

## James Jenkins in 1824

FRIENDS who have enjoyed reading the thousand-page manuscript called *The Records and Recollections 1761-1821* of James Jenkins (c. 1753-1831) or the excerpts from it printed in *Friends' Quarterly Examiner*, Vol. 36 (1902) or in Norman Penney's *Pen Pictures of London Yearly Meeting* (1930) may have wondered what became of him. He himself relates (p. 983) that in 1819 he resigned from the Stock Exchange and moved to Folkestone.

As he was a member of Devonshire House Meeting and related to the Quaker Head family, it is not surprising to find a reference to him in the correspondence of my ancestors. Whether the tragic event described is otherwise reported, I do not know.

Elizabeth Head Cadbury wrote from Islington Row, [Birmingham], 2 mo. 2nd 1824, to Caroline Cadbury of Philadelphia, who was both her daughter-in-law (wife of Joel Cadbury of Philadelphia) and her niece (daughter of John Warder and Ann Head Warder), as follows: (*Family Letters and Portraits*, edited by Walter Barrow and W. A. Cadbury, Vol. 1, 1910). The letter is addressed "Joel Cadbury, Philadelphia, for C.C. Canada via N. York." . . . We have an affecting account of the failure of James Jenkins, Jun<sup>r</sup> who has ruined his father, his bro' Edward & himself by doing what is call'd "time business" in the stocks. It is much to be regretted that although J. Jenkins, sen<sup>r</sup> has long been out of the concern, yet no legal dissolution of partnership ever took place, so that every farthing of this wealthy man's property is gone with his sons'. They have an old servant, Susan, who [*sic*] my dear sister will remember, who has lived with them 40 years, and she and her master were living together at Folkestone, her hard earned savings are gone with the rest, & James Jun<sup>r</sup> who is a widower with 9 children from this act is disabled from ever going on the stock exchange again. This is another instance of the fatal effects of gambling, some of which you have no doubt seen something of in our papers which was full of them lately of the murder near Hertford.

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