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JONATHAN PYLE (1794-1879)

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JONATHAN PYLE [born March 17, 1794 in Concord Township, Delaware County, died December 4, 1879 in Haverford] was a stone mason in Haverford township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, where he died at the age of eighty-four years. He married Naoma Parsons [on October 10, 1816 in Springfield Township, Delaware County]. They had the following children:

1. Rebecca Pyle, married Lewis Worrell;
2. William Pyle, married Susan ---;
3. Thomas Pyle, married Elizabeth Moore;
4. Emily Pyle, born August 30, 1826, married in 1852 Joseph Leedom, son of Joseph B. Leedom and Mary Maris (Worrell) Leedom;
5. Phoebe Pyle, died unmarried;
6. Anna Pyle, married Hebbert Barrett.

[For further information on descendants see the separate biographical sketches for Worrall and Leedom.]

[The following is excerpted from Historic Homes and Institutions and Genealogical and Personal Memoirs of Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania, by Gilbert Cope and Henry Graham Ashmead, published by The Lewis Company, New York and Chicago in 1904.]

JONATHAN PYLE, fifth son of Benjamin and Sarah Pyle, was born 3 mo., 17, 1794, and the greater part of his active life was spent in the township of Marple, Delaware county, Pennsylvania. He was a stone mason by trade, superintended the building of the stone wall around Blokly Alms House in Philadelphia, and he built the dam at Valley Forge, formerly General Washington's headquarters. On 10 mo., 10, 1816, at Springfield Meeting, Mr. Pyle married Naomi Parsons, born 4 mo., 19, 1795, a daughter of Joshua and Rebecca Parsons, of Marple. Their children were:

1. Rebecca E. Pyle,
2. Mary Pyle,
3. William Pyle,
4. Phebe M. Pyle,
5. Thomas C. Pyle,
6. Emily P. Pyle,
7. Anne Gibson Pyle.

The father of these children died December 4, 1879, in Haverford, and his remains were interred at Fernwood; his wife passed away October 18, 1837, and was buried at Springfield.

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