

## Francis Fox, of Plymouth, 1765:1812

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THE following, from a Plymouth paper, has been found among manuscripts of the late John Frank, of Bristol, presented to D. in 1919:

“ On the 18th Inst died Francis Fox Esq. of Plymouth, much and deservedly lamented for his liberal charities and other estimable qualities. He was one of the People called Quakers. His funeral took place on the 25th Inst., and was attended by about 250 Persons; he was carried underhanded by eight Quakers to the Burial-Ground in Broad St. The Procession closed with the committees of the Public Schools and Public Institutions to which he was a liberal Benefactor. Out of respect to the memory of their Townsman, all the Shops through which the Funeral passed, from the House in Frank Row to the Grave, were closely shut as a testimony how highly his virtues both public and private were appreciated.”

To which Ann Young adds “ (as informed by a Relative who attended on the solemn occasion, from Falmouth) ” that “ the Magistrates of Plymouth requested they might walk in the Procession in form with their Robes, as on Public occasions; this Friends did not think proper to consent to but they attended the Funeral.

“ His afflicted widow and aged mother were supported in much calmness; he has left one child, a daughter.”

Francis Fox, the son of Francis and Sarah (Cookworthy) Fox, was born 14 xi. 1765. In 1798 he married Sarah, only daughter of John and Sarah (Wilson) Birkbeck, of Settle. Their children were Sarah, born 1802, and Francis William, born 1803 and died 1804. Sarah married William Dilworth Crewdson, of Kendal, in 1825.

Francis Fox died 18 ix. 1812. The Testimony issued by his M.M. stated that he had been “ a Minister about 15 years,” and that “ an unusual number of persons of various denominations testified their respect for the deceased by attending the Burial.”