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DAVID LAWRENCE (16xx-1699)

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DAVID LAWRENCE, with his wife Elinor [Ellis] Lawrence and two or three children, emigrated from Pencheston, Pembrokeshire, South Wales, in company with his father-in-law, Thomas Ellis, and settled in Haverford township. He had witnessed the sufferings and persecutions of his father-in-law in his native land, and had come here with a mind and a will to maintain "the truth" in its purity. To this his life was devoted, and at his death he left a written testimony to his children, admonishing them to the same course of life that "gave him rest and peace with God," copies of which are still preserved among his descendants. His wife was also a devout and exemplary member of the Society of Friends. His children were:

1. Daniel Lawrence,
2. Henry Lawrence [1691-1764], married Ellen Williams [8 mo. 29 1713]
3. Thomas Lawrence, married Sarah [Williams or William],; Ellen and Sarah
4. Margaret Lawrence[died 1709], married David Llewellyn,
5. Elinor [or Eleanor] Lawrence[born 1686 (recorded at Merion Meeting}, married Edward William 10 mo. 10 1713-14, at Haverford Meeting],
6. Rachel Lawrence.

Ellen and Sarah Williams were daughters of William Edward of Blockley [today a section of Philadelphia], and Edward William, a son of William Edward, married Elinor Lawrence.

David Lawrence died in 1699. His wife survived him many years [died 1714].

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