

Francis T. King, from
J.C. Thomas's account of Balto. Meeting.
written in 1922.

"I must now speak of the Friends most active at the time of our move to Eutaw and Monument St. The most prominent was Francis T. King. In early life he had promised the Lord that if He would prosper him in business so as to gain a sum that would yield income enough to support his family he would retire from business and devote his time to work for God and humanity. He reached his mark shortly before the Civil War and kept his vow and so escaped the financial ruin that caught so many Baltimore merchants whose business was mainly with the South.

As soon as the War was over, Carolina Friends began to leave for the West in large numbers, and landed in Baltimore in a destitute condition. To provide for them and to check the emigration, Francis T. King organized an Association that saved and built up North Carolina Yearly Meeting, spending considerably over \$100,000, collected mainly through his personal efforts in England, Ireland, and the American Yearly Meetings. He also took an active interest in the public welfare and served on the City Water Board that brought a new water supply to Baltimore.

He had a genius for organization that was freely and zealously devoted to the good of the church and of society, in organizing and building up several great institutions, including the Central Savings Bank, the Johns Hopkins University and the Johns Hopkins Hospital and Bryn Mawr College., besides the Association to advise and assist Friends in the Southern States just referred to.

He was a remarkable combination of a sanguine temperament with conservatism and caution; a man of vision, high ideals and strong Christian character, quick to grasp a subject and to see a way to attain the object and then to tactfully and earnestly press it to completion."

He married Elizabeth Taber of New Bedford but she died comparatively young leaving him a widower with three little girls, one of whom married James Carey Jr. and had one daughter, Frances King Carey. She was a beautiful girl but soon after graduating from Bryn Mawr College, she was killed by an accident. The other two daughters married but had no children so that Francis King has no descendants. He was for many years clerk of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. He died in the winter of 1891--92.