

Stranger Friends Visiting Scotland, 1650:1797

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1700

GEORGE DIPLIDGE of Norwich, who "had som testimony in the oppen streat [at Edinburgh] for which he was putt in the tolboth," JOSHUA MIDDLETON of Newcastle, JOHN DOUBLEDAY of Alnwick Abbey,¹ JOHN HIND, MARTIN BOUSTIN [Bowstead] of Cumberland,² THOMAS BAKER, RICHARD LATTIMER.¹ MARY ELLERTON of York and "her companion" were at Aberdeen Yearly Meeting, also at Hamilton, where, with other Friends, she was imprisoned "wpon the account [of her] declairing hir mind to the peopell when they ware coming out of the stepelhouss in the greav yaird She wrott appeper afterwards for the toune of hameltown which was read at this meeting," says the Clerk of Edinburgh Yearly Meeting, "and this meeting had unity with it."¹ Another English Friend who this year penned "a good and savoury paper" which met with the approval of Friends of Aberdeen and Edinburgh was THOMAS HICKS, but it seems doubtful whether he himself had been in Scotland.^{1, 2} "Two honest English Friends," ANDREW GRAHAM of Cumberland and HENRY ATKINSON of London.²

In addition to the above, the following Friends are stated to have visited Scotland, probably towards the close of the seventeenth century:—JOSHUA BARBER of Yorkshire, JOHN CLOSE,³ JOHN ESTAUGH, ROGER LONGWORTH,³ RICHARD RANSOM of Norfolk,³ WILLIAM RIGG of Lancashire,³ SAMUEL WALDENFIELD of London.

1701

ELIZABETH JACOB of Limerick,⁴ THOMAS BRAITHWAITE and JOHN THOMPSON both of Westmorland,¹ SAMUEL BOWNAS, accompanied by ISAAC THOMPSON,

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“ a young man who had a fine gift ” ; when ! near Dumfries they fell in with JAMES DICKINSON and RICHARD and ROBERT LATTIMER all of Cumberland, and after they had had some refreshment at the inn in that town, Samuel Bownas relates : “ James said to us ‘ Lads, I find a concern to go into the street, will you go with me ? ’ ” They caused quite a sensation, “ for,” says Samuel Bownas, “ the Quakers were seldom seen in that town so many together. . . . James lifted up his voice like a trumpet among the people who were very quiet and attentive. When he was clear, we retired back to our inn, and divers followed us, who were very rude and wicked, but were not permitted to hurt us.”⁵ JOHN FOTHERGILL again visited Friends throughout Scotland :

Being in many Places truly comforted with Friends, and they encouraged and glad in a living Sense of the continued fatherly Regard, and Extendings of the Love of God toward them in that Nation, amongst a hard, self-conceited, and in some Places an envious People. . . . But a Case happen'd at Glasgow, when I was there, somewhat remarkable ; on a First-day of the Week, the People had very much disturbed us, in the afternoon Meeting especially, in their usual wicked and vain manner, and followed Friends after Meeting along a large open Street, where their Number increased, some shouting and scorning, others throwing Stones and Dirt ; one Stone of some Pounds weight passed with great force very near one of my Legs, which if it had been hit, must, I believe have been broke by it ; yet we were preserved from much harm : Whilst the People who were gather'd in great Numbers about their Doors, and saw what passed, seemed rather to be pleased with the abusive Behaviour of the Mob towards us, than to offer any Discouragement to them : Whereupon a Soldier, an Englishman, began to cry aloud three times, as if he had some publick Proclamation to make ; and when he had thereby drawn the Peoples Attention to him, he called aloud again, “ Behold the godly Town of Glasgow, how they entertain Strangers ! ” and repeated it three several times. Which Reproof made the People so ashamed, that they mostly took to their Houses and got out of sight.⁶

ALEXANDER SEATON and RICHARD MERSER from Ireland.²

1702

JAMES HALLIDAY, MARY LUPTON and ELIZABETH SCRIPPER.¹ JOHN CHALMERS from Ireland,^{1, 2} THOMAS WILSON from Kendal.³ KATHERINE [Frost] STORRS visited Scotland probably during this year.⁷

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1703

BENJAMIN HOLME of York, and WILLIAM BALDING: "At several Places we declared the Truth in the Streets." In Glasgow they were put in prison by "the Provost or Mayor (as he said) for travelling on the First day."⁸ JAMES DICKINSON and JONATHAN BURNYEAT, AMOS HIDLEY,¹ PATRICK HENDERSON of Dublin: when at Kinneil, near Linlithgow, he penned what the Records term "a weighty paper" addressed to the different Meetings in Scotland, and which would appear to have been soon afterwards printed.^{1, 2} JAMES BATTS [Bates] "of Wirginie." CHRISTOPHER STORY,¹ JANE FEARON of Cumberland, who is said to have been in Scotland twice this year. (It was probably on one of these occasions, when in company with James Dickinson, that she experienced those gruesome adventures at the lonely inn which used to thrill us juveniles.)⁹

1704

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG and THOMAS SCOTT,^{1, 2} WILLIAM WILLIAMSON of Westmorland and ISAAC [? John] THOMPSON.⁷

1705

JOHN CHAMBERS from Dublin, JOHN DOUBLEDAY, RICHARD FROST,¹ ESTHER FROST and RACHEL STORY,² JAMES HALIDAY, JOSHUA MIDDLETON.¹

1706

SAMUEL BLAIN, JOHN BOUSTEAD, JOHN CARLISLE, JAMES GILLESPIE, JOHN GRAHAM were all at Edinburgh Y.M.¹ THOMAS RUDD "for declairing his mind, preaching repentance in the Strits" was imprisoned at Edinburgh, Glasgow, and "in the thives hole" at Kelso.¹ THOMAS WILSON.³

1707

JAMES HALIDAY, JOHN HUGGALL, ANTHONY STURDY, CALEB TENNANT, JOHN "WRUING" [? Urwen or Irwin of Cumberland] were all at Edinburgh Y.M.¹

1708

JONATHAN BOWMAN, JONATHAN BURNYEAT, JOHN DOUBLEDAY,¹ JOHN FALLOWFIELD and DAVID HUDSON,²

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JAMES HALIDAY,¹ "Honest" BENJAMIN HOLME,² JOHN HUDSON, JEREMY HUNTER of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, JOSHUA MIDDLETON, JAMES WILSON of Westmorland.¹

1709

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, PETER ALISON, JOSEPH ATKINSON, HUMPHREY DOUBLEDAY, JOHN DOUBLEDAY, JOHN FALLINFIELD [? Fallowfield], DANIEL FORENESS [or Furnish], WILLIAM GLOSTER, RICHARD GRAHAM, JAMES HALIDAY, DAVID HODGEN [? Hodgson of Carlisle], WILLIAM HODGSONE, BENJAMIN HOLME, ROBERT HUNTINGTOUN [? of Carlisle], JONATHAN OSTELL of Cumberland, JOSEPH PATERSON, JOHN ROBBE, CHRISTOPHER STORY, THOMAS WAIK "from the Englishsid," RICHARD WATT.¹

1710

SAMUEL WILKINSON and WILLIAM WATTSON from Ireland attended Aberdeen Yearly Meeting.²

1711

DANIEL BELL [? of London], THOMAS FOSTER of Cumberland, ISAAC HADDEN [? Hadwen, of Yorkshire], ARCHIBALD HETHERINGTON of Cumberland.¹ ELIZABETH JACOB travelled in Scotland this year or next.⁴ JOHN LOWDON from Ireland.² SAMUEL SCOTT of London, GILBERT THOMPSON of Lancashire, THOMAS "URUIN" [? Irwin] of Cumberland.¹

1712

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, MUNGO BEULY from Ireland.¹ PETER FEARON from West Jersey, America.² JAMES GRAHAM, SAMUEL HOPWOOD,¹ JAMES STIRRAT from Ireland.²

1713

JOSEPH "ÆESWAY," JOHN ARMSTRONG,¹ JONATHAN BARON of Yorkshire, and ROBERT THOMPSON of Westmorland.² DANIEL FURNISH, THOMAS GRIER and WILLIAM HENDERSON of Ireland, JOHN SANDERSON, DANIEL STENHOUSE, THOMAS WETHERHILL.² Most of these Friends attended the Yearly Meeting at Edinburgh in Third Month.

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1714

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, JOHN BELL, WILLIAM GRAHAM,
ISAAC HUNTENTON of Carlisle, CHRISTOPHER STORY.¹

1715

RICHARD BULLMAN,¹ JAMES GREIR of Ireland,^{1, 2}
ROBERT JACKSON,¹ JOHN TURNER of Ireland.^{1, 2}

1716

SAMUEL BOND, GEORGE GIBSON, JOSEPH GILL,
JOHN GRIERS, of Ulster, JO: NICHOLSON, JOHN
PARKINSON, EDMUND PECKOVER, STEPHEN SEDGWICK,
JOHN WALTON.¹

1717

ABRAM GOYMER, CALEB GRANGER,² JOHN IRVING
[? Irwin], DANIEL STEVENSON.² These four Friends were
at Edinburgh Yearly Meeting and signed the Epistle ad-
dressed to London Yearly Meeting.¹⁰ Lydia Lancaster of
Lancashire, who is said to have visited Scotland twice,³
seems to have been at Ury this year, " 07 : : 07 : : 0 "
having been paid to a Friend of that Meeting " for con-
voying JO: THOMSONE and LYDIA LANCASTER South."²

1718

HENRY ATKINSON, JO: GRAHAM, THOMAS STANNIX¹ :
probably this is the same Friend as " Tho: Staimrock "
who is said to have attended Aberdeen Yearly Meeting
with MARY HEY.²

1719

ISAAC HUNTEN Elder [? Huntington],¹ WALTER
NEWBERRY of Boston, New England,² RICHARD
PARTRIDGE, RICHARD WAYT, " ANA WOLSON with her
Companion " were at Hamilton Monthly Meeting this
Summer."¹

1720

HENRY ATKINSON,¹ SAMUEL BOWNAS and his com-
panion JOHN BLAMORE, a young man from Sedbergh.
" I found friends in that nation," says Samuel Bownas,
" very much decreased in number, above one half, and
sundry meetings quite dropt, unless when a friend

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came to visit them. I spent about six weeks in that nation, but nothing extraordinary happened.”⁵ WALTER NEWBERRY and his companion RICHARD PARTRIDGE.²

1721

THOMAS ERESKIN of Allendale [afterwards of Edinburgh], HENRY SMITH of Northampton, WILLIAM FRANCIS, MARGARET WILLIAMSON [probably *née* Jaffray].²

1722

JAMES MILLER.¹

1723

JOSEPH BLACKBURN, THOMAS JOHNSON of Thorn, CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR.

1724

JOHN BLAIR, JOHN FOTHERGILL, WILLIAM IRWIN, RICHARD ROBISON.² JAMES PILLAR and JOHN TURNER from Ireland.²

1726

RALPH CRIFTER, JOHN DOUBLEDAY. Twelve pounds Scots were paid by Edinburgh Meeting “for guiding TABITHA HORNOR of Leeds and HANNAH DENT to Montross”: and a similar sum “for guiding BETTY WILSON & her Companion”¹ [probably ELIZABETH WILSON of Ireland, and her companion, ELIZABETH PEASE];⁷ whilst £6. 4. 0 Scots was expended “in conveying JOHN YEATS of Yorkshire to Kelso, & shoeing & bleeding his Horse.”¹

1727

WILLIAM GRAHAM, JOHN HUDSON, PETER HUDSON of Cumberland, JOHN TATE.¹

1728

JOHN BLAIN. THOMAS SCOTT and THOMAS STORY, who both spent some days in Edinburgh as we learn from the Meeting Accounts of money paid for their horses.¹ Thomas Story gives some interesting particulars of the good meetings which were held in various parts of the South of Scotland, although, he remarks,

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the number of Friends had greatly decreased. At Linlithgow, where there were only about half-a-dozen Friends left, there came to the Meeting "a wild-looking sort . . . but we sitting under some Concern and Sense of the Grace of God towards them, they grew more solid, and we had a good Time among them; and they went away very grave and sober." The public meeting at Glasgow was crowded "not with a rude Rabble, as in Times past, but an intelligent People, looking reputable among Men."¹¹ THOMAS WILKINSON of Cumberland,² BENJAMIN HOLME, "having had Drawings for some Time to visit Friends in North Britain," left his home in York in Eleventh Month and journeyed as far North as Elgin, returning by Aberdeen and the east coast, "having several Meetings amongst People that were not of our Society." His labours seem to have been continued throughout the winter and following spring.⁸

1729

BENJAMIN HOLME, ROBERT JORDAN from America, who took charge of the Epistle addressed by Edinburgh Yearly Meeting to London, JAMES MILLER.¹

1730

THOMAS BLEMIRE, DANIEL GLOSTER, ARCHIBALD HETHERINGTON, JOHN HUNTINGDON, HENRY IVISON, ROBERT LATIMER, THOMAS STORY and CHRISTOPHER WILSON, all Cumberland Friends, attended Edinburgh Yearly Meeting.¹

1731

CHARLES ALSOP, JOHN FETHERSTON, JOHN FOTHERGILL, JOHN HETHRENTON, "JOSS" JACKSON, RICHARD WAITT, THOMAS WETHERELL, ROWLAND WILSON of Westmorland.¹

1732

JOSEPH BLACKBURN, JOHN BROWN, JEREMIAH HUNTER. EDWARD WALTON and LANCELOT WARDELL, both of Sunderland.

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1733

JOHN ASHTON and JONATHAN BARNES from Ireland.⁷ JOHN BROWN, JOSEPH MILNER, DAVID SAUL.¹

1734

DANIEL BADGER of London, JOHN BROWN, JAMES COTTON, JAMES MILLER. JOHN SHAW [? of Lancashire] and his companion.

1735

BENJAMIN HOLME. In the course of his journeyings throughout Scotland he reached Frazerburgh, where he "visited him called Lord Pitsligo, who received me kindly ; and that Night I went to Lord Salton's, so called, who likewise received me kindly ; I had a Meeting there, his Wife being a pious tender Woman."⁸

1736

THOMAS ANDERSON, THOMAS CARR [of Settle].¹

1737

THOMAS COLDWELL of Darlington.¹ BENJAMIN HOLME paid another general visit to Scotland.⁸ MATHEW MELLOR and WILLIAM TAYLOR [both of Manchester].¹ JOHN TURNER and THOMAS TRUEMAN from Ireland.^{1, 2} DAVID HALL of Skipton in Craven, and JEREMY WHALLEY were probably in Scotland this year.¹²

1738

ISAAC SHARPLES of Hitchin, probably this year.³

1740

This year MOSES ALDRIDGE, of New England, probably visited Scotland, accompanied by ABRAHAM FULLER of Dublin¹³ (Moses Aldridge was certainly in Ireland this year¹⁴).

1741

SARAH BIRKBECK of Settle.¹⁵ "BETTY" SMITH [? of Norfolk] and "MOLLY" STORRS.¹

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1742

“BETTY SIMKIN” [? Elizabeth Simpkins of Northamptonshire] and her companion. This was not improbably ALICE FETHERSTONE of Northumberland, who is said to have visited Scotland before her marriage in 1743.³

1743

THOMAS CHAPMAN from Yorkshire,² HENRY HAMMOND.¹

1744

JOHN BELL [? of London] signed the Epistle from Edinburgh Yearly Meeting in Third Month to London Yearly Meeting.¹⁰ ELIZABETH SHIPLEY, from Pennsylvania, probably visited Scotland this year.¹⁶ She was in Ireland in Third Month.¹⁷

1746

One of the last entries for this year in the very imperfectly kept accounts of Glasgow Meeting is the following:—“1746 paid for Sam fudergill and his wife o. 6. 4.”¹ (Probably SAMUEL and SUSANNAH FOTHERGILL of Warrington.)

1749

SUSANNAH HATTON, from Ireland. ELIZABETH HUDSON from Philadelphia, “who had NELLY REBANKS, daughter to Thomas Rebanks of Kendal for her Companion, but she did not appear in Publick.” PETER HUDSON and RACHEL SAUL, both of Cumberland. SAMUEL SPAVOLD of Folkestone, HENRY TRUEMAN of London.¹

1750

JOHN BEVINGTON of Warwickshire, SARAH CRAWLEY of Hitchin, and SARAH GOODWIN of Essex. JOHN KENDAL of Colchester, JOHN LEWIS of Pembrokeshire, DANIEL STANTON of Philadelphia.¹

The following Ministering Friends are also stated to have visited Scotland, probably during the first half of the eighteenth century:—JOHN ADAM of Yorkshire,⁷ RUTH ALDERSON of Ravenstonedale, who is said to have

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laboured diligently in Scotland,³ WILLIAM BACKHOUSE of Lancashire,¹⁸ WILLIAM BROWN of Thirsk,⁷ THOMAS CHALKLEY of Philadelphia,¹⁶ ELIZABETH DENNIS of Essex,⁷ THOMAS GAWTHORP of Cumberland,³ MARY GRIER of Ireland,⁷ ARCHIBALD GILLESPEY of Newcastle,⁷ SAMUEL HOPWOOD of Cornwall,¹⁹ ELIZABETH KENDAL of Essex,² SUSANNAH MARTIN of Sussex, ANN PARSON of Pennsylvania,¹⁶ MERCY RANSOM,⁷ ELIZABETH RAWLINSON of Lancaster,⁷ THOMAS WHITE of Norwich,⁷ RACHEL WILSON of Kendal.³

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To be continued.

- ¹ MS. Records of Edinburgh Yearly Meeting.
- ² MS. Records of Aberdeen Yearly Meeting.
- ³ *Piety Promoted.*
- ⁴ Wight & Ratty's *History of Friends in Ireland*, 1751.
- ⁵ *Life of Samuel Bownas*, 1795.
- ⁶ *Account of the Life and Travels of John Fothergill*, 1773.
- ⁷ *A Collection of Testimonies*, 1760.
- ⁸ *Works of Benjamin Holme*, 1753.
- ⁹ *The Annual Monitor*, 1816, p. 125.
- ¹⁰ Document in D.
- ¹¹ *Journal of Thomas Story*, 1747.
- ¹² *Memoirs of David Hall*, 1799.
- ¹³ *Life of James Gough*, 1832.
- ¹⁴ *Journal F.H.S.* x. 242.
- ¹⁵ *Journal F.H.S.* viii. 9.
- ¹⁶ *American Memorials of Friends*, 1788.
- ¹⁷ *Journal F.H.S.* x. 245.
- ¹⁸ *Memoirs of the Backhouse Family*, 1831.
- ¹⁹ *Journals of Thomas Wilson and James Dickinson*, 1847.