

Friends that I am looking forward to a time to be released. and I have thought ; if there be no objection and health be permitted to attend me, I might be liberated about the end of 6th month next.

“ In thus resigning an employment which has so long and agreeably occupied my attention I feel bound in gratitude to acknowledge the kindness and liberality of Friends.

“ I am, under the feeling of much love, Your very sincere friend,

“ ‘ WILLIAM MANLEY.’ ”

On his retirement Manley and his wife joined their son at Leighton Buzzard where the quiet evening of life was spent.

The Society W. Manley served recorded its appreciation of the services rendered “ by a courteous and obliging demeanour very acceptable to Friends,” and added : “ It is our affectionate desire for him that now in retiring from active life he may be favoured with heavenly peace and permitted to recur with satisfaction to the services he has rendered to our religious Society.” He was granted a life annuity of £50.

Manley died in 1851, his wife having preceded him by a few months.

In 1811 William Manley received appointment as “ Office Clerk,” and in 1832 he is described as “ clerk,” but in 3 mo. 1836 the term “ Recording Clerk ” is introduced and has, since that date, been the official title of the Secretary to the Society of Friends.

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William Hudson, of Philadelphia

Francis R. Taylor, of Cheltenham, Pa., to the editor, 7 iv. 1932 :

“ William Hudson, my ancestor nine generations back, brought his certificate from York Friends hither in 1685. He is a most interesting early Philadelphia character, a patrician, who brought wealth with him (inherited from his mother), increased his wealth, his learning, and his influence, until his death in 1742. There is much of interest about him available. One item is a *grandmother* clock, which he brought over. It stands to-day, about five feet high, in the hall of the Philadelphia Library Company, on Locust Street. His father, William Hudson, bought it in the dispersal sale of Oliver Cromwell’s effects and gave it to his young son, adventuring overseas. It bears the name of a German maker.”