

Reports on Archives

The National Register of Archives (Historical Manuscripts Commission) *List of accessions to repositories in 1960* (Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1962), reports the following additions to the manuscript collections in various institutions which may interest workers on Quaker history.

Bristol Archives Office, Council House, Bristol, 1.

Deeds and papers relating to the Fry family, 19th cent.
Society of Friends: deeds, 1606-1910; minutes: Bristol two weeks meeting, 1667-1784; monthly meeting, 1784-1869; Bristol and Frenchay monthly meeting, 1869-1933; Frenchay monthly meeting, 1692-1901; Bristol and Somerset quarterly meeting, 1783-1786; accounts and financial records, 1670-1923; epistles, correspondence, reports, 1669-1943; records of discipline, 1669-1817; registration records: (no registers except one marriage register, 1841-1868) alphabetical digest of registers, 1644-1837; birth, marriage and burial notes, 1834-1949; records of workhouse, mission, schools, 1696-20th cent.

Devon Record Office, the Castle, Exeter.

Society of Friends: Exeter Preparative Meeting: cash book, 1768-1824; papers concerning building of new meeting house, 1830-1846; leases and other papers, 1700-1854. East and West Division Monthly Meetings: accounts of sufferings, 1793-1859; return of distrains, 1852-59. Spiceland, Culmstock: marriage register, 1765-1794; burial notes and register, 1836-1884; plan of burial ground, 19th cent. Colaton Raleigh: papers concerning burial ground, 1758. Macey and Starr Trust Fund: papers, 1823-1858.

Herefordshire County Record Office, Shirehall, Hereford.

Southall and Prichard family: Quaker marriage certificates.
Society of Friends. Almeley meeting: account book, 1679-1722; minutes, 1899-1913.

Hertfordshire Record Office, County Hall, Hertford.

Society of Friends: Hertford: monthly minutes, 1774-5, 1783-9; selection from meeting house library, 18th cent.; Hertfordshire Quarterly minutes, 1703-1879; alphabetical digest of Quaker Registers, c. 1660-1840.

Lancashire Record Office, The Sessions House, Lancaster Road, Preston.

Map of Quaker meetings in northern England, 1773.

Leeds City Library Archives Department, Central Library, Leeds, 1.

Abstracts of title, notes on Quaker properties, and plans of Meeting Houses in W. Riding, early 19th cent.

Norwich Public Libraries, Central Library, Norwich.
Society of Friends: King's Lynn Quakers' Quarterly Meetings:
minute books, etc., 17th-20th cent.

Sussex Archaeological Society, Barbican House, Lewes.
Quaker marriage certificates, 1732-1913.

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Bodleian Library, Oxford. (Department of Western Manuscripts.)
Single letters or small groups: John Bright.

Buckinghamshire Record Office, County Hall, Aylesbury, Bucks.
Society of Friends: High Wycombe Preparative Meeting,
1914-54.

Devon Record Office, the Castle, Exeter, Devon.
Society of Friends: minutes, collection books, accounts,
baptismal, marriage, burial certs., pamphlets, Topsham
Monthly Meeting, 1678-1704; Exeter Monthly Meeting,
1682-1804; Collompton and Spiceland Monthly Meeting,
1717-85; East Devon Monthly Meeting, 1745-1898.

Edinburgh University Library, Edinburgh.
Prof. Andrew Dalzel: certificate in favour of Samuel Fothergill,
1802.
MSS. selected and copied by James Cruickshank, relating
to Society of Friends in Great Britain and America, 4 vols.,
18c.

Essex Record Office, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex.
Society of Friends: Coggeshall Monthly Meeting, Sunday
School attendance register, 1848-52.

Gloucestershire Records Office, Shire Hall, Gloucester.
Life of John Roberts, Quaker, c. 1725.

Imperial College Archives, Imperial College of Science and
Technology, 13 Princes Gardens, London, S.W.7.
Silvanus P. Thompson: letters to and from Lord Kelvin,
Graham Bell and others, 1879-1916 (c. 55 letters).

Manchester Public Libraries, Local History Library, Central
Library, Manchester, 2.
Letters: 72 from John Bright to Thomas Bayley Potter,
1860-1888.

Norwich Public Libraries, Central Library, Norwich.
Society of Friends: Society of Friends of Norfolk, Cambridge,
Huntingdonshire: Quarterly Meeting records. Letters: J. H.
Gurney, sen. and jun., to Newton family, 1853-1907; single
letters from Elizabeth Fry to Marquis of Lansdowne; J. J.
Gurney to E. Freeling.

Oxfordshire County Record Office, County Hall, Oxford:
Schools: Sibford School, minute books, admission register,
1839-1921.

Sheffield City Libraries, Central Library, Sheffield, 1.
Society of Friends: Woodhouse (Sheffield) Meeting: catalogue,
issue register of books belonging to Woodhouse Meeting,
1793-1899; printed rules of the Reading Room, 1877; catalogue
of books, 1890; register of burials in Handsworth Friends'
Burial Ground, 1883-1909; plans of Friends' Burial Ground,
Woodhouse, 1887.

Guide to the Lancashire Record Office; by R. Sharpe
France. (Second edition.) Preston, Lancashire County Council,
1962.

Entries recorded include the following which concern Friends:

Ecclesiastical Records

Society of Friends' records (pp. 70-71).
Marsden Monthly Meeting (FRM) covering the period 1678
(sufferings records from 1653)-c. 1920; and records of the
following meetings (some up to as late as 1938)—Bolton,
Crawshawbooth, Marsden, Oldham, Rochdale, Sawley,
Todmorden and Trawden.
Preston Monthly Meeting (FRP) covering the period 1651-
1901; including records of the following meetings—Fylde,
Freckleton, Preston and Wyresdale.

Registers

There are transcripts of the Quaker registers of Height 1865-
1894, Colthouse 1865-1894, and Ulverston 1865-1893 (im-
perfect; p. 63).

In the deposited collection DDX/239 there is a Quaker
marriage certificate of George Heseltine and Isabel Gallely
1765.

Facing page 266 is a facsimile of the accusations made against
George Fox by ministers in north Lancashire (QSB/1. 1652),
see *Journal F.H.S.*, xxxix, 1947, p. 15-17.

Third report of the work of the Cornwall County Record
Office, 1958-1961 (Cornwall County Record Office, Gwendroc,
Barrack Lane, Truro).

Included in the list of accessions:

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Mrs. N. Thorp: book of Sufferings of Friends of East
Cornwall Monthly Meeting, 1795-1856.

The Third annual report of the Keeper of Public Records on the work of the Public Record Office, 1961. (*H.M. Stationery Office*, London, 2s. 6d.)

Records transmitted to the Public Record Office from the General Register Office during the year include, among the authenticated Non-Parochial Registers and Records the following:

Society of Friends (R.G.6), 1613-1841 (1,673 volumes, *etc.*).

A Guide to Manuscripts relating to America in Great Britain and Ireland. Edited by B. R. Crick and Miriam Alman, under the general supervision of H. L. Beales. (Oxford University Press, 1961.)

This volume supplements earlier guides to materials on American (mainly U.S.A.) history by Professor Charles M. Andrews and others. Almost eight pages is devoted to the manuscript collections at Friends House, and other collections of Friends' manuscripts will be found listed under various local repositories. Index entries under Friends, Slavery, and kindred subjects, Pennsylvania, the Penn family, the Barclays and the Gurneys, John Fothergill, the Logans, John Bright lead to a good many entries, but there are many others which are rewarding: the Abbott collection (*c.* 1795-1832) at Dorset Record Office; Allen and Hanburys; the Barcroft papers (Lancashire Record Office); the Backhouse collection (1785-1838) at Durham Cathedral; the Bevan-Naish collection at Woodbrooke; Peter Collinson; G. C. Fox & Co. of Falmouth (business records); and Fox Brothers & Co. of Wellington; Robert Plumsted's Letter-book (1756-8) at the University Library, Cambridge; C. & J. Clark, Ltd. of Street; Joshua Gee; William Aubrey; Thomas Ellwood; Robert Owen; Ann Miffin of Philadelphia—her notebook of visits to the Indians (1802-3); the Prankard and Dickinson papers (Somerset Record Office); Joseph Sturge; William Smeal collection (*c.* 1733-1876, at the Mitchell Library, Glasgow). The Roscoe papers in Liverpool Public Libraries record Philadelphia contacts and penal reform interests; William Tallack; William Dillwyn; the log of the *Lloyd's* voyage from Bristol to South Carolina (owner Richard Champion) in 1768. The Wilson King collection of autographs in Birmingham Public Library includes a note signed by Abraham Lincoln: "Allow Francis T. King of Baltimore to pass with the English Friends through our lines to North Carolina. Oct. 25, 1864."