

Reports on Archives

The Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts *List of accessions to repositories in 1971* (London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1972. 73p), reports the following additions to the manuscript collections in various institutions which may interest workers on Quaker history:

Bodleian Library, Oxford OX1 3BG.

Single letters and small groups: Laurence Housman.

Bristol Archives Office, Council House, Bristol BS1 5TR.

Friends' First-Day Schools, Adult School and Day and Evening Schools, minutes, reports a/cs., etc., 1810-1963.

Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Record Office, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 OAP.

Society of Friends: misc. papers of Huntingdonshire meetings, 1738-94.

Cumberland Record Office, The Castle, Carlisle CA3 8UR.

Braithwaite and Mounsey of Irton, Whitehaven and Beckermeth, 1666-1893.

Society of Friends: Carlisle and Holm Monthly Meeting, minute and other books, 1837-1965.

Westmorland Record Office, County Hall, Kendal.

Business: Gilkes & Gordon Ltd., turbine engineers, Kendal, wages books 1873-1949, estimates books 1931-64.

Glamorgan Record Office, County Hall, Cardiff CF1 3NE.

Society of Friends: Swansea Preparative Meeting, minutes 1852-1963.

Manchester Public Libraries, Archives Department, Central Library, Manchester M2 5PD.

John Bright: 2 letters from, 1875-7.

National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin, 2.

Literary: Douglas Hyde, diaries 1877-1914, notebooks and MSS., c. 1880-1930.

Oxfordshire Record Office, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND.

Society of Friends: Banbury Monthly Meeting (addnl.), 18-19c.

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, 66 Balmoral Avenue, Belfast BT9 6NY.

Missionary and family letters from Elsie Hodgkin in China, 1921-8.

York City Library, Museum Street, York YO1 2DS.

Education: York Educational Settlement (addnl.), records 1909-61, incl. minute, a/c. and log books, photographs and York Settlement Community Players papers.

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The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, 1969. Compiled by the Library of Congress from reports provided by American repositories with assistance from the Council on Library Resources, Inc. (Library of Congress, Washington, 1970.)

This volume includes catalogue entries for manuscript collections reported from Guilford College Library, Greensboro, N.C., and from Haverford College Library (Evans, Jones, Kite, Lewis, Morley, Roberts, Shackleton, Sheppard and Updegraff families, and Little Egg Harbor Monthly Meeting (Tuckerton, N.J.)), and from Friends' Historical Library at Swarthmore College (Anna Gillingham, 1878-1964; Oliver Edward Janney, 1856-1930; Edward F. Stratton, 1876-1968; and the Howland and Walton families.)

One merit in this type of listing of resources is that collections outside the main libraries used by historians of the Society are brought to notice, such as the Levi Talbott Pennington papers in the University of Oregon Library (Eugene).

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Sources of business history in the National Register of Archives, No. 4 (Items indexed 1 Dec. 1970-30 Nov. 1971), issued by the National Register of Archives, Quality House, Quality Court, Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1HP, includes the following items:

- 907 Backhouse & Co., bankers;
- 912 Barclay, Perkins & Co., brewers;
- 983 J. T. Clay & Sons Ltd., Rastrick;
- 1037 Eliot family, merchants, Falmouth & London;
- 1083 Gurney family, merchants & bankers;
- 1112 Howard, Robert & Luke;
- 1281 Tuke & Co., London.

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Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts. *Report of the Secretary to the Commissioners, 1970-1971*. (London, Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1971. 45p).

In the "List of reports added to the National Register of Archives between March 1970 and January 1971" are the following:

- 14014 Birmingham Area: Society of Friends. (M/film) Worcs. R.O.
- 14065 Rastrick MSS. 1 Craven Museum, Skipton; 2 Leeds City Library.
- 14144 Aberdeen: Society of Friends. Aberdeen University Library.

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List & Index Society, special series, vol. 5: Calendar of letters from Canada, Newfoundland, Pennsylvania, Barbados and the Bahamas, 1721-1793, preserved at the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1972. London, Swift (P & D) Ltd. £3.20) includes reference to material concerning Quakers, as material for reclamation, as supporters of unsatisfactory clergy, or as opponents of the efforts of S.P.G. missionaries.

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List & Index Society. Vol. 78: Department of Education and Science, class list, part V. (1972.)

In the files of Secondary education: Estate management files include such school items as: [Somerset, p. 100] Winscombe Sidcott[sic] School (Reference: Ed. 43/858); [Yorkshire, p. 116] York Bootham School (S. 8770X) (Reference: Ed. 43/1079), York The Mount Friends' Girls School (S. 8772X) Charity of G. S. Gibson for Friends

Training School for Female Teachers, 1912 (Reference: Ed. 43/1081), Great Ayton North of England Agricultural School (or Friends' School) (S. 8831X), 1915 (Reference: Ed. 43/1089); [Yorkshire, pp. 117-8] Ackworth Educational Foundation (S. 8995X) 1905-1917 (Reference: Ed. 43/1104), and Ackworth Friends' School (S. 8951X) Jackson's Charity, 1909-1915 (Reference: Ed. 43/1105). Also noted are: Penketh Friends School (S. 4403X) (Reference: Ed. 43/489); Saffron Walden Society of Friends School (S. 3463X) (Reference: Ed. 43/246).

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A Guide to manuscripts and documents in the British Isles relating to Africa, compiled by Noel Matthews and M. Doreen Wainwright. Edited by J. D. Pearson. (Oxford University Press. 1971.)

The volume includes two pages describing the resources of the library at Friends House for the student of African history and affairs. Notable also is the Arthington Trust collection (recording the disposal of the money left by Robert Arthington, 1823-1900, for missionary work) reported by Leeds City archives department.

Among other items noticed are Friends' records deposited at Bristol Archives Office (18th century, slave trade), and the William Smeal collection at the Mitchell Library, Glasgow (including papers of the Glasgow Emancipation Society) for the period 1833-76.

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The *Guide to the Bristol Archives Office* by Elizabeth Ralph (Bristol Corporation. 1971. £2) does not include any detailed list of the Friends' records deposited by Bristol and Frenchay Monthly Meeting (reserved for a forthcoming *Guide* to the nonconformist records in Bristol and Gloucestershire). Many items in the lists of estate and family archives have Quaker connections, and we may note the Fry MSS: Notes by Marian Fry Pease on the Fry family (of Sutton Benger and Bristol) 1627-1921; the Gane MSS (Crofton Gane); Harford MSS; Wright MSS; and solicitors' collections from the firms of Churchus, Gregory & Pitt, Crossman & Co., Lloyd, Burch, Inskip & Co., Meade, King & Co., and Osborne, Ward, Vassall, Abbott & Co.

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Ely Records: a handlist of the records of the Bishop and Archdeacon of Ely, by Dorothy M. Owen. Published by the Marc Fitch Fund, 1971. This volume includes among the Records of the Court of Quarter Sessions B/5/1 the Quakers' Roll, containing a declaration of allegiance to the crown, with signatures or marks affixed, in accordance with the Act of 1 Geo. 1, c. 33 (Sept. to Dec., 1723). Other records noted are those of the registration of dissenting meeting houses (pp. 23, 39, 44-45, 73).

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In spite of there being no index entry under QUAKERS, the *Guide to the Kent County Archives Office*, first supplement, 1957-1968, prepared by Felix Hull (Maidstone, Kent County Council, 1971), does record the receipt of Kent General Meeting minutes, 1943-1963, and Rochester Monthly Meeting minutes, 1910-58, as well as minutes from Dover, Folkestone and Maidstone meetings (overall period 1805-1964).