

## Early Quaker Booksellers of York.<sup>1</sup>

### THOMAS WAITE

was a bookseller and publisher in the Pavement. Several tracts, written by George Fox, Richard Farnsworth, James Nayler, and William Tomlinson, were printed for him, all in 1653. We do not find his name on any imprints of any other year. He died in 1695. See *THE JOURNAL*, ii. 32, and esp. *F.P.T.*

### THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN.,

in connection with other printers, issued *The York Mercury* for some years from 1718. In 1718, his address was "the Pavement, opposite to Market Cross," in 1730 he was in "High Ouzegate," and in 1734 again, "the Pavement." He is described by Thomas Gent<sup>2</sup> as "a mean-spirited, self-conceited Quaker," and "a quacking bookseller." In 1740, his name appears on the title page of a volume of sermons by Thomas Story and also on a volume of verses by the same author.<sup>3</sup> Thomas Hammond the elder was clerk of Yorkshire Q.M. for forty-five years. He died in 1730, and his son in 1744.

### NATHANIEL BELL

was a bookseller at the same period as Thomas Hammond, and his name is given with that of the latter on the imprints of the pamphlets by T. Story already alluded to. He is described as "bookseller in Pavement," on the York reprint of *The Life of John Roberts*, published c. 1750. "He was elected one of the city chamberlains in the year 1757." His death took place in 1778, at the age of seventy-five years.

<sup>1</sup> See *A Memoir of the York Press, with Notices of Authors, Printers and Stationers, in the 16th, 17th, and 18th Centuries*, by Robert Davies, F.S.A., Westminster, 1868.

<sup>2</sup> Gent was a "typographer, author, printer and artist," of York. Though no Friend he was occasionally employed to print for Friends, see Joseph Smith's *Catalogue*, ii. 459.

<sup>3</sup> These were printed by James Lister, of Leeds, who was, presumably, a Friend. Lister also printed an edition of Joshua Middleton's *Call to Prophane Swearers*, in 1736, and the eighth edition of Penn's *No Cross No Crown*, in 1743. The Yorkshire Q.M. Registers give the death of a James Lister, of Leeds, in 1753, and of his wife, Rachel, five months later.