

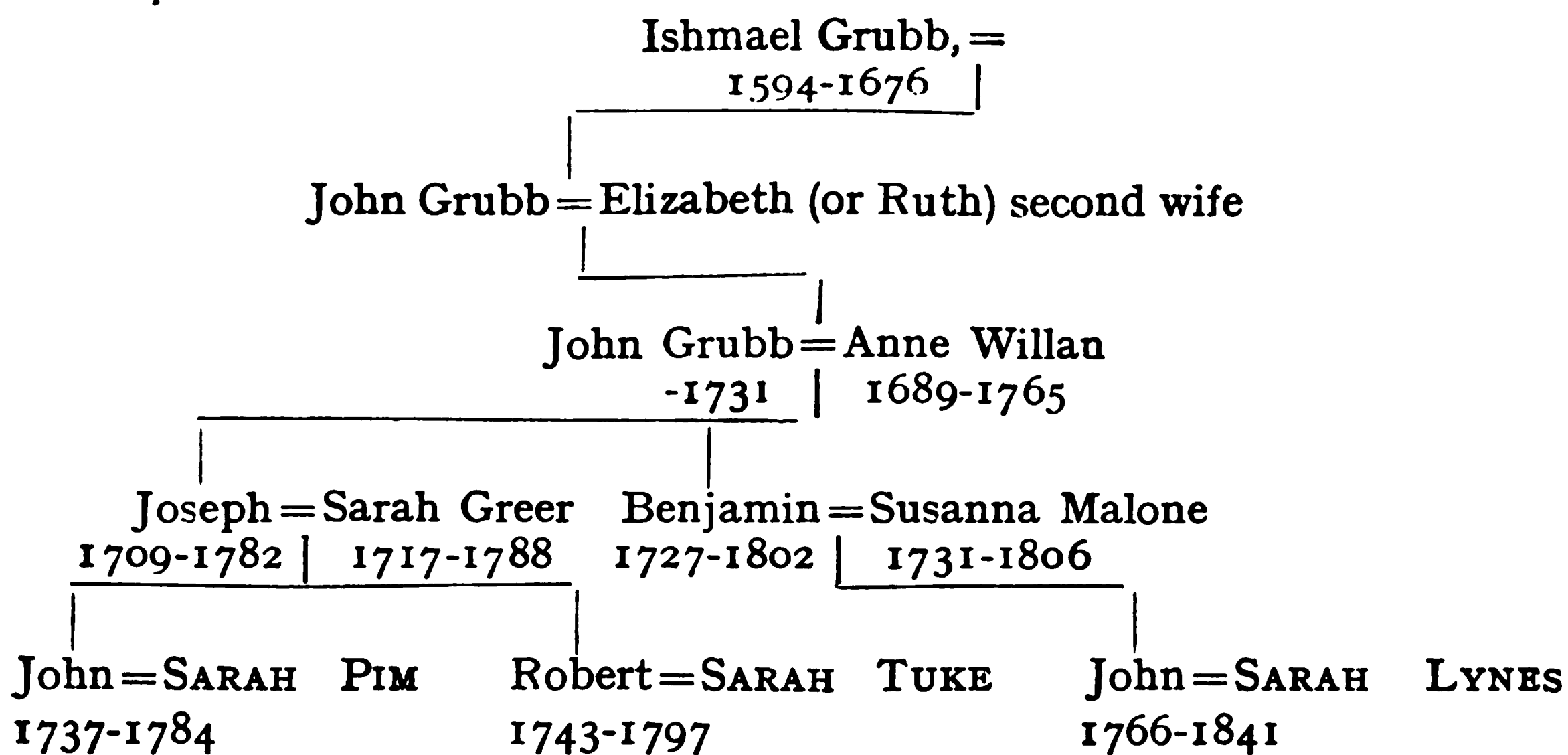
The Three Sarah Grubbs of Clonmel

J. ERNEST GRUBB sends us information which will be of assistance in distinguishing between these three Friends, all well known in Quaker history. They were all named Sarah Grubb; they all lived at Clonmel, Ireland; they were all married; they were all Ministers; and for eight years as married women they were contemporary. (Two of them were contemporary for twenty-nine years.)

1. Sarah Grubb, *née* PIM (1746-1832), was wife of John Grubb of Anner Mills, near Clonmel, mill-owner.
2. Sarah Grubb, *née* TUKE (1756-1790), was wife of Robert Grubb of Suir Island, Clonmel. Died at Cork.
3. Sarah Grubb, *née* LYNES (1773-1842), was wife of John Grubb, of Clonmel, Bury St. Edmunds, Chelmsford, Stoke Newington, Lexden, Sudbury (where she died and her remains were buried).

1. was known as Sarah Grubb of Anner Mills or Sarah Grubb (John).
2. was known as Sarah Grubb (Robert) or Sarah R. Grubb.
3. was known as Sarah Grubb (John) and familiarly before marriage as Sally Lynes, later as Sally John. To her husband she was always Sally.

- 1 had five children, all daughters.
- 2 had no children.
- 3 had four children, two sons and two daughters.



Joseph Grubb and Sarah Greer had twelve children. He was a prosperous miller, living at Anner Mills. They appear to have been helpful members of their Meeting. Sarah Greer was only child, by his first wife, of James Greer (1690-) and his wife Ann Henderson. They lived near Lurgan. James Greer was great grandson of Sir Henry Greer (created Lord Greer in 1572) of Leiggs, Scotland, whose son Henry, grandfather of James,

moved to Ireland and united with William Edmondson in the Meeting at Lurgan. Lord Greer was eighteenth in descent from Sir Henry Greer 1096-), the first to take the surname of Greer, who married Julianna, daughter of Sir Robert Maxwell and lived in Aberdeenshire.

John Grubb and SARAH (PIM) lived at Anner Mills, where he succeeded to his father's business. His early death put the responsibility upon his wife of a large business—Sarah Grubb and Co., millers—until John Barclay Clibborn who married her eldest daughter, Elizabeth, was able to take it up. The Clibborns had fifteen children. Sarah Pim was the eldest of fifteen children; her father and mother were John Pim (Joshua) and Sarah Clibborn. John Grubb and Sarah Pim were married in London in 1778, her parents having removed thither from Dublin in 1771.

Robert Grubb and SARAH (TUKE) travelled much together in the ministry. They founded Suir Island School for girls. The trust is now administered by J. E. Grubb, under Court of Chancery.

Benjamin Grubb, brother of Joseph and uncle of John and Robert, was a tall, well-made man, pious and helpful in his Meeting and to his friends and others—a successful provision merchant and grocer. His wife, Susanna Malone, came of a good stock of country Friends in the Co. Carlow. Her grandfather, Thomas Hutton, was a leading Friend at Killeagh near Old Castle. He had a daughter, Susanna, who married James Malone and Susanna, who married Benjamin Grubb, was their daughter. They had ten other children; five children married and founded Quaker families—Malones, Taylors, Grubbs, Dudleys, Fayles, Fennells, Roberts.

John Grubb, who married SARAH (LYNES), was the eldest son of Benjamin Grubb and his wife, Susanna, *née* Malone. He was tall and spare. With his younger brother, Joseph, he continued his father's business and extended it actively, until in 1818 he moved to England. He was loath to go and his letters, 1818-1841, show how his thoughts were often home-wards at Clonmel. He was a Minister, of few words, very reverent and quiet in spirit and demeanour. Sarah, his wife was highly humorous, a side of her character not shown in her journal or letters, but inherited by her son Jonathan, father of Edward Grubb, M.A., and four other children, all living. Sarah Lynes went to Clonmel from England as caretaker of the children of Sarah Grubb of Anner Mills.

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