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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Friends

We now exist - officially! The inaugural meeting of the Quaker Family History Society was held last Saturday (June 11th) at Friends House. There were 39 of us - which is a very good proportion of the membership - and we began the meeting by each declaring which Quaker families we are researching. For some people this was the most interesting part of the day: it threw up four people descended from the Binns, two with King ancestry, two descended from the Sturges, and a number of others whose ancestors were at the same Meeting or who were laterally connected. The Gurneys, Frys and Barclays were also mentioned, and one member's ancestors intermarried with Quaker Gandys of Manchester who were unfortunately, not related to my Quaker Gandys of Frandle, Cheshire.

Margaret Bennett began the formal part of the meeting by describing how she single-handedly convinced (I originally wrote railroaded) a number of us to start a Society, and how we soon became as enthusiastic as she was and felt that things had got off to a very good start already. From the Chair I then invited Richard Moore, former Chairman of the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS), to guide us through the intricacies of the proposed Constitution. This was drawn up some years ago by the late Stan Marker and is not only acceptable to the FFHS (which we propose to join as soon as we qualify), but to the Inland Revenue (for the possible covenanting of subscriptions) and to the Charity Commissioners (in case we ever want to go down that road). Under his experienced direction and with the advice of Chris Pitt Lewis, a solicitor, we soon came to consensus over the details of such things as quorums (quora?) and dates for the AGM, and there was plenty of time to elect a Committee and also to agree the names of various people who are perfectly willing to do the work but don't want to be on the committee. We purposely left one committee place empty.

Full names and details of the officers and committee are inside the front cover, but essentially Michael Gandy was elected Chairman, Debby Rose is Secretary, and Irene Davies is Treasurer. The rest of the committee consists of Margaret Bennett, Margaret Gaynor, Mary Dyne, Richard Moore, Chris Pitt Lewis and Ernest Hambley. Margaret Gaynor is going to be Vice-Chairman, and Richard Moore has taken on special responsibility for publicity.

There are four non-committee people. Norma Neill and Katherine Slay are going to produce the magazine between them. Katherine Slay is also going to look after membership (subscriptions, renewals, changes of address etc). Edward Crawford is going to build up the file of Members' Interests, and Richard Goring is going to turn any handwritten trees we get into neat, computer-printed ones. He and Irene Davies are also going to look at the two big files of replies that we received from Archives Repositories when we wrote round asking about their Quaker

holdings. Some have sent summaries (and some of course haven't got any), but some have sent reams of material which is useful but will need drastic editing before we can publish.

After a lunch time spent chatting and browsing in the bookshop, we settled down for Malcolm Thomas's talk on the basic resources of Friends House Library, followed by a guided tour. Malcolm has worked there for twenty years and has been a great support to us. Some members had not visited the Library before, and everyone was glad to pick an expert's brains. After tea we drifted out into the sun to see how the world had wasted its day when we had used ours so usefully and so pleasantly.

Michael Gandy

EVENTS

Conference

Our first one day conference is on Saturday 17th September 1994 at Frenchay Meeting House on the outskirts of Bristol. This is being held jointly with the South Western Regional Group of the Friends Historical Society. Frenchay Monthly Meeting covered the south western corner of Gloucestershire, and adjoined Bristol Monthly Meeting until the two merged in 1870. Many prominent 'Bristol Friends' are found in Frenchay records, as they lived in Clifton, not then a part of Bristol.

The conference will cover the background of the area, the coming of Quakerism, and the life of the Monthly Meeting with special reference to four families, STURGE, GAYNOR, PLAYER and HUNT who were farmers round ALMONSDBURY. This will be followed by a tour of the farms and meeting houses that survive. Please return the enclosed slip with the fee by 7th August if you wish to attend.

EDITORIAL NOTE

In order to encourage the spread of information between members, contributors' names and addresses, but not telephone numbers, will be published at the end of their article or enquiry, unless specifically desired anonymity is requested in writing.

It is hoped to publish family trees, but in certain cases, some received have had to be rejected because the names and information have been printed too small. The magazine is formatted on A4 paper which is then reduced, and small print becomes unreadable. Such unpublished trees will, of course, be kept on file for consultation.

If you wish to send in copy, typed or from a PC, please use no more than 56 lines, to leave room for page numbering, and use A4 size paper. Ideally we would like the type to be 10 characters per

inch, but would accept 12 if you have no alternative. A centred heading, preferably in bold type, is essential, as are your name and address at the end. If you include a list of names, we would appreciate these being in alphabetical order (by surname), since this makes it much easier for readers to check for names they are interested in. This would be very helpful to me as technical editor, and Katherine Slay who inputs the magazine. Hand-written articles are also acceptable, of course, but we would appreciate names and places in capital letters.

Norma Neill

NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Do you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a member of the QFHS? Back copies of the magazine are available at £1 each (including p&p) for you to send to potential members. Send a cheque payable to QFHS to Michael Gandy, 3 Church Crescent, Whetstone, London N20 0JR.

OURS IS A BIG WORLD!

Members who are Friends may not be aware of the very many local family history societies which cater for all aspects of tracing a family history, while we cater for the specialist Quaker angle. If you would like to attend your local family history society, you should be able to get the address of the Secretary or details of their meetings (probably monthly) from your nearest Local Studies Library. If all else fails, give Michael Gandy a ring on 031 368 1146, and he will give you the name and address of the Secretary of your nearest society. You will find the people there friendly and helpful - amateurs with just a bit more experience than you - and the bookstall should be full of interesting and informative booklets.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

The following are available from Michael Gandy, 3 Church Crescent, Whetstone, London N20 0JR:

1. Sources for the History of English Non-Conformity 1560-1830 - Michael Mullet. Price £7 UK, £7.50 overseas.
2. Banbury, Oxfordshire: transcript of the Quaker registers (2 microfiche). Price £1.70 UK, £2.10 overseas.
3. Witney, Oxfordshire: transcript of the Quaker registers (1 microfiche). Price £1.20 UK, £1.60 overseas.

Both 2 and 3 are published by Oxfordshire Family History Society.

WHO KNOWS WHAT? - Part 2

Michael Gandy

Name of Meeting **Bexleyheath Meeting.**

Histories None.

Correspondent Brian Rodmell, 22 Alderney Road, Slade Green, Erith,
Kent DA8 2JD.

Families Researched None.

Additional Material Began as Dartford Meeting, moved to Bexley-
neath in the 1960s.

Name of Meeting **Blackburn PM.**

Histories A history of the Meeting has been written, but no
further details given.

Correspondent None.

Families Researched None.

Name of Meeting **Cotteridge PM, Warwickshire.**

Histories None at present.

Correspondent Mollie Grubb, 3 Oak Tree House, 153 Oak Tree Lane,
Bournville, Birmingham B30 1TU.

Families Researched Research on the GRUBB family by Mollie Grubb
to 1850. 'The GRUBBs of Tipperary' by C. Watkins Grubb.

Additional Material Mollie Grubb is hoping to research and explore
publicising the history of the Meeting.

Name of Meeting **Dorchester.**

Histories 'The Story of Early Dorchester Quakers and their Meeting
House' by Jim Attfield.

Correspondent Jim Attfield, 4 The Gables, 9 Albert Road,
Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1SG.

Families Researched None.

Additional Material Much information including births, marriages
and burials of early Dorset Quakers in the County Record Office,
Dorchester.

Name of Meeting **Exeter PM.**

Histories 'A History of Friends in Devon' by R(?). Dymond.

Correspondent Christopher Holdsworth, 3 Pennsylvania Park, Exeter, Devon EX4 6HB. N.B. Willing to share limited knowledge of Quaker history locally, but is really a mediator.

Families Researched At present, research student John Slate is completing a Ph.D. on the 17th century history of the Meeting.

Additional Material Christopher Holdsworth has recommended the Friends Historical Society publications, particularly the 'Notes' section which he feels would be of great use to our members.

Name of Meeting ^{FRANDLEY} **Frاندley PM, Bristol.**

Histories 'A History of ^{FRANDLEY} Frاندley Meeting' published 1970, reprint 1983.

Correspondent Roger Angerson, clerk (no address given).

Families Researched CHAMPION, CHARLTON, FRY, GAYNOR, STURGES, TUCKOTT. No further details other than names provided.

Name of Meeting **Gloucester PM.**

Histories None.

Correspondent None.

Families Researched Papers of the NUNN family and letters of John BELLOWS published by Kegan, Paul, Trubner & Co, 1904.

Name of Meeting **Kendal PM.**

Histories Appears in 'Quaker Meeting Houses of the Lake Counties' published 1978.

Correspondent None.

Families Researched 'Isaac and Rachel WILSON, Quakers of Kendal 1714-1785' by John Somervell, Swarthmore Press 1924. 'Some Westmorland Wills' by John Somervell.

Additional Material Records in the County Record Office, Kendal, include photographic pedigree of the descendants of Isaac and Rachel WILSON, and the biography of Anne BRAITHWAITE.

Name of Meeting **Leeds**

Histories 'Leeds Quaker Meeting' by Wilfred Allott, published by the Thoresby Society, 50 (Misc 14) 1966. 'Leeds Friends Minute Book, 1692-1712' edited by Jean & Russell Mortimer, Y.A.S. Record Series vol. 139, 1980, includes notes on people mentioned in the text. (See 'Bookshelf' at the end of this magazine). 'Quakers in Gildersome, Leeds', published by the author. Price £5, obtainable from 60 Gledhow Wood Grove, Leeds LS8 1PA. Thoresby Society publication, 2nd series, vol. 1 (Misc) 1991 by Jean & Russell includes pp1-33 A list of boarders at Joseph Tatham's School, Leeds, 1765-1790. Also pp35-57 Thoresby's 'poor deluded Quakers', the sufferings of Leeds Friends in the 17th century.

Correspondent Jean & Russell Mortimer, 60 Gledhow Wood Grove, Leeds LS8 1PA. Note the conditions in the postscript to the article 'From Robert Arthington to Zachary Yewdall' in this issue.

Families Researched A biographical index is under way.

Additional Material Yorkshire General Meeting Archives, records of Quarterly Meetings, and records of Brighouse, Knaresborough, Leeds, Settle, Thirsk and York MM are deposited at the Brotherton Library (Special Collections), University of Leeds LS2 9JT.

Name of Meeting **Llandrindod Wells PM.**

Histories No published history, but photocopies of two talks:
1. Early Quakers in Mid Wales.
2. Evangelical Friends in Radnorshire in the late 19th Century.

Correspondent Trevor Macpherson, 17 Orchard Gardens, Ithon Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 6BA.

Families Researched The Meeting has 'A Brief History of John Owen JENKINS, 1856-1944', and 'The Diary of a Countryman, Thomas WATKINS' 1900.

Additional Material Trevor Macpherson plans to produce a list of births, marriages and burials of Pales Meeting.

Name of Meeting **Rye PM.**

Histories None.

Correspondent None.

Families Researched None.

Additional Material Restarted in 1954 and attached to Hastings Meeting. Original Meeting House now part of Jeakes House, Mermaid Street, Rye. All records at County Record Office, Lewes.

Name of Meeting **Seaford PM.**

Histories None.

Correspondent None.

Families Researched None.

Additional Material Minute Meeting, only recently established, formerly under Lewes.

Name of Meeting **Southall.**

Histories An article in 'Quaker Monthly', September 1989.

Correspondent None.

Families Researched Personal research on the GRUBB family by Martyn Grubb, 22 Hillside Road, Southall, Middlesex UB1 2PD.

Name of Meeting **Sutton PM.**

Histories 'Outline History of Sutton Meeting' (from inception in 1932) by G. Gordon Steel, obtainable from him, cost £5.

Correspondent G. Gordon Steel, 2 Hill Road, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 3RA.

Families Researched None.

THE BEGINNING OF OUR LIBRARY

A number of Meetings or Members have been kind enough to donate booklets as follows:

EDGBASTON Friends Meeting House: 100 Years of Quaker Worship in George Road - Katharine Doley, 1993.

HAMMERSMITH Tercentenary 1677-1977 - H. William Cundy, 1978.

HESWALL Friends - John Noble, 1978.

The Living Stones of SKIPTON Quaker Meeting (1693-1993) - Richard Harland, 1993.

Glimpses of WESTMINSTER Meeting 1655-1956 - Doris and Douglas Lee, 1983.

WOLVERHAMPTON Quakers 1704-1988 - Clement Jones, Hilary Clark and Eric Turner, 1989.

We should be grateful for any more donations, and if members know of Quaker material for sale we shall be glad to publish details (please include details of postage and contact address).

DORCHESTER QUAKERS 1656-1739

Entries relating to Dorchester in the copies of the registers of births, marriages and deaths in the County Record Office.

Births

1673 Elizabeth BEDLOE to Samuel and Dorothy
1676 Samuel BEDLOE to Samuel and Dorothy
1678 Dorothy BEDLOE to Samuel and Dorothy
1683 Rebecca BEDLOE to Samuel and Dorothy
1685 Samuel BEDLOE to Samuel and Dorothy
1691 Joseph BEDLOE to Samuel and Joan
1692 Mary BEDLOE to Samuel and Joan
1694 Joseph BEDLOE to Samuel and Joan
1700 Benjamin BEDLOE to Samuel and Joan
1659 John BEERE to Barthol' and Sarah
1656 John BROWN to Erasmus and Alice
1659 Bartholmew BROWN to Erasmus and Alice
1670 Elizabeth BYLES to William and Joanna
1671 William BYLES to William and Joanna
1673 George BYLES to William and Joanna
1675 Joanna BYLES to William and Joanna
1678 John BYLES to William and Joanna
1682 Jane CLEWER to John and Elizabeth
1668 Richard HOW to Richard and Cassandra
1702 Ann HOW to Richard and Anna
1704 Richard HOW to Richard and Anna
1657 John NICHOLLS to Elias and Hannah
1660 Elias NICHOLLS to Elias and Hannah
1690 John PAINTER to Daniel and Eliz'
1718 Hannah SEYMER to James and Mary
1735 Martha THEDDAM to Robert and Mary
1736 James Norman THEDDAM to Robert and Mary

Marriages

1714 John AUGER of Somerset to Mary JELLETT at Dorchester
1705 Thomas CARTER of Charminster to Edith BEDLOE, daughter of Samuel and Joan, at Charminster
1705 John GALPIN of Marnhull to Elizabeth BEDLOE, daughter of Samuel and Joan, at Dorchester
1706 William HERBERT to Sarah BEERE at Dorchester
1700 Richard HOW to Anna SEYMER of Sherborne, at Sherborne

Record of Burials at Dorchester Meeting House

30.2.1721 Moses BEDLOE jun. of Fordington
7.6.1726 Samuel BEDLOE sen. of Dorchester
1727 Joan BEDLOE widow of Samuel
22.4.1722 Benjamin CHAPPLE of Charminster
6.7.1722 Sarah DYETT of Purbeck, wife of Thomas, died at Fordington

31. 1.1715 Richard HOW of Dorchester. 'Was the first burial'.
 29. 2.1730 Ralph NORMAN of Charminster
 12.12.1739 Mary NORMAN wife of James sen.

Names of witnesses at the wedding of William HERBERT and Sarah
 BEERE in 1706

Anne ANER	Thomas DOWELL	Margatt JEWELL
Jon ? ANER	John ELLIS	Martha JEWELL
Ben BEDLOE	Katherine FAXBERY	Grace KENYON
Joan BEDLOE	William GALT	Mary LODER
Moses BEDLOE	Elizabeth GALPIN	Ann MYNNE
Samuel BEDLOE	George GOULD	Mary NIGHTINGALE
Sarah BENNETT	Sarah GREEN	James NORMAN
Frances BROWNE	Harvey HANELLAND	Mary NORMAN
Frances CHANNING	Mary HERBERT	ye mark of
Ben CHAPPLE	William HERBERT	Ralph NORMAN
the mark of	Anna HOW	Rachel WILKINS
Elvi DOWELL	Richard HOW	

Members present at the Meeting at Cerne in 1688

Thomas BAGG	George HARRIS	Henry SNITTING
Joseph COAKE	Anthony HOLLIAGE	Joseph SPELLING
Roger CORSARD	John IMMORY	John STOTT
Samuel CURTIS	Corsard RUTTER	Francic WILLIAMS
Peter EABOR	Thomas SKINYT	Richard WILLIAMS
William FERRIS	Humphrey SMITH	Thomas WOODRONE

Jim Attfield
 4 The Gables, 9 Albert Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1SG

JOHN BANKS (1637-1710)

John Banks is one of my 7x great grandparents. He became a Quaker from the age of 16, i.e. in about 1653, so he was in the movement almost from its beginning. Many Friends, especially those who were esteemed as 'weighty' and spiritual, and natural leaders of the movement had 'testimonies to the grace of God' in their lives written about them after their decease. John Banks had such appreciations written, and these were published together with a personal memoir he himself had written, and copies of some of his letters. Thus it is possible to find out quite a lot about such a distant ancestor. The chapter written by his second wife dwells a lot on his last days, the pain in his bowels etc, which I will pass over here! However, John is also very good at giving dates of many key events in his life. Note that he uses the robust term 'steeple-house' beloved by early Friends for a church. The reasoning was that a church was not really the building, but it was the worshipping people who formed the church. Quakers also used the terms First month, First day etc, as they didn't want to be associated with pagan names.

He writes: "I came of honest parents; my father's name was William, and my mother's name was Emme; I was their only child, born in Sunderland, in the parish of Issell, in the County of Cumberland; and my father having no real estate of his own, took land to farm; and by trade was a fellmonger and glover....."

"And though my parents had not much of this world's riches... They brought me up well... and were careful to restrain me from such evils as children and youth are apt to run into; and especially my dear mother, being a zealous woman..."

"I was put to school when I was seven years of age, and kept there until I was fourteen; in which time I learned well, both English and Latin, and could write well..."

At the age of 14 his father took him from school and put him to 'teach school' for a year at Dissington. After that he taught at 'osser Chaple near Pardshaw. This job seems to have been combined with being a lay reader (rather young for such a job, I would think!) in a 'chapel of ease' - an outlying chapel, in a large parish, not the main parish church. He was reluctant to do this, but his father and others seem to have won the day. He writes: "For which service my wages from the people was to be 12 pence every house, of them that came there to hear me, by the year, and a fleece of wool, and my table free, besides 12 pence a quarter for every scholar, being 24. This chapel is called a chapel of ease, the parish steeple-house being some miles off."

John Fletcher, who according to John Banks was 'a great scholar but a drunken sottish man' complimented him in general terms, but said that his prayers in the chapel should be made in a more formal style and he would give him some tips. So John Banks received a letter from him with the details. However, my ancestor took exception to this as he was already beginning to see things the way that Quakers at that time viewed spiritual matters - 'that the letter killeth but the spirit giveth life'. He then had the conviction that he should 'go to the meeting of the people in scorn called Quakers, for they are the people of God: and so I did the next First-day after.'

He continues: 'And this being before the end of the year, that I was to receive wages of the people for such service as I did, I could take none of them, being convinced of the evil thereof; nor never read any more at the chapel.'

In the next paragraph he says he was 16 years and 4 months, in the Tenth month, 1654, when his spiritual conversion occurred, and then for the next few pages of his memoir he relates the spiritual stresses he went through. After about six years he says his spiritual problems seem to have been resolved.

When the book about John Banks was published, Friends had already become very respectable and were for the most part becoming extremely prosperous citizens. In fact for the last 25 years of his life, from 1685, he would not have been harrassed by the law. In the early days Quakers in general were perceived - quite wrongly as it turned out - as a threat to the State, and so they were

harrassed at every turn, not only for refusing to pay the church tithes but also for just holding their meetings. He describes in some detail the numerous imprisonments he endured. Here is one such occasion he describes:

"I being at a meeting of Friends upon the Howhill, near Coldbeck, in Cumberland, whereunto came George Fletcher of Hutton Hall [another Fletcher not to be confused with John Fletcher mentioned before] a justice of the peace, so called, who came into the meeting rude and unmannerly, riding among Friends, they sitting upon the ground, and trod with his horse feet upon a woman's gown that was big with child, a woman of note, and well bred...; and I was moved of the Lord, to kneel down to prayer, at the head of his horse; and as a wicked persecutor of God's people, as he always was, he struck me bitterly over my head and face with his horse-whip; but when he saw he could not move me, he called to his man... to take me away; [he]... came in great fury, and took me by the hair of my head, and drew me down the hill, but I got upon my feet, and said to his master, "Dost thou pretend to be a justice of peace, and breaks the peace; and disturbs, persecutes and abuses God's peaceable people, and sets on thy servant so to do." He said we should know he was a justice of peace before he had done with us. Could no place serve to meet in, but under his nose? though it was a great distance from his dwelling, upon the common."

So Fletcher committed him and three other Quakers to "the common goal" [sic] at Carlisle. He was fined £5, the court distraining a cow and a horse to the value of £6 10s belonging to his father, as he was living with his parents at the time. He was kept in prison some weeks as well. The gaoler, George Martin, a wicked hard-hearted man, he says, put them in the common gaol, several days and nights, without food or water. The only place they could sleep was on the very broad window sill (the walls were very thick). He wouldn't even allow their friends to bring in straw bedding. All this was done because the gaoler had hoped to be paid for providing them with meals, 8d a time. However, when he realised that they couldn't and wouldn't pay, he did put them into a room in his own house. It seems to have been a superior type of jail. There were other Friend prisoners who were already in there for non-payment of tithes.

He obligingly gives details about his marriage to Anne Littledale. He writes: "And then, upon the 26th day of the Sixth month, 1664, I took a friend, by name Ann LITTLEDALE, to wife, in a public' meeting of God's people (in scorn called Quakers) in a Friend house in Pardshaw town, before many witnesses, as having freedom and liberty in the Lord so to do.

"And about four years after I was married, the Lord called me forth to travel in the work of the ministry, and I was made truly willing to leave and forsake all, in answer to his requirings; and I was to go into the South and West of England; yea I was made truly willing to leave my dear wife and sweet child, though near and dear unto me, and so went forth in the power and Spirit of the Lord..."

The Journal continues with more descriptions of the spiritual life, and about his numerous journeys up and down the country and also in Ireland 'publishing the Truth' and with letters to his family.

He describes an incident of faith healing. "About this time a pain struck into my shoulder which gradually fell down into my arm and hand, so that the use thereof I was wholly deprived of; and not only so, but my pain greatly increased both day and night; and for three months I could neither put my clothes on nor off myself, and my arm and hand began to wither, so that I did seek ... physicians for cure, but no cure could I get by any of them, until at last, as I was asleep on my bed, in the night time, I saw in a vision, that I was with dear George Fox, and I thought I said unto him, George, my faith is such, that if thou seest it thy way to lay thy hand upon my shoulder, my arm and hand shall be whole throughout."

He writes that after two days he did decide to go to Swarthmore where George Fox was staying. He spoke with him describing the problem. Then GF put his hand on his shoulder and said, "The Lord strengthen thee both within and without". Then John Banks says they went their separate ways. That night he went to Thomas Lower's of Marsh Grange. At supper he suddenly discovered that he could use his arm quite normally, with its former strength, and with no pain. He then writes, "The next time GF and I met he ... said, 'John, thou mended, thou mended.' I answered, 'Yes very well in a little time.' 'Well,' said he, 'give God the glory.'"

He was very fond of Anne his wife who bore him many children. He says they lived comfortably together for many years, and she was a careful industrious woman in bringing up her children in 'good order' as he says; a 'meet-help and a good support to him' despite all the many travels he made. She was well-beloved amongst good friends, he writes, as witness the several hundred that were at her burial.

As was customary, her last days were described in some detail. He does say, though, that at the very time their eldest daughter was delivered of a son - some 200 miles away - Anne asked that her son John should go to the post office for she believed that a letter had come telling of her daughter's safe delivery. Indeed such a letter had come, and although she was very weak, when it was read to her she said, 'Has the Lord been pleased that I should live to be a grandmother.'

John Banks says that she died the second day of the 10th month 1691, and was buried the Fourth day after in the burying place of Friends at Eglesfield in Cumberland.

Hannah Banks, his second wife who outlived him, was married to him on 28th ~~of the~~ 8th month 1696. She says that she was a widow and 'was convinced of God's Truth' (i.e. joined the Quakers) during her widowhood before her marriage to John.

Four children, together with the husbands of two daughters, signed the chapter written about him. They were Sarah and John WARNER, William BANKS, Ann and Stephen SCOTTON, and Mary WILKINSON.

I have quite a number of other Quaker ancestors, and I would really like to know more of Dorothy PAYNE who died in gaol, but alas there is only one sentence about her. As for my COLLINS Quaker ancestors, their misdeeds make for quite racy reading in the Monthly Meeting minutes for Northamptonshire in the 1740s, but they will have to wait for another time!

Reference

Journal of the Life, Labours, Travels, and Sufferings in, and for, the Gospel, of that ancient Servant, and Faithful Minister of Jesus Christ, John Banks. Second edition, London, James Philips, 1798 (with several testimonies concerning him).

Note: the first edition which contained the above and with his collected works was published in 1712.

Liz Longhurst
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ANCESTRAL QUAKER LINEAGE

GOODBODY Well-known Irish family. John Goodbody became a Friend c.1660, and settled with other Quakers at Mountmellick, Queen's Co. The family now comprises branches in Ireland, England, the United States and Canada, and has approximately 500 living members. A few are still Quakers. Meetings principally attended by the family were Mountmellick, Dublin, Clara, Monkstown, Bristol and Plymouth. The Goodbodys built their fortunes on flour milling but subsequently branched out into many other areas of industry and commerce, including tobacco, jute manufacturing, catering and stockbroking. Through marriage there are relationships with most other Irish Quaker families. (Ref: 'The Goodbody Family of Ireland' by M.I.A. Goodbody, 1981).

GRUBB Descended from John Grubb of Northamptonshire. He settled in Waterford and became a Quaker c.1660. The family remained Friends until the present century, attending Clonmel meeting. The Grubbs are an extensive family, now mainly in England. (Ref: 'The Grubbs of Tipperary' by Geoffrey Watkins Grubb).

PERRY Descended from Henry Perry of Shanderry, Queen's Co., born 1768. Became a Quaker, and the family were still Quakers in 1900. Involved in milling and brewing in the Irish Midlands. Attended Mountrath meeting.

PIM A well-known Irish family with extensive business interests in the 19th century. Descended from Richard Pim who went to Ireland c.1655 and settled in Co. Cavan where he became 'convinced' by William Edmundson. He moved to Mountmellick where the family remain to this day. Attended Mountmellick, Mountrath and Monkstown meetings. The Pims are intermarried with most other Irish Quaker families. (Ref: 'A Pim Genealogy' by F. Bewley Pim).

RICHARDSON (Lisburn). Descended from Jonathan Richardson of Loughgall, Co. Armagh. His will was proved in 1691. He probably became a Quaker. The family had large linen mills in the Lisburn area until the present century when they ceased to be Friends. John G. Richardson founded the model village of Bessbrook. (Ref: 'The Richardson Story' by Ethel M. Richardson).

OTHER FAMILIES IN LINEAGE (All Quakers originally)

Barcroft, Bewley, Chandlee, Clibborn, Davis (Wexford), Evans, Eves, Fennell, Greer, Gribble, Handy, Hogg, Hoope, Jackson, Lecky, Manliffe, Medcalf, Neale, Newsom, Nicholson, Phelps, Poole, Robinson (Cuthberston), Sparrow, Thompson, Turner, Walker, Watson, Webb, Woodcock, Wylly,

BOOKS RECOMMENDED 'Short History of the Irish Quakers' by Maurice Wigham (pub. Friends Library, Dublin, 1922). 'The Goodbody Family' by Michael I.A. Goodbody (copies held by Michael Gandy, the Society of Genealogists, and Friends House Library).

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OTHER FOXES

It is very difficult to know what to write about first - my father's paternal family were from the south west, and had been traditional Quakers ever since George Fox (no relation) travelled that way spreading the Truth. All the families marrying into our family were also Quakers, and so there are great tapestries of Quaker family trees weaving in and out of each other as families inter-married time and time again. It might be useful just to show how the Fox family split into its different branches throughout Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.

Francis FOX d. 1670 of St Germans, Cornwall	m.	Dorothy KEKEWICH d. 1693
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Francis FOX 1647-1704 of St Germans	m.	Tabitha CROKER 1664-1730 of Lineham, Devon
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George FOX
of Par
m.

(1) 1719 Mary, daughter of Edward BEALING, merchant of Penrhyn, Cornwall

Foxes of:

Kingsbridge, Wadebridge,
Wellington and Exeter

(2) 1726 Anna, daughter of Philip DEBELL of Looe, Cornwall

Foxes of:

Falmouth, Brislington,
Plymouth and Gloucester