

## Notes and Queries.

WILL OF GEORGE FELL (c. 1639-1670), SON OF THOMAS AND MARGARET FELL, OF SWARTHMOOR.—The seaventh day of October in y<sup>e</sup> Year of our Lord One Thousand, Six hundred & Seaventy; I George Fell<sup>1</sup> of Swarthmoor, in y<sup>e</sup> County of Lancaster Esq. being of sound & perfect Memory though weak & Infirm of body, do make this my Last Will & Testament, In manner & form following, first I commend my Soul into y<sup>e</sup> Mercifull hands of God, hoping through his Mercy, & y<sup>e</sup> merit of Christ my Saviour, for pardon of my Sinns & Salvation, my body I desire may bee buried, in y<sup>e</sup> Parish Church of Ulverston as near

<sup>1</sup> George Fell was the only son of Judge Fell, and heir of the Hawkswell estate. Although, apparently, impressed by Fox's preaching, he never allied himself to Friends, and in later life was certainly opposed to them. He had as companion and fellow-student an earnest young Quaker, named William Caton. Later he became a Law Student, and had Chambers in the Temple, London. By his father's will, 1658, he was to have "so many of my Law-books as will make those which he hath the complete body of the law." In 1660 he was a Justice of the Peace and Commissioner of Militia in Lancashire. From family letters it is abundantly evident that he was mortified and incensed at his mother's marriage with George Fox, and took steps both for her imprisonment and the forfeiture of her property.

He married Hannah, widow of — Potter, and daughter of Edward Cooke, by whom he had two children, Charles and Isabel.

to my Father as w<sup>th</sup> conveniency it may; and in such decent manner as my Executrix shall think meet. As for my Temporall Estate, I dispose thereof as followeth: (viz.) All my Mesuages, Lands, Tenements, Milnes, Mannors, or Lordshipps, and other hereditaments, whatsoever; I give and bequeath unto Charles my Sonn<sup>2</sup> and y<sup>e</sup> heirs of his body, Lawfully to be begotton, charged and chargeable as hereafter is Expressed, and for default of such Issue I give and devise the same unto Issabell<sup>3</sup> my Daughter, and y<sup>e</sup> heirs of her Body Lawfully to bee begotton, charged & chargable as aforesaid, & for default of such Issue, I give unto my Wyfe Hannah Fell<sup>4</sup> all my

<sup>2</sup> Charles (c. 1670- ) was the only son of George and Hannah Fell. He inherited the Hawkswell estate, but on coming of age sold this property to his uncle, Daniel Abraham. He married Mary Brown, a Kentish lady, by whom he had one son, Charles, who married Gulielma Maria, granddaughter of William Penn. From incidental remarks in family letters he appears to have lived in or near London, and by fast living to have run through his money, so that on his death (which took place in the West Indies), his young widow was obliged to support herself by needlework.

See THE JOURNAL, vol. ii.

<sup>3</sup> Isabella, only daughter of George and Hannah Fell, married James Graves, but nothing is known of her descendants. See THE JOURNAL, vol. ii.

<sup>4</sup> Hannah Fell, daughter of Edward Cooke, married firstly

whole Estate, so long as shee keeps as my wife and my widow, and if it shall happen that Charles shall live to have Issue, then hee is to pay unto Issabell my Daughter, when she shall attain to y<sup>e</sup> Age of One and Twenty years, or at y<sup>e</sup> Day of her Marriage, One Thousand Pounds, forth of y<sup>e</sup> Milnes in Low Furness; And for default of such Issue, I give and bequeath unto William Yeoman<sup>s</sup> and his Wife and to their heirs for Ever, all y<sup>e</sup> Lands and Tenements called Haukswell and Morehouse, as also y<sup>e</sup> Mannor or Lordshipp of Blawith, and in Default of such Issue of my sone & Daughter; I give & Devise unto Thomas Fell of Scathwaite, and to y<sup>e</sup> heirs

— Potter, and secondly George Fell. It would appear that she was never on good terms with her second husband's family, and after George Fell's death in 1670, she was in open and bitter opposition to Margaret Fox. Legal settlements were necessary between them. John Rous writes: "In regard to my sister Fell's wilfulness and foolishness, I always feared she would do as bad, if not worse than her husband." William Meade, writing to his mother-in-law, Margaret Fox, in 1687, advises her to lose her rightful rents rather than enter into a lawsuit with Hannah, regarding a right of way to Swarthmoor. He continues "It will be greatly to her shame and reproach if she refuse it." Elizabeth Hooton wrote a letter of warning to "George Fell's widow."

<sup>5</sup> William Yeamans was married to Isabel Fell in 1664. They had several children. He was, according to Maria Webb, "an anxious delicate man, who did not like his wife on any occasion to be away from him."

Male of his Body Lawfully begotton, the Mannor or Lordshipp of Ulverstone, Swarthmoore, Ogmotherly With all the Lands about Swarthmoore, Dragleybeck, and y<sup>e</sup> Milnes at Ulvorstone Excepting two Acres next adjoining to y<sup>e</sup> little house, where Thomas Greaves<sup>6</sup> now Dwelleth; and y<sup>e</sup> said little house (w<sup>h</sup> I give to y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas Greaves and his heirs) and all other hereditaments in Ulvorstone aforesaid, charged & chargeable as is hereafter Expressed. (That is to say) in case y<sup>e</sup> same doe for Default of Issue of my Sone & Daughter, fall & come to y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas Fell and his heirs, then and not otherwise, I charge y<sup>e</sup> same, w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> payment of y<sup>e</sup> summ of five hundred pounds; to Edward Cooke of y<sup>e</sup> Temple, two hundred pounds; Mr Hodgkinson, one hundred pounds; Sackville Greaves one hundred pound, and to Mr Samuel Richardson one hundred pound;

And in default of Issue Male on the Body Lawfully begotton of y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas Fell, Then I give & bequeath unto Edward Fell of Stockport, in y<sup>e</sup> County of Cheshire Gentleman, & to y<sup>e</sup> heirs Male of his body Lawfully begotten, all y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid Mannors, or Lordshipps, of Ulverston, Swarthmoore, Draggly Beck & y<sup>e</sup> Milnes at Ulverstone; and all other hereditaments w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> appurtenances; And in Default of such

<sup>6</sup> Thomas Greaves was probably in the employ of the Swarthmoor family. Sarah Meade, in a letter to Rachel Abraham, 1684, says, "Care shall be taken that the £30 shall be paid to young Thomas Greaves at the time thou desires."

Issue Male, on y<sup>e</sup> body of Edward Fell; I give & bequeath y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid Mannor, or Lordshipp of Ulverstone, Swarthmoore, Ogmotherly and all other hereditaments, w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> appurtenances, Equally to be Divided amongst my sisters and their heirs; & I doe further charge the town Milne w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> payment, of four pounds Yearly, to be paid to Thomas Coulton during his natural Life; & I doe alsoe charge y<sup>e</sup> said Over Milne In Ulverstone w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> payment of Three pounds yearly to James Ellithorne during his naturall Life: w<sup>ch</sup> two last mentioned Charges, of four pounds, & Three pounds Yearly, my Will & Mind is, shall commence Immediately after my decease; & if it shall happen y<sup>t</sup> my Son & Daughter shall dye without Issue, Then I give & bequeath the aforesaid town Milne, unto Thomas Coulton during his naturall Life; and the said Over Milne unto James Ellithorne, during his naturall Life; Also in default of Issue of my Sone & Daughter as aforesaid & y<sup>e</sup> death of my Wife or her Marriage, I give & Devise all my four Milnes, situate, within the Parish of Dalton to my Sisters, Daughters of my Father, & their heirs Equally to be divided amongst them:

Allso whereas I have already by my Deed Poll baring Date y<sup>e</sup> Thirty first day of August last granted unto Sackvile Greaves Esq, & his heirs all those my Messuages, Tenements, & Hereditaments called *Marsh Grainge*, within y<sup>e</sup> Mannor of Furniss; w<sup>ch</sup> Deed was made in Trust to y<sup>e</sup> said Sackvile Greaves; that hee

& his heirs after my desease should sell y<sup>e</sup> Tenements thereby granted for y<sup>e</sup> paiment of my Debts And the overplus of the Money raised by sails thereof (if any bee) to be paid to my Executrix for y<sup>e</sup> use of my said Daughter, and y<sup>e</sup> bettering of her Portion, to w<sup>ch</sup> purpose I have made a declaration by an Indenture under my hand & seale:

Now I doe Will & Devise y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> same trust shall be performed accordingly; and y<sup>e</sup> premises I doe appoint to be sould, w<sup>th</sup> what conveniency may; And y<sup>e</sup> mony thence arising I appoint for payment of my just debts: and y<sup>e</sup> overplus (if any bee) for my Daughter: & if the price fall short of y<sup>e</sup> payment of my debts, I appoint y<sup>t</sup> what is wanting shall be paid out of my personal Estate, or any other estate y<sup>t</sup> I have: & y<sup>t</sup> care be taken y<sup>t</sup> no person Ingaged w<sup>th</sup> Mee as Surety do suffer thereby: Allso I doe give unto my Loving Wife y<sup>e</sup> Portion of my Son & Daughter during their Minorities and of their Portions and rights untill they respectively attain y<sup>e</sup> Age of One and Twenty Years, If shee so long continue my Widow; recommending to her y<sup>e</sup> care of their education: And if shee dye or marrie before that time; Then I desire & appoint for their Tutors Tho Sackvile Greaves and Edward Cook my Father in Law; Allso I give unto my Uncle Mathew Richardson<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Matthew Richardson is probably referred to in the following quotation from a letter from John Rous to Margaret Fox, 1669. "I do not think my uncle is any way disaffected towards thee in thy marrying." George Fox writes to his wife in the same year,

and to Mr George Hillton four pounds a pise, to buy each of them a ring ; hoping for their assistance to my Wife & children :

Allsoe I give unto Mary Caton, Twenty pounds : Allso I give unto Sackville Greaves Forty pounds, to buy him a ring ; Allso I give unto Mr Edward Cook my father in law & to Mrs Elizabeth Cooke my Mother in law his Wife ; Mr Edward Cooke of y<sup>e</sup> Temple, Mr Richard Tomlinson an Apothecary in Coven Garden & to Elizabeth his Wife each of them forty shillings apeece to buy them rings ; Allso I give unto Mr Thomas Hodgkinson my best horse, my best Gunn, & my best case of Pistolls ; Allso I give & bequeath unto the most aged, impotent and necessitous person in the parish of Ulverstone ten pounds ; Allso I give and bequeath unto y<sup>e</sup> most aged & necessitous persons w<sup>th</sup>in y<sup>e</sup> parish of Dalton five pounds ; Allso I give & bequeath unto every servant of my house ; twenty shillings a piec ; and to Thomas Greaves Forty shillings :

Executrix of this my Will, I make my said Loving Wife, to whom I give all y<sup>e</sup> rest of my goods, & personall Estate, my Debts, Legacies, & funerall discharged ; Declaring that it is not my meaning by any devise of Lands, or Tenements, w<sup>th</sup>in this Will to debarr her of her Dower or Widdow right therein.

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“Thou canst speak to thy brother Richardson about these affairs,” *i.e.*, George Fell’s treatment of his mother.

The name Matthew Richardson occurs among a list of Justices in the Fleming MSS., c. 1672.

In witness whereof I have hereunto, set my hand & seal the day and year first above written :

Signed and Delivered to bee my last Will & Testament

In the presence of THOMAS RICHARDSON, HENRY KIDSON, MARY CATON, and THOMAS COULTON.

From a copy in the possession of Emma C. Abraham, of Liverpool.

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JOHN ARCHDALE.—The following is from the Diary of Narcissus Luttrell (d. 1732) :—“1699, Jan. 7. Yesterday Mr. Archdale the Quaker appeared in his place in the House of Commons as member for Wickham ; said he was chose by the majority of the Church of England without his own seeking ; and that he had advice of lawyers that his affirmation would stand good instead of an oath, which he could not take without prejudicing his party : after some debate the lawyers in the House were of opinion he could not sit without the oaths, for that the Act that relates to the solemn affirmation is only that a Quaker may give evidence in Courts of Justice ; upon which a writ was ordered out for electing another in his room.”

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“1703, Nov. 16. The Lords ordered several persons to attend upon account of engrossing coals, and among them two noted Quakers ; ’tis said the chief reason of their being so dear is, that several persons in the north, and some Londoners, have farmed most of the coal pits about Newcastle, with design to sell them at what price they please.”

From "Leaves from an Old Diary," in *Paper and Parchment. Historical Sketches*, by Alex. Charles Ewald, F.S.A., London, 1890. In the same volume there is an appreciative article on Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton (1786-1845).

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ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM GULSON OF COVENTRY, AND SOME ACCOUNT OF HIS FAMILY. — William Gulson, a Friend and leather dresser, of Coventry, was the third son of William Gulston or Gulson, M.D., a physician of that town, by Mary Buck, his wife. He was born at Coventry 15 v. 1695, and died there, and was buried at Friends' Burial Ground, Coventry, 9 xii. 1775, aged 81 years.

By his wife, Ann, who was buried at Coventry, 6 vii. 1734, he had issue three sons and five daughters, viz. :—

(1) Edward, of Leicester and Coventry, mar. Ann Leigh and had issue.

(2) John, born 1726; mar. and had issue.

(1) Ruth [1725-1812], mar. 1743 Francis Smith [1719-1782], of Doncaster, a great-grandfather of the late Henry Ecroyd Smith [1823-1889], the Quaker antiquary and genealogist.

(2) Ann [1728-32].

(3) Rebekah [1731-1803], mar. as his second wife, 1763, Richard Reynolds [1735-1816], of Coalbrookdale and Bristol, ironmaster and philanthropist.

(4) Sarah, [1734-1825] mar. Francis Hart, of Nottingham, banker, who died 1826, aged 94, having had issue, of whom

I. Francis Hart, jun. [1776-1862], of Nottingham, banker, mar. Eliza Huish [1782-1851], and their daughter, Eliza Hart [1810-1847], mar. Sir Charles Fellows, Kt., of Beeston [1799-1860], traveller and archæologist. II. Hannah Hart, mar. 1804, Robert Lloyd [1778-1811], the poet-friend of Charles Lamb. III. Sarah Hart, mar. 1802, James Lloyd, J.P. [1776- —] of Bingley Hall, elder brother to Robert.

(5) Mary, mar. Rudd Wheeler, of Hitchin, as his second wife. He was the grandfather, by his first wife, of Esther, wife of Benjamin Seebohm; of Mary, wife of James Ellis, of Bradford, and Letterfrack, Ireland; and of Sarah, wife of Isaac Robson, of Huddersfield.

The above account is principally taken from Henry Ecroyd Smith's *Annals of Smith of Cantley*, 1878, pp. 50-56 and 62-70.

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The following is an abstract of William Gulson's will, for which I am indebted to my obliging kinsman and friend, G. F. Tudor Sherwood, of Brockley, the well-known genealogist :—

I, William Gulson of the City of Coventry, Leather Dresser do<sup>th</sup> appoint this to be my last Will and Testament that is to say.

First that all my just debts, &c., be paid by Edw<sup>d</sup>. Gulson my son and I give him the house, &c., I now live in, standing in Smithford street and two closes with a new barn in Hill street which I bought of Lady Whate and of Leahope and land bought of Tobias Edwards of Warwick and Hannah his wife in Wigginton, co. Oxford, and land

bought of Mathew Neale in Exall. I give my son in law Francis Smith £1200. To my son-in-law Richard Reynolds £100. To my daughter Sarah Gulson £1500. And whereas a marriage is intended with my daughter Mary Gulson and Reed [Rudd] Wheeler I give her £500 and £50 a year for life. The residue to my said son Edward Gulson. Signed this seventh day 4<sup>th</sup> called April in the year 1772.

WM. GULSON.

Witnesses, WM. EBURNE,  
SAML. SYMONDS.  
ELIZABETH BOWETT.

Codicil. Whereas I have given my son Francis Hart junior £500 as part of the portion I intended to give my daughter Sarah my will is he or she shall have £500 less than ye £1500 I left my daughter Sarah.

(Signed) WM. GULSON.

Note I continue this as a Codicil. Whereas I have given my son in law Reed [Rudd] Wheeler £500, &c.

(Signed) WM. GULSON.

On 27 May 1776 John Seymour of Coventry, fellmonger, and Joseph Heath<sup>8</sup> of the said city, taylor, solemnly affirm that "we

<sup>8</sup> Of the family of Richard Heath, of Coventry, who had issue by Elizabeth, his wife, Joseph Heath of Bishops Stortford, tailor, etc., who mar. at Stansted, Essex, 1804, Susanna Day [1775-1846], daughter of Samuel Day of Stansted, grocer, draper, chandler and "Sope Boyler," and a Quaker Minister, by his second wife, Sarah Fulcher. Joseph Heath died 1859, aged 79, and was bur. at Friends' Burial Ground, Stansted, and is remembered by the present writer, who was present at his funeral.

are Dissenters from the Church of England commonly called Quakers" [and testify to hand-writing of the codicils].

(Signed) JOHN SEYMOUR.

JOSEPH HEATH.

Proved at London 30 May 1776, by affirmation of Edward Gulson the son of the deceased and sole executor named.

(Prerogative Court of Canterbury Register "Bellas," fo. 225.)

JOSEPH J. GREEN.

"A SERMON UPON AARON'S ROD."—A curious tract with this title, and the additional words, "Preached by a Quaker in Meath-street. Revised and illustrated with some curious Observations, by that famous Dramatic Orator, Serjeant Kite the Second," has recently been acquired for the Devonshire House Library. It is a quarto tract of four pages, and probably a satire on some Quaker address in Dublin, but its object is not now evident. Have any of our readers come across this curious piece?

THE PRESERVATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS.—For some years a collection of photographs of deceased Friends has been accumulating in albums under the care of the Committee of the London Friends' Institute. It cannot be too generally known that gifts for this collection would be gladly received by the Hon. Secretary, William Frederic Wells, Devonshire House, London, E.C.

LARGE GATHERINGS OF FRIENDS (iii. 71, 118).—In a letter from John Tomkins to Sir John Rodes,

dated "London 18. 9m 1698," we read:—"Charles Marshall buried yesterday, its thought to be the greatest appearance of Friends at his buriall [at Bunhill Fields] as of any yet, exceeding in number either G.F.'s S.C. or F.S." (Locker Lampson, *Quaker Post-Bag*, 1910, p. 146).

George Fox's burial took place at Bunhill Fields in 1690/91, four thousand accompanying (Beck and Ball, *London Friends' Meetings*, p. 156; S.C. (Stephen Crisp) was buried in 1692, when "a great number of Friends and others" accompanied (Tuke, *Stephen Crisp*, p. xxvi.); F.S. (Francis Stamper) was buried in 1698, but no information as to his funeral is at hand.

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BAPTISMS AT SOMERSET HOUSE CHAPEL, STRAND, MIDDLESEX.—1732, June 30th, Robert Wilson, educated a quaker, aged 19 years, 8 months and 26 days.

1740 (month and day not stated). Sarah, dau. of Daniel and Magdalen Maud, born a quaker, Aug. 19 1722.—CHARLES A. BERNAU.

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HENRY SHRIGLEY, tailor, a "sojourner" at Saddleworth, Yorkshire, married Sarah Shaw, of Boarshurst, spinster, on Jan. 29th, 1740, in St. Chad's Church, Saddleworth. Their children were Betty, bapt. Apl. 4, 1742; John, bapt. Nov. 29, 1743; Sarah, bapt. Sept. 25, 1744; Henry, bapt. Aug. 16, 1747; John, de Lanehead, bapt. Oct. 1st, 1749. Information wanted regarding ancestry of Henry and Sarah (Shaw) Shrigley.—MORGAN BUNTING, Darby, Pa.

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ELWORTHY—COLESWORTHY.—F. L. Rawlins, Rhyl, North Wales, is anxious to know if Thomas and Elizabeth Elworthy, of Plymouth, were related to the Colesworthy, of Exeter.

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## A Query to all the Preachers in Christendom.

How many men and women have you presented Perfect in Christ Jesus? Col. 1. How many have you Perfected? How many have you brought to the knowledge of the Son of God, and to a Perfect Man, unto the Measure of the Stature of the Fulness of Christ? Ephes. 4, which is the work of Christ's Ministers.

GEORGE FOX, in Worcester Prison, 1674, printed at the end of *The People called Quakers*, 1676.

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Let not anything straiten you when God moves.

WILLIAM DEWSBURY, *Epistle* from York Tower, 1660, quoted in *Little Book of Selections*.