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THE THREE DAVID PORTERS: CAPTAIN, COMMODORE, AND ADMIRAL, AND THEIR DELAWARE ROOTS

By Francklyn Wynne Paris

Historians and biographers have long located the origins of the Porter family of U.S. naval fame in Massachusetts, noting a seagoing tradition for several generations prior to the birth of Commodore David⁵ Porter in Boston in 1780.

In fact, Commodore David⁵ Porter was the first of his family to have been born in New England. His father, David⁴ Porter, a Revolutionary privateer captain, was born in New Castle County, in what is now Delaware, the son of Alexander³, who was also born in New Castle County. It is not known where the Commodore's great-grandfather David² or the latter's father Alexander¹ were born, but that they were both farmers and millers in New Castle County in 1729, not sea captains, has now been documented.

This paper presents the evidence to correct an error of biographical history that has persisted for over 100 years.

Otherwise excellent biographies of Commodore David⁵ Porter and his son, Admiral David⁶ Dixon Porter repeat the error on family origin on the authority, regrettably, of the Admiral's own account of his grandfather, great-uncle and their father:

"On the breaking out of the Revolutionary War we find two brothers, David and Samuel Porter, commanding vessels commissioned to capture and destroy ships carrying stores to the British Army. The father of these two brothers was Alexander Porter, a native of Massachusetts where he was born in the year 1727, and both had commanded merchant vessels previous to the war. It is very probable that the brothers were commissioned by Washington to whom they appear to have been well known."¹ There follows an account of the confinement of the two brothers, David and Samuel, on the prison ship "Jersey," Samuel's death thereon, and David's escape.

According to the Admiral, his grandfather Captain David⁴ Porter resided in Boston after the Revolution until he was appointed a sailing master in the U.S. Navy by President Washington and given charge of the signal station on Federal Hill, Baltimore. An account is given of four daughters and two sons, David⁵ and John⁵, the former being the subject of the memoir, and David's birth in Boston on

Charter Street. Young David's upbringing is attributed almost entirely to his mother, due to his father's absences at sea.

In October, 1876, "Ancestry of Admiral Porter" by Hon. Joseph W. Porter of Burlington, Maine, was published, but the Massachusetts birthplaces, as will be seen, are in error and do not appear either in David⁴ Porter, Sr.'s manuscript, or in the transcript of it, presumably made by Admiral David⁶ Porter, which is in the J. W. Porter papers.

"Alexander Porter, born in Massachusetts, May 5, 1727; wife, Margaret Henry (note: Margaret Henry was probably a second wife, J.W.P.). The children of Alexander were:

David Porter,	b. April	6, 1754	in Mass.
Robert	b. October	13, 1755	in Mass.
Nancy	b. December	18, 1757	in Mass.
Samuel	b. October	14, 1759	in Mass.
Alexander	b. August	22, 1764	in Mass.
John	b. September	1, 1766	in Mass.
Margaret	b. September	2, 1768	in Mass.

Note—The above is copied from handwriting of David Porter, Sen., father of Commodore David Porter."²

The 6 children of Captain David⁴ Porter, born 1754, and his wife (incorrectly given as Rebecca Gay), are listed as David, Jr. (the commodore) born in Boston February 1, 1780, Margaret, Rebecca, Mary, Nancy and John, followed by the families of Commodore David⁵ Porter, Jr. and of Admiral David Dixon⁶ Porter. The paper ends with a query, "Who was the father of Alexander¹ Porter? (Alexander³ in this paper) Where were he and his son David born?"

The Massachusetts origins have since been accepted uncritically.

J. R. Soley in 1903 said the family was "of good old Massachusetts stock and had followed the sea for generations. The admiral's great-grandfather, Alexander Porter, born in Massachusetts in 1727, was a merchant captain, and had served in the colonial wars."³

A. D. Turnbull in 1929 wrote, "His grandfather, Alexander Porter, had been a Massachusetts merchant and sailor."

David F. Long in 1970 describes Commodore David Porter writing by hand an account of his ancestry, beginning with his paternal grandfather, Alexander, a captain in the merchant marine, born in Massachusetts in 1727, and his participation in mid-century colonial wars.⁵ Dr. Long cites the admiral's book⁶ and the J.W. Porter reference to the David Porter manuscript, but incorrectly attributes it to the Commodore. Actually, it was David⁴ Porter, Sr., the son of Alexander³ Porter, (not Commodore David⁵ Porter, Jr., the grandson) who wrote the manuscript, as is correctly stated in the J. W. Porter article: "Note—the above is copied from hand-writing of David Porter, Sen., father of Commodore David Porter."⁷

Also in the above file were several letters from Robert Henry Eddy written in 1882, principally about the Massachusetts lines of Rebecca Gay and Rebecca Henry as they related to the Porters.¹³

J. W. Porter in his published article added Massachusetts places of birth for five persons, but his MS notes indicate that he believed Hayden was correct in his research of the Porter marriage connections to Delaware. "Alexander Porter born Massachusetts May 5, 1727, married first _____; married second Margaret "Henry" (So Admiral David D. Porter wrote me) born July 9, 1742. I think his wife was Margaret Van Dyke nee Stewart of Delaware, born July 9, 1742." He attributes the latter information to Rev. Horace E. Hayden of Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.¹⁴

Pursuit of the papers of the Rev. Mr. Hayden led to the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, where, in addition to his duties as assistant minister at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church from 1879 to 1914, he was the secretary of the Society. There, in the Hayden files, was found a photograph of the manuscript purportedly written by Captain David⁴ Porter, and copied by Admiral David Dixon⁶ Porter.¹⁵

The photograph is of the reverse side of the title page of an ancient book; the title is undecipherable as there is not sufficient strike-through of the printing. However, David⁴ Porter wrote his name on the front of the title page and this does show through in the upper corners in reverse, positively identifying the book's owner. In his handwriting appears all but the last entry:

Alexdr Porter Senr	born May 5th 1727
Margreat Porter	born July 9th 1742
David Porter	April ye 6th 1754
Robert Porter Monday	Oct 13th 1755
Nancy Porter _____	December 18th 1757
Samuel Porter Thursday	October 4th 1759
Alexdr Porter Wednesday	Aug 22d 1764
John Porter Monday	Sept 1st 1766
Margriat Porter Friday	Sept 2d 1768
David Porter born May 1780	

Note that after David⁴ Porter born 1754, there is no "Sr," indicating that he wrote this before the birth of the future commodore, which is recorded in a different hand. Note the spelling of "Margreat" for the mother and "Margriat" for the daughter, the abbreviation of "Alexdr" both times, and the absence of places of birth, which were not followed in the later transcriptions. Also, no maiden name is given for the mother. David Porter's name, which appears in reverse as it was written overleaf, shows the "Porter" over the "Alexdr" and the "David" over "1727."

In addition to the photograph, there was also found a 1904 letter to Hayden from Holbrook Fitz John⁷ Porter, son of Gen. Fitz John⁶ Porter, who was evidently studying the Porter family from a Delaware-Pennsylvania point of origin. He later prepared a chart showing the family of Admiral David D. Porter as descendants of William Porter, Gent. born about 1660.¹⁶ While the chart is interesting and fairly accurate in later generations, it provides no documentation and the early generations have a tendency to overlap.

FIRST GENERATION

The David Dixon Porter family first appears in available records in New Castle County, Delaware in a survey of land dated 10 Feb 1729/30, which included property of Alexander¹ Porter.¹⁷ The surveyed property abutted lands of, among others, Adam Short and Evan Evans, and contained a total of 511 acres, 85 perches, of which Alexander¹ Porter had previously given one half (or 255 acres) to his son David².

This half descended from David² to David³ by will and from David³ to his eight children, including David⁴, through intestacy. Ultimately it was divided by the Orphans Court and assigned to David⁴ who had the property resurveyed and then sold it in three separate indentures dated 26 March 1810 to Mahlon Foster, William Silver, and Alexander Draper.

The other 255 acres passed under Alexander¹ Porter's will dated 2 August 1734. The will is not recorded, but the terms can be reconstructed from 1751 to 1802 conveyances of the same land: "at his mother's decease, his home plantation, that is one third part of 511 acres or 168 acres, 44 perches, unto his well beloved son, Alexander" with a contingent interest (which failed) to his son, Patrick,¹⁸ and another 85 acres, being "one third part of my (Alexander's) tract of land . . . the same being the one third of the one halfe of a larger tract containing 510 acres . . ." devised unto his well beloved son Patrick.¹⁹

The name of Alexander's wife may have been Eleanor Crawford; the name "Eleanor" is found continued in the third generation by Alexander² and David² but not by Patrick², unless a daughter of that name died before his will was executed. Crawford family tradition in Delaware indicates an Eleanor Crawford married an ancestor of Commodore David⁵ Porter; the generation is not known, but the 1747 date given is obviously too late.²⁰

In summary:

1. Alexander Porter, parents unknown, resided New Castle County, Del. 1729, married possibly Eleanor Crawford, will dated 2 Aug. 1734, date of probate unknown. Children:
 - +2 David² d. bet. 8 Jan. and 4 Feb. 1750/51 (great-grandfather of Commodore David⁵ Porter)
 - +3 Alexander², d. ca. 22 Mar 1784
 - +4 Patrick², d. 4 Mar 1766

(To be continued)

¹Admiral David Dixon Porter, *Memoir of Commodore David Porter*, (Albany: J. Munsell, 1875).

²Joseph W. Porter, "Ancestry of Admiral Porter," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (Boston: Oct. 1876).

³J. R. Soley, *Admiral Porter*, (New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1903) p. 1.

⁴A. D. Turnbull, *Commodore Porter 1780-1843*, (New York: Century Co., 1929) p. 7.

⁵David F. Long, *Nothing Too Daring* (Annapolis: U.S. Naval Institute, 1970), p. 3.

⁶Note 1, *supra*.

⁷Note 2, *supra*.

⁸Long, *op cit*, p. 323, note 3.

⁹Boston, Mass., *A Volume of Records Relating to the Early History of Boston Containing Boston Marriages from 1752-1809*, City Document No. 101 (Boston, 1903), p. 443. The entry is included in a list, beginning on p. 419, headed "Intentions 1762-1809 (inclusive) marriages not recorded."

¹⁰Medford, Mass., *Vital Records of Medford, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (Boston: N.E.H.G. Soc, 1907), p. 13.

¹¹Joseph W. Porter, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Richard Porter Who Settled at Weymouth, Mass., 1635, and Allied Families* (Bangor: 1878).

¹²"Joseph W. Porter No. 1 Misc.," Call letters: SG POR, 11, MS collections of New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston. Copies of this and other MS references have been deposited in the library of the Historical Society of Delaware.

¹³R. H. Eddy was descended from Robert Henry, father of Rebecca Henry who married David⁴ Porter. In his will, he established The Eddy Town Record Fund for publishing Massachusetts town records, including those of Medford, Note 10, *supra*. He also left to the City of Portsmouth, N.H., funds for erecting an equestrian statue of Brevet Brig. Gen. Fitz John⁶ Porter; the statue faces the house where the latter lived while stationed at the Portsmouth Navy Yard.

¹⁴Note 12, *supra*.

¹⁵"Photograph of Porter Family Record," Hayden Papers, MS Collection of Wyoming Historic and Geological Society, Wilkes Barre, Pa. Mrs. Catherine H. Bryan, assistant to the director, and Mrs. Mary K. Meyer of the Maryland Historical Society who searched the Hayden files for the author, discovered the photograph after a search of "the dark hole" in the Wyoming Society's flood-ravaged basement.

¹⁶"Genealogies of American Families No. 123," *Town Topics*, Vol. 78, No. 23 (N.Y.: 6 Dec 1917), pp. 22-23, compiled by Holbrook Fitz John Porter according to a 30 Jun 1929 letter from him to a family member.

¹⁷"Survey of Land by John Hore, 10 Feb 1729/30," New Castle County Survey Book 1700, Survey P No. 76 pp. 453-454, 21 Aug 1730, Del. State Archives, Dover.

¹⁸"Indenture dated 30 Sept. 1802 between Alexander Porter of New Castle Hundred, and wife Agnes, grantors, and Capt. Alexander Porter, New Castle Hundred, both devisees under will of their late father, Alexander, for 85 acres," New Castle County Deed Record Q-1, p. 478, Del. State Archives, Dover.

¹⁹"Indenture dated 20 May 1751 between Patrick Porter, New Castle Hundred, and wife Agnes, grantors, and Capt. Alexander Porter, New Castle Hundred, both devisees under will of their late father, Alexander, for 85 acres," New Castle County Deed Record Q-1, p. 478, Del. State Archives, Dover.

²⁰Rev. J. L. Vallandigham et. al., *History of Pencader Presbyterian Church* (Glasgow: 1899), citing recollections of Miss Rebecca Crawford, described as the last representative of her generation.

New Castle County Licenses To Import And Export Slaves

Compiled by Mary Fallon Richards

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Master Location Description	Slave Description Status	From/To	Date	Other Data Given
Johns, Kinsey Tn. of New Castle	Lydia Ann, c 17 Mary, c 14	Md. to De.	1 July 1836	By death of his brother, John Johns of Anne Arundel Co., MD., was willed a no. of negro slaves. One Lyndy, a house servant, had several children, among them Lydia Ann and Mary. "that the Father and Mother of the said children are desirous that he should bring (them), and that the said children are also desirous to be removed as aforesaid."
Kerr, Andrew	Jerc(miah) Negro man, MM: to be free after 31 Dec 1842	Md. to De.	9 July 1834	Purchased from George D.S. Handy of Kent Co., Md., who married Mary Wilden, dau. of Marmaduke Tilden, dec'd, owner of said Jeremiah and who MM him by his will.
Kerr, Andrew of White Clay Creek Hd.	Joe, boy, 7 yrs. slave until 24	Md. to De.	30 Sept 1850	Formerly slave of James Kerr of Kent Co., Md.--Condition of license "that he be employed as a house servant in the family of the same Andrew Kerr and for no other purpose whatever, and to be MM 13 Sept 1867 ae 24 yrs."
Lynch, Amos W.	John Jones Negro male	Md. to De.	22 Dec 1853	"that she be employed as a house servant in his family and for no other use and purpose whatever."
Marin, Thomas of Appoquinimink Hd.	Joe, C 20 yrs. Negro man "a man of violent passions"	De. to Md."Upon condition that he shall not be thence exported to any Southern State."	1 Jan 1840	Purchased of Abraham Moor, adm'r of Joseph Harper, late of Kent Co.

Master Location Description	Slave Description Status	From/To	Date	Other Data Given
Mc Crone, John of New Castle Hd.	Cassandra Holland, female MM to 25 Apr 1858	De. to "any other state, conditionally-	23 Mar 1849	Purchased of Thomas J. Higgins of Red Lion Hd., 25 Apr 1846 "impudent and troublesome.... dwelling house was maliciously and willfully burned..by the said Cassandra--afraid to keep her in his family."Condition- "the said Cassandra Holland shall not be kept in servitude longer than the 6th Apr 1859."
McCullough, James of White Clay Creek Hd.	Fortune, 14 yrs. Negro boy	Md. to De.	16 Feb 1833	Belonged to estate of Col. George Mitchell, late of Kent Co., Md., dec'd.
Meeteer, George B. of Pencader Hd.	Charles Brown c 23 yrs, Nancy Adams c 18 yrs. Negroes	Md. to De. "for work out of doors"-C.B. "as a house slave"-N.A.	20 Feb 1833	"Lately belonging to Col. George E. Mitchell, dec'd. Slaves now in Cecil Co.-purchased of Abraham D. Mitchell, of Cecil Co Adm'r of Col. Mitchell's estate.
Marritt, James D. of St. Georges Hd.	Caroline Laws c 9 yrs. Negro woman slave for life	Md. to De.	9 Apr 1847	Purchased of John B. Morton, of Cecil Co., Md.-"as a domestic servant in his own family and no other use or purpose whatsoever."
Naudain, Andrew S	Henriette, c 20 Negro woman. slave for life	Md. to De.	22 Nov 1833	Purchased of John M. Flintham of Md.
Naudain, Arnold S. Fieldsborough, Appoquin- pink Hd.	Samuel, c 20 Negro	De. to Md.	10 Nov 1840	"malignant and revengeful temper...on 4 Oct last, he waylaid Joshua D. Townsend, son of John Townsend of Fields- borough, and attacked him with a drawn knife...and cut through the coat and vest...near the neck, etc."

Master Location Description	Slave Description Status	From/To	Date	Other Data Given
Naudain, Elias S. of Appoquinimink Hd.	Belinda, ae 18 Negro MM after serving Naudain for 8 years.	Md. to De. "as a house servant until expiration of term of servitude".	24 Sept 1835	Belonged to William Reed of Cecil Co., Md.
Naudain, Elias	George Armstrong Negro	De. to _____		"Absconded; imprisoned for larceny; recovered at some expense; still refusing to work."
Naudain, Elias S. of Appoquinimink Hd.	Maria Williams c 21 yrs. Negro female slave for life	De. to any other state	11 Mar 1848	Purchased of William P. Green for \$250. "vicious and malignant disposition"--accused of setting fire to barns.
Naudain, James A.	Rachel, c 19 Negro woman slave for life	Md. to De.	21 Nov 1833	Purchased of John Hurlock of Md.
Naudain, James A.	Rachel, negro	De. to Md.	2 Dec 1834	"Returning to her former master."
Naudain, John M., freeholder, Appoquinimink Hd.	Emily Harris Negro woman now living in Md.	Md. to De.	5 Nov 1853	Condition that she be employed as a house servant in his home and for no other use and purpose whatever.
Newnam, Joel G.	Mary Amanda Hurt Negro female now in Md. c 16 yrs.	Md. to De.	3 Nov 1848	Condition, as above.
Osborne, John W.	Mahala Demby Negro girl, and Lydia Lockerman, Negro woman, both now living in Md. Also negro girl, Charlotte Henry.	Md. to De.	10 Sept 1844 1 Dec 1844 5 May 1849	"Owing to the great difficulty and inconvenience of hiring or procuring suitable servants in the city of Wilmington."

Master Location Description	Slave Description Status	From/To	Date	Other Data Given
Pennington, Hyland B. Native of Md., moved to Wilmington, De., 30 Mar 1832. Had and has real estate in Cecil Co., Md. (to Balt. 1836-38, back to Wilmington.)	Christopher Cooper, "an able-bodied, healthy and industrious man of good Character" Henry Davis, 31, Negro man, slave for life.	Md. to De.	20 Feb 1835	
Peters, Benjamin of White Clay Creek Md.	Albert Gallitan 16 Yrs., negro MM to be free after serving Benj. Peters for nine years.	Md. to De.	15 May 1834	Latently belonged to Rev. Henry White of Worcester, Md.
Polk, Cyrus of Cantwell's Bridge, St. Georges Md.	Eliza, c 16 yrs.	Md. to De., as a servant of his family, and no other purpose whatsoever.	2 Mar 1850	Purchased of John M. Flintham of Cecil Co., Md.
Price, John R. of Pencader Md.	Ellen Sherwood Negro woman c 27 yrs., slave for life, to be liberated after 14 years from 1 Oct 1847, provided she serves him faithfully during that time	Md. to De., as a servant in his own family.	24 Scpt 1847	Purchased of John W. Price of Cecil Co. Md.
Read, George, Jr.	Jim, Negro boy, slave for life	De. to Miss. "as his private servant."	30 Sept 1836	Business in Mississippi requires him to be there part of the time.

Master Location Description	Slave Description Status	From/To	Date	Other Data Given
Reybold, John of Red Lion Md.	Mary Ann, c 10 Margaret, c 8 slaves for life, now in Md.	Md. to Dc.	11 Jan 1849	On condition that they be held and employed as domestic servants and for no other purpose.
Keybold, Philip	Jacob Sanders, Negro, MM to 24 Dec 1834	"To export from state" to	7 Dec 1832	"Left his service without any just cause, Oct 1828; retaken Oct 1832. Ran away again, retaken in Philadelphia, etc."
Keybold, Philip, Jr. of Red Lion Md.	Minty Nathans, Negro, 15yrs, 6mos, 14 das. George Bayard, Negro, MM at ac 28 yrs. by Andrew G. Colesberry. Ae 14 yrs. 7 das.	Md. to Dc.	9 May 1835	Bought from Samuel Freeman of Cecil Co., Md.
*****	Israel, negro, c 22 yrs.	Pa. to Dc. Licensed to export to Pa. in 1833.	14 Sept 1835	Bought of Isaac G. Colesberry.
*****	James Biddy, now in Md.	De. to "any other state."	28 Sept 1842	"vicious habits and depraved propensities--attempted rape of 13-yr.-old white bound girl."
Reynolds, George of St. Georges Md.	Harmon Brown, 10 Negro boy, slave for life	Md. to Dc.	13 Sept 1849	
Kice, Washington of City of Wilmington	Delia, c 8 yrs. Mulatto	Md. to Dc., "as a house servant."	30 Dec 1836	Purchased of Mary Springer of Cecil Co., Md.
Kiddle, George Read of City of Wilmington	Jacob Bacchus c 19 yrs, MM in will of Ann Rothwell to be free at ac 31 yrs.	Va. to Dc., as a house servant. De. to Md., to be sold for the residue of his term of service	31 Dec 1849	
Rothwell, William of Appoquinimink Rd.			29 Aug 1832	"considered a very dangerous person, etc."

Master Location Description	Slave Description Status	From/To	Date	Other Data Given
Russell, Rev'd Andrew K. of New Ark, White Clay Creek Md. *****	Caroline, negro ae. c 20 yrs.	Md. to De.	5 Mar 1834	Purchased from Abram D. Mitchell, Adm'r of estate of late Col. George E. Mitchell
*****	Caroline, negro ae. c 27 yrs.	De. to Md.	11 Jan 1837	"Eldest daughter of late Col. George E. Mitchell has married and settled in Cecil Co., Md., and wants to have said Caroline."
Simmons, Lawrence "near the Md. line"	Harriet and her female child, c 2 yrs.	Md. to De.	23 Nov 1832	Purchased of Noble Pennington, exec'r of John Roth of Cecil Co., Md.
Springer, Peter of Pencader Hd.	Jeremiah, c 15 Negro, has 10 Yrs to serve.	De. to "any other State of U.S.	12 Jan 1841	Purchased from Peter B. Delancy. Attempted rape of 7 yr old daughter of Springer.
Stewart, David B. of Kent Co., Md. *****	Araminta Sanders 6 yrs., a slave for life, negro Jane Foreman c 12 yrs., negro, slave for life	De. to Md., as servant in family. *****	5 May 1849 11 Sept 1851	A gift from mother, Eliza Stewart of New Castle Co., widow. *****
Sutton, John, Jr.	Peter Wilson c 21 yrs, negro, slave for life	Export from De. to _____	21 Nov 1840	"In jail, because of bad conduct; threatens to poison every Black in Sutton household, if sold."
Thomas, Lorenzo, an officer of the U.S. residing in the District of Columbia.	Guffy Bayard, negro b 11 Feb 1815 Mtdo be free at ae 28 yrs.	De. to D.C.	26 Mar 1838	Formerly property of Andrew G. Colesberry.
Thomson, John of Newark, White Clay Creek Hd. *****	Jannett, c 12 negro girl Freeman Freeman Reeson, c 19 yrs., negro slave for life	Md. to De. as a house servant Md. to De. De. to Miss.	23 Nov 1832 11 Oct 1833 29 Sept 1843	Purchased in Md. some months ago. Transfer by deed of gift to grandson, Dr. Chas. Thomson Chamberlain, of Mississippi.

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Townsend, Samuel, Jr. of Appoquinimink Hd.	Clinton Wright	Md. to Dc.	26 Feb 1861	
Vane, Allen	Maria, c 6 yrs. Negro girl, slave for life to be Md to be free at ac 21	Md. to De., as a maid servant	14 Oct 1845	
Walker, Henry R. of Appoquinimink Hd.	John Allen, negro, c 22 yrs. to be free in 2 yrs. and 8 mos.? (Questioned, no evidence.)	De. to Md., "or any other of the United States."	8 Oct 1840	Purchased of his father, Isaac Walker of Appoquinimink Hd. "dishonest, disobedient, intractable, etc., etc.; jailed".
Weldon, William of Appoquinimink Hd.	Mary Moore, negro c 13 yrs., to be free at 28 yrs.	Dc. to Phila., Pa. as a house servant.	10 Dec 1833	Soll to John H. Blyc, of Phila., dry-goods merchant.
Wiley, Rev'd John of Snow Hill, Md.	Deborah Sheed mulatto female c 13 yrs.	Dc. to Md.	6 Aug 1834	Presented by John Wiley, Esq. Tn of New Castle, De.

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Forwood, David H.	d 29 Aug 1865	b 3 Jan 1820	191-89
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Forwood, Hannah, wife of Valentine	d 11 June 1883	b 11 April 1805	161-99
Forwood, James, son of Jehu & Lydia	d 3 Jan 1869	b 2 Oct 1846	176-99
Forwood, Jehu	d 21 Nov 1850	age 86 yrs 5 mos, 14 da	155-99
Forwood, Jehu Jr.	d 2 Dec 1886	b 12 July 1812	182-99
Forwood, John	d 4 Oct 1836	aged 35 yrs	64-99
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Forwood, Lydia, wife of Jehu Jr.	d 15 July 1892	b 15 Oct 1815	182-99
Forwood, Margaret, wife of Robert	d 17 Feb 1815	aged 35 yrs	54-99
Forwood, Mary, wife of Jehu	d 2 June 1838	age 67 yrs 6 mos	158-99
Forwood, Mary (in Tatnall file) no stone 1979	d 12 Jan 1859	age 61 yrs 22 das	58-99
Forwood, Parker, son of Valentine & Hannah (Weldin)	d 29 June 1840	aged 5 mos 15 das	167½-99
Forwood, Rebecca	d 24 Nov 1892	b 21 Jan 1833	185½-99
Forwood, Robert	d 30 May 1844	aged 77 yrs	51½-99
Forwood, Robert W., son of David H & Anne P.	d 15 Jan 1876	b 17 Aug 1863	188½-89
Forwood, Ruth Anna, wife of David	d 6 June 1854	aged 25 yrs 11 mo 6 da	193½-89
Forwood, Samuel	d 8 Apr 1875	b 16 Aug 1799	152-99
Forwood, Sarah, wife of Wm.	d 1784	aged 53 yrs	47½-99
Forwood, Valentine	d 20 Jan 1892	b 9 June 1804	164-99
Forwood, William	d 20 Feb 1811	aged 90 yrs., 3 mos, 10 da	45½-99
Foster, Alice H., wife of Wm. Maynard	d 21 Sept 1911	b 25 Feb 1879	9-58
Fouk, John, son of John & Sarah	d 12 Feb 1797	aged 31 yrs 6 mos	127-46
Francis, Joseph R.	d 10 Aug 1856	b 18 Mar 1833	183-114
Francis, Mary A. wife of John F.	d 15 Dec 1872	aged 56 yrs	180-114
Francis, Mary E.	d 19 July 1856	b 10 Sept 1834	183-114
Galbreath, Catherine J.	no date	aged 36 yrs	157-174
Galbreath, John H.	d 31 July 1846	b 9 Jan 1831	154-174
Galbreath, Joseph	d 29 Aug 1838	b 24 Dec 1836	154-174

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72. Broken slab.

73. In memory of Rebecca, Wife of ---? Barbur, Died May 11th, 1795, Aged 27 years.

74. "Our parents" Revd. Samuel Wood, Died October 10th. 1861, in the 82nd. year of his age.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Patience, Wife of Revd. Samuel Wood, Died June 27th. 1842, in the 82nd. year of her age.

75. John D. Wood, Died January 19, 1858, Aged 65 years.

76. Blank.

77. Blank.

78. In memory of Mary Adaline, who died August 12th. 1884 (rest indecipherable).

Caroline who died November - 1884, Daughter of Joseph and Sarah Hasting.

79. In memory of Ann, Wife of John Hagany who departed this life December 15th. A.D. 1837, Aged 60 years.

80. In memory of John Hagany, who for many years was, a zealous and useful local Preacher in the M.E. He died in great peace March 25th. A.D. 1815 in the 68th. year of his age.

81. Mary E., The Beloved wife of John H. Curtis Jr., Died Phila., May 26th. 1858.

Hiziah-- (indecipherable).

82. Joseph R. Eggner, Born Nov. 20th. 1833, Died July 17th. 1901.

83. Emily D., Wife of Jorden Stigers, Died June 9th. 1891, Aged 48 years.

Allen J., Son of Jordon and Emily D. Stigers, Died Mar. 6th. 1890, Aged 18 years.

84. Mother, Mary A. Harman, Born July 9th. 1816, Died Jan. 19th. 1899.

85. In memory of William Hines, Son of ----? (rest indecipherable).

86. William Kirkman, Died Dec. 21st. 1851, Aged 15 years. (indecipherable).

"Servant of God, well done

The glorious warfare past

The battles fought the war is done

And thou art crowned at last."

Mary H., Wife of William Solomon, Died May 18th. 1855, Aged ten years.

"Not dead but sleeping."

87. In memory of Mary Ann, Wife of John Kirkman, who departed this life February 3rd. 1852, Aged 23 years, 10 months, and 15 days. (Verse indecipherable).

88. Blank.
89. In memory of Robert ----? (rest indecipherable).
90. In memory of Eliza Mary Simmons, Daughter of William ---- Simmons, who departed this life November 28th. A.D. 1831, Aged 4 years, 1 month, and 2 days.
91. Charles H., John S., Children of ----? (indecipherable)
92. Jacob M. ---- (indecipherable).
93. Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth, Wife of George ----, Born Jan'y. 28th. 1798, Died July -- 1839. (rest indecipherable).
94. Hester Elenor Williamson, Born Nov. 21st. 1850, Died Feb. 14th. 1888. Lydia Ann Williamson, Born March 20th. 1811, Died Sept. 30th. 1893. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Phillippians 31 chapter 3 ver.
95. Robert A. Williamson, Born January 4th. 1809, Died January 17th. 1856. Eliza M. Hague, Born Mar. 20th. 1805, Died December 4th. 1888.
96. In memory of Lydia R. Armstrong who died Nov. 30th 1851 in the 62nd year of her age.
"She is not dead but sleeping."
Also Ellen W., Wife of James Thompson, Died July 11th. 1862. "She walked with God."
97. John Williamson, Born Oct. 13th. 1775, Died Dec. 23rd. 1817. Sarah, Wife of John Williamson, Born Aug. 23rd. 1781, Died July 16th. 1812. "They have been gathered to the home of their fathers."
98. J. A. Watson, Co. G., 5th. Del. Inf.
99. Mother, Mary M., Wife of George W. Spiger-July 27th. 1848-Jan. 16th. 1911. "Asleep in Jesus."
100. Marcellus Fleming, Died June 20th. 1896, Aged 79 years.
101. Veley Flaglor, Born Sept. 19, 1819, Died June 5, 1841. Althea, Wife of Margellus Flaglor, Born March 15, 1815, Died Aug. 22, 1846. Margellus, Son of Margellus Flaglor, Born Aug. 19, 1846, Died ---- (rest indecipherable).
102. Mother, Keziah Hayes, Born Oct. 17, 1841, Died June 23, 1905. "Asleep in Jesus."
103. In memory of Lydia Ann Caprelle, (rest indecipherable).
104. In memory of Harriett Sutter, a native of Germany who departed this life Jan. 5, 1822, Aged 15 years ---- (rest indecipherable).
105. In memory of Eliza---Mary, Wife of Wm. Simmons who departed this life December 25th. 1822, Aged 27 years 7 months, 25 days. (rest indecipherable).
106. In memory of Mary Pepper, Wife of Henry Pepper who departed this life July 21st. A.D. 1824, Aged 52 years.
107. In memory of Mary Pepper, Daughter of --- (rest indecipherable).
Also of Mary McClelland, Daughter of James and Susan Simmons. (rest indecipherable).

108. Our Mother, Sarah E. Taylor, Wife of Thomas Robinson, Born Oct. 5, 1835, Died May 19, 1887.

109. In memory of James L. Hawkins who departed this life March 17th. 1838 in the 50th. year of his age.

Also of Susannah Hawkins his wife who departed this life April 21st. 1841 in the 56th year of her age. (Verse indecipherable).

110. "Virtue, Love and Temperance" Our Sister Ruthanna Ferrall, Born May 4th. 1818, Died Oct. 25th. 1867.

"Asleep in Jesus" - "Gone but not forgotten."

111. In memory of Mary Lowber relict of Peter Lowber, late of Smyrna, Kent County, Delaware, who departed this life June 7th. 1812. Aged 16 years and 5 months.

112. In memory of Mrs. Lydia Littler, Wife of Thomas who departed this life February 27th. A.D. 1807, Aged 62 years.

113. In memory of Thomas Littler, who died Nov. 20, 1793, Aged 50 years.

"In heaven we trust his happy Spirit sings,
Praised Hallelujahs to the King of kings."

114. Father and Mother, Anthony C. Lain, Born Dec. 30, 1808, Died Mar. 17, 1881.

Ann M. Lain, his wife, Born Jan. 29, 1807, Died Oct. 3, 1885. "At Rest."

115. Eliza M. Johnson, Sister of Mary J. Knott, Born June 28th. 1827, Died Aug. 13th. 1884.

"Asleep in Jesus."

John Knott, Born in Carlisle, England, Jan. 6th. 1786, Died Jan. 18th. 1854.

Mary, Wife of John Knott, Born in Carlisle, England, July 6, 1780, Died Nov. 13th. 1861.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,
They rest from their labors."

116. In memory of Laura V. Price, Born Sept. 6th. 1856, Died Jan. 19th. 1880.

"Amiable she won all,
Intelligent she charmed all,
Fervent she loved all,
And dead she saddened all."

117. In memory of Mary Jane, Wife of Thomas Knott, Born in Cecil Co., Md., Jan. 15th. 1820, Died Nov. 19th. 1879.

"Dear wife we will meet again on the resurrection morn."

Thomas Knott, Born May 7, 1820, Died Feb. 4, 1894.

"Asleep in Jesus."

118. (indecipherable).

119. Wm. G. Robinson, Born March 11th. 1810, Died February 21st. 1856.

David Webster Farra, Died Jan. 16th. 1863, Aged 39 years.

120. (indecipherable).
121. In memory of Anthony Carry, who departed this life September 12th. 1818 A.D., Aged 32 years. (rest indecipherable).
122. In memory of Charles D. Farr, who died in the Triumphs of faith, Feb. 27th. 1823, Aged 28 years.
 "Mourn not dear Friends as without hope
 In Jesus I am sleeping here.
 And when he comes to wake me up---
 (rest indecipherable).
123. In memory of David Webster, who departed this life in the full triumph of Faith, Jan. 24th. A.D. 1828, in the 38th. year of his age.
 "But he shall live again, enrolled in bright Array
 Shall take his part in Heavenly Strains,
 In everlasting day."
124. In memory of Rebecca, Wife of Thomas Hawkins, who departed this life December 18th. A.D. 182-, Aged 41 years.
125. In memory of Julianna, Daughter of Thomas and Mary Hawkins, who departed this life Oct. 15th. A.D. 1836, Aged 5 years, 2 months, 4 days. (rest indecipherable).
126. (indecipherable).
127. Allan McLane, Distinguished in the war of the Revolution in 1776 from its commencement. (rest indecipherable).
 Rebecca McLane, Consort of Allan McLane. (rest indecipherable).
128. Louisa V., Wife of George L. Geiger and daughter of Dr. Edward and Louisa V. Worrell, Died Mar. 18th. 1801.
129. Blank.
130. In memory of Worrell, who departed this life December 21st. A.D. 1880 in the 65th. year of his age. (Verse indecipherable).
131. In memory of Rebecca Worrell, Consort of Edward Worrell, Born October 5th. 1780, Died September 4th. 1851.
132. In memory of Rodney, Son of Dr. E. and L. V. Worrell, Born Aug. 8th. 1847, Died Jan. 1st. 1851.
 "Broken God, to be restored by thee."
133. In memory of Edward R. Worrell, only son of Dr. E. and Louisa Worrell, who died at Port Penn on the 28th. of Sept. 18--. on his fifth birthday, afternoon illness of five hours. (rest indecipherable).
134. Mother, Louisa V. Worrell, Daughter of Caesar A. and Susan Rodney. June 14. 1810 - May 1, 1888.
 In memory of Rodney, Son of Dr. E. and L. V. Worrell, Born Aug. 8, 1847--(rest indecipherable).
135. Blank.
136. Father, Edward Worrell M.D., Son of Edward and Rebecca Worrell, Nov. 18, 1804 - March 25, 1877.

"Saved by Grace."

137. To the memory of Samuel McLane, Oldest son of Doct. Allen and C. I. McLane and Grandson of Col. A. McLane was born March 13, 1813, and died May 30th. 1831.

138. Sacred to the memory of Doct. Allen McLane, who departed this life February 11th. A.D. 1815, Aged 55 years.

Sacred also to the beloved memory of George Read McLane M.D., who closed his earthly career at Readland, Wisconsin on the 16th. of August A.D. 1855, Aged 34 years.

139. Sacred to the memory of John Alexander, Son of _____, who departed this life May 27, 1851. (rest indecipherable).

140. In memory of Mary, Wife of Levin ---- (rest indecipherable).

141. (indecipherable).

142. In memory of Mary, Wife of Samuel B. Carter, who departed this life Jan. 29, 1855, Aged 25 years.

"Without death there can be no resurrection."

Rebecca Welde, Born December 11, 1829, Died November 21, 1818.

143. In memory of Susan Ann, Wife of _____ who departed this life November 6, 1818. Aged 32 years, 3 months, and 2 days. (rest indecipherable).

144. My Mother, To the memory of Mary Maharg, Born 1781, Died May 5th. 1818,--- (rest indecipherable).

145. In memory of John Gardner, who departed this life April 13th. A.D. 1818, Aged 15 years. (rest indecipherable).

146. In memory of Thomas J. Keith, who departed this life Mar. 2nd. A.D. 1815, Aged 59 years.

147. Isaac W. Moore, Born Aug. 27th 1809, Died Jan. 26th. 1859. (rest indecipherable).

148. Broken slab.

149. "She Loved the Sabbath School."

Hannah W., Wife of Robert W. Hall, Born Nov. 17th. 1811, Died May 10th. 1863. "She died in the Lord."

150. Mable R. Cross, 1883-1911.

151. In memory of Philip Rodman, Who departed this life May 5th. A.D. 1823.

152. In memory of Sarah _____, who departed this life July 25th. 1831. (rest indecipherable).

153. Charles Alfred, _____ (rest indecipherable).

154. In memory of Mary Ann Carey, Consort of Andrew Carey, who departed this life June 9th. A.D. 1824 in the 51st year of her age. (Verse indecipherable).

Also of Andrew Carey, who departed this life Oct. 1st. 1845 in the 83rd. year of his age. (rest indecipherable).

155. In memory of Mary Yater, Wife of Henry Yater, who departed this life December 28th. 1821, Aged 42 years, 4 months, and 16 days. (Verse indecipherable).

156. In memory of James Osborn who died Jan. 4, 1808. (rest indecipherable).
157. Broken slab.
158. Blank.
159. In memory of Thomas Cole Young, Son of Thomas and Sarah C. Young, who departed this life April 26th. A.D. 1831, Aged 7 months and 5 days.
160. Blank.
161. Blank.
162. In memoriam, James Thomas, May 3, 1801 - Aug. 14, 1843.
Also his wife Jane, Oct. 8, 1794 - Sept. 15, 1882.
Also their son James W., Oct. 2, 1832 - Nov. 29, 1833. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Their works do follow them."
163. In blessed memory of Rev. Henry White, a native of Accomac Co., Virginia, who joined the Philadelphia conference of the M.E. church A.D. 1803 and after a remarkable ministry of fifty three years, died in Christiana, Del., Oct. 17, 1856, in retrospect of nearly fourscore years and in prospect of being forever with the Lord.
164. Eunias, Daughter of J. D. and M. A. Outten, Born Dec. 9th. 1860, Died May 21st, 1861.
Mary H., Daughter of J. D. and M. A. Outten, (rest indecipherable).
165. Mary, Daughter of --- (rest indecipherable).
166. In memory of Hester J., Wife of George W. Green, Born March 31st. 1849, Died June 13th. 1870.
"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, even so saith the spirit for they rest from their Labours."
"Weep not for me Husband, Daughter, Father, Mother Brother dear.
I am not dead but sleeping here,
Prepare for death for die you must
And with your wife, Mother, Daughter and
Sister, sleep in dust."
167. In memory of Sarah E., Daughter of Thomas Callahan, who departed this life, Dec. 23rd. 1817, Aged 2 years and 10 mo.
168. In memory of Ann McIntire, Who departed this life October 22nd. 1813, Aged 68 years.
169. In memory of Ann --- (rest indecipherable).
170. Our Mother, Sarah, Wife of John Stein, Born Jan'y. 28th. 1830, Died April 10th, 1866.
"The dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Eccl. 12.7.
171. Broken slab.
172. Anna R., Wife of N. S. Brown and daughter of Albert S. Rachel Sergeant, Born April 6th. 1856, Died Aug. 4th. 1880.

“Dear companion thou has left me
 Here thy loss I deeply feel.
 But 'tis God that has bereft me
 He can all our sorrows heal.”

173. Mary Eliza, infant daughter of William and Mary _____
 Died July 24th 1830, Aged 9 months and 19 days.
174. (indecipherable).
175. Lizzie, Daughter of John and M. S. Johnson, Died July 28, 1863, Aged 8 years, 11 months.
176. In memory of Joseph Massey. (rest indecipherable).
177. In memory of John G., Son of John and Roland M. Mullen. In Byberry Township, Philadelphia County, Pa. Who departed this life June 4th. A.D. 1849, Aged 33 years.
178. In memory of Peter Kirkman, who departed this life January 15th. 1819, Aged 12 years, 9 months, and 9 days.
179. Corp'l. James Dutton, Co. G., 1st. Del. Inf.
180. Our Father and Mother, John Hardey, Died Feb'y. 27th. 1853, Aged 58 years.
 Sarah Hardey, Died July 8th 1846, Aged 45 years.
 “They sleep in Jesus.”
181. In memory of James McKay, who departed this life June 5th. A.D. 1846. Aged 59 years.
182. Mahala Morris, Died August 25th, 1855, Aged 76 years.
183. Ann, Widow of Robert Heddy, Died Oct. 21st. 1845, Aged 55 years. (Verse indecipherable).
184. Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth, Consort of Ebenezer Garland, who departed this life March 15th 1843, in the 67th. year of her age. (Verse indecipherable).
185. (indecipherable).
186. Mary A., Wife of A. C. Miller, Died Feb'y. 7th 1879, Aged --- years.
187. Father, Edward Barney, Died Oct. 22, 1897, Aged 77 years.
 Mahlon L. Barney, Died Aug. 11, 1860.
188. In memory of George Blatt.
189. (indecipherable).
190. In memory of Thomas Clark-----, who departed this life August 26th. A.D. 1825.
191. In memory of Hannah Mason.
192. (indecipherable).
193. In memory of Anna M., Daughter of William and Mary Edwardson, who departed this life Feb'y. 15th 1862.
194. Catherine, Wife of Bernard Fitzpatrick, Born Dec. 15th. 1818, Died March 6th, 1862.

195. Blank.
196. Blank.
197. Our Parents, Jacob, Son of George and Hannah Simmons, Born Feb. 28th. 1799, Died April 23rd. 1887.
Ann, Wife of Jacob Simmons, and daughter of John and Rachel Burgess, Born Jan. 7th. 1798, Died Nov. 13th. 1884. "Asleep in Jesus."
198. In loving remembrance of Mary E. Orr, Died April 17, 1895, Aged 58 years. "Her end was peace."
199. In loving remembrance of Louis H. Orr, Died May 25, 1904, Aged 74 years. "At Rest."
200. John R. Outten, Born September 23, 1824, Died March 3, 1887.
201. Joseph Collom, Died June 5, 1879, Aged 81 years.
202. J. Willard, Son of Jackson and Catherine Jones, Born Sept. 24th. 1859, Died July 6th. 1878.
"Cease to weep for tears are vain,
Willard dear is out of pain.
To think he is not dead but Sleeping
Not lost but gone before
And in thy tender keeping
Safe on the Golden Shore."
203. Sadie T. C., Daughter of Jackson and Catherine Jones, Born Oct. 2nd. 1863, Died April 19th 1878.
"Another sweet flower has withered,
A gem from the casket set free,
A land in the flock of our sheppard
Who said let us come unto me.
The angels are hovering around her
Singing welcome oh welcome we come
They have taken the gem from the casket
Her dear little spirit is at home."
204. _____ our success (indecipherable).
George W. Smith, born March 12, 1837, died Sept. 31st 1858.
205. My Husband, Evan Perkins, Born June 24, 1814, Died April 28, 1867.
"And Jesus Saith unto her thy Brother Shall rise again."
Ann C. Perkins, Born April 17, 1819, Died Oct. 8th 1901. "Now is Christ risen from the dead and becomes the first fruits of them that slept." "Perkins."
206. Arthur Rice, Died June 9th. 1866, Aged 37 years.
"Whilst in this grave my husband lies
His Spirit rests above."
George W., Our infant babe.
207. Melvine B., Daughter of ----- (indecipherable).

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