BEWLEY, Ann (1791?-1864) after Beale

(Ann Bewley, daughter of Mungo and Mary Bewley of Mountmellick, was married in to George Beale.

See BEALE, Ann (1791?-1864) born Bewley)

MEG April 1977

BEWLEY, Alice (1838-1912) **after 1869 Pim**

[Alice Bewley, daughter of Samuel and Maria (born Clibborn) Bewley, was married in 1869 to John Pim (1835-1923 qv).

See PIM, Alice (1838-1912) **born Bewley**]

MEG July 1983

BEWLEY, Elizabeth (1707-) formerly Pim, born Chandlee

Elizabeth Chandlee, the daughter of Joseph and Sarah (born Taylor) Chandlee, was born on 17.ix.[November] 1707(1).

She was married firstly in 1725 to Tobias Pim (1699-1729 qv) of Roosk in King's County, Ireland, and there were three children(2).

She married secondly Daniel Bewley(3).

The date of her death is not at present (1983) traced(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Thomas Henry Webb, Pim pedigree, p 29 (section 31)
(copy in MS collection, Friends House Library)
2 For marriage and children see PIM, Tobias (1699-1729)
3 Webb, op cit, p 29 (section 31): the date of the marriage is not given
4 Webb, op cit, p 29 (section 31): the date of her death is not given

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

MEG May 1983

BEWLEY, Elizabeth Pim (1827-1897) after 1852 Davis

(Elizabeth Pim Bewley, daughter of George Bewley and his wife Anne, born Goodbody, of Killabeg, Enniscorthy in Ireland, was married in 1852 to Samuel Davis (1810?-1884 qv).

See DAVIS, Elizabeth Pim (1827-1897) born Bewley)

MEG Dec 1979

BEWLEY, Elizabeth (1771-1848) born Fayle

Elizabeth Fayle, the daughter of Nehemiah and Elizabeth Fayle of Limerick, was born there in 1771 and removed to Dublin on her marriage to Samuel Bewley in 1794. It is known that she had a large family, but details of her wedding and its issue are not at present (1975) traced. Her marriage was extremely happy, in that she and her husband possessed talents which complemented one another and enabled them, as elders of their meeting, to act together with a degree of harmony which was both helpful to their friends and an instructive example. Samuel Bewley died very suddenly in 1837, while on a religious visit to Friends.

Elizabeth survived his death for nearly eleven years. She had a quiet, meek spirit which enabled her to bear with calmness and fortitude the change in her circumstances and she continued to devote herself with simplicity and faithfulness to the cause for which she and her husband had laboured for so many years.

She died at Sandford Grove, near Dublin, on 23 September 1848, aged seventy six.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Annual Monitor 1849 pp 7-9

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

MEC 1975

BEWLEY, George (-1691)

This is presumably George Bewley son of Thomas Bewley of Haltcliffe Hall, Caldbeck, who is said to have continued to live with his father after his marriage with Elizabeth Stordy. The George Bewley mentioned ii.26 was presumably the same, in both places there is an association with Joseph Helling and we know from various sources (Suff.; F.P.T.) that George Bewley of Haltcliffe visited Cornwall. He was imprisoned in Dorset, and also for eight years in Cumberland, at the suit of the priest of Caldbeck.

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.463

WBE:
Additional information:
BEWLEY, George, -1691.

Yeoman.

Convinced through George Fox. Bought a house for a Friends meetinghouse. 1656, with John Ellis, and Humphrey Sprague, after a meeting at Bridport, Dorsetshire, Eng., were whipped as vagabonds. One of the valiant sixty.

incorrect Author: An exposition of the one, only, true and efficatious baptism of Christ, London, 1690.

[The above publication is by a later George Bewley and was published in 1790. See Smith, 1:266.]

Taylor, Valiant sixty, pp. 40, 49, 54.

Penney, The first publishers, pp. 21, 23, 48.

Gough, Hist. of the people called Qu., 1:232.

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BEWLEY, George (1684?-1749/50)

George Bewley was born about the year 1684, the son of George and Mary Bewley of Ivegill, Cumberland (1).

When he was about thirty years old he received a Gift of Ministry. He was a frequent attender at Quarterly and Province Meetings and sometimes attended Yearly Meeting at London. He also visited most of the Meetings in Ireland and in some parts of England, Scotland and Wales.

'He was a loving Husband, a tender Father, a good Example in his Conversations and Conduct, of few Words in his Dealings, and just therein; faithful to his Word and Promise, and careful to keep out of the unnecessary Incumbrances of this Life.'

After several years' illness, George Bewley died 11.xii.1749 [i.e., Feb.1749/50]

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Testimony of Cork Men's Meeting in TCMD vol.1 p.304, printed in 'A collection of testimonies', 1760, p.222

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 No birth entry found in Cumberland QM Births Digest or Supplement (March 1963)

WBE:
Additional information:

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BEWLEY, George, 1684-1749.

School, called a "chapel of Ease." 1698, apprenticed in Dublin.

Removed to Cork.

m., 1712, Blessing Fennell, of Yonghall.

1733, accused, falsely, of plotting to restore the Stuarts. Kept a journal.

He was a cousin of Thomas Wilson.

Author: A narrative of the Christian experience of G. B. . . ., Dublin , 1750.

The examiner examined. . ., 1781. Concerning tithes.

An exposition of the one, only, true and efficacious baptism of Christ. . ., 1790. A valuable exposition of this subject. [The latter two works are by a later George Bewley. See Smith 1:266.]

d. Cork, Ireland.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX7795.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:265.

Friends Biog., 12.

WBE:

BEWLEY, Henry, fl. 1829-1859.

b. Dublin? Ire., s. Samuel and Elizabeth Bewley.

1844, resigned his membership in the Society of Friends. H. B. joined the ranks of those who make the Holy Scriptures, the rule of faith and practice. He speaks of Barclay's Apology as "that most objectionable and dangerous of all the writings of early Friends," p. 91. Henry Bewley was replied to by his brother Joseph Bewley (The Friend (Phila.), 19:55).

Author: Father Austin and Lewis. . ., Dublin, 1829.

An examination of some of the doctrines of the early Friends, Dublin, 1844.

Thoughts and suggestions submitted to the consideration of the Society of Friends, Dublin, 1859. 2nd ed., 1859. 3rd ed., Phila., 1861.

Lota, Booterstown.

Smith, 1:266.

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

The Friend (Phila.), 18:390, 19:55.

BEWLEY, Henry Theodore (1861?-1945)

'Henry Theodore Bewley, whose death occurred on January 8, (1945) at the age of 84, was a well-known medical man in Dublin. He was visiting physician to the Adelaide Hospital until 1925, and until last year physician-in-charge of the Bloomfield Retreat, the Irish Friends' mental hospital. He was also for many years lecturer in Medical Jurisprudence and Hygiene at the Trinity College Medical School, having been appointed to this post in 1888 after a brilliant University career. A Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, he was Treasurer of the College for 30 years and would have been its President if his temperance principles had not hindered his taking part in the customary hospitalities of St. Luke's Day dinners.

'It was as a teacher, speaking from actual experience, wide reading, and much thought, that Henry Bewley excelled, whether as college lecturer, clinical teacher of medicine, or expounder of the doctrines of Christianity and the way of a Christian life. For a number of years he was the outstanding minister in Dublin Monthly Meeting, one to whom all, of whatever shade of opinion, listened with appreciation and gratitude, and he freely gave what he could to all the Particular Meetings within reach. Above all he showed a belief in prayer; and he had a great concern that young people should have a real knowledge of themselves, of the facts of life, of the meaning of discipleship, and of the nature and love of God.

'"Give of your best, and if you have any opinions be willing to express them early and don't keep the Clerk waiting," was a principle on which he acted in Friends' business meetings and which he often impressed on Friends.

'Just as each of his patients knew that, for the time at least, he took up the whole of the doctor's attention, so each acquaintance when he met him felt himself to be Henry Bewley's particular friend. An active man, full of the love of his neighbour which resulted in good deeds, Henry Bewley was humbly confident in the love and strength of God.'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.103 (1945) p.59

WBE:

BEWLEY, Joseph, 1795-1851.

b. 1795, Dublin, Ire., eldest s. Samuel and Elizabeth Bewley.

Partner with his father in mercantile business. Resided at Sanford Hill, Dublin, Ire.

m., 1825, Elizabeth Pike (d. 1848). Children.

1831, elder. 1845, wrote to his brother, Henry Bewley, expressing his sorrow and concern in view of the circulation of Henry's pamphlet, An examination of some of the doctrines of the early Friends.

Retired from business several years before his death. 1826, worked with Jonathan Pim to relieve famine in Ireland.

d. 15 Sept. 1851, Newcastle, Ire., aged 56.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 10(1852):6.

Dublin Mo. Mtg., Memorial of J. B., 1852.

The Friend (Phila.), 19:55, 25:158.

BEWLEY, Marion (1849-1945) after 1878 Priestman

[Marion Bewley, daughter of Joshua Bewley (1819-1900 qv) and his wife Margaret Hanks (born Fisher,) was married in 1878 to William Dent Priestman (1847-1936 qv) of Hull.

See PRIESTMAN, Marion (1849-1945) born Bewley]

MEG May 1985

BEWLY, Mongo (1677-1747) 3

Mongo Bewley was born 3.iv.[June] 1677, the son of Thomas and Margaret Bewley of Woodhall, in Cumberland.

He settled in Edenderry, Ireland, and became a leading member of the Meeting there, being a diligent attender at all meetings. He travelled in England, Scotland and Wales, and went once to Holland and once to America for about two years.

He was industrious and careful in business and was able not only to provide for his own family but to do much good in his neighbourhood.

'He was helpful to Friends in this Nation, in the Discipline of the Church; for which Service he was well qualified, and furnished with a good Understanding and sound Judgment, being also zealous for good Order, the Peace of the Church, and maintaining the Testimony of Truth, against wrong Things and undue Liberty.'

Mongo Bewley died 3.iii.[,ay] 1747

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Edemderry M.M, in TCMD vol.1 p.274 printed in 'A Collection of testimonies' 1760, p.209

WBE: 3
Additional information:

BEWLEY, Mongo, 1677-1747.

Mother was Margaret (Mark) Bewley.

Apprenticed. Requested his master for leave to attend midweek meetings, offering to make up the time thus employed.

m., 1706, Mary Gribbell. Children.

Visit to America was ca. 1732.

He possessed a noble mind, and a cheerful disposition.

bur. near Edenderry. A minister ca. 40 years.

Bowden's Hist., 2:240.

Leadbeater, Biog. notices, p. 229.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 10:127.

BEWLEY, Samuel (1806-1877)

Samuel Bewley was born in Dublin in 1806, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Bewley, both Elders of Dublin Monthly Meeting.

In 1839 he was appointed an overseer, and in 1842 an elder. He was a diligent attender at meetings both for worship and for six consecutive years Clerk to his Yearly Meeting.

Samuel Bewlwy twice visited America, first in 1854, when he accompanied Richard Allen of Watefford to Canada, and again in 1867, when he was one of the deputation to attend the opening of Canada Yearly Meeting.

He gave much time and attention to more public affairs, being greatly esteemed by those of other religious denominations for his sound judgment and upright conduct. The cause of Temperance was particularly dear to him, as was that of the Freedmen in the United States.

'In all these services of our dear friend we cannot doubt that love to God was the leading principle which guided his actions; and his life presents a striking example of the influence for good exercised by one who faithfully endeavoured to fulfill his duties in a simple and unostentatious manner.'

Samuel Bewly died 7 October 1877.

Testimony of Dublin MM in YM Proc. 1878, p.xii

WBE:
Additional information:

BEWLEY, Samuel, 1806-1877.

b. 1 Jan. 1806.

d. Dublin, Ire.

Robinson, Friends of a half century, p. 80 (portrait).

An. Mon., 36(1878):30.

BEWLEY, Sarah Elizabeth (1844-1924) after 1871 Pease

[Sarah Elizabeth Bewley, daughter of Henry and Ann Pike Bewley of Dublin, was married in 1871 to Charles Pease (1843-1873 qv).

See PEASE, Sarah Elizabeth (1844-1924) born Bewley]

MEG Nov 1981

BEWLEY, Susanna (1809-1882) after 1830 Pim

[Susanna Bewley, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (born Fayle) Bewley of Dublin, was married in 1830 to Samuel Pim (1802-1879 qv).

See PIM, Susanna (1809-1882) born Bewley]

NEG June 1983

BEWLEY, Thomas (1595?-1680)

This was Thomas Bewley of Haltcliffe Hall, in the parish of Caldbeck in Cumberland, which Hall was built by its owner in the year of Fox's visit. 'He was formerly Dissatisfied with the Nationall ministrey that Plead for the Continuing of sinn and... ceaced to use their Ministrey' (F.P.T.) His wife, Dorothy, and his family generally, were convinced at the same time and there are many descendants among Friends today. The Bewley family was related by marriage to Sir Wilfrid Lawson, of Isell. It is possible that one or more of Fox's later visits to members of this family were to Woodhall, near Haltcliffe, the home of Thomas Bewley the younger (his father is referred to as 'olde Tho: Bewley' on p.135 ii.36) and his wife Margaret, née Mark. The room occupied by Fox at Woodhall is still pointed out.

He 'bought a house in the Abbey [in Carlisle] for a Meeting House for the furtherance of the work of truth', where Friends met until it was taken from them (F.P.T.; Extracts from Register Books, MS in Friends House).

Mark, Family of Mark, 1898
Bewley, The Bewleys of Cumberland, 1902
Swarth. MSS

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.417

WBE:
Additional information:

BEWLEY, Thomas, ca. 1585-1680.

George Bewley was a son, and minister.

d. Cumberland, aged 95.

Braithwaite, Beginnings of Qu., pp. 117, 372.

Penney, The first publishers, p. 47.

Besse, 1:132.

WBE:

BEWLEY, Thomas, fl. 1856-1866.

Of Ireland.

Was at some time disunited from the Society of Friends, and is not known to have returned.

Author: A letter on the subject of Tithe-Rent-Charge. . . Reprinted with additions, 1857.

An inquiry into the right place and authority of Holy Scripture, Dublin, 1866. Tn this pamphlet, T. B. objects to Robert Barclay's treatment of the Scriptures. T. B. would make the Holy Scriptures the rule of faith and practice. See A brief reply by Daniel Pickard of Leeds.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:267, suppl.:57.

The Friend (Phila.), 40(1867):263.

see following page

Watson 1874

BEWLEY, Thomas ~~W~~ (~~1875~~-1934)

Thomas W. Bewley died on January 20, 1934 at his residence, Sandford Hill, Dublin, aged 59. He had been director of W. & R. Jacob & Co., Ltd.

'He was educated at Bootham, and was a well-known figure at the annual Old Scholars' Reunions, which he made a practice of attending regularly each year. He was on the School Committee for two periods of eight years each. He was also a trustee of the Old Scholars Association Bursary Fund, and was a generous contributor to it. On leaving school he commenced work in the biscuit factory in the year 1892.

'In 1901 he married Elisabeth B. Clibborn, daughter of the late Edward Clibborn, of Southampton. She died in March of last year,.. His two sons, Edward and William, are both engaged in the biscuit business in Dublin.'

'He gave much time and thought to the work of the Society in Dublin, and in the year 1920, on the retirement of his father, the late William Frederick Bewley, from the Clerkship of Dublin Yearly Meeting, he was appointed to the position, which he...filled during a period of six years.' He was appointed Clerk of the Yearly Meetings' Committee, but his death prevented his acting in that capacity. He was an Elder. He usually sat at the head of Eustace Street Meeting.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

<u>The Friend</u>, vol.92 (1934) p.94

REFERENCES AND NOTES:

Not in Digest of Birth Notes

WBE:

see previous page

BEWLEY, Thomas Watson, 1874-1934.

s. William Frederick and Bewley.

ed. Bootham.

m., 1901, Elisabeth B. Clibborn, Southampton. Two sons.

Director of W. and R. Jacob & Co., Ltd., biscuit mfrs.

Member of Bootham School Com. Clerk of Dublin Y. Mtg. for six years. Elder. Generous to good causes.

Heart attack. d. 20 Jan. 1934, Sanford Hill, Dublin, aged 59.

The Friend (London), 1934: pp. 92, 95 (portrait).

BEWLEY, William Frederick (1847-1922) 3

William Frederick Bewley was born 21 November 1847 in Dublin, where he remained all his life, apart from four years spent at Bootham School.

As a young man he became a partner in the firm of W. and R. Jacob & co. where 'his industry, ability, and integrity in commercial life won for him the regard of the employees with whom he came in contact and of those who had business transactions with him'.

For fifty-five years he taught in the early morning First-Day School held first at Nelson Lane and later at Strand Street Institute. He was one of a group that started the Strand Street Youths' Association and was diligent in attending the Gospel and Childrens Meetings.

'He was appointed to the office of Elder when comparatively young. From middle life onwards he showed a deep concern for the First-day morning Meeting for Worship at Eustace Street' where 'his voice was frequently and acceptably heard'. Having a sympathy and understanding of children, he was a frequent visitor to Friends schools in Ireland; in meeting for worship he often spoke primarily to the children and 'the manner in which trivial incidents witnessed in the home or in the street were ... used, gave evidence of a mind which looked habitually for the spiritual lessons to be drawn from the everyday affairs of life'.

In 1907 he attended the Five Years Meeting at Richmond, Indiana, as a Fraternal Delegate from Dublin Yearly Meeting.

He was clerk to Dublin MM for several years and for two periods filled a similar position on the Ministry and Oversight committee of the MM. In 1905 he was called at short notice to be clerk of Ireland YM, in which capacity he served until 1920.

He died 15 November 1922.

Testimony of Dublin MM in YM Proc. 1923, p.293

WBE:
Additional information:

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BEWLEY, William Frederick, 1847-1922.

s. Samuel and Maria Bewley.

m., 1870, Anna Watson.

d. Dublin.

The Friend (London), 62(1922):840, 911 (portrait).

BEWLY, George, -1691.

see BEWLEY, George, -1691.

BIALOWIESKA, Jadwiga (-1940) nm

Jadwiga Bialowieska, of Warsaw, was shot as a reprisal early in the summer of 1940. For 20 years Jadwiga Bialowieska had been a Polish "friend of the Friends." 'She lived most of her life in Warsaw, but the end of the last war found her in England and very glad to join the Friends War Victims Relief Committee Unit which went to Poland in 1919 to help in anti-typhus work.

'She acted first as interpreter, but gradually came to take more and more responsibility for the work, until she became head of the little orphanage for boys and girls which was started at Kolpin and was later moved to Kobryn.' She was a Catholic.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

<u>The Friend</u>, vol.99 (1941) p.44

BICKERS, George (1885?-1940)

George Bickers, of Plaistow, was killed in an air raid in September 1940. He was a school attendance officer. 'All his leisure was devoted to service, as a member of the London Co-operative Society's Education Committee and in the Adult School Movement. Associated with the Bedford Institute Centre at Forest Gate for 25 years, he joined Friends in 1938.

'In the last war he could have been exempted from military service if he had been married, but he and his fiancée felt this subterfuge dishonest, and he served two-and-a-half years in prison and barracks, subsequently joining the Friends War Victims Relief Committee.

'He...exhausted himself at emergency feeding centres for young air-raid victims. An oil bomb on the entrance to an Anderson shelter caused his death.'

PRINCIPAL SOURCE:

The Friend, vol.98 (1940) p.563

BICKFORD, Melville Francis (- 1977)

We have no record of the early life of Melville Bickford, except that he began his adult life as a cadet in the Merchant Service. Later he entered the world of Banking.

Falmouth was his native town and there he attended Quaker meetings and joined the Society.(1) His wife Catherine Fanny joined also and later they started the meeting at Tavistock, which although it lapsed for a time by 1977 had become a part of Tavistock life. For many years Melville Bickford was treasurer of Devon & Cornwall QM and of the Swarthmore Settlement, Plymouth. His knowledge of finance, educational grants and bursaries and his interest in the social services enabled him to assist many young people and the handicapped and the elderly. He was a humble, patient and very valued Friend and also served on Friends Education Council from 1967 until 1973.(2)

He died suddenly on August 21, 1977. No age is recorded.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE THE FRIEND Vol. 135 (1977) p. 1156.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. This is taken from the obituary. But Devon & Cornwall QM printed list of members for 1940 records them both as members at Falmouth, and there does not appear to be any earlier entry. The list for 1941 records a daughter June Avis.

2. Typescript Committee Index - Friends Ho. Library.

SGJ. Feb. 1978

BICKLEY, Anthony

Anthony Bickley (Brickley) resided at Baddesley Ensor, near Atherston, and became a prominent local Friend.

White, Friends in Warwickshire, 1894, pp.19,23,60,96,97

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed., 1911 vol.1 p.424

WBE:

BIDDLE, Clement, 1740-1814.

b. 10 July 1740, West Jersey, N. J., s. John and Sarah Owen Biddle.

m. Mary Richardson (d. 1773).

m. (2d), 1774, Rebekah Cornell. Thirteen children.

Merchant. Joined the Free Quakers. 1775, colonel in American army. 1777, deputy quartermaster general of the Flying Camp. Was present at battles of Princeton, Germantown, Brandywine and Monmouth. Wintered at Valley Forge. Later appointed commissary-general of forage. 1781, quartermaster-general of Pa. Appointed by President Washington marshall of Pa. Had confidential intercourse and correspondence with Washington till near the president's death.

d. 14 July 1814, Phila., Pa., aged 74.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., BX 7795.

Eliz. Drinker, Extracts from her journal, index.

Hirst, Qu. in Peace and War, p. 412.

Sharpless, A Qu. experiment in Govt., 2:209.

Dic. Am. Biog., p. 239.

Appleton's cyclopedia of Am. biog., p. 255.

WBE:

BIDDLE, Clement, 1778-1856.

b. 10 Aug. 1778, Phila., Pa., s. Owen and Sarah (Parke) Biddle.

Frail health. Made voyages to South America.

m. Mary Canby.

Elder, Phila. Mo. Mtg., (Race St.). Active in founding Friends Asylum in Frankford, Phila.

d. 10 Feb. 1856, Phila.? Pa., in his 78th year.

Friends Intellingencer, 12:776, 805.

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 26:68.

Hinshaw's encyclopedia, 2:782.

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BIDDLE, Esther (1629?-1696) bah

Esther Biddle was the 'wife of one Tho. Biddle Liveinge in the Olde Change over agt the King's head, London' (E.S.P., 225). Member of Church of England before convincement (cf E. Biddle, Trumpet of the Lord God sounded forth, 1662, 14 f). Travelled to Newfoundland and Barbados (cf. C.J., ii.334, 336, as Beadle). For letters from her, cf. A.R.B. MSS., 94 in Brailsford, Q.W., 303; E.S.P. 22 f. cf. Besse; Smith, Cat.; E.S.P., 154, 159, 224 f.

Note by G.F. Nuttall in Early quaker letters, 1952, p.52

WBE:
Additional information:

BIDDLE, Esther, ca. 1629-1696. 3

b. Oxford, Eng.

Was a royalist.

Convinced by F. Howgill.

T. Biddle was a cordwainer.

1656-1657, visited Barbadoes, the "Straights," and Newfoundland. 1657, had a vision of the King's return, three years before he came. 1665, was struck on the face with a halberd, and imprisoned in Newgate for speaking in the street. 1694, applied to Queen Mary and received a "passe" to go to France, where she had an audience with Louis XIV, at which she begged for peace.

A woman of excellent endowments. Became poor, and was assisted by Friends.

Published warnings to the cities of Oxford and London, part in verse.

d. 5 Dec. 1696, London, Eng., aged 67.

Brailsford, Qu. Women, pp. 264, 300.

Besse, 1:366, 484.

John Smith's ms., p. 105.

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

Jour. Friends Hist. Soc., 47(1955):38.

BIDDLE, Michael (fl 1691-)

Michael Biddle, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1984) traced(1), was a husbandman of Iver in Buckinghamshire(2).

He was married in 1691 to Martha Skidmore(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

The date of his death is not at present (1984) traced(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 His birth is not traced in Bucks QM Births Digest
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at New Jordans on 15.x.[December] 1691: he is described as a husbandman of Iver, Buckinghamshire; she is described as a spinster, late of Watford in the parish of Hertford (Bucks QM Marriages Digest)
4 No children are traced in Bucks QM Births Digest
5 His death is not traced in Bucks QM nor Beds & Herts QM Burials Digests

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

MEG June 1984

BIDDLE, Martha (1726/7-1775) after 1747/8 Alexander

(Martha Biddle, daughter of John and Abigail Biddle of Esher in Surrey, was married in 1747/8 to Dykes Alexander (1724?-1786 qv).

See ALEXANDER, Martha (1726/7-1775) born Biddle)

NEG Aug 1977

WBE:

BIDDLE, Owen, 1737-1799.

b. 1737, Phila., Pa., s. John and Sarah (Owen) Biddle.

m., 1760, Sarah Parke, of Downingtown, Chester Co., Pa. (d. 1794).

Clockmaker; later shipper and importer. Suffered financial reverses.

1775, disowned for promoting warlike measures. 1781, helped organize the Monthly Meeting of Friends, called by some Free Quakers. 1783, made acknowledgement to Friends, and was reinstated. Thereafter was in close unity with Friends.

Member of American Philosophical Society.

His residence was Peel Hall, which occupied the site of the present Girard College.

Author of a proposal for the establishing of a boarding school like Ackworth, 1790. This resulted in Westtown, founded 1799.

d. 10 Mar. 1799, in his 62d year.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa., 7619.

Biddle, A sketch of Owen Biddle . . . a list of his descendants., p. 8-33.

Westtown through the years, pp. 17, 19, 41, 340, 367.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:268.

Pa. Mag. of Hist. and Biog., 3:194, 56:227.

Jordan, Colonial families of Phila., p. 172.

Tolles, Meeting house and counting house, p. 217.

WBE:

BIERNSEN, Thormod

Of Stavangar, Norway.

1829, came to America. Resided at Shrewsbury, N. J., and joined Friends (Liberal). 1832, removed to Phila.

Comly, Friends Misc., 8:16.

BIFFEN, Martha Mary (1844?-1920) after 1873 Lindsey

[Martha Mary Biffen, daughter of William Biffen, was married in 1873 to Thomas Cooper Lindsey (1830-1913 qv) of Rochdale in Lancashire and London.

See LINDSEY, Martha Mary (1844?-1920) born Biffen]

MEG Oct 1984

WBE:

BIGG, Jeremiah, -1839.

Of Swansea, Wales, s. Thomas Brigg.

Author: Quakerieties, 1838. Clever limericks concerning leading Friends of his day.

d. 1839, Llantwit Major, Glamorganshire, Wales.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:268.

BIGG, Mary (1771-1814) born Boone

Mary Boone, the daughter of George Boone (1730-1785 qv) and his first wife Hannah (born Bullock, 1740-1777 qv) of Birmingham, was born there on 25 September 1771(1).

She was married in 1800 to Thomas Bigg (1765-1838 qv) of Swansea and there were seven children(2). Her husband was a minister of the Society(3).

Mary Bigg of Mile End near Swansea died on 31 March 1814, at the age of forty three(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 For marriage and children see BIGG, Thomas (1765-1838)
3 See entry for BIGG, Thomas (1765-1838)
4 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Thomas, a copper agent

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

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BIGG, Susannah (1767-1852) born Horne

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Susanna Horne, the daughter of Thomas Horne (1725/6 or 1726/7-1802 qv) and his wife Mary, born Hill, of Bankside in Southwark, London, was born there on 5 March 1767(1). She was a descendant of the family of Horne of Arundel in Sussex and among her ancestors was the early convinced Friend Thomas Horne (-1718 qv).

Little is known of her early life, but in her formative years she frequently enjoyed the company of Thomas Scattergood and was deeply influenced by his example; she accompanied him in visiting the families of Horsleydown Monthly Meeting. She first appeared in the ministry in 1794 and was acknowledged a minister by Tottenham Monthly Meeting on 7 April 1796(2). She travelled extensively in the exercise of her gift, visiting Friends in all parts of the country and in Ireland, sometimes in the company of Thomas Scattergood; she also made a long visit of about three years' duration to Friends in America, from about 1810 to 1813. England and America were at war when Susanna returned and she sailed in a vessel for conveying prisoners of war, for which special permission had to be obtained(3).

She was married in 1819 to Thomas Bigg (1765-1838 qv) of Swansea(4), a widower with six children. There were no children of her own marriage, but she was a kind and conscientious stepmother. At Swansea, and later in their homes at Bristol and Reading she and her husband united in upholding the testimonies of the Society.

Her husband died at Reading in 1838 and she returned to Tottenham, where she passed the evening of her days in tranquillity and peace. She was a kind and sympathising friend to the poor and all those in affliction and shared what she had with those in need. She was not only an active and concerned member of her meeting, where her services in the ministry "were acceptable, persuasive and lively,"(Testimony), but took a loving interest in any benevolent or charitable concern designed to relieve poverty and suffering.

In 1844 she had a slight seizure of an apoplectic character from which she never fully recovered. She died on 2 December 1852(5) at the age of eighty five and was buried at Winchmore Hill; she had been a minister for over fifty eight years.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

Annual Monitor 1854 pp 11-16
Testimony of Tottenham MM in Testimonies 1853, p 21

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 London & Middlesex QM Births Digest: her father's occupation is not given
2 Minutes of Tottenham MM
3 The Friend (Phila.) 1911, p 132
4 For details of marriage see BIGG, Thomas (1765-1838)
5 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the relict of Thomas; the Annual Monitor gives the date of her death as 7 December 1852

SEE ALSO:-

J Friends Hist Soc vol 23 (1926) p 89n and Sup 16 (Pen Pictures) pp 110n,111n: reference to family
Incidental reference in Sup 17 (Pen Pictures) p 185
Norman Penney, My Ancestors, London 1920, p 78
The Friend (Phila.) 12, 40: 26, 410

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BIGG, Susannah (1767-1852) born Horne

Susannah Bigg daughter of Thomas and Mary Horne was born at Bankside in Southwark in March 1767. In 1793 the family became members of Tottenham M.M. Soon after being acknowledged as a minister she began visiting meetings within her own Q.M.; several visits in the company of Thomas Scattergood of Philadelphia. Having travelled extensively amongst Friends in this country and Ireland she spent three years visiting Friends in America.

In 1819 she married Thomas Bigg of Swansea, a widower with six children. Here and later in their homes at Bristol and Reading they united in upholding the testimonies of our religious society. On the death of her husband in 1838 Susannah Bigg returned to Tottenham where her services in the ministry "were acceptable, persuasive and lively".

In 1844 she had a slight seizure of an apopletic character from which she never fully recovered. She died 2 December 1852, aged nearly 86 years, a minister over 58 years. Her body was interred at Winchmore Hill.

Testimony of Tottenham M.M. in Testimonies 1853, p.21

WBE:
Additional information:

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BIGG, Susanna (Horne), 1767-1852.

Mother was Mary (Hill) Horne.

1794, spoke as a minister. Accompanied Thomas Scattergood in visiting families of Horsleydown Mo. Mtg. Visit to Am. was from ca. 1810 to 1813.

Thomas Bigg was a minister.

Stroke prevented her walking.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 12(1854):11.

The Friend (Phila.), 12:40, 26:410.

WBE:
Additional information

BIGG, Susanna, nee Horne, 1767-1852

b. 1767 in London, Eng., daughter of Thomas and Mary (Hill) Horne.

Minister. In 1810-13 she visited America during wartime.

1819 m. Thomas Bigg, also a minister. Often travelled with Thomas Scattergood.

ca. 1844 suffered a stroke of apoplexy which deprived her of the ability to walk.

d. Dec. 7, 1852 at Tottenham, England.

An. Mon.(N.S.), 12(1854):11

Jour. Frds. Hist. Soc., 23:89

The Friend (Phila.), 85(1911):132

BIGG, Thomas (1765-1838)

Thomas Bigg, details of whose parentage are not at present (1976) traced, was born at Wendover in Buckinghamshire in March 1765. His parents were not members of the Society and he was educated as an Episcopalian, but his training and principles did not restrain him from associating in early life with much that was harmful and of ill repute.

During his apprenticeship he became acquainted with the principles professed by Friends and finding much in them which appealed to his growing convictions, he applied for membership of the Society and was admitted by Upperside Monthly Meeting in 1791. He was at that time living at Aylesbury and from there went to Birmingham, where in 1800 he was married to Mary Boone, the daughter of George Boone (1730-1785 qv) of Kettering(1); there were seven children(2). Shortly after his marriage he moved to Swansea, in the monthly meeting of Carmarthenshire and Glamorganshire, where he was acknowledged a minister in 1805. His testimony was not frequent, but was weighty and was delivered with much simplicity.

His wife died in 1814(3) and in 1819 he took as his second wife Susannah Horne (1767-1852 qv), herself a minister and the daughter of Thomas Horne (1725/6 or 1726/7-1802 qv) of Bankside, Southwark(4); there were no children of this second marriage(5).

He left Swansea for Bristol in 1826, where he lived for three years before moving to Reading in 1829. He was a regular attender at meetings, even during a protracted illness and was an active supporter of the discipline; although essentially a humble man he took a prominent part in any plans to alleviate the sufferings of his fellows and was much concerned both for their temporal and spiritual welfare. His efforts were not confined to the poorer members of the Society, but were open to all classes and conditions of men, although he was always careful to remain in himself faithful to the principles he professed.

He died at Reading on 5 September 1838(6), at the age of seventy three.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Reading & Warborough MM 19 March 1839 in TCMD vol 6, pp 168-169

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REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 The wedding was at Birmingham on 16 June 1800: he is described as a nail ironmonger of Birmingham; she is described as the daughter of George and Hannah Boone, late of Birmingham (Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Marriages Digest)

2 Listed in Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Births and Burials Digests as follows:-

Thomas*	b 18 May 1801	
George*	b 17 July 1803	
Mary*	b 25 Sept 1805	
Lydia	b 13 March 1807	who d 20 March 1807
Lydia	b 6 Nov 1808	who m 1835 Thomas Sanders Hack (Berks & Oxon QM Marriages Digest)
Jeremiah*	b 9 Oct 1811	
William*	b 29 Dec 1813	

*No marriages are recorded for these children in Bristol & Somerset QM, Berks & Oxon QM or the Digest of Marriages to 1873

3 Hereford, Worcester & Wales GM Burials Digest: she died 31 March 1814

4 The wedding was at Winchmore Hill on 27 April 1819: he is described as a copper smelter of Swansea in Glamorganshire; she is described as of Tottenham in Middlesex (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)

5 No children are recorded in Herefordshire, Worcester & Wales GM Births Digest

6 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a minister of Reading

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BIGG, William, 1813-1878.

b. 1813, Swansea. Formerly of Banbury, later of Luton, in Bedfordshire, Eng.

Mayor of Luton. 1874, chairman of school board.

Author: A lecture on the improvement of the mind, 1840.

An essay on the causes of the decline of the Society of Friends, &c., 1859.

d. 2 March 1878, Luton, aged 64.

The Friend (London), 18(1878):92.

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

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:268, suppl.:58.

An. Mon.(N. S.), 37(1879):55.

BIGGS, John (1667?-1744)

John Biggs, who was probably a convinced Friend, was born about the year 1667.(1) He was a minister of Swanington Monthly Meeting and his ministry is described as refreshing, "Lively & Powerful, and we do believe that he Lived & Died a Servant of the Lord."

He died apparently unmarried(2) aged about seventy seven on 6.x.(December) 1744(3) at Congerston.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of MM held at Swanington, approved by Leicestershire QM 29.i.(March)1745 in TCMD vol.1 p. 230
(Swannington is a village about four miles east of Ashby de la Zouche)

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged about seventy seven at death. There is no entry in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Births Digest
2 There is no record of a marriage in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM, Derby & Notts QM or Lincolnshire QM Marriages Digests
3 His death is not recorded in Warwick, Leicester & Rutland QM Burials Digest or Derby & Notts QM

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BIGLAND, Annie M. (1863?-1932) aft~~w~~er 1896 Fryer

[Annie M. Bigland, daughter of John and Matilda Bigland, of Bishop Auckland, married Joseph Fryer in 1896.

see FRYER, Annie M. (1863?-1932) born Bigland]

BIGLAND, Edith Mary Hanbury (1862-1951) born Aggs

Edith M.H. Aggs was born 10 November 1862.

She married Percy Bigland in 1892 and her early married life was spent in Tite Street, Chelsea. She spent all her life in public work, being a member of the Fawcett Committee for the Enfranchisement of Women, and a member of the small group who in 1914 examined the possibility of establishing a Society of Nations; from this pioneering work sprang the League of Nations. She was an active member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and a member of the National Council of Women. She was Hon. Secretary of the Criminal Law Amendment Committee; she worked all her life for the Penal Reform Committee and the Howard League. She was a member of the British Commonwealth League, and a member of the executive of the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene.

During the first World War she served as Clerk to the Prisoners' Visitation Committee which organised the work of the Quaker 'Chaplains'.

All her life she travelled much abroad, including a visit to India on behalf of the Friends Foreign Mission Association.

But the outstanding thing about Edith Bigland was not what she did but what she was. She had a great gift of friendship and met Pasteur, Nansen, Ruskin, Millais, G.F. Watts and many other well known people. But some of her closest friendships were with 'Old Girls' of the Club she started when in Westminster Meeting.

During the later years of her life her home at 'Stone Dean' Jordans became a place of refuge for any in need, including many refugees from Nazi persecution.

She died 5 June 1951

Testimony of Jordans MM in YM Proc. 1952 p.174

BIGLAND, John (1833-1915)

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John Bigland was born at Maryport on 16 February 1833, the son of Benjamin and Mary Bigland. He was educated at Wigton School and in 1847 entered the Shildon Works in South Durham, famous in the history of railways. Later he turned to mining and worked as manager in various collieries, retiring from the firm of Pease and Partners in 1889, though continuing as a consultant for some years. In 1858 he married Matilda, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hallam, a marriage which lasted until within one year of the celebration of their golden wedding. There were four children (1).

John Bigland was an active supporter of the Liberal Party, being for many years President of the Auckland Division of the Liberal Association. He was a magistrate and a guardian of the Poor.

Most of his activities were within the Society of Friends. He was an Elder and an Overseer, and for several years was Clerk of Darlington Monthly Meeting. His occasional ministry was both helpful and reverent. He was for a long time a teacher in the Adult School and was for several years a member of Ayton School Committee.

After the death of his wife in 1908, he went for a memorable holiday in Palestine, Egypt and Athens, the memory of which was constantly with him, and often referred to in his Adult School lessons.

'John Bigland was of the older type of Friend, wise in counsel, somewhat reserved in expression at first, sound in judgment and always a ready helper as far as conscience led him'.

He died on 11 August 1915 aged 82.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual monitor 1916 p.6

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows:-

Mary Lucy	born 6 November 1861
Anne Matilda	born 7 August 1863
Edwin Hodgson	born 15 December 1865
Hubert Hallam	born 31 July 1871

BIGLAND, John Francis Gawen (1) (1903 - 1980)

John Bigland was born on April 26, 1903 the son of Hubert Hallam and Edith Mary (b. Laidler) Bigland (2) of Whitley Bay. He was educated at Bootham School and at Glasgow university where he obtained a B.Sc. degree in 1926. He took up teaching as a career and worked in Scotland where he also worked with Young Friends and in Stockport where he was appointed an educational adviser. He served Stockport meeting as clerk for some time.(3) In 1938 he married Freda Ella Long (4) and they had one son Brian Gawen.

His interests included scouting and boys clubs in his younger days and later photography but clocks became an almost abiding obsession with him. In 1961 the family moved to Ilkley and he and his wife built up the Oxfam shop there until it was one of the top five in the country and there he repaired and renewed clocks and watches brought in for sale. He served Ilkley meeting as treasurer during the modernisation of the meeting house. He was a logical man, of few words with a dry sense of humour and a life-long supporter of the Liberal cause. He was also a keen member of the Friends Guild of Teachers.

He died on January 12, 1980 aged 76.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE Testimony of Leeds Monthly Meeting

Y.M.Procs. 1981 pp 170/171.

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. The Birth Digest gives his name as Gawen but the Testimony gives his name as Gawin and wherever the name appears in it it is given in the same spelling. The Bootham Register (see below) also gives his name as Gawen but it has not been possible (Nov. 1981) to trace the ancester referred to i.e. Gawin Bigland.
2. Birth Digest. His father is described as an electrical engineer.
3. Index of Clerks - Friends Ho. Library.
   Stockport PM. 1960 - 1963.
   Note that the obituary states that he left Stockport for Ilkley in 1961. It has not been possible to confirm this.
4. Bootham School Register 1971 - Friends Ho. Library.

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BIGLAND, Percy (1856-1926)

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Percy Bigland, the fifth son of Edwin (1822-1882) and Adelaide (Merryweather) ~~born~~ Bigland, was born 27 November 1856 at Liscard, Cheshire. At the age of 10 he went to Sidcot school. On leaving school he was apprenticed to James Jones & Co. Marine engineers of Liverpool, for five years. At the expiry of his apprenticeship he gave up his intention of becoming a marine engineer because of his desire to be an artist. After spending 3 months with Edward Compton near Munich he entered the Munich Art school and by the end of the first two years was able to support himself by his sales. At the age of 27 he set up in London, specialising in protraiture.

Soon after coming to London he met Edith Mary Hanbury Aggs (1862-1951, qv); they were married in 1892 (1). There were two children(2). Through his wife and her wide connections with and in the Society, he was drawn into fresh work in many directions. Their home in Tite Street, Chelsea, was the centre of much literary and religious ac tivity. For many years a meeting was held there on Sunday evenings.

Percy Bigland took a keen interest in the Adult school at Westminster, and during the 1914-18 was he acted as Quaker chaplain to conscientious objectors in prison. In 1925 he formed one of a delegation sent by the Society to India. This visit meant a great deal to him 'It has been the crown of our married life' he said to his wife. He gave loving and untiring servide there. His report to Meeting for Sufferings on his visit was made only a few days before his death.

'Percy Bigland's power was his truthfulness in his art and in his life, and while his convictions were deep and sincere, he was so intensely sympathetic that he could suffer opposition without offense and understand the other's viewpoint with a rapidity and grace which disarmed antagonism.'

He died 9 April 1926, aged 69.

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BIGLAND, Percy (1856-1926) cont

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PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Testimony of Westminster & Longford MM in YM Proc, 1927, p. 193

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 The wedding was at Westminster on 8 June 1892: he is described as bachelor, artist, of 4 Wychcombe Studios, Haverstock Hill, NW, son of Edwin Bigland, merchant; she is described as spinster, of Hollywood, Clapham Common, SW, daughter of Thomas Aggs, discount banker (Digest of Marriage Registers)

2 Listed in Digest of Birth Notes as follows:-

Ranulf Aggs	born 28 June 1895
Griselda Aggs	born 16 June 1898

WBE: 2+

BIGLAND, Percy, ca. 1858-1926.

b. ca. 1858, Beech Cottage, Manor Road, Liscard, Cheshire, s. Edwin and Adelaide Bigland.

ed. Sidcot School. Was a good oarsman. Apprenticed to James Jones and Co., Liverpool, five years. Studied art at Munich, seven years.

m., 1892, Edith Mary Hanbury Aggs, and lived in Chelsea. Children. [see Bigland, Edith Mary Hanbury (Aggs), 1862-1951]

Made portrait of Gladstone. Painted "A Quaker Wedding," with setting at Jordans Mtg. House.

Visited U. S. A. three times. Visited India. Moved to Jordans, near the Meeting House. Enjoyed golf. "Quaker" chaplain.

d. 9 Apr. 1926, Jordans, aged 68.

The Friend (London), 66:332 (portrait), 59(1919):767 (see reproduction of little-known painting).

BIGLAND, Ranulf Aggs (1895 - 1974)

Ranulf Bigland was born on 28, June 1895, the son of Percy (1856 - 1926 qv) and Edith Mary Henbury (b. Aggs 1862 - 1951 qv.) Bigland.(1)

He served in the Friends Ambulance Unit during the 1914-1918 war, in the "SSA 14 " Motor Ambulance Unit.

The family moved to the area of Jordans, and he attended the meeting there from 1921(2) but did not actually transfer his membership until after the establishment of Jordans MM.(3)

He married, on July 10, 1924, Dorothy Eva Bridge, not in membership of the Society (4). A daughter, Brenda Rachel, was born in 1927.

He moved to Corfe Castle in 1952, where he joined Swanage Meeting,(5) it was at Corfe Castle that he died on February 16, 1974, aged 78.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE. The Friend Vol 132 (1974) p 296

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. Digest of Births. His father is described as an artist of 32, Tite Street, Chelsea.
2. Bedfordshire QM printed list of members shows him as attending Jordans Meeting but as member of another MM.
3. Bedfordshire QM printed list of members records him as a member of Jordans Meeting in 1928.
4. Digest of Marriages. The marriage took place at Jordans FMH. He is described as bachelor, poultry farmer, son of Percy Bigland, Portrait Painter. Dorothy Bridge is described as from Warcop, Westmorland, formerly the wife of Harold Edward Bridge, from whom she had obtained a divorce. She was born the daughter of Sebastian Shaw, a Vicar of the Church of England.
5. Sussex, Surrey & Hants.QM printed list of members shows him as a member of Swanage Meeting in 1953.

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WBE:

BILES, Jane Atkinson, -1709.

Of Yorkshire, Eng., from Bearnsley Mtg., Yorkshire.

Minister.

m., 1678, Thomas Atkinson.

1682, removed to New Jersey.

1688, m. (2d) William Biles. [see Biles, William, -1710].

1689, visited Friends in East Jersey and Long Island. At first, sided with George Keith, but later wrote a testimony against that delusion. 1696, with her husband visited New England. 1710, both visited England and Ireland. Returned 1702.

bur. 21 Dec. 1709.

The Friend (Phila.), 28:93, 102.

WBE:

BILES, William, -1710.

b. England.

m. Johannah (d. 1687). Eight children.

m. (2d) Jane Atkinson. No children.

ca. 1678 or 1681, came from Eng. to New Jersey, but settled on the west side of the river, near Falls, later Fallsington, Pa.

Minister. 1692, signed a declaration of disunity with George Keith. 1696, went with his wife to N. Eng. 1701, visited with his wife both Eng. and, 1702, Ire. 1704, visited in N. J. Was at Shrewsbury.

1683, member of Assembly in Pa. 1685, justice of the peace. Sided with David Lloyd, in opposing proprietory claims. Had a difference with Gov. Evans.

bur., 19 May 1710, Falls? Pa.

Pa. Mag. of Hist. and Biog., 26:58, 30:77.

The Friend (Phila.), 28:93, 102, 108.

John Smith's ms., 1:217.

BILLING, Charity (1736-1764) after 1763 James

[Charity Billing, daughter of John Billing (-)
and his wife Sarah (born)
of Minver Monthly Meeting in Cornwall, was married in
1763 to William James (1738/9- qv).

See JAMES, Charity (1736-1764) born Billing]

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BILLING, Edward (1623?-1686)

Walker, Sufferings of the Clergy, 1714.
Under entry for Henry Watkins of Sutton-under-Brailes (Warickshire) refers to Thos. Billing(brother to the late noted Quaker and apprentice to a poor tailor). This confirms "Children of Light" ed. Howard Brinton, 1938, pp.96 & 105.

Information from Geoffrey Nuttall 1948.

Reports of the Historical MSS Commission.
"An informer was reporting on the anti-York, pro-Monmouth riots of 1681... I believe that was the date. A crowd was surging through Westminster crying "No York, no York, a Monmouth, a Monmouth! Somehow in the excitement the sign outside the Mitre Tavern got ablaze and Edward Billing who lived across the way was heard to say "The Mitre burns bravely" ".

Frederick Tolles to L.V.Holdsworth 23 July, 1951.

see also previous page

BILLING
~~BYLLINGE~~, Edward (1623?-1686)

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Edward Byllinge of Westminster, brewer (Smith, Cata. 1867, i.269), touched the life of his times at varied points. The circumstances of his youth and of his residence in Scotland are not forthcoming, but in 1659 he had removed to London, where he underwent abuse and suffering with other Friends- 'many were the knocks, and blows, and kicks, myself and wife received' (Swarth. MSS.v.93; see Pepys, Diary, Wheatley ed.). In 1675, Byllinge and John Fenwick purchased of Lord Berkeley his moiety of the Province of New Jersey. Having suffered pecuniary loss, Byllinge asked William Penn to become trustee with Gawen Lawrie and Nicholas Lucas for the benefit of his creditors. Penn's work in this connection was a prelude to his greater work of founding the Province of Pennsylvania. In 1681, Byllinge was appointed Governor of West New Jersey, and he appointed Samuel Jennings his deputy, and, later, the former became a partner with Penn and others in the Province of East New Jersey (Case Put, c. 1684; Jennings, Truth Rescued, 1699; Proud, Hist. of Penna, 1797, i.136 ff; Winsor, Hist. of America, iii.430; Clement, First Settlers in Newton Township, N.J., 1877).

It is clear that there was some relationship between Edward Byllinge's family and that of Hambly, of Cornwall (see 242. 1,2). A child of 'Edward and Lillias Billing', born 1660, was named Loveday Billing (London Registers), and Edward Byllinge's 'only heir and surviving child' was Gracia (Clement, Settlers, p.223). The 'breviate' of the Journal (see ii.210.3) states that Fox met Byllinge and others at the town of 'Burfot' in Scotland.

Biog. Memoirs, ii.459
Swarth. MSS.iii.139,143
Spence MSS.iii.59

Note by N. Penney in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.1 p.454

see also next page

WBE:
Additional information:

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BILLING, Edward, 1623-1686.

Of Leith, Scotland?

In Gen. Monk's army.

1657, E. B. and his wife at that time lived apart, but coming to the Truth, were reconciled. Offered to lie in jail, if any one Friend might be released. 1659, appeared before Commons to present the sufferings of Friends.

1674, part owner with John Fenwick of West Jersey by purchase from Geo. Carteret [London's account differs slightly]. Had a difference with Fenwick, which quarrel was referred to arbitrators, of whom William Penn was one. They assigned one-tenth to Fenwick and nine-tenths to Byllynge.

Author: A word of reproof, and advice to my late fellow-soldiers and officers, &c., 1659.

An alarm to all Flesh . . . , 1660.

Wrote an account of the abuse of Friends by General Monk's soldiers.

Words in the Word, &c., 1661.

A certaine sound; or an alarm sounded to the persecuting Episcopalians, &c., 1665.

d. 16 XI 1686, St. Botolph's, Aldgate, London, Eng., aged 63 years.

Friends Hist. Lib., Swarthmore, Pa.

Jos. Smith's Cat., 1:269.

WBE:
Additional information:

BILLING, Edward, 1623-1686. Page 2.

Pa. Mag. of Hist. and Biog., 5:312.

Besse, 1:469-70.

Journal of G. F., bi-cent. ed., 1:399.

Barclay, ed., Letters . . . of early Friends, pp. 62-68.

Jones, Qu. in the Am. Colonies, pp. 363-64, 380-81.

Children of light, pp. 85, 109.

BILLING, Loveday (1604?-1682) after 1639 Hambly

[Loveday Billing, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Billing, of Hengar, Cornwall, was married in 1639 to William Hambly, son of John Hambly of Tregangeeves.

see HAMBLY, Loveday (1604?-1682) born Billing]

WBE:
Additional information

BILLING, Loveday, afterwards Hambly, ca. 1604-1682

see HAMBLY, Loveday, nee Billing

BILTON, Ann (1815-1884) after 1838 Brook

[Ann Bilton, daughter of Joshua (1782-1833 qv) and Isabella (born Minto) Bilton of Selby, Yorkshire, was married in 1838 to Uriah Brook (1807-1867 qv) of Denby, Penistone, Yorkshire.

see BROOK, Ann (1815-1884) born Bilton]

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BILTON, Elizabeth (1745?-1810) born Vipont

Elizabeth Vipont, the daughter of Edward Vipont (1707-1756 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Rayner, 1710-1771 qv) of Airton in Yorkshire, was born there about the year 1745(1).

She was married in 1771 to William Bilton (1743-1815 qv), a farmer of Hayshaw near Darley in Yorkshire, and there were eleven children(2). The family moved several times and her husband later became a linen thread maker at Bradford in Yorkshire(3).

Elizabeth Bilton of Bradford died on 14 October 1810, at the age of sixty five(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 65 at death: her birth is not traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest
2 For marriage and children see BILTON, William (1743-1815)
3 See entry for BILTON, William (1743-1815)
4 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of William, a thread maker

SEE ALSO:-

William Scruton, Family Records, 1904, p 46:-

"On Sunday afternoons the family had tea and wheat bread all together, but on other days they had milk or home-brewed beer and oat bread, the mother having tea at her little table by herself. She was a woman of culture and refined tastes, and took delight in copying blank verse."

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

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BILTON, Isabella (1782?-1817) born Minto

Isabella Minto, details of whose birth and parentage are not at present (1982) traced, was born about the year 1782(1).

She was married prior to 1815 to Joshua Bilton (1782-1833 qv), a grocer of Selby in Yorkshire and there was one child(2).

Isabella Bilton of Selby died on 22 February 1817, at the age of thirty five(3).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 35 at death. Her birth is not traced in Yorkshire QM or Lancashire QM or Scotland GM Births Digests
2 For information relating to her marriage and issue see BILTON, Joshua (1782-1833)
3 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: she is described as the wife of Joshua, a grocer and draper

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

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BILTON, Joshua (1782-1833)

Joshua Bilton, the son of William Bilton (1743-1815 qv) and his wife Elizabeth (born Vipont, 1745?-1810 qv) of Hayshaw, near Darley in Yorkshire, was born there on 29 June 1782(1).

Early in life he went to live at Selby, where he was for some years a grocer, later undertaking a wine and spirit business(2).

He was married prior to 1815 to Isabella Minto (1782?-1817 qv) (3) and there was one child(4).

Joshua Bilton died on 5 January 1833(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a thread maker
2 William Scruton, Family Records, 1904, p 72
3 Ibid: the marriage is not traced in any of the QM Marriages Digests of England and Wales
4 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births Digest and the Digest of Marriages as follows:-
Ann qv b 23 Sept 1815 m 1838 Uriah Brook (1807-1867 qv)
5 William Scruton, loc cit: his death is not traced in Yorkshire QM Burials Digest

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

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BILTON, William (1743-1815)

William Bilton, the only child of Miles Bilton and his wife Jane (born Bakes) of Hayshaw, near Darley in Yorkshire, was born there in the year 1743(1). He led a free and happy life in wild and isolated surroundings, but was brought up as a gentleman. When grown to manhood he wore a beaver hat and silk stockings and had a fine hunter for his amusement.

He was married in 1771 to Elizabeth Vipont (1745?-1810 qv) of Airton in Yorkshire(2) and there were eleven children(3). On his marriage his father gave up the family house and farm to him, but the living was not luxurious and proved insufficient for the needs of his growing family. As a preliminary step he moved to Bradford and took over Field Head Farm; as his sons grew up they were put to various callings, such as farmers, corn millers and grocers. Subsequently he moved to Birkshall Farm, on the other side of Bradford, where he had to face the death of two of his daughters in their early twenties.

He retired from farming after a few years at Birkshall and went into business as a linen thread maker, together with his youngest son. The business rapidly prospered and William Bilton found himself with sufficient leisure to enjoy the society of those whose cultivated tastes harmonised with his own. He was a faithful member of the Society of Friends and was on terms of friendship with many well known Quaker families. He was a man who cared nothing for earthly honours and distinctions, but was content to be regarded as a true and faithful husband, an honoured father and a useful, peace loving neighbour. He was all these and more also; he was a sincere and devoted follower of his Lord.

William Bilton of Bradford died on 30 July 1815, at the age of seventy two(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

William Scruton, Family Records, 1904, pp 39-47

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 His birth is not traced in Yorkshire QM Births Digest

2 The wedding was at Airton on 6 June 1771: he is described as the son of Miles Bilton, a yeoman, and Ann his wife; she is described as the daughter of Edward Vipont (deceased) of Airton in the parish of Kirby Mallindale, West Riding of Yorkshire (Yorkshire QM Marriages Digest)

3 Listed in Yorkshire QM Births, Marriages and Burials Digests and given in William Scruton, op cit, as follows:-

Edward	b 3 July 1772	m 1808 Ann Haigh
Elizabeth	b 1 June 1773	d 14 Feb 1795, aged 22
William	b 16 Oct 1774	m Grace Sutcliffe
Jane	b 23 Jan 1776	m 1803 Joseph Dougill
Hannah	b 11 April 1778	d 6 Aug 1803, aged 25
John	b 28 July 1779	m (non-usage) 1814 Susannah Sutcliffe
Joseph	b 9 Feb 1781	m (non-usage) 1810 Ann Hardwick
Joshua qv	b 29 June 1782	m Isabella Minto(1782?-1817 qv)
Martha	b 7 Feb 1784	m 1832 John Cooper
James	b 30 July 1785	m 1828 Elizabeth Woodhead
Ann	b 18 July 1792	m 1833 William Dale

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

4 Yorkshire QM Burials Digest: he is described as a thread maker

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

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WBE:

BINFORD, Gurney, 1865-1951.

b. 13 or 15 Sept. 1865, Walnut Ridge, Kansas, s. Josiah and Margaret (Fell) Binford.

1884, graduated from Carthage High School. Taught school. Took a four-weeks normal course at Richmond. Taught in Kansas. Took a three-year course at Kansas State Normal School.

1893, went as missionary to Japan. Injured in storm. Returned ill to U. S. A.

1899, m. Elizabeth J. Schneider.

1900, returned to Japan with his bride. Developed contacts in Mito. 1909, took an evangelistic trip in Japan. 1913-1920, work extended with motorcycle and gospel tent. 1922-1928, small city contacts. 1929-36, rural reconstruction. 1936, retired to U. S. A. and did deputation work.

d. 13 Sept. 1951, Whittier, Calif., aged 86.

Binford, As I remember it; forty-three years in Japan, 1950, (ports.).
The American Friend, 38(1950):335, (portraits).
The Friend (Phila.), 125(1951):109, 116.

BING, Deborah (1742/3-1807) after 1774 Reynolds, born Brady

[Deborah Brady, daughter of Thomas Brady (1704-1767 qv) and his wife Hannah (born Fisher,) of Thorn in Yorkshire, was married firstly in 1766 to Edward Bing (fl 1766 qv). She married secondly in 1774 Foster Reynolds (1736-1797 qv).

See REYNOLDS, Deborah (1742/3-1807) formerly Bing, born Brady]

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BING, Edward (fl 1766-)

Edward Bing, details of whose birth are not at present (1982) traced(1), was the son of David and Catherine Bing of Margate in Kent.

He became a shopkeeper in Margate(2) and was married in 1766 to Deborah Brady (1742/3-1807 qv) of Whitechapel in London(3), but the marriage was apparently childless(4).

The date of his death is not at present (1982) traced(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 His birth is not traced in Kent QM or London & Middlesex QM Births Digests
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Devonshire House FMH on 2 December 1766: he is described as a shopkeeper of Margate in the Isle of Thanet in Kent, the son of David and Catherine Bing of Margate; she is described as of Whitechapel, the daughter of Thomas and Martha Brady of Thorn in Yorkshire (London & Middlesex QM Marriages Digest)
4 No children are traced in Kent QM or London & Middlesex QM Births Digests
5 His death is not traced in Kent QM or London & Middlesex QM Burials Digests

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

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BING, Harold Frederick (1898 ? - 1975)

Harold Bing was born in about the year 1898.(1) At the age of 18 he was sent to prison as a conscientious objector and suffered several years' imprisonment in Wormwood Scrubbs and at Winchester prisons under the 'cat and mouse' victimisation of the first world war. Later he found in pacifism, adult education, the spreading of esperanto and vegetarianism, the purpose of his life's work. He was chairman and later treasurer of War Resisters' International for which he travelled in many countries and he was associated with Canon 'Dick' Sheppard in the formation of the Peace Pledge Union in 1935.

He was married, his wife's names being Elizabeth Mary and they had one son, David.

Although not a member of the Society of Friends he had many associations with it and counted many of the members of the Society among his friends.

He died on June 6, 1975 at the age of 77.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE THE FRIEND. Vol. 133 (1975) p. 756.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1. We have no date of birth, he was aged 77 at death.

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BINGLEY, William (1651?-1715)

William Bingley lived in Yorkshire in earlier life and later (prior to 1682) removed to London. He paid religious visits to Ireland in 1675 and 1682-3 (Rutty, Hist. 1751, pp.146, 272) and in 1684 with Samuel Waldenfield to Holland and the Low Countries. In Francis Bugg's cartoon, 'The Quakers Synod' he is represented as one of the prominent Friends (Pilgrim's Progress, 1698). He was one of those who, in 1693, on behalf of the body of Friends, signed the Declaration of Faith issued in that year. A sermon by Bingley preached 4th March, 1693/4, was printed in a volume of Quaker sermons, 1694.

Croese, Hist. 1696, pt.ii p.189
Richard Davies, 1710, p.258
Whiting, Memoirs, 1715
Suff;
[Ball] Premonitory Extracts, 1819, p.206
Backhouse, William and Alice Ellis, 1849
MSS in Friends House

Note by N. Penn y in Fox's Journal, Camb. ed. 1911 vol.2 p.496

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Additional information:

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BINGLEY, William, ca. 1651-1714.

Travelled also in Eng. 1691, preached at the funeral of George Fox. 1706, accompanied Richard Davies to mtgs. about Worcester.

Author of warnings and epistles of love, 1682-1697.

d. 11 Aug. 1714 or 1715, London, Eng., aged 64 years.

John Smith's ms., p. 108.

Joseph Smith's Cat., 1:270.

Journal of G. F., bi-cent. ed., 2:400.

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

Besse, 1:454, 460, 474-76, 483, 485.

BINKS, Anna (1793?-1837) born Hall

Anna Hall, the daughter of John and Mary Hall of Park House, near Colne in Lancashire, was born there about the year 1793(1). She was an affectionate and exemplary child and never gave her parents cause for anxiety.

BINHAM, Joseph (1705?-1773)

Joseph Binham was born about 1705, of Quaker parents (1). Though educated as a Friend, he departed widely from the tenets of the Society, but about the year 1760 was visited by local Friends appointed under concern to visit lapsed members, and as a result returned to the meeting and became ' very Exemplary in his Life and Conversation'. He became a minister about the year 1768.

'He was at length constrained in the Love of God, to drop a few Words amongst us, sometimes by Way of public Testimony, and as he kept faithful to the little he grew in Knowledge, and Experience, and Help was afforded to speak clearly to the States and Conditions of divers, and tell of what God had done for his Soul often in much Brokenness and Simplicity, but with the Evidence of Power'. He was much concerned for lapsed members, having been one himself.

Joseph Binham died 'of decline' on 12 April 1773, aged about 68, and was buried in Bunhill Fields, 18 April (2).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE
Testimony of Westminster MM in TCMD vol.2 p.441

NOTES AND REFERENCES
1 Not in London & Middx QM Births digest
Not in London & Middx QM Marriages digest
2 London & Middx QM Burials digest. His residence given as High Holborn, psh of St. Giles, Middx.

BINKS, Anna (1793?-1837) born Hall

Anna Hall, the daughter of John and Mary Hall of Park House, near Colne in Lancashire, was born there about the year 1793(1). She was an affectionate and exemplary child and never gave her parents cause for anxiety. She was married in 1826 to Thomas Woolston Binks(2) and there were two children(3). She devoted much attention to her children, watching over them with tender care and bringing them up in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God.

She was reticent about her religious beliefs, but she lived a truly Christian life. She had from quite early in her life suffered from a complaint in her head which in her later years spread to her spine. Her general health was never very stable and Anna Binks of Bolton-le-Moors, Lancashire, died on 11 September 1837, at the age of forty four(4).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1838, pp 11-12

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Aged 44 at death. There is no entry in Lancashire QM Births Digest

2 The wedding was at Frawden in Lancashire on 9 March 1826: he is described as a grocer of Bolton in Lancashire, the son of William (deceased) and Mary of Sheffield; she is described as the daughter of John, a yeoman, and Mary Hall of Colne in Lancashire (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)

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

John qv	b 3 Dec 1826	who m 1871 Isabel Benington
Margaret	b 23 June 1828	who m 1854 William Coor Parker (1823-1891 qv)

4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the wife of Thomas Woolston, a corn dealer. The Annual Monitor 1838 gives her age at death as 43

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

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BINKS, John, 1826-1890.

b. 1826, Bolton, Lancashire, Eng.

ed., 1838-1840, Ackworth School, later at Tulketh Hall. 1842, apprenticed to a merchant engaged in the corn trade in Wakefield, West Riding, Yorkshire.

m., 1871, Isabel Benington, of Wakefield.

Librarian and later secretary in the Mechanics' Institute, Wakefield. 1860, Secretary of Clayton Hospital. 1877-78, was instrumental in the erection of a new and much larger hospital, costing more than £28,000. He used to visit it almost daily. Treasurer and manager of a large Lancasterian school for many years. Other charitable and philanthropic causes received his help.

Taken ill at Wakefield meeting. d. 15 June 1890, Wakefield, aged 63.

The Friend (London), 30(1890):213.

An. Mon. (N. S.), 49:22.

BINKS, Harold (1891 - 1981) 5x

Harold Binks was born in York on April 16, 1891, the eldest son of Charles ( ) and Esther Richardson ( ) Binks.(1) We have no knowledge of his early life. He seems to have trained in mechanical engineering and moved to Lancashire where as a young man he served as clerk to Eccles PM and also to Hardshaw East MM.(2) In 1922 he married Lucy Harrison (3) and in about 1928 they moved to Sutton Coldfield near Birmingham where they settled.(4) There he also served as clerk to his local meeting and later to the ~~Monthly~~ Quarterly Meeting.(5) From Sutton Coldfield he served on several Friends central committees.(6)

Outside the Society he gave service to the Friends of Sutton Park, the Civic Society, the Margery Fry Trust and undertook voluntary work in the Probation service and with youth organisations. He had a tremendous capacity for friendship, he had a love for and a delight in learning and scientific studies and an eternally youthful and indestructible spirit.

He died on October 19, 1981, aged 90.

PRINCIPAL SOURCE The Friend Vol. 139 (1981) p. 1478

REFERENCES & NOTES

1. Birth Digest. His father is described as a cycle maker.

2. Index of Clerks - Friends House Library
   Eccles PM 1914 - 1916, 1920
   Hardshaw East MM 1921

3. Marriage Digest. The marriage took place at Eccles FMH on September 6, 1922. She was Lucy Harrison, spinster, he was described as bachelor, mechanical engineer.

4. The printed lists of members of Warwick, Leics & Stafford QM only record them at Sutton Coldfield in 1930 but as will be seen below he acted as clerk to the PM from 1929.

5. Index of Clerks - Friends House Library.
   Sutton Coldfield P.M. 1929 - 1930
   Warwick, Leics. & Stafford QM 1945 - 1946

6. Typescript Committee Index - Friends House Library
   Meeting for Sufferings 1960/61 - 1963/4
   Christian Discipline Pts I & II 1955 - 1959
   Home Service Committee

Footnote. In a letter to The Friend. Vol.139 (1981) p. 1552, Eric D. Cleaver suggests that he was either the inventor of closely involved with the production of the 'Binks' carburettor which was a great step forward in the earlier days of the development of the motor cycle engine.

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BINKS, Isabel (1834-1919) born Benington

Isabel Benington, the daughter of George Benington (1796-1850 qv) and his wife Sarah (born Yarwood,) of Walton in the parish of Sandal Magna in Yorkshire, was born there on 20 July 1834(1).

She was married in 1871 to John Binks (1826-1890 qv), a corn merchant of Wakefield in Yorkshire, but the marriage was childless(2). Her husband was a notable philanthropist(3).

Isabel Binks of Wakefield died on 27 November 1919, at the age of eighty five(4).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Yorkshire QM Births Digest: her father is described as a linen draper
2 For marriage see BINKS, John (1826-1890)
3 See entry for BINKS, John (1826-1890)
4 Digest of Deaths: she is described as the widow of John

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

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BINKS, John (1826-1890)

John Binks, the only son of Thomas Woolston Binks (1798-1840 qv) and his wife Anna (born Hall, 1793?-1837 qv) of Bolton in Lancashire, was born there on 3 December 1826(1). He was educated at Ackworth School from 1838 to 1840(2) and went on to Tulketh Hall, under George Edmondson.

On leaving school he was apprenticed in 1842 to a merchant extensively engaged in the corn trade in Wakefield in Yorkshire and he continued in the same trade in Wakefield for the rest of his life. He was married in 1871 to Isabel Benington (1834-1919 qv) of Wakefield(3), but the marriage was childless(4).

He had a great talent for organisation and first found full scope for it in the Mechanics' Institute. First as librarian and afterwards as its secretary, both of them posts involving considerable labour, he was enabled for many years materially to aid the Institute in very successful educational work. But it was in the Clayton Hospital and Dispensary that he found his life's work. It was a very small institution when he became its secretary in 1860, but his intense sympathy with the sick and suffering stimulated all his resources and he devoted himself until the end of his life in extending and perfecting its usefulness.

He was mainly instrumental in the erection in 1877-8 of a new and much larger hospital of fifty beds, at a cost of more than £28,000. He visited the hospital almost daily and the officials consulting him about their problems valued his sympathy and advice. He was bright and cheerful and very tactful in all his dealings.

He was treasurer and one of the principal managers of the large Lancasterian School for thirty five years and the School of Art and Science was greatly indebted to him. His interests and sympathies were wide and many other philanthropic causes received his help and encouragement.

He was reticent in matters of religion, preferring a Christianity which showed forth in life and activities. But those who knew him best were aware that he was a humble but firm believer in the infinite love of God and it was in that belief that he gave his life so unreservedly to the service of his fellows.

During his later years he suffered from a chronic illness which he believed would shorten his life. On 4 May 1890 he was taken seriously ill while at Wakefield Meeting and John Binks of Wakefield died on 15 June 1890, at the age of sixty three(5).

PRINCIPAL SOURCE

Annual Monitor 1891, pp 22-28

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a grocer
2 List of Ackworth Scholars 1779-1879, p 135, entry 6090: from Bolton
3 The wedding was at Wakefield on 2 November 1871: he is described as a bachelor, a corn merchant of Wakefield, the son of Thomas Woolston Binks, a corn merchant; she is described as a spinster of Wakefield, the daughter of George Benington, a draper (Digest of Marriages)

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REFERENCES AND NOTES cont.

4 No children are traced in the Digest of Births

5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a corn miller

SEE ALSO:-

The Friend vol 30 (1890) p 213: 2 line enrty for death

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

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BINKS, Margaret (1828-1891) after 1854 Parker

[Margaret Binks, daughter of Thomas Woolson Binks (1798-1840 qv) and his wife Anna (born Hall, (1793?-1837 qv) of Bolton le Moors, was married in 1854 to William Coor Parker (1823-1891 qv).

See PARKER, Margaret (1828-1891) born Binks]

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BINKS, Thomas Woolston (1798-1840)

Thomas Woolston Binks, the son of William Binks (-) and his wife Mary (born) of Manchester, was born there on 8 November 1798(1).

He became a grocer at Bolton in Lancashire(2) and was married in 1826 to Anna Hall (1793?-1837 qv) of Colne in Lancashire(3); there were two children(4).

Thomas Woolston Binks of Little Bolton died on 3 April 1840, at the age of forty one(5).

REFERENCES AND NOTES

1 Lancashire QM Births Digest: his father is described as a warehouseman
2 He is so described in his marriage entry, note 3
3 The wedding was at Frawden in Lancashire on 9 March 1826: he is described as a grocer of Bolton in Lancashire, the son of William (deceased) and Mary of Sheffield; she is described as the daughter of John, a yeoman, and Mary Hall of Colne in Lancashire (Lancashire QM Marriages Digest)
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5 Digest of Deaths: he is described as a corn dealer

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

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