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Abraham Manuscripts

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At the sale of Swarthmoor Hall in 1759, the large collection of manuscripts preserved there was dispersed. A portion thereof has been handed down in the Abraham branch of the Fell family and is now in the possession of Emma Clarke Abraham, of Liverpool. To this portion have recently been added a small collection of fourteen, till 1912 belonging to the late Abraham Shackleton, and three letters (II., VII., VIII.) once the property of Anthony W. Wilson, now of E. Mitford Abraham. The present owner has had the Abraham (and Shackleton) MSS. inlaid and bound in one volume, and this volume is now on loan at Devonshire House. By the kindness of Miss Abraham, we are able to give a list of the contents of this volume, with transcriptions of those manuscripts not already in print.

For references to the Swarthmore MSS. see *Camb. Jnl.* i. 393, ii. 372.

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I

MARGARET FELL TO THOMAS FELL, 1652/3

This letter is printed in Maria Webb's *Fells of Swarthmoor Hall*, 1865, p. 44, and in Helen G. Crosfield's *Margaret Fox*, 1913, p. 21. Portions of the letter appear in facsimile in the former book. The whole letter has been photographed, print in **D**. The date of writing is 18 February.

The Judge was probably in London. His wife writes a letter full of wifely solicitude, doubtless increased in intensity owing to her recent spiritual enlightenment. She also urges her husband to arrange for the printing of some papers regarding the Truth.

The letter occupies a full folio page, now much worn at the edges. It has played a considerable part in the determination of the handwriting of Margaret Fell. The general style of the writing differs from almost all later letters purporting to have been written by her.

There is an endorsement by George Fox: "m : f to thomas fell her husband."

[From the Shackleton MSS.]

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## II

### WILLIAM DEWSBURY TO MARGARET FELL, 1655

This letter, printed in *THE JOURNAL*, viii., is one of a series written by William Dewsbury, during an imprisonment of about fifteen months, ending in January, 1655/6. Other letters of the series are to be found in Gibson MSS. in D.; Swarth. MSS. in D.; Smith's *Life of William Dewsbury*. M. Fell's reply, dated Swarthmore, 14 vi mo, is among York MSS. (Dewsbury correspondence, fol. 14).

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## III

### JOHN STUBBS TO MARGARET FELL, 1657

This letter is printed in *Fells*, p. 116.<sup>1</sup> The writing is small and well formed. It is doubtless holograph, though not in the style of Stubbs's later hand. The sheet is worn at the creases and the ink has faded. Portions of the sealing-wax still adhere. Fox's endorsement reads: "j stubs to m ff 1657," and elsewhere occur the words: "9<sup>th</sup> This is Copied over."

[From the Shackleton MSS.]

<sup>1</sup> In the American edition, 1896, p. 124, the date is given incorrectly as "4th day of the 7th Mo. 1657."

## IV

RICHARD HUBBERTHORNE TO MARGARET FELL, 1660

This letter is printed in *Fells*, p. 163, but omitting the following postscript :

This days post was gone out longe before our buisnes was done for it was y<sup>e</sup> 6 : hower at night before wee had done with them : & wee stay in prison this night. & this is like to Come by y<sup>e</sup> 6 days post.

Walter Mires remembers his deare love to thee.

The letter describes efforts made, with the assistance of Colonel West, to obtain G. Fox's release from Lancaster Castle.

It is endorsed by Fox : " a Count of gff in presen by r h 1660 at lankster 21 day 6 month Consaring the Sreave [sheriff]"

[From the Shackleton MSS.]

## V

RICHARD HUBBERTHORNE TO MARGARET FELL, 1660

This letter appears in *Fells*, p. 165, but with omission of place and date of writing—the original gives : " Halton : 16 day 7 month." The name printed as M. *Gonders* should be M : *Sanders*—Mary Saunders, " a waiting Gentlewoman in Cromwell's family " (see *Camb. Jnl.*).

It refers to the same events as No. IV.

The writing occupys about half a folio sheet, which has been folded and sealed—the black seal with heraldic device still adhering. The address is :

For the hands off  
Gerard Robarts at the  
fflowerdeluce in  
Thomas Apostles  
in

London

ffor m: ff:

G. Fox has endorsed the sheet :

r hop atho  
rn to mf  
1660 read over  
16 day 7 month

[From the Shackleton MSS.]

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## VI

THOMAS SALTHOUSE TO LEONARD FELL, 1662

This letter appeared in *THE JOURNAL*, vii. It is dated: "bristoll the 26 day 11 month 1662," and occupies one side of a large sheet.

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## VII

GEORGE FOX TO GILBERT LATEY, 1663

This holograph epistle appears in *Fells*, p. 207, without opening sentence and much smoothed. We give it in all its original ruggedness, so far as that can be reduced to print.

The arrival of Fox in Yorkshire and his passing on into Furness may be read at large in his *Journal* (Camb. ed. ii. 37-41).

deer gibed my Love is to thee & elsebeth<sup>2</sup> & all the rest of the feathfull & thou mast shew thise folowing lines to the earel of anglesle & deser him to shew them to gorg monke or you may get them to him—frend i coming out of the South in to the north above a yeare agoe to Margret feles hous & to veset my frends & as i wos pasing throw yarksher a frend tould me that the sreave of yorksher had tould one of ouer frends docter hogson that ther was

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps, Elizabeth Trott, at whose house was held a meeting frequently attended by Latey (*London Friends' Meetings*, p. 240).

a plat in the north & when i came to Margret fells hous irote seaveerls paprs to the magrastets aganst the plat & platers & to take all iesesevs<sup>3</sup> out of ther minds consaring mee for all plates & platers against the king & his peopell i denyd & one atime when i was gone from margret fell Cornall Kerby sent solgers to surch in boxes & tronkes for mee & when i came agine to her houes a few dayes after i i went my self to Cornall Kerby to his houes & he sead non should nedell<sup>4</sup> with mee if i would stay at Margret fells & not have great meetings & i said to him the[y] that met at margret fells hous was his nebuers & was a peasable peopell & afer some other wards wee partd & a few dayes after some other magrsstrats & leftanantes sent for mee by a solger out of margret fells hous to com be for them & soe i was not taken out of any meting & when i come be for them the[y] asked mee if i did not know of the plat & i muse nedes knoe of it for eles how could i wright aganost it & i sayed that j never hard of a plat till i came in to yarksher and how that the sreave of yarksher<sup>5</sup> had said to a frend in that County that ther was a plat in the north & the[y] saw that that would not doe ther bisnes then the[y] put the oath to mee knowin that j could not swar becace Christ & the aposell for bides it soe the[y] mad this ther snar to [send me to Preson]<sup>6</sup>

The letter fills a large sheet ; it bears evidence of having been written at thrice, the writing becoming more cramped after each pause.

The letter bears the endorsement of Thomas Lower : " G : ff<sup>s</sup> letter to Gylbert Latey for him to shewe to Monke & others off y<sup>e</sup> Cause off his Imprisoninge," to which the writer of the latter added the date : " 1663."

[From the Shackleton MSS.]

3. ? *issues.*

4 ? *meddle.*

5 Sir Thomas Gower, see *Camb. Jnl.*

6 The writing on the last line has been cut off (probably in order to present to someone a piece of Fox's writing) and the words written on the remaining piece in a modern hand.

## VIII

## GEORGE FOX TO JUSTICE FLEMING, 1663

This is a long address to the Justice, commencing :

Oh Justice Fleeming.

Mercy and Compassion and love and Kindness  
Adorns and Graces men and Magistrates.

It refers to the sufferings of various Friends—Thomas Waters of Bootle, John Stubbs and William Grave, much on the lines of the MS. printed in *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 48. The main portion is signed L.M. On the remainder of page 3 appears some thirteen lines in cypher. Parts have been printed in *THE JOURNAL*, vii.

This sheet is endorsed by Fox (the only portion of the letter in his handwriting): “justes flimen westmarland this filmon did presen one to death 1663 & flinnen his wife died & one of her childern & shee laft 14 montherles childern a sad iudgment vpon an ould percuter.” (See *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 105, 403.)

## IX

## JOHN ROUS TO MARGARET FELL, 1664

This long and important business communication is printed in *Fells*, p. 222, save for a few words near the close, conveying “love to thee and G ff” from Thomas Coveney,<sup>7</sup> Elizabeth Trott, Margt Drinkwell and Mary Strutt. Robert *Pring* should, of course, be Robert *Dring*, linen draper at the White Horse in Watling Street, London. Large sums of money are mentioned—£20,000, £10,000, £15,000.

The letter, which passed through the mail, is dated 21st of 9 mo, not 7 mo as given in *Fells*, and is addressed “ffor Margaret ffell this Leave this with Thomas Green Grocer in Lancaster.”

<sup>7</sup> For Thomas Coveney, see *THE JOURNAL*, ix. 98.



## X

## JOHN ROUS TO MARGARET FOX, 1669

This brief letter relates to the Testimonies given by relatives and friends at the meetings preparatory to the wedding of George Fox and Margaret Fell. For a reference to these Testimonies see *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 154, 416, and for some of the Testimonies see Crosfield's *Margaret Fox*, p. 140.

Dear Sister

I rec<sup>d</sup> thine, & in answer to thy desire about w<sup>t</sup> my wife & I spoake at y<sup>e</sup> meetings, this is to advise thee y<sup>t</sup> I have only w<sup>t</sup> I spoake at the 2<sup>d</sup> meeting & w<sup>t</sup> my wife spoake at the last meeting & w<sup>t</sup> father & some other freinds spoake though imperfectly, yet with the help of w<sup>t</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Rogers & Tho: Callowhill took the substance of their speeches may be collected, but it will require some time w<sup>ch</sup> I cannot now well spare time for a ship being going to Barbados, by w<sup>ch</sup> I have many letters to write & busines of Concernm<sup>t</sup> to dispatch, soe y<sup>t</sup> I would desire thee to send w<sup>t</sup> was taken of mine & my wives speaking at y<sup>e</sup> first meeting w<sup>ch</sup> was below, & w<sup>t</sup> I spoak at y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> meeting & I may compleat y<sup>m</sup> all by next post after for I beleive they were taken imperfectly y<sup>e</sup> rect<sup>t</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> phisack I write vnderneath, w<sup>ch</sup> I beleive if sister yeamans made use of once in 2 or 3 daies. would doe her good, y<sup>e</sup> parliam<sup>t</sup> are generally earnest vpon the bill ag<sup>st</sup> meetings, but I am enformed y<sup>t</sup> the King nor house of Lords will Joyne in it w<sup>ch</sup> is most I can enforme thee at present, I am in haste & soe with mine & my wives dear love to thee brothers & sisters & freinds I rest

Thy dearly Lov: Brother

JOHN ROUS

London y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1669.

The letter bears the endorsement by Fox: "j. r. to m ff What he & m r spake at the meeting at g f his mareg 1669," as to which John Abraham writes: "The above writing is my Dear and Honourd Grand ffathers ffox's" and "Uncle Rous to my Dear and Honourd Grand mothers In 1669"

[From the Shackleton MSS.]



## XI

## JOHN ROUS TO MARGARET FOX, 1670

This letter is printed in *Fells*, p. 263, in connection with the second imprisonment of M. Fox.

The only portion of the address now remaining is: "Lancaster d d d." The endorsement by Fox runs: "j: rous to mff 1670, m f stat [ement?] at whight hall" to which John Abraham adds: "The above writting as itt is upon the Back of many of these Letters, has been writt by my Dear and pretious Grand ffather George ffox" and "Uncle Rous to my Dear and Honourd Grand Mother In 1670." On the back are also the words: "Sarah Fell thred paper," written by S. F. and "j. r. letters" in Fox's hand

[From the Shackleton MSS.]

## XII

## JOHN ABRAHAM TO PHINEAS PEMBERTON, 1670

This letter has not, we believe, appeared before in print. In 1876 it was presented by Henry Pemberton, of Philadelphia to Emma C. Abraham, of Liverpool.

John Abraham (1629-1681) was ancestor of the present owner of the letter. His son Daniel married Rachel Fell (see THE JOURNAL, i. ; Camb. *Jnl.*)

Phineas Pemberton (1649/50-1702) was apprenticed to Abraham as a "grocer,"<sup>8</sup> in 1665, bound to him for seven years, twenty-eight pounds being paid by Ralph Pemberton as premium for his son.

Phineas was imprisoned several times in Chester and Lancaster Castles. With numerous others he emigrated to America in 1682 (see THE JOURNAL, vii.) and rose into prominence in the new Province of Pennsylvania (MS. in D. partly printed in *The British Friend*, 1845, p. 114; *The Friend* (Phila.), lxxvi. 411; Jenkins's *Pennsylvania*, i. 322; etc.).

<sup>8</sup> Grocer=dealer in gross=merchant.



P.P. thy Lettr And Jo Yarwoods<sup>9</sup> J receved w<sup>th</sup>  
 A note from the Quarttor meeting J have spoke for two  
 shorts for thee, But J thinke J may get thy Libertty At  
 our sessions ; it was Given forth y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Magisttrats would  
 send for y<sup>u</sup> vnto sessions ; but now J here little or nothing  
 of y<sup>t</sup> ; my deare Lov seluts Jo<sup>n</sup> Yerwood desyr[ing] both  
 thou & hee to keepe vnto youre measure or Gift of god  
 Given y<sup>u</sup>, y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>r</sup> harts & Mynds may be stayed their  
 w<sup>th</sup>out wayvering for vnles A continnvall wach be  
 there will Creepe in y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> will hindr y<sup>e</sup> worke ; And  
 Phinnias keepe thou [*paper torn*] Judgement, Jf thou  
 prosper in gods Holy truth Judgment must thou know  
 thundarings & Earthquaks & gret trubbles such as  
 thou nevar knew yet. O Judgment is pressious Lov it ;  
 nevar desyre to be freed from it ; for ye y<sup>t</sup> flyse Judgment  
 flyse from gods Marsis ; And sion Js redeemed thorow  
 Judgment, there is noe way ells to Lyfe but thorow  
 death : soe yeeld & giv vp vnto it y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> way of Lyfe may  
 be knowne) since y<sup>e</sup> wryteing here, or since J began to  
 wryte this Lettr J receved thyne deated 27 of last Month ;  
 J doe reth<sup>r</sup> suppose A lettr or two of myne Js Mist  
 Carried one to thy selfe ; but of noe gret con[sequence ?]  
 my deere Lov vnto M ff desyreing her well fayre as my  
 one ; J am recovering som thing but not very fast, doe J  
 get strength, not Able skarse for to bare y<sup>e</sup> Eare w<sup>th</sup>out  
 taking Could ; J sent M ff A few Lynse of pt of my  
 Condission or bodely helth, About 8 or 10 days A gone  
 as J remembr<sup>r</sup> ; my Lov vnto M. ff daughttr<sup>s</sup> And  
 Heastter Hall ; Jf J get thy Libertty As J think J shall  
 J shall Endavor for my friend J Yerwood whom J desyre  
 his Compenny ; ffrom him whose Lov is to y<sup>u</sup> both

JOHN ABRAHAM y<sup>e</sup> [*paper torn*]

5<sup>th</sup> of 8 m<sup>o</sup> 1670.

The letter, which is brown and worn with age, is  
 addressed : “ ffor Phinehas Pemberton this d d At  
 Juday Yeats nere ffish stons in Lancastt<sup>r</sup> a prissoner.”

<sup>9</sup> Numerous Friends named Yarwood resided in Lancashire and  
 Cheshire ; there was a John and a Jonathan.



## XIII

## JOHN STUBBS TO MARGARET FOX, 1670

This letter was printed in *Fells*, p. 270, and copied into Crosfield's *Margaret Fox*, p. 148. As there are several errors in *Fells*, repeated in *Fox*, we give below a transcript of the original letter.

Dearly Beloved and Ever honoured in the truth  
M. F.

I am now w<sup>th</sup> thy Dear husband, who is recovering I hope and yesterday in the afternoone, I had a fine opportunity to speake my minde to him being alone in his chamber w<sup>th</sup> him. I told him I expected to haue a few lines from thee that night but its proued otherwise—he bid me write to thee and his words were thus (tell her I haue been ill, and soe I could not write but now I am better blessed bee the Lord praises to y<sup>e</sup> Lord and minde my loue to them all) he had better rest y<sup>e</sup> last night then formerly I continue here neare him for I see it is my place and I haue peace in it—he enquires every post for letters but few comes if thou please to write to him at any time thou maist Direct them to mee in a cover to Henry Salters at y<sup>e</sup> Black lyon in Bishopsgate or to Edward Mans—I haue not much to Add at present because the Messenger cannot stay. Meetings were pretty peaceable in London the last first day and alsoe at Horsey downe—soe being Constrained to Conclude w<sup>th</sup> a postscript

Thy Servant in y<sup>e</sup>  
truth J STUBBS

Enfield at Widdow Dries  
house y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>d</sup> 8<sup>m</sup> 1670.

Alsoe he bidd me tell yee y<sup>t</sup> great haue been y<sup>e</sup> tendernes and care of friends to him in this Condiçon & *nothing wanting*. 2 or 3 women sits up Every night & sometimes I and men friends formerly—but 2 good women friends constantly.

I would be glad to write to thee every weeke if thou would Order me soe to doe



This letter has, at some time, become detached from the *Journal* MSS. and it is interesting to be able now to study it in connection with these MSS. In the *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 169, we read of Fox's mental and bodily sufferings being alleviated as persecution ceased, and then come the words "as by this folowinge letter in parte appears," to which a note occurs (p. 423)—"No such letter is now attached to the Spence MSS." The letter referred to is, doubtless, the above; there is an \* in the MSS. at this place and a similar sign at the top left-hand corner of the letter, and the subject matter is the same.

It is addressed: "For my Truely honoured in the Truth M ff These," and endorsed by Fox: "j stubes to m ff of gf his weeknes 1670 read over."

[From the Shackleton MSS.]

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#### XIV

##### JOHN ROUS TO SARAH FELL, 1670

This brotherly communication is printed in Crosfield's *Margaret Fox*, p. 147, save the following sentence:

My wife would be glad of yr company, her time now begins to grow short she not reckoning on above ten weekes, she continues very well as to her health, but is pretty heavysome & weary towards night.<sup>10</sup>

The writing occupies one side of a quarto sheet. The letter is addressed: "ffor Sarah ffell this To be left w<sup>th</sup> Thomas Green Grocer in Lancaster." It is endorsed by Fox: "j. r. to m. ff 1670" and by J. Abraham: "Uncle Rous to Aunt Mead when a Made. 1670."

<sup>10</sup> On the 9th of Seventh Month, 1670, five days after the date of the letter, Nathaniel was born. He was the only son to survive the father, became his executor, married Hannah Woods in 1696, and died at Wandsworth in 1717 (*Fells*, p. 391).



## XV

## JOHN STUBBS TO MARGARET FOX, 1671

This informing epistle is printed in the Camb. *Jnl.* ii. 189-191, from a contemporary MS. copy in D. We now know the location of the original letter and have been able to collate the original with the copy. We are glad to find that they agree save as to pointing and contractions.

The writing fills pages one and three of a folio sheet.

The letter is addressed: "For the hands of Sarah Fell at Swarthmoore Hall in furnace in Lancashire. leaue this for Conveyance w<sup>th</sup> the Postmaster in Lancaster"; and there is a Fox endorsement: "j stubs to mff 1671 bar badus." On the back of the letter is written: "This is Coppied over being y<sup>e</sup> 13 Being from Jo: Stubbs to M: ff."

[From the Shackleton MSS.]

## XVI

## MARGARET ROUS TO MARGARET FOX, 1672

This is printed in *Fells* (p. 276) with a very slight omission. There is a greater omission from the letter as printed in the American edition of *Fells*, p. 300.

The address is: "ffor Sarah ffell at Swarthmore these. Leave this w<sup>th</sup> Thomas Greene at his shopp in Lancast<sup>r</sup> to be sent as above—Lancashire," and the endorsements: "m r to s ff," and "Aunt Rous to my Dear and Honourd Grandmother."

## XVII

## THOMAS LOWER TO MARY LOWER, 1673

Printed in *Fells*, p. 287, with errors and omissions:

To "Y<sup>e</sup> Kinges bedchamber man" is added "Hen. : Sauill" "Our precious mother has written a very







Qir hart thou seemd to be much grieved  
d when i was speaking of thy presence &  
& when i was taken thou beganst to  
wee on mee with ~~blaming of me~~ it  
thou that i was to come it ~~was~~  
~~to me~~ ~~the~~ content with the will  
of god & thou saidst some words  
& then was every quiet & thou was  
~~to go to york~~ but it was well thou  
didst & it had been well thou hadst  
ever to mee for when i was at thorn  
& i saw that i was taken & when  
i was at bridle as i sat at foyer  
w. i was taken the night be for i  
was the 3 pound thou sent up to me  
in law for it i did speak to a friend  
to send the of much strength black cloth  
as will make thee a game & i did  
of a very dell of money but i shall  
things of) had a pres. to trade & the  
nothing of the lord of power if ever all blessed  
be his name for ever & not only soe but the name  
pres. is to be troden among friends when the life  
if not lived in ~~the way of a~~ ~~the~~  
~~the way of a~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
but let it goe & Thomas can give you or thee  
on a count of all things of

M: 12 d 8  
1673

Photo. A. W. Garen.]

GEORGE FOX TO MARGARET FOX.

[See p. 157.]



*affecting* letter" should read "W: p:<sup>s</sup> [William Penn's] Mother hath written a very *affectionate* letter"! Lady Penn's letter is mentioned on the next page of *Fells* and in *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 448. The conclusion of the letter is as follows:

J writt to my Mother [Margaret Fox] y<sup>e</sup> last Weeke w<sup>ch</sup> J hope is receiued: my ffather hath giuen foorth a very large & seruiceable paper touchinge womens meetings w<sup>ch</sup> if Jnlarged J thinke to bringe with mee.

My father woulde haue y<sup>e</sup> inclosed paper to be fairely & truely written: & a copy of it giuen or sent to Rob: Withers & another to be sent or carryed by J: L:<sup>11</sup> or R: W: into Cumberlande: & to y<sup>e</sup> other Countyes by some faithfull ffreinds: & reade in there womens meetings.

The letter is addressed: "ffor Sarah ffell att Swarthmoore these psent leaue this with y<sup>e</sup> postmaster in Lancaster to be sent as aboues<sup>d</sup> Lancasheere." Fox endorsed it: "T 1 to M 1 1673 from woster."

[From the Shackleton MSS.]

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## XVIII

### GEORGE FOX TO MARGARET FOX, 1673

No attempt has, apparently, been made to reproduce *in toto* this Fox holograph. We give a photographic reproduction and have attempted a transcription.<sup>12</sup>

der hart thou seemd to be much greeved when j was speaking of presones & & when j was taken thou be gan to fall vpon mee with blaming of mee & j tould thee

<sup>11</sup> Probably, James Lancaster.

<sup>12</sup> A glance at the photo reproduction will shew the portions which have been eliminated. The earlier portions which remain as written appear, with slight alteration, in Fox's *Journal*, bi-cent. ed. ii. 206. Maria Webb quotes part of the deleted words in her book (*Fells*, p. 294) as "it cost a great deal of money, but I will save"; we cannot follow her reading of the last word. In several places Fox's meaning is not clear.



that j was to bare it & why could not thee be & be content with the will of god & thou said som wordes & then was prety quiet & thou was loo [?th] & to going to parker but it was well thou did & it had ben well thou had bin more over it to mee for when j was at jhon rouses j saw that j was taken presener & when J was at bradiles<sup>13</sup> as j sat at super j saw j was taken the night befor j was the 3 pound thou sent vp to mee in lew [?] for it j did speake to a frend to send the as much spanesh black cloth as will make the a goune & it did cost vs a prety dell of mony bvt j shall faver thomas as & j saw [j] had a wine pres to trade & the both in thing & the lordes pouer is over all blesed be his name for ever and not only soe but the wine pres is to be troden among frends wher the life is not livd in & j her of a ship of thomas edmoneson<sup>14</sup> is cast a way which i had a part in but let it goe & thomas can give you or thee an a count of all things.

g ff.

m 12 d 8 1673

The letter is addressed by Fox: "this for m ff her one hand," and endorsed by him: "g f to m ff 1673, woster of g ff paseges m 12 day 8."

[From the Shackleton MSS.]

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## XIX

### THOMAS LOWER TO SARAH FELL, 1674

For some time Thomas Lower refused liberation from Worcester Gaol, because freedom was not also granted to his companion, George Fox, but, as this letter indicates, he finally agreed to travel north, his place in care for the prisoner being taken by Margaret Fox.

So far as we know this letter has not been seen in print before this.

<sup>13</sup> That is, *Bray Doily's*. See *Camb. Jnl.*; and *THE JOURNAL*, xi. 101, note 10.

<sup>14</sup> This is an interesting hint at Fox's financial participation in shipping interests.



the white bull: behinde Garstange this first night after our settinge foorth.

Deare Sister Sarah

Wee prouidentially had this letter brought after vs from Garstange to y<sup>e</sup> white bull by one whoe was goeing to preston ffaire; Jt seemes Henery Cowarde<sup>15</sup> brought it last seconde day from worcester: & haueinge occasion to turne out off y<sup>e</sup> roade to Cockram: misst vs & left this letter att a house in Garstange: to be deliuered to vs in case wee shoulde pass through y<sup>e</sup> townde w<sup>ch</sup> wee did but hearde not off y<sup>e</sup> letter nor him: <sup>16</sup> & whether they wee Judge they might heare of our rideinge by through Joseph Sharpes<sup>15</sup> Calinge to speake with Nellys mother: & to tell her off her daughters welfare & to knowe howe her sister gott whome whoe is well gott home; wee had not time to tarry our selues: by y<sup>e</sup> Jnclosed you may see howe Jt is with my ffather w<sup>ch</sup> wee hope is not so bad as wee feared [*words lost in the fold of the paper*] hope to finde him better then we thought off: My Mother woulde haue thee sende to Lancaster as much as Sumpter can traice in the Cart: off her malt: thou must send Jamy of y<sup>e</sup> Marsh with it to sell it & if y<sup>e</sup> sugar be come hee may Carry y<sup>t</sup> whome with him: & if it be not come to send another load againe: for it sells well at Lancaster 16s. p bushell there: wee are all well thus farr: Jo: Sharpe feares the bay mare will tyre, wee thinke wee must putt my boy [*torn*] to ride her: & Joseph before my mother; or my selfe: all our deare [*torn*] loue is to my deare wiffe thy selfe & sister Rachell: & my litle maide<sup>17</sup> [*torn*] soe in hast rests

Thy dearly loueing brother,

THOMAS LOWER.

At the back of the letter is the following in Fox's hand, as if an address for this letter, but as Fox was still in Worcester it could not have been written at the time this letter was penned: "this for m: ff at Swartmore d d." Also there is this endorsement by Fox: "g f to m ff

<sup>15</sup> For these Friends see *Household Account Book of Sarah Fell*.

<sup>16</sup> The words "& whether they" are crossed through.

<sup>17</sup> Probably his daughter, Margaret, b. 28 iii. 1673, d. 15 i. 1674/5.



woster presen 1674 6 m 10 day," which also cannot apply to this letter from Lower to his sister, Sarah Fell, which contains requests from her mother. Lower may have used the fly-leaf of another letter.

[From the Shackleton MSS.]

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XX

HENRY FELL TO MARGARET FOX, 1672

This long letter appears in *Fells*, p. 281, in abbreviated form. The following has been omitted :

My deare ffriend J did write to thee by Tho: Briggs when he went from hence with Will: Bayley : it was in my heart from the Lord to write to thee w<sup>ch</sup> J did in obeydience thereunto at large, and sent it by T: B: and in writing of it J was exceedingly refreshed and my heart was opened in loue, and very much broken by the power of y<sup>e</sup> Lord more then ever J was in writing any letter since J knew truth : w<sup>ch</sup> J am not out of hope but that it may be come to thy hand (though y<sup>t</sup> shipp was taken & he and the rest) for J here some letters were delivered w<sup>ch</sup> went in that ship : and J should be very glad to hear that that came to thy hands And J writ at that tyme one to deare L : ffell, & one to Tho: Salthouse, and did not keepe a cobby of any of them then (w<sup>ch</sup> some tymes J doe) for w<sup>ch</sup> J am sorry. And now hauing an opportunity J found ffreedome to write to thee desiring to heare from thee ; and whether thou did receiue that letter or nay. And also to acquaint thee that things are very well heare at p<sup>s</sup>ent as to truthes affaires : and ffriends in the generall in a pretty good Condition.

The letter is written in a good, clear hand. For another and later letter from Fell to M. Fox, see *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 445. Both are doubtless originals. This letter is addressed : " For my very deare ffriend Margrett Fox at her house at Swarthmore this d̄ d̄ Jn Lancashire " and endorsed by Fox : " h ff to m ff from barbadus of paseges 1672 read "

[From the Shackleton MSS.]



## XXI

This is a slip of paper, dated 1676, written by Sarah Fell, and endorsed by John Abraham, being a list of gold pieces, with weight, etc., belonging to Rachel Fell. See *The Household Account Book of Sarah Fell of Swarthmoor Hall*, in preparation.

## XXII

MARGARET FAWCETT TO MARGARET FOX, 1677

This is printed in *Fells*, p. 298. The flyleaf with address, etc., has been torn off.

## XXIII

This is a legal document, written by Sarah Fell, dated 22nd March, 1678, signed by Hannah Fell, and witnessed by Thomas Penington, John Penington, Edward Crooke, and Thomas Colton. It is referred to in *Fells*, p. 295.

Know all men by these p̄sents That whereas upon certaine Articles of Agreem<sup>t</sup> and Jndentures of Releases thereupon made between John Rous Margarett his wife Thomas Lower Mary his wife Jssabell Yeamans Sarah ffell Susannah ffell & Rachel ffell of the first part Hannah Fell widow Charles ffell Geñ by the said Hannah his Mother and Gaurdian Thomas Coulton and Richard Radcliffe of the second part And George ffox Geñ and Margarett his wife of the third part beareing date the seaventeenth day of January last past Concerninge certaine lands in the Mannor or Lordp̄e of Osmunderley alias Osmotherley, Jt was Covenanted & Agreed by the said John Rous Margarett his wife Thomas Lower Mary his wife Jssabell Yeamans Sarah ffell Susannah ffell and Rachel ffell for them their heires executo<sup>rs</sup> and administrators and every of them and all others clayminge from by or under them or any of them to Release and fo<sup>r</sup>



ever quitt clayme to the said Charles ffell his heires Executors Administrators and Assignees All their right tytle clayme and demand whatsoever unto certaine percells of Land comonly called or knowne by the names of Myles Benson wifes meadow, Two New Closes, Whole close, Spittlepotts, Linelands, New Close, Cockhole, and Barnbeckedale, And whereas the said John Rous and Margarette his wife being Absent beyond the seas, and soe could not seale or deliver any Release touchinge the aforementioned Lands Agreed upon in the Articles and Jndentures NOW know yee that wee the said Thomas Lower Mary his wife Jssabell Yeamans Sarah ffell Susannah ffell and Rachel ffell doe Covenant and grant to and with the said Charles ffell his Executors Administrators and Assignees to save Defend and Keep harmlesse the said Charles Fell his heires Executors and Administrators and every of them of and from all suites troubles or Molestacons whatsoever, any ways Ariseing from or by the said John Rous and Margarette his wife for or concerning any the said Released or menconed to bee Released lands untill such time as the said John Rous and Margarette his wife shall for them their heirs Executors and Administrators seale a Release unto the said Charles ffell his Executors Administrators and Assignees according to the Covenants Clauses Provisoes and Agreemts in the said Jndentures or Articles of Agreem<sup>t</sup> menconed JN WITNESSE whereof wee the said Thomas Lower Mary his wife, Jssabell Yeamans, Sarah Fell, Susannah ffell and Rachel ffell have hereunto sett our hands and seales this Twenty-second day of March Jn y<sup>e</sup> yeare of our Lord God one Thousand Six hundred Seaventy and Eight.

HANNAH ffELL

Sealed signed and Delivered in the p<sup>r</sup>sence of us whose Names are subscribed ; And Memorandū that at and before the sealeinge and delivery hereof ,Jtt is Declared and Agreed by and betwixt all the said parties and persons Aforenamed,



That when A Release shall  
bee sealed as above is men-  
tioned by the said John Rous  
and his wife, and produced  
to y<sup>e</sup> said Charles ffell or  
Hannah ffell his Mother and  
Guardian, That then these  
p<sup>r</sup>sents shall be voide and  
delivered up to the said  
Thomas Lower and the rest,  
who have sealed the same,  
or to some of them to bee  
Cancelled.

THOMAS PENINGTON  
his m<sup>r</sup>ke.

JOHN PENINGTON  
his marke.

EDWARD CROOKE,  
THOMAS : COLTON.

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XXIV

WEDDING CERTIFICATE OF DANIEL ABRAHAM AND  
RACHEL FELL, 1682

This is a contemporary copy, printed in *Fells*, p. 431,  
slightly abbreviated. The following is a fuller list of  
those who signed as witnesses :

(First column)  
THOMAS LOWER.  
JOHN HADDOCK.  
ROB<sup>T</sup> WIDDER.  
THOMAS CAMM.  
ROGER HADDOCK.  
RALPH RIDGEWAY.  
ROB<sup>T</sup> SALTHOUSE.  
LEONARD ffELL.  
SAMUELL KILNER.  
JOHN CURWEN.

BARTHOLOMEW SPENCLEY.  
JOHN ffELL.  
JAMES COOPER.  
THOMAS ffELL.  
JAMES ffELL.  
WILLIAM SALTHOUSE.  
DANIELL COOPER.  
JOSEPH SHARPE.  
THOMAS SANDERSON.  
JOHN HATHORNTHAIT.  
EDWARD BRATHAT



WILLIAM HATHORNTHAT  
 ROBERT BRIGGS.  
 JAMES LANCASTER.  
 NICHOLUS MARSHALL.  
 JAMES WAILES.  
 JOHN LINDOW.  
 PAULL PENINGTON.  
 JOSEPH GOAD.  
 WILLIAM ffISHER.  
 JOHN COWELL  
 JOHN DODGSON.  
 MATHEW ffELL.  
 CHRISTOPHER MILNER.  
 THOMAS BARNIE[?]

(Second column)

THOMAS DOCKREY.  
 LEONARD ADDISON.  
 THOMAS HARRISON.  
 JOSEPH NICHOLSON.  
 THOMAS ffISHER.  
 NICHOLUS COLLINSON.  
 WILLIAM TOWERS.  
 WILLIAM BRAITHAT.  
 with seuerall others then  
 present.

(Third column)

MARGARET FOX.  
 MARY LOWER.  
 ANNE CAMM.  
 JONE GREGGE.

DEBORAH SALTHOUSE.  
 DORRITHY WAILES.  
 BETTRIS CURWEN.  
 ELINER CLAYTON.  
 JANET HUTTON.  
 ISSABELL GURNELL.  
 ELIZABETH SHARPE.  
 ELIZABETH DODGSON.  
 ANNAS HOLME.  
 ISABELL SIMSON.  
 DEBORAH LANCASTER.  
 ELIZABETH GOAD.  
 JANE COWELL.  
 ANNAS BENSON.  
 ALLIS MYERS.  
 MARY ASKEW.  
 SARAH ffELL.  
 SARAH COOPER.  
 MARY ffELL.  
 ELIZABETH MYERS.  
 ALICE PARK.  
 ALICE ASBURNER.  
 ELIZABETH BRIGGS.  
 ELIZABETH MILNER.  
 AGNES COLLINSON.

(Fourth column)

LETTICE TOWERS.  
 ISABELL WILLINSON.  
 MARGARET COLTON.  
 RUTH BRIGGS.  
 With diuers others then  
 present.

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XXV

SARAH MEADE TO RACHEL ABRAHAM, 1683

This letter, containing a long list of various articles of clothing sent, is printed in *Fells*, p. 331, and in Crosfield's



*Fox*, p. 203. It is addressed: "To Rachell Abraham These delivr<sup>r</sup> at Swarthm<sup>r</sup> In Lancashire," and endorsed: "Aunt Meads Letter to my D<sup>r</sup>. & affectionate Mother. J. ABRAHAM."

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 XXVI

## SARAH MEADE TO MARGARET FOX, 1683

This letter also is printed in *Fells*, p. 329. The following sentences were omitted:

Wee are glad to heare thou art bettr<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> fitt of gripeing & Collicke . . . ffriends expects you should keep an exact Acc<sup>t</sup> of all your sufferings both thou & y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> ffriends of our meettinge, of what goods were taken from every one, for what, and the value; & sent up hither to the meettinge of sufferrings, in order to bee putt to the rest of ffriends sufferrings, y<sup>t</sup> are presented to y<sup>e</sup> Kinge, w<sup>ch</sup> you may doe well, to take care in . . .

Sistr<sup>r</sup> Susannah entreates sistr<sup>r</sup> Abraham to gett her 50<sup>li</sup> in from John Hodgson of Lancaster, & y<sup>t</sup> shee would please to lett her know when shee may expect it, and Likewise shee would haue you call in y<sup>t</sup> 40<sup>li</sup> laid upon Jos: Nicholson land y<sup>t</sup> shee may haue it now at Candlemas if possible, for shee was never satisfied y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>t</sup> money should bee lent to him; these two sumes aboue w<sup>th</sup> that 10<sup>li</sup> y<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Bell pays in of hers makes 100<sup>li</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> shee desires might bee Returned up together at Candlemas next, with y<sup>e</sup> intrest of it, & y<sup>e</sup> Jntrest of y<sup>t</sup> oweinge at Lanc<sup>r</sup>, in w<sup>ch</sup> shee prays your Care.

Maria Webb's transcription: "Mary Wright's young daughter" should read, as in the original, "Martha Wrights young<sup>r</sup> daught<sup>r</sup>."

The letter, which is in beautiful preservation, is addressed: "To Rachell Abraham at Swarthmore neare Lancaster. These d d d in Lancashire," and endorsed by John Abraham: "Aunt Meads Letter to my Hon<sup>d</sup> Grand Mother." Sundry arithmetical calculations occupy the vacant space at the back.

[From the Shackleton MSS.]



## XXVII

SARAH MEADE TO MARGARET FOX, 1684/5

Printed in *Fells*, p. 337, and Crosfield's *Fox*, p. 208. The letter is addressed: "To Mary Lower These. Leave this with Henry Coward Ironmonger at his house to be deliuered as aboue in Lancaster, Lancashire," and endorsed: "Aunt Meads Letter to my Honor<sup>d</sup> Grand mother. J. ABRAHAM."

## XXVIII

SUSANNAH FELL TO RACHEL FELL, 1681

This is one of the few letters written by Susannah, which have come down to us. The writing and spelling are greatly inferior to those of her sister Sarah. The place and date of writing have been inserted in the top right-hand corner by Sarah (Meade), the year being 1681, and not 1684 as given by Maria Webb (*Fells*, p. 353, and copied into Crosfield's *Fox*, p. 206), and Rachel then being Fell, not yet Abraham.

As the letter is greatly smoothed in *Fells*, we give it here as written :

Gooseyes ye 14<sup>th</sup> of ye 12<sup>mo</sup> 1681.

Deare & well beloued Sister Rachell

haueing soe good a portuntty of sendeing by L: fell Could not but giue thee the trobell of a shorte salutashon of onfened loue to thee & my duty to my deare mother for youer Rememberanc is uery plesente to mee & I can truely saye its neder lenth of time nor distance of miles make uide or elenette my loue to youe ; Lenerd came but this mor[n]ing heder & goes agene to nitte to Londen soe I [haue] uery littel time to writte onely to lette youe know that wee are all uery well euery way & I haue my helth ; much better then I had at Swarmore soe I thinke this eare agre well with mee & for Nuese I haue none nor I know none but when I haue any thing worth youer notes shall not feall to Lette youe know. Bro : Sis :

Mead deare loue Duty is to mother & Bro Mead often speakes of thee with a grette Deall of loue & Reall Respette there loues is to thee & Bro: Sis: Lower my Deare loue to thee & them & to Marge lower lenard steayes soe I am much hasned for time & Ristes

Thy Deare & Loueing Sister

SUSANNAH FELL

The words sprawl over one side of a single leaf—there is no writing on the back.

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XXIX

JOHN ROUS AND SARAH MEADE TO MARGARET FOX,  
1685/6

Maria Webb transcribed Rous's letter and printed it in her book (*Fells*, p. 354), but omitted a communication from S. Meade written on the back. The Rous letter is also printed in Crosfield's *Fox*, p. 207. The omitted letter is as follows :

London y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>o</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> mo<sup>th</sup> 168<sup>5</sup>.

D<sup>r</sup> & Honoured Mother

J writt thee last weeke & sent thee y<sup>e</sup> Kings Generall Pardon, & a Coppy of A perticular order for friends ; w<sup>ch</sup> since, the Kinge has signed with his owne hand ; & has directed it to y<sup>e</sup> Attorney Generall, who is to send out p<sup>t</sup>icular orders to euery County ; w<sup>ch</sup> friends are now about getting out in order to bee sent into y<sup>e</sup> Counties, as soone as they cann bee finished—wee haue thoughts of goeing into y<sup>e</sup> country to Gooseeyes within 10 : dayes or thereabouts ; & were desireous to haue gone sooner but haue been prevented. last first day our man Eusebius Sheppard was taken ill, haueing been of late often not well, occasioned by often bleeding at nose w<sup>ch</sup> much weakened him, & could not bee stopt ; hee tooke himselfe to his bed, & soone after hee was in his bed, vomitted blood ; & grew weaker & weaker, & about 11 : a clocke at night died ; it was A Surprize to us, being soe sudden, and my



Husband will want him in his businesse; w<sup>ch</sup> will cause a litle more his owne care ouer his Affaires. wee are all well here Blessed bee y<sup>e</sup> Lord & onely adds at p<sup>s</sup>ent the Remberance of my Husbands mine & Sistr<sup>s</sup> dear loue & duty to thee; & ou<sup>r</sup> kinde Loue to Bro: & Sistr<sup>s</sup> with Cousins from

Thy dutifull daught<sup>r</sup>,  
S: M.

wee haue Rec<sup>d</sup> noe Lett<sup>r</sup> from you this weeke please to tell Jn<sup>o</sup> Dodgson J Rec<sup>d</sup> a Lett<sup>r</sup> from him yesterday, with one to his sonn James, w<sup>ch</sup> J will endeavor to deliuer to him, if hee come to Towne before wee goe into y<sup>e</sup> Country—Remember my loue to Jn<sup>o</sup> & his wife, & tell them J am sorry they should put them selues to y<sup>e</sup> trouble & charge to send mee any salt butt<sup>r</sup>; the winter has been soe milde, wee haue grasse butt<sup>r</sup> already here.

The letter is addressed: “ ffor Rachell Abraham This at Swarthmore To be left with John Higgins in Lancaster ”

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XXX

SARAH MEADE TO MARGARET FOX, 1686

This letter, containing various and intimate family touches, has not been reduced to print ere this, so far as we know.

Gooseyes y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> moth 1686.

Deare & Honoured Mother

Wee Rec<sup>d</sup> Bro: Abrahams Lett<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> last moth and are glad y<sup>e</sup> Kings Proclamation, y<sup>t</sup> wee sent did ffriends service.—wee came to this place last 5<sup>th</sup> day, & gott well hither with ou<sup>r</sup> Childe, for w<sup>ch</sup> praised bee the Lord; before wee came from London, Nathanaell had a loosenesse for aboue 2 weekes, w<sup>ch</sup> wee thought did him good, & carried of his flegme & stoppage at his stomacke; & J

was in hopes, when hee came into the country, it might haue abated, but it yett continues upon him: haueing 4: or 5: stooles in a day & a night, w<sup>ch</sup> keeps him pretty weake & low; & his stomacke is weake; wee are fearfull to giue him things to stopp it least hee should bee worse; for wee suppose hee is A breedinge some more great teeth; & severall haue told mee y<sup>t</sup> many Children breeds their teeth with A Loosenesse, w<sup>ch</sup> many Reckons best:—J am a litle fearefull of him about it; though hee is pretty chearfull, wee giue him strengthening things, but hee drinks spring water yett; w<sup>ch</sup> wee haue thought has done well with him: J earnestly desire thy Prayer<sup>s</sup> to the Lord for his preservation (if it bee his will) y<sup>t</sup> hee may bee an Instrum<sup>t</sup> in his hand to his Glory; & may feare & serue him all his dayes:—Sister Susannah is sometimes out of ord<sup>r</sup>, as shee used to bee at y<sup>e</sup> Springe of y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>r</sup>e but hath been much bett<sup>r</sup> last winter & this Springe then shee hath been formerly at such seasons; for w<sup>ch</sup> my heart & soule hath often praised y<sup>e</sup> Lord. my Bro: Rouseson wee heard when wee came out of Towne was pretty well Recoured & y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> family was well for any thing J heard ffather came to Towne last weeke. wee heare y<sup>t</sup> Nath: Brassey & his onely sonn are both to be buried this day, both in one Coffin<sup>18</sup>; the Childe was a fine liuely Childe about a year<sup>e</sup> & a quarter old, & J did not heare but they were both well when wee came out of Towne;—its A sickly time in these parts; & seuerall haue died pretty suddenly, both ffriends & other<sup>s</sup>—wee are glad to heare y<sup>t</sup> Bro: Abrahams daughter is like to doe well; the childe may doe very well although shee is weaned, many chuses hereawayes rather to bringe children up by y<sup>e</sup> spoone, then suckle them (unlesse they either sucke their owne Mother<sup>s</sup>, or haue very good Nurses); & they doe very well; as J hope theires may doe.<sup>19</sup> J haue litle

<sup>18</sup> According to the London Friends' Registers, Nathaniel Brassey, the younger, died on the 4th of Second Month, aged fifteen months, and his father, Nathaniel Brassey, aged forty years, on the 7th, which was the same day as the date of Sarah Meade's letter. Several daughters died young both before and after this date.

N. Brassey (Bracey) was a goldsmith, of Lombard Street. He was an active Friend and Minister, and a faithful testimony-bearer.

<sup>19</sup> Alas! This hope was not realised. Little Margaret died within three months of the date of this writing. See No. xxxiv.



more at p̄sent, but our duty & deare Respects to thee  
& our kinde Loue to Bro : & Sistr Abraham, with Sistr  
Lower & her Children and y<sup>t</sup> I am

Thy dutifull Daught<sup>r</sup>

S: M.

I would Entreate Brother Abraham or Sister to  
call for y<sup>e</sup> Jntrest of Jn<sup>o</sup> ffoster of Lanc<sup>r</sup> beinge 3<sup>li</sup> 12<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup>  
w<sup>ch</sup> was due at Christmas last, & is Sistr Susans; & of  
Tho : Metcalfe of Lanc<sup>r</sup> for 6<sup>li</sup> 0<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> was due at Candle-  
mas last; & is ffather<sup>s</sup>; and to gett it Returned to  
London, to Sistr Susan or my selfe, y<sup>t</sup> it may bee p<sup>d</sup> as its  
due.

The sheet on which above is written is in an admirable  
condition. It is addressed: "To Rachell Abraham at  
Swarthmore neare Lancaster These d d d in Lancashire."

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XXXI

SARAH MEADE TO MARGARET FOX, 1686/7

A short letter, written on one page of a 4to sheet,  
and addressed as the previous one.

Gooses y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> mo<sup>th</sup> 168<sup>6</sup><sub>7</sub>.

Deare & honoured Mothe<sup>r</sup>

Wee Rec<sup>d</sup> thine yesterday of y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Jstant and are  
sorry thou should bee soe much troubled about what wee  
writt of Sistr Susannahes comeinge downe shee doth  
intend to come, & did; and would know what time will  
Answer to bee there before Sister Abrahams Lieinge in,<sup>20</sup>  
which thou doth not mention in this Lettr. what wee  
writt was my Husbands minde & mine, & as to her  
Returne to us againe (w<sup>ch</sup> wee still much desire & hope  
for), wee must leaue it to the Lord & to thee & her.—  
wee came to Gooses last 7<sup>th</sup> day with our litle boy, who is

<sup>20</sup> John, only surviving child of D. and R. Abraham was born on the  
28th of Fourth Month, 1687.

fine & well with the Rest of our family, praised bee the Lord. My Father is still at Kingstone, where they were all well lately ; Father desires that you would Returne him y<sup>t</sup> 30<sup>li</sup> thou mentioned formerly thou has for him, & y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>li</sup> y<sup>t</sup> Hugh Tickle left him ; w<sup>ch</sup> 40<sup>li</sup> if you pay to Bro: Lower ; my Husband has Rec<sup>d</sup> a bill of 40<sup>li</sup> from Tho: Salthouse upon Bro: Lower's Acct<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> if hee & you soe Agree, may bee p<sup>d</sup> my Father here, w<sup>ch</sup> will bee easy & Convenient for you all ; And if it bee soe concluded, pray advise us in your next y<sup>t</sup> this 40<sup>li</sup> may bee p<sup>d</sup> to my Father for J p<sup>ce</sup>ieue hee wants his money. James Dickonson<sup>21</sup> of Cumberland is now here goeing towards Colchester ; hee Remember<sup>s</sup> his Loue to thee, & to Bro: & Sister Lower & Bro: & Sister Abraham. my Husband went yesterday to London & is there ; J know his duty & Respects is to thee, & his Loue to Broth<sup>rs</sup> & sist<sup>rs</sup> : the Remembrance of w<sup>ch</sup> please also to Receiue from Sistr & from

Thy Dutifull daught<sup>r</sup>

S: M.

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XXXII

MARGARET ROUS TO MARGARET FOX, 1695

This sorrowful letter respecting the non-arrival of John Rous from beyond seas appears in *Fells*, p. 386, and in Crosfield's *Fox*, p. 220.

It is addressed : " ffor Rachell Abraham at Swarth more these To be left at Henery Cowards to send as above in Lancaster Lancashire " and endorsed : " Aunt Rous sorrowfull Letter to my Dear and Honoured Grand Mother Relating y<sup>e</sup> loss of her Dear and Tender Husband, my Uncle Rous. 1695 "

<sup>21</sup> James Dickinson (1659-1741) was an active Friend towards the end of the first period of Quakerism and in the earlier years of the second. He lived an eventful life and had numerous narrow escapes by land and sea. He was three times in America, in 1691, 1695, and 1713. His *Journal* was brought out in 1745 and again in 1847.



## XXXIII

WILLIAM INGRAM TO MARGARET FOX, 1695/6

Printed in *Fells*, p. 385, with some modernization of phrasing. It is addressed: "To Rachell Abraham At Swarthmore neare Lancaster In Lancashire."

## XXXIV

DANIEL ABRAHAM TO PHINEAS PEMBERTON, 1695

See No. XII.—a letter from the father of the present writer to his friend and apprentice.

Deare ffr<sup>d</sup> Phineas Pemberton

In that love wherein the Lord hath been pleased to extend of his mercye unto my soule & bodye (blessed be his Name) and thereby in some measure to prevaile upon mee ffor to love him againe, in a Measure of this Love art thou often brought up in my remembrance, & neare unto mee though our bodyes ffar seperated, and though ye time of my acquaintance with thee was in my minority when thou was in my ffathers ffamielye, yett thy Truthlike behaviour & ffidelitye hath an evidence in my heart; and haveing the opertunitye of the bearer our deare ffriend & ffaithfull labourer in the blessed Gospel of peac James Dickenson I doe hereby send the salutation of my Mother ffox's myne and my wifes deare Love unto thee thy wife and Children, being glad to hear by a Letter thou sent to Ralph Ridgway dated the last 3<sup>d</sup> month of thy welfare & prosperitye, & allsoe the testimonye thou therein inclosed concerning my deare ffather deceased. I have good Unitye with, & doe think it will have its service; my outward being is att Swarthmoore, amongst the manyfould mercyes of the Lord bestow'd upon mee, the Lord hath been pleased, blessed be his Name, to provide ffor mee a very loveing wife, & one I believ truly ffeareing the Lord & seeking the honour of his Name & Truth & in a ffew words a meet

help for mee (blessed be the Lord) and she hath borne unto mee three soñs and a daughter,<sup>22</sup> of which I have onely one soñ liveing whom I call John & is about eight years old : my sister is Maryed to one Lawyer Cheatham & liv's in Manchester, Mary Moor's allsoe lately liveing, but being something straitned in point of time & expecting that R: Ridgway will write more large unto thee I doe not think at present much to enlarge : I should be glad to receive a Letter ffrom thee as thou hath opportunity and art ffree soe in the same Love in which I begun this doe I conclude itt ffrom

Thy truely loveing ffriend

DA<sup>LL</sup> ABRAHAM.

Swarthmoore

ye 11<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> mo<sup>th</sup> 1695.

The letter is addressed : " To Phineas Pemberton In Pensylvania." The letter was given to the present owner with the one numbered XII.

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XXXV

MARY CHETHAM TO DANIEL ABRAHAM, 1697

Mary Chetham was a daughter of John Abraham ; in 1683 she married Edward Chetham, of Chetham and Nuthurst (1647-1714). She was buried 27 February, 1706. They were not Friends. See *Camb. Jnl.* i. 465.

Brother

I have rec<sup>d</sup> yours Likewise my Sistars Token it lookath like A very fine one and wee take it verry kindly from her & giveath her many thanks for it which is All

<sup>22</sup> The Lancashire Registers record the births and burials of three only of D. and R. Abraham's children—Margaret, 1685-1686, John, 1687-1771, Thomas, 1689-1695. Thomas died only two days before the date of this letter—it is strange that the father did not refer to this so recent event when writing of his family to P. Pemberton.



having but little time to inlarge only our true respects to  
y<sup>r</sup> selfe and my Sistar and Cozen from y<sup>or</sup> Affactionate  
Sistar

MARY CHEATHAM.

Manchest<sup>r</sup>

y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>d</sup> of Octobr<sup>r</sup> 97.

Wee have sent y<sup>e</sup> hatts by y<sup>e</sup> bearer.

The letter is addressed: "These For M<sup>r</sup> Daniell  
Abraham Att Swarthmoore."

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### XXXVI

This is a pedigree of the Chetham family, in the  
handwriting of the late Joseph Foster, dated 1876. See  
previous number.

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### XXXVII

DANIEL ABRAHAM TO MARGARET FOX AND WILLIAM  
INGRAM, 1697/8

This valuable business epistle has been included  
by Helen G. Crosfield in her *Margaret Fox*, p. 226, down  
to about the middle of the postscript. This postscript  
continues:

John Carlile young<sup>r</sup> was lately here, and desired  
to have his dear Love remembred unto thee; Geo:  
Knipe<sup>23</sup> allsoe whoe is now here desires to have his deare  
Love remembred unto thee & ffriends; I have receivd  
of Leonard ffell 40<sup>s</sup> for Pettyes Rent & given him a receipt  
for it; which please to receive of Brother Ingram with  
what more thou thinks ffit, when my bill is accepted &  
payd, to Brother Ingram.

<sup>23</sup> George Knipe (1653-1709) was a blacksmith of Lancaster (*THE JOURNAL*, x. 163). Other notices state that he lived at Monk Coniston, near Hawkshead (*Piety Promoted: The Friend* (Lond.), 1865, p. 29; *Satterthwaite, Colthouse Burial Ground*, 1914, p. 32; MSS. in D.).

Then follows immediately on the same sheet :

Deare Brother Ingram

Thy kind Letter of y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of last mont<sup>h</sup> wee Receiv'd and sinc p Mothers Letter have receiv'd advice that thou hath receivd a bill of 30<sup>li</sup> from Manchester upon my Acc<sup>t</sup> which is less then I gave Nehemiah Loe Order to send, however doe desire thee [to] accept thereof for the present, and to pay thereof to Mother [*paper torn*] she pleaseth & place y<sup>e</sup> rest to Acc<sup>t</sup> & within a few wee[ks] I intend to returne more ; It is now I think severall months sinc I returned Cozen ffell p bill 15<sup>li</sup> which when payd I desird him to let thee see it made receiv'd on y<sup>e</sup> back of my bond, w<sup>ch</sup> is in ffull for all Intrest till y<sup>e</sup> begining of last 8<sup>th</sup> month, of w<sup>ch</sup> please in thy next to advise mee whether he brought the bond to thee & made it receiv'd accordingly or not, allsoe if thou meet with an oportunitye I desire thou will please allsoe (if thou think ffit) to ask him whether he will accept of his money if it come some months after y<sup>e</sup> year end, for I writt him word some time sinc y<sup>t</sup> unless he was willing to let mee have it at 5<sup>li</sup> p Añ as I had fformely payd him, I did think to pay it in ; which with y<sup>e</sup> remembrance of myne and my wifes deare Love and Respects unto thy self, Sister, & Cozens is most att prest ffrom

Thy truely Loveing & much Oblig<sup>d</sup> Brother

DAN<sup>LL</sup> ABRAHAM.

Margaret Fox was at this time in London (see *A Quaker Post-Bag*, 1910, pp. 134, 140 ; *Crosfield's Fox*, p. 196.

### XXXVIII

This is a fragment written by D. Abraham, detailing the rents of various properties around Swarthmoor Hall.

according to the Rentall I purchased by viz. :  
 fflan Close ₤ estimation 3 acres Rent ₤  
 añ .. .. . 02 10 : 00



Townebank close & little close att fflan	4 ac <sup>rs</sup>	03 : 00 : 00
Newclose y <sup>e</sup> less & linelands $\text{ff}$ estimation	5 ac <sup>rs</sup>	04 : 02 : 08
Newclose y <sup>e</sup> greater $\text{ff}$ estimaçon	4 acrs	03 : 03 : 00
Cockhole $\text{ff}$ estimaçon ..	1 & $\frac{1}{2}$	01 : 06 : 00
Longhawbarow $\text{ff}$ estimaçon ..	2	01 : 01 : 00
Hole Close $\text{ff}$ estimaçon ..	1 & $\frac{1}{4}$	01 : 02 : 00
Barnebeck dales about 2 acrs & 3 roods		02 : 06 ; 00
Lund meadow $\text{ff}$ estimaçon ..	4 acrs	04 : 00 : 00
Starr meadow $\text{ff}$ estimaçon ..	5 acrs	03 : 17 : 06
Lund Crag $\text{ff}$ estimaçon ..	1 acre	01 : 00 : 00
Dickenson dale $\text{ff}$ estimaçon	1 acre & $\frac{1}{2}$	01 : 03 : 00
Houses then in Jo: Richardsons possession		
$\text{ff}$ a <sup>n</sup> m .. .. .		07 : 00 : 00
two shopps adjoineing thereto valued in		
$\text{ff}$ a <sup>n</sup> m .. .. .		02 : 10 : 00
		<hr/>
Tot of Rent $\text{ff}$ a <sup>n</sup> m		38 : 01 : 02

which at 20 years purchase y<sup>e</sup> rate I  
 purchased at comes to .. 761 : 00 : 00  
 if it be thought reasonable I shall pay Asemts: ffor  
 this together w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> Estate ;

Following the list is a small portion of a letter from  
 Rachel to her mother.

It commences :

“ Deare Mother Thy deare leter ” and contains  
 only a few letters at the beginning of twenty-three lines,  
 the remainder having been torn away. At the back are  
 the words : “ To Margrett ffox,” evidently a part of the  
 address.

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### XXXIX

WILLIAM INGRAM TO MARGARET FOX AND RACHEL  
 ABRAHAM, 1699

In the second English edition (1867), p. 347, and the  
 American edition (1896) of *Fells*, the subject of this and  
 later letters is introduced as follows :

About this time [the close of the seventeenth century] some Friends in the North of England started an objection to the payment of fee-farm rent-charge, such as was attached to the Swarthmoor estate. They maintained that it was a form of tithe originally got up for the maintenance of a priesthood, and as such, that the Friends should leave them who claimed it to distrain rather than pay voluntarily. The idea laid hold of Daniel Abraham's conscience, and acting on it, the person whose right it was, sued him with the view of dispossessing him. This involved expensive law proceedings and much perplexity to the family. Thomas Lower, whose estate of Marsh Grange was held under a similar tenure, did not unite in Daniel Abraham's scruples. Nor did his brother-in-law, William Ingram. In connection with the case, D.A. repaired to London, where his friends and relations laboured to convince him of his error, and at length they appear to have succeeded.

This letter now appears in print for the first time, so far as we know :

Lond<sup>d</sup> the 16<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> X<sup>th</sup> mo.  
1699

Dr hounourd mother  
& Dr Sister Abraham

I haue not wrote of late, Supposeinge broth<sup>r</sup> Abraham has acquaintd you of his owne affaires And what else hath been proper for your enformation ; and I thought not to haue wrote dureinge y<sup>e</sup> time of his abode here, but wee beinge under y<sup>e</sup> exercise of his buisness—as wee are sensible yee are much more, being more imediately concerned in y<sup>e</sup> country, I tho<sup>t</sup> Conuenient to giue you a short account how things stand at y<sup>e</sup> present, y<sup>e</sup> matter is not as yet brought before y<sup>e</sup> debuty Remembrancer to be Taxed—but depends ; & he is still here, waiteinge upon that occasion—wee not thinkeinge it necessary he should depart, till it be fully settled & adjusted, y<sup>e</sup> chief cause of my writeinge now, is to acquaint you, that this eueinge my Broth<sup>r</sup> Lower & I were with Sr Tho: Rawlinson, to offer him paym<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> last years Rent, carryinge money to discharge it, but



he would not receiue it, sayinge it would disorder his accot<sup>s</sup> to take so small a part of it here, and that he would haue it paid to his receiuer in y<sup>e</sup> Country, exclaimeing ag<sup>st</sup> Brother Abraham for putting him to so great trouble & calling his Title in question which has not been done by any but himself wee told him his refusall was as he thought upon a Conscientious accot<sup>t</sup> & would haue him put a fauorable Construction upon it, but he would by no meanes be pswaded but it was a dishonest designe in him, to defeat him of his right, exclaimeinge y<sup>e</sup> more because he sayd ther was 111<sup>li</sup> paid to him to discharge this Rent, which is not questioned by any but himself—saying broth<sup>r</sup> Lower paid it; so we thinke it will be safe for you to see it paid to his receiuer, I thinke he sayd his name was Simpson of flookburrough howeuer let it be paid least y<sup>e</sup> neglect of it should add a furth<sup>r</sup> Charge, he told us, he did expect his receiuer would in a few dayes, giue him an accot<sup>t</sup> that all his Rents to y<sup>e</sup> time called Michaelmass last were paid—tho' he knew not by what hands it would be done, I mention this passage, doubtinge least some aduersaries should do it, thereby to make a gaine to y<sup>m</sup> selues, by preyinge furth<sup>r</sup> upon y<sup>e</sup> Estate, which cannot be p<sup>u</sup>ented but by a timely paym<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Rent, wee haue laboured much to bring my Broth<sup>r</sup> to an understandinge & satisfaction in y<sup>e</sup> matter, being satisfied it could not be Tithes, because, ther is tithes payed besydes this incumbrance out of y<sup>e</sup> Estate, & I thinke he was Conuinct of his errour & mistake, before he tooke out y<sup>e</sup> Contents of what is recorded in y<sup>e</sup> Dutchy office, which declares it to be a fee farme Rent, & therefore may without any further doubt or scruple be paid hereafter, wee were not willinge to omitt this post, supposeinge if y<sup>e</sup> Rent be paid before this next quarter day—it may put a stopp to ther proceedings, who seem uery sharp and designeinge to make aduantages, out of y<sup>e</sup> ruines of other mens Estates—especially where they haue y<sup>e</sup> pretence of Lawes on ther sides, or for ther justification—It has happened uery strangly that this damage & loss, should be sustained without a due enquiry into y<sup>e</sup> nature of y<sup>e</sup> Claime, but seeinge whats past cannot be recalled, wee hope for y<sup>e</sup> future it may be avoided And that y<sup>e</sup>

exercise occasioned therby, may not afflict you any more, nor those concerned for you here ; as to y<sup>e</sup> purchasing of it off ; it does not seem probable at p<sup>s</sup>ent, but if any thinge can be done hereaft<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> oppertunity will be taken notice of by Bro. Lower who has been uery painefull & diligent in this buisness hitherto ; this with mine & my wiues duty to our D<sup>r</sup> mother & endeared loue to thyself & son—as Broth<sup>r</sup> Abrahams also is—

I rest

Thy truely Loueinge brother

W<sup>M</sup> INGRAM.

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XL

WILLIAM INGRAM TO RACHEL ABRAHAM

NO DATE

This letter must have been written about the same date as No. XXXIX. Portions appear in the two editions of *Fells* named under the previous number.

D<sup>r</sup> Sister

Wee rec<sup>d</sup> thine this week & haue truely sympathized with thee, & our dear mother in all your Sufferrings distresses & damage, happened thro' this unadvised refuseall of payinge y<sup>e</sup> fee farme Rent—but wee did not thinke it Conuenient to expose y<sup>e</sup> sight of it to any but ourselues, my broth<sup>r</sup> thy husband was not acquaint<sup>d</sup> with y<sup>e</sup> Contents—but y<sup>e</sup> forgoeing I just now read to him & he approues of it but this part he knowes not of, so thou may dispose of it as thou pleasest wee greatly pittty thy exercised Condition—but knowe as y<sup>e</sup> Lord is eyed & had regard unto—he is able and in due time will giue ease to y<sup>e</sup> afflicted ; wee had our deare mothers letter direct<sup>d</sup> to my wife, which wee gaue thy husband a sight of & he seemed pleased with it—my bro. & sist<sup>r</sup> Mead are now in Towne, & they with Broth<sup>r</sup> Lower & rest of Relations, all sympathize with you, for whose sakes wee are thus Concerned—Once more with our vnfained loue—Rests—thy affectionate & Lo. Bro.

W. I.



wee haue dealt uery plainly with my Brother, in this affair & hope it will haue a good effect being done in loue.

ther need be no fear of a sequestration to come upon you that is stopt, its onely y<sup>e</sup> Costs that is dependinge.

On the verso of the sheet occurs the following, written by R. Abraham :

I doe Requestt the fauor of thee to lett mee know by the bearer wheder the wholle of y<sup>e</sup> Rectory Rent bee any more than 42<sup>li</sup> & wheder the prest haue any partt therof for his Benefit if not what way hee hath his sallery the doeing herof will greattly oblidge thy ffrind

to serue thee

R A

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## XLI

### WILLIAM INGRAM TO MARGARET FOX, 1700

The major portion of this interesting letter concerning the future of Nathaniel Meade is in print in *Fells*, p. 399. The following was omitted :

Through mercy I and my wife with Relations here, are continued in y<sup>e</sup> like condition of health altho it is a sickly time with many—& Charles Bathurst<sup>24</sup> an ancient ffr<sup>d</sup> is lately dead. I had a letter yesterday from my sist<sup>r</sup> Morrice<sup>25</sup> at Lincoln, who after haveing signified her desire, of knowing how it was with thee, advises of a state of mortality in ther Country attended w<sup>th</sup> a sort of

<sup>24</sup> Charles Bathurst, grocer and confectioner, of London, died on the 4th of Seventh Month, 1700. His widow, Grace (*née* Hubbard), died in 1703. He was the father of Elizabeth Bathurst (c. 1655-1685, who for seven years prior to her early decease took a prominent place among Quaker missionaries. For an account of her, see Whiting's *Memoirs*, and the volume of her Testimony and Writings, entitled *Truth Vindicated*, first published in 1691, and reprinted from time to time down to 1788.

<sup>25</sup> Isabel Fell married firstly William Yeamans, and later Abraham Morrice. See *Camb. Jnl.*

feauor which occasions sudden death, & many dye of it—y<sup>e</sup> like in some measure has attended people hereaway—but y<sup>e</sup> distemper not so extreame. Wee haue been giuen to understand that my sist<sup>r</sup> Rouse took her journey from pontefract,<sup>26</sup> some time since to giue thee a vissitt—& sist<sup>r</sup> Lower more lately went from hence, in order thereunto. Wee hope they are both safely arriued, though wee heard not of sist<sup>r</sup> Lower, since her acc<sup>t</sup> from Lancaster & of her being ther last 4<sup>th</sup> day was a weeke, except my Broth<sup>r</sup> had anything by yesterdays post, whome since I haue not seen. I desire they may knowe if no better Information come to ther hands that I saw Coussen Nath<sup>l</sup> Rouse<sup>27</sup> last night, & he sayd both he, his wife, & son were well—& my Brother Lower on y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> day acquaint<sup>d</sup> me his family was in like Condition.

The whole letter occupyes two full folio pages. There is not either address or endorsement.

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 XLII

 WILLIAM MEADE TO MARGARET FOX, AND SARAH MEADE  
 TO RACHEL ABRAHAM, 1687

This letter of advice respecting the untoward conduct of Hannah, widow of George Fell, is in *Fells*, p. 339.<sup>28</sup> The upper half of the sheet is in Sarah Meade's hand. At the back of the letter is one from Sarah Meade to her sister Abraham, which is as follows :

<sup>26</sup> Pontefract was the home of Margaret Rous's daughter Bethiah and her husband, David English.

<sup>27</sup> Cousin, *i.e.*, nephew—Nathaniel Rous married Hannah Woods in 1696. The son may have been John, who survived his father only five years. See *Fells*, p. 391.

<sup>28</sup> There is some divergence of view respecting the motive which prompted the action taken by George Fell in connection with his mother's premunire. It has been stated that he took the only course open to him for the preservation of Swarthmoor Hall for the family. The action of his widow has not yet received sufficient attention to warrant an expression of opinion on our part.

See *Fells*, pp. 254, ff; *Fox*, pp. 34, 126, 141, 144; *Extracts from State Papers*, 116, 227; *THE JOURNAL*, ix., 199, 287; *Elizabeth Hooton*, 1914.



Deare Sister Abraham.—Jn Answer to thine about osmotherleyes Rent, if thou please to Returne up what belonges to Sistr Rous & J, with Medcalues intrest of Lancast<sup>r</sup>, J may take care to pay it here when it comes. As for ffost<sup>rs</sup> intrest, & sistr Susannahes part of osmotherleyes Rent, shee desires thou would keep them in thy hands for her till shee comes downe: & as for beginninge her Journey to you shee saith, shee is willinge to sett out of London, the next 2<sup>nd</sup> day, after whitsuntide weeke soe called is ouer, which will bee y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>th</sup> of May; if it may suite with Leo: ffell's Conveniency; but shee hopes to giues you a more certaine acct when the time is nearer J sent in a box p Ja: Geldart, w<sup>ch</sup> was for Bro: Lower—2<sup>li</sup> of chocoletta for my Dr Mother & thy selfe, with 2: bookes of Testimonies touchinge Ann Whiteheade; J hope you haue Rec<sup>d</sup> them. wee are all well here praised bee y<sup>e</sup> Lord; and desires thee to giue our duties & d<sup>r</sup> Respects to our d<sup>r</sup> Mother & our deare Loue to thy Husband & to Bro: & sistr Lower, w<sup>ch</sup> alsoe Receiue thy selfe ffrom Thy truely Loueing Sistr

S: M:

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 XLIII

MARGARET FOX TO DANIEL AND RACHEL ABRAHAM,  
1690

Printed in *Fells*, p. 360, and in *Fox*, p. 214. It is not autograph.

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 XLIV

WILLIAM INGRAM TO MARGARET FOX, 1691/2

Printed in *Fells*, p. 379, and in *Fox*, p. 191.

It is endorsed by Rachel Abraham: "Brother Ingrams Letters to ouer Deare Mother." Her son John adds: "The above has been writt by my Dear Mother Rach<sup>n</sup> Abrah<sup>m</sup>"; and a later hand tells us: "The above written by John Abraham."

## XLV

ABIGAIL TRINDEL (*alias* CURTIS) TO RACHEL ABRAHAM,  
1706

This letter is endorsed by John Abraham: "A Letter from an old Servant of my Mothers—my Dear Mothers wise Deportment was Such y<sup>t</sup> she was much respected."

October y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1706

Dear & Loving Mistress

Thou might Justly think me Ungratefull to those many favours which I have Received from thee & my Good Master, because I have not paid my Acknowledgments to you Both as those great undeserved kindnesses did require But I trust your wonted Goodness will put another construction upon my Actions, Since my heart will ever bear a most dutiful Remembrance of your many favours, For the true Reason of my not paying my Respects to you both in a few lines oftner than I have was principally my Consciousness of having disobliged you by my Marrying out off the meeting, being confirmed therein by never having y<sup>e</sup> favour of hearing from you tho' I wrote twice, And tho' I have had the misfortune to marry so, yet I have got a verry honest Man who never debarrs me off going to y<sup>e</sup> meetings of ffriends as oft as I please; So that I want for nothing but y<sup>e</sup> Conversation of a Husband of my own Principles which yet I must Own is a great Loss. I hope thou wilt be pleased never the less to continue thy favourable Opinion towards me and to condescend to Accept this Small token of a dozen & a half of Lemmons which had bin more onely I was afraid they would corrupt before they come to thee, and if these Or any thing in Dublin I know would be Acceptable to thee, thou hast nothing to doe but comãnd me. After my humble respects to my Good master & thy self, I give my tender Love & service to my young Master John, which with my humble desire of the favour of a Line from thy hand (if not too great a trouble) that I might hear ye are all well, as I am praise to God, is



all from her who is in all sincerity thy most thankful  
obliged humble servant

ABIGAIL TRINDEL AL. CURTAS.

If thou dost favour me with a Letter, please to direct  
it to John Trindall at Vandyke's head in Dames Street,  
Dublin.

The writer shews signs of good education, although  
described as a "Servant." Her penmanship is much  
better than that of her late mistress. The address is:  
"To Rachel Abrams Living at Swarthmore hall in  
Fornas in Lancashire."

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XLVI

JOHN GREEN TO JOHN ABRAHAM, 1709

This is an interesting account of the writer's visit to  
the Low Countries.

Rotterdam, ye 7<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>br</sup>.

1709 N : S :

My ffriend

I am favoured with yours, w<sup>ch</sup> I received at York  
at ye meeting ye week, ere I set forward on my journey  
& now these comes in answer thereunto, & lest ye<sup>e</sup> shou'd  
think I have sleighted ye<sup>e</sup> in being so retard in writing,  
shall shew my reasons, 1<sup>st</sup> being so near my going,  
thought it not so convenient till I was safe arrived,  
2<sup>dly</sup> being arrived 'twas better to wait till I had  
little acquainted my self with ye Country & customes  
thereof, ye w<sup>ch</sup> I hope will satisfie you, (having lived a  
while in ye Country for ye benefit of ye Language, there  
being so many English in this Citye, y<sup>t</sup> it's impossible  
to attain to it in a short time) have somtimes divertized  
my self with travelling, & therefore shall give ye<sup>e</sup> in short  
y<sup>t</sup> ye fame thereof runs far short of its desert, & y<sup>t</sup> ye  
inhabitants are ye cunnenest people in ye world for getting

mony, & indeed I must say it's far pleasanter for y<sup>e</sup> traveller y<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> inhabitant, it being a very unhealthfull place as I have a little experienced ; for I have traveled among so many Curiosities, w<sup>ch</sup> made me many times to wonder, for they have their sluyces, where (if an enemy should aproach can lay their whole Country under water, it running in most places higher y<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Land, being kept in by banks, y<sup>e</sup> sea likewise being much higher y<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Country, especially in y<sup>e</sup> North where it's bounded w<sup>th</sup> huge banks of earth, rampired w<sup>th</sup> strong planks they have also mills to throw out y<sup>e</sup> water, otherwise y<sup>e</sup> Country would become a sea, their Cytyes are built as in y<sup>e</sup> sea, having water run throw their streets, so y<sup>t</sup> can bring y<sup>e</sup> ships each to his door, our travelling is all by water, for it's a wonder to see a man on horseback, & many other excellent conveniences they have, but as for those things where of you write, I see no such plenty, they being as common in Engeland as here, & that if I should buy some rarities must pay extravagantly for them, therefore desirer thy further advice, & shall do my endeavour, but y<sup>e</sup> best wou'd be to come over your self & see all y<sup>e</sup> Curiosities hereof, where as now you only have by hearsay, & y<sup>t</sup> not y<sup>e</sup> one half, & when here might also go & see y<sup>e</sup> army, w<sup>ch</sup> would be worth your while, as for y<sup>e</sup> sea in summer time there's no danger, it wou'd be y<sup>e</sup> finest divertizement in y<sup>e</sup> world for such a gentleman as you, & I assure if had your estate I would not be kept so under confinem<sup>t</sup> to my pen, for there's nothing in y<sup>e</sup> world y<sup>t</sup> so accomplishes young men as travelling, & now (My friend) lest I should be tedious (my own business also calling me away) shall conclude, with kind love & sincere respects

Your faithfull ffr<sup>d</sup>

JOHN GREEN.

pray present my respects  
to thy father & mother  
& excuse hasty scribbling

This fine piece of penmanship is addressed : " For John Abraham att Swarthmore near Ulverstone Lancastershire Great Brittain."

## XLVII

RACHEL ABRAHAM TO JOHN ABRAHAM, 1712

This truly motherly letter is printed in full in *Fells*, p. 411. It is addressed by Daniel Abraham: "To Jo<sup>n</sup> Abraham att Doc<sup>r</sup> Lowers In London."

## XLVIII

JOHN ABRAHAM TO JANE ROUSE      NO DATE

This short letter, coming from one of the second generation of Friends, shews us something of the interest still taken in the literature of the first period.

The addressee, Jane Rouse, is unknown to us.

my Esteemed ffriend

Jane Rouse

I have sent Thee a Book out of Dr Grand Mothers large Collection of ffriends Books printed in those early times; This is a particular piece writt by Richard Hodden a friend I never before heard off<sup>29</sup>; if Thee have not time, please to take the Book to friend Bradford, there are many excellent pieces in itt, if hee please may keep itt some time; I am now reading another of ancient time in itt is a Dispute by that Brite Lovely Youth James Parnel with an old priest called a Dr of Divinity w<sup>ch</sup> I am reading I had a nouble Collection of these choice old Books left me by my Honour'd Grand Mother I have given many of y<sup>m</sup> to my worthy ffriends in America Ireland and else where; I am Thy Loveing Neighbour,

JO<sup>N</sup> ABRAHAM.

This letter is written on a piece of paper 5½ins. by 4¼ins.; it is addressed: "To my Loving ffriend Jane Rouse."

<sup>29</sup> Richard Hodden's book is entitled: *The One Good Way of God: contrary to the many different ways of Mens making*. It contains fifty-four pages of small type. The author divides his matter into eighteen sections, of which some are: Epistle of Adam, Worldlings, Zealots, Faith in fleshly feeling, Prayer, Conversion. It appears to be a Bristol production. Of the author little or nothing is known.



## XLIX

JOHN ABRAHAM TO THOMAS ABRAHAM, 1747

Manchest<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>mo</sup> 1747Son Tomy<sup>30</sup>

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Pay to Isaac Crewdson of  
Manchester or order Thirty  
Two pounds and Nine Shilling  
upon y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Day of June  
next for value Receiv'd with  
or without Advice  
ffrom Thy Affectionate ffather  
JO<sup>N</sup> ABRAHAM.

To Thomas Abraham  
Mercht<sup>t</sup> in Whitehaven  
Cumberland.

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Three quarto pages of cooking recipes—Sagoe  
Pudding, Rice Pudding, Apple Pudding and Orange  
Pudding. E. C. Abraham states that the handwriting  
is that of Sarah (Foster) Abraham (1701-1777), wife of  
John Abraham. Final sheet only.

you must take off y<sup>e</sup> scum from y<sup>e</sup> top, as well as  
leave y<sup>e</sup> dross at y<sup>e</sup> bottom; to these 2 Quarts of  
strong Jelly you may put a Pinte of Rhenish, & a  
Quartor of a pint of Canary; beait up y<sup>e</sup> whites of 5  
Eggs to a froth; stir all to geather with sugar, to make  
it very sweet; mix it well; & sat it on y<sup>e</sup> fire, & stir it  
till it melts & curdles; then put in Juice of 5 large  
Lemons, & a bit of y<sup>e</sup> peel; let this boil up, then pour  
it throw your Jelly bag & pass y<sup>e</sup> first Quart or two over  
& over again, 'till tis perfectly clear.

## A Sagoe Pudding

Take half a pound of sagoe, & wash it well in 3 or  
4 hot waters then put to it a Quarte of new milk, & let it

<sup>30</sup> Thomas Abraham was born at Swarthmoor Hall in 1723 and  
settled in business at Whitehaven. He married Ellen Clare (1729-1806)  
in 1749, and died at Penrith in 1778. There were twelve children, *a quo*  
Thirnbecks and Graces, Cockins and Millers, and Abrahams.

boil together, till thick as a hasty pudding stir it carefully for tis apt to burn; put in a stick of Cinnamon, when you set it on y<sup>e</sup> fire, when tis boil'd, take it out: before you pour it out, stir in half a pound of Butter, beat 9 Eggs with four spoonfouls of sack leve out 4 whits, stir all to gether, sweeten it to your taste & put in a Quarter of a pound of plimpd Currants; lay a sheet of puff paste under & to garnish y<sup>e</sup> Brim.

#### A Rice Pudding

Grind or beat half a pound of rice to flour; mix it, by degrees, with 3 pints of milk & thicken it over y<sup>e</sup> fire with care, for fear of burning till tis like a hasty-pudding; when tis so thick, poure it out, & let it stand to cool; put to 9 Eggs (but half y<sup>e</sup> whites) 3 or 4 spoonfuls of orange flower water: melt almost a pound of good Butter, and sweeten it to your taste. Add sweet meats if you Please.

#### An Apple Pudding to Bake very Good

Take 12 fare larga Pippins, caddle them over y<sup>e</sup> fire very slowly, y<sup>t</sup> they do not crack; when they are soft, peel & core them & pulp them through a Cullender: add to this 3 Spoonfuls of Orange flower water, 10 Eggs well beat, & strain'd half a Pound of very good Butter Melted: make it very sweet y<sup>e</sup> Apples require it: add candyd Orange, Lemon or Citron Peel: but [? put] a sheet of Puff paste into a Dish & pour in your Pudding; bake it with care: Tis done in half an Houre.

#### The best Orange Pudding y<sup>t</sup> ever was testde

Pare y<sup>e</sup> yellow rind of 2 fare Seville Oranges so very thin, y<sup>t</sup> no Part of y<sup>e</sup> white comes with it; shred & beat it extremely small in a large Stone Mortar; add to it when very fine, half a Pound of Butter half a pound of Sugar, & y<sup>e</sup> yolks of 16 Eggs; beat all together in a Mortar till tis all of a Colour, then pour it into your Dish in which you heve leid a sheet of puff paste. I think grating y<sup>e</sup> Peel saves Trouble & does it finer & thinner, then you can shred or beat it; but you must beat up y<sup>e</sup> Butter & Sugar with it, & y<sup>e</sup> Eggs with all to mix them well.

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ESTIMATE OF VALUE OF PART OF SWARTHMOOR ESTATE,  
1746

Endorsed : “ J<sup>n</sup> Ab<sup>ms</sup> Estimate of value of Part of Swarthmoore Estate 13 June 1746.”

## LII

A Draft of the Part of Swarthmoor hall Estate Bought for Cap<sup>t</sup> James Lindow.

A rough plan with various measurements.

## LIII

Queries Proposed upon the Act against Conventicles 22 Chas. II. chap. i. (1670)

There are here twenty queries and answers, filling four pages of a folio sheet. The first query and its answer run thus :

1<sup>st</sup> Whether a Justice of peace Can Legally Convict a p<sup>erson</sup> as a hearer, or as a p<sup>erson</sup> being p<sup>resent</sup>, at a Religious assembly as is mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> said Act without y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>erson</sup> being p<sup>resent</sup>, or summoned to appear, before such a Justice, to answer for himselfe, as in all other tryalls of Convictions is provided.

1<sup>st</sup> I Conceive Clearly y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Justice of peace Cannott Legally Convict any p<sup>erson</sup> of y<sup>t</sup> offence w<sup>th</sup>out such su<sup>m</sup>ons, because our Comon Law y<sup>e</sup> Civill Law, & y<sup>e</sup> Law of Nature, requires it of necessity in order to y<sup>e</sup> Judgeing Rightly, w<sup>ch</sup> noe Justice Can be sure to doe, without itt; & if he should happen to Judge Rightly, yet is not he Just who gave y<sup>e</sup> Judgem<sup>t</sup>, y<sup>e</sup> Rule of Law being this *qui statuit aliquid pte in Audita altera licett æquum statuerit haud æquus est*; <sup>31</sup> besides y<sup>e</sup> Act it selfe doth Imply itt,

<sup>31</sup> That is, “ he who has judged anything, when one party is unheard, although he have judged aright, yet is not right.”



in Regard it appoints y<sup>e</sup> Conviction to be by Confession or profe, & y<sup>t</sup> must be before y<sup>e</sup> Justice, & y<sup>t</sup> way assayed before profes, w<sup>ch</sup> is also not to bee, till after y<sup>e</sup> matter of fact be denied.

No. 16 onward is in another handwriting. The sheet is signed: "Tho: Corbett."<sup>32</sup>

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## Friends in Radnorshire

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**J**N the *Inventory* for this county, issued by the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments in Wales and Monmouthshire, are the following references to Friends' Meeting Houses and Burial Grounds, visited for the Commission by its Assistant Inspecting Officer, George Eyre Evans.

BURYING GROUND, parish of NEWCHURCH  
(6in. Ord. Surv. sheet, Rad. 33, N.E.; lat. 52° 8' 29";  
long. 3° 10' 18".)

A corner of the field adjoining the farmstead of Llanoley is known to have been used as a burial ground by the Society of Friends, and the limits of the small plot, 16 yards by 10 yards, are still traceable. In the boyhood of the present owner of the farm one of the graves was clearly outlined in the soil. The small patch of ground is not railed off from the rest of the field.—  
Visited 7th March, 1913.

THE PALES: Friends' Meeting House, parish of  
LLANDEGLEW.  
(6in. Ord. Surv. sheet, Rad. 23, N.E.; lat. 52° 16' 3";  
long. 3° 15' 48".)

A Meeting House of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, which is probably unique in the Principality

<sup>32</sup> Thomas Corbett was the counsel who acted for Friends on various occasions. See Camb. *Jnl.*

as remaining much as it was when erected in the first half of the eighteenth century. The building, being situated on the side of a hill, has pleasant prospects, and is well lighted from the south by several windows, which have been modernised. The Meeting House is constructed of stone, is of only one storey in height, and is thatched with straw. Midway in the south front is the porch, admitting into a single chamber, 40 feet by 20 feet, and divided into two equal spaces by an open wooden partition, one side being given up to a school, which has probably always been attached to the Meeting House, the other devoted to the religious service. The walls are whitewashed, the floor partly of oak boards and partly of stone slabs, the benches, desks, low gallery and bookshelves are of oak and severely plain. The Elders' bench is placed against the east wall, and runs the entire depth of the building. It doubtless represents the original arrangement, and some of the benches are coeval with the establishment of worship here. One of the doors bears the date 1745. The earliest headstone in the little Burial Ground is of the year 1838, prior interments having no memorials. The attached cottage is of comparatively recent date.—Visited 27th July, 1911.

[Facing this account in the *Inventory* are two choice illustrations of the exterior and interior of the Meeting House, from photographs taken on the day of visitation by H. C. Jones.]

SUMMER HOUSE, parish of WALTON and WOMASTON (6in. Ord. Surv. sheet, Rad. 25, S.W. ; lat.  $52^{\circ} 13' 52''$  ; long.  $3^{\circ} 5' 21''$ .)

A small square summer-house, brick-built and tiled, standing on Court Farm, and adjoining the high road close to the village of Walton. It is traditionally stated to have been used for occasional worship by the Society of Friends, and that the poet Wordsworth, when visiting at Court Farm, attended service within it. The little building is fast falling into decay. Within living memory a small day school was kept by Friends in an adjoining cottage.—Visited 14th March, 1913.

# William Miller of Edinburgh

(d. circa 1799)

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From *The London Chronicle*, Sept. 3-5, 1778. p. 229.

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*To the Printer of the London Chronicle.*

Sir,

Edinburgh, Aug. 24.

As your paper is frequently a very consolatory relief to me when the mind requires entertainment, I wish much to contribute a little to so useful a miscellany, pleasing myself with the idea that others of your readers may have the same satisfaction over a dish of Coffee or Tea in perusing what I send, as I have in perusing other passages of the London Chronicle.

I am myself not rigidly attached to any sect of Christians, and therefore I can relish what is good in all of them, whether in solemnity of ceremony or simplicity of soul.

I always read with pleasure in your Chronicle the Yearly Epistle of the people called Quakers, for there is in that sect of Christians a gentleness of disposition, and at least a belief of an immediate communication with the Divinity, which all Christians would wish to have when they have a near view of death, and which composes the mind to the most agreeable complacency.

In this city the number of people called Quakers is very small, but there is amongst them a most respectable man, Mr. Miller, who is possessed of considerable property, and who lives upon a beautiful piece of ground at the back of the Cannongate near to the Abbey of Holyroodhouse. There is a quaker meetinghouse about the middle of the old town of Edinburgh, but Mr. Miller has lately built a handsome plain small one opposite to his own dwelling house, and within a few yards of it.

Into this place of worship I went a few Sundays ago with intention to have been present at the meeting, but



there was none there that forenoon. So I employed a few minutes of solitude in calm and pious meditation, and had full leisure to observe every part of the room.

I found the panes of glass in the window to the south very prettily ornamented with pots of flowers cut upon them with a diamond, and upon one of the middle panes I found the following inscription.<sup>1</sup>

I took a copy of these lines in my pocket-book and send them to you with a kindly wish that they, may have the same agreeable effect upon others of your readers as they have had upon

AN OLD FRIEND.

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The above has been sent by J. J. Green. William F. Miller adds the following note :

The "Mr. Miller" above alluded to was William Miller of Craigentenny (1722-1799?), the third Friend of that name in succession at Edinburgh. For many years he was Minister, ruling Elder, Overseer and Treasurer of the little remnant of Friends in that city, and was popularly known as "The King of the Quakers." The "plain small house" was no doubt built for business purposes—he had an extensive connection as nurseryman and seedsman—though one of the rooms was employed as a meeting-place.

It seems to have been W. M.'s custom to depute his clerk, David Notman, who was not even a member of the Society, to sit at the head of the First-day Morning Meeting, at the regular Meeting House in the city, which he himself never attended, whilst in the afternoon he ministered *in propria persona* to the meeting held in the "plain small house" at the foot of the Horse Wynd, Canongate. From refreshments being bountifully provided for the worshippers, the gatherings came to be called in scorn by those who did not participate in them—"bread and cheese meetings." William Miller stuck very obstinately to the arrangement, in spite of much labour bestowed upon him after the revival which took place amongst Friends in Scotland (1780-1785), and he was

<sup>1</sup> For this inscription see this volume of THE JOURNAL, p. 22n.

finally disowned because he would not give up "separate meetings."

The last years of his life were spent at Eagle House, Tottenham. Our friend Josiah Forster described him as having a "hard, red face," shaded by a well-curled brown wig and cocked hat, his person being clothed in a claret-coloured suit. He attended Tottenham Meeting regularly, walking up "panting and bahing," probably from asthma, to his seat on the top form facing the gallery.

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### The Friend and the Robber

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In 1863, Joseph Elkinton and Joseph Scattergood, of Philadelphia, called on the Provost Marshal respecting the drafting of Friends for the Army. The officer said, among other things, "I am opposed to war myself, but if a man were to go into your house and cut your throat, would you resist him? Be sure you would." J. E. replied, "Sometime since, the house of a wealthy Friend was entered in the night; the robber aroused the Friend and told him if he did not get up and show him where his money was, he would kill him. The Friend sat up, and after a little thought said, 'I shall do no such thing; I will not be accessory to thy wickedness, and if it be permitted for thee to take my life, I shall die happy.' The robber concluded he would not kill such a man, and left him."

*Joseph S. Elkinton, 1913, p. 41.*

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You that are poor, murmur not, but be patient, and trust in the Lord and submit to his Providence, and he will provide for you that which is convenient for you, the days of your appointed time.

And you that are rich, keep in moderation and strive not to multiply earthly treasure nor to heap up uncertain riches to your selves; but what God hath given you more than what is convenient for your own use, wait for his wisdom to employ it for his glory; that you may be faithful stewards of this worlds Mammon and the Lord God shall reward you into your bosoms, of the riches of that Kingdom that shall never have an end.

WILLIAM PENN, *To the Churches of Jesus throughout the World*, 1677, p. 8.

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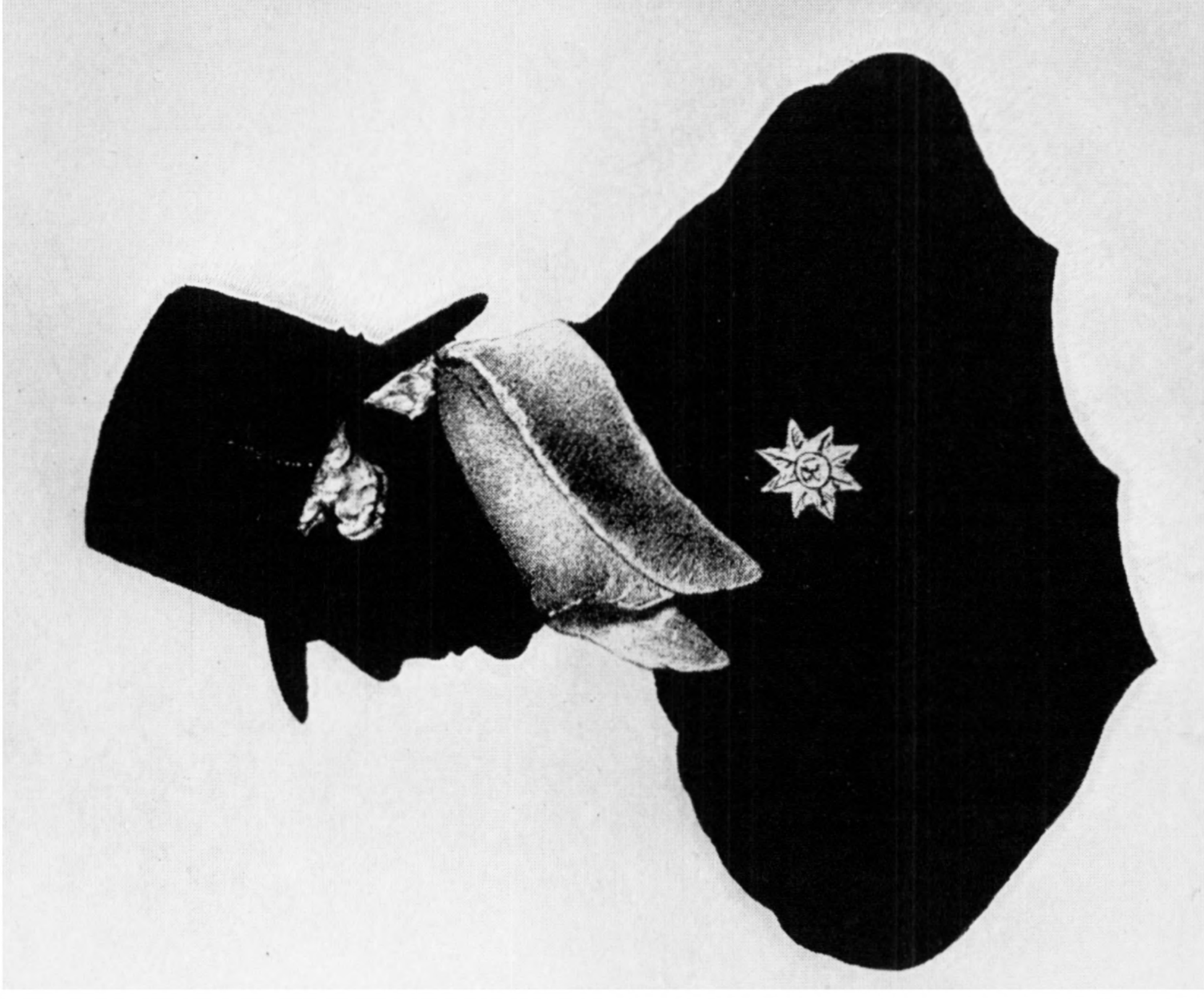
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Christ will not have one coward in his spiritual army.

WILLIAM PENN, *Saul smitten to the Ground* . . . *Matthew Hide*, 1675, p. 15.

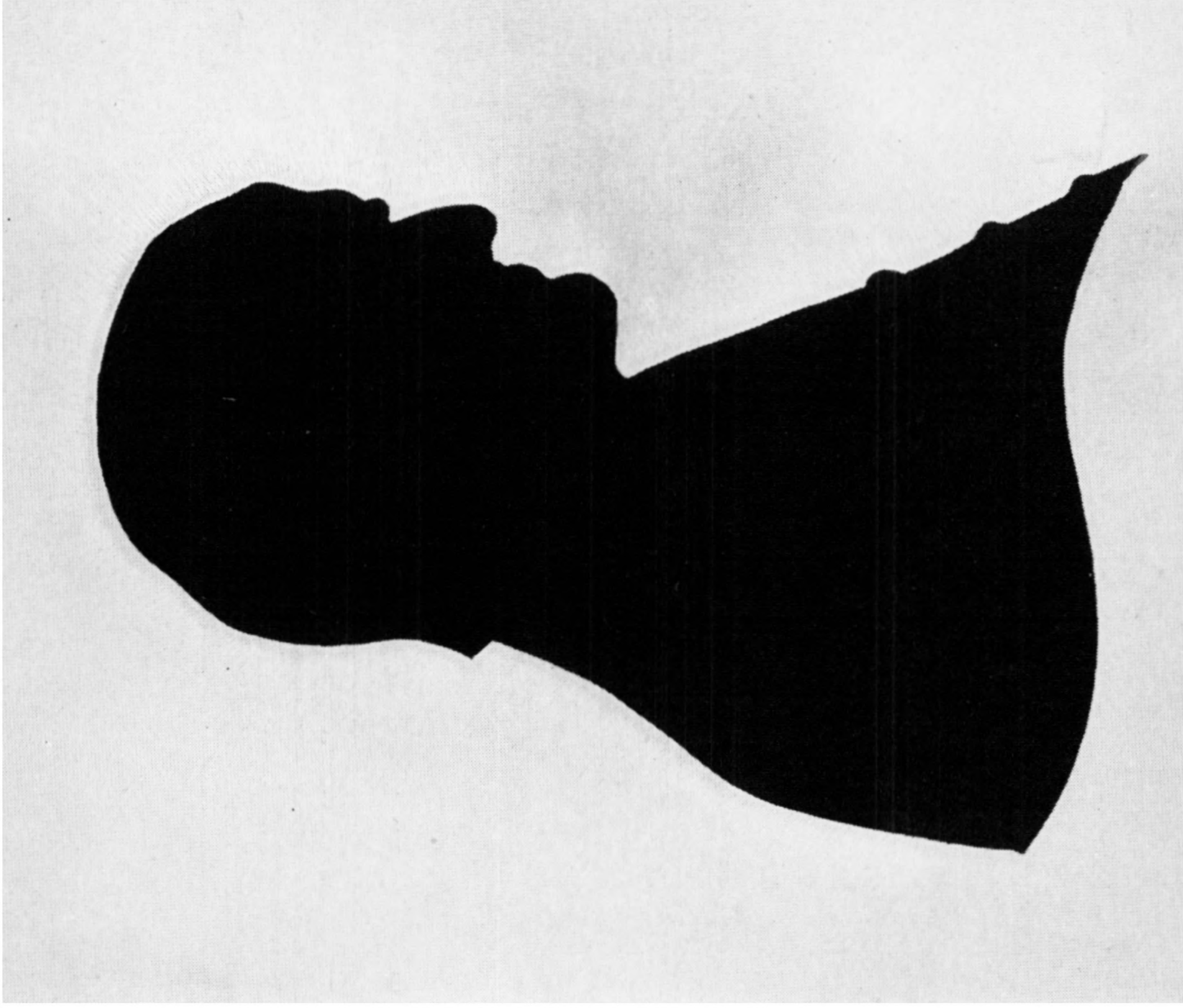






[See p. 195.]

GEORGE IV.



THOMAS SHILLITOE.

## George iv. and Thomas Shillitoe

THREE of the first four Georges had some special relations with one or more Friends. George I. was on very friendly terms with his watch-maker, Daniel Quare,<sup>1</sup> who was allowed special access to him "at the Back Stairs." Of George II. I can find nothing beyond the usual addresses presented on his accession, etc.<sup>2</sup> George III. is associated with his visit to David Barclay,<sup>3</sup> also with the name of Hannah Lightfoot (as is exhaustively set forth in *The Fair Quaker, Hannah Lightfoot*, by Mary L. Pendered<sup>4</sup>), and, later in life, with his visit from Thomas Shillitoe<sup>5</sup> and his friendship for Benjamin West.<sup>6</sup> In the case of George IV. we have a variety of incidents, related by Thomas Shillitoe, for some of which there are considerable details available. Taking them in their chronological order, we begin with an address presented to him (when Prince Regent) on a visit to Brighton in 1813.<sup>7</sup> This address, dated the 6th of Eighth Month, is considerably longer than an average Yearly Meeting Epistle, and deals with the Prince's shortcomings in a way in which it is not usual to address Royalty.

I quote three of its paragraphs :

I believe, never has the report gone abroad and reached my ear of thy grand entertainments being about to take place, but my poor mind has felt sorrow on thy account ; and in spirit I have been with thee as a mournful spectator at the banquet. . . .

Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. Thy ways are not right before God, for he cannot behold iniquity in princes, any more than in their people, with approbation or any degree of allowance ; and be assured, if there is not a timely putting away from before

<sup>1</sup> *F.Q.E.*, 1900, p. 40.

<sup>2</sup> See *Addresses to Royalty*, by J. J. Green, 1901, p. 45.

<sup>3</sup> *ibid.*, p. 77.

<sup>4</sup> Published by Hurst and Blackett, 1910.

<sup>5</sup> See his *Journal*, i. 12. Thomas Shillitoe (1754-1836) was a remarkable man and preacher. Though only of moderate education and nervous to an extreme, he was enabled by Divine power to stand before princes and to travel extensively in both hemispheres in the work of the Gospel ministry.

<sup>6</sup> *Ency. Brit.* Ed. xi., xxviii., 535.

<sup>7</sup> *Journal*, i. 197.

the eyes of the Lord and the eyes of the people (that great family over whom thou art placed) the evil of thy doings,—if there is not a ceasing to do evil, and learning to do well,—the eternal crown designed for thee to wear in Christ's kingdom will be irrecoverably lost. . . .

And what is the greatest among men, when left to himself, and bereft of the assistance of his Maker? When laid upon a death-bed, what can the prayers of others avail thee, if He who alone can save—He, whose offers of help in time of health have been slighted, then refuses to hear? Just and equal are the ways of the Lord: if we suffer the day of our visitation to pass over unimproved, the determination will stand, when they call, I will not answer.

Thomas Shillitoe states that he felt it his duty to present this address in person and the circumstances surrounding the preparation and presentation of it are interesting. Again quoting from the *Journal* at some length:

After passing two exercising weeks since the close of the yearly meeting, way opened for me to spread before the Morning Meeting a prospect of duty I had to obtain an interview with those in power who had the welfare of Ireland at heart, and to make a visit to the Prince Regent. After the meeting had been exercised with the subject, a few Friends were selected to have a further opportunity with me, but they not feeling themselves competent to give a judgment, again called together the select members, who left me at liberty to pursue my religious prospects as truth opened my way. . . .

After being left to myself, it appeared my only safety was in endeavouring to aim at a resigned state of mind as to any further openings respecting the Prince Regent.

He then states that he proceeded to Brighton and met a few friends.

Fifth-day, attended the usual week-day meeting; at the close of which information was received that the prince was out riding, and would return about four in the afternoon; but it did not appear to me to be the time for me to move, I therefore kept pretty close to my quarters, and passed a tranquil afternoon. After passing a sleepless night, towards morning it appeared that it would be proper for me to hold myself in readiness this day to get relieved from my burden. During the time of breakfast, our minds were much disposed for silence, and after it was over a precious pause ensued. My kind friend Mary Rickman was engaged to supplicate, in a way that afforded strength to my feeble, emptied, tried mind.

I now felt it laid upon me, to request my Friends who had enlisted in the service, to be on the alert, and obtain information if the prince rode out this morning; and if so, the time and road he would be likely to take: the road not being ascertained, and he mostly taking his ride



over the Downs, accompanied by Thomas Willis, of London, William Turner and Isaac Bass, of Brighton, we proceeded towards the palace, and stationed ourselves on the east side of the stable-yard gate opening towards the Downs. After waiting some time, the gates were thrown open: the prince, with a great attendance of his nobles, made their appearance; but, to my great disappointment, they took the opposite road. Placed in this trying situation I paused, and found it would be unsafe for me to neglect the present opportunity; time not admitting of consulting my friends, I proceeded up the hill with speed, being favoured to feel the best of supporters with me; my companions, as they afterwards acknowledged, were not able to keep pace with me, for I scarcely felt the ground as I passed over it. The hill being very steep, and the exertion great, my breath was so affected when I came abreast of the prince that I was unequal to utter a word, I therefore pushed on some way before him (in order to recover my breath) my Divine Master giving me hind's feet; I then halted, until the prince came up to me, when I addressed him nearly as follows:—

“Will the prince be pleased to permit me to express a few words to him”; on which he checked his horse, and stooping forward, replied, “Sir, you must excuse me, I am in haste:” to which I replied, “I have a letter for the prince, will he be pleased to permit me to present him with it,” taking it out of my breast-pocket. He replied. “You will please give it to Col. Bloomfield”; who accordingly took charge of it. On which I found that my work was not complete until I had requested (of the Colonel) that care should be taken the prince had the letter, and that it was read: being assured this should be the case, this exercise of faith and patience peacefully ended.

From his mention of Fifth Day and that the address was presented the following one, that date proves to be the 11th of August.

From *The Times* of August 13th it appears that on the 11th the Prince rode on the Downs instead of on the Steine as usual, which corroborates Thomas Shillitoe's statement about the hill. He proceeds:

The day after the delivery of this letter was expected to be a day of great festivity at Brighton, to celebrate the birthday of one of the royal family, for which preparations had been made, which brought much company to the town in the morning; but this not being the case, the newspapers announced the disappointment the public had experienced, without any reason being assigned for it. From the feelings into which my mind was introduced during the evening, and the disappointment the public had thus met with, no doubt was left with me but that my request to have the letter read had been complied with.

*The Times* states, however, that the Prince left Brighton on the 11th, and not the day after the presentation of the address.

Eleven years later, when the Prince had become George IV., Thomas Shillitoe had another interview with him.<sup>8</sup> This time it was at Windsor, where he presented an address on the neglect of the Sabbath in Hanover. There are no references in this address of a personal nature. The interview is worth quoting :

I went on Third-day, 20th of Fourth-month, 1824, accompanied by my kind friend, Peter Bedford, to Windsor. On being informed the king was going from the castle to the lodge : we proceeded to the long-walk in the great park ; and earnest was my solicitude to be enabled to discharge this act of apprehended duty in a way that would, on a retrospect, afford relief to my own mind.

We at length perceived the king coming in his poney-chaise down the long walk ; when he came nearly abreast of us, we advanced a little towards the middle of the road ; I had the packet in my hand, containing the German copy of the act of the king and council, the same translated, and my address on some subjects which it contained. The king stopped his horses, and we approached the carriage. On my asking the king, in a respectful manner, if I might be permitted to present him with a packet, he replied, " Yes, Friend, you may."

Several years having elapsed since I had had an interview with him at Brighton, and the king having lost much of that florid countenance he then had, also appearing aged, and being wrapped up in a loose drab great-coat, instead of an uniform, which he wore on the former occasion, some hesitation arose in my mind lest I should be mistaken, and it should not be the king. I therefore, looking up at him, inquired, " But is it the king ? " to which he replied, " Yes, Friend ; I am the king : give it to the Marquis of Conyngham," who received it with a smile ; on which the king said, " Now you have handed it to me." After a short communication which I had to make to the king, he said, " I thank you." We then acknowledged his condescension, withdrew from the carriage, and returned to London with grateful hearts.

We now come to the Yearly Meeting of 1830. In the Friends Historical Society's *Journal* (ix. 173), Thomas Davidson of Fritchley writes :

A year or two before our Friend Ann Hunt of Bristol passed away, I called on her and among other interesting reminiscences she told me that she first attended Yearly Meeting in 1830, and that during one of the sittings the Duchess of Gloucester drove down to Devonshire House and had William Allen and Elizabeth Fry called out, and informed them that the king being in great extremity both in mind and body desired the prayers of Friends. This request was communicated to both the Men's and Women's Meetings, and the business being suspended, each meeting became a Meeting for Worship during the rest of the sitting. Friends were requested not to speak of it out of meeting.

<sup>8</sup> *Journal*, ii. 2.

There is no record of this interview in the proceedings of the Yearly Meeting, but amongst extant private records of this Y.M. there are at least two which make reference to the King's illness :

(i.) Extracts from the manuscript journal of Benjamin Grubb, of Clonmel (1805-1858) :<sup>9</sup>

27. 5mo. The present state of our king's health was feelingly alluded to by different Friends and a hope was entertained and expressed that his end might be peaceful. He appeared to have been a lover of peace.

28. 5mo. It was proposed at this sitting that a minute should be made expressive of the feeling of the meeting on behalf of the king, but it was not agreed to.

(ii.) a manuscript account<sup>10</sup> of the Meeting by Richard Cockin (1753-1845), in which he says :

In the early part of this sitting (5th day afternoon) J. J. Gurney adverted to the illness of the king which appeared to bring some weight over the meeting.

I have been in communication with relatives of William Allen who had access to his papers and to others who were living in 1830, but cannot get any further information. A sidelight, however, is thrown upon events at this time by a slight reference in the *Memoirs of Elizabeth Fry* (vol. ii. p. 110), where she records, shortly after the Yearly Meeting of 1830: "I lately paid an interesting visit to the Duchess of Gloucester."<sup>11</sup>

Finally we come to the Death Bed Scene, which occurred one month after the Yearly Meeting. One version or other of it is well known amongst the older generation of Friends. William Tallack's life of Thomas Shillitoe refers to it (p. 111).

But it has been said, that when that monarch was on his death-bed, he called out, "Oh, that Quaker! that Quaker!" probably as if oppressed with a deep sense of despair and remorse at his inattention to the counsels which his faithful and godly subject had long ago urged upon his attention.

A few years ago the incident was also referred to in *The Westminster Gazette*.

<sup>9</sup> In the possession of J. Ernest Grubb, of Carrick-on-Suir.

<sup>10</sup> In D. recently presented by William F. Miller.

<sup>11</sup> (1776-1857) sister of George IV.



When on the Nile in 1909 I met a great-grandson of Thomas Shillitoe (since deceased). I repeated to him the version I had heard, viz., that the Archbishop of Canterbury, approaching the King, informed him that his end was near, and that he wished to offer the consolations of the Church. The King's reply was, "Send for that little Quaker, he is the only one who ever told me the Truth." Mr. Shillitoe said he heard a similar account, and that this interview was a most treasured memory in the family. I regret that I had no opportunity of submitting the above account to Mr. Shillitoe, prior to his death in 1912.

I have since seen his brother, Dr. Arthur Shillitoe, who lives in Old Jewry, and who tells me that so far as he knows the family have no definite information on the subject, and that his father, who is eighty-eight, is too old to be asked about it.

Mary S. Whiting writes me that her father, the late John Whiting, of Leeds (whose mother was T. S.'s daughter), was present when T. S. heard of George IV.'s death, and that he walked up and down the room at Hitchin, where he lived, in an agony of grief.

FRANCIS C. CLAYTON.

*Birmingham.*

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## Patriotism

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It is well to remember, especially at such a time as this, that they also serve who only stand and wait, and that a member, say, of the "Religious Society of Friends" may be as good a patriot as an Admiral or a Field Marshal.

R. M. LEONARD, Prefatory Note to *Patriotic Poems*, Oxford University Press, 1914.

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BAPTISMS.—At Stradishall, co. Suffolk. 1706/7 Mar. 19. Robert, an adult son of John Stammers, Quaker, bapt.

1707. Oct. 5. Thomas and Mary, an adult son and daughter of John Stammers, bapt.

## Stockton Meeting House, 1814-1914

**J**N 1814, in the reign of George the Third—the king on whose “pageant, pride, grief, and awful tragedy” Thackeray let the dark curtain fall, and in the regency of the then Prince of Wales—a “solitary, stout man, who did not toil, nor spin, nor fight”—in 1814, in the time of Shute Barrington, Bishop and Count Palatine of Durham; and in the Mayoralty at Stockton of George Sutton, the Friends’ Meeting House was built. Here is the record in Thomas Richmond’s *Local Records of Stockton*:

“September 15.—The new Meeting House of the Society of Friends, in Mill Lane (though not finished) was opened this day for worship. It will seat above 200 persons; cost about £1,800. The Burial Ground contains 17 roods.”

There was an earlier Meeting House, dating far back in the history of the Society. In a map of Stockton for 1724 the older Meeting House is shown, blocking the end of “Dove Cote Lane.” When in 1814 the new one was built, the old one was converted into cottages, and afterwards passed out of record. On the 15th of Fifth Month, 1814, Stockton Meeting “called in” £200 then lent on mortgage, “to go in aid of building the new Meeting House.”

Quakers in those days took little note of the changes in buildings they used, so it is not surprising that there is not in the Monthly or Preparative Meeting books any record of the first use of the new Meeting House. But Stockton Preparative Meeting records in Twelfth Month, 1814, that it appoints a Committee to

“consider of a plan for altering the old meeting house into suitable dwellings, and carrying the same into effect, viz.,—George Coates, Henry Richardson, Benjamin Atkinson, Benj. Atkinson, jun., John Procter, Aaron Richardson, John Atkinson, Isaac Stephenson, and Samuel Stephenson.”

A few months later Trustees were appointed for “two new dwelling houses, late the old meeting house,” and these trustees included John Procter, Isaac Stephenson, George Smith, John Procter, jun., George Coates, S.<sup>1</sup> Chipchase, and George Coates, jun.

The new Meeting House was opened on the 15th of Ninth Month, 1814, as stated. In the same month, George Sanders, William Alexander, Isaac Crewdson, and Isaac Wilson visited Stockton, a Committee of the Yearly Meeting.

What was Stockton Meeting like in 1814? It was part of Stockton Monthly Meeting, the other Meetings being Darlington and Yarm. At the first Monthly Meeting held in the new Meeting House in Ninth Month, 1814, the representatives were: from Darlington—Joseph Pease,<sup>2</sup> and Jonathan Backhouse, jun.; from Stockton—John Atkinson

<sup>1</sup> The name-initial resembles S, but possibly it is J= John Chipchase.

<sup>2</sup> Joseph Pease, of Feethams, uncle of Joseph Pease, the first Quaker M.P.

and John Procter; and from Yarm—Cuthbert Wigham and Joseph Flounders. The Clerks of Stockton Monthly Meeting in 1814 were Jonathan Backhouse, jun., and Cuthbert Wigham, assistant. Stockton Monthly Meeting contributed to Durham Quarterly Meeting in that year £16 18s. od.—from Darlington, Stockton, and Yarm. The Quarterly Meeting Clerks were Thomas Robson and Robert Spence, assistant. There were eleven representatives to the Quarterly Meeting in Seventh Month, 1814, from three Monthly Meetings: Newcastle—David Sutton, John Mounsey, William Richardson, and Joseph Taylor; Stockton—Edward Backhouse, John Spence, Henry Richardson, and John Atkinson; and Staindrop—George Hall, William Coates, and Joshua Ianson.

At Stockton Monthly Meeting, held at Darlington, 18th of Tenth Month, Isaac Stephenson brought forward a concern to visit Staindrop Monthly Meeting and the west of the county. He was a “minister in unity and good esteem,” and probably his visit helped forward a movement for union. A conference of committees of Stockton and Staindrop Monthly Meetings was held, to consider a recommendation from the Quarterly Meeting for the union of the two Monthly Meetings. At first Staindrop did not “at present apprehend it expedient to unite with Stockton”; but later other opinions ruled, and the two Meetings united and became *Darlington* Monthly Meeting about 1820. The Quarterly Meeting,—which had for scores of years been held in Durham city, began to “circulate,” at the suggestion of David Sams, and from 1816 to 1826 several Quarterly Meetings were held in Stockton. In 1825, Newcastle Friends had an exciting visit to the Quarterly Meeting at Stockton. They came by sea from Shields to the Tees, taking ten hours for the voyage; and in returning two days later, they only got to Hartlepool by the steamer,—the rest of the journey being in a carriage, in “fish carts,” and on foot. John Richardson,<sup>3</sup> of Spring Gardens, Newcastle, tells the story in a letter copied in *The Society of Friends, Newcastle*.<sup>4</sup>

Exact numbers of members are difficult to give for a century ago. But a little later we have definite figures. The membership in 1836 for the old Stockton Monthly Meeting was—in Stockton 89; in Darlington 139; Now, nearly eighty years later, the latest numbers are—Stockton, 118; Norton 38; Darlington, 315.

In the century, Stockton has increased its population from 4,229 in 1811 to 52,158 in 1911; and Darlington from 5,059 in 1811 to 55,633 in 1911. Contrast, then and now, could be indefinitely pursued, for Stockton then began running coaches (to Whitby, “fare 20s. od.”), projecting canals or railways, and Volunteers against invasion by Bonaparte wore pigtails and used hair powder.

JOHN W. STEEL.

*Darlington.*

<sup>3</sup> Father of David, James, and Henry Richardson.

<sup>4</sup> *Historical Sketch of the Society of Friends in Newcastle and Gateshead, 1653-1898*, by John William Steel, *et al.*, 1899, p. 93.



## Friends in Current Literature<sup>1</sup>

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A CONSIDERABLE addition to family history has recently appeared in America, viz., *History and Genealogy of the Cock-Cocks-Cox Family*, descended from James and Sarah Cock, of Killingworth upon Matinecock, in the Township of Oysterbay, Long Island, New York, compiled by George William Cocks, assisted by John Cox, Jr. (New York: Privately printed, 9½ by 6¼, pp. xii. + 415, \$5.00, with numerous portraits and pictures and full index). A Supplement to the second edition contains a chapter entitled "Our Quaker Ancestors," in which appear the patronymics Carpenter, Coles, Townsend, Underhill, Weeks, Howland, Dickinson. John Cox, Jr., of New York City (portrait at p. 233), is a Friend of the Hicksite branch.

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There is a good *resumé* of the history and work of Friends in *The Protestant Churches, Their History and Beliefs*, by Leslie F. Church, B.A., F.R.Hist.S., in C. H. Kelly's "Manuals for Christian Thinkers" (London: Kelly, 7 by 4½, pp. 176, 1s. net).

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Another series of Woodbrooke addresses, by Dr. Rendel Harris, has been published by Headley Brothers, under the title, *The Sufferings and the Glory* (7½ by 5, pp. 164, 2s. 6d. net).

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Our Friend, Hugh Richardson, M.A., of Bootham School, York, is the General Editor of The Cambridge Nature Study Series, and under his direction Ernest E. Unwin, M.Sc., has prepared a little volume on *Pond Problems* (Cambridge University Press, 8 by 5½, pp. 119). E. E. Unwin is science master at Leighton Park School, Reading, and has held the same position at Ackworth and York. Some of the illustrations are reminiscent of nature study at Ackworth and Leighton Park.

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In the *Derbyshire Courier*, Chesterfield, there have appeared several valuable articles on "the Quakers in Chesterfield," commencing July 11.

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The Epistle from London Y.M. to that of Dublin appeared in *The Limerick Chronicle* of July 23.

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There is a good account of the life and work of Elizabeth Fry in *My Children's Magazine*, for September, edited by Arthur Mee (Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, price 7d.). It is under the heading: "A Brave Woman of England."

<sup>1</sup> The books mentioned here are in D. and can be borrowed by Friends.

Alice Mary Hodgkin's book, *Christ in All the Scriptures*, has reached its fifth edition and twentieth thousand (London: Holness, pp. 249, 1s. 6d. net). There is a very favourable review in "The English Churchman" of 13 August.

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An announcement was made some time ago that the MS. diaries of Robert and Sarah Lindsey had found a resting place in D. Prior to this, some volumes had been on loan at Haverford College, Pa. Extracts from these were sent West and have been printed in *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, vol. xii., 1914, pp. 262-286, 394-439, with brief notes by Dr. Louis T. Jones (Iowa City, Ia.: State Historical Society, 50 cents a number, quarterly; subscription price, \$2.00). The first set of extracts covers the journey of Robert Lindsey and Benjamin Seebohm in 1850, and the second, Robert and Sarah Lindsey in 1858.

A complete set of *The Iowa Journal* is in D., having arrived lately in exchange for the JOURNAL of the F.H.S.

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In *The Postage Stamp*, for August 29, there is an article by Ralph Wedmore, son of Edmund T. Wedmore of Bristol, entitled, "The Cassel Exhibition and After," in which appear extracts, with comments, from the manifesto recently issued by the London Meeting for Sufferings.<sup>2</sup> The outbreak of war has endangered philatelic collections sent for this exhibition in Germany.

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Various unfinished essays by the late Frederic Seebohm, LL.D., Litt.D., D.Litt., have been collected together and edited by his son, Hugh E. Seebohm, under the heading: *Customary Acres and their Historical Importance* (London, etc.: Longmans, 9 by 6, pp. 274, 12s. 6d. net).

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*The Magazine of the Wesleyan Methodist Church* (London), for September, contains a review, by the Editor, of the last Swarthmore Lecture, and a poetical allusion to the Friends' Burial Ground at Stanton Drew in Somersetshire. The latter is introduced by the words: "About a mile from Stanton Drew, beside the Bristol road, is a walled enclosure, the door of which bears this superscription, 'Friends' Burial Ground, 1669.'" There are little sketches of the door and surrounding wall.

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Edward Geoffrey O'Donoghue, B.A., Chaplain of the Bethlem Hospital (occasional visitor in D.), has produced a fine work in his *Story of the Bethlehem Hospital from its Foundation in 1247* (London & Leipsic: T. Fisher Unwin, 9 by 6, pp. 427, 15s. net, with 100 illustrations). Seeing that the leasehold portion of Devonshire House, in Bishopsgate, has been in the possession of the Hospital since at least 1330 (the only

<sup>2</sup> That is, the address, issued in August, *To Men and Women of Goodwill in the British Empire*, of which over 300,000 have been distributed, and of which there have been various translations.

remaining property north of the Thames) and in the occupation of Friends since 1794, we expect to find valuable notices of our Headquarters, and we are not disappointed. This was known in early days as Staple Hall. In the mid-sixteenth century, the property (a cottage and garden) was tenanted by John Stryngfellow, and in the opening of the next century on the site was standing the "fair house built by Lord John Paulet" (Stow). On the City side of Staple Inn was the large area of the Dolphin Inn, which it is said was, in the thirteenth century, occupied by Louis, the Dauphin of France, when he came to prosecute the claims of his father to the throne of England. The Dolphin Inn of the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries passed into the hands of Friends in 1792, and on the ground now stand the two large Meeting Houses.

There are also references to the work of Friends on behalf of the insane. Our Author refers incidentally to beating the bounds of this historic property with the Friends' Librarian, and then adds (p. 369) :

"I hope that Bethlehem Hospital will never break the last link which binds her to the home where she was born, but if the site of Staple Hall is ever to be sold or bartered, I hope that it may pass into the care of the Friends, from whom we and others learnt to treat the irrational as rational beings, and to overcome evil with good."

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We are interested to notice that the works of John Smyth, early Baptist, are being printed by the Cambridge University Press "in the style of the edition of George Fox's Journal."

In the current part of the *Transactions of the Baptist Historical Society* (from which the above note is taken) there is a helpful paper by Sir W. J. Collins, M.D., on "Dutch Dissenters and English General Baptists."

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Elizabeth J. Satterthwaite, Beekside, Hawkshead, Lancs., has brought out a volume entitled: *Records of the Friends' Burial Ground at Colthouse, near Hawkshead, Lancashire*, comprising the Registers of Burials from 1658, together with a History of the Ground and Sketches of some of the Families and Individuals connected therewith (pp. 90, 3s. 6d. net). I hope to refer to this book again.

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Sir Thomas Barclay, in his *Thirty Years' Anglo-French Reminiscences (1876-1906)*, refers to the part he took in 1904 in carrying on negotiations with the French Government on behalf of Friends' work in Madagascar, and inserts a letter of thanks for his assistance from Joseph G. Alexander (page 126).

NORMAN PENNEY.

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Let thy gift be never so small; thy testimony never so little; through thy whole conversation bear it for God; and be true to what thou art convinced of.

WILLIAM PENN, *To the Churches of Jesus throughout the World*, 1677, P. 7.



## Notes and Queries

### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

D.=The Reference Library of London Y.M., at Devonshire House, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

Camb. Jnl.=*The Journal of George Fox*, published by the Cambridge University Press, 1911.

GERSHON BOATE (xi. 117).—Further information respecting the Boate family has been received from Edith Webb, of Dublin, per J. Ernest Grubb. It is taken from the Register of Mountmellick Monthly Meeting:

“Gershon Boate, son of Gerrard and Katherine Boate, was borne in Crutchett ffryers in London in England, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of 8<sup>ber</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> yeare 1648 and was brought into Ireland by his s<sup>d</sup> father and mother in y<sup>e</sup> yeare 1649, whoe tooke to wife Mary the daughter of Abraham and Mary ffuller in a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> people of y<sup>e</sup> lord called Quakers in her s<sup>d</sup> ffathers house at Lehinchy alias Trades hill in the Kings County in Ireland, on y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>mo</sup> called ffbruary in y<sup>e</sup> yeare 1670.”

[His daughter, Mary, was born in 1671, and the following year his wife died.]

“The above s<sup>d</sup> Gershon Boate took to wife Rachell, the daughter of Adam and Evis Ball in the yeare 1676, in manner as he took his first above named wife, w<sup>ch</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Rachell bare him one Child, viz. Gershon a son borne at Borrissileagh in the county of Typerary on y<sup>e</sup> fourth day of y<sup>e</sup> fifth month called July, 1678.”

[A few days later Rachel Boate died. In 1682 Gershon Boate married Susannah Bennett. They had several children.]

The third Gershon Boate was born in 1701 and died in 1773. There was a fourth Gershon Boate born in 1731, but he lived only about three weeks.

Extract from Marriage Certificate of Gershon Boate and Rachel Ball:

“A meeting was particularly apointed at Tobias Pladwells house in mountmellick upon the 22<sup>th</sup> day of y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>ber</sup> 1676 They being contracted the s<sup>d</sup> parties tooke each other as man and wife publicuely in the presence of God & his people the sayd Gershon Boate sayeing these words I take Rachell Ball to be my wife and the sayd Rachell Ball sayeing these words I take Gershon Boate to be my husband and for a further testimony that they will live in love and faithfullnesse as man and wife untill death separates them according to the ordinance of God and the practice of his people recorded in the scriptures of truth they have both hereunto sett their names.

GERSHON BOATE.  
RACHELL BOATE.”

THE ASHBRIDGE FAMILY OF AMERICA (xi. 138).—Referring to the interesting article upon this family, the *Clovercroft Chronicles* state that the immigrant Ash-

bridge ancestor hailed from Yorkshire. It would seem probable that he came from the district of Roos in Holderness, where was a colony of the name, of whom an ancestress of my own, Elizabeth Ashbridge, married as her first husband (and as his second wife), in 1658, William Billany (or Bellamy), of Roos, by whom she had a son and four daughters apparently, three of whom, with their mother, joining the Society of Friends by 1671. William Billany was buried in Roos churchyard in 1668, and Elizabeth Billany, formerly Ashbridge, married secondly at Friends' Meeting House, Owstwick in Roos, in 1671, John Maire of Roos, the ancestor of Stephenson, Rowntrees, Robsons, Brayshaws, Greens and many other Quaker families.

Roos indeed was the residence of a large number of Quaker families, as was the East Riding generally, in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.—JOSEPH J. GREEN.

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AUTHOR WANTED.—“I knew Jesus and he was precious to my soul, but I found something within that would not be sweet, that would not be patient, that would not be kind. I did what I could to keep it down but it was there. I besought Jesus to do something for me, and when I gave Him my will, He came in and took out all that would not be sweet and patient and kind, and shut the door.”

It has been stated that George Fox was the author, and Dorothy M. Richardson, compiler of the recently published *Gleanings from*

*the Works of George Fox*,<sup>1</sup> has been consulted on this point. She writes :

“My own feeling about it is that the very utmost that can be said about it as a whole is that it might just *conceivably* have come from the pen of Fox. The ‘style’ from the words ‘I found’ to ‘it was there’ is, I think, typically Foxian, and that vivid little touch at the end, ‘and shut the door,’ recalls him. But the remainder of the passage does not commend itself to me as authentic either in matter or in manner.”

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QUAKER F.R.S.—The name of Arthur Stanley Eddington (b. 1882) Plumian Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge, must now be added to those of Friends mentioned in THE JOURNAL, vii.

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FRIENDS' SCHOOL AT SWARTHMORE, PA.—Some particulars respecting this new forward movement of the General Conference Advancement Committee of Philadelphia Y.M. (Race Street), have reached us. Suitable premises have been taken near the College. The Institution is to be called “Friends' School for Social and Religious Education, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.” It will be “deeply concerned in the presentation of the Friendly message, as it is believed it will meet the moral and spiritual needs of our intelligent and inquiring twentieth century life.” The opening is expected in First Month, 1915.

In connection with the above, we have to record the death of

<sup>1</sup> Headley Brothers, London, 1s. and 2s.

Henry W. Wilbur, Secretary of Friends' Advancement Committee, Philadelphia, who died suddenly during the sessions of a Conference of the seven Hicksite Yearly Meetings at Saratoga, N.Y., 5th of Eighth Month.

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"QUAKER WOMEN." — On behalf of our readers and ourselves we are anticipating with great interest the issue of a comprehensive work on *Quaker Women* by Mabel R. Brailsford, to be published about Christmas by Duckworth & Co., London. This book is the result of a close

and deep study of Quaker literature, presented in a very readable and trustworthy form.

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"At the General Quarter Sessions for the western part of this county [Sussex], held on Tuesday [15 July, 1794], there was not a single appeal to be heard, and but one prisoner for trial, namely, Elizabeth Parker, for stealing a quart copper sauce pan, and she was discharged by proclamation, the principal evidence against her being a Quaker, and refusing to take an oath."—*Sussex Weekly Advertiser*.

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### Editor's Notes

Subscribers to this year's Supplement—"Elizabeth Hooton"—will receive their copies in the course of a month or so. Most of the matter is now in type. Subscription price, three shillings or seventy-five cents, is still open. After publication the price will be four shillings and sixpence, or one dollar and fifteen cents. Order from the Editor, Devonshire House, Bishopsgate, London, E.C., or of American Agents.

We hope that the twelfth volume of THE JOURNAL will begin with some more of W. F. Miller's extracts from Scottish minute books, and be followed by an article by Ella Kent Barnard, of Pa., on the originals of characters in Hawthorne's *House of the Seven Gables*; etc.

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Louis T. Jones, Ph.D., of Iowa City, Ia., in the chapter, "The Minority Bodies of Friends in Iowa," in his recent work, *The Quakers of Iowa*, writes:

"On Sunday morning members of the Conservative body drive from the vicinity of Hickory Grove to their little Meeting in West Branch, and in turn members of the Wilburites drive some two miles from West Branch over the same road to their small Meeting at Hickory Grove, greeting each other kindly as they pass, but holding aloof from Union."



## Elizabeth Pike and the Highwayman

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**S**INCE the publication of this story on a previous page (page 85), a full version has come to hand, which is here given:

At the time when there was a run on the banks, Betsy Pike, sister of Joseph Pike, owner of Pike's Bank in Cork, undertook to convey a supply of gold from Dublin. At that time this was a dangerous undertaking on account of the highwaymen that infested the roads. She had two boxes of gold which she carefully hid under her seat in the coach. She retained a small sum of money in her pocket. One of her fellow travellers was a Cork gentleman of her acquaintance. After starting he told her he had some money concealed in his top-boots and also some ready to hand to the robbers, who were almost certain to attack the coach.

Passing over the Kilworth mountains the coach was stopped, and a highwayman demanded the money and watches of the passengers. He first accosted Betsy Pike, who handed him the sum she had ready in her pocket. When he demanded her watch, she hesitated, saying, "Ah, sure thee would not take my watch? It would not be of much value to thee (having a tortoise shell case), but is of great value to me as having belonged to my mother." However, he took it from her and turned to the Cork gentleman, who handed him the purse he had ready. The robber was not satisfied and demanded more, the gentleman protesting he had no more; whereupon Betsy Pike remonstrated with him and said, "Thee should not tell a lie: Thee told me thee had money hid in thee boots." The robber then insisted on getting this, and the gentleman reluctantly produced it. The robber being satisfied, turned to Betsy Pike and handed her back the watch saying, "You are so honest and think so much of the watch, you may have it back." Her companion upbraided her for betraying his secret. She merely repeated that he should not tell a lie.

On arriving at her brother's house with the gold she told him what she had done, and he sent an invitation to the gentleman to come to breakfast next morning, when they explained to him that it was in order to spare the larger amount she kept the robber's attention directed to him, and they then handed to him the amount of money he had lost through her.

When the bank opened, Joseph Pike had one butter firkin filled with sovereigns and a row of others filled with something else and the top covered with gold. When the farmers came in and asked for their deposits Joseph Pike, who had his coat off, and was apparently working very hard, said, "What will you have, boys—quick—notes or gold?" They said, "Gold," when he scooped up the gold, gave it, and got his

receipt. When several had been thus supplied, they told others who were waiting outside, "There seems plenty of gold here," and in the end they brought it back and relodged, and thus the bank was saved.

The lady who communicated the foregoing added, "While I write, the watch is here and I have it in my hand. It was left by Betsy Pike to Elizabeth Jackson, her step-great-niece, and who was called after her. After *her* death it passed into the possession of her brother, Thomas Jackson, of Belfast, who was my uncle. The date of the watch is 1747."

From THOMAS HENRY WEBB'S MS. *Collection of Quaker Stories.*

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