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GEORGE PAINTER (16xx-1687)

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[The following is excerpted from History of Delaware County, Pennsylvania by George Smith M.D., published by Henry B. Ashmead in Philadelphia in 1862.]

GEORGE PAINTER was one of the earliest settlers in Haverford township, was a Friend, and took an active part in meeting affairs. As early as the 9th of the 8th mo. (October) 1684, he was appointed by the meeting in conjunction with William Howell, "to view and set out a burial place at Haverford." The place selected is the old part of the present graveyard attached to Haverford Meeting. He died in 1687, leaving his wife Eleanor Painter and two young children, Daniel Painter [born October 2, 1685] and Deborah Painter [born July 1, 1687], to survive him, the former being the first child of European parentage born in Haverford. Eleanor Painter and her son Daniel Painter both died in 1689 [Eleanor on November 20 and Daniel on February 10]. [There apparently was another son, George Painter. George Painter, the father, died on May 27, 1687.]

[The following is taken from "Registry of Arrivals at Philadelphia." See "Penna. Magazine of History and Biography," viii, 334.]

George Painter and Ellinor his wife , late of Haverford West in Pembrokeshire in South Wales. Husbandman, came in ye Unicorn of Bristow, Tho. Cooper, Mr., arrived here ye 31, 8 mo, 1683. Children Susan and George Painter.

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