

firm, as compared with the want of energy exhibited in Maiden Lane, and their always adapting themselves to progress generally as against their own old-fashioned and non-progressive methods. . . . Arthur Johnson died childless. He lived in a house in Upper Clapton, which I think I could point out now.'

It appears to be correct that he died childless, but a pedigree at the end of the Wood Diary tells us that he married 'S. Winter, J. Hornby Maw's second cousin', and that they adopted Alice Cockill, who later married someone named Beecham. No confirmation of this statement has been found and the Johnson papers and traditions are silent on the subject. The only clue is afforded by an additional inscription on the tombstone of Martha Johnson (died 1821) in Stoke Newington churchyard, in these words:

'Also to the memory of Sarah E. R. Cockill, Relative of the above family, who died September 13th 1842 aged 12 years. A most pure and amiable child.'

She was the daughter of a Yorkshireman, John Cockill, who seems to have been a friend or employee of the Maws. Alice was presumably her sister.

Of Arthur Johnson's later years we know nothing but he did not live to old age. He died of pneumonia on October 27th, 1855, at the age of 46, while living in South London near his cousin, Charles Johnson the botanist, who was present at his death.

THE MAW BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

As we have seen in Chapter VI, the two Johnson sisters Mary Ann and Jane married respectively John Hornby Maw and his brother Solomon. Their two families and their descendants are of some importance in the story of the Johnsons since close relations were maintained with the latter even into the second generation, and some description of them is therefore called for. The two husbands were the sons of George and Ann Maw, and, as we have remarked, they came from a line of Maws native in the Isle of Axholme. Their father was a farmer there and both were born there. Somewhere about 1810 however the



Arthur Harry Johnson

From the portrait in the possession of Mrs Grace Johnson