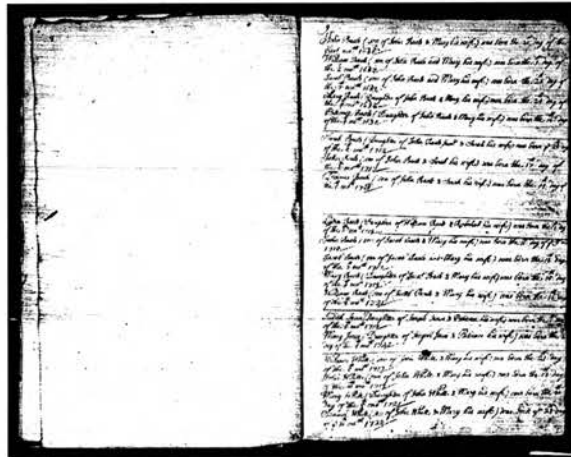


# John Beals, Jr

Birth: Mar. 20, 1685  
Aston  
Delaware County  
Pennsylvania, USA

Death: Dec. 12, 1745  
Frederick County  
Virginia, USA

The first of at least five children born to John & Mary Jane (Clayton) Beals of England and late of Chester Co PA, John Jr married Sarah C Bowater on 14 Aug 1711 in Chester Co PA, daughter of Thomas & Sarah (Edge) Bowater of Edgemont Twp, Chester Co PA.



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## Children with Sarah:

- 1) Sarah Bowater Beals (1713-1800), m: John Mills Jr.
- 2) John Beals III (1717-1796), m: Margaret Esther Hunt.
- 3) Rev Thomas Beals (1719-1801), m: Sarah Esther Antrim.
- 4) Phebe Beals (1720-1805), m1: Charles Canaday, m2: Robert Sumner.
- 5) Mary Ann Beals (1723-1790), m1: Thomas J Hunt, m2: William Baldwin.
- 6) Bowater Beals (1726-1781), m: Sarah Ann Cook.
- 7) Hannah Beals (1729-aft 1800), m: Azariah Pugh.
- 8) Prudence Beals (1730-1815), m: Richard Williams.

May 2014, a Find A Grave volunteer reported a problem with John's tombstone photo request: "I searched the entire cemetery and could not find the grave. There are many illegible and broken stones as well as unmarked graves. This name does not appear on a headstone transcription that was completed in 2000." This is not unusual as many Quaker did not mark their resting place.

John and his family, back to grandparents, are listed in Quaker records. His tombstone must be considered as one of those "destroyed". Many thanks to the above volunteer for their effort and kindness.

## Quaker Meeting Records 1681-1994:

"John Baels (son of John Baels & Mary his wife) was born the 20:th day of the first mo:th 1685/6."

Since the Quakers used the Julian calendar until 1752, his birth per the Gregorian calendar, the one we use today, is 20 Mar

### FRIENDS IN OHIO

Churches, like individuals, have a genealogical record. The first meeting of Friends established within the limits of Ohio (Commonwealth, near Columbus, in 1802) descended directly from Westland Monthly Meeting, located near Brummsville, Pennsylvania, which was established in 1708. Westland Monthly Meeting was set off from Hopewell (Winchester, Virginia). Hopewell Monthly Meeting was set off from Nottingham. Nottingham was set off from New Garden, Pennsylvania. New Garden was set off from Kennett, Pennsylvania. Kennett was set off from Chester, Pennsylvania. Chester was set off from Burlington Monthly Meeting and Burlington was set off from Salem, New Jersey Monthly Meeting, which was established the last day of May in 1670.

Ohio Yearly Meeting was established by Baltimore Yearly Meeting in 1815 and Baltimore Yearly Meeting was organized in 1872. Indiana Yearly Meeting, embracing the Friends of western and southwestern Ohio, was established by Ohio Yearly Meeting in 1815 and in 1826 that part of Indiana Yearly Meeting in southwestern Ohio was organized into a Yearly Meeting distinguished as Wilmington Yearly Meeting.

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The first direct contact of Friends with the Old Northwest so far as we have positive proof was in 1775, just ten years after Great Britain had secured title to the territory from France. Two Friends, members of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Sebastian Heston and John Harrison, prompted by a desire to make a religious visit to the Delaware Indians who had moved westward into the western part of what is now the state of Ohio, spent about ten weeks making a trip in order to express their interest in the welfare of these first Americans.

The first Friends minister of record to cross the Ohio River and preach in the limits of the Northwest Territory was Thomas Beals who was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in March 1710, the son of John and Sarah Bowater Beals. From John and Sarah descended a very large number of members of the now widely extended Yearly Meeting of Indiana, Western, Iowa and Wilmington, as well as those west of the Mississippi River and to the Pacific coast. Among them are to be found a large number of outstanding ministers in the Society of Friends. The Beals family moved from Pennsylvania and Maryland and later to Hopewell, near Winchester, Virginia. Thomas Beals moved with this family to North Carolina in 1743 or 1749 being then about twenty-nine years old, and first stopped at Ona Creek. Then, with his family, he moved to New Garden, North Carolina, which was frontier territory. In a very short time he was joined by some other families, and in the year 1758, being then about thirty-four years of age, he came forth in the ministry. How long he lived at New Garden we do not know but presume it was for several years. The next year he made his way to Westfield, Surry County, North Carolina. Here he was instrumental in the development of a large meeting. He must have lived at New Garden and Westfield about thirty years, during which time he said several lengthy visits to the Indians.

In the year 1775, twenty years before Wayne's Treaty with the Indians at Greenville, Ohio, Beals, accompanied by four Friends, started to pay a visit to the Shawnee Indians and some other tribes and, after passing a fort not far from Clinch Mountain in Virginia, they were arrested and carried back to the fort to be tried for their lives on the charge of being confederates with the hostile Indians. The officers, understanding that one of them was a preacher, required a sermon before they went to trial. Beals thought it right to hold a meeting with the soldiers, which proved to be a highly favored season. A young man then in the fort was converted and, some time after, moved among Friends and became a member and, at a very advanced age, bore public testimony to the truth of the principles of which he was converted at the fort. After this meeting was over the Friends were kindly entertained and were free and at liberty to go on their journey. They crossed the Ohio River into what is now the state of Ohio and held many meetings with the Indians with satisfaction and returned home with much peace of mind. Thomas Beals told his friends that he saw with his spiritual eye the seed of Friends scattered all over that good land and that one day there would be the greatest gathering of Friends there of any place in the world and that his faith was strong in the belief that he would live to see Friends settle north of the Ohio River.

In 1781, Beals moved from Westfield, North Carolina, to Blue Stone, Giles County, Virginia, where he lived but a few years. While there, their sufferings were very great in many ways, not

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1685. The next child was born in Apr 1687, so the correct year of John's birth should be 1685.

Note: Removed name Jacob; did not find proof of this middle name for our John within any document.

#### Family links:

##### Parents:

John Beals (1650 - 1726)

Mary Jane Clayton Beals (1665 - 1726)

##### Spouse:

Sarah C Bowater Underwood (1688 - 1765)\*

##### Children:

Sarah Bowater Beals Mills (1713 - 1800)\*

John Beals (1717 - 1796)\*

Thomas Beals (1719 - 1801)\*

Phebe Bowater Beals Sumner (1720 - 1805)\*

Prudence Beals Williams (1723 - 1815)\*

##### Siblings:

John Beals (1685 - 1745)

William Beals (1687 - 1742)\*

Jacob B Beals (1689 - 1763)\*\*

Mary Ann Beals Harrold (1692 - 1744)\*

Patience Beals Jones (1695 - 1777)\*

Grace Beals (1697 - 1698)\*

\*Calculated relationship

\*\*Half-sibling

Note: Unmarked grave.

##### Burial:

Hopewell Friends Burial Ground

Clear Brook

Frederick County

Virginia, USA

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Record added: Dec 31, 2011

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#### FRIENDS IN OHIO

only from lack of the necessities of life, but their son-in-law, James Norton, was taken prisoner by the Indians and, from the most reliable information that could be obtained, was carried to old Chillicothe, near Frankfort, Ohio, and there put to death. This story to Miss Stone does not appear to have had the approval of Beals' friends, for Nathan Hunt states that they sent a committee to send him back to Warfield, North Carolina. The little meeting of twenty or thirty families was entirely broken up at Blue Stone.

In the year 1765, he moved to Lost Creek, Tennessee, and in 1765 he moved to Grayson County, Virginia, at which several places Nathan Hunt states that Thomas Beals set up meetings and says that he was very zealous for the support of the testimonials of Friends. In 1799, Beals, who had visited this country twenty four years before, now moved to Quaker Bottom, Ohio, along with other members of his family and in the spring of 1801 he moved to Salt Creek, near the present town of Adelphia.

On August 29, 1801, he died and was buried near Richmondale, Ross County, Ohio, in a coffin of regular shape, hollowed out of a solid white walnut tree by his ever faithful friend, Jesse Baldwin, and assisted by Booth Cox and others, and covered by a part of the same tree, which was selected for the purpose by the deceased while living. The grave of Thomas Beals was recently located and local Friends have erected an appropriate monument to his memory. In planting Quakerism in the old Northwest, the story of Thomas Beals and his faithful wife and devoted family is but one illustration of the hundreds that might be given, nor was he the only one buried in a log coffin. Many were buried in nothing but boards laid around them among the lone mountains, never to be seen or marked by loved ones, but to Thomas Beals belongs the credit of having been the first friend to carry the message of Christ into the vast region north and west of the Ohio, which, in a few years, was to become the great center of life not only of the Society of Friends, but of our Nation.

Any attempt to sketch the early history of the Quakers in the old Northwest must begin at the Atlantic seaboard. Not until disastrous Indian wars had forced the tribes to reservations or driven them toward the Mississippi was there any pronounced movement of the Friends to the West.

Explaining the movement, and the original settlements of Friends, the first established meeting of Friends west of the Alleghany Mountains was at Hopewell Meeting, in southeastern Pennsylvania. This was provided for by the action of Hopewell Monthly Meeting, Virginia, November 11, 1768. In 1770, it had been reported that eighteen families had moved west of the mountains.

On the other side of the Monongahela River,

at Redstone, in Fayette County, another Friends settlement was made. Hopewell Monthly Meeting gave attention to other changes in 1768 and eventually became a monthly meeting and Redstone a preparative meeting and this condition continued until April 29, 1769, when Redstone Monthly Meeting was established. By 1797 a quarterly meeting was established to be called Redstone. This quarterly meeting held its first session March 5, 1790 with Baltimore Yearly Meeting as the parent body. The later history of Redstone Quarterly Meeting is an illustration of what happened to the several Friends organizations in the shifting of population. Called into existence in the midst of the eighteenth century, as just explained, it had an honorable and useful existence of sixty-four years. Its membership, in turn, was depleted by removal farther west, and the meeting was laid down in 1858.

Groups of Friends from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia were augmented by a large movement from the Carolinas and Georgia. Probably the greatest contributing factor in this movement was the slavery issue, and after the passage of the famous Ordinance of 1787 Friends knew that the territory north and west of the Ohio would be forever free from slavery, although there were doubtless other contributing reasons.

In the year 1766, George Harlan and family members of the Society of Friends, moved to the Ohio region stopping first at Columbia (Cincinnati) and the next year located on the little Miami River within the present limits of Warren County, becoming the first sheriff of the county and later a member of the General Assembly of the state. So far as is known this was the first Quaker family to locate in Ohio. In 1790, James Baldwin and Phineas Hunt, with their families, members of the Society of Friends, from Warfield, North Carolina, moved to the Virginia shore of the Ohio River. In February, 1797, the Baldwins and Hunts crossed the Ohio River and settled opposite Green Bottom near each other. Two families of Friends were now settled together in the Northwest Territory with one before mentioned (the Harlans) quite remote from them.

On May 8th of the same year, 1797, a group of Friends moved from Redland, Pennsylvania, and settled at High Bank on the east side of the Scioto River below Chillicothe. In the latter part of this same year, Jesse Baldwin moved from his first location opposite Green Bottom, some eighteen miles down the Ohio, and settled in what was called Quaker Bottom, in Lawrence County, opposite the mouth of the Guyandot River, and the present town of Guyandot. So far as can be ascertained, this was where Friends in the Northwest Territory first sat down to hold a meeting for divine worship.

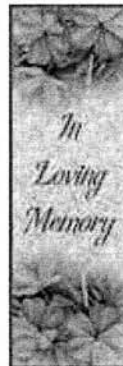
John Warner, son of Isaac and Mary, was born at High Bank, Ross County, Ohio, on July

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- Amy Elizabeth

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## Sarah C Bowater Underwood

Birth: Jun. 17, 1688  
Chester County  
Pennsylvania, USA

Death: Dec. 27, 1765  
Wellsville  
York County  
Pennsylvania, USA

Sarah was the first of two children born to Thomas & Sarah (Edge) Bowater of England, late of Chester Co PA. As a British Quaker looking for religious freedom, her father had immigrated to America aboard the ship "Bristol Comfort", arriving in Pennsylvania on 28 Jul 1683. Her mother had most likely arrived about the same time, also from England, the daughter of John & Mary (Smedley) Edge.

Thomas and Sarah met in America and were married in Edgemont, Chester Co PA. Her mother died at age 28 yrs, when Sarah was 4 yrs old. Her middle name may have been Carter, for her paternal grandmother Ann (Carter) Bowater.

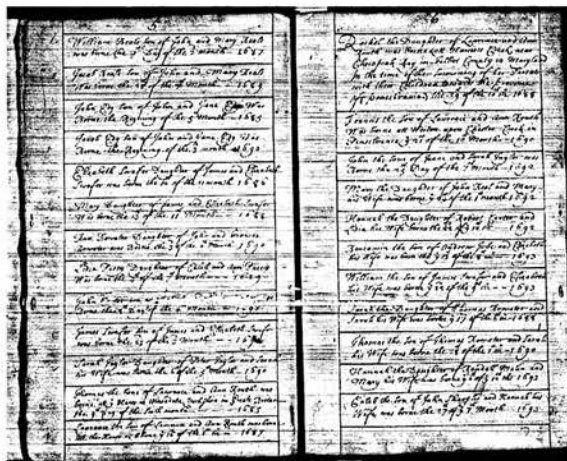
Sarah's father Thomas Bowater became friends and business associates with her future father-in-law, John Beals. As early as 1685, three years before Sarah's birth, the two were involved in mutual land purchases in Chester Co PA. Sarah's marriage to John Beals Jr most likely was a collaboration between the longtime friends.

Sarah married:

- 1) John Beals Jr on 14 Aug 1711 at New Garden Friends MH in Chester Co PA; he died 12 Dec 1745. They had eight children, three sons and five daughters.
- 2) Alexander Underwood in Feb 1748 at Warrington Friends MH in York Co PA; a late in life marriage, they had no children.

After the death of husband John, Sarah transferred to Warrington Friends MH. She was accompanied by her son Bowater Beals, who had married Sarah Cook, a daughter of Thomas & Mary (Underwood) Cook. Sarah Beals met her future husband through her daughter-in-law Sarah (Cook) Beals, to whom he was maternal grandfather.

"Sarah (Beals), wd with ch, rpd m 2mo-1748 to Alexander UNDERWOOD; she was gct Warrington MM, Pa., 25-4-1748 (Note: The mtg appoint to Henry Ballinger & Daniel Matthews to settle the affairs between her &



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her ch in accordance of the will of her dec h,  
which was satisfactorily done, as rpd 30-1-  
1748."



Sarah is again recorded on 12 Sep 1761,  
when she was succeeded as "overseer". She  
died a few years later, aged 77. Alexander  
died two years later, in 1767, aged 79.

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#### Quaker Abbreviations:

ch = child, children  
dec = deceased  
gct = granted certificate to  
h = husband  
ltm = liberated to marry, left at liberty to  
marry  
m = marry, married, marrying, marriage  
prc = produced a certificate  
rpd = reported  
wd = widow

#### Family links:

##### Parents:

Thomas Bowater (1655 - 1705)  
Sarah *Edge* Bowater (1657 - 1692)

##### Spouses:

John Beals (1685 - 1745)  
Alexander Underwood (1688 - 1767)

##### Children:

Sarah Bowater *Beals* Mills (1713 - 1800)\*  
John Beals (1717 - 1796)\*  
Thomas Beals (1719 - 1801)\*  
Phebe Bowater *Beals* Sumner (1720 - 1805)\*  
Prudence *Beals* Williams (1723 - 1815)\*

\*Calculated relationship

#### Burial:

Warrington Friends Meeting House Cemetery  
Wellsville  
York County  
Pennsylvania, USA

Created by: Bonnie's Daughter

Record added: Jan 02, 2012

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## John Beals, III

Birth: 1717  
Chester County  
Pennsylvania, USA

Death: Apr. 17, 1796  
Guilford County  
North Carolina, USA

John Beals was born the 17th of 2d mo 1717 (Old Style) in Chester County, PA, the son of John and Sarah (Bowater) Beals. He married about 1738 to Margaret Hunt, almost certainly under the care of Hopewell Monthly Meeting in Frederick County, Virginia. Some secondary sources give a marriage date of 13 May, but this can not be proven using primary sources. Friends meeting records would not have used a "pagan" date of a named month, but would have used a numbered month. In 1758 the records for the Hopewell Meeting burned in a house fire, so there are no contemporary records of their marriage. In 1758 John and Margaret were received at New Garden Friends Meeting from Hopewell, although they had probably moved south earlier. John and his wife's deaths are recorded in the records of Centre Friends Meeting in Guilford County with the notation that they are buried at New Garden. Their graves are unmarked after the manner of early Friends.

### Family links:

#### Parents:

John Beals (1685 - 1745)  
Sarah C Bowater Underwood (1688 - 1765)

#### Spouse:

Margaret *Hunt* Beals (1721 - 1796)\*

#### Children:

Lydia *Beals* Hiatt Hadley (1740 - 1801)\*  
William Beals (1740 - 1814)\*  
Hannah *Beals* Hockett (1741 - 1804)\*  
John Beals (1744 - 1809)\*  
Rachel *Beals* Dicks (1749 - 1827)\*

#### Siblings:

Sarah Bowater *Beals* Mills (1713 - 1800)\*  
John Beals (1717 - 1796)  
Thomas Beals (1719 - 1801)\*  
Phebe Bowater *Beals* Sumner (1720 - 1805)\*  
Prudence *Beals* Williams (1723 - 1815)\*

\*Calculated relationship

Note: Grave is unmarked.

#### Burial:

New Garden Friends Cemetery



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John Beals, III (1717 - 1796) - Find A Grave Memorial

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Guilford County  
North Carolina, USA

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## Thomas Beals

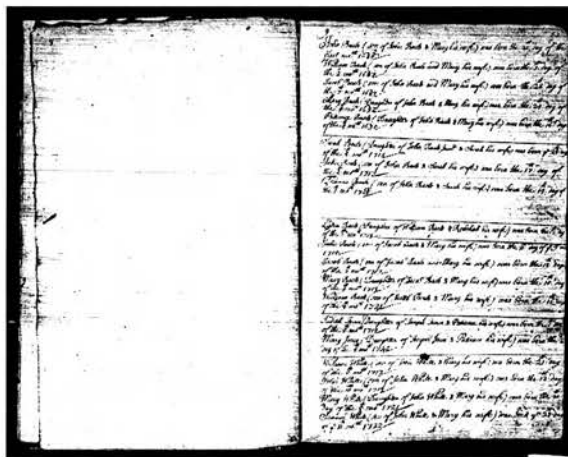
Birth: Mar. 14, 1719  
 Nottingham  
 Chester County  
 Pennsylvania, USA

Death: Aug. 29, 1801  
 Richmond Dale  
 Ross County  
 Ohio, USA

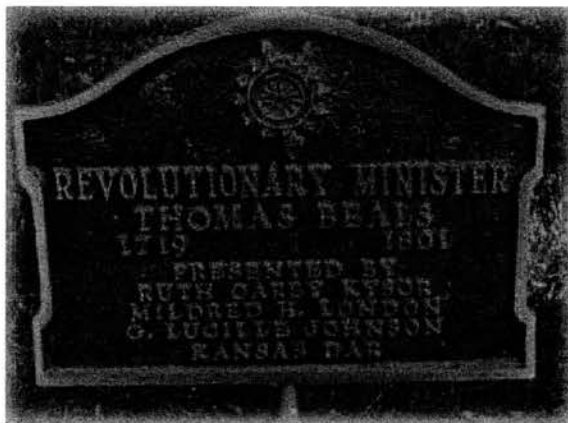
Thomas Beals was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1719. He was the son of John and Sarah Beals, formerly Sarah Bowater of an English family of Friends. Thomas Beals had two brothers, John and Bowater, and four sisters: Prudence, who married Richard Williams, Sarah, who married John, Mary, who married Thomas Hunt and after his death, William Baldwin, and Phebe, who married Robert Sumner. John Beals Jr., married Esther Hunt and Bowater Beals married Ann Cook, a sister of Isaac Cook, who was the husband of Charity Cook, a noted Friends minister.

From John Beals, the father, there descended a large number of members of the Society of Friends located in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Oregon and California. On many of these descendants, gifts in the ministry have been conferred. Among those of direct descent were: Thomas Beals, Bowater Beals, Sarah Mills, Ruth Hockett, Hannah Cloud, Nathan Hunt, Hannah Baldwin, Elizabeth Bond, Peter Dix, Benejah Hiatt, John Bond, Jesse Bond, Jesse Williams, Jesse Hockett, Aseneth Clark, Myseam Mendenhall, Daniel Williams, Eleazer Beals, Asaph Hiatt, Ruth Haisley, Naomi Coffin, Esther Carson, Levi Jessup, Jesse B. Williams, Margaret Toms, William J. Thornberry, Anna M. Votaw, Amos Bond, Elwood Scott, Dr. Dougan Clark, Elizabeth Beals Bond and Jehial Bond.

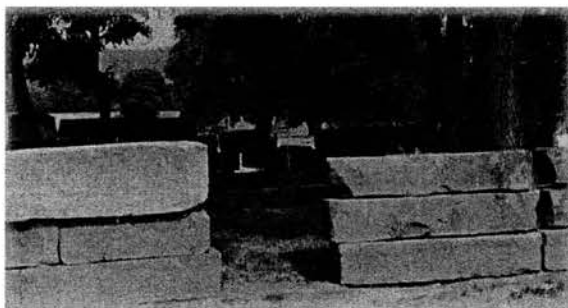
From Chester County, as it then was, John Beals moved with his family to Monocacy Carols Manor, Maryland. There, his son Thomas, the subject of this sketch, married Sarah Antrim. From there they moved to Hopewell, near Winchester, Virginia, where John Beals died in 1745, three years before the family moved on to North Carolina. Thomas Beals moved with his family to North Carolina in 1748, being then twenty-nine years old. He stopped first at Cane Creek, then he went to New Garden, North Carolina, which was at that time frontier territory. In a very short time he was joined by some other families. In the year 1753, Thomas Beals, then about thirty-four years of age, came



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The next move he made was to Westfield, Surry County, North Carolina. Here he was instrumental in the development of a large meeting. He must have lived at New Garden and Westfield about thirty years, during which time he paid lengthy visits to the Indians. In the year 1775, twenty years before Wayne's Treaty with the Indians at Greenville, Thomas Beals, accompanied by nephew Bowater Sumner, William Hiatt and David Ballard, started to pay a visit to the Delaware Indians and some other tribes. After passing a fort not far from Clinch Mountain in Virginia, they were arrested and carried back to the fort to be tried for their lives on the charge of being confederates of the hostile Indians. The officers, understanding that one of them was a preacher, required a sermon before they went in for trial. Thomas Beals thought it was the right time to hold a meeting with the soldiers. This proved to be a very good idea for a young man from the fort was converted and, some time after, joined the Friends, became a member of the group and at a very advanced age, bore public testimony to the truth of the principles of which he was convinced at the fort. After the meeting, the Friends were kindly entertained and told that they were at liberty to go on their journey. They crossed the Ohio into what is now the State of Ohio held many satisfactory meetings with the Indians and returned home safely.

Discussing the trip, Thomas Beals told his friends that he saw with his spiritual eye the seed of Friends scattered all over that good land and that one day there would be a greater gathering of Friends there than any other place in the world, and that his faith was strong in the belief that he would live to see Friends settle north of the Ohio River. In the year 1777, Thomas Beals, accompanied by William Robinson and an interpreter, Isaac Ottoman, started to pay a religious visit to the Six Nations and some other tribes of Indians and proceeded as far as Sewickley, a small meeting of Friends in the western part of Pennsylvania, where they were captured and carried to Hannelstown, not far from Fort Pitt, now Pittsburgh. There they were detained some time and then sent home. Still having a concern in his mind for the Indians, he made another attempt to visit them, but was again arrested and imprisoned, under guard, in a cold, open barn. When he was let out of confinement, he was permitted to hold a meeting with the soldiers, but was not allowed to go any farther, and had to return home.

In 1781, Thomas Beals moved from



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Westfield, North Carolina, to Blue Stone, Giles County, Virginia, where he lived but a few years. This move does not appear to have had the approval of his friends, for Nathan Hunt states that they sent a committee to induce him to return to Westfield, North Carolina. The little meeting of twenty or thirty families was entirely broken up at Blue Stone. Beals and his family stayed, however, and suffered not only for the necessities of life, but their son-in-law, James Horton, was taken prisoner by the Indians and, from the most reliable information that can be obtained, was carried to Old Chillicothe, near Frankfort, Ohio, and there put to death.

In the year 1785, Beals moved to Lost Creek, in [east] Tennessee, and in the year 1793, he came to Grayson Co., Virginia, where Nathan Hunt states that Thomas Beals established meetings and says that he was very zealous for the support of the testimonies of Friends. In the year 1795, George Harlan and family, members of the Society of Friends, settled on the Little Miami, at Deerfield, four miles from the present town of Morrow.

In 1796, James Baldwin and Phineas Hunt, with their families, members of the Society of Friends, from Westfield, North Carolina, moved to Virginia shore of the Ohio River. Here Mary Hunt was born, on October 18, 1796, four miles from Point Pleasant, on the Virginia shore. In February, 1797, the Baldwins and Hunts crossed the Ohio River and settled opposite Green Bottom near each other. Two families of Friends now settled together in the Northwest Territory with the one previously mentioned (the Harlans) quite remote from them. On May 8, 1797, a group of Friends moved from Westfield, Pennsylvania, and settled at High Bank on the east side of the Scioto River, four miles below the present Chillicothe.

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In 1798, a group of Friends from Hopewell, Virginia, settled at High Bank, and in the same year a group of Friends, all from North Carolina settled at Salt Creek, near Richmondale, Ross County, Ohio. In 1799, Thomas Beals, who had visited this country twenty four years before, now moved to Quaker Bottom, along with other members of his family [including grand children, Abel Thornberry and Tabitha Beals]. They were accompanied by Obediah Overman and his family, all from Grayson Co., Virginia. On their arrival, they opened a meeting for worship in the dwelling of Jessie Baldwin. There they met regularly during their residence at that place.

The nearest Meeting to them was at Westland, Pennsylvania. Sometime during the year 1799, Taylor Webster and family, from Redstone, Pennsylvania, settled at Grassy Prairies, five miles northeast of Chillicothe. In the spring of 1801, Thomas Beals, Jesse Baldwin, John Beals and Daniel Beals moved from Quaker Bottom, and they, with Enoch Cox and their families, settled up Salt Creek near the present town of Adelpia.

August 29, 1801, Thomas Beals died and was buried two days later, near Richmondale, Ross County, Ohio, in a coffin of regular shape, hollowed out of a solid white walnut tree by his ever faithful friend, Jesse Baldwin. He was assisted by Enoch Cox and others, who covered the coffin with part of the same tree, which had previously been selected for this purpose by the deceased.

Buried near him were William Puckett, Hugh Moffett, as well as others, of the small community. A meeting house was later built on the land then owned by the Moffett family and a Meeting was held there for some time. In the spring of 1802, a group of Friends settled at Lees Creek, in and near the present town of Leesburg, which is located in Highland County, Ohio, where no white person had lived before.

In the fall of the same year, Sarah Beals, widow of Thomas Beals, and her sons, John and Daniel, and their families, moved from Adelpia, as did Phineas Hunt, formerly of Raccoon Falls. All settled at Lees Creek and Hardins Creek near each other. This community was augmented in the spring of 1803 by the families of Jessie Baldwin, John Beals, Bowater Beals and John Evans, and, in the fall of the same year, two Lupton families, from Hopewell, Virginia, settled at Lees Creek. On their arrival, Friends became concerned about a meeting for worship. Widow Sarah Beals heartily endorsed the idea.

Thus there began a Friends Meeting at

Fairfield (Leesburg), regularly authorized in May, 1804. Sarah Beals died July 7, 1813, at the age of eighty-nine, and was buried at Fairfield. Thomas Beals's daughter, Margaret, whose first husband, James Horton, was captured by the Indians, afterward married Daniel Huff, who lived in the Fairfield, community. When Thomas Beals was captured in 1885, one recalls that a young man then at the fort was converted. That young man was Beverly Milner, who eventually settled near the last residence of Sarah Beals. In his later years, after he became too feeble to attend Meeting, he often alluded to the ministry of that heavenly man by whom he was converted. He died in 1848, when he was almost eighty-seven, and was buried at Fairfield.

This sketch may give some idea of the toil, privations, labor, struggles and sufferings of the pioneers. In the planting Quakerism in the Old Northwest, Thomas Beals and his faithful wife and devoted family are but one of the hundreds who struggled, nor was he the only one buried in a log coffin. Many were buried with nothing but boards to separate them from the lone mountains, never to be seen or marked by loved ones. The author is convinced, however, that to Thomas Beals belongs the credit of having been the first Friends minister to carry the message of Christ into the vast region north and west of the Ohio, that region which, in a few years, was to become the great center of the life of not only the Society of Friends, but the entire Nation. Thomas Beals's prophecy of 1775 began to be realized in his own lifetime and has long been a reality within the limits of the Old Northwest Territory for threequarters of a century. On Sept. 19, 1937, a monument was dedicated at the grave of Thomas Beals near Richmondale, Ohio.

At 2 P.M on Sunday, September 19, 1937, a public ceremony was held in a little walled plot on the Jacob Caldwell farm near Richmond Dale, Ohio marking the grave of a man who played a big part in the history of Ohio and Ross Co. In this two-rod square burial plot is interred the body of Thomas Beals, the first Quaker or Friends missionary to work among the Indians and early settlers of southern Ohio and Kentucky. Thomas Beals died on August 28, 1801 near the spot of burial and was buried there three days later in a coffin hewed out of a white walnut log. The final resting place of Thomas Beals would be lost forever if it were not for records made by Gershom Perdue. The grave went unpreserved until 1854 when Gershom Perdue, an enthusiastic church organizer among the Friends, prevailed upon the yearly

meeting of Friends to take steps to preserve the resting place of their patriarch. On June 20 of the same year the plot was deeded to a special committee of the yearly meeting and the stone wall enclosure built a while later. Thomas Beals was born in March 1719, in Chester Co., Pennsylvania and later moved with his family to Cane Creek, North Carolina. At the age of 29 he entered the ministry while in New Garden, North Carolina ca 1748. Thomas Beals visited Ohio in 1775 and made several missionary trips among the Indians and few white settlers.

On one of his first attempts to reach Ohio territory in 1775, Beals, along with a party of friends, were arrested by solders at a fort near Clinch Mountain and accused of aiding the hostile Indians, which were considered allies with the British and therefore a treasonable offence. While waiting to be executed Beals was asked to preach a sermon, and the sermon was so eloquent that he was released and a young soldier, Beverly Milner was converted.

Twenty-four years after his first visit, Thomas Beals and his family and a company of Friends moved to Quaker Bottoms, from Blue Stone, Virginia. and in the spring of 1801 he and his family and friends settled on Salt Creek, near the present site of the village of Adelphi, Ohio. He died on August 28th of the same year at the age of 82 years. His widow, Sarah, died July 7, 1813, at the age of 89, at Fairfield, Highland Co., Ohio.

Written by Harlow Lindley.

#### Family links:

##### Parents:

John Beals (1685 - 1745)

Sarah C *Bowater* Underwood (1688 - 1765)

##### Spouse:

Sarah Esther *Antrim* Beals (1724 - 1813)

##### Children:

Mary *Beals* Jessup (1743 - 1822)\*

Patience *Beals* Carr (1747 - 1842)\*

Elizabeth *Beals* Bond (1755 - 1848)\*

Margaret *Beals* Huff (1757 - 1833)\*

Rachel *Beals* Brown (1763 - 1808)\*

John *Bowater* Beals (1763 - 1848)\*

Jacob Beals (1768 - 1853)\*

##### Siblings:

Sarah *Bowater* *Beals* Mills (1713 - 1800)\*

John Beals (1717 - 1796)\*

Thomas Beals (1719 - 1801)

Phebe *Bowater* *Beals* Sumner (1720 - 1805)\*

Prudence *Beals* Williams (1723 - 1815)\*

\*Calculated relationship

## Inscription:

In memory of Thomas Beals. First Quaker  
Missionary to the Indians in the Northwest  
Territory.

Note: The memorial marker in Londonderry  
Cemetery is not the final resting place.

## Burial:

Fairfield Quaker Cemetery \*

Leesburg

Highland County

Ohio, USA

\*Cenotaph [?]

Created by: Penny Cox Brown

Record added: May 22, 2008

Find A Grave Memorial# 26996971

## Phebe Bowater *Beals* Sumner

Birth: Oct. 23, 1720  
Chester County  
Pennsylvania, USA

Death: Aug. 19, 1805  
Jamestown  
Guilford County  
North Carolina, USA



- [Pauline Hill](#)

Added: Oct. 23, 2015

The fourth of eight children born to John Jr & Sarah C (Bowater) Beals of Chester Co PA, Phebe married:

- 1) Charles Canaday in 1740, the son of John & Elizabeth (Douze) Canaday of MD; he died in 1745 during the Indian Wars. They had two sons, John and Charles Jr.
- 2) Robert Sumner on 26 Sep 1746 in Fairfax Co VA, the son of James & Mary (Blanchard) Sumner of NC; they had ten children, six sons and four daughters.



- [Bonnie's Daughter](#)

Added: Jun. 5, 2016

At a Monthly Meeting of Quakers held on 29 Sep 1746, Phebe was disowned for marrying Robert, who was not of the faith. However, on 26 Jun 1749, Robert became a Quaker and he and Phebe were received into New Garden MM. In 1751, the family moved to Bladen Co NC and were welcomed as members of Carver's Creek Friends. By Jul 1751 however, they were members of the newly founded Cane Creek Friends in Orange Co NC. Yet again, in 1754, they were members of Tom's Creek Friends in Rowan Co NC.



RIP to my 6th Great Aunt.

- [Karen Murphy](#)

Added: Mar. 10, 2016

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In 1770, the eastern part of Rowan Co was combined with the western part of Orange Co to create Guilford Co, in NC. This is where both Phebe and Robert passed their days and were buried in Jamestown.

Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Vol I, Pg 170 and Hinshaw's Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy:

"The name was changed to Westfield Meeting House from Tom's Creek Meeting House, when the monthly meeting was established in 1786."

Prior to 1752, Quaker records were read in the 'Old Style', using the Julian calendar; the first month was March and the last month was February. In and after 1752, dates were read in the 'New Style', using the present day Gregorian calendar; the first month is January and the last December.

Family links:

**Parents:**

John Beals (1685 - 1745)

Sarah C *Bowater* Underwood (1688 - 1765)**Spouses:**

Charles Canaday (1715 - 1745)

Robert Sumner (1716 - 1775)

**Children:**

John Canaday (1741 - 1830)\*

William Sumner (1747 - 1801)\*

Bowater Sumner (1749 - 1829)\*

Caleb Sumner (1751 - 1831)\*

Joshua Sumner (1753 - 1858)\*

Phebe Ann *Sumner* Garrett (1755 - 1811)\*

Thomas Sumner (1757 - 1838)\*

Prudence Beals *Sumner* Gibson (1760 - 1835)\*Abigail *Sumner* Carson (1762 - 1854)\*Sarah Jane *Sumner* Fender (1765 - 1857)\*

Robert Sumner (1767 - 1777)\*

**Siblings:**Sarah Bowater *Beals* Mills (1713 - 1800)\*

John Beals (1717 - 1796)\*

Thomas Beals (1719 - 1801)\*

Phebe Bowater *Beals* Sumner (1720 - 1805)Prudence *Beals* Williams (1723 - 1815)\*

\*Calculated relationship

**Burial:**Friends Burying Ground

Jamestown

Guilford County

North Carolina, USA

Created by: Bonnie's Daughter

Record added: Aug 07, 2010

Find A Grave Memorial# 56355805

## Prudence *Beals* Williams

Birth: 1723  
Chester County  
Pennsylvania, USA

Death: Jun. 25, 1815  
Guilford County  
North Carolina, USA



Cemetery Photo

Added by: [SierraBravo](#)

Source: "New Garden Friends Tombstone and Death Records of the Old Section" Compiled by Charles W Cummings and Pattie S Newlin. Greensboro, 1978. It was noted at that time there was no stone found, but this does not appear to be uncommon in the old section.

### Family links:

#### Parents:

John Beals (1685 - 1745)  
Sarah C Bowater Underwood (1688 - 1765)

#### Spouse:

Richard Williams (1726 - 1781)\*

#### Children:

Silas Williams (1747 - 1831)\*  
Charity *Williams* Hiatt (1750 - 1840)\*  
Jesse Williams (1753 - 1833)\*  
Jesse Williams (1753 - 1833)\*  
Prudence *Williams* Coffin (1758 - 1845)\*  
Dorcas *Williams* Hockett (1765 - 1818)\*  
John Williams (1772 - 1856)\*  
Ann *Williams* Jessup (1775 - 1858)\*

#### Siblings:

Sarah Bowater *Beals* Mills (1713 - 1800)\*  
John Beals (1717 - 1796)\*  
Thomas Beals (1719 - 1801)\*  
Phebe Bowater *Beals* Sumner (1720 - 1805)\*  
Prudence *Beals* Williams (1723 - 1815)

\*Calculated relationship

Note: Wife of Richard

#### Burial:

New Garden Friends Cemetery  
Greensboro  
Guilford County  
North Carolina, USA  
Plot:

Created by: [SierraBravo](#)

Record added: Mar 24, 2007

Find A Grave Memorial# 18583107



- [Amy Elizabeth](#)

Added: Dec. 23, 2015



- [Nancy Gibson Lowe](#)

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- [Amy Elizabeth](#)

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