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Birth:

1653

Lingfield

Surrey, England

Death:

Aug. 20, 1726

Byberry

Philadelphia County

Pennsylvania, USA

Giles Knight, along with his wife, Mary English, son Joseph and sister Ann Knight sailed in 1682 with William Penn's fleet of ships. They are on the ship "Society" manifest as passengers.

'A HISTORY OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF BYBERRY AND MORELAND IN PHILADELPHIA, FROM THEIR EARLIEST SETTLEMENT BY THE WHITES TO THE PRESENT TIME"

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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 altogether 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 & etc.

When he went back to England for a visit, the Gloucestershire 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