

NOTES AND QUERIES

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Album of silhouettes by Maria (Jowitt) Arthington (1795-1863)

wife of Robert Arthington, brewer, of Hunslet

50 silhouettes (head and shoulders) measuring up to 3.2 ins. x 2 ins. cut by Maria Jowitt, later Maria Arthington. The subjects are named by the artist, and are dated between 1810 and 1820. They are in a leather-bound gilt-edged album with brass clasp and furnishings, measuring 6 ins. x 4.5 ins. x 1.5 ins. The profiles are numbered 1-50; the majority face to the Left; the numbers facing Right are 3, 6, 11, 13, 14, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 50.

The subjects consist of 38 members of the Society of Friends (Quakers) in Leeds and the West Riding of Yorkshire, a handful of Quaker ministers visiting Leeds from other parts, including Joseph Lancaster the educationist and Stephen Grellet and Willett Hicks from America. 'Mr Josh Page, Sheepscarr 1810' may be a Sheepscar resident, or perhaps manager of the Jowitt works there. Among the Leeds Quakers there are representatives of the prominent families of Arthington, Birchall, Nevins and Whitelock, and William West the chemist who was, later on, the first lecturer in chemistry in the infant Leeds Medical School, and Fellow of the Royal Society.

Alphabetical List of Subjects

(dates of execution, when given, appear within quotation marks)

- 7 Arthington, James (1752-1833) Leeds, linendraper '13 xi 1819' born 9 ii 1752, son of Robert & Phebe; married (i) Susanna Wright, dau. of Joseph & Mary Wright, of Lofthouse, Harewood parish, 3 iv 1778 at Clifford (Susanna died 18 iii 1783, aged 28); married (ii) Sarah Whitelock, 9 xi 1797 at Leeds. James died 24 iv 1833, yeoman, of Hunslet Lane.
- 6 Arthington, Sarah (Whitelock) (1753-1830) '1819' born 22 x 1753, dau. of William & Martha Whitelock of Sheepscar; married James Arthington, 9 xi 1797 at Leeds; died 9 vi 1830, Carr House, nr. Leeds.
- 35 Birchall, Alfred (1791-1853) born 10 xii 1791, son of Samuel & Anna; married Mary Compton junior, 15 vii 1817 at Devonshire House, London; removed to Manchester in 1840; died 13 x 1853.
- 32 Birchall, Edwin (1789-1877) born 31 viii 1789, son of Samuel & Anna; married Eliza(beth), dau. of William Harding, 30 viii 1816 at Dublin. Edwin was disowned in 1851 (business difficulties), and reinstated in 1860. he died 18 vii 1877.
- 33 Birchall, Elizabeth (Harding) (d.1867) 'given to me by herself' Daughter of William Harding; married Edwin Birchall [no.32], 30 viii 1816 at Dublin; died 12 xi 1867, at Bradford, aged 73 years.
- 30 Birchall, Maria (Atkinson) (d.1820) '1820' Daughter of Joseph & Elizabeth Atkinson; married Samuel Jowitt Birchall [no.31] 29 v 1817 at Manchester; died 27 iv 1820, Leeds, aged 27 years.
- 34 Birchall, Mary (Compton) (d.1829) '1820' Mary Compton junior married Alfred Birchall [no.35], 15 vii 1817 at Devonshire House, London; died 30 ix 1829, Leeds, aged 34 years.

- 31 Birchall, Samuel Jowitt (1788-1854) woolstapler 'Sheepscarr ix 1814' born 28 ii 1788, son of Samuel & Anna; married (i) Maria Atkinson [no.30]; married (ii) Sophia Jane Dearman, 15 ii 1827 at Peckham (she died in 1837). At the 1851 Census he resided at Springfield House, Leeds; he was father of Edward, the architect of the Carlton Hill Meeting House of the 1860s; d. 8 i 1854.
- 15 Bottomley, John (1759-1820) Penistone, clothier 'xii 1817' born 21 vii 1759, son of John & Martha, of Woodend, Kirkburton parish; married Phebe Heigh, of Bankside, 27 v 1805 at Highflatts. John died at Richard Dickinson's house at Highflatts, 17 i 1820, having felt unwell after meeting.
- 50 Brady, Hannah (Wilson) wife of Jarvis Brady, Leeds, draper (1787-1856) born 1 vii 1787, dau. of James (worsted manufacturer) & Elizabeth Wilson of Rawdon; married Jarvis Brady (1791-1858), 24 x 1816 at Hull. Hannah Brady died 20 ix 1856 at Hedingley.
- 19 Broadhead, John (1761-1830) Leeds, Grocer '11 xi 1819' born 8 iii 1761, son of John (clothier) & Sarah (Greaves); married Hannah Knowles, 12 xi 1784 at Wooldale (she died 11 viii 1837, 74 years). John died 2 ii 1830; an Overseer.
- 14 Casson, Isabel 'iv 1820 of Hull, a minister' Perhaps Isabel (Richardson) Casson, born 4 iii 1777 at Whitby, dau. of Henry & Hannah (Priestman) Richardson; recorded Minister, York, 1812; married Henry Casson (d.1826), 14 i 1824 at Pickering; died 26 xi 1857, at Hull.
- 5 Crewdson, Esther later, wife of William Boulton (1784-1863) born 26 iv 1784, dau. of Thomas & Cicely (Dillworth) Crewdson of Kendal; sister of Isaac [no.4]; moved to Leeds 15 ix 1815, and to Hardshaw East in 1824; married William Boulton, 25 iv 1833 at Manchester; died 14 viii 1863.
- 4 Crewdson, Isaac (1780-1855) Manchester '1815 Author of... *The Beacon*' Married Elizabeth Jowitt (1779-1855). See *Dictionary of National Biography*.
- 28 Cudworth, John (1786-1861) Leeds, tea-dealer born 5 iii 1786, son of Abraham (stuff manufacturer) & Mary, of Painthorp, Sandal; married Rachel Nevins, 22 viii 1816 at Leeds; died 25 iii 1861.
- 29 Cudworth, Rachel (Nevins) (1784-1854) born 13 iii 1784, dau. of Pim [no.38] & Elizabeth (Jowitt) Nevins (d.1802); married John Cudworth [no.28] 22 viii 1816 at Leeds; died 17 v 1854.
- 16 Dudley, Mary (Stokes) (1750-1823) Quaker minister Daughter of Joseph & Mary Stokes of Bristol; died 24 ix 1823, at Camberwell.
- 46 Eveleigh, Samuel (d.1857) Manchester, hat manufacturer '1815' Samuel Eveleigh of Southwark, married 16 ix 1813, Maria (dau. of Samuel & Anna) Birchall (born 29 iv 1786, died 21 xii 1867 at Prestwich). Samuel died 19 ii 1857, Oak Hill, Prestwich, Manchester.
- 37 Firth, Joseph (1756-1822) Toothill, Brighthouse born 13 i 1756; married Sarah Briscoe, 1 xi 1781 at Leeds; he died 13 i 1822, yeoman, at Toothill. Brother of Robert [no.41].
- 41 Firth, Robert (1760-1828) Huddersfield 'M J vii 1812' Son of Thomas & Mary Firth of Huddersfield; married Mary Dyson, 5 vii 1788 at Halifax (she died 1806, 54 years) [marriage certificate in the Carlton Hill Archives J 45C/8]; Robert died 1 i 1828 at Huddersfield.
- 36 Firth, Sarah (Briscoe) (1753-1818) 'Toothill, 1812' born 24 xii 1753, dau. of Samuel & Elizabeth Briscoe of Leeds; married Joseph Firth, 1 xi 1781 at Leeds; died i 1818 at Toothill.
- 26 Fox, Samuel (1781-1868) Nottingham 'Saml. Fox of Nottingham, 22 xii 1814' born 24 xi 1781, son of William & Mary, of Nottingham; grocer; died 6 viii 1868 at Nottingham.

- 2 Grellet, Stephen (1773-1855) Quaker minister '1812' Born in France; emigrated to U.S.A. Travelling in Yorkshire in 1812.
- 9 Grimshaw, Hannah (Burleigh) (1769-1849) 'the confectioner' born 21 ii 1769, dau. of John (grocer) & Hannah Burleigh of Leeds; married at Bradford 12 ix 1791 (being then resident in Clayton, Bradford) to Jonathan Grimshaw (1769-98) of Leeds. In 1813 she was a confectioner in the Lowerheadrow. In 1837 she removed to Pontefract, where she died 16 viii 1849.
- 49 Harris, Charles (1782-1847) Bradford, banker 'xii 1819' born 7 iii 1782 in London, son of Richard & Jane (Peckover) Harris; banker at the 'Bradford Old Bank'; died 17 i 1847.
- 48 Harris, Sarah (1785-1873) Bradford, Quaker minister '1819' born 9 vii 1785; sister of Charles [no.49]; died 7 iii 1873. See photograph in H.R. Hodgson's *Society of Friends in Bradford* (1926), at p.52.
- 17 Hicks, Willett (c.1766-1845) 'of America' Son of Silas & Rachel (Seaman); of New York; born in Long Island; disowned (1829-30) by Orthodox Friends with his wife (Mary Matlack who died 18 ix 1831, aged 56); a Hicksite; died 10 iv 1845, New York.
- 40 Horsfall, Betsy later, wife of Thomas Firth (1790-1864) born 26 v 1790, dau. of John & Mary Horsfall of Huddersfield; moved to Leeds; married Thomas Firth (drysalter, Huddersfield, 1789 - 3 iii 1869) 14 x 1819 at Leeds [marriage certificate in the Carlton Hill Archives J 45C/9]; she died 13 x 1864, and was buried at Paddock, Huddersfield.
- 47 Hustler, Sarah (1765-1817) Bradford Quaker minister '1817' born 26 ii 1765, dau. of John & Christiana Hustler; died 26 x 1817 at Maryport.
- 10 Jones, Ann (Burgess) (1774-1846) Stockport Quaker minister dau. of Joseph & Sarah Jones, Grooby Lodge, Leicester; married George Jones (1765-1841), draper, Stockport, 16 vi 1815 at Leicester; died 1846.
- 42 Jowitt, Benjamin (1788-1867) '1811' born 21 vii 1788, son of Benjamin & Ann (Arthington), of Little Woodhouse; cousin of Maria; he moved to near Pontefract; died at Carlton, near Pontefract, in 1867.
- 22 Jowitt, Rachel (Crewdson) (1782-1856) born 23/24 iii 1782, dau. of Thomas & Cicely Crewdson of Kendal; married Robert Jowitt [no.23], 8 ii 1810 at Kendal; she died 27 xi 1856, in Leeds.
- 23 Jowitt, Robert (1784-1862) of Carlton House, Woodhouse Lane 'M A xi 1819' born 24 vi 1784, son of John (woolstapler) & Susanna, of Leeds; married Rachel Crewdson, 8 ii 1810; died 19 xii 1862, of Carlton House, gentleman.
- 27 Kirkham, John (1766-1827) Earls Colne Quaker minister 'M J, Leeds 30 viii 1814' born 28 viii 1766, son of John & Susanna, Earls Colne; died 2 xi 1827, Earls Colne.
- 13 Lancaster, Joseph (1778-1838) '10 x 1810 The first likeness I ever attempted to cut' educationist. See *Dictionary of National Biography*.
- 8 Marriott, Mary (Wright) (1760-1832) born 25 ix 1760, dau. of Joseph & Mary Wright, of Lofthouse, Harewood parish; married William Marriott, 8 ix 1792 at Bradford. She died 23 i 1832, of Clare Green (Marsden Monthly Meeting), relict of William (cotton spinner); she was buried 29 i 1832, in Leeds.
- 39 Nevins, Maria (born 1793) born 23 viii 1793, dau. of Pim (d.1834) & Elizabeth (Jowitt, died 1802) Nevins, of Larchfield, Leeds; she resigned from the Society, 25 ii 1831.

- 38 Nevins, Pim (d.1834) woolstapler, of Larchfield, Leeds '1812' son of Thomas & Rachel, of co.Kildare, Ireland (both deceased), married Elizabeth Jowitt, 6 i 1780, at Gildersome; he died, merchant, of Larchfield nr. Leeds, 12 xi 1834, aged 78 years.
- 44 Page, Mr Joseph 'Sheepscarr 1810'
- 11 Payne, Richard Ecroyd (1791-1870) Leeds, Solicitor '1820' born 18 xii 1791, son of William & Barbara (Arthington), of Frickley; came to Leeds, 28 xi 1816; practised as a solicitor - the firm Payne, Eddison & Ford (now Ford & Warren); died 2 xii 1870, at Leeds.
- 43 Pease, Sarah (Jowitt) afterwards Aldam (1787-1824) born 15 x 1787, dau. of Joseph & Grace (Firth) Jowitt; married William Pease, stuff merchant, 21 ix 1808, at Leeds. William Pease, succeeding to a country estate, adopted the name Aldam; he died in 1855. Sarah died 20 xi 1824, aged 36, and was buried at Warmsworth.
- 18 Rowntree, Rachel later, wife of Samuel Priestman (1800-1837) born 4 ii 1800, dau. of William (farmer) & Rachel Rowntree of Thornton Riseborough, Yorkshire; married Samuel Priestman (son of Joshua, miller, & Hannah Priestman of Thornton), corn miller, Kirkstall (1800-1872), 2 vii 1823 at Pickering. Rachel died 17 iv 1837 at Kirkstall, and within a few years Samuel returned to the east of Yorkshire.
- 1 Shillitoe, Thomas (1754-1836) Quaker minister '1816' See *Dictionary of National Biography*.
- 12 Stephenson, Isaac (1765-1830) Stockton, miller Quaker minister Son of Isaac & Elizabeth Stephenson of Bridlington; married Hannah Masterman (1766-1852) dau. of James & Hannah, of Kirbymoorside, 7 vi 1798, at Kirbymoorside; removed to Manchester in 1826; died 20 v 1830, aged 64, at Dungannon when on a ministerial visit to Ireland.
- 3 Tatham, Joseph (1767-1843) Leeds, schoolmaster '1818' Son of John Tatham, of Wray, Lancs. Proprietor of the school at the meeting house in Water Lane from 1802-1838. See J.E. Mortimer: *Joseph Tatham's School, Leeds* (Thoresby Society, 1991).
- 24 Walker, John (1791-1862) born 21 x 1791, son of Joseph (merchant, tobacconist) & Sarah (Armistead) Walker, of Leeds; married Hannah Whitelock, dau. of Isaac (1743-89) & Hannah (Arthington; 1755-1840) Whitelock, 13 viii 1818 at Halifax; removed to Pontefract, 15 x 1824; died 17 xii 1862 at Exeter.
- 20 West, Jane (Bracher) (1792-1860) '1820' Jane Bracher, dau. of Thomas & Ann, of Wincanton, married William West [no.21] (1792-1851), 20 x 1817, at Sherborne, Dorset. After William's death, she removed (1855) to London (Devonshire House Monthly Meeting); she died in 1860, 67 years of age.
- 21 West, William (1792-1851) chemist, F.R.S. born in Wandsworth; moved to Leeds from Gracechurch Street, London, 1816; married Jane Bracher, 20 x 1817, at Sherborne; chemist and druggist; member of national and local scientific societies and the British Association for the Advancement of Science, town councillor for Hunslet Ward 1844-50; died at his home, in Hunslet, 10 ix 1851. See Poggenorf; and R.V. Taylor: *Leeds worthies* (1865), pp.451-3.
- 45 Whitelock, Hannah (Arthington) (1755-1840) '1819' born 26 iv 1755, dau. of Robert & Phebe Arthington; married Isaac Whitelock (1742-1789) 1 ix 1785, at Leeds; living in 1813 in Park Place, Leeds [information from M.W. Beresford]; removed to Pontefract, i 1825; died 31 viii 1840, at York.

- 25 Whitelock, Hannah 'Mrs John Walker' (1788-1864) '1819' born 17 iv 1788, dau. of Isaac (1742-1789) & Hannah (Arthington; 1755-1840 [no.45]) Whitelock of Sheepscar; married John Walker of Leeds [no.24], 13 viii 1818 at Halifax; removed to Pontefract, 15 x 1824; Hannah Walker, widow of John Walker late of Exeter, and formerly of Leeds, died 8 x 1864 at Thornbury, Gloucestershire.

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EVESHAM FRIENDS AT THE POLLS

Dr. John D. Grainger's 'Religion as a voting determinant: the case of Evesham 1832-1868' (*Transactions of the Worcestershire Archaeological Society*, 3rd series, vol.14, 1994, pp.203-211) is firmly based on poll-books and records of voting in a small town in the middle of England between the first and second Reform Acts.

Nearly half of the 931 men on the registers of electors during the period voted only once or twice or not at all (236 once, over 60 never). The 488 who voted more than twice at elections over the 36-year period are the men particularly studied, and their religious affiliations are brought to the fore - not the other possible influences on voting behaviour, such as occupation or wealth.

From the Worcestershire Monthly Meeting list of members (Hereford & Worcester Record Office BA 1304/4), 11 Friends have been identified, of whom 9 voted three times or more during the period.

The conclusions of Dr. Grainger are given below:

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'Having identified such individual voters by their religion as is possible, it is now possible to consider their voting records. The most decisive opinion was clearly held by the Quaker group. Of the nine men who voted more than three times, every man voted Whig or Liberal, every time. Not one Quaker vote ever went to a Tory or a Conservative. (Nor, as it happens, did the two who voted less than thrice change this pattern). It is true that they were a tight-knit group in other ways, in that four of the men were ironmongers, one was a blacksmith, and a sixth an iron or coal merchant, while three of the ironmongers were members of the Burlingham family, and this network of interests might be thought to be as significant as their religion. The other Quakers, however, added variety, one was a surgeon, others an upholsterer, a parchment maker, and a chemist. This is, thus, a fairly heterogeneous group after all, and it would seem clear enough that in this case it was religion which was a major determinant in their voting behaviour.'

It is useful to have a solid study covering a significant period in an identifiable location against which to measure the largely anecdotal evidence of Quaker political allegiance in this country, as revealed at the hustings and the polls over the last three centuries.

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THE POTATO FAMINE AND IRISH FRIENDS

'As so often in later disasters all over the world, it would be left to the Quakers to be the pioneers of effective practical relief, unencumbered by theory or politics.' (Austin Bourke: *'The visitation of God?' the potato and the great Irish famine*. Lilliput Press, 1993, p.177).

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THE FAMILY OF LOVE

Christopher W. Marsh's *The Family of Love in English Society, 1550-1630* (Cambridge, 1994) deals chiefly with the period to 1610 but it has some references to Friends. In the 1680s Familists described themselves as a 'sort of refined Quakers'. Marsh feels that Friends 'seem to have absorbed much of the illuminating theology of the Familists' though there is no clear line of descent. He thinks that many early Friends may have read the work of the Dutch mystic Hendrick Niclaes, reprinted in the 1650s.

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Proposals for papers on any aspect of Quaker History are invited for the eleventh biennial meeting of the Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists. The meeting will be at Oakwood School in Poughkeepsie, New York, June 21-23, 1996. Send a one-page abstract to Charles L. Cherry, Department of English, Villanova University, Villanova, PA 19085. Deadline is December 31, 1995.

The Quaker Collection of Haverford College announces the availability of three \$1500 Gest Fellowships for one month of research using Quaker Collection materials to study a topic that explores the connections and relationships between various ways of expressing religious belief in the world. The fellowships, which are available for pre- or post-graduate study, may be used for any one month period between June 1, 1996 and January 31 1997. Application deadline February 1, 1996. Contact: Ann W. Upton, Quaker Collection, Haverford College, Haverford, PA 19041.