

EARLY LETTERS FROM PENNSYLVANIA,  
1699-1722.

[The following letters of George Haworth, to members of his family living in the parish of Hapton, Lancashire, England, contain descriptions of early life in Bucks county, Penna., and genealogical data of local interest.] \*

Philadelphia y<sup>e</sup> 26th of y<sup>e</sup> 8th Mo. 1699.

To my Dear Mother Brother and Sisters

After my dear love to you all, with my dear love to all my friends and neighbours, hoping you are all in good health, as I am at present, blessed be the Lord for the same; tho' I have been very weakly at Sea in the latter end of our Journey; but it pleased the Lord that I got well on shore at a place 100 Leagues short of Philadelphia, where I was informed that my Sister dwelt there at a place called Hurbills, [Whorkill] and so in much weakness I got to the place and quickly found her, and staid there one week, and then set sail in a Sloop for Philadelphia for which I paid 5<sup>s</sup>. My Sister was in good health and she hath four children 2 Boys and 2 Girls and her Husband being well also, and is a Hatter to his trade. They have few Cattle but live indifferently well of his Trade. We were about 14 weeks at Sea after we left Liverpool a long and tedious Journey we had, for we being over many throng'd in the Ship, I believe hurt many, for we had many distempers among us, as Fevers, Flux and Jaundice, and many died at Sea about 56 and at Shore there died about 20. Henry Mitchell died about midway, his son John is dead also and one Ellis Scholfield and Robert Brewer is dead and hath left his goods to be returned to his kinsfolks at Liverpool. My Brother in law is dead and child died also about 3 days before my Sister,

She was indifferently well most of the way but about 100 Leagues of sight of land she bore a child and it died and then she died and left her Household goods to my Sister and one half of the clothes, and the other half she hath left me, Thomas Musgrove is dead also at Sea and Henry Mitchells' wife died at shore. As for my Sister here, she doth somewhat incline to come to Meetings, but she liveth so far remote from any Meeting, that she seldom goeth; but as for her Husband I doth not incline to go to Friends Meetings, if my Brother or any of my Neighbours do incline to come into this country, let them be careful that they do not come too many in the Ship as we did; for being thronged and then come into the hot weather and the smell of many, then many fainted away and died, We wanted Water and Beer to drink, for having salt Beef, we were much athirst and could not get enough to drink, for the seamen stowed the Hold so full of Goods that they had not room for Water and Beer, and then wanting such things as might have nourished us we suffered hardships. But if any come, let them bring for themselves over and besides the Ships allowance Spices and Brandy and cheese let the Seamen pretend what they will; or else victual themselves and bargain for being carried over and goods and then bring for yourselves but a little Beef and some bacon, and wheat flour very good, and cheese and Butter and Eggs, or any mild sort of food, and as for your goods you bring let them be Bed ticks very good with all sorts of bedding bring no hats except very good, and hard wares so careful of being thronged in the Ship on a Summer Journey, lest you be hurt as we were, we had a very hard passage, we were brought to allowance of Water and Beer, and for every 4 we had 2 Cans of Water and 14 so no more but my dear love to my Mother and Brother and Sisters with the rest.

George Haworth.