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Giles Knight, the paternal ancestor of Margaret (Knight) Conard, above mentioned, and his wife Mary (**English**) Knight, came from Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, England, and were fellow passengers with William Penn, the great founder of Pennsylvania, in the "Welcome", which arrived in the Delaware river in October, 1682. They were accompanied by Mary's father, **Joseph English**, who had purchased of William Penn prior to embarkation from England five hundred acres of land to be laid out in Pennsylvania. This land was laid out in a long, rectangular tract extending northward from Poquessing creek, in what became Byberry township, Philadelphia county, by virtue of warrant of survey dated December 18, 1683. **Joseph English**, who was a widower on coming to America, married, in 1684, Joan, widow of Henry Comly, of Bucks county, and settled in that county, where he died "ye 10th of ye 8mo. 1686." Onehalf of the Byberry tract became the property of his son **Henry English** and the other half was patented to Giles Knight, for whom it was no doubt originally intended, and his name is marked thereon on Holme's map, "Begun in 1681."