

The Journall of Susanna Freeborn and Esther Palmer From Rhoad Island to and In Pennsylvania, &c.¹

8mo. The 23^d of ye 8th mo 1704 We left Rhoad Island and gott well to Long-Island ye 3^d of ye Week, and on ye 5th day of ye Week were at a Meeting at Flushing and on ye 6th day at great neck 12 Miles from Flushing, And on ye 7th day at ye Burial of young William Lawrence at flushing, On ye 1st day of ye Week at Meeting at Metinnicock 24 Miles from Flushing, 2^d at Meeting at Bethphage 12 Miles from Metinicock, 3^d at Hemsted 8 Miles from Bethphage, 4th day at West-berry 4 miles from Hemsted, 5th day at Meeting at Flushing, [6th] day at Flushing, 2^d at West-Chester 6 miles from Flushing, 3^d at Meeting at Jacob Dowtyes at Cowneck 18 Miles, fourth day at Westbury 5 Miles, 5th day at Flushing at an Evening Meeting at Sam^{ll} Bowns, [6th?] day at York (where we had Two Meetings) 20 Miles from Flushing, on ye 7th day [9 ^a/_m] we went from York to Elizabeth Town 30 Miles, & So to Wood-bridge 12 Miles, and on ye 1st day were at Meeting there, on ye 2^d day we went to Richard Stockinses² 30 Miles

¹ Copied from the original, in the possession of Frank Rawlins, of Rhyl. The MS. is in a very tender condition, the paper brown and worn at the edges and the ink much run. The handwriting is firm, with heavy down strokes. Notes 2 to 6 have been supplied by Gilbert Cope, of West Chester, Pa.

Esther Palmer was the daughter of Joseph Palmer, of Flushing, L.I. She travelled frequently in her own country, and "seems to have ridden upon horseback through what must have been a wild, unsettled country in 1704-5 about 3,000 miles." She arrived in Great Britain in 1710, and engaged in extensive religious service. At Bristol, in 1711, E. Palmer married Richard Champion, of Bisley, as his second wife. Richard Champion, the Bristol china potter, was their grandson. Esther Champion died of smallpox in 1714.

See MS. with original Journal and other MSS. in D.

Susanna Freeborn is referred to in a letter from Leah Newbery, Rhode Island, 1706, to William Ellis (1658-1709), printed in *Backhouse's William and Alice Ellis* as "the young woman that came forth in a testimony when thou wast with us; to whom thou wast a nursing father." S. F. visited Nantucket, in company with John Richardson, of England (c. 1666-1753) in 1702 (Richardson, *Life*), and she is mentioned by Thomas Story in his *Journal* (pp. 314, 352, 358).

² Richard *Stockton* lived in that vicinity (near Princeton, N.J.).

from Woodbridge 3^d we rode 16 Miles to y^e ffalls of Delawere and were at a Burial, on y^e 4th day at Meeting there, and on y^e 5th day at Neshamany³ Meeting 6 Miles from y^e ffalls, 6th day we gott to Philadelphia 20 Miles from Neshammany, 7th day were there at the Meeting of Ministers, & on y^e 1st day there at three Meetings, & on y^e 3^d day at Meeting at Frankford 6 Miles from Philadelphia, 4th day at Meeting at Byberry 7 Miles from ffrankford, 5th day at Meeting at Abington 10 Miles from Byberry, 7th day a Philadelphia 10 Miles from Abbington at y^e Meeting of Ministers, 1st day at 3 Meetings in Philadelphia, 3^d at Meeting att Fair-Hill 3 Miles from Philad^a, 4th day [10 $\frac{0}{m}$] at Meeting at German Town 3 miles from ffair Hill, 5th day att Meeting at Philad^a 6 Miles from German Town, 7th day at Philadia at y^e Meeting of Ministers, 1st day we parted S. Freeborn Stay'd at Philadelphia and E. Palmer went to Marion⁴ 6 Miles from Philadelphia where we mett again at y^e Evening Meeting, 2^d day we were at a Quarterly Meeting a Philadia, on y^e 3^d day wee went wth Jos: Glaister to Harford⁵ General Meeting 10 Miles from Philadelphia, & on the 4th day went to Burlington 20 Miles from Philad^d and on y^e 5th day were at Meeting there, on y^e 6th day we went to Crosswicks 12 Miles and on y^e 1st day had a Meeting there, 2^d day we went to y^e Widdow Wolees 4 Miles from Crosswicks, & on y^e 3^d 2 Miles to Springfield Meeting, on y^e 4th day had a Meeting at Ancocus 6 Miles and on y^e 5th day at Burlington, & on y^e 6th day at Burlington on y^e 3^d day at Ancocus, and on y^e 4th day at Meeting at W^m Evan's 13 Miles, and on y^e 5th day at Tho: Sheckells⁶ 7 Miles, on y^e 6th day at Meeting at Newtown, 7 Miles & on y^e 1st day at Meeting at Newtown, on y^e 3^d day at Meeting at Red Bank 8 Miles, but S. Freeborn being ill wth a Cold, could not Go, but E. Palmer wth some other ffrriends went & Came back y^e same night to John Estaughs where our lodging was, 5th day we were at Tho Shekels 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles & Came

³ Now Middleton Meeting, Bucks Co., at Langhorne.

⁴ *Merion*.

⁵ *Haverford*, in Chester (now Delaware) Co., Pa.

⁶ Thomas *Shackle*. See *Settlers in Newton Township*, 1877, p. 170, though the Author spoils it by making it *Shable* in his list of "Corrections."

back to or Lodging Same night, on y^e 6th day went to Red Bank to Jⁿo Lad 8 Miles & on y^e first day were at Red-Bank Meeting, on the 2^d day we went to Salem 30 Miles from Red Bank and on y^e 4th day we were at Meeting there, and on y^e 6th day at were at Meeting at Bartholomew Wyats 2 Miles from Salem, on y^e 4th day [11 ^o/_m] we were at Meeting at Salem & on y^e 4th day at Meeting there, On y^e 6th day we Came to Red-Bank and had a Meeting at Newtown on y^e 1st day & it being very Stormy Weather we stay'd there till 5th days Meeting there and on y^e 6th day Came over the River upon the Jce, & on y^e first day we were at Philadelphia and y^e Water being hard we kept there about a Month & in y^t time were at ab^t 20 Meetings in Town, 12 ^o/_m y^e 25th being 1st day went to Meeting at Darby, & on y^e 1st day were at Philadelphia, & on y^e 4th day went to frankford, & on y^e first day were at Meeting at German Town, & on y^e 2^d day [1st ^o/_m] were at y^e Quarterly Meeting at Philadelphia, on y^e 3^d day we went to Harford, & on y^e 5th day were at Meeting at Philadelphia, on y^e 6th day we went to Meeting at Marion 6 Miles from Philad^{ia}, on the 1st day we were at Radnor Meeting, & on y^e 3^d day at Springfield 5 Miles from Radnor, on y^e 4th day we had a Meeting at Providence 3 Miles from Springfield, & on y^e 5th day a Meeting at Chichester 7 Miles from Providence, & on y^e 1st day we were at Chester Meeting 5 Miles from Chichester, on y^e 3^d day we were at Concord Meeting 9 Miles from Chester, and on y^e 4th day we were at Darby Meeting 16 Miles from Concord, & on y^e 5th day at Meeting at Philadelphia 7 Miles from Darby, & on y^e 6th day at Philad^{ia} Monthly Meeting, & on y^e 7th day at y^e half Years Meeting of Ministers at Philadelphia, on y^e 1st day we went to Newtown Meeting 4 Miles from Philad^{ia}, on y^e 3^d day we were at Meeting at Philadelphia and on y^e 5th day 1st day & Third days following at Meetings there.

To be continued.

Interesting accounts of the rise and progress of the cocoa firm of J. S. Fry and Sons, of Bristol, appeared in *Grocery*, in July, and in *Truth* in October last.