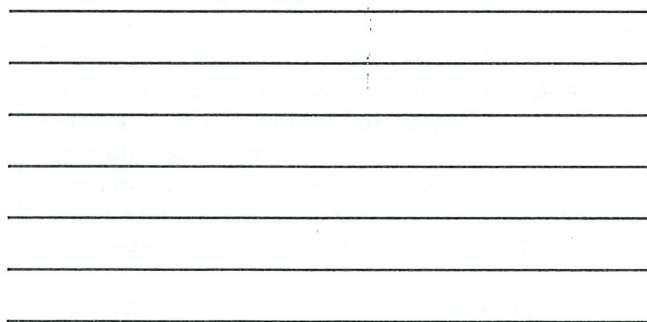
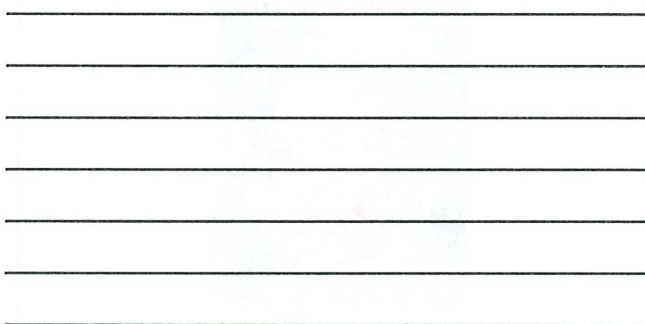
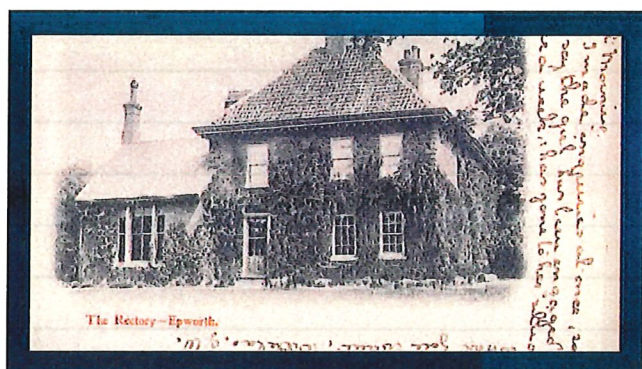
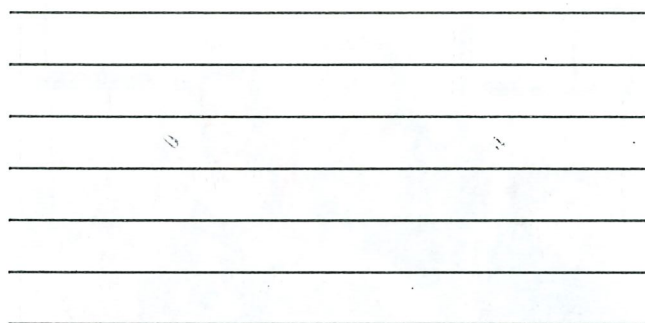
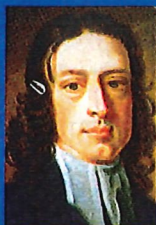
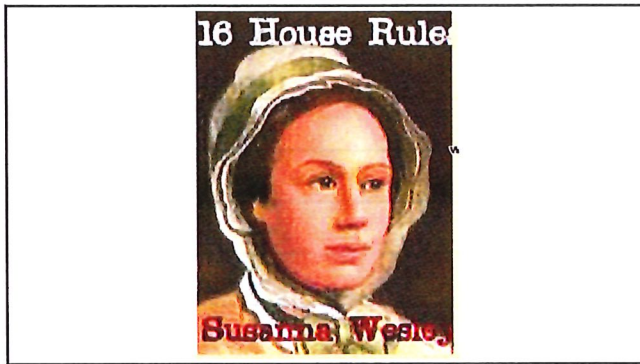


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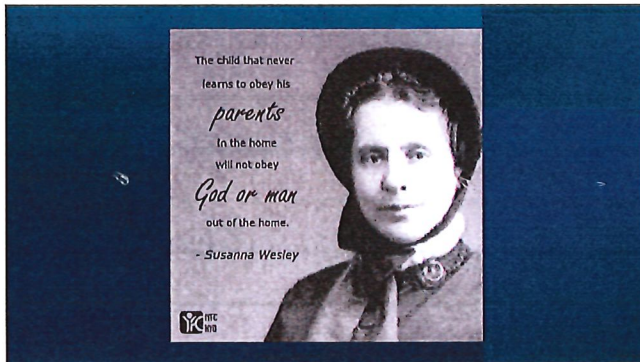
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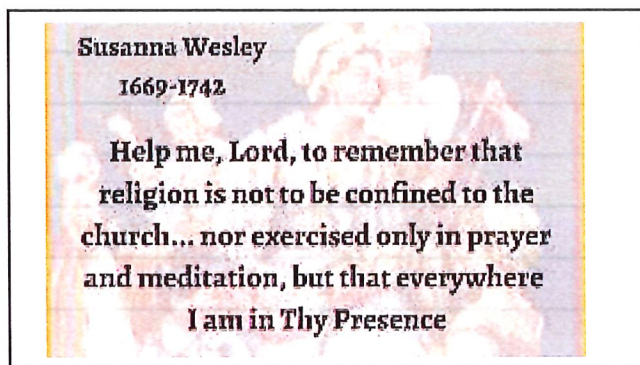
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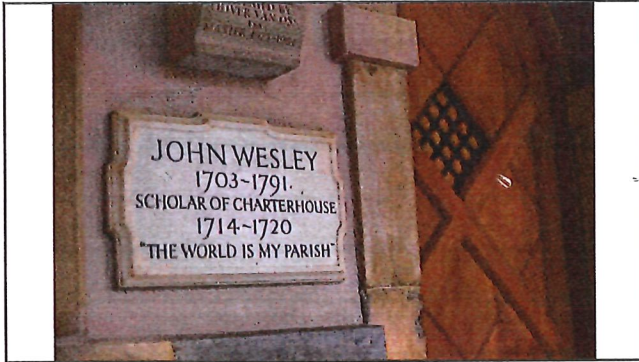


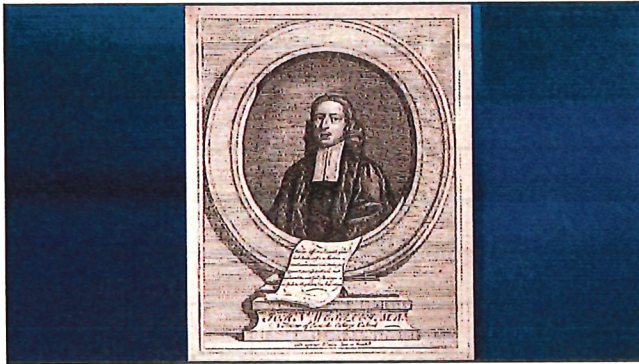
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7. Mary, nicknamed Molly
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9. infant
10. John
11. Benjamin
12. infant (twin)
13. infant (twin)
14. Anne, nicknamed Nancy
15. John, nicknamed Jackie
16. infant
17. Martha, nicknamed Patty
18. Charles
19. Kezziah, nicknamed Kezzy/Kez

Susanna & Samuel
Wesley's children

Now for some fun!

There are four nameless infants (#9, #12, #13 & #16) on the list. If all four had been girls, what do you think their names would have been? What if all four had been boys?

Susanna Wesley's 16 Rules of Parenthood

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"When the will of a child is totally subdued, and it is brought to revere and stand in awe of the parents, then a great many childish follies ... may be passed by. . . . I insist on the conquering of the will of children betimes, because this is the only strong and rational foundation of a religious education ... when this is *thoroughly done*, then a child is capable of being governed by reason and piety."



One day one of her daughters wished to do something which was not altogether bad, but which was not right. When she was told not to do it, she was not convinced.

It was late and she and her mother were sitting beside a dead fire. Her mother said to her: "Pick up that bit of coal." "I don't want to," said the girl. "Go on," said her mother. "The fire is out, it won't burn you." "I know that," said the girl. "I know it won't burn me but it will blacken my hands." "Exactly," said Susannah Wesley. "That thing which you wish to do won't burn, but it will blacken. Leave it alone."

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PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN WESLEY'S LIFE

1703....Born, June 17th.

1714....Admitted to the Charterhouse, January 28th.

1720....Matriculates at Christ Church.

1725....Meets Varanese: is "set in earnest in a new life."
Ordained deacon, September 28th.

1728....Ordained priest, September 22nd.

1729....The Holy Club.

1731....The Aspasia episode.

1735....Death of his father. Sails for Georgia.

1737....Sophy Hopkey.

1738....Returns to England: meets Peter Böhler. The Fetter
Lane Society. Conversion, May 24th.

1739....First preaches in the open air. Chapel at Bristol;
the Foundery in London. Begins to publish his
Journal.

1740....The Methodists separate from the Moravians.

1741....Separation from Whitefield.

1742....Allows lay preaching. Death of his mother.

1744....First Methodist Conference in London.

1747....First visit to Ireland.

1748....Grace Murray.

1751....Marries Mrs. Vazeille.

1755....Conference discusses separation from the Church of England; judged “not expedient.”

1763....Maxfield breaks away. Priests consecrated by Erasmus, a Greek bishop.

1770....Death of Whitefield.

1771....His wife leaves him, but not finally. Definite break with the Calvinists.

1778....Starts the *Arminian Magazine*.

1779....Is Wesley to rule alone? Discussed by conference of preachers at Bath.

1781....Death of his wife.

1784....Ordains priests for America.

1785....Ordains priests for Scotland.

1788....Death of Charles Wesley.

1791....Dies, March 2nd.