

Reckless descent in this country to the present time, and I therefore hope that this short sketch will suffice for the present.

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Thwarted Marriage Proposals.

The following Minutes are taken from the records of Philadelphia Monthly Meeting as printed in the *Publications of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania*, vol. iv., no. 2—March, 1910 :—

“ 27th of 10th Month, 1695.

The matter in relation to Hannah Day being spoken to at this meeting, Friends tenderly advised her not to Entertain William Rakeshaw Richard Sutton, nor any other person in order to marriage untill a certain account shall come of her husband John Day's death, and do likewise advise William Rakeshaw & Richard Sutton being both present to desist all farther applications to her in relation to marriage, that so the truth may be kept clear in that behalf and friends desire Samuel Carpenter & John Parsons to assist the said Hannah in the management of her affairs.”

The years pass, and Hannah Day and other Friends from the Women's Meeting present couples to the Men's Meeting in order to marriage. Not till some four years later does she appear herself again before Men Friends, and then it is not with either of the two Friends mentioned in the previous Minute, but with James Atkinson. In this proposal she was, however, no more successful than on the previous occasion. We wonder how the matter was finally settled, and whether John Day ever turned up again.

“ 30th of 4th Month, 1699.

Wheras James Atkinson & Hannah Day proposed at the last monthly meeting that they intended to marry each other, and desired the consent of friends [they had, apparently, passed the Women's Meeting], whereupon this meeting having taken it into consideration, and nothing appearing that her late husband John Day is certainly dead, although long absent, therefore it is the advice of this meeting that they cannot proceed to marry among friends, and Samuel Carpenter & William Southeby are desired to speak with him about it.”

Dr. Fothergill's Prescription for Tender Eyes.

According to Dockter ffothergills advice to J^{no} Pole for his Son :—

Take Rosemary flowers—and Lavender flowers—of Each an Equall Quantity—Then Take as much of them mixed as a man hould^s between his finger an Thumb—and put in a Teeapot—Then fill the pot with hot water as to make tee and Lett the Patient hould his head over y^e Steem of it So as may go into the Eyes—This do goeing to bed every knight.

Rose mary mixd with Tobacko & Smoked—ab^t one Quart part rosemary—hath been by Experience found good.

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