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EDITORIAL

Dear Friends

After a month of official existence we now have over 100 members and have produced the first magazine. We are aiming to produce three magazines a year, of about 36 pages each. The Society is open to all, Quaker and non-Quaker researchers. We are essentially a historical organisation, not a religious one.

COMMITTEE

Last summer Margaret Bennett convened a meeting to discuss the proposed Society, and four of us formed ourselves into a Committee and took the plunge. Later we co-opted Margaret Gaynor and, once we began to put out feelers, Edward Crawford offered to keep the record of Members' Interests, and Katherine Slay offered to be Membership Secretary. With some assistance, she and I are to be co-editors of the magazine. We are all unofficial at the moment but we're doing the work in practice (which is what counts!)

DAY CONFERENCE AND "CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY"

By June we hope we shall have a clear idea of the aims of the Society and how much interest there is, so we have arranged a Day at Friends House to establish ourselves formally. (For further details, see page 4). We have a basis for the Constitution and will hope to establish a proper committee. We hope as many members as possible will attend and want to take a little of the work on their shoulders. Many hands make light work, to coin a phrase, and it would be a great help if the larger jobs, such as the Secretaryship, could be divided between a number of people. Do check your diaries for 11th June. It would help if you could fill in and return the enclosed slip.

We shall need:

- Chairman
- Secretary/ies
- Treasurer
- (and Auditor)
- Minutes Secretary
- Membership Secretary/ies
- Programme Co-ordinator or people willing to arrange occasional meetings
- Editor/s

- Keepers and compilers of various indexes (such as that of Members' Interests)

- A couple of people who enjoy "playing" in the Library at Friends House and are willing to check small details

- Similar people are needed to research in the library at the Society of Genealogists, and at the Public Record Office, where the collection of Quaker registers is kept

- A couple of people with home computers, because they always seem to come in useful these days.

Do consider your capabilities, and remember that modesty is as much a sin as pride. There was no praise for the man who hid his talents in the ground.

EVENTS

A national Society such as ours may not be able to support regular meetings in one place, and we feel therefore that perhaps one Annual Day Conference of our own is as much as we shall manage. However, we feel that we have the expertise to run a day on Tracing Quaker Families in conjunction with any Society or Meeting that will host it. If we provide the speakers, perhaps your Meeting or Society could find the premises, provide tea and coffee, and do the local publicity. We're sure you could, and in that way we can hold a number of useful days each year in various parts of the country so that all UK members can get to a meeting in their area every now and then.

In addition, we should like to publicise meetings of Quaker historical interest run by any other organisation. If you know of anything which is being planned, please let the Editor know in good time so that we can help you with publicity. It is so irritating to find out that something really interesting was on last month, but you never heard of it.

THE MAGAZINE - OR WILL IT BE A JOURNAL?

You will see from this first magazine the sort of thing we have in mind. Information on what people are doing - or what they have done - is obviously our life-blood, but we should also like to publish articles which will last. From this point of view our constituency is clearly defined. We are about Quaker families and their connections with each other, how to research them, and the fruits of that research.

Quakers have always been a fairly homogeneous group socially, and the records in which they most usually appear are well known, and have been well combed by many people before us. On the whole we are not going to come up with exciting large-scale new sources. So the best thing seems to be to publish the fruits of your research: simple, straightforward trees of the families you have researched, beginning with those who were first 'convinced' and tracing down the lines that stayed Quaker. Maximum five pages - less if you don't think of yourself as an author. If we could publish a number of such trees in each journal, then we would soon have a solid body of valuable reference material on the families of ordinary Quakers; and as long as there is a contact address, then anyone who is particularly interested can write to you direct for the 50 page version.

To my mind the trees can even be hand-written provided you have neat handwriting and send them in unfolded on A4 paper, bearing in mind that we shall reduce them to A5.

Then, when we've published, the business historians and the social and religious historians can begin to notice links that their own work would never have highlighted, and begin to build new academic palaces with our individual little bricks. One hand washes the other.

Now, enough of me. I've said what I should like to publish, but I may not be Editor after the new committee is elected. If you can see how a Society of this sort should be run; if you can feel the words 'What they ought to do is' welling up inside you, then you're the right person to take over on 11th June. If you can't come, then do contact Margaret or me in advance to say what you think.

Michael Gandy

A meeting to found the
QUAKER FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
officially

A Day Conference at Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

Saturday 11th June 1994

- 11.00 am Coffee.
- 11.30 Open Forum. Introduction: the story so far. Election of an Executive Committee. To agree on a Constitution. The aims and future direction of the Society.
- 1.00 pm Lunch.
Books on Quaker history, Quaker Meeting Houses, and researching your family history will be on sale during the lunch break.
- 2.30 A talk on researching Quaker families by Malcolm Thomas, Librarian, will be held in the Library at Friends House.
- 3.30 Tea.
- 4.30 Close of Conference.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided but you should bring your own food.

Tables for displaying members' own Quaker and family history material will be provided if you wish to bring your research.

If you have written a family history and wish to bring copies for sale, you may do so. Privately printed histories of Meeting Houses would also be welcome.

Friends House is wheelchair friendly.

HOW TO GET THERE

B.R. - Friends House is on Euston Road, directly opposite Euston Station.

Tube - As above.

Bus - north to south buses along Southampton Row, numbers 68 and 168 also pass by Friends House. Number 188 terminates at Euston.

- east to west numbers 10, 14, 18, 30 and 73.

Car - Parking is free all day, north of Euston Road. South of Euston Road, meters require payment until 1.30 pm.

Entrance to Friends House is through the garden and up the slope, NOT through the main doors. The meeting will be held in Rooms 7 and 8.

EVENTS

Friends Historical Society

Saturday 25th June at Carlton Meeting House, 188 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds. Jean Mortimer will give the presidential address 'Quaker women - constraints and opportunities in the 18th century'. Mark Ellison will speak on the Leeds Friend, Daniel PICKARD.

Woodbrooke Conference

'Our Quaker foremothers, patterns and examples' is the title of a conference taking place from Friday 8th - Sunday 10th April. Information from Leonora Wilson, Woodbrooke, 1046 Bristol Road, Birmingham B29 6LJ. Tel. 021 472 5171.

Third Symposium on the History of Religious Dissent in East Anglia

This takes place on 9th and 10th April at Haughley Barn, Stowmarket, Suffolk. Information from Nesta Evans, 'Crossings', Tostock, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 9NY.

'Paved with Gold'

The conference to be held by the London and N. Middlesex F.H.S. on 8th, 9th and 10th April at the City University, Northampton Square, London EC1V 0HB will hold a meeting for those interested in our Society, the Quaker Family History Society, on the afternoon of Saturday 9th April, if enough members or prospective members appear. Michael Gandy and Margaret Bennett will be on hand for information.

Quaker Exhibition

In Philadelphia there is an exhibition of Quakerism from 1644-1994 in the area surrounding the statue of William Penn. Anyone fortunate enough to visit the exhibition might care to submit an article for a future edition of this magazine.

Society of Genealogists Fair

Don't forget the Society of Genealogists Family History Fair on 7th and 8th May, at the Royal Horticultural Society's New Hall and Conference Centre, Westminster. Tickets available in advance, £3.50 in person or by post to include admission and programme, from the Society of Genealogists. It should be a good weekend, with more room this time. Let's hope there are more chairs too!

WHO KNOWS WHAT?

Michael Gandy

In the autumn of last year we sent a circular to every meeting for worship in England and Wales asking:

1. whether a history of the Meeting or copies of any of its records had been published?
2. whether there is a member who is interested in the history of the Meeting and would be willing to correspond with enquirers?
3. whether the history of any families connected with the Meeting have been researched or published?

So far we have had replies from nearly 70 Meetings, almost all of whom had something useful and interesting to report, though some have only been established recently and have therefore nothing to tell us about our distant ancestors. Clearly the completeness of the returns has depended upon the knowledge of those who have filled them in and, especially as regards recent research on families (perhaps by descendants who have no modern connection with the Meeting), there must be much more to be known. However, this seems a most valuable starting-point, and we shall publish the results as quickly as space allows.

We are very grateful to those who are willing to correspond. Please remember to offer information, as well as asking for it, and always enclose a S.A.E.

As an initial guide, returns have been received from the following meetings. Those underlined appear in this issue, and the remainder will follow in future magazines.

Bexleyheath	<u>Farnham</u>	Lewes	Skipton
Blackburn	Frandle	<u>Lincoln</u>	Southall
Brant Broughton	Frenchay	<u>Liskeard</u>	<u>Southampton</u>
Bridport	Fritchley	Llandrindod Wells	<u>Sunderland</u>
Brigflatts	Gloucester	<u>Macclesfield</u>	<u>Sutton</u>
Burford	Guildford	Malton	Thirsk
Chesham	<u>Halifax</u>	<u>Milford Haven</u>	<u>Torquay</u>
Chippenham	Hammersmith	Newbury	Truro
Cirencester	<u>Hartshill</u>	Newtown	<u>Uttometer</u>
<u>Cockermouth</u>	<u>Hereford</u>	Northampton	<u>Uxbridge</u>
<u>Colchester</u>	Heswall	Norwich	Wembley
Cotherstone	<u>Horfield</u>	Reading	Westminster
Cotteridge	<u>Hull</u>	Ross-on-Wye	Whitby
Derby	Kendal	Rye	Wincanton
Dorchester	Kirby Moorside	Seaford	<u>Wolverhampton</u>
Dunmow	Leeds - Roundhay	Shrewsbury	<u>Wooldale</u>
Edgbaston	Leigh-on-Sea	<u>Sibford</u>	Woolwich
Exeter	<u>Letchworth</u>		

The results of the questionnaire will be set out under five headings, giving the information received. The histories of particular Meetings will be featured in later editions.

1. Name of Meeting (as given). PM = Preparative Meeting.
2. Histories.
3. Correspondent. N.B. Please note certain correspondents will NOT undertake family history research. Do not bother them.
4. Families researched.
5. Additional material. Further information volunteered by the meetings.

Name of Meeting **Cockermouth PM and Pardshaw PM.**

Histories 'Cockermouth Quaker Meeting - the first 300 years' by J. Bernard Bradbury, pub. 1988.

Correspondent J. Bernard Bradbury, 21 Parkside Avenue, Cockermouth, Cumbria CA13 0DR.

Families Researched None

Additional Material J. Bernard Bradbury is planning a book on the history of Pardshaw PM. This Meeting's records are in the Carlisle Record Office, The Castle. Journals of Pardshaw have gone to the Universities of Durham, Bradford and Leicester.

Name of Meeting **Colchester PM.**

Histories 'History of Colchester Meeting' by Stanley Fitch. 'History of Sudbury Meeting' by Stanley Fitch.

Correspondent Valerie Graves, 12 Piper Road, Lexden, Colchester, Essex CO3 3SF.

Families Researched Brief account of DOCKWRA family.

Name of Meeting **Derby PM.**

Histories None. Most books on George Fox mention his time in Derby gaol.

Correspondent Ian Care, 8 Kings Drive, Littleover, Derby DE3 6EU.

Families Researched None published. Some recent trees lodged with the Derbyshire Family History Society.

Additional Material Derbyshire FHS has a library at Alfreton which has some records, e.g. MIs with Quaker origins.

Name of Meeting **Farnham PM.**

Histories None.

Correspondent None.

Families Researched None.

Additional Material Records deposited at Guildford Muniment Room, Castle Arch, Guildford, Surrey. No record under 30 years may be seen.

Name of Meeting **Guildford PM.**

Histories 'Early Quakerism in Guildford (1673-1952)' pub. 1950s.

Correspondent None.

Families Researched None.

Name of Meeting **Hartshill, Warwickshire.**

Histories 'The Quakers of Hartshill' (a history of the Meeting), 'Our George' (George Fox in Fenny Drayton), 'The Nathaniel Newton Foundation School' - all by Joan Allen.

Correspondent Joan Allen, 22 Hillside, Hartshill, Nuneaton CV10 ONN. N.B. No lengthy research undertaken.

Families Researched None.

Name of Meeting **Hereford PM.**

Histories None.

Correspondent Walter Little, 8 Poole Close, Belmont Road, Hereford HR2 7JP.

Families Researched None.

Name of Meeting **Horfield PM, Bristol.**

Histories None.

Correspondent Elizabeth M. Lloyd, c/o Horfield PM, 300 Gloucester Road, Bristol BS7 8PD.

Families Researched None.

Name of Meeting **Hull Meeting, N. Humberside, formerly E. Yorkshire.**

Histories 'Quakers in Hull' by Fred Fletcher; 'A History of Reckitt & Sons Ltd', 'A History of the Sir James Reckitt Charity 1921-1979', 'William Reckitt, an 18th Century Transatlantic Traveller' - all by Basil N. Reckitt.

Correspondent Stan Bowser, 4 Percy Street, Hull, N. Humberside HU2 8HH

Families Researched None.

Name of Meeting Kirby Moorside PM, N. Yorkshire.

Histories 'The Quakers of Kirby Moorside and District' by Mary Rowlands, pub. 1990. 32pp, £1.80.

Correspondent Mary Rowlands, 1 Corner Cottage, Cropton, Pickering, N. Yorkshire YO18 8HH.

Families Researched 'The CROSFIELD Family' by John F. Crosfield, pub. 1980, re-issued 1990. For details on the HARVEY family of Leeds/Barnsley, apply to Mary Rowlands.

Name of Meeting Letchworth PM.

Histories None.

Correspondent Denise Sullivan, Ivy Cottage, Letchworth Lane, Letchworth, Herts SG6 3ND.

Families Researched None, but the GRUBB family lived here.

Name of Meeting Lewes Meeting.

Histories 'Quakers in Lewes, an informal history' by D. Hitchen and wife, £3 plus 50p p&p.

Correspondent Book available from Mr D. Hitchen, 35 Spences Lane, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 2HF.

Families Researched Some research, but permission needed before listing here.

Name of Meeting Lincoln PM.

Histories 'Quakerism in Lincolnshire'.

Correspondent Susan Davies (Clerk).

Families Researched 'The BURTTs of Lincolnshire' by Mary Bowen Burtt.

Name of Meeting Liskeard and Looe PM.

Histories None.

Correspondent Maureen Simmons, South Dean, Old Road, Liskeard, Cornwall PL14 6DL.

Families Researched None.

Name of Meeting **Macclesfield PM.**

Histories 'A History of Macclesfield' ed. C. Stella Davies, Part VI pp 324-327.

Correspondent Cecil Davies, Hob Cottage, Kerridge Road, Rainow, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 5TA.

Families Researched None.

Name of Meeting **Milford Haven PM.**

Histories 'A History of Quakers in Pembrokeshire' (1990).

Correspondent Stephen Griffith, Jordans, Neyland Terrace, Neyland, Milford Haven, Dyfed SA73 1PP.

Families Researched None.

Name of Meeting **Sibford PM, Banbury.**

Histories 'Banbury and Evesham Monthly Meeting' by Jack Wood.

Correspondent Ina Lamb, Back Acre, Sibford Ferris, Banbury OX15 5RG.

Families Researched Genealogies of the HARRIS and LAMB families by Joshua Lamb (1938, and supplement 1977). N.B. Family distribution only.

Name of Meeting **Southampton PM.**

Histories 'Southampton Friends 1670' by James Matthews (covering period 1655-1884); 'Quakers in Southampton' by Sandra Stoley & History Committee.

Correspondent Margaret Matthews, c/o Southampton PM.

Families Researched None.

Additional Material Records are at the County Record Office (Winchester) and at the Meeting House.

Name of Meeting **Sunderland PM.**

Histories None.

Correspondent Marjorie A. Trotter, 9 Newlands Avenue, Sunderland SR3 1XW.

Families Researched 'Quaker Families in Sunderland' by Corder (unpublished).

Additional Material Above book in Newcastle Archives.

Name of Meeting **Torquay Meeting.**

Histories A history prepared by F.W. Dymond, private circulation. One copy for sale (£25) 6 printed. Concerns the Devonshire Trust and the history of local Meetings.

Correspondent Dennis E. Nichols, 48 Tor Hill Road, Torquay TQ2 5RT.

Families Researched None.

Name of Meeting **Uttoxeter and Burton PM.**

Histories Brief history of the Meeting House.

Correspondent Joanna Corby, c/o Friends Meeting House, 39 Carter Street, Uttoxeter ST14 8EY.

Families Researched None.

Additional Material Map of the Burial Ground (1886); transcript of a Victorian story by Mary Howitt; biography 'Mary HOWITT - another lost Victorian writer' by Joy Dunicliff.

Name of Meeting **Uxbridge Meeting.**

Histories Yes (no details).

Correspondent None at present. Will be mentioned in the Uxbridge Meeting newsletter.

Families Researched Yes, but not by Friends (no details given).

Name of Meeting **Wolverhampton PM.**

Histories 'Wolverhampton Quakers 1704-1988'. Copy lodged with Michael Gandy.

Correspondent None.

Families Researched None

Name of Meeting **Wooldale PM, near Holmfirth, Yorkshire.**

Histories 'Plain Country Friends - the Quakers of Wooldale, High Flatts and Midhope' by David Bower & John Knight (pub. 1987, reprinted 1993).

Correspondent David G. Bower, 21 Ingdale Drive, Wooldale, Holmfirth, Huddersfield, W. Yorkshire HD7 1AT.

Families Researched 'The BURTTs - a Lincolnshire Quaker Family' by Mary Bowen Burt (ancestors of David Bower).

WHAT TO READ ABOUT QUAKERS

There is no doubt whatsoever that every family historian who has, or thinks he may have, a Quaker ancestor must buy a copy of **'My Ancestors were Quakers'** by E.H. Milligan and M.J. Thomas (Society of Genealogists 1983). But after that there is a very wide selection available, so that the books mentioned below are very much a personal choice reflecting my own interests. I should stress that it makes no attempt to cover the ground that is so well covered in that excellent booklet. Buy it! Read it!

For those interested in the early history of Quakers, my own view is that Christopher Hill's **'The World Turned Upside Down'** (Penguin, 1975) is an ideal start. Whilst the Quakers' radical stance during the Interregnum means that they are often centre stage, this is a general book by a distinguished, if controversial, historian. Perhaps he had mellowed by the time he wrote **'The Experience of Defeat'** (1984). This is in any case a more academic book of less general interest. One should stress that there are numerous worthy books on the history of Quakers. I was, for example, brought up on Ernest Taylor's **'The Valiant Sixty'** (Bannisdale Press, 1951). His account of the courage of, and the persecution suffered by, early Quakers makes it, for me, a very moving book, but I still think one should start with Christopher Hill to get a broader picture. One should also mention John Punshon's **'Portrait in Grey: a short history of the Quakers'** (Quaker Home Service, 1984 - but revised and reprinted since then).

During the 18th and early 19th centuries, Quakers were excluded from the universities and, by and large, from the professions, and for a variety of reasons many of them became important in the fields of commerce and industry. Arthur Raistrick's **'Quakers in Science and Industry'** (David & Charles, 1968) was first published in 1950, and I understand a new paperback edition is expected shortly. He also wrote **'Dynasty of Ironfounders - the Darbys of Coalbrookdale'** (Longmans, 1953). (If one is visiting the Ironbridge museums, it is well worth looking at the Darby house).

I have found David H. Pratt's **'English Quakers and the First Industrial Revolution - a study of the Quaker Community in four industrial counties: Lancashire, York, Warwick and Gloucester 1759-1830'** (New York, 1985) a fascinating exposition with a wealth of information. It stems from a thesis written in 1975, and my guess is that it will not often be found outside a university library, though Friends House Library do have a copy of the thesis.

Then there are the local histories, often published by a Quaker Meeting, perhaps sometimes a little uncritical but nevertheless a mine of information. Susan Davies' **'Quakerism in South Lincolnshire'** (Yard Publishing Services, 11 Minster Yard, Lincoln LN1 1PJ, 1989) is a good example of a useful book without these faults. **'Plain Country Friends - the Quakers of Wooldale, High Flatts & Midhope'** by David Bower & John Knight (Wooldale Meeting, 1987) is perhaps an even better example. A reprint is available from the Friends Book Centre at Friends House (price £10 plus £2.60 p&p).

No doubt because of the generally good quality of Quaker records, they have attracted professional historians. David Scott's **'Quakerism in York, 1650-1720'** (Borthwick Paper No.80, Borthwick Institute, Peasholme Green, York YO1 2PW, £2 plus 35p p&p) must be essential reading for anyone whose ancestor happened to be a Quaker in York during that period, but is also of more general interest. The picture he reveals is an interesting contrast to that shown in Steven Allott's **'Friends in York'** (William Sessions, 1978) subtitled 'The Quaker Story in the

Life of a Meeting', which covers the period from 1651 to 1952 and is perhaps a more conventional Quaker history.

The records themselves may also be in print, such as '**Leeds Friends' Minute Book, 1692-1712**', edited by Jean & Russell Mortimer, for the Yorkshire Archaeological Society, (Record Series Volume 139, 1980). But for me the outstanding academic book currently available is '**Friends in Life and Death: the British and Irish Quakers in the demographic transition, 1650-1900**' by Richard Vann & David Eversley (CUP, 1992). It is primarily written for historical demographers by two very erudite historians and large parts of it would be of very little interest to the average family historian. But they had to explain the Quaker background to their readers, and I have seldom read such a thoughtful and interesting summary. However, at some £35 it is a book to be borrowed from the library rather than bought.

Quakers were great keepers of diaries. Maybe we often wish they recorded more about their families and less about their spiritual development, but if one is lucky they can be a gold mine. I see that Ted Milligan notes that there is a list in the Friends House Library. Looking recently through William Matthews' '**British Diaries, 1442-1942**' (1950) (probably available in larger reference libraries), I was intrigued to see how many of those listed were Quakers. I have not yet read '**The Autobiography of William Stout of Lancaster, 1665-1752**', edited by J.D. Marshall (1967). I hope to do so shortly.

If one knows what area one is dealing with, the relevant volume of the '**Victoria County History**' might well have some useful information, even though it is unlikely to provide names of individuals.

I think it would be fair to say that '**The Journal of the Friends' Historical Society**' (information from Friends House Library) is more orientated towards the history of the Society of Friends than the doings of individual Quakers. Interesting though it is, it may prove a disappointment to the average family historian. '**The Friend**' is the current periodical that is widely read by Quakers. '**The Friends Quarterly**' does from time to time have articles of historical interest.

I feel that it is important to try and understand what made Quakers different, and still does, but this is not the easiest territory. The current book that is suggested to those enquiring about Quakers is, I understand, Harvey Gilman's '**A Light that is Shining**' (Quaker Home Service, 1991, £2.50). I think I prefer its predecessor, George Gorman's '**Introducing Quakers**' (1969), but one must remember that both were written by Quakers for a specific purpose and inevitably reflect the way that the Society perceives itself.

My personal choice for those who are seriously interested in their Quaker Ancestors, but have little knowledge of the religious ethos that motivated them, would be George Gorman's '**The Amazing Fact of Quaker Worship**' (Quaker Home Service, 1973, but currently being reprinted - likely cost £5.25). They might then feel that they could come to Meeting for Worship one Sunday morning, perhaps in the same meeting house in which their ancestor once sat. '**The Book of Meetings**' (my 1991 copy cost £3.80), which is published annually by London Yearly Meeting, lists all current Quaker Meetings. Quakers turned their backs on the 'steeple houses' but for me the old meeting houses, largely unchanged, have a magic of their own. So perhaps on holiday you can find 'your' meeting house, and if you are lucky it might be Pickering, or Kirby Moorside (in the North Riding), or Wooldale, or High Flatts (in the West Riding).

One should, I feel, always bear in mind the problems that arise when an 'insider' writes about his own group. Unless he has the experience and scholarship of a David Eversley, it must be extremely difficult to stand back and look at your subject in the round. Equally, the 'outsider' may have difficulty in appreciating what motivated the early Quakers. Thus the insider may dwell, understandably, on the persecution suffered by early Quakers for their faith. The outsider may point out that, because they preferred divine authority to that of King or Parliament, they were a serious potential threat to the state! Today Quakers are rightly noted for their work for peace, but both Christopher Hill and Vann & Eversley have pointed out that many early Quakers fought in the Parliamentary Army.

Last, but by no means least, many of these books can be obtained from the Friends Book Centre at Friends House (071 387 3601). And yes, they take credit cards and will post books to you!

Roger A. Bellingham
27 Garths End, Pocklington, York YO4 2JB

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WANTED

A copy of 'The Record of the House of GOURNAY' by Daniel Gournay, (privately published in 1848) at a reasonable cost. Member Michael B. Petty, The Mill House, Feltham Lane, Frome, Somerset BA11 5NB, tel. 0372 472544, is seeking this book and interested in other books on the FRYs, HANBURYs, LLOYDs and BARCLAYS. He already has:

Barclay's Apologies
Friends and Relations
Elizabeth Fry (Rose)
Elizabeth Fry (Whitby)
Gournays of Earham
Lloyds of Birmingham
Quaker Enterprises

He would be glad to help others interested in these families by phone or visit, but does not wish to enter into long correspondence.

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The Society is looking for interesting pictures connected with Quakers for the magazine, not all of George Fox or the local Meeting House, please! These are easily available, but the Editors would welcome other interesting or informative pictures.

We would also be interested in designs for a logo reflecting our Quaker interest and heritage to head our correspondence and make us easily identifiable. We must have some members with artistic or design capabilities.... Please send pictures or logo designs to Michael Gandy (address on inside of front cover).

HANNAH'S GRAVESTONE

Do you ever find yourself seduced into researching a family not directly connected with you? I can see many of you nodding, especially if they seem more interesting than your own. It happened to me.

For many years I have been researching my family name, ELAM. I discovered my furthest ancestor so far found, William Ellom of Moresyde, ffartown, to the north of Huddersfield, was married there in 1658. Intensive research has failed to push the line back further. However, there was an Elam family, several miles away, around this time, on Skircoat Moor, to the south east of Halifax, one John Elam of Heath. Was there a link?

After seven years' research into John's family, I have yet to find out, but what an adventure it has been. It has taken me through Oliver Heyward's diaries to Leeds, and all England, to Virginia, Rhode island, and New Zealand. Halifax Gibbet Field, York Castle Prison, plantations on the James River, and an Art School in Aukland. These people were members of the Society of Friends for over 150 years, and with the help of their records as a foundation, I have built up the story of their lives. One of the many adventures I had on the way concerns the gravestone of John's daughter Hannah.

Hannah died aged 11 months in 1694, and was buried in the Quaker Burial Ground at Harwood Well, near Halifax. A stone marked the spot. However, in 1717 the Society of Friends decided that gravestones were signs of pride, and orders were sent out that they should be removed. Hannah's gravestone disappeared, but was eventually found again in 1909.

An article in the 'Halifax Courier' of 1932 said that the inscribed portion of the stone was discovered by workmen in the Heath Hall estate, when Heath Hall was demolished, and handed to the Halifax Antiquarian Society. It then passed to Bank Field Museum, and afterwards was fixed along with other gravestones at the Friends Meeting House in Clare Road, Halifax. It appears that the gravestone may have been removed to John's garden at Heath, to be rediscovered in 1909.

All this I know, thanks to the kindness of Joyce Sutcliffe of Calderdale F.H.S., who knew of my interest in the family, and had kindly sent me the 'Halifax Courier' articles. She also sent two further articles in 1990. These said that the Clare Road Meeting House had been sold to Share Training for a Day Nursery.

What about the stones I wondered, so I wrote off to Friends House in London. They replied that it was purely a matter for the Halifax Friends, and gave me a name and address to contact. When I expressed an interest in Hannah's stone, I was told that I could have it if I wanted it, but to come quickly as the builders were moving in.

Off we set on a glorious sunny morning, to arrive in Halifax in drenching pouring rain. Because of the one way system we had difficulty locating the Meeting House, and even more difficulty in trying to park. After our third fruitless circuit, my husband suggested I should get out, while he continued circling. Past builders' lorries I went, round rubble, over scaffolding. The builders were in, and piles of stone and building materials were dumped in front of the Meeting House door.

Clutching my authorisation, I accosted a burly worker. "The foreman", he said. "You want the Boss." Confronted with this gentleman, I explained my mission. "I've been that worried about these gravestones", he said. "How many do you want?" He was quite disappointed when I only said one, but rapidly produced the inscribed portion of Hannah's stone which was inside the building. By this time several workmen had gathered round asking questions, and by the time my soaking wet husband arrived having parked down the road, he found me kneeling in the middle of an engrossed circle of workmen, telling them the story of John's family and little Hannah. All work had stopped, the Boss being as fascinated as his men.

When I finished, he assured me the remaining stones would be left in situ, and a workman offered to carry Hannah's stone to our car. Tucking it casually under one huge arm, he enquired if we had come a long way in the appalling weather. When we told him where we came from, he replied, "I live in Doncaster. If I had known you wanted the stone, I could have brought it for you!"

Hannah's gravestone now stands in my rockery. It is in two pieces, but the letters are still incised very clearly. It says, 'Here lyeth Hannah, the daughter of John Elam of Halifax, who died the 7 of the first month 1694'. Better by far with me than cast away, and a constant reminder of a family, the discovery of which has brought me much pleasure.

[A similar piece about Hannah was published previously in the 'Yorkshire Family Historian'.]

Norma Neill, Colywell, Commonsides, Westwoodside, Doncaster DN9 2AR

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Dianne Foster, Mansion View, Gwystre, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 6RN, tel. 0597 851765 writes: I am the strays co-ordinator for the Powys FHS, and I also collect other strays when I notice them while researching. Amongst the ones that I was not sure what to do with were the following, whom I suppose you would call Quaker defaulters!

Byford parish register (Herefordshire)

25 January 1720/1 Joseph POWLI'? a Quaker of the parish of Mansell Gamage aged abt 45 was baptised.

Leominster parish register (Herefordshire)

11 June 1786 Hannah daughter of Thomas SOUTHALL deceased and one of the people called Quakers, and Elizabeth his wife aged 17 years was baptised.

Pudeston parish register (Herefordshire)

30 September 1753 John VARTON an adult person bwd up in the Quakers perswasion was baptised.

I hope they may be of use to your Society.

INFORMATION HELD

I do not have Quaker ancestry, but I do have much information on the following Quaker families: ELAM (Halifax, Brighthouse MM and Meetings in America), BENSON, FLETCHER, FRANKLAND, GREENWOOD, HORNER, LAPAGE, MASON, SMITH, STORRS, TATTERSALL, WHITELOCK, who all married into the ELAM line. Also the PLEASANTS family of Curles Meeting, (Heurico Co.), Virginia.

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The HAMLEY History Society sends word of Loveday BILLING and William HAMLEY, Quakers arrested at Treganives in Cornwall in 1660. Another Quaker branch was formed when Giles HAMLEY married Margaret BILLINGS. More details on these families can be found in 'A Quaker Saint of Cornwall' by L.V. Hodkin. The Hamley History Society wish us well, and can be contacted through the acting Secretary, Ernest B. Hamley, 59 Eylewood Road, West Norwood, London SE27 9LZ, tel. 081 670 0683.

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Mrs Carol E.H. Brownie, Flat 4, The Sanctuary, 54 Copers Cope Road, Beckingham, Kent BR3 1NP. Her late husband George found in his family history research Peter BROWNIE, a Quaker. George discovered through the Library at Friends House that Peter Brownie had written his memoirs. He obtained a copy from Haverford College Library, Pennsylvania, USA. Peter Brownie, son, stood bond for his son Peter, which was later lost when his son took to drink. His son John Cruickshank Brownie was brought up by his grandparents, Peter Brownie senior and his wife Susan CLARKE. More of Mrs Brownie's information is lodged with Michael Gandy.

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A BROWN family tree dating back to the 1650s is in the possession of Jean Russell, 5 Hendrifoilan Avenue, Sketty, Swansea, W. Glamorgan SA2 7LY, tel. 0792 204670. It includes such surnames as BROWN, DELL, NEAVE and SEWELL. It was passed on to Jean by her father Lance Brown. His mother Ellen Josephine DELL married William Brown; when widowed she became warden at Drapers Home, Margate.

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I have been researching the family name FARQUHAR for many years, and have accumulated data on many branches from most English speaking countries. The largest branch in the United States were Quakers; they kept good records, and I have over 1,200 people recorded on this branch, on 32 charts. I enclose a copy of my chart 362A as a sample [this shows descendants of Allen Farquhar, see below, and is lodged with Michael Gandy], and if this is of interest I would be happy to share information with you.

William Farquhar, born 1705 in Kings Co., Ireland, came to the USA in 1721. His father, Allen, I believe was born in Aberdeen in 1681, and moved to Ireland because of religious persecution. Some of the early information has been conflicting, and I would be grateful if information on William or Allen could be substantiated or added to.

Malcolm McDonald, 1250 Montrose Abbey Drive, Oakville, Ont. L6M 1P1, Canada.

QUAKER FAMILIES RESEARCHED

My paternal 2x great grandfather was William MORLEY, who lived in Woodbridge, Suffolk, where he started a business as a china and glass merchant in 1818, according to family records. I have not confirmed his birth, though it is said to have been circa 1793 in Woodbridge. He was a member of the Woodbridge Meeting by 1822, when his eldest son was born; the birth is in the Friends House Register Digests. Members of the Morley family continued as members of Woodbridge Meeting till the death of Annie Morley in 1931; she was the last member of the family to live in Woodbridge. My grandfather, Frank Morley, a grandson of William, went to live and work in the USA in 1887. His three sons were brought up at Haverford College, Pennsylvania till 1900, then in Baltimore, Maryland as Friends, but I don't have details of the meetings they attended. My father, Frank V. Morley, born in 1899, was received into the Anglican Church about 1932, and his family were brought up in the Church.

William Morley's son, Joseph Roberts Morley, who carried on the china and glass business in Woodbridge, married Elizabeth MUSKETT OF Attleborough in 1848 at Tasburgh FMH (Tivetshall Monthly Meeting). Elizabeth was the daughter of James Musket, whose father William established a grocer's and draper's business in Attleborough, Norfolk. William and later his son James were both agents for Gurney's Bank. The Muskett's are a large and religiously complicated family whom I have, with considerable help from others, traced back as far as an Andrew Musket who was imprisoned in Norwich Castle for refusing to pay tithes, before his death in 1747. This Andrew was the 2x great grandfather of Elizabeth Musket.

All Andrew's children were born at Thel(ve)ton according to the Friends' House Digests, but his grandson William (of Attleborough), although in the Friends House Digests, married in church - out of the connection? - and I have not found the births/baptisms of his first three children, including James. After this, the rest of William's family are in the Digests, but I am not sure what Meeting they attended. In William's Will, made in 1841, he mentions a 'Room used for Religious Worship', while talking of other property in Attleborough. I believe there was a Meeting House in Attleborough, but am not sure if it still exists. William was buried in 1848 at Wymondham, so it looks as if there was no Friends' Burial Ground in Attleborough at that time. James' son, William James born in 1823, did not go into the family business, but was a farmer. He retired to Woodbridge to live near his sister Elizabeth, and died there in 1902. Alfred the younger son was born in 1826. He carried on at least the bank agency, and probably the shop as well, eventually retired to Kent, and died at Rochester in 1904. Both their burials are recorded in the Digests.

My husband's paternal line has been traced back to his 4x great grandfather, John SMITHSON, born circa 1718 at Caldbeck in Cumberland. He is said to have joined the Society in 1747 at Kendal, Westmorland. He married in 1751 at Brigflatts Meeting House (Sedburgh Monthly Meeting), and he and his wife, as well as all his three sons, are buried at Park End FMH, near Preston Patrick, Westmorland (Kendal MM), which was just along the road from Kaker Mill where the family lived and farmed from 1760. John Smithson's eldest son, Joshua, born in 1752, married Elizabeth GOAD, of the Baycliffe, near Ulverstone, family. They married in 1780 at Height FMH (Swarthmore MM), and their four sons were born at Hallbeck near Kirby Lonsdale; they were attending Brigflatts Meeting at this time. Joshua is described as a husbandman. His younger brothers lived in Kendal, where they were both grocers, perhaps in partnership. They both seem to have left the Society, being described as NM (non-members) at their respective

burials at Park End FMH. Joshua returned to Kaker Mill, probably after 1805, when his eldest son was buried at Brigflatts. Joshua's youngest son James was a tenant farmer, never owning his own land. He married Agnes ROBINSON from a farming and land-owning family who lived near Kendal; they had seven children, all born within the Kendall MM area.

The youngest son was Joseph Smithson, who was apprenticed to a tailor in Warrington, Lancs, and met Mary Ann HOLMES, whose father was originally from Tivetshall, Norfolk. Joseph and Mary Ann eventually married at Calder Bridge FMH, near Garstang, after an uncle had given Joseph some money to establish a worsted weaving mill in Halifax, Yorkshire. Joseph's four children were all members of Halifax Meeting. His only daughter married a JACKSON at Swarthmore FMH, and his two youngest sons married HUTCHINSON sisters from Bubwith, in East Yorkshire (Selby MM?), whom they met at Ackworth School. The Hutchinson family come originally from eastern Lincolnshire, and have intermarried with the BURTIS of Brant Broughton. My husband's father and two of his three first cousins remained Quakers all their lives, and my husband and I are now Attenders of Jordans Meeting, Bucks.

Sue Smithson

Corner Cottage, Jordans, Beaconsfield, Bucks HP9 2SU

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Joseph Biddulph, 32 Stryd Ebeneser, Pontypridd, CF37 5PB, tel. 0443 492243 (G.O.O.N.S. 1025) writes: The only place name I know of with 'Quaker' in it is the village of Quaker's Yard (Welsh: Mynwent y Crynwyr) near Merthyr Tydfil. It is in a narrow defile where a peninsula of rock pushes the river Taff into a steep hairpin bend. At the bottom of the hill are a pub, a few terraces, and a road on stilts known as the Fiddler's Elbow, or 'Fiddler's'.

I tried to find the original Quaker burial ground it was named after (17th-18th century), but although I found a flat space with a floor and walls of what could have been gravestones, I could not find a single inscription remaining. I understand from local history sources that the local Quaker community was a very early one - in those days, almost everyone in the south Wales valleys was Welsh-speaking. Congregations for local chapels often travelled a long distance to attend worship - across mountain tracks - so the burial ground could have served a very large area.

Does anybody else know of a place with 'Quaker' in its title? - Editor.

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Information is sought by the Dunmow Meeting on the whereabouts of any records of the Meeting which was closed for many years before being re-opened in 1978. Members know the Meeting flourished in the 19th century under the CLAYTON family, and before that under Dr Robert CAULTHORPE SIMS. The original Meeting House was founded in 1706. Any information to Nancy Blyth, 44 Stortford Road, Dunmow, Essex CM6 1DC.

A DATA BASE OF QUAKER FAMILIES

HOW, WHITE, BRIGGINS, RICHARDSON, WIGHAM AND WATSON

Though my great grandfather John Gregory WHITE (1838-1930) and his wife Emily (nee RICHARDSON) (1844-1903) left the Society of Friends in 1867, I have inherited a quantity of Quaker family trees and, as a semi in the suburbs does not run to a 'Muniment Room' and my teenage children do not at present seem to share my interest in the history of the family, I have been worried for some time about what may happen to the material that I have. I imagine that there are many others in a similar sort of position. At this point and when I had some spare time, I was contacted in the spring of 1993 by a third cousin one generation removed, Katherine Slay, of whose existence I had previously been unaware, who quite independently was drawing up some updated family trees. In addition, she told me that our mutual ancestor, my 2x great grandfather, Richard Edward WHITE (1799-1879) had kept a journal, a copy of which she had and desired to publish. To this end she had typed it onto a disk.

I have therefore started to copy down on a genealogical computer program all my various family trees and to try, by correspondence with my distant cousins, very few of whom are now members of the Society of Friends, to fill in more recent details. Eventually I will have a mass of data and will be able to offer all my data for the cost of a floppy disk - about £1 - to any cousin who desires it. They will need a computer and the relevant software in the form of a genealogical program to have access to this, of course. If they have no computer, I will give them more limited information on a descendency chart print-out. I will also deposit the material at the Friends House Library in Euston Road.

I now have the following material in computerised form:

1. A nineteenth century hand-drawn family tree of the HOWs, WHITEs and BRIGGINS in my possession which gives names and details dating back to the middle of the seventeenth century. It includes an almost certainly fraudulent connection to the family in the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries which I have not included.
2. A similar family tree which was drawn up by a Mr Ashcroft, who was working on and indexing the family papers in the 1960s. This contains a great many more individuals and continues much later, but without the imaginary connection mentioned above. (The family papers from which this extra information is derived are at Bedford Record Office - Acc 809, 2527, and 2754, HW1-100) The index is available at the Friends House Library.
3. The family tree at the back of the autobiography of John Wigham RICHARDSON (privately printed, Newcastle, 1910).
4. A 'Family Tree of the WIGHAMS of Coanwood with the WATSONs, RICHARDSONs and other branches drawn by Maurice Richardson in A.D. 1901' (printed). This contains about 670 names. There is much material on the WIGHAMS which is far more detailed than the mere names on the 'Family Tree', available at the Friends House Library in 'Genealogical Notes on the Families of Hall, Featherston, Wigham, Ostle, Watson etc.' by John Hall Shield. Some of this I have used to supplement the information in the 'Family Tree'.

5. A table drawn up by Mary Tryce Baumgartner in 1928 with information derived from the following books, 'Records of a Quaker Family: the Richardsons of Cleveland' by Anne Ogden Boyce, 'Genealogy of the Balkwill Family' by Alfred P. Balkwill, and 'The Peases of Darlington' compiled by Joseph Foster.

6. Some supplementary material on the descendants of John Wigham RICHARDSON from various editions of 'Burke's Baronetage and Knightage' and 'Debrett's', and the lineage of the very distant RICHARDSONs of Potto Hall (fifth cousins) from 'Burke's Landed Gentry' (1953). (There are other Richardsons in that volume who, since they originate from Whitby, are I suspect also distantly related, but I have not entered them and will not until I have established the link.

7. Some data from 'The Making of a Ruling Class', a small history project done by Newcastle left-wing radicals in 1980 which denounces the RICHARDSONs and the MERZs. See 'West Newcastle in Growth and Decline' (ISBN 0 906316 10 3) and 'The Making of a Ruling Class' (Benwell Community Project Final Report Series No.6) (ISBN 0 906316 04 9). The latter is particularly interesting from the family point of view.

8. A massive tree of the descendants of John RICHARDSON (1799-1859) by Claire Williams updated to 1993. I have heard from her that there is much material on the RICHARDSON and BALKWILL families lodged in the Archives Department of Tyne & Wear County Council, Blandford House, West Blandford Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4JA.

9. More recent material, which concerns descendants of Quakers rather than present-day members of the Society, from relatives including my distant cousins and the Wigham Richardsons, but which would not be of interest to the QFHS, though it might to individual members.

Finally, I have a copy of the index of the HOW/WHITE papers which has been thoroughly done by Mr Ashcroft - a very competent archivist. I want to scan the index into a disk and then correct it which, because any OCR will have a high error rate, will be a pretty painful job. When done, this will enable me to offer the index to any relatives for the cost of a floppy disk. But I have yet to find someone who has a scanner and good OCR programme who will let me use it, and this I need.

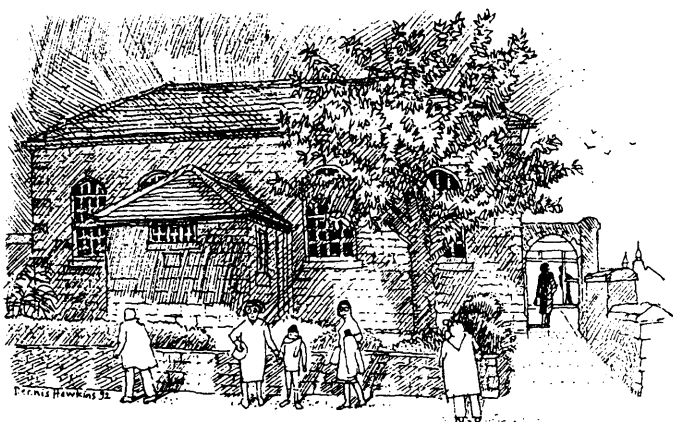
I have already contacted Kevin Karney, a third cousin and descendant of John Wigham Richardson who has an enormous mass of material of the RICHARDSONs on his own PC data base. I would be most interested to know if there is anybody else entering Quaker family trees into PC data bases, and particularly if anybody else has families in their trees which are the same as mine. If their programs are capable of transferring data via the GEDCOM* standard, then it would be possible to start to build up a great data base of Quaker families and their complex interrelatedness. Such an enterprise would, I feel, eventually cease to be of merely antiquarian interest, but might be of considerable value to both historians and even nowadays to medical researchers in the genetic field. I am told by the Society of Genealogists that exchanges of lists of information, even if on living people, escape the Data Protection Act if done between relatives or for a hobby.

*GEDCOM is a method of transferring genealogy data between different computer systems and different genealogy packages. The name is an abbreviation of Genealogical Data COMMunication. The standard was started by the Mormons, but most genealogical packages nowadays adhere to it. I use the Mormon package called Personal Ancestor File 2.3 (PAF) which costs only £25.

If any reader wants more information about computerised genealogical data, there is a great deal of material available from the Society of Genealogists (Computer Section), 14 Charterhouse Building, Goswell Road (junction of Clerkenwell Road), London EC1M 7BA, tel. 071 251 8799. Three in particular are written for those who are interested in genealogy rather than computers: 'Computers for Family History: an introduction' (1992, £3.50) by David Hawgood, which contains a full list of possible programs at that date; 'Gedcom Data Transfer' by David Hawgood (£2.50); and 'Computers in Genealogy, Beginners' Pack' (£2), which contains a similar list of Shareware Programs by Eric Probert. The Society's quarterly magazine 'Computers in Genealogy' (£6 to members, £7 to non-members) contains much information, though this is often slightly more advanced. They also have available two 3.5" disks (£2.50 each) with a number of Shareware PAF Add-ons and Utilities.

Edward Crawford
2 Burnham Way, Ealing, London W13 9YD, tel. 081 840 1078.

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Quaker Meeting House, St Helen's Street, Derby, built 1808.

By kind permission of Dennis Hawkins.

This illustration is taken from the leaflet
'Meet the Quakers in Derby'.

THE NORMANS - QUAKERS OF CHARMINSTER, DORSET

James NORMAN married Mary STONE on 1st February 1687 at the parish church of Charminster, Dorset. The births of their children are listed in the back of the Charminster parish register, and all are listed as being Quakers, but requested to be entered into the register by their father. Not all of them are listed, however. Their son James does not appear, and he is my ancestor. Their son Ralph born in 1688 would appear to be the only one of their children to have remained a Quaker. He became a clockmaker in Poole, and married Mary VALLIS in 1714 at the Poole Meeting.

The younger James subsequently married Joyce PARKER in 1709 at Winfrith Newburgh. They had five children, all of whom were baptised in Charminster parish church. One of those five children, another James born in 1715, married to Mary, seems to have swung from the Church of England to Quakerism whenever he felt like it. Of his eleven children, three are baptised C of E, and the rest listed as Quakers.

James the elder wrote his will in 1729. His Quaker tendencies are clear in that the wording of the will is kept very simple and without the usual preamble associated with other wills of the time. He says that his wife Mary is to receive the rents and profits of his house in Charminster, which he had bought of Benjamin Hayward. After her decease it was to go to his son James, but with a condition, 'And he the said James Norman to give lease and liberty for the people of God called Quakers to keep meetings therein as in my time. And if he the said James Norman refuse or hinder them the said people from having free liberty to keep their meetings there then the said house shall be in the full power of the Quarterly meeting of the said people to give unto which of my children they think will keep to truth as professed by them.' James died in 1747, and was buried as a Quaker. His wife Mary had predeceased him, having died in 1739, and was also buried as a Quaker. So James his son inherited the house.

There are no records of a Charminster Meeting before c.1700, but the Dorchester and Fordington Meeting did become the Dorchester and Charminster Meeting. James and his brother Ralph attended the meetings occasionally from about 1717 but, more often than not, Dorchester and Charminster were not represented at the Quarterly Meeting. In 1747, the year that James the elder died, a complaint was made that a Friend had not received his share of James Norman's estate, and James and Ralph were asked to do something about it. There is nothing in the will to suggest that any other legacies were left. Another complaint was that the Monthly Meetings were failing to bring any records of the births, marriages and burials for inclusion in the digest register. Dorchester and Charminster Meeting appears to have been the worst offender. After 1790, Charminster is dropped from the names of Monthly Meetings represented. Nothing more is said about the house in Charminster, and no burial record, Quaker or otherwise, has yet been found for James, the son of James the elder. These mysteries remain unsolved.

Debby Rose, 4 Chafeys Avenue, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 0EQ

INFORMATION RECEIVED

- BARRITT Descendants of Charles Barritt (c.1739-1825), farmer, of Moulton, Suffolk. Six generations.
From: Col. I.S. Swinnerton, Yew Tree Cottage, Blackford, Stoke St Milborough, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 2ET.
- BROWNIE Autobiography (4 pages) of Peter Brownie (born 1808 Udney, Aberdeenshire, and died 1886 Aberdeen), and related material about the Meeting at Kinmuck.
KINMUCK
The donor is not researching.
- EDMONDS Descendants of William and Susannah Edmunds of Bristol (son William born 1760). Joseph Edmunds born 1855, married out in 1879.
From: Valerie Dudley, 27 Beresford Road, North Chingford, London E4 6ED.
- FARQUHAR Descendants of Allen Farquhar (born c.1681 Aberdeen, died 1738 Maryland). Four generations.
From: Malcolm McDonald, 1250 Montrose Abbey Drive, Oakville, Ontario, Canada L6M 1P1.
- FRANKLAND Family of Miles Frankland (1618-1685) of Rawdon Meeting, Yorks. Four generations.
From: Judith M. Wood, 22 Canada Road, Rawdon, Leeds LS19 6LR.
- GILLETT 'Looking Back of 90 Years' by Francis H. Gillett, 1992. The author's life and those of his parents, uncles and aunts - all Quakers.
HOWITT
- GRUBB Three page summary of the descendants of John Grubb (1620-1696) of Ravensthorpe, Northants, taking a male line down to c.1900. Diary of a holiday visiting the ancestral area in 1990.
From: Martyn Grubb, 22 Hillside Road, Southall, Middlesex UB1 2PD.
- HOW Descendants of Thomas How (died 1717) (nine generations), and of
RICHARDSON William Richardson (fl.1680s) (ten generations).
From: Edward Crawford, 2 Burnham Way, Ealing, London W13 9YD.

MEMBERS' QUERIES

BRADSHAW - For the last few years I have been tracing my father's family tree, and trying to establish if there is a connection with George Bradshaw, born in Salford on 29th July 1801, died 6th September 1843 in Oslo, whom I believe was a Quaker. My father often spoke of him as the author of 'Bradshaw's Railway Guides', details of which I got from the National Railway Museum in York after a visit there last July.

My father was born in Allendale, Northumberland, third son (but fifth child) of Dr Robert and Mrs Louisa (nee Knight) Bradshaw. After my grandmother's death in May 1895, the six children were dispersed to various aunts and uncles.

If anyone is interested, I have more details of my family, who also have a crest, being a stag standing under a vine tree, with the motto 'Quivit content tiant asset'.

Mrs Elizabeth Cromar, 28 Stafford Crescent, Larkfield, Greenock, Inverclyde PA16 0TD.

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FOX - I wonder whether anything is known about the ancestry of George FOX? A book I have read only gave his mother as Mary Largo, and mentioned his visit to some relatives in Mancetter by the name of Bradford.

One of my own lines is from the Fox family of Atherstone, Warwickshire. Another researcher, Barbara Freeman, has done the majority of work on this line, and her family have a story that they are connected to George Fox, the Quaker. Atherstone is around the right region and yes, there is a George Fox in the family, but he is from the 1700s and probably got the name George from his father, George Baker.

My suspicion is that 'the Quaker' has become added over the years as it has turned out to be in my own family where 'Fred Archer, the jockey, was a cousin'.

If anyone can assist, or can refer me to a publication on the subject, I would be most grateful.

Miss Shirley M. Knight, 422 Farnham Road, Slough, Berks SL2 1HZ. Tel. 0753 529708.

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STURGIS/STURGES - American student Angela Avildson, of 210 Preston Street, St Matthews, Sc 29135, USA, sent a request to the FFHS asking for information on her Quaker ancestors, Anthony and Ann Sturgis/Sturges. Born about 1640, he and Ann belonged to the Frenchay MM. They sailed on the 'Bristol Factor' from Liverpool in 1683. She needed the information by 16th December 1993 (sorry Angela!). She has a good deal of information about the Sturgis family in Philadelphia where they owned a 'lot' next to William Penn. Write to her if you are interested.

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SWIRE, ROBERTS - In the course of investigating my Swire family tree, I came upon the following:

'16th June 1796 - Henry Swire of Wooldale in the parish of Kirkburton in the county of York, clogger, son of Hezekiah Swire of Hawkcliff in the parish of Kildwick in the county of York and Elizabeth his wife, and Mary Roberts daughter of Tho. Roberts of Wooldale and Judith his wife took each other in marriage in a public assembly of the people called Quakers in the presence of us

Godfrey Woodhead of Fulston - Clothier
Joseph Wood of Newhouse - Clothier (and Register)
Joseph Stead of Toppitt - Shoemaker

They had at least four children: Dinah baptised 31 January 1797, Robert baptised 18 June 1788, Elizabeth baptised 26 November 1803, and Mary baptised 13 October 1806.

Although this family is only a twig on a branch of the family tree, I would nevertheless be interested in any information about them.

J.R. Swire, 107 Russell Lane, Whetstone, London N20 0AZ

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WRIGHT, SCRANAGE - Samuel Wright, born circa 1874, believed to be in Derby. His father William was from Derbyshire. The family may have been horse breeders (Clydesdale farm horses), or bakers. Samuel's son was Herbert Samuel Wright, who migrated to Australia circa 1923. He married Cissie Matilda Scranage in 1923, and they had three daughters, Mona born 1926, Norma born 1929, and June born 1931. I would be grateful for any information, and will refund postage.

Mrs Mona Squires, 5981 Wellington Road, Boulder, Colorado 80301, USA.

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DAVID HILL'S SCHOOL - Richard Harland, Four Winds, Intake Lane, Grassington, Skipton, Yorkshire Tel. 0756 752532 has an interest in David Hill's school at Skipton. It was a Quaker boarding school and took in Friends' children from elsewhere. Richard is interested in the 13 names following, all witnesses to a marriage that took place on 6th May 1729. He suspects they may have been pupils at the school, and seeks information on whether they became active Friends in later years. He would also welcome information on their parents and place of origin.

Aron	AUSTIL	David	NEWBERRY
John	BROWN	Thomas	OLLIVE
John	CRAWLEY	Francis	PAGE
Benjamin	FENN	Thomas	PRIESTLEY
Isaac	GRAY	Benjamin	TALWIN
Robert	HENDERSON	Edward	TYLER
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