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LEWIS WATKIN (1802-1870)

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ENOCH WATKIN. The Watkin family has been long established in the historic old county of Delaware, Pennsylvania, and its members are well known and highly respected citizens. For the purpose of this biography we shall begin with Lewis Knoll, who was the maternal grandfather of our subject, and Enoch Watkin, who was the father of our subject. The latter married Hannah Knoll.

Their son, **LEWIS WATKIN**, was born in Haverford township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, [September 9, 1802]. He learned the milling trade on the Wissahickon creek, near Philadelphia, with Jacob Wise, and about 1826 he came to Upper Darby township. Here he purchased the old Nathan Sellers mill property, and for a number of years conducted a successful trade. He died March 9, 1870. His wife, Rachel (Moore) Watkin, daughter of William Moore, died in 1872. During the latter years of their lives they were regular attendants of the Swedenborgian church. The last named parents had two children, Mary, who died at an early age, and William ...

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