



## **Quaker Schools in Great Britain and Ireland: A selective bibliography of histories and guide to records**

Unless otherwise stated all the printed sources listed are available in this Library. The records and archives of Quaker schools are held either at the school (if it still exists) or in local record offices. Their location is given where known, and to obtain access to them you must write to the school or to the place of deposit. It would also be worth writing to the relevant Old Scholars Association, c/o the school. Addresses are given for schools still in existence.

Throughout the guide the abbreviation LSF is used when referring to this Library.

### **Explanation of sources in the Library**

For a general study of Quaker schools see William A.C. Stewart, *Quakers and education as seen in their schools in England* (1953) [040.9 STE].

*The Friend* (London) devoted most of its issue of 28 May 1954 to Quaker schools. *Friends' schools in the seventies: the report of a working party of the Friends Schools Joint Committee* (1973) [044 FRI], provides a snapshot of the position of the committee schools and outlines contemporary divergent views on Quaker education. There is also a substantial report, 'Quaker Involvement in Education' in *London YM Proceedings* (1978): pp 54-101 and the resulting YM minutes, pp 310, 313-314. *Quakers and their schools* (1980) [040 Edu 5/10] by the Friends Joint Schools Committee also offers a summary on Quakers and education.

LSF has several printed or typescript works including lists of scholars. These are usually arranged alphabetically, by year of entry to the school (but may have only perfunctory indexes), and a few lists are selective. Where schools still exist, there are usually complete runs of their annual reports, school magazines, and old scholars' association reports, unless stated otherwise.

LSF has 2 card-indexes of some 250 privately-run Quaker schools in Great Britain and Ireland which advertised in *The Irish Friend* 1837-1842, *The Friend* 1843-1890, and *The British Friend* 1843-1875. These are arranged alphabetically by city, town or village and by proprietors' names, but don't include lists of pupils. There is also a geographically-arranged file, 'Quaker schools', which includes information on some 200 (mainly private) Quaker schools, drawn from prospectuses, memoirs and other sources.

*The Natural history journal*, (Pers/NAT) conducted by the societies in Friends' schools, Vols 1-22 (1877-1898) is also informative.



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- Joseph Spence Hodgson (comp), *Supplementary list of the boys and girls, teachers and officers of Ackworth School ... 1879 to ... 1900*, 1901 044.06 ACK  
 Edgar B. Collinson (comp), *List of the boys and girls ... 1879 to ... 1930*, 1932 044.06 ACK  
*List of Ackworth scholars 1931-1978*, 1979 044.06 ACK  
*Teachers & officers of Ackworth School 1895-1979*, [1980] 044.06 ACK  
 'Alphabetical list of scholars 1779-1979', prepared by Arthur G. Olver Ref. Shelves
- P Ackworth School *Annual reports*, No. 1 (1790)-; Pers/ACK/2  
 OSA *Annual reports*, No.1 (1881) -; Pers/ACK/6  
*The Cupola: the Ackworth School magazine*, vols 1 (1925)-; Pers/ACK/4  
*Phonographic Star*, nos. 2 & 5 (1844); Pers/ACK/4  
*Ackworth School Review/Ackworth Recorder* (1888/1890); Pers/ACK/4
- R West Yorkshire Archive Service, Wakefield (list available in LSF)
- Ayton, Great Ayton, Yorkshire (C, BG) 1841- 1997**  
 known as the North of England Agricultural School until 1892
- H *History of Great Ayton School*, 1891 \* + 044.06 AYT  
 G. Alston Watson, *Ayton School: centenary history 1841-1941*, 1941 044.06 AYT
- L Chris Scaife, *Ayton School index 1841-1995*, 1995. Box L 111/17
- P *Ayton School Annual reports* (1841-1996); Pers L/AYT (to 1925)/ Pers/AYT/2  
 OSA *Annual reports*, (1891)-; Pers/AYT/6  
*The Beckside/ Beckside Broadsheet* [school magazine], vol 11 - no 191 (1919-  
 Spring 1979) Pers/AYT/4
- R North Yorkshire County Record Office, Northallerton (ref. ZR1)
- Bootham, York, Yorkshire YO3 7BU (C, B) 1823-**  
 known as York Quarterly Meeting Boys' School at York 1829-1915
- H Francis E. Pollard (ed), *Bootham School 1823-1923*, 1926 044.06 BOO  
 Sidney K. Brown, *Bootham School, York, 1823-1973*, 1973 044.06 BOO
- L *List of masters and scholars, 1829-1878* Box 126/20  
*List of masters and scholars, 1829-1905* Box 155/31  
 George H. Mennell (comp), *Bootham School register*, 1914 044.06 BOO  
 Edgar B. Collinson (comp), *Bootham School register*, 1935 044.06 BOO  
*Bootham School register*, 1971 044.06 BOO
- P *Bootham School Annual reports* (1895)-; Pers L/BOO (1895-1915) Pers/BOO/2  
 Bootham/York Old Scholars Association *Annual reports* 1887-1901; Pers/BOO/6  
*Bootham*, (1902)-; Pers/BOO/4
- R at the school
- Brookfield, Wigton, Cumberland** See Wigton
- Brynmelyn, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset (P, B) 1881-1891?**

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Conducted by John Lawrence and Francis A Knight to 1883, then F A Knight alone

**Carlisle** See Devonshire House School

**Clerkenwell, London** See Saffron Walden

**Colchester, Essex** See Lexden

**Croydon, Surrey** See Saffron Walden

**Darlington, co. Durham** See Polam Hall

**Devonshire House School, Carlisle, Cumberland (P, G) 1909-1915?**

Conducted by Lucy Marianne Reynolds, as a successor in new premises to Robert Martin Lidbetter's Carlisle school for girls, c1891-1909

P *Devonshire House School magazine*, Nos.1-13 (1911-1915); Pers/DEV

**The Downs School, Colwall, Malvern, Worcestershire (P, B) 1900-**

Conducted by: Herbert Jones; Geoffrey Hoyland; Frazer Hoyland

H E.J. Brown, *The first five: the story of a school*, 1987 044.06 DOW/BRO

**Gildersome, Yorkshire, WR (M, BG) (P, BG) 1772-1796; 1796-1815**

H Jean E. Mortimer, *Quakers in Gildersome*, 1990, pp 33-50 097.26 MOR

L *The cupola: Fothergill supplement* [to vol 6 (May 1935)]: *Gildersome, Woodhouse and Ackworth* includes a list of Gildersome pupils 1772-1791 Pers/ACK/4

R Leeds University, Brotherton Library (Brighouse MM records include a partial list of pupils, and financial documents)

**Grove House, Tottenham, Middlesex (P, B) 1828-1877**

Conducted by: Thomas Binns

H A former student, "*Grove House.*" *Tottenham School 1828-1878*, [1913] \* Box 205

L *Tottenham School, 1828-1877: list of scholars*, [1878] Box 301  
'Alphabetical list of scholars 1828-1877', prepared by Arthur G. Olver, typescript  
Ref. Shelves

P *Grove House magazine*, Nos. 1-9 (1851-1852) Pers/GROVE

R LSF (copy of entries from admissions book to 1865) TEMP MSS 578

## Quaker schools in Great Britain and Ireland

### **The Hall School, Weybridge, Surrey (P, BG) 1898-1934**

known as the Village Hall School, then The Hall School. Conducted as a preparatory school by Eva M Gilpin (later Sadler) 1898-1934, then by Monica Brooks; later moved to Bratton Seymour, Somerset

- H Marjory M Bates & Jean M Henderson (eds), *Miss Gilpin and The Hall School: a record of adventure and achievement in education*, 1949 044.06 HAL  
*A lasting spring: Miss Gilpin and the Hall School, Weybridge, 1898-1934*, 1988  
L 044.06 HAL

**Hitchin, Hertfordshire** See The Woodlands School

### **Ipswich, Suffolk (C, B) 1790-1800**

- H C. Brightwen Rowntree, 'Friends' schools at Ipswich (1790-1800) and Colchester (1817-1917)' (*Journal of the Friends Historical Society*, vol 35 (1938) pp 50-64)  
Pers. Ref.

R Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich (minute book only, call no. FK6/3/73)

**Islington, London** See Saffron Walden

**Kendal, Westmorland** See Stramongate

### **Lancaster, Lancashire (M, B) 1700?-1969**

- H R.H.S. Randles, *History of the Friends' School, Lancaster*, 1982 + 044.06 LAN/RAN

### **Leeds, Yorkshire, WR (M, B) 1756-1838**

- H Jean Mortimer, 'Joseph Tatham's School, Leeds' (*Thoresby Society Miscellany*, 2nd ser. vol 1 (1991) pp 1-33\* 097 [Hist. 24/2 & 3]

### **Leighton Park, Shinfield Road, Reading, Berkshire RG2 7ED (C, B 1890-1975; B,G 1975/1993) 1890-**

- H Sidney W. Brown, *Leighton Park: a history of the school*, 1952 044.06 LEI  
*Leighton Park School, Leighton Park: the first 100 years*, 1990 044.06 LEI

- L Old Leightonians Club, *A list of names and addresses of the old boys of Leighton Park School*, 1945 040 [Educ. 1/1]  
Old Leightonians Club, *A list of Old Leightonians*, 1957 040 [Educ. 2/16]  
Old Leightonians Club, *A list of Old Leightonians*, 1973 040 [Educ. 4/3]  
[Leighton Park School], *A list of Old Leightonians*, 1990 044.06 LEI

- P *Annual Report* (1912/13)- ; Pers/LEI/2  
*The Leightonian* [school magazine] No.1- (1895)- ; Pers/LEI/4

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### Lexden, near Colchester, Essex (P, B)

1817-1837; 1838-1858; 1869-1903

Master, Frederick Richardson, 1869-1903

- L Two "Old boys", *Frederick Richardson*, 1903 (includes list of pupils 1869- 1903, pp 23-28) 092.3 RIC  
C. Brightwen Rowntree, 'Friends' schools at Ipswich (1790-1800) and Colchester (1817-1917)' (*Journal of the Friends' Historical Society*, vol 35 (1938) pp 50-64) Pers. Ref.

### Malvern, Worcestershire

See The Downs School

### The Mount, Dalton Terrace, York, Yorkshire, YO24 4DD (C, G)

1784-1814; 1831-

known as the York Quarterly Meeting's Girls' School at York 1831-1916

- H Helen W. Sturge & Theodora Clark, *The Mount School, York, 1785 to ... 1931*, 1931 044.06 MOU  
Mary F. Smith & Elizabeth A. Waller, *The Mount School, York, 1857 to 1957*, 1957 044.06 MOU  
Sarah Sheils *Among Friends : the story of The Mount School, York*, 2007 044.06 MOU/SHE
- L *List of teachers and scholars, 1784-1814, 1831-1906*, 1906 044.06 MOU  
*The Mount OSA, A register of old scholars, 1931-1932*, 1932 044.06 MOU
- P *The Mount School Annual reports, 1912-2002* (annual lists of pupils 1919-1940); Pers L/BOO (1912-1915) Pers/MOU/2 (1916-)  
Old York Scholars Association *Annual reports, 1887-1901*; Pers B/BOO/6  
OSA *Annual reports, 1890- 2002*; Pers/MOU/6  
*Portico* (incorporating Annual Report and OSA report) 2003- ; Pers/MOU/2
- R at the Borthwick Institute for Archives, University of York

### Newton-In-Bowland (M, BG)

-1844; 1868-1911

Established under the will of John Brabbin (1768) for male and female children

- H L. John Stroud, 'The Friends' school at Newton-in-Bowland', *Friends' quarterly* Vol. 2 no. 1 (January 1948), pp 59-63 Pers. Ref.

### Oliver's Mount, Scarborough, Yorks, NR (P, B)

1865-1890 or after

Conducted by Thomas Walton

- L Prospectus, August 1868 Vol. N/77  
F & E Clayton, *Francis Clayton of Chiswick and his descendants*, 1892 L 092.9 CLA

### Penketh, near Warrington, Cheshire (C, BG)

1834-1934

- H Joseph Spence Hodgson, *A history of Penketh School, 1834-1907*, 1907 \*+ 044.06 PEN  
*The story of Penketh School, 1834-1934*, 1934 \* + 044.06 PEN
- L 'Alphabetical list of scholars 1834-1934', prepared by Arthur G. Olver, typescript

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Ref. Shelves

- P Penketh School *Annual Reports*, 1835-1934; Pers L/PENK/ 2 (1835-1923); Pers/PENK/2  
OSA *Annual reports*, (1888/9) –1934; Pers/PENK/6  
*Past and present*, no. 1-10, 1893-1895; Pers B/PENK/4  
*Penketh School Magazine*, Vol. 1-8, 1914-1922; Pers B/PENK/4  
*The Navigator: the annual magazine*, No. 1-2, 1933-1934; Box 320/3 & 4
- R Warrington Library, Museum & Archives Service (list available in LSF)

### Polam Hall, Darlington, co. Durham (P, G)

1854-

Conducted by: Jane Procter; Hannah & Rachel Lockwood

- H Kathleen Davies, *Polam Hall: the story of a school*, 1980 044.06 POL
- P *By Kent and Skerne*, 34 (Nov 1934) - [not in LSF; at British Library]

### Rawdon, Yorkshire, WR (C, BG)

1832-1921

- H Walter J. Kaye, *The history of Rawdon School*, 1882 \* 044.06 RAW  
Rawdon OSA, *A brief history of Rawdon School*, [1932] Box 302
- L 'Alphabetical list of scholars 1832-1882', prepared by Arthur G. Olver Ref. Shelves
- P *Annual Report*, (1835-1918); Pers L/RAW  
OSA *Annual reports*, Nos. 5 - 25 (1897/8-1921/2); Pers/RAW
- R Leeds University, Brotherton Library (lists 1832-1882, 1918-1921; incomplete list of pupils 1883-1918)

### Reading, Berkshire

See Leighton Park

### Reeth, Swaledale, Yorkshire, NR (M, BG)

c1787-1939

- H Edmund Cooper, *A history of the Reeth Friends' School*, [1970] 040 [Educ. 3/14]

### Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3EB (C, BG)

1702-

1702-1786, Friends School & Workhouse, Clerkenwell; 1786-1825 at Islington Road, Islington; 1825-1879 at Croydon; from 1879 at Saffron Walden

- H James B. Crosfield, *Saffron Walden School: a sketch of two hundred years*, [1902] 044.06 SAF  
David W. Bolam, *Unbroken community: the story of the Friends' School, Saffron Walden, 1702-1952*, 1952 044.06 SAF/BOL  
Timothy V Hitchcock, ed., *Richard Hutton's complaints book : the notebook of the steward of the Quaker workhouse at Clerkenwell 1711-1737*, 1987 061 HUT
- L *A complete list of scholars educated at Croydon School ... 1825 to ... 1879*, 1882 044.06 SAF

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- P Saffron Walden School, *Annual Report*, (1880)- ; Pers L/SAF (to 1920); Pers/SAF/2  
OSA *Annual reports*, 1894 -; Pers/SAF/6  
*Waldonian* [School Magazine] , No.1- 10, (1906-08); Pers/SAF/4  
*The avenue* [school magazine] No. 7 - 45 (1916-1968); Pers/SAF/4
- R Essex Record Office, Chelmsford (list available in LSF)

### Scarborough

See Oliver's Mount

### Sibford, Sibford Ferris, Banbury, Oxfordshire OX15 5QL (C, BG) 1842-

- H Herbert W. Jones & Mabel Harrod, *Sibford School, 1842-1942*, [1942] 040 [Educ. 1/3]  
Robert W F Fowler, '*Quaker education with special reference to Sibford School*' (MA  
thesis, King's College London), 1987 Theses 044.06 SIB/ROW
- L 'Alphabetical list of scholars 1842-1867', prepared by Malcolm Thomas Ref. Shelves
- P Sibford School, *Annual Report*, 1843-; Pers L/SIB (to 1915);Pers/SIB/2  
OSA *Annual reports*, No. 1 (1903/4) -; Pers/SIB/6  
*The archway* [school magazine] No. 1-29 (1947-1965); Pers/SIB/4
- R Oxfordshire Record Office; later records at the school

### Sidcot, Winscombe, North Somerset BS25 1PD (C, BG) 1808-

- H Francis A. Knight, *A history of Sidcot School ... 1808-1908*, 1908 044.06 SID  
Evelyn Roberts, *A Sidcot pageant*, 1935 044.06 SID  
George W. Hutchinson, *Bevan and Mabel Lean of Sidcot: a record of life and  
progress at Sidcot School ... 1902-1930*, [1981] 044.06 SID  
*Sidcot School 1808-1983: 175th anniversary*, 1983 L 044.06 SID  
Christopher Greenfield, *The white-robed queen: a view of the school at Sidcot since  
1699*, 1994 040 [Educ. 8/2]
- L Winifred E. Newman, *Sidcot School register, 1808-1912*, 1919 044.06 SID  
Mary D. Blaschko, *Sidcot School: register of old scholars, 1808-1958*, 1958; & *1808-  
1998*, 2001 044.06 SID  
supplements 1958-1963, 1963-1968, 1968-1973, 1973-1978, 1978-1983 (please  
consult online catalogue for locations)
- P Sidcot School, *Annual Report*, 1808- ; Pers L/SID/2 (1808-1928);Pers/SID/2  
OSA *Annual reports*, 1 (1878) - ; Pers/SID/6  
*Sidcot Quarterly*, Vol.1, (1890-93); Pers/SID/4  
*The island* [school magazine] No. 5- (1907-1983); Pers/SID/4
- R at the school

### Stramongate, Kendal, Westmorland (M; B 1698-1814, D 1814-1932) 1698-1932

- P *Stramongate School magazine*, Vol. 1-9 (1900- 1932); Pers B/STR/4  
*The old Stramonian*, No. 1-31 (1933-2000) [LSF set incomplete]; Pers B/STR/6



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- R Committee & other records: Cumbria Archives, Kendal [FMH Kendal ref. 98: see LSF Meeting Records location list 16.b.1.]

### Tottenham, Middlesex

See Grove House

### Wennington School, Wennington, Lancs; Wetherby, Yorkshire, WR (P, BG) 1940-1975

known as Wennington Hall School, Wennington, 1940-1945, then Wennington School, 1945-1975

Conducted by: Kenneth C. Barnes, 1940-1973

- H Kenneth C. Barnes, *Energy unbound: the story of Wennington School*, 1980  
044.06 WEN

### Weston-super-mare, Somerset

See Brynmelyn

### Weybridge, Surrey

See The Hall School

### Wigton, Cumberland (C, BG)

1815-1984

- H Wigton OSA, *A short account of Wigton School*, 1892 \* + 044.06 WIG  
Wigton OSA, *A history of Wigton School, 1815 to 1915*, 1916 \* + 044.06 WIG  
David W. Reed (ed), *Friends' School, Wigton, Cumberland, 1815-1953*, 1954 \* +  
044.06 WIG
- L 'Alphabetical list of scholars 1815-1953', prepared by Arthur G. Olver, Ref. Shelves  
'Alphabetical list of staff 1815-1953', prepared by Arthur G. Olver, Ref. Shelves
- P Wigton School *Annual reports*, 1815-1983;  
Pers L/WIG/2 (1815-1925); Pers B/WIG/2  
OSA *Annual reports*, No. 1-95 (1891/2) – 1984/5; Pers B/WIG/6  
*The Brookfield chronicle: the magazine of Friends School, Wigton*, No.1 (Dec  
1923), No. 3 (Christmas 1924); Pers B/WIG/4  
*The brook* [school magazine] 1948-1966; Pers B/WIG/4
- R Cumbria Record Office, Carlisle

### The Woodlands, Hitchin, Hertfordshire (P, B)

1873-1889

Conducted by: Joseph P. Drewett and Cranstone Woodhead, 1873-1879; Isaac Sharp  
and Cranstone Woodhead, 1879-1882; Isaac Sharp, 1882-1889

- H F.F.Hoyland, 'Reminiscences of a Hitchin school in the 1870s and 1880s', typescript,  
1935 Box L 10/02
- P 'The Woodlands journal: magazine of the Woodlands School', MS, illus., 8 vols, 18??-  
1889 MS. VOLS. S12a- S19

### York, Yorkshire

See Bootham; The Mount

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### Ireland

#### **Ballitore, co. Kildare (P, B) 1726-1802; 1806-1836**

Conducted by: Abraham, then Richard, then Abraham Shackleton the younger; James White

H Michael Quane, 'Ballitore School' (*Journal of the Kildare Archaeological Society* vol 14 (1966-1967) pp 174-209 040 [Educ. 3/17]

L E.J. McAuliffe (ed), *An Irish genealogical source: the roll of the Quaker school at Ballitore, [1726-1836] ... with an index ...*, 1984 044.32 BAL

R Friends Historical Library, Quaker House, Stocking Lane, Dublin 16.

#### **Brookfield, near Moira, co. Antrim (C, BG; P,BG) 1836-1921; 1921-**

Established primarily for the children of disowned members; under the care of Ireland Yearly Meeting. Closed by Ireland YM in 1921; Charles and Anna Sophia Benington continued a small private school there. (About 1877 a separate day school was set up for "the surrounding poor".)

H *Brookfield Agricultural School, Moira, Ireland: its origin and history*, 1890 Box 302

P *Annual reports*, 1839-1922; Pers/BRO/2  
OSA *Annual reports* 1(1908) - 2 (1908/9) Box 255/2& 3

R Friends Historical Library, Quaker House, Stocking Lane, Dublin 16. (register of admissions 1836-1921)

#### **Lisburn, 6 Magheralave Road, Lisburn, BT28 3BH (C, BG) 1774-**

known as Ulster Provincial School until 1914

H Neville H. Newhouse, *A history of Friends' School, Lisburn*, 1974 044.32 LIS/NEW

L *List of scholars educated at Prospect Hill, Lisburn, from 1794 to 1894*, 1894 [not in LSF]

P *Annual reports*, 1818- (incomplete); Pers B/LIS/2  
OSA *Annual reports*, 1896-1941; Pers B/LIS/6  
*Efesel* [School Magazine] 1929-1939; Pers B/LIS/4  
*Past And Present* (includes OSA report) 1942-1955, 1970, 1973; Pers B/LIS/2

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#### **Mountmellick, co. Laois (C; 1786-1855 D; 1855-1921 G) 1786-1921**

known as Leinster Provincial School until 1855

H *One hundred years of Mountmellick School: history of the school, with proceedings of the 1886 centenary...*, 1886 \* 044.32 MOU

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Michael Quane, 'The Friends' Provincial School, Mountmellick' (*Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland*, vol 89 (1959) pp 59-89) 097 [Hist. 7/6]

P Newtown & Mountmellick OSA *Annual reports*, (1891-1970); Pers/NEWT/6

R Friends Historical Library, Quaker House, Stocking Lane, Dublin 16.

**Newtown, Waterford (C; 1798-1855 D; 1855-1906 B; 1906- BG) 1798-**  
known as Munster Provincial School until 1855

H *Newtown School centenary: history of the school*, 1898 044.32 NEW  
Maurice J Wigham, *A history of Newtown School, Waterford*, 1998

044.32 NEW/WIG

L Newtown & Mountmellick OSA, *List of scholars ... 1798-1891*, 1892 in 1897-1908  
volume of Newtown & Mountmellick OSA *Annual reports* Pers/NEWT/6

P Newtown & Mountmellick OSA *Annual reports*, (1891-1970); Pers/NEWT/6  
*Newtown Review*, 1934- (from 1970's includes OSA report); Pers/NEWT/4

R Friends Historical Library, Quaker House, Stocking Lane, Dublin 16.; later records at  
the school

**Waterford**

See Newtown

## Quaker schools today

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Grove House School, Tottenham (1828-1877) was conducted by Thomas Binns

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