

Lucy AIKIN was a local authoress, daughter of John Aikin and niece and biographer of Mrs. Barbauld. She was connected with the Le Breton family by marriage.

Philip Hemery LE BRETON was a worthy local resident and philanthropist, first Secretary of the Hampstead Library.

For further details of the AIKIN family see the DNB; for further details of Lucy in particular see Baines pp. 360/2; Barratt III, pp. 1/4 (including a portrait); Local History Collection, obituary notice 1864 and will, Deeds No. 132; silhouette portrait in Two Centuries of Silhouettes, Hickman, 1971, p. 89.

For Philip Hemery Le Breton see Baines pp. 453/5; Barratt II, p. 289.

Lucy lived in Church Row (Nos. 8 and 18) for many years. Her niece married P. Le Breton, who lived at Milford House, Keats Grove; later at 22 Thurlow Road.

Le Breton was a barrister and Vestryman.

As chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works Parks Committee he defended the Heath from 1862 onwards and was, according to Thompson, more effective than John Gurney Hoare.

He was a cousin of Lily Langtry.