

A brief memoir of Isaac Hammer is to be found in *Southern Quakers and Slavery*, by Stephen B. Weeks, Baltimore, 1896. It is as follows :

A prominent Friend in the early history of Tennessee was Isaac Hammer. He was born near Philadelphia, April 8, 1769. His parents removed with him to Tennessee about 1783. He was at first a Methodist preacher, then a Dunkard preacher, but became a Quaker about 1808. He visited Ohio in 1811, travelled within the limits of North Carolina and Virginia Yearly Meetings in 1816, including the weaker meetings in South Carolina, and the older meetings in Virginia. He was in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania in 1818; visited Ohio and Indiana in 1821, New York and New England, 1822. In 1826-27 he visited England, Holland, Westphalia, Würtemberg, Austria, Baden, Switzerland and France.

After returning to America he renewed his travels and died in Tennessee, October 14, 1835. He has left a manuscript journal, which is preserved among the archives of the Society at Guilford College [North Carolina].

On his return to America, I. Hammer wrote a long letter to Thomas Robson, of Liverpool (original in **D**), giving a vivid description of his thirty-two days' voyage—"the roaring of the wind and waves and the Rowling and wollowing of the Ship, on the great deep to me was Marvelous."

The Family of French

BY the kindness of Howard Barclay French, of Philadelphia, London Yearly Meeting Reference Library has become the possessor of the two volumes of the *Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas French* (1639-1699), printed privately (10 $\frac{1}{4}$ by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$, vol. i., 1639-1785, pp. 501, in 1909; vol. ii. 1785-1913, pp. 743, in 1913). The sub-title indicates to some extent the scope of this remarkable work: "Who came to America from Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, England, and settled in Burlington in the province and country of West New Jersey, of which he was one of the original proprietors, together with William Penn, Edward Byllynge, Thomas Ollive, Gauen Laurie and others. With some account of colonial manners and doings, setting up of Friends' Meetings, copies of old minutes, etc., together with 150 illustrations, compiled and published by Howard Barclay French, of the seventh generation."

Thomas French left England as a Friend in 1680, with his wife, Jane, four sons and five daughters in the good ship *Kent*, and settled on the banks of the Rancocus River in West New Jersey. Among surnames of descendants are Black, Brick, Buzby, Haines, Hollingshead, Jobs, Jones, Lippincott, Lukens, Matlack, Moore, Morris, Page, Ridgway, Roberts, Scattergood, Scholey, Shreve, Stokes, Wills, Woolman. Of the hundreds of female christian names that of Tacy occurs only once—Tacy (Jarrett) Stokes.