

## BIOGRAPHIES

DAVID J. HALL'S involvement with Friends' history goes back to 1967 when he was reading history at Durham University. He has published articles and reviews in this journal, *The Friends Quarterly*, *Quaker Studies* and other journals, has contributed chapters to four collections of essays, and biographical pieces to the *Blackwell Dictionary of Evangelical Biography* and the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*.

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