

FRAGMENTS OF FAMILY HISTORY

By Elizabeth Howard

Stanley Howard
(1677-1736)

of Canterbury in Kent is the first of the Howard family whose history can be traced. His father went to Ireland it is thought to take part in the war then carrying on between King James II and the English forces under William III and was never afterwards heard of. He is supposed to have resided in Berkshire. Stanley being thus left a child, perhaps an orphan, was brought up by his mother's relations, and apprenticed to a Woolcomber at Hitchin in Hertfordshire, and when out of his time married a young woman of that place a friend, named Mary Whittenstall. Whether Stanley Howard began business at Hitchin is not known, but they moved to London, and he carried on the business to which he had been brought up – that of a Woolcomber- in Hoxton Square, then an outskirt of the town, and probably in the seventeenth century part of a village.

After a few years they removed to Canterbury, where they spent the remainder of their days. They had a numerous family, some of whom died young, but not much is known respecting them. The subjects of the present memoranda are their son Robert and his descendants, more especially of his second son, Robert.

Robert Howard
(1706-1793)

Son of Stanley Howard married Elizabeth Cullen and settled at Folkestone, then a small fishing town and a noted place for smuggling, the facilities of intercourse with the French Coast, and the concealment of the traffic holding out inducements to this illicit and demoralizing practice.

Robert and Elizabeth Howard lived in a house about the centre of town – then as now, very irregular having narrow steep streets in a part of it – and but a mean appearance at the best, though the surrounding fine hills covered with verdure and affording pasture for peculiarly handsome flocks of a small race of sheep and the white cliffs with their green summits sloping down to the beach, have always given the old town pleasing environs.

Robert Howard's trade was that of a worker in tin to which were added many goods in brass and iron, The shop was well situated for the retail trade – and the worthy pair thus commencing life were frugal and industrious. A blessing seemed to attend their honest endeavours – which it is believed has continued to the present day in their successors, those who have walked by the same rule and minded the same thing. Their family consisted of three sons and one daughter, namely Sarah, Thomas, Robert and John.

Sarah Howard
(Sarah Jackson
Sarah Nichols)
(1734-1820)

Sarah the eldest of Robert and Elizabeth Howard's family was born about the year 1733, died in 1820 aged 87 years. She was twice married – her first husband was William Jackson and they lived some years in London, afterwards at Wandsworth. They had two children, one died quite young, the other a daughter named Elizabeth married about the age of 19 Thomas Nicholson then a clerk in a London Merchant's Counting house. Sarah Jackson's husband having died in her middle life, she after a few years married Thomas Nichols of Folkestone, a widower with a grown up family. Neither of these connections proved happy, but through the kindness of Sarah Nichols' son and daughter Thomas and Elizabeth Nicholson, her latter days were made comfortable and being many years again a widow she resided near them – first in an outskirt of London and the remainder of her life within a short distance of Roundhay park near Leeds, to which estate Thomas and Elizabeth Nicholson had retired. Elizabeth Nicholson was a person of great energy of character and like her mother she was very ingenious and possessed a good deal of taste- but her education was very limited and her natural talents were not developed as they might have been had she had the advantage of good instruction.

Thomas Nicholson died in 1820. Elizabeth Nicholson in 1833 in her 67th year.

Thomas Howard
(1736-1824)

the eldest son of Robert and Elizabeth Howard of Folkestone, was a remarkably fine man and continued so even to his old age. He and his brother Robert began business together in London about the year 1760, but they did not continue long in the same trade, Thomas Howard pursuing the braziers business in a shop in Thames Street – his brother Robert remaining in the tin trade in what was called Smithfield Bars, the north entrance of that place now part of St. John's Street, here their sister Sarah kept their house. Thomas Howard married Mary Leatham of Pontefract in 1762 and afterwards removed to Queen Street, Cheapside – where they had a large family several of whom died in infancy.

Thomas Howard the elder lived many years in St. Paul's Churchyard to which he removed from Queen Street, but not liking the retail business, and his wife's health requiring a change to the country – they left London entirely in 1788 and retired to a comfortable house which Thomas Howard had built in the village of Stockwell, then much more rural than of late years.

The Iron Works at Rotherhithe in which Thomas Howard was a partner were managed on behalf of the Company by him for a long period for which he had a handsome salary; his son William was

employed under him, and succeeded his father as principal. Thomas Howard died at Stockwell in 1824 aged 88 years. Mary Howard died in 1820 aged 81; both were buried at Wandsworth in the Friends' Burial Ground.

Elizabeth Howard
(1763-1833)

Elizabeth the eldest child of Thomas and Mary Howard was born in 1763. In 1792 she was married to William Cookworthy of Plymouth. William Cookworthy died four years after his marriage aged 33 years. Elizabeth Cookworthy died at Plymouth 1833 aged 70.

Mary Howard
(1765-1851)

Mary the second daughter of Thomas and Mary Howard born 1765 was married 1786 to Jeremiah Harman, Merchant of Frederick Place, Old Jewry. Jeremiah Harman died in the early part of 1841 aged 81 years. Mary Harman died at Tottenham at the house of her sister Anne Howard in the fifth month 1851 aged 86 years.

Stanley Howard
(1767-1844)

Eldest son of Thomas and Mary Howard born in 1767 married in 1793 Anne Maria Graham who died in 1808 or 1809 leaving six children, four of whom are now living.

Thomas remains a bachelor and lives near Blackheath
 Marian died about 18 years old
 William married a young person from Sandwich in Kent. He is now a widower with one daughter Fanny living at Blackheath
 Maria, married John Keeling of Tottenham, they have five sons and three daughters
 Fanny died at the age of 20. She was a very lovely young person
 Stanley, not married, living in London

Stanley Howard married a second time – his wife and one daughter by that marriage survived him, but both are now deceased. Stanley Howard died about the year 1844.

Thomas Howard

Thomas, second son of Thomas and Mary Howard married Elizabeth Phillips of Doncaster in 1798. Their family of two sons and seven daughters are all living, except one daughter. Thomas Howard Junr. died in the midst of an active life, carrying on a large retail business in Ironmongery and plated ware in St. Paul's Churchyard, leaving his widow with nine children, the eldest a girl under fifteen years of age. Elizabeth Thomas Howard went to live at Ipswich with her family in 1821 or 1822 and continued there until her death in 1853 having been thirtynine years a widow. The children of Thomas and Elizabeth Howard of St Paul's Churchyard:-

Caroline, married William Matravers of Westbury
 Mary, married Jeremiah Head of Ipswich
 Emma, married Henry Alexander of Ipswich. Henry Alexander is deceased, the widow with one son and daughter went to Australia. The son is since deceased and the daughter married.
 Thomas Henry, born in 1805 is a clergyman, married and has a large family.
 Ann Elizabeth, married Charles Bolton, Lieutenant in the Navy
 Lucy, married Richard Nelson, Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Engineers.
 Edward, not a satisfactory character
 Isabella, married to the dissatisfaction of the family and not now living.
 Sarah, of weak intellect from infancy.

William Howard
(c.1777-1854)

William, the next son of Thomas and Mary Howard who outlived infancy never married. He was many years manager and partner in some Iron Works now under the superintendence of one of his nephews, he having retired from active life, several years before his death, which took place in the third month 1854, when he was 77 years of age.

Anne Howard
(1779-1854)

Anne, third and youngest daughter of Thomas and Mary Howard after the decease of her parents resided some years at Plymouth near her widowed sister Cookworthy. Anne Howard removed to Tottenham in 1840 where she died in the twelfth month 1854 in her 76th year.

Leatham Howard

Was the youngest of Thomas and Mary Howard's family, was first apprenticed to his brother-in-law William Cookworthy, a manufacturing chemist at Plymouth, but after his death a disadvantageous change took place, for in consequence Leatham Howard was turned over to a person in something the same line of business in Nottingham, where he was much exposed. His subsequent marriage and entrance into business in London, proved a source of much trouble and anxiety to his friends. He died middle-aged leaving a widow and one son and one daughter – the widow and son are both deceased – the daughter married a gentleman of the name of Wakefield and they now live in Ireland.

John Howard
(1741-1774)

The younger son of Robert and Elizabeth Howard of Folkestone went when a young man to America. He engaged in some trading concerns, married into a respectable family likely to prosper in his business, but taking a voyage to one of the West India islands, he there was rapidly taken off by fever, leaving a widow and three or four children, - after the decease of their mother, these were cared for by her relations. There are some descendants living in America with whom occasional correspondence has taken place. From some very recent correspondence with a great-granddaughter

Robert Howard
(1739-1812)

of John Howard's of the name of Steelman who resides at Philadelphia, it appears that there are several of his descendants still living in that city, through it is not known that there are any of the name of Howard.

The second son of Robert and Elizabeth Howard was born at Folkestone in the year 1738 old style of New Year's day 1739 according to the present mode.

He and his brother Thomas nearly two years older, were educated in their native town, according to the best instruction to be obtained there. The essential parts for plain tradesmen were no doubt gained, but in after life Robert Howard much regretted the limited nature of his early education, having a great thirst for knowledge, which there was very small opportunity for acquiring. He and his brother Thomas were taught business under their father, and worked with their own hands before they came to London.

Robert Howard about the age of 22 married Susannah Smith daughter of a Friend in a very humble line of business at Hollyport, a small village in Berkshire. She was it appears a very pretty young woman, but she was delicate and died of consumption in a few years, leaving three little children. Her younger sister lived to a very advanced age and used to say that "Sukey" as she was called made an impression on her future husband at first sight, by going to the shop in Smithfield to purchase some articles for her aunt, with whom she was then living in the neighbourhood. This was very likely as Robert Howard was always an admirer of beauty. She had however an uncultivated mind and a poor education and though perhaps she might be considered amiable and well disposed, she was not a well suited helpmate. In the second month 1772 Robert Howard married Elizabeth Leatham of Pontefract, daughter of William and Elizabeth Leatham and sister to his brother Thomas' wife. The eldest son of this marriage was Luke Howard born on the 28th of the eleventh month 1772.

Robert Howard had several years before this removed to larger premises, house and shop in Red Cross Street, Cripplegate (it is believed that the business of an ironmonger is still carried on there on the left hand near Barbican). Here he remained till about the year 1778, when the change took place to a large private house in Old Street with room behind for extensive buildings which he erected and afterwards added to, as the manufacturing of Tin Ware increased, and it became like a little town of workshops and warehouses; two dwelling houses were also built for Robert Howard's partners, who had long been Clerks in that concern. By successive improvements in the various articles made, a thorough knowledge of the business, a firm determination to have every thing good of its kind – both in material and work, which his customers well knew and confided in – this business became very large and profitable.

About 1782 the Argand Lamp, invented by a Frenchman of that name, attracted Robert Howard's attention, and he gave his energetic mind to effect improvements in the original principle and through much toil and vexation from different causes, he succeeded in bringing it to such perfection that until the introduction of gas so much superseded their use these lamps in their various forms were a most valuable source of profit in trade and a great benefit to the public. Besides the improved manufacture of these lamps and also others of an inferior kind – Robert Howard invented the mode of making dish covers without seam, much handsomer than those formerly in use. The Dish Covers made under his superintendence had nearly the polish and appearance of silver. Many improvements in various things, and the business altogether of which Robert Howard had long stood the first – not only in London, but in general – gave him the just title of Father of the Trade, not only in plain articles of tin ware, but japanned teatrays, canisters, mugs of all sizes, plate warmers, bread baskets, &c. &c. were a large part of the concern. Many of these goods were exported.

The Japanners shops, including the ovens for the gradual drying of the different coats laid on, the women employed in polishing and producing imitation of tortoiseshell, - gilding the edges with leaf gold &c. were objects of curious inspection to visitors. Ornamental painting also on many things employed several ingenious persons in this department, and the writer well remembers the delight afforded her in her young days by watching now and then the production of tulips, roses, honeysuckles, sprigs of jasmine, &c. on the beautiful little mugs with their clear shining tin insides and rims. These were much used in the West Indies. The large upper and under warehouses were repositories for great and entertaining varieties of goods.

Robert Howard's second son William was in partnership with his father, several years before the death of the latter in 1812. William Howard then became the principal in the concern. One of the partners had previously died. This once flourishing business soon got into a different state, partly from alterations in the trade itself. On the death of the other partner and William Howard's retirement from town, and the business being left in the hands of a person by no means competent to manage it, the whole came to an end about the year 1847 and the lease soon after expiring, the once respectable mansion and the great premises behind were metamorphosed, the first into two dwelling houses with shops, the latter converted into streets of small houses, The whole neighbourhood has undergone a

gradual deterioration, and is now totally different from what it was when the writer first remembers it.

Besides the application of his powers of mind and energy to his general engagements in trade Robert Howard was filling up many useful posts as regarded the community. The London parish to which he belonged claimed many portions of his time as one of the guardians of the poor &c. Of the Bible Society he was one of the three Friends present at the first organisation (in 1804) of that now vast Institution and it had his steady support by attendance of the Committee and in other ways till near the close of his life. At that early period the path of perseverance had many rough places in it, but still there were many encouragements to go forward and those who joined in the first friendly compact in the good cause continued valiant for it. Other objects of public good and of benevolence shared Robert Howard's labours and pecuniary means; he was ever the friend and advocate of the oppressed who came under his notice, with the widow and the fatherless. Some of this class remembered him with much gratitude.

In the religious society of which he was from nearly his first entrance upon active life, a strictly attached and useful member, he had much to do, being not only an influential person in his own meeting, and an elder for 25 years, but also assisting in other meetings connected with the affairs of the Society. In the Educational Institutions of the Society of Friends he took a prominent part and manifested great interest in their welfare. Islington School and workhouse, as turned from the old foundation then Clerkenwell – (of late years removed to Croydon) was one of his constant cares.

A number of ancient friends supported by the Monthly Meeting lived in dwellings separated into apartments on the same premises, but not in the School house.

Ackworth School from its commencement in 1779 was a very favourite object of Robert Howard's attention. He was [on] the London Committee and a very diligent member as long as ability remained, he very seldom omitted attending the General Meeting of the Institution and took an active part in all its concerns, being particularly desirous to promote the health of the children and family, by good diet and a supply of wholesome water, and was himself present to superintend a part of the work when the new well was opened for use. Though a large and at one time a portly looking man, Robert Howard never enjoyed good health. On this account partly in his 55th year he removed from Old Street as a home, though still retaining it as a Town house, - to a house with an extensive garden in Stamford Hill three and a half miles distant going in his carriage almost daily to town, his active mind being still in the pursuit of business and other engagements. Robert Howard also preferred remaining a member of the Peel Monthly meeting in the compass of which he had always lived since first coming to London. The attendance of Peel Monthly meeting caused too much time to be spent on the road First days, and the consequent absence from the place of residence nearly the whole day. The week day meeting on Fourth day was of course regularly attended. The hour for meeting both on First and Fourth day was 10 o'clock and the writer remembers that the afternoon meeting in winter began at 2 o'clock and at 3 in summer. It was considered an indulgence to go to Tottenham Meeting on First days a few times in the course of the year. Robert Howard in the latter part of his life suffered much from infirmities, the result of a worn out constitution; a fall which he had about 7 years before his death was also a cause of frequent suffering. Until within a short time of his decease he kept up his active habits as far as his strength would allow and sometimes it seemed to his friends almost beyond it.

The immediate cause of his death was mortification in the foot; during the two months his illness confined him to the house, he was often under the influence of the remedies to which it was necessary to resort, but occasionally his mind was clear and collected, and his valuable life was closed in much peace on the 19th of 1st month 1812 when he was 73 years and 19 days old. His remains were interred at Winchmore Hill on the 26th of the same month.

After Robert Howard's decease his widow and only daughter (the writer) removed from Stamford Hill to Bruce Grove, Tottenham, there the widow resided for the remainder of her life, and there she died on the 26th of 10th month 1816 after a sudden attack of apoplexy in her 76th year. Her remains were interred at Winchmore Hill.

Elizabeth Howard
(née Leatham)
(1742-1816)

Elizabeth Howard the second wife of Robert Howard (as already mentioned) and mother of the writer possessed a good understanding but she had not the advantage of much education. She was very fond of reading, particularly history. From the commencement of her married life she had the care of three children to whom as well as to her own children she discharged her maternal duties in a very exemplary manner. She was very hospitable and for many successive years it was her pleasure to welcome to her table and to receive as inmates many guests during the yearly Meeting, and to these as well as to her friends generally she was always truly kind. Great uprightness marked her character and she had a real love for what was good wherever found. Towards the latter part of her life her health and active powers very much failed and the final summons was sent so suddenly that there was

not the opportunity for much expression but there is the consolation of believing that she lived in the practical remembrance of our Lord's words "Watch and pray for ye know not when the time is."

Robert and Elizabeth had a family of 7 children three of whom died when very young – a little boy named Isaac died in infancy – two little girls named Mary and Sarah also died, the first was a very engaging child and lived to be three years and a half old, - the other little thing died an infant. They were the youngest of the family.

John Howard
(1763-1842)

Of Robert Howard's first family all of whom lived to be men John the eldest must first be briefly noticed. He was brought up to the business of a miller and was established in that line at Shalford near Guildford in Surrey. Neither his ability nor conduct proved satisfactory and after his marriage with a young woman in the neighbourhood, and having one child, a daughter born at Shalford, he was removed to the vicinity of London. The Mill and pretty estate were sold and the property given by his father was almost all expended in bad management.

He continued to be a source of severe trial to his parent and a great pecuniary loss in the various attempts made to engage him in business. John Howard died in the 10th month 1842 aged 80 years. His wife died before him in the same year at Bath. Eight children survived their parents:

Mary	Deceased	Ann	
Frances		Robert	Deceased
Keene		Sarah	
Elizabeth	Deceased	Hannah	

Robert Howard
(1765-1791)

Robert the second son of Robert Howard was born in 1765 and was a young man of great promise, and possessed talents of a superior order. He was intended for his father's business, and the Argand Lamp department as requiring the exercise of ingenuity, and the introduction of it to the notice of the public, with a knowledge of its philosophical principles was an object which engaged his attention. Some circumstances connected with this induced Robert Howard to agree to a proposal of Ami Argand the inventor for Robert Howard Junr. To go for some months to reside with him and his brother at Geneva. Robert accordingly went there in 1788 and returned in 1789. The manufacture of these lamps by their original inventor was carried on at Versoix a village near Geneva. Here some improvement was gained and an opportunity afforded for seeing much of foreign manners. The neighbouring scenery filled him with wonder and admiration.

Paris both in going and returning was visited, and it became as may be imagined to a mind so well prepared to enter into the various attractions which it presented, a centre of enjoyment, and its gaieties were entered into with great zest. This residence in France accomplished the visitor in all the graces of the travelled gentleman, and the manners and appearance of a Friend were entirely thrown off. Being well acquainted with the language and literature of the French and with the conspicuous characters of the time, also with the political excitement just beginning to ferment, and afterwards to produce such terrible results – the impressions made on such a mind in such circumstances were necessarily very strong. Robert Howard was then about 24 years of age.

On his return home he exhibited the French manners and the costume of a polite young man of that nation. His long powdered hair was done up in a peculiar kind of large bag – knot with a comb concealed within.

Frilled and ruffled linen, metal buttons &c. were a strange contrast to the dress of the consistent Friend of the day, and would be thought very outlandish by any Englishman now.

Robert Howard had a very affectionate disposition, and he was open and sincere in friendship, but some of his companions were very unprofitable ones and not worthy of his confidence. His taste for music was a snare to him and on this account he deeply regretted the indulgence of it. Not two years elapsed which interval was employed in his father's business, before he was seized with the illness of which he died at about 26 years of age. The complaint was what is called typhus fever, and was the same in some respects as that which his younger brother Joseph had died about three months before. From the commencement of his illness his mind was seriously impressed with its dangerous nature and the work of preparation for an awful change then to do was overwhelming to him, but before this came amid the sufferings of the poor body, now reduced from the energetic man to the helpless child, he had to proclaim to others the free salvation bestowed by a merciful prayer-hearing God and Saviour to whom his penitential confessions of sin and resisted grace which had often striven with him were addressed in fervency and agony of spirit. When through the infinite compassion of his Lord pardon and hope dawned upon his troubled mind, his love was like hers to whom much had been forgiven, and he wept at the feet of Jesus, as a repentant and forgiven one. His great desire was for the holy Scriptures, and the LIII Isaiah was much dwelt upon during his first awakening. Many other parts and passages of Scripture were very precious to him as affording encouragement to his tossed and distressed soul. He much regretted his deviation from the simple faith in which he

believed he should have walked as a Friend, renouncing all frivolity of exterior as well as other follies. He bore a clear and decided testimony to the Scriptural rectitude of the principles of Friends in all their import, trusting if restored he should be enabled to support them. Much advice was given to a few particular relatives who saw him, but the chief part was addressed to his father, as wishing his sentiments to be known, and the nature of his illness precluded much intercourse except with him and his mother – to the latter he gratefully acknowledged her unwearied kindness, and her efforts to alleviate his sufferings with tender care. The physicians were very assiduous and took much interest in his case. Towards his end some sense seemed to be given him of the events which not long afterwards took place in Paris, exclaiming “Oh Paris, what will become of thee?” The renunciation of religion in that city and the want of it generally amongst all classes, seemed to be a burden which lay heavily on his mind. His recollection was mostly clear, but as usual in such disorders, some wanderings occurred. On the night of his departure, his father who had retired late for a little rest was called to him, when he spoke quite sensibly, saying “Father the hand of death is upon me”. He took an affectionate leave of him, and expressed a hope that if he had lived, he should not have been a source of sorrow to him, but a comfort. At the same time he intimated that it was otherwise ordered and that he was resigned to the Divine Will. He soon afterwards expired in perfect peace, his robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.

Joseph Howard
(1769-1790)

The youngest of Robert Howard’s first family was a pious young man, religiously inclined from his early days. It was intended that he should be introduced to the business at Rotherhithe then superintended by William Manser, a Friend, who was uncle to the late Wm. and James Manser of Hertfordshire.

William Manser kept house at Rotherhithe, and Joseph Howard boarded with him, and was employed in the Counting House. He used to come to old Street on 7th day afternoon and return 2nd day morning. He was of a delicate constitution and frame, with fine features and a very agreeable countenance, he had beautiful auburn hair (like his mother’s) and a great deal of it. He showed much ingenuity in drawing and he was much better fitted for some pursuit requiring the talent in this way, or the lighter kinds of machinery, than the heavy, cumbrous concern of the iron works for which he was designed, the atmosphere of which both physical and mental was very uncongenial to him. He was of a meek disposition, not of many words – but he had a good understanding, which he improved by self-culture as much as his leisure time would allow. About the end of the 10th month 1790 Joseph Howard came to Old Street very unwell first with headache to which he was at times subject. The illness increased and typhus fever of the worst kind soon prostrated his strength and the powers of his mind. The writer, then about 11 years old, remembers the smell of musk medicines which were used to prevent infection if possible. Meanwhile instead of ventilation and cool treatment, the patient’s room, which, though not large, had two good windows in it, was kept closely shut up and the bed hangings were of substantial dark green moreen. The nurse was a good one, and spared no pains in her attention to the poor sufferer. Dr. Lettsome and other medical attendants exercised their skill assiduously, but these were the dark ages for proper treatment in cases of infectious fever. The writer was sent to school at the commencement of the illness of the elder brother Robert, but she recollects hearing that the good sized drawing room was fitted up for him, and that he was removed into it from his own room, which was on the same floor. Joseph Howard died in the 11th month 1790 aged 21 years. Though little was expressed, the nature of his illness precluding much mental effort, there is reason to believe that the approaching end of time was not unexpected by him, and that a peaceful entrance was granted into one of the “many mansions” prepared by the Lord for His humble and faithful servants.

These two young men, who died but three months apart from each other, were buried in Friends Burial Ground, Bunhill Fields.

Although there seemed much to lament in the loss of two such beloved members of the family, yet no doubt can be entertained that they were mercifully permitted to exchange their conflicts and trials each would have had to experience here below for a state of enduring happiness rest and peace.

Luke Howard
(1772-1864)

The eldest of Robert Howard’s second family has already been mentioned, but it seems right to glance at his early life.

He was sent to school at the early age of seven years, at a distance of 79 miles from home – then quite a long journey. The master of this school which was at Burford, Oxon, was a worthy man, his name was Thos. Huntley, but he was very strict in his rules towards his scholars, and his wife no less so in her department. However little Luke soon became much attached to his home of learning, where he spent seven years, only coming home at the Midsummer vacation, which was then regulated by Whitsuntide. He was a very good and thoughtful little boy and gained the god will of all the school as well as at his parental home. In time his younger brother joined him at school.

Soon after leaving school Luke Howard went a further distance from home as an apprentice to Olive

Sims, the son of John Sims of Yarmouth, a friend and old acquaintance of Robert Howard's. Olive Sims had not long before commenced business as a Chemist and Druggist at Stockport in Cheshire. Here Luke Howard spent seven years more of his life, and when he quitted Stockport at the end of his apprenticeship he left a good report behind him. Luke Howard then lived for a short time at home. In the summer of 1794 he met with a serious accident at a wholesale warehouse in Bishopsgate Street, where he was engaged in acquiring insight into the trade of a druggist before going into business for himself. The cause of this terrible disaster as it proved to him was going up to a place where something wanted by a customer was kept and in descending the step ladder, a glass bottle containing a poisonous liquid broke, cut the inside of his hand and the contents entered the wound. A surgical operation was afterwards needful and the case altogether from the suffering it occasioned and the long effect it had on the constitution is painful to recall to mind. A cure being at length completed as regarded the use of the hand, Luke Howard entered into business as a chemist and druggist in a retail shop, with a small laboratory behind it, sometime in the year 1795. In the 12th month in the following year Luke Howard married Mariabella Eliot, the only daughter of John and Mary Eliot of Bartholomew Close, London.

They lived about three quarters of a year in Fleet Street where Luke Howard first began business, he then joined William Allen in the manufacturing part of the Plough Court business which was carried on at Plaistow, and in consequence they removed to that place.

Their first child Mary was born at Plaistow in the year 1797

Robert the eldest son was born in 1801

Elizabeth was born in the 1st month 1803

Rachel in the 8th month 1804

John Eliot in 1807

Joseph in 1811

Another boy died an infant and a little girl whose name was Mariabella, died when about one year and a half old.

In 1813, Luke Howard removed to Tottenham, he was then an active member of the Society of Friends, and his qualifications rendered his services very valuable; in these services he was often associated with his brother-in-law the benevolent and humble minded John Eliot. The business in which Luke Howard was engaged had been removed from Plaistow to Stratford, it was much extended and had become a lucrative concern; he had active partners, and his two elder sons as they grew up were introduced into the business so that he was much at liberty for benevolent, scientific and literary pursuits in which he took great interest. In 1820, Luke Howard purchased an estate at Ackworth, the house was called the Villa, and there he and his family spent the summer months of each year until 1828 when they moved entirely to Ackworth, and the house at Tottenham was given up. The sons at this time were engaged in business, the two elder were partners in the concern at Stratford, and Robert who had married in 1825 was settled in Bruce Grove, Tottenham. John Eliot had a home with his aunt Elizabeth Howard until his marriage in 1830. Joseph was employed in a wholesale business in London, and principally resided with his uncle John Eliot in Bartholomew Close.

Mary the eldest child of Luke and Mariabella Howard was of a delicate constitution and after some time of declining health she died of rapid consumption in 1816 in the 19th year of her age.

Elizabeth Howard
(1803-1836)

Elizabeth, the eldest surviving daughter of Luke and Mariabella Howard, was a very lively and engaging child; she possessed a very enquiring mind and as she grew up, her affectionate and dutiful conduct to her parents, her loving interest in all that related to her brothers and sisters, her efficiency in all that she undertook, and her unselfish desire to serve and please, with the attractive manner in which her services were performed, all these, and much more that might be mentioned made her a truly loved member of the social circle, her excellent natural abilities were improved by diligent cultivation, but though she had great pleasure in the acquisition of knowledge, it was not pursued for mere self gratification, to the exclusion of other duties, for both she and her sister when quite young gave up much time and attention to various objects of benevolence particularly the instruction of the children of the poor. On the 11th of the third month of 1829 Elizabeth was married at Pontefract to John Hodgkin, she then came to reside in Tottenham which was her home for the remainder of her life. In the new position in which she was placed, she exhibited in her daily walk a combination of Christian graces adorning her naturally lovely character, and in all the relations of wife, mother and mistress of a family, she was most exemplary and admirable.

Her dear little children were objects of the most affectionate interest to her, but she was suddenly called to leave her happy home for a better home above. She died at Tottenham in perfect peace on the 19th of first month 1836 soon after the birth of her fifth child, and her remains were interred at Winchmore Hill on the 26th (her birthday) when she would have completed her 33rd year. The baby, a

fine little boy named Luke Howard died about ten days after the lamented mother and was laid in the same grave.

Four little children were left behind, the eldest six years of age.

Rachel Howard
(1804-1837)

Rachel the younger daughter of Luke and Mariabella Howard was of a more delicate constitution than her sister, and she did not possess so much vivacity, but she had very good abilities. She was of a reflective turn of mind, very sensitive and religiously disposed. She early exerted herself in the cause of education first at Tottenham and afterwards at Ackworth. In the latter place she established a school which engaged much of her attention, as long as health permitted, and it is believed that her efforts in conjunction with those of her sister for the moral and religious training of youth, have been much blessed to many who were instructed in the school. Her health had been gradually declining, became seriously impaired in the early part of 1837. Her parents in consequence engaged a temporary home at Tottenham to which place she was removed where she had every advantage that medical skill and most assiduous nursing and tender care could supply. Her complaint was consumption which terminated in her death in the 9th month 1837. During her illness Rachel Howard evinced much interest for her young nephews and nieces presenting to each a Treasury Bible as a parting gift. Many of her remarks were instructive and encouraging giving evidence of submission to the Divine Will.

Her remains were interred at Winchmore Hill near the spot where her beloved sister was laid. These two so united in life were parted by death only one year and eight months, both dying at the age of 33.

Joseph Howard
(1811-1833)

Joseph the youngest son of Luke and Mariabella Howard was a remarkably active boy and promised to be healthy until about the 19th year of his life, when some symptoms of delicacy of the lungs appeared, this, from frequently taking cold during his residence in London, became more apparent as he advanced beyond his 20th year. He had several attacks of haemorrhage and his illness was attended with much suffering till near the close. Though his conduct as a young man had been very correct, there was no evidence of that decided change of heart which his friends were permitted to witness before his departure, when he was enabled in a remarkable manner, to make a full declaration of his faith in his Saviour. He died, at the house of his brother Robert Howard in Bruce Grove, where he was very tenderly watched over by his parents, and he had every attention from them, and his brothers and sisters, which the most affectionate care could bestow.

His decease occurred in the 6th month 1833 when he was 22 years of age. The interment was at Winchmore Hill.

Luke and Mariabella Howard's family having been reduced to two sons, both of whom as well as their son Hodgkin resided in Tottenham, after the year 1837 they took up their abode at Tottenham during the winter months, occupying one of the smaller houses in Bruce Grove. The summers were passed at Ackworth when they generally had the company of some of their children and grandchildren. This arrangement was carried out without much variation until the year 1852 when during their residence at Tottenham Mariabella Howard after a few hours of much suffering expired on the 24th of the second month 1852 in the 83rd year of her age. The funeral took place on the 28th at Winchmore Hill.

Mariabella Howard's health had been gradually declining for some time and bodily infirmities had increased upon her, but her mind was very clear and there was such true humility with a peaceful expression of countenance and an increase of genial manner, as plainly proved that a peculiar brightness rested on the closing days of the aged Christian. After Mariabella Howard's death, Luke Howard went to reside with his son Robert Howard's family. Luke Howard has hitherto spent some months each summer at Ackworth always having some of his children and grandchildren with him.

The aged parent is permitted to pass the evening of his life in much comfort and peace, cheered by the unremitting care and love of his children, and now in his ninetieth year, he is waiting in humble hope the summons of his Lord.

William Howard
(1774-1860)

The second son of Robert and Elizabeth Howard was born in 1774 and after leaving Burford School was apprenticed to his father as a Tin Manufacturer. He was a steady youth, and very persevering in acquiring all the details of his business; he had a bench to himself with all proper tools at a window in one of the smaller and more private workshops, under an experienced hand, and the writer remembers him hammering away in a black stiff apron.

He was at the same time diligent in acquiring scientific and literary knowledge and like his brother Luke he possessed a readiness in conversing upon various subjects which made their company improving to young persons and acceptable to those older than themselves.

Had William Howard at three of four and twenty formed a connexion in marriage with one of the many suitable and companionable young women amongst Friends to whom he had opportunities of

ready access, he might have been spared many sorrows and trials resulting from a wrong choice and out of the Society in which he once promised to become a valuable and useful member and he might then have moved in a circle more congenial to his taste and understanding. In his 28th year he married Anna Maria Bell the daughter of a tradesman in Southwark.

Time alleviates many troubles and in this instance has proved through the mercy of an overruling providence a healer of some sorrows.

William Howard's wife is now a very kind and closely attached companion, a soother of his infirmities in his advanced years, and a humble spirited Christian woman. Her abilities and cultivation are but little improved, but the ground has been cleared of much that was contrary and some good seed has sprung up in its room.

The family of William and Anna Maria Howard are as follows:-

- Anna Maria born in 1804 married in 1838 Thomas Southey a respectable foreign Woolfactor. Their residence is in Clapham Park. Their family consists of one son and three daughters.
- Harriet, born in 1806 married Thomas Stewart M.D. of Plymouth. They have three sons and two daughters. Julia, second of the family an interesting young person died about the age of 17. William Henry, a clergyman resides in a part of Exeter called St. Thomas'. He is a worthy man endeavouring conscientiously to fill up his arduous duties in a large parish. His wife was the daughter of the well known Nathaniel Wathen, a member of the British and Foreign Bible Society. They have two sons and one daughter.
- Alfred is a Solicitor in London. He married Emily Bremer of Plymouth, they have a fine family of five children.
- Edwin the youngest of William Howard's family is like his brother Alfred a man of business, and has made his way principally by means of his own exertions. He has been married but his wife is not now living.

Since 1833 William Howard has resided at Hartley House near Plymouth. He is now in his 86th year, very infirm in body but bright and vigorous in mind, and able to enter into social and relative interests. He has been a great reader and has a critical knowledge of some branches of literature. The natural irritability of his character is much subdued and his declining days are spent in his chosen retreat in pleasant retirement.

PS. William Howard died at Hartley House on the 30th of 10th month 1860 aged 86 years and was buried in Penny Cross Churchyard on the 6th of 11th month.

Leathams

The ancestors of Elizabeth Howard, second wife of Robert Howard of Old Street, were amongst the earliest convinced Friends. Her maternal grandfather whose name was Linley resided on a nice farm at Barton near Malton in Yorkshire.

His daughter Elizabeth married William Leatham a linen draper residing at Pontefract. Very little is known of his family.

William and Elizabeth Leatham had three sons and three daughters.

William Leatham

The oldest of the family lived many years in London. He married his first cousin Sarah Leatham, they had no children but they adopted an orphan niece of S.L.'s. William Leatham was an upright man of business in the Irish Linen trade in Basinghall Street. He died at Clapham. After his decease his widow retired to the neighbourhood of Pontefract, and resided several years at Featherstone. The adopted niece Elizabeth Wordsworth removed to Carlton near Pontefract where she resided till her death.

John Leatham

Married Elizabeth Flintoff of Thirsk. They carried on the drapery business in the Market place at Pontefract. J. Leatham was also engaged at the Bank, and the business of the shop was very much left to his wife, and under her clever and energetic management it became a very prosperous concern. J. and E. Leatham had two sons and one daughter. The eldest son was the late William Leatham of Heath, a principal partner in the Bank at Wakefield. He married Margaret Walker of Leeds and died in 1842 leaving four sons and two daughters. The daughter of J. and E. Leatham whose name was Elizabeth died about her 20th year, after a long time of bodily weakness. The other son of J. and E. Leatham whose name was Flintoff was much younger than his brother and sister. He married Eliza Blackburn and resided at Pontefract.

Isaac Leatham

Was a successful farmer at Barton on the same farm that his grandfather Linley occupied. He married Mary Cockrill of Whitby, they had two sons and one daughter, the daughter and one of the sons died young. The other son Henry married Lucy Lunn the daughter of the Clergyman at Barton. They

	resided many years at Carlton near Pontefract. They had one daughter Harriet who married Joseph Kenworthy, Incumbent of Ackworth; she died after a few years leaving several little children.
Mary Leatham (1739-1820)	The eldest daughter of William and Elizabeth Leatham married as already stated Thomas Howard of London.
Elizabeth Leatham (1742-1816)	Married Robert Howard of London
Sarah Leatham	Married John Crowley of London and lived at Walworth for several years. Their family consisted of one son and two daughters. The eldest daughter married unsatisfactorily after her mother's death. She had two children one of whom lived to be married but died soon after of consumption leaving no children. The youngest daughter of S. Crowley also married but left no children. The son John Crowley was a man of large business in the Canal traffic, and lived at Wolverhampton; he was twice married but very little is known of his descendants.