

Samuel Lightfoot

Thomas Lightfoot, (page 637) born about 1645, probably in Cambridgeshire, went thence to Ireland, and in 1716 came to New Garden, Chester County. He removed to Darby Township shortly before his death, which occurred Sept., 4, 1725 (9,4, 1725). The name of his first wife is thought to be Mary and that of his second, Sarah, a widow. The children of his first wife were Catherine, who married James Miller; Michael; William, who remained in Ireland and Abigail, who married Joseph Wiley. By the second wife were Elizabeth, b. 1,11, 1695-m. Arthur Jones; Sarah b. 5,29,1698, d. 1702. Samuel, b. 2,5, 1701, d. 2,26, 1777; Magaret b. 12,18,1702, m. Isaac Starr; Jacob, b. 10,16, 1706, m. Mary Bansall, 3,25, 1735. Thomas was a prominent minister among Friends, as were also is daughter Catharine and son Michael.

Michael Lightfoot, the eldest son, with Mary, his first wife, and three children, came from Ireland in 1712 and settled in New Garden; afterwards removed to Philadelphia and was provincial treasurer at the time of his death, 12,3, 1754. His children were Sarah, b. 4, 30, 1707, m. John Hutton; Elinor, b. 10,16, 1708, m. Francis Parvin; Mary, b. 1,20, 1710-1, m. Samuel Clark; Katharine, b. 6,12, 1714; Thomas, b. 5,16, 1716; William, b. 3,22, 1720, m. Jane George

Samuel Lightfoot married 7,30, 1725, to Mary, daughter of Benjamin Head, of Chester, and afterwards settled in Pikeland. He was a surveyor. Their children were Benjamin b. 6,28, 1726, also a surveyor; Thomas b. 2,7, 1728, d. 10,15, 1793; Samuel Abbott, b. 1,7, 1729, d. 7,30, 1759; William, b. 1,20, 1732, d. 11,25, 1797.

Samuel's signature, (page 45) is on a 1735 petition from the Friends of Chester County to King George the Second of Great Britian, asking for help in settling the dispute with Lord Baltimore over the border of Maryland and Pensilvania.

Letter (page 59) to his son, Thomas in Ireland, peace with France was proclaimed in January, 1763.

Deputy Surveyors, (page 151) for Chester County, 1740. Samuel, Benjamin and Thomas in the Northern part.

The 1747 Assessment (page 201) of Pikeland showing Samuel Lightfoot residence! Among the first settlers Samuel Lightfoot, Thomas Milhous

and Michael Lightfoot, the first of whom built the first mill in the neighborhood. The operation of bolting was then performed by hand.

The Governor (page 365) issued supersedeas to Samuel Lightfoot, Edward Brinton, Thomas Worth and John Morton, to forbear the exercise of the office of Judge of the Common Pleas for the said County of Chester, under the late Act entitled “A Supplement to the Act Entitled ‘An Act for establishing Courts of Judicature in the province’, Which had been repealed by his late Majesty. These persons were appointed, Oct. 20, 1759, under the Act of Sept. 29, 1759.

List (page 376) of County Commissioners with dates of appointments or election: 1736 Samuel Lightfoot.

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