

Diary of Samuel Mickle

The fourth and last instalment of extracts from this Diary have appeared in the Year Book for 1924 of the New Jersey Society of Pennsylvania (1420 Pine Street, Philadelphia). Previous instalments will be found in *Notes on Old Gloucester County*, 1917, and in the Year Books for 1921, 1922, and 1923. The Diary is in the possession of Frank H. Stewart, historian to the Society. Samuel Mickle (1746-1830) was a well-known merchant of Woodbury, N.J., and a worthy member of the Society of Friends.

Here are a few extracts :

1821

" April 22. Wm. Foster from Island of Guernsey here on a religious visit—speaks very broken English."

[who was this Friend ?]

" October 8. Nathan Yarnall of Philad., deceased."

1822

" February 28. A meeting for Amos Peasley to-morrow from neighborhood of Crosswicks, N.J., formerly of New Hampshire."

" July 2. Hannah Yarnall (widow of Peter) deceased at Byberry."

[In December visits of Priscilla Hunt and Daniel Prickett from Indiana and Rachel Wainwright from Salem, are noted.]

1824

" February 29. Wm. Foster of Island of Guernsey at meeting."

" April 26. Jacob Branson and Wm. Flanner, Friends from Ohio, at meeting."

" May 7. S . . . h S . . . n . . . s communicated to me y^e P.M. a circumstance before now unknown to me. viz.: that I, having in my absence left my writing room door open, my beloved wife [who died in 1809] (in my absence) invited her into it, and they had a choice time inspecting my diary, &c."

[The Separation caused the following among other entries :]

1827

" August 16. Quarterly meeting day for business, but none done by reason of not being select, Isaac T. Hopper, a disowned person from Philad., continuing to sit all y^e time of said meeting though much advised to withdraw."

1828

“ January 28. Monthly meeting but alas the disorder and confusion, 2 or 3 more up and speaking at y^e same time. Some disowned and some dealing by their respective meetings were here intruding on and in the meeting, and would not withdraw altho often requested so to do.”

“ June 30. Monthly meeting in which Hicksites clerk officiated, and after they had done and withdrawn, Isaiah Green, a Hicksite, intruded and obliged y^e Orthodox Friends to adjourn upstairs into y^e select meeting room, and after time came down again and finished y^e business.”

“ August 26. Sarah, wife of Amos Peaslee, deceased about 5 y^e morning, and rather suddenly and unexpected by the family. Her husband in y^e State of Ohio, sowing y^e seeds of Secedership as a minister.”

[Last entries :]

1829

“ April 24. Rec'd money for a debt contracted 12 mo 19, 1752, upwards of 46 years standing.”

“ June 29. Late y^e P.M., on going up the kitchen stairs with a bottle of ink in one hand and an inkstand in y^e other with ink in it, on my taking y^e last step for y^e room floor, I hit my toe against y^e step and fell into y^e room with them in my hands, spilt ink out of y^e inkstand on y^e carpet and over one hand, broke and bruised my left shin in two places, and hurting back and both hands, but y^e skin on knees not broken nor bottle broken.”

HADWEN RECORDS WITH ASHWORTH PEDIGREE AND NOTES.— J. Theodore Hadwen, of Sandiway, Cheshire, has presented to D a typed copy of above. There was a line of five Isaac Hadwens, 1687—1737, 1723—1776, 1753-1842, 1793-1865 and 1824-1876, all born Friends.

Isaac Hadwen, 1st, married, in 1714, Sarah, daughter of John Moore, of Eldroth Hall, and Sarah, his wife, *née* Blaykling (1690-1761), a Minister. Isaac was a clockmaker, in Kendal. In 1718 he visited Friends in America in company with John Danson. He went to America a second time, in 1737, on a business visit, landed at Hampton in Virginia and was about to return, when he was attacked by fever and died at Chester, Del., 29 vi. 1737. So states a record written by Isaac, 3rd. His trade was followed by Isaac, 2nd. Alice Hadwen (1680-1718), step-sister of Isaac, 1st, married, 1699, Thomas Savage, of Clifton (xix. 83). Isaac, 2nd, married a Barlow; Isaac, 3rd, a Gaylard; Isaac, 4th, an Ashworth; Isaac, 5th, a non-Friend, and resigned his membership.

The Ashworth records are taken from the *Memoir of Henry Ashworth* (1794-1880).