

A Journall off Mary Banister and Esther
Palmers Trauells In Maryland and Virginei
& S^b 1705.

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The 25 of y^e 7th month We weare at y^e weeck day Meeting at Philad^a, The 26 J with Esther Palmer, Who became my Companion to mine and friends Satesfaction, Went to Darby Meeting, 7 Mile a Compined wth Tho: Story, Ant: Morris, Gra: Lloyd and Ann Shippen and Seurall other friends, and after Meeting Went to Calebe Puseys 9 Mill & lay all Night y^e 27 we went to Adam Petersons acompened by John Lewes and Lay all Night 45 Mills y^e 28 we went to Mary Poaps in Maryland on y^e Esteron Shoar & lay 2 Nights 30 Mills y^e 30 being first day we had a meeting, at y^e Meeting hous at Sicell¹⁸ 7^m and after Meeting we went to Henry Hos[i]er 12 mills & lay all night the 1 day of y^e 8 Month We had a meeting at there Meeting hous at Chester, went back to Henry H: again 2 Mills y^e Second day we went to George Bouses¹⁹ at Tuckhow 30 mill and Lay all Night y^e 3^d day we had a Meeting at there Meeting house 3^{mi} & after Meeting Went to John Pitts & lay all night 4 mills y^e 4th day Went to Edw^d Leeds at y^e bay Side & lay all night 30 mills y^e 5th day we had a meeting at Their Meeting house, and Came back to Edw^d Leeds and lay another Night, the 6 day went to Tho: Bartlys²⁰ at Treadhauen²¹ 20 Mills & lay all Night, y^e 7th day being first day of the Week We went to there Great Meeting hous, 3 Mi^{ll}, and had agood Meeting, after Meeting Went home with Sarah Steuens at Chopetanck 14 Mills and lay all Night y^e 8th day had a meeting at there Meeting house & came back to Sarah Steuenses 2 Mill y^e Ninth day went to William Dicksons²² 2 Mill & left our horses & went ouer

¹⁸ Cecil Meeting, in Cecil County, Maryland.

¹⁹ George Bowers.

²⁰ Thomas Bartlett.

²¹ Thirrhaven, near Easton, Md. The Meeting House is thought by some to be the oldest in America, and built in 1672, though 1684 is also given as the date.

²² William Dixon, perhaps the same who came over to Maryland, 1676.

Choptanck Riuer 4 mill by Water to the Widow Steuens and went y^t night to John fosters 8 mills & lay all Night the 10 day had a meeting at there Meeting hous at Trancequacking²³ 3 mill & after Meeting Went to Tho: Euerdens at fishing Crick 14 mill & lay all Night y^e 11^d had a meeting at his hous, after Meeting Swom Our horses and we in a Canow went ouer y^e Creeck & Came to Naomy Berrys 4 mill and Came to Sarah Steuens again at Choptanck 5 mile by water and lay two Nights y^e 13 we went to Treadhauen Meeting hous 14 mill Where began there yearly meeting from thence we went to Tho. Bartlys y^t night 3 mill y^e 14 being first day we Came to meeting again 3 mile and lay y^t night at atent hous [*word illegible*] friends y^t came ouer y^e bay from the Western Shore of Maryland, y^e 15 after meeting we lay in the meeting hous with friends that Came ouer y^e bay from West Riuer, y^e 16 after meeting Went with Tho: Bartly and Wife 3 mill and lay all Night, the 17th was there Men and Womens meetings of busness & after that was ouer We Came togather again, & after Meeting we Came with frds to John Pitts at Kings Crick 8 mill & lay there 2 Nights y^e 19th had a meeting at Tuckhow and after Meeting Came back to John Pitts 8 mill and lay another night the twentieth we with Sam^l Bonas went to Sarah Steuenses at Choptanck & lay all Night 18 mile the 21 being first day we had a meeting at there meeting hous and Came back to Sarah Steuenses and lay all Night, to Meeting and back 2 mile, the 22 we went to William Dicksons 2 mile thence went ouer Choptanck Riuer to y^e Widow Dority Steuenses 4 mile by Water, and lay all Night y^e 23 day had a meeting at Trancequacking meeting hous 14 mill after meeting went with Daniell Cox at Chickemeowmeco²⁴ and lay 2 nights 6 mill y^e 25 we went to Nantcokock²⁵ & had a meeting at the Widow ffishers 8 mill & after Meeting Went home with Tho: Hicks & lay all Night y^e 26 went Ouer Nantecokock fery & rid 8 mill & Came to Wiceowmaco²⁶

²³ Transquaking, afterward called Greensborough, in Caroline County, Md.

²⁴ Perhaps Chicacoan.

²⁵ Nanticoke, in Wicomico County, Md.

²⁶ Wicocomico.

fery & from thence to Leuen Denoads²⁷ at Mony 5 Mill y^e 28 being first day we had a meeting at his hous y^e 29 we went to Richard Wallters at Anamesex 20 mill & had a meeting at his hous the Next day, the 31 we went to George Trwets & went throw an Indan town Called Asckemenykonsan, We Came to George Trwets at Mulbery Groue 30 mill y^e next day being y^e first day of y^e 9th month we had a meeting at his hous y^e 2 we went to Mudy Crick to y^e Widow Johnsons 50 mills, in Accokmack on y^e Esternshore of Virginia Where we had a meeting at there meeting House at Gilford Crick, being y^e 4th day of y^e month & first day of y^e weeck, to Meeting and back to y^e widow Johnsons 6 mil the 5th wass there Quarterly Meeting of busness, held at y^e widow Johnsons Where S. Bownas was very Exalent inseting before them y^e Necesety of disapline and good Order in the Church w^{ch} is greatly awanting amonge them after Meeting went home with Will^m Nock 20 mill & stayed there till y^e 7^d where we had a meeting, ye 8^d we went to Meswadakes²⁸ 20 mill & had a meeting, after Meeting Went to Tho: Pressons²⁹ 5 mill ye 9th had a meeting 16 mill downward on y^e point near Magety bay at on Benjaman Stratons there were many people & very sober after Meeting went back to Tho: Pressons 16 mill & lodged there y^e 10^d went to the Widow Browns³⁰ y^e 11 being first day we had another Meeting at Meswadakes at there Meeting hous, it was uery Large and good and after meeting Retorned to the Widow Browns, to meeting & back 6 mill y^e 12 we parted wth Sam^l Bownas who went ouer the bay to the western Shore in order for Corrolinah

²⁷ Levin Denwood, of St. Monie, Somerset Co., Md., was son of Liveinge and Mary Denwood of Northampton Co., Va., seated there as early as 1633. In 1688 an address was prepared at a quarterly meeting held at Herring Creek, Md., thanking Lord Baltimore for his proclamation allowing an affirmation instead of an oath in testamentary cases. This was signed by thirty persons, among whom was Levin Denwood.

²⁸ Nassawadox, in Northampton Co., Va.

²⁹ Thomas Preeson, a merchant, formerly of Liverpool, Eng.

³⁰ Susanna, widow of Thomas Brown and sister to Levin Denwood the younger. On the records of Northampton County it is entered, March 30, 1691, that "Thomas Brown and his wife, Susanna, though members of that proscribed sect called the Quakers, are yet persons of such well-known probity and integrity that their affirmation is received instead of the usual oath." Their daughter, Elizabeth, was the wife of Thomas Preeson.

& Virginia & we Returned back to William Nocks & lay all Night 20 mill y^e 13 we went to Mudy Crick & had a meeting at Gilford Crick meeting hous 20 mill after meeting went home with Tho: Gripey at Gallgeatha 4 mill and lay all Night y^e 14 went to George Trewets att Mulbery Groue 50 mill y^e 15 had a meeting at John Trewets at Copomco after Meeting Came back to G: Trewets, there & back 6 mills y^e 15 had a meeting at George Trewets hous y^e 18 being first day had another meeting at Geo: Trewets hous it was a good Meeting y^e 19 we Came to John Stockleys & lay all Night a poor place y^e 20 Came to an Inlet of y^e See which parts Maryland and Pensilvania, hear we hired a pillet to Gide us throw where we were fain to stay till y^e tide was down, we gott afire in the woods it being very Colld, & after gott well ouer, and Came to Lewes town now Called Horekills in all 60 mill & Came to Wallter Hulings³¹ y^e 22 had a meeting had at his hous it was a prity good meeting, we had another on y^e first day being y^e 25 at there Court hous, we stayed there one Seurall Ocations till y^e 27 & then went to Slater Neck & had a meeting at Jsace Watsons 25 mile No friends but very kind after meeting went to Luck Watsons³¹ & lay all Night No fr^d but very Louing to us (4 mile from thence went to Joseph Bouths³² & had a meeting at his hous, 15 mill we had a good Meeting & lay there all Night beng y^e 18 day) the 19th Came to John Robesons at the Mother Cill³³ Crick we went ouer the Crick in a Canow & swom our horses in all 14 mill, we had a meeting at his hous no friend but very kind to us we Lay there all Night, the 30 Came to y^e Court hous in Kent County & had a good Meeting, 13 mil John Robson and wife Came with us to meeting at the Court house and was Much brocken and very tender & presed us to visit them again after meeting we went to Joseph England at Duck Crick 22 mill y^e 2^d of y^e 10 month being the first day of y^e Weeck we had a meeting at there meeting house, We had hard Worke but Truth Gott Dominion

³¹ Walter Hulings, formerly of Rhode Island. Luke Watson was for many years a Justice of the Courts, Member of Assembly, and lastly Sheriff of Sussex County (now) Delaware.

³² Joseph Booth was also a Justice.

³³ Motherkill; also written Murderkill or Murderkilm.

and we had aprity Good Meeting, y^e 3^d we Sett foreward from Joseph Englands to ward New Castell 44 mill layd at John Huses³⁴ y^e 4 day of y^e month and 3th of y^e Weeck we went from New Castell to Jacobe Simcoks 28 mile the 4th day of y^e weeck and y^e 5th of y^e month we went to Darby Meeting, to meeting and back 8 mill and Retornd to Jacobe S : again 6 day we went to Springfield meeting 2 mill and back to Jacob Simcocks 7th day of y^e month & 6 of y^e weeck at Meiron Meeting 8 mill after meeting went to Philadelphia 6 mill y^e next day at y^e meeting of Minesters y^e Ninth day being first day we weare at y^e meeting at Phila : at y^e great meeting hous y^e fore None and y^e after None at the banck 2 day at y^e youths meeting at Phil 3 day at there weeck day meeting 5 day being y^e 13 of y^e month J being not weell Esther P : with Mary Lawson went to Newtown meeting y^e 6 day went to Rede banck & y^e 7th day of y^e weeck came to Phil the first day being y^e 16 of y^e month Esther was at there meeting at y^e great meeting hous fore None & after where Shee had agood meeting and toake her Leaue of friends 3 day at there meeting & had agood meeting 5 day at there meeting again J being ill all this time at Rch^d Hills at Phil The 22 we parted at Philad^a Esther Palmer went in Order to goe home to Long Island a Compened by Anthony Morris and Hugh Derborah³⁵ and Sabilah Masters Grace Lloyd Mary Lawson and Rebecah Owen who by the advice of Friends & the Consent of her father became my Companion to Long Island we got that day to Bristol 24 Miles from Philadelphia we Endeavoured to get over the ferry but when we came to Shore y^e Cakes of Ice Came down upon us we was Glad to Set of for y^e Same Shore we Came of from, the men rowing very hard at last after Some hardship Enduring Some Cold we got well to Shore Stayed there that night next morning being the first day of the week y^e 23^d of y^e 10th moth because we could not get to Burlington we went to the falls Meeting 7 Miles

³⁴ John Hussey, formerly of Hampton, New England, son of Christopher Hussey, from Dorking in Surrey.

³⁵ Hugh Durborrow came from Ilchester, Somersetshire, in 1684, and in 1686 married Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of John and Hannah Taylor, from the parish of Alderton, Wiltshire. Her brother, Jacob Taylor, was Surveyor General of Pennsylvania for many years.

Stayed at Joseph Kirbright³⁶ that night ye 24th of ye 10th moth the fr^{ds} that Came with us returned We waited for the river to be frozen we stay'd wth J. K. was at a marriage at the falls meeting of Jacob Janney & Mary Huff ye 26th of ye 10th moth ye 27th we were at Mishshaminy³⁷ meeting 5 miles from J. K's we went back to J. K. ye 28th day of ye 10th: we went on ye ice over ye river to Burlington 8 miles from J: K's 29th day of ye moth we went to Crosweeks, 14 miles 30th day of ye mo: we had a meeting there after meeting Lodg'd at Francis Debinports³⁸ ye 31st day of the moth we went to Shrewsbury 40 Miles ye 1st of ye 11th moth we went to The Widow Reap 3 miles Stay'd there that night ye 3 day of ye 11th mo: ye 4th day of ye week we had a meeting at Shrewsbury 3 miles from ye widow ye 3^d day of ye moth was at their meeting on ye 5th day of ye week Came from Shrewsbury 25 Miles to Amboy. Through Mercy got well over ye ferry got to Jn^o Kinsy [?]³⁹ 5 miles 6th day of ye month had a meeting at Woodbridge & throug the windiness of the weather stay'd at J. K's⁴⁰ and Jn a lettel time got safe home to my fathers in flushing on long Jsland wheare my dear parents was uery Joyfull to see me and my other friend also.

ESTHER PALMER.⁴¹

The following appears to be a summary of the Journal:—

J Travailed with Susannah Freeborn after we came to Long Island 520 Miles & parted att Providence in Pensylvania & then Travailed with Mary Lawson who after I parted with S. F. in Love & unity She being

³⁶ Joseph Kirkbride, at the age of 19, came to Pennsylvania in 1681, a poor boy, but became a prominent minister among Friends, a magistrate and Member of Assembly, and a wealthy person for the times. He is said to have been the son of Mahlon and Magdalene Kirkbride, of the little town of the name in Cumberland.

³⁷ Neshaminy, now Middletown Meeting, Bucks County.

³⁸ Davenport.

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³⁹ The name is not clear, the edge of the sheet being worn away.

⁴⁰ From this point to the end the handwriting changes to one less careful. There is reason to believe that Esther Palmer herself concluded the narrative. See next note.

⁴¹ The signature is in the same hand.as the concluding portion of the Journal. See note 40.

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Easy to return home she became my Companion 1685 Miles in w^{ch} Travail we have Great Cause to admire the great goodness of God who protected us & the arm of his divine power was with us & Conducted us through many various Exercises & hardships & gave us Comfortable times of refreshment amongst his people and often crowned our Assembly with his holy presence magnified be his name for ever he is worthy to be serv'd worshiped by all y^e Children of men. J stay'd att Philadelphia till the Yearly Meeting was over it was a good Meeting the Glory of the God of Israel overshadowed it: I Not being clear of Eastern Shore Mary Land & Virginia Mary Banister & I became Companions We Travailed in great love & Sweetness together about a Thousand miles & then parted att Phil^a in y^e unity of y^e Spirit and in y^e In breakings of y^e Love of Truth, 3230 miles, The 7th of y^e 11th moth, 1706.

ESTHER PALMER.

Meeting Records.

AT MEETING HOUSE, ST. JOHN'S STREET,
WELLINGBOROUGH.

Northampton Monthly Meeting, 1706-1720.

Do. do. 1726-1810.

Do. do. 1818-1853.

Wellingborough do. 1772-1853.

Northampton and Wellingborough M.M. 1853 to date.

NORTHAMPTON M.M.
1706-1853

WELLINGBOROUGH M.M.
1772-1853.

NORTHAMPTON & WELLINGBOROUGH M.M.
1853 to date.

There is that which maketh merry over the witness of God; and there is that which maketh merry in the Lord; which rejoiceth over that which hath made merry over it; of that take notice, you who are in the Light.

GEORGE FOX, *Journal*, 1902, i. 194.