

²⁰ “ Sally ” was Sarah (Lawrence) Gurney (1732-1800), at this time widow of Samuel Gurney (1723-1770), son of Joseph and Hannah and uncle of the writer of the *Letters*. She was at this time engaged to be married to Thomas Bland (note 10), she being about forty-two and he thirty-four. Her nephew refers to this engagement in Letters 4, 10, and 12 and finds amusement therein.

Samuel Gurney “ was a paralytic, but his mind was so exalted his society was delightful (*Samuel Hoare*, 1911, p. 7). He had two children Sarah (1758-1783) who married Samuel Hoare (1751-1825) and Hannah who married Thomas Kett (-1820), of Seething (pedigree in *Samuel Hoare*).

²¹ The only sister, Rachel (1755-1794), married October 2, 1775, Robert Barclay, of Bury Hill (1751-1830). They had fifteen children.

²² “ Aunt Priscilla ”—Priscilla, daughter of Robert Barclay, of Cheapside.

²³ The writer’s sister *in-law*, Agatha, wife of Richard (see note 4). Her son, Hudson, was born 19 i. 1775.

²⁴ Thomas Bland and Sarah Gurney were married early in 1775. They had one son, Michael (1776-1851), who, by his wife, Sophia Maltby, had a large family. He was admitted a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1816 (*Jnl.* vii. 45).

Sarah Hoare (1777-1856) frequently mentions her “ grandmother Bland ” in her memoirs of her father (*Samuel Hoare*). S. Bland was a Minister.

²⁵ The children of Nathaniel and Richenda Springall were Rachel, Priscilla, Martha (b. 1766), Rachel and David. David Springall married Christiana Bell, sister of Mrs. John Gurney of Earlham. They were first cousins “ a marriage rather unapproved on this account. He was a Quaker bred and a singular character, but Chrissy was not as plain a Friend as he. They were obliged to be married in church ” (Clarke, *Family Chronicles*, p. 45).

²⁶ “ L. Bell ” was Lucy “ d. unm. although her suitors were many ” (*Family Chronicles*).

²⁷ Of the two Robert Barclays one would be the writer’s future brother in law, of Bury Hill.

“ The Handsome Quaker ”

This title has been given to Susannah Smith, of Bishops Stortford, Essex, born in 1723, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Smith, of Thaxted M.M., who married John Hoole (1727-1803), a non-Friend, 1757. Hoole was a poet and translator of Tasso. He also wrote a Life of John Scott, of Amwell, in 1785 (see Smith, *Cata.* ii. 551). There is a pedigree of Hoole in the *Transactions of the Hunter Archæological Society* for 1921.

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