

## BIOGRAPHIES

GIL SKIDMORE has been a Quaker for more than thirty years and has researched, written and spoken on aspects of Quaker history for much of that time. She has written two collections of short biographies, published as *Dear Friends and Brethren*, and has contributed several articles to the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*. She has also had two books, *Strength in Weakness*, a selection of writings by eighteenth century Quaker women and *Elizabeth Fry, a Quaker Life*, an edition of Elizabeth Fry's Journal, published by Altamira Press. Now retired, she is working on a biography of Catherine Payton Phillips.

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