

Notice of Escape from Prison.

Matthew Scoryer, a young man that sold Cider neere the ditch at ffleet bridge, of a middle Stature, faire haire & short, haveing lately wore a border or perewig, about 25 yeares of age, being a prisoner vpon an Exemtion for about 60 pounds, in the ffleet, & haveing libertie with a Keeper to goe abroad, he rann away from his Keeper. Jt is desired that freinds may have notice in Citty & Country, to the end he may be discoverd & apprehended, if possible, he goeing vnder the name of a freind. He escaped the 27th 4 Mo. 1678.

Written by Ellis Hookes on the back of a notice on another subject, sent by the Six Weeks Meeting to Friends in Southwark, 18th of Fourth Month, 1678 (D. Southwark MSS., vol. i.).

Anecdotes of John and Elizabeth Wigham.

John Wigham^r and his wife, Elizabeth, or, as she was generally styled, Betty, left their home at Cornwood, in Northumberland, under a strong sense of religious duty, and settled near Edinburgh, in 1784, whence some years afterwards they removed [with their seven children] into Aberdeenshire, where J.W. died in 1839, aged about ninety. Both husband and wife received a considerable gift in the ministry, and were instrumental in building up the Society in Scotland. Living at some distance from the city, on a small farm, called Cockmalanie, they were wont to attend Edinburgh Meeting on First-day mornings only, and the gudewife used to give great offence to her Presbyterian neighbours by occasionally actively carrying on family washing and other housewifely duties on the afternoon of the day called "the Sabbath." These Friends lived in the most humble style, and, from religious principles, denied themselves the use of a bit of carpet. Once, one very cold winter, some kind friend had smuggled a piece into their house, but good Betty, calling to mind a poor neighbour who wanted bedclothes badly, quickly transferred the luxury to her bed. They had a considerable family.

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^r John Wigham (1749-1839) married Elizabeth Dodwiddy (1748-1827). His grandfather, Cuthbert Wigham (c. 1703-1780) was a noted Minister, as also were his mother, Rachel (Teesdale) Wigham (c. 1722-1813), and his wife. J. W. travelled much in the ministry, including a three years' visit in North America. See THE JOURNAL, iii. 8; iv. 30; his *Memoirs; Friends in Cornwood in Northumberland; The Friend* (Phila.), vol. 15 (1842), p. 396; MSS. in D.