

## Microfilms in Friends House Library

**I**N the *Journal*, vol. 43 (1951), pp. 79-80, a list was given of 59 rolls of microfilm then in the Library at Friends House. This supplementary list gives brief descriptions of most of the films of MSS. added since that time: a few items are omitted where it is hoped later to complete a series.

Microfilms of printed books and typescript theses are not included.

### BEDFORDSHIRE RECORDS

#### *Bedfordshire Q.M. (1668-1785)*

Men's minutes 1709-1785; Sufferings book 1691-1785 (incl. Ampthill M.M. Sufferings 1789-1793).

#### *Pulloxhill, afterwards Ampthill M.M. (1667-1798)*

Men's minutes 1734-1791; Women's minutes 1712-1782; Ministers and elders' minutes 1759-1797; File of birth and burial notes; Trust property book; Miscellaneous papers.

#### *Markyate afterwards Dunstable afterwards Luton M.M. (1667-1786)*

Men's minutes 1699-1786; Men's minutes (rough) 1755-1786; Women's minutes 1762-1786; Trust property book.

#### *Stotfold and Clifton afterwards Langford M.M. (1667-1748)*

Men's minutes 1718-1746.

#### *Albans M.M. (1703-1865)*

Men's minutes 1703-1865; Women's minutes 1703-1865 (1771-1786 wanting); Sufferings book 1793-1850. (N.B.—The following are not filmed: Ministers and elders minutes 1831-1865; file of summary returns of distrains 1851-1860; Trust property book 1853.)

#### *Hogsty End M.M. (1668-1784); Hogsty End and Sherrington M.M. (1784-1822); Leighton M.M. (1822-1857); Upperside and Leighton M.M. (1857-1865)*

Men's minutes 1742-1865 (1804-1811 wanting); Women's minutes 1852-1865 (including Luton and Leighton M.M. Women's minutes 1865-1879); Miscellaneous book 1673, 1761-1789. (N.B. The following are not filmed: Women's minutes 1761-1852; Ministers and elders minutes 1808-1835; Sufferings books 1795-1865; Removal certificates book 1803-1814; Marriage register 1840-1857; Lists of members 1837-1854, 1857-1865.)

With the exceptions noted, this film (4 rolls) comprises all the extant records of the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings concerned. The originals are partly at Friends House, partly at Barclays Bank Watford. A copy of the film is at the County Record Office, Bedford.

### ULSTER RECORDS

#### *Ulster Province Meeting*

Men's minutes 1694-1770; copies of marriage certificates 1731-1786.

#### *Lurgan Men's Meeting*

Minutes 1675-1779; Record book (Marriage certificates etc.) 1670-1715; Marriage certificates 1715-1811.

*Lisburn Men's Meeting*

Minutes 1675-1782.

*Ballyhagen Men's Meeting*

Minutes 1705-1734; Marriage certificates 1692-1789.

*Grange Men's Meeting*

Minutes 1726-1779.

This film (4 rolls) contains also the "Book of wills and inventories 1720-1731." The original documents are at Friends Meeting House Lisburn. A copy of the film is at Swarthmore College, Pa.

## GURNEY AND FRY DOCUMENTS

*Elizabeth Fry Journals*: forty-eight volumes of the Journals of Elizabeth Fry (1780-1845) covering the years 1797-1833, 1837-1845, were given to Friends House Library by her great-granddaughter, Miss Mary P. Fry, in 1950. The series covers also the Journal of Joseph Fry (1777-1861) for the years 1833-1855. The Elizabeth Fry Journals are not complete and it was not known in 1950 in whose hands any remaining extant volumes were.

*J. J. Gurney Private Journal*: The Private Journal of Joseph John Gurney (1788-1847) covers the years 1808-1847 and occupies 15 volumes; it is in the possession of Mr. Quintin E. Gurney of Bawdeswell Hall, Norfolk. A carefully checked transcript of it was made apparently in 1851 for Samuel Gurney of Ham House (1786-1856) and was used by J. Bevan Braithwaite (1818-1905) in writing his *Memoirs of Joseph John Gurney* (1854). This transcript in 5 volumes (including the Literary Journal) was given to Friends House Library in 1958 as part of the Catherine L. Braithwaite collection. Volume 13 of the Private Journal covering the American visit of 1837-1840 is the only one at present available on film: the copy used is the original, not the transcript.

*Gurney MSS.*: In 1931 Mr. Quintin E. Gurney deposited with Friends House Library some 425 letters to and from members of the Gurney family and its connections, including 56 letters of Elizabeth Fry, 84 letters of Amelia Opie, 22 of Joseph Gurney Bevan, 9 of William Wilberforce, 2 of Joseph Sturge and 31 of the Buxton family containing many references to the Anti-slavery campaign. In 1932 a further 512 items were deposited. A third group comprising over 900 letters of J. J. Gurney was subsequently deposited. In 1933 Mr. Christopher R. Gurney of Northrepps Hall deposited with the Library a collection of 50 letters, including one letter by J. G. Whittier, some early letters by John H. Gurney and two letters of Peregrine Tyzack. A synopsis of the whole collection of some 1,900 letters, prepared by Arthur J. Eddington, is available in typescript in Friends House Library. An index of all personal names in the synopsis, also prepared by Arthur Eddington but incomplete at his death, will shortly be available. A short description of the collection, with a few selected letters, was printed in *Journal F.H.S.* vol. 29 (1932), pp. 31-40. The 130 letters of J. J. Gurney describing his American visit of 1837-1840 are available on microfilm.

## EARNSHAW (OR ECROYD) MS.

A 17th-century leather-bound volume measuring 6½ in. × 3¾ in. comprising about 200 pages and containing various journal passages of George Fox, mostly closely in line with the text printed in *Camb. Jnl.* It also includes an epistle attributed to John Stubbs and dated Barbados, 5th 9th mo., 1671: this is printed in *Journal of the Friends' Historical Society*, vol. 14 (1917) pp. 81-4, where the whole MS. is described. The original MS. is in the possession of L. Brindley Marten of Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.

## WILLIAM DILLWYN JOURNAL

The Journal of William Dillwyn (1743-1824) of Philadelphia begins with his voyage to Bristol in 1774 and continues until 1790, a period during which he was an active London Friend and particularly concerned in the abolition of the slave trade. The film comprises also "Genealogical memoranda of the ancestors of William and Sarah Dillwyn and their families. Compiled in 1809." The original MSS. are in the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth.

## LINDSEY MSS.

Robert Lindsey (1801-1863) was a noted 19th-century minister who visited America in 1846-1851 accompanied by Benjamin Seebohm (1798-1871). In 1852 he set sail for Australasia, Frederick McKie (1812-1893) being his companion: he returned to England early in 1856. The Journal of Robert Lindsey for 1846-1856 is contained in volumes 5-10 of his *Memorandum Journal*. Volume 10 is a condensed account of the journey to the southern hemisphere, the fuller journal being contained in the *Australasian Letters*. Robert Lindsey again visited America and Australasia in 1857-1861 accompanied by his wife, Sarah (Crosland) Lindsey (1804-1876). Her journal letters home appear to have been copied by her daughter Mary, and perhaps other members of the family, into four notebooks referred to as *American Memorandums*: vol. 2 (covering 5.iv.1858 to 27.ix.1859) is wanting. It appears that Sarah Lindsey subsequently began a revision of the American Memorandums as a *Select Journal*: this was taken up to 28.ix.1859, but was never completed. It does, however, cover the ground of the missing volume of American Memorandums. The whereabouts of Robert Lindsey's *Memorandum Journal*, vol. 11-14, covering the period June, 1856, to November, 1859, is at present unknown, but volumes 15 and 16 contain entries from 5.xii.1859 until his death. The *Australasian Letters* are not yet available on microfilm.