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Beale Barclay, Raymond M. Bell, Elizabeth Parker Fidler, Terry A. McNealy, Rita Schive Mowrer, Elizabeth Lea Oliver, and Kenneth Scott. All of these have contributed building stones that we can use in our genealogical edifices of the present.

Finally, these records are focused on individual Pennsylvanians of the past. Genealogy, biography, and local history are all closely related. What a fascinating procession moves before our eyes: emigrants who crossed the Atlantic in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, pioneer settlers of Southeastern, Central, and Western Pennsylvania, veterans of the Revolution, itinerant ministers, frontier parents bringing children to be baptized in log meetinghouses, young couples appearing before the local squire to get married, and families gathering for funerals in country and city churches and burial grounds. Indeed, the heroes and heroines of the book are the individuals whose names and records make their appearance on these pages. If "local history is American history locally exemplified," then in a very real sense genealogy is American history exemplified in the lives of ethnic groups, communities, families, and individuals.

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MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES. Comments on the "ABSTRACTS OF FRIENDS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES," as given in these *Publications*, Volume II, pp. **60-79. Valuable as are the abstracts of certificates referred to, they would afford more satisfaction if they clearly showed in which columns the names of witnesses appeared.

At an early date it became the custom for the nearest relatives to sign directly under the names of the bride and groom, thus making the important columns those to the *right* of the certificate. The columns to the left (one or more) were filled by the men witnesses not so closely connected. The women signed separately, between the men's columns and those of the family. In the printed abstracts in question there are various deviations from this rule.

As all the copy appears to have begun on the left side, it has seemed worth while to reprint the names which appear in the first, or right hand columns, in the cases in which the family signed in a group by themselves.

In the manuscript collections of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania are several volumes containing the marriage certificates, from which the abstracts are taken. (See references after each abstract.)

p. 60. JOHN WOOLSTON and HANNAH COOPER.

7mo. 8, 1681, has been copied from Book A, Burlington Meeting Records. The signatures are in two columns. To the left are the men, headed by William Cooper Sr. and William Cooper, Junr. To the right are the women, with Margaret Cooper first.* (Marriage Certificates, vol. III, p. 85.)

p. 60. HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH and LIDIA ATKINSON. *Manuscript copy.*

6mo. 22, 1688. The marriage took place in Ireland. The signatures are in two columns, as above. (Marriage Certificates, II, 25.)

p. 61. EMANUEL LOW and ANN ARCHDALE. *Photograph.*

5mo. 12, 1688. In this single instance the family column is on the left, headed by John Archdale and ending with Aby Prince. The marriage took place in England. (Marriage Certificates, II, 72.)

p. 62. HUGH ROBERTS and ELIZABETH JOHN. *Photo of signatures.*

1mo. 31, 1689. The men signed in the column to the left and the women to the right. Reference should be made to the photograph for these signatures. (Marriage Certificates, II, 25, 26.)

p. 62. JAMES LOWNES and SUSANNA RICHARDS. *Manuscript copy.*

10mo. 9, 1692. The men signers, to the left, are headed by Joseph Richards, Joseph Richards, Nathaniel Richards and George Lownes; the women to the right, by Jane Richards, Dorothy Richards, etc. (Marriage Certificates, II, p. 73.)

* Some of the signatures are very difficult to decipher. Should doubt exist as to their correctness, the originals may be consulted.

**Pages 16-36, this volume.

Catalouge of Eighty-Seven Public Friends yt have Died in Pennsylvania since ye First Settlement of Friends there Read at ye Yearly Meeting, 1709

AN ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC FRIENDS Deceased In Pensilvania, West and East Jerseys. [*Editor's note:* this is a verbatim copy of a manuscript found at Devonshire House, London, in Portfolio 8: 89. The account was originally published by *Quaker History: The Bulletin of the Friends Historical Association*, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, Volume 4, (1913). Lewis D. Cook, a Fellow of this Society, suggested that it might be unknown to many of our subscribers, and obtained permission from the Friends Historical Association to reprint it here. The term "Public Friend" refers to those Friends who spoke in Meeting. Those acceptable to the Meeting were recorded by the ministers and elders, and formally named ministers. The practice began in 1670 and continued in some Meetings until the twentieth century.]

Francis Fincher came from Worcester in the year 1683. He was drowned going over a ferry ye beginning of ye 6mo 1684 & was buried 6mo 1784.

James Claypoole came from London in the year 1683 & was buried ye 7-6mo-1687.

Christo. Taylor came from Edmonton near London with his wife Frances in ye year 1683. His wife was buried in ye year 1685. He was buried in ye year 1686.

Jno. Songhurst came out of the County of Sussex in ye year 1682. He deced. in West Jersey and was brought over to Philada. and was buried ye 25-11mo-1688.

John Eckley came from ye Lea in Herefordshire in ye year 1683 & returned into England again and arrived in ye year 1687. He recd. a public Testimony after he first arrived & was buried ye 15th 4mo. 1688/9.

shire. Her maiden name was Heyworth of Rosendall, Lancashire. She died also on board ye said ship in ye 5th or 6th mo: 1699.

Hester, ye wife of Richd. Hoskins. They came from Barbados in ye year 1697. She was born in said Island where she had a Public Testimony. She died when her husband was in England on Truth's Service (who laid down his body in London in ye year 1700). She was buried 2: 7mo: 1699.

Roger Gill of London, born at or near Harding in Flintshire, came with Thomas Storey by way of Maryland in ye 4th mo: 1699, who travelled together on the Truth's Service to New England and returned to our Yearly Meeting held then in Philada. the latter end of ye 7mo: it being a time of great mortality. He was taken ill some time after the Yearly Meeting & was buried 3d: 8mo: 1699.

Thomas Fitswater came from Kingston upon Thames, or near it, in the year 1682. Was buried 6: 8mo: 1699.

John Busby, the sonne of John Busby of Tew in Oxfordshire, came over when he was young in ye year 1682 and read. A Testimony after his arrival. He was buried 6: 8mo: 1699.

Sarah the wife of Nathl. Edgcomb came as a single woman from Wooldale in Yorkshire. Her maiden name was Ellis. She was buried ye 24 day 12mo: 1699.

Robert Stacey from Hansworth Woodhouse in ye County of York to Burlington in West Jersey in ye year 1678 or thereabouts. From thence to Philada. Buried ye 5 day 10mo: 1700.

Eliza Jackson, her maiden name Palmer, belonged to Kingston Meeting upon Thames. She came as a single woman with her father & mother in ye year 1682, and recd. a Public Testimony after her arrival. She was buried the 26th day 5mo: 1704.

*Deceased Public Friends Belonging to Haverford Monthly Meeting
in ye County of Philada.*

Henry Lewis, formerly of Pembrokeshire, South Wales, came to Pensilva, in ye year 1682 and was buried at Haverford ye 17 day 6mo: 1688.

Thomas Ellis came from Merionet Shire, North Wales, in ye year 1683. Was buried at Haverford 8: 11: 1688.

Robert Owen of Dobysore in Merionet Shire, North Wales, arrived

in Pensilva. in the year 1684. Died in 1685 and was buried near Duck Creek in ye Territories of said Province, 1685.

Evan ap _____ William Powell likewise came from Merionthshire intending for Pensilva., with his family after a tedious and long voyage [viz. 22 weeks] arrived at Barbados ye 7: 1mo: 1686/7, and within a few weeks died 1687.

Robert Owen, late of Vron Goch in Merionethshire, arrived in the year 1690 and was buried at Merion burying place 10 day 10mo: 1697.

John German from the County of Radnor in South Wales arrived in 1683 and was buried at Radnor ye 14: 12mo: 1697.

Jno. Humphrey of Lwyndu in Merionethshire arrived in ye year 1683 and was buried at Haverford the 28: 7: 1699.

Hugh Roberts, late of Ciltgarth in Merionthshire. His first arrival was in ye year 1683. He was buried at Merion ye 20: 6: 1702.

John Roberts of Landillos in Radnorshire, came in ye year 1698. He was taken sick at Philada. and was buried there 7mo: 1702.

John Hastings of [blank] in Oxfordshire came in ye year 1682 or 1683 and was buried at Haverford ye 12: 2: 1698 [1689].

Richard and Jone Wall. They came from Gloucestershire in ye year 1682 or 1683. They were buried at Cheltenham in ye County of Philadelphia. He was buried 26: 1mo: 1698. She was buried 2d: 12: 1701.

James Dilworth belonging to Chipping Meeting in Lancashire arrived in the 7th mo: 1682. He deseased in Bristol Township in the County of Philada. and was buried 8 day 7mo: 1699.

Deceased Public Friends in ye County of Bucks in ye Province of Pensilva

Jno Clows of Gowsworth in Chester arrived in ye year 1691 or 1692 and was buried 5 day 5 mo: 168-.

Cuthbert Hayhurst of Ezington in Bowland in Yorkshire arrived in the year 1681 or 1682, was buried 2 day 1 mo: 1682/3.

Jam. Harrison of Bolton in ye Moores in Lancashire, arrived in the year 1681 or 1682. Was buried the 8 day 8 mo: 1687.

Roger Longworth of Bolton in More Lancashire. He arrived from Barbados in ye 3 mo: 1687, and was buried 8: 6: 1687.

Thomas Langhorne of Westmoreland arrived about ye year 1686, and was buried 8: 8: 1687.

Thomas Atkinson of Longadenham near Skipton in Yorkshire arrived in ye year 1684. Was buried the 1: 9 mo: 1687.

James Radcliffe of Mudbery in Rosendall in Yorkshire arrived in ye year 1684 and was buried ye 29: 1 mo: 1690.

William Yardley of Ranslough near Leeks in Staffordshire arrived in ye year 1681 or 1682. Was buried the 9: 5 mo: 1693. Jane his wife was buried 28: 6: 1691.

Mary the wife of William Beakes of Farleigh in the parish of Backwell in Somersetshire, arrived in ye year 1681 or 1682 and was buried 4: 11 mo: 1696/7.

Jno Scott of Wadington Parish in ye County of York arrived in the 6 mo: 1699. Was buried ye 27: 10: 1700.

Public Friends deceased in ye County of Chester in ye Province of Pensilva

Jos. Fearne, late of Asher in ye County of Darby, belonged to the Monthly Meeting at Ashford. He arrived in ye year 1682 and was buried at Darby ye 6: 4 mo: 1693.

Jno Roads of Ripley in ye County of Darby, belonged to Breachhouse or Hilltop Meeting. He arrived in ye year 1700 and was buried at Darby ye 27: 8 mo: 1702.

Ralph Wither from Bishop Cannons in Wiltshire arrived in ye year 1682 or 1683 and died soon after.

William Welsh of London came into West Jersey in ye year 1683. Removed to N. Castle in the Territories, and there died. Was buried at Chester in ye year 1684.

Rich. Few from Market Lavington in Wiltshire arrived about ye year 1682. Buried in ye year 1689.

Thomas Bracy from Willaston near Namptwich in Cheshire arrived about ye year 1682 and was buried in ye year 1691.

Jno Symcock from Ridley in Cheshire arrived about ye year 1682 and was buried in Chester in ye year 1703.

Walter Faucet from [] in Yorkshire, arrived in ye year 1684 and was buried in Chester in ye 2 mo: 1704.

William Clayton came from Chichester in ye County of Sussex and arrived about ye year 1677 or 1678 and died in ye year 1688.

William Brainton came from Sedgeley in ye County of Stafford about ye year 1684 or 1685 and died in ye year 1700.

Thomas Mercer of Andover in ye County of Wiltshire. He arrived about ye year 1682 or 1683 and died in ye year 1694.

Elinor Park came with her husband from Bristoll about ye year 1682 or 1683. She died in ye year 1687.

Anne Browne, daughter of said Thomas Mercer, came in with her father and recd. a Testimony for Truth after her arrival. She was buried in ye year 1696.

Account of Deceased Public Friends Belonging to The Monthly Meeting at Burlington in West Jersey

William Peachy from London arrived in 1677. Was buried at Burlington the 20: 1: 1688.

Jno Skeine came from Aberdeen in Scotland. Was buried near his own house in the Township of North Hampton 27: 6 mo: 1690.

Thomas Olive came from Wellingborough in Northamptonshire in ye year 1677 and was buried in Friends Burying Place in Northampton Township ye 4: 9 mo: 1692.

Richard Guy of London arrived in ye year 1675, and was buried at Burlington ye 10: 10 mo: 1693.

Daniel Wills of Northampton arrived in ye year 1677 and lived in the township called Northampton until ye year 1698. And about the beginning of the same year he went to Barbados and was buried in Friends Burying Ground there in ye 26: 3 mo: 1698.

An Account of decd. Public Friends Belonging to ye Monthly Meeting of Gloucester in West Jersey

Mark Newberry came from Dublin in Ireland in ye year 1681 and was buried in Friends Burying Ground in New Town in ye 6 mo: 1683.

Jno White came from Carlow in Ireland in ye beginning of ye year 1683 and was buried in New Town aforesaid in ye same year 1683.

Thomas and Hester Thackara came from Dublin in ye year 1681. They both died at New Town aforesaid. He recd. a Gift of Ministry

after his arrival. She was buried 5: 3 mo: 1686. Her husband was buried 13: 7: 1702.

Alice Wood, the wife of Jno Wood of Rossendall in Lancashire came thence in the year 1682. She deceased at Woodbury Creek in the County of Gloucester and was buried the 3 day 8 mo: 1693.

Sarah ye wife of Thomas Sharpe. Her maiden name Fearne. She came a single woman into this Country out of Darbyshire about ye year 1682 and recd. a Public Testimony after her arrival. She was buried at New Town the 2d: 9 mo: 1699.

Margaret wife of William Cooper, Came with her said husband out of Buckinghamshire in the year 1678 and settled at Burlington and was buried at New Town 1 mo: 1699.

William Bates came from Wicklow in Ireland in the year 1681. Was buried at New Town ye 8: 9 mo: 1700.

Jno Adams, born in New England, came from Flushing on Long Island to West Jersey and had a Gift of the Ministry before he came here. He died the 29: 10 mo: 1703.

*The Public Friends decd, Belonging to ye Monthly Meeting at
Chesterfield in ye County of Burlington Vizt*

Jno Horner came out of Cumberland and was buried near his house in the Township called Mansfield ye 25th 2 mo: 1689.

Sarah Davenport the wife of Francis Davenport came out of Darby Shire and was buried in Friends Burying Place in Chesterfield Township ye 14: 4 mo: 1691.

Mahlon Stacy came out of Yorkshire in ye year 1678 where he belonged to a Meeting near Sinder Hills Green. He was buried in Friends Burying Ground in Nottingham Township ye 5: 2 mo: 1704.

Jno Filsford came from Feny Stanton in Hunts. He was buried in Burlington.

[Endorsements] The number & names of Deceased Friends in Pennsylvania East & West Jarsey. A Copy Exa: per Sam. Carpenter. Read in ye Yearly Meeting 1709. Benjamin Bealing [Recording Clerk of London Yearly Meeting] to lay up. 69 in Pensilvania. 18 in New Jarseys. Total 87.



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