

Giles Knight

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| BIRTH | 24 Apr 1653 Gloucestershire, England |
| DEATH | 20 Aug 1726 (aged 73) Byberry, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, USA |
| BURIAL | Byberry Cemetery Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, USA |
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FIRST I would like to share what another family member sent me today March 2016, She said Giles belonged to the Nailsworth Monthly Meeting in England. Also that Giles was born in Gloucestershire in the Nailsworth/Rodborough area. I do hope I got this right. I really appreciate all information and know the rest of 'us' do also. Her name is Linda Juchatz.

Giles Knight, along with his wife, Mary English, son Joseph and sister Ann Knight sailed 31 August 1682 with William Penn's fleet of ships. They are on the ship "Society" manifest as passengers. They sailed up the Delaware River on 27 Oct 1682, docking 28 October 1682 and immediately went to Philadelphia. Because they arrived after winter set in, a group of them lived in a cave until spring.

'A HISTORY OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF BYBERRY AND MORELAND IN PHILADELPHIA, FROM THEIR EARLIEST SETTLEMENT BY THE WHITES TO THE PRESENT TIME"
JOSEPH M MARTINDALE, M.C. PHILADELPHIA
T. ELLWOOD ZELL, 17 & 19 S. SIXTH ST. 1867

Among the emigrants who came to America with William Penn, in 1682, was Giles Knight of Gloucestershire. While in England, he married Mary, a sister of Henry English; and, at the time of their arrival in America, they had one son Joseph, who was about two years of age. During the passage across the Atlantic, Mary was very ill, so that her recovery was doubtful; yet she did recover, and lived for many years after their arrival. Her father purchased a tract of five hundred acres in Byberry, and gave one half of it to this son, Henry English, and the other half to Giles Knight. The latter lived in a cave for six weeks after his arrival, and then constructed a wigwam, in which he resided for several months, and then erected a log house. He was very prosperous in his business, and some time afterward bought the adjoining lands of Tibby and Cross, making all together a tract of six hundred acres. The house first, being too small to accommodate his increasing family, he erected a long log-house, one story high on the Tibby Tract and opened a store for the sale of dry goods, groceries & ect.

When he went back to England for a visit, the Nailsworth Monthly Meeting gave him a certificate to transfer his membership to Byberry Monthly Meeting. He had not made such arrangements before he and Mary left the first time. The entire Monthly Meeting signed the document including Henry English, Thomas, Daniel & Jonathan Knight among others.

Giles and Mary were my 8th Great Grandparents.
Linda Morris

THERE ARE DESCENDENTS FOR GILES NAMED FOR HIM BUT NONE APPEAR ON THIS SITE. I DO HOPE OTHERS WILL SEARCH FOR MORE.

Linda Doile Morris Grandaugher of Lora Edith Knight

CHILDREN OF GILES AND MARY

1-Joseph Knight 10 March 1680-26 April 1762

m.Abigail Antill

2-Giles Knight 1681-1682

3-Simon Knight 1682-1882 Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, England

4-Thomas J.Knight II 9 June 1785-4 May 1846 both in Byberry, Philadelphia Co., Pennsylvania.

m. Sarah Elizabeth Plumley on 12 June 1711 Abington M.M.

5-Ann Knight 1687-1774

6-Isaac Knight 1689-22 May 1750

7-Mary Martha Knight 31 March 1684-1782

m. Thomas Martin 1707 Byberry M.M.

8-Martha Knight 1686-1718

m. Thomas Rakestraw (his 4th marriage) 1715 Byberry M.M.

9-Daniel Knight 1697-1782

m. Elizabeth Walker 1719

m. Eshter Walker 1728

m. Mary Wilson 1777

10- Jonathan Knight 1699-1 May 1845

m. Jane Allen

First 3 children were born in England, all the others in Byberry, Philadelphia Co. Pennsylvania and all died there also.

Along with Giles and Mary was Henry English, father of Ann. And two more sets of Grandparent of mine, all on the "Society:. They were Thomas M. Paschall and his wife, Margaret Jenkins & David Fairbanks and his wife Anne. They all at one point attended the Third Have MM.

Ancestors of Giles Knight:

1-Giles Knight Sr. 1614 & Elizabeth Williams

2-Edward Knight 1590 & Alice Dimery

3-John Knight 1576 & Marie Blanck

4-John Knight 1540 & Isabel Saxbee

5-Sir George Knight 1517 & Alice Browne

6-John Knight 1490 & Elizabeth Smythes

7-John Knight 1470 & Elizabeth

8-John Knight 1440 & Margaret Wharton

9-William Knight 1410 & Eleanor Iwardly

10-William Knight 1380

11-Ralph 1330

(Linda Juchatz has given me a lot of information and is in the process of doing even more. Thank you Linda.)

Family Members

Spouse



Mary *English* Knight
1655–1732

Children



Thomas Knight
1685–1746

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