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BIOGRAPHIES

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Before retiring he was Professor of Quaker Studies at Earlham College and the Earlham School of Religion, having been Quaker Studies Tutor at Woodbrooke in the 1980s. His Swarthmore Lecture for 1990, *Testimony and Tradition*, examined the nature of the Quaker testimonies, and his latest book, *Reasons for Hope* (2001) is an assessment of the present state of Evangelical Quakerism. With fine disregard for tradition he is simultaneously an Elder of Milton Keynes Meeting and a Recorded Minister in Indiana Yearly Meeting.

DIANA MORRISON-SMITH

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W. RAYMOND POWELL

Went up to Oxford in 1939 with a scholarship at Merton College. During the war he served as an R.A.F. radar operator and instructor: From 1951 to 1986 he was Essex editor of the *Victoria County Histories*, contributing many articles to its volumes. Among his other publications are *Local History from Blue Books*, *Essex in Domesday Book*, and articles in the *English Historical Review*, the *Pipe Roll* series, *Archives*, the *Antiquaries Journals*, *Essex Archaeology and History* and elsewhere. He is a fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a past-President of the Essex Society for Archaeology and History. He and his wife, Avril, who has collaborated with him on several publications, now live in Norwich. They were married in 1942 and have three children and six grandchildren.

ERRATA

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Inside front cover, line 18: 'Howard F Gregg' should read 'Patricia R Sparks'.

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Page 237, line 32: The John Pim who operated the shipping line was probably resident in Dublin and not the same as the John Pim of London. Page 249, line 32: 'dictatorship' should read directorship'. Page 253, footnote 22 'ibid 7 July 1824' should read '7 June 1824'. Page 255, footnote 76 'DMA, 11 April 1824' should read 'DMA, 11 April 1825'.

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Page 59. line 10: 'event' should read 'extent'.