to lend his prestige to correspondence of importance. He also encouraged them to try out new methods. One of his sons wrote of him: "He purchased land, erected mills, formed water courses, commenced farming, conducted the business, introducing new articles of manufacture, and all with very little assistance until his sons became of an age to help him . . . He was far from neglecting his religious or social duties . . . Nor did he ever appear in a hurry."

When Thomas Fox became less pre-occupied with business he had more time for his friends and his advice, which was often sought, was wise and kind. Life at Tonedale House was simple and unostentatious, but it was an hospitable household and travelling Friends were always welcome. Sarah Fox liked to honour her guests with a bountiful table, although sugar, being the product of slave labour, was not provided and Thomas Fox refused to pay tithes. He was by then an elder and minister of the Society, but he and his wife had wide interests and gave much thought to the evangelical doctrines then gaining root in society as a whole. He was deeply interested in all reform and in May 1819, in spite of increasing infirmity, he attended London Yearly Meeting to set the seal of his approval on the work then going forward in the anti-slavery movement and the reform of the criminal code.

But on his return home he was far from well and never left Wellington again. His strength gradually failed and Thomas Fox of Wellington died peacefully on 29 April 1821, at the age of seventy(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Hubert Fox, Quaker Homespun, London 1958

2X

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Gracechurch Street FWH on 2 April 1783: he is described as a merchant of Wellington in the county of Somerset, the son of Edward and Anna Fox of Wadebridge in Cornwall; she is described as the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Smith of Lombard Street, London (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and in the Digest of Marriages as follows:-
- | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|---|
| *Sarah | b 18 Jan 1784 | |
| Anna | b 19 Jan 1785 | m 1833 John Sanderson |
| Thomas qv | b 9 Oct 1786 | m 1819 Catherine Alexander
(1787-1849 qv)
(Suffolk QM Marriages Digest) |
| Mary | b 18 Sept 1787 | d 31 May 1801, aged 14 |
| Edward qv | b 1 Jan 1789 | m 1816 Hannah Alexander
(1793-1875 qv)
(Suffolk QM Marriages Digest) |
| George qv | b 1 Jan 1789 | d 28 Feb 1811, aged 22 |
| Silvanus | b 14 June 1790 | d 23 Oct 1791 |
| Sylvanus qv | b 22 Oct 1791 | m 1821 Mary Sanderson
(1788-1846 qv)
(London & Mddx QM Marriages) |
| Elizabeth | b 22 Oct 1791 | d 24 Feb 1793 |
| Elizabeth qv | b 19 April 1793 | m 1835 James Charleton
(1780-1847 qv) |
| Samuel qv | b 23 July 1794 | m (1)1827 Maria Middleton
(1793-1844 qv)
(Dorset & Hants QM Marriages) |
| Rebecca | b 25 March 1796 | (2)1849 Charlotte Fox
(1799-1879 qv) |
| Henry | b 28 April 1797 | d 13 Feb 1799, aged 3 |
| Henry qv | b 10 March 1800 | d 21 Feb 1799, aged 2 |
| Charles qv | b 7 April 1801 | m 1833 Rachel Crewdson
(1802-1882 qv)
(Westmorland QM Marriages) |
| | | m 1827 Sarah Crewdson
(1805-1886 qv)
(Westmorland QM Marriages) |

*No marriage traced in Bristol & Somerset QM Marriages Digest or in the Digest of Marriages to 1870

- 4 Bristol & Somerset QM Burials Digest: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1822, p 15: entry for death
 Incidental references in J Friends Hist Soc vol 7, p 144n: vol 11, p 126
 Joseph Foster, Pedigree of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall,
 London 1872, pp 8-10, which gives only nine children
 (Thomas Pole), 26, Sun 16, and 17 (Pen Pictures)

Piety promoted, 1854 ed, vol 4 p 179

FOX, Thomas, (1747/8-1821)

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Thomas Fox of Wellington, Somerset, was a son of Edward Fox of Wadebridge, Cornwall, and his wife Anne Were. He entered the woollen business of his grandfather Were and married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Smith, banker, of London. They had sixteen children. The parents and several of the children were ministers.

J. Friends hist. soc. vol.7,17

Note by Norman Penney: Pen pictures (1930) p.81

WBE:
Additional information

FOX, Thomas, ca.1748-1821

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Suffered a long period of declining health.

d. April 29, 1821, at Wellington, Somerset, aged
73 years.

An. Mon. (O.S.), 10(1822):15

Piety Pro., (1829), 248

FOX, Thomas (1766-1844)

See FOX, Thomas Were (1766-1844)

FOX, Thomas (1786-1862)

Thomas Fox, the eldest son of Thomas Fox (1747/8-1821 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Smith, 1759-1833 qv) of Wellington in Somerset, was born there on 9 October 1786(1). His father was a serge maker and banker of Wellington and all his sons were educated at the Friends' school at Milverton. On leaving school in 1803 Thomas was indentured to the business and became his father's chief clerk.

Thomas and his brothers were sent to Yorkshire to study business methods and when Thomas Fox senior was ill in the summer and autumn of 1807 the four eldest sons managed the business between them. In 1809 Thomas became his father's partner, to be joined in due course by his brothers and the conduct of the business was gradually surrendered into their hands by their father, who had no wish to cling to power.

Thomas was married in 1819 to Catherine Alexander (1787-1849 qv) of Ipswich in Suffolk(2) and there were five children(3). About 1830 the family left Wellington and moved to Ipswich(4), where they lived at a farm called Rushmere. They lived about three miles from the meeting house and drove to meeting on Sunday morning, bringing their lunch with them.

After the death of his wife Thomas Fox moved into the south west of England and settled at Bristol, where he had a married daughter.

Thomas Fox of Orwell Villa, Cotham, died on 1 May 1862, at the age of seventy five(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Hubert Fox, Quaker Homespun, London 1958, pp 116-117
Friends Quarterly Examiner vol 42, p 313: Bygone Ipswich Friends

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 The wedding was at Leiston on 17 November 1819: he is described as of Wellington in Somerset, the son of Thomas and Sarah Fox of Wellington; she is described as the daughter of Dykes and Hannah Alexander of Ipswich in Suffolk (Suffolk QM Marriages Digest)
- 3 Listed in Bristol & Somerset QM Births Digest and the Digests of Marriages and Deaths as follows:-

Catherine Brewster qv	b 7 Jan 1823	m 1849 Robert Charleton (1809-1872 qv)
Priscilla	b 14 Nov 1826	d 2 Feb 1845, aged 18
Thomas	b 5 Feb 1828	m 1855 Sarah Maria Howard
Dykes Alexander qv	b 29 April 1829	d unmarried (1833-1924)
and in Suffolk QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-		
Anna qv	b 1 Nov 1830	m 1866 Frederic Hingston Fox (1825-1910 qv)

- 4 His four eldest children were all born at Wellington: Anna, born in 1830, was born at Ipswich

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a gentleman

The Digest of Deaths gives the date of his death as 5 January 1862 and his age at death as 72, but his burial entry is for 6 May 1862.

The Annual Monitor 1863, p 63, in a 2 line entry for his death, where he is described as an elder, gives the date of death as 1 May 1862, as does the death entry in The Friend, vol 2 (1862) p 158. Both these entries give his age at death as 75

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

THOMAS FOX (1828-1898) and his wife SARAH MARIA (born Howard, 1833-1924) were not in membership of the Society of Friends, but remained in Wellington throughout their lives. Their 9 children are listed in The descendants of Isaac & Rachel Wilson, 1949 ed, pp 666ff as follows:-

Catherine Maria	b 25 Oct 1856	d 26 July 1857
Thomas	b 16 March 1858	m 1892 Mary Agnes Moysey (p 617)
Maria Howard	b 21 Feb 1859	d 15 Oct 1912 aged 53 yrs
Eleanor	b 5 Nov 1860	d 19 July 1863 aged 2 yrs
Anna Priscilla	b 30 July 1862	m 1926 Alfred Christopher Furse (1855-1931) (p 620)
John Howard qv	b 8 June 1864	m 1892 Marion Elizabeth Pease (1863-1942 qv) (p 621)
William Alexander	b 28 Dec 1865	m 1899 Gertrude Elizabeth Howard (1875-) (p 627)
Robert Algernon	b 13 April 1868	m (1) 1903 Julie Carlile Thomas (1873-1916); (2) 1922 Mary Isabelle Taylor (1880-) (p 630)
Florence Mary	b 23 May 1870	m 1895 Gerald Fox (1865-1947) (p 631)

SARAH MARIA FOX, widow of Thomas, is shown as an attender in the 1916 Bristol & Somerset QM printed list of members, continuing to be so shown until her death: her address is given as The Court, Wellington.

J. HOWARD FOX did not join Friends, nor is he recorded as an attender: his wife, Marion E. Fox, remained a member until her death, and two of the children, Lloyd Fox and Julian Fox, joined the Society. For this reason, and to avoid any confusion with HOWARD FOX (1836-1922 qv) of Falmouth, a DQB entry has been prepared for J Howard Fox.

FOX, Thomas Were (1766-1844)

Thomas Were Fox, the youngest son of George Croker Fox (1727/8-1781 qv) and his wife Mary (born Were, -1796 qv) of Falmouth in Cornwall, was born there on 1 July 1766(1).

He became a merchant of Falmouth(2) and was married in 1792 to Mary Tregelles (1770-1835 qv) of Falmouth(3); there were four children(4). At some time during the nine years following his wife's death he moved to Plymouth(5).

Thomas Were Fox of Plymouth died on 23 July 1844, at the age of seventy eight(6).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Cornwall QM Births Digest: his father's occupation is not given
In the Births Digest he appears as Thomas, but in Joseph Foster,
The Descendants of Francis Fox of St Germans, Cornwall, London 1872,
p 11 and in all other references he is given as Thomas Were
- 2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
- 3 The wedding was at Falmouth on 23 February 1792: he is described as a mercahnt of Falmouth, the son of George and Mary Fox; she is described as the daughter of Joseph Tregelles and Sarah his wife of Falmouth (Cornwall QM Marriages Digest)
- 4 Listed in Cornwall Births and Burials Digests and given in Joseph Foster,
op cit, pp 11-12, as follows:-

Thomas Were	b 28 April 1793	m 1814 Eliza Grigg
William	b 5 July 1795	d 17 Oct 1795
William	b 8 Oct 1796	m (1) Elizabeth Wndeatt (2) 1844 Elizabeth Cosserat
Frederick qv	b 22 Aug 1798	d 21 Nov 1830, aged 32
- 5 His wife died at Falmouth in 1835; he died at Plymouth in 1844
- 6 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

SEE ALSO:-

Annual Monitor 1845, p 54: 2 line entry for death

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

FOX, William (1763-1797)

See COOKWORTHY, William (1763-1797)

FOX, Tregelles (1855-1937)

FOX, Thomas Tyler (1885-1949)

see FOX, Joseph Tregelles (1855-1937)

FOX, William Edward (1872-1948)

William Edward Fox, the son of Alfred Lloyd Fox (1829-1885 qv) and his wife Mary Jane (born Fox, 1831-1919 qv) of Falmouth in Cornwall, was born there on 16 December 1872(1). He was educated privately at Oliver's Mount.

After his father's death he moved to Kensington with his mother and brothers and for fifty years the home at Campden Hill Gardens was a centre for hospitality for the family and London Friends. He painted and was a frequent exhibitor at the Royal Academy. His pictures reveal his quiet and peaceable spirit; he designed the bookplate used by Friends House Library.

During the first world war he worked for the Friends Emergency Committee for the Relief of Aliens. For many years an overseer of Westminster Meeting, he was a member of the Meeting for Sufferings from 1922 to 1948(2). He gave service to the Westminster Adult School, Hoxton Hall, the Hall Clubs and the Girls' Guild of Good Life.

He was retiring and humble, yet watchful and efficient in all he undertook. Almost unaware of anything evil in the world, he gladdened everyone he met by his sunny smile.

William Edward Fox of 17 Campden Hill Gardens, London W.8 died on 2 June 1948, at the age of seventy five(3).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

The Friend vol 106 (1948) p 502

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- 1 Digest of Births: his father's occupation is not given
- 2 Typescript Committee Lists, Friends House Library
- 3 Digest of Deaths: no description of him is given

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

FOX, William Edward (1872-1948)

William Edward Fox, the son of Alfred Lloyd and Mary Jane Fox of Falmouth, was born on 16 December 1872 (1).

Educated privately and at Oliver's Mount, he moved to Kensington with his mother when her husband died. For 50 years the home at Campden Hill Gardens was a centre for hospitality for the family circle and London Friends.

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REFERENCES AND NOTES:

- (1) Digest of Birth Notes