

Margaret Fox to her Grandchildren Bethiah and David English, 1699¹

Swarthmore y^e 17th of 9th mo 99

Dear Grand son and Grand Daughter English²

Jn the deare and tender love and bowels of deuine life J doe dearley remember you and write these few lines vnto you as a testemony therof ; desireing you to keepe Close to the Lords powe loue and life and there you will grow and Abide neare the lord and he will bide neare to you as you abide Jnwardly to him ; dear Bethia keepe vp to the Lord be Content with his will what euer it be for y^t is the best and the safest for thee ; waite vpon him in obediunce and y^t is the way for the Lord to giue thee thy harts desire ; it is longe sin[c]e J wrote to thee or heard from thee but J doe not forget thee thou art often before me ; J heard by two ffriends y^t thou was at the Wells in Yorkeshire and was pretty well which J was glad of J haue not heard from thy Mother³ but once since shee Came ffrom y^e Bath : but J hope shee is well ; J haue had two Letters ffrom thy sister Dickes⁴ and one ffrom hir Husband ; the[y] are verry well and Liues very well and Comfortably ; if thou would but write to thy Mother how it is with thee euery way ; and shee would Lett me know J cann doe noe more but pray to almighty god for you all and J trust and hope y^e Lord his blessinge and grace may rest vpon you haueing this opertunity by this ffriend J was willinge to write to you these few lines to let you know y^t the Lord has presaued me in health euer since J came from London ; J have writen to my Daughter Morris⁵ and J desire thee to gett it to hir for J

¹ Original in the possession of Mrs. Wilfrid Rogers, of Falmouth, by whom a photograph of the same has been presented to D. .

² Bethiah Rous, born 1666, was the daughter of John and Margaret (Fell) Rous. She married David English of Pontefract in 1692, and they had three children—Nathaniel, Thomas and Benjamin.

³ Margaret Rous, *née* Fell (c. 1633-1706), the eldest daughter of Margaret and Judge Fell.

⁴ Anne (1671-1709), daughter of John and Margaret Rous, married Benjamin Dykes, or Dix, as his second wife.

⁵ Isabel Yeamans, *née* Fell, married Abraham Morrice in 1689, as his second wife.

haue not written to hir since J came ffrom London it is but a Chance y^t wee Cann get any thinge sent into your parts My Daughter Abraham⁶ and hir Son⁷ has there deare Loues dearly Remembred vnto you hir husband is Now at London presoner for tythe noe more but my Loue and prayers for you from your Deare Grand Mother

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⁶ Rachel Fell (1653-1732) married Daniel Abraham in 1683.

⁷ John Abraham, 1687-1771, the only child who grew to maturity.

GEORGE VAUX, 1832-1915

AGAIN we have to record, with regret, the decease on the other side of the Atlantic of one of our stalwart supporters. George Vaux of Philadelphia and Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania passed away suddenly, yet gently, on the 20th of April, in his eighty-third year, and the funeral took place in the private family burial ground on his Bryn Mawr estate on the 23rd. For some time before his death he had been in feeble health, and in consequence of failing sight was almost entirely dependent on his secretary for assistance in his work. Notwithstanding these limitations he maintained to the last a keen interest in affairs and in his favourite pursuits, which included historical, genealogical and antiquarian research. He was the eighth of ten who have borne the name from circa 1600 to the present time, as will be seen by reference to an article from his own pen in vol. vi. of *THE JOURNAL*, 1909. Probably no one in Philadelphia was better acquainted with the records of Friends there, the condition and orderly arrangement of which will be a lasting memorial of his care and oversight. He was a man of natural ability, which he devoted to business pursuits and also to educational and philanthropic activities. He was President of the Friends Historical Society 1907-8, and has frequently assisted the Editor by contributions and correspondence upon a variety of subjects. For further particulars respecting him see *The Friend* for 21st of May, 1915. ISAAC SHARP.