

## Notes and Queries

### WILLIAM EDMONDSON

The genealogists' magazine, vol. 12, no. 4 (December, 1955), contains at pp. 120-122: *The New England Visit of William Edmondson, the Quaker*, by G. Andrews Moriarty, A.M., LL.B., F.S.A., F.S.G., F.A.S.G., particularly dealing with William Edmondson's dispute with Roger Williams—of which Williams' account survives.

### SAMUEL BOWNAS, QUAKER

A copy of the Holy Bible, 1647, 12 mo, which is in the writer's collection, once belonged to Samuel Bownas the Quaker minister. It is the actual Bible that Bownas carried with him on his second visit to America in 1726, and has his bookplate, *Samuel Bownas, His Book*, 1703, pasted on the inside back cover. On the inside of the front cover is written: *Samuel Bownas's Book*, 1701, and on a fly leaf is the following note in his holograph: I left my house ye 22nd Xth 1726. Landed in Verginia ye 2nd Mo 1727. Travelled through all ye provinces following North Carolina, Verginia, Maryland, East and Western Shoars Pensilevainia, East and West Jerseys, Longe Island, Cannetecoate, Road Island, Boston and Plymouth Govermt, ye province of Maine all which I travelled beeing ridy to saile ye 15 of ye 5th mo 1728 and in that time I travelled 5022 miles as pr account of my jurnell setting Saile the 29-5th mo from Hampton and Was. On the bookplate is written in Bownas's hand: Borne

ye 20th 11th mo 1676; and in an 18thc hand: Died in 1753. J. STEVENS COX, of Beaminster, Dorset, in the columns of *The Literary Repository*, No. 1, 1956, a quarterly devoted to, and a catalogue of, rare books and MSS, etc. The volume described is not for disposal.

### BRADFORD (YORKS) BURIAL GROUND

*The Bradford antiquary*, new series, part 38, February 1956, pp. 149-159, contains an article entitled "Jeremy Bower, a seventeenth century Bradford clothier" by William E. Preston, which includes a notice of Bower's relations with Matthew Wright his brother-in-law and his partner or successor in business as Bradford clothier. Matthew Wright became a Quaker and gave Friends a piece of land in Goodman's End, Bradford, for a burial ground; his will was drawn up by Joshua Dawson, Quaker, and comes into the Chancery action which Bower subsequently brought, the documents of which provide the basis for the narrative.

### HACKINS HEY, LIVERPOOL

*The old Quaker Meeting House in Hackins Hey, Liverpool*, a paper by James Murphy, read to the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, 18th February, 1954, is printed in the society's *Transactions*, vol. 106, pp. 79-98. The author has used Friends' records at Liverpool and Manchester.

GOSFORTH, CUMBERLAND  
 W. M. Williams in his *The sociology of an English village: Gosforth* (London, Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1956. International library of sociology and social reconstruction) has a chapter dealing with Religion. Most of the parishioners belong to the Church of England, but there are a few others: Wesleyan Methodists 10, Roman Catholics 18, Quakers 5, Christian Scientists 2, Presbyterians 1. Writing of the Quakers, the author states (p. 199):

“The two Quaker families in the parish also attend the Methodist services, a practice common in South Cumberland where the members of this sect are too

scattered to make regular meetings convenient. Quite a number of people spoke of these families in a very hostile way and accused them of using their religious beliefs to avoid conscription during the last war. Among their critics were farmers and villagers who were not themselves conscripted and who did not in general appear to be zealously patriotic. It seems very probable that the hostility towards the Quaker families results not from any concern about national affairs but rather from the fact that their religious beliefs set them apart from their neighbours and emphasize their status as strangers.”

## Reports on Archives

The Lincolnshire Archivist's report for 1954-55 lists records of Lincolnshire Monthly Meeting which have been deposited in the care of the county archivist with approval of the meeting. In April, 1954, the meeting agreed to deposit records not required for current business, with the condition that records less than a century old should only be available for study with the approval of the clerk for the time being.

The Hertfordshire County Archivist's report (January, 1955) mentions a large collection of letters relating to Quaker activities in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, deposited by Mr. Derick Seebohm of Hitchin.

*A Descriptive Report on the Quarter Sessions, other official and ecclesiastical records in the custody of the County Councils of East and West Sussex* (Sussex Record Publication no. 2), 1954, includes notes on the records of Quaker declarations in place of oaths, register of dissenting places of worship and certificates of places for worship.

The *Bulletin of the National Register of Archives*, no. 7 (Winter, 1955) includes two summaries of reports on Friends' archives; Southampton Friends' Meeting House and Sudbury Friends' Meeting House.