William Silver-Fourth Generation





Time-line

Birth
18 Mar 1773- Salem, Salem County, New Jersey
Parents: Samuel Silver and Rebekah Pedrick

→ Marriage | Rebecca Bates

12 Jan 1797 – Lower Alloways Creek Meeting House, Salem County, New Jersey

→ 1840 U.S. Federal Census

Family is residing at Israel, Preble County, Ohio.

Death

23 May 1848-Camden, Preble County, Ohio. He is buried at Westfield Cemetery (Quaker), Section 11 of Israel Township, Preble County, Ohio.



Children Birth/Death

Elizabeth Silver 1799-1800

• Samuel Silver 1801-1870

Hephzibah Silver 1803-1812

Martha Ann Silver 1805-

William B. Silver (Direct-line) 1808-1893

Joseph E. Silver 1810-1872

Haratio D. Silver 1813-1853

Phebe E. Silver 1816-1882





Lower Alloways Creek Friends Meeting House 70 Buttonwood Avenue, Salem, New Jersey





Meeting Minutes And Other Notes

During the Revolutionary War, the British troops went to lower New Jersey to obtain provisions and supplies from the colonists. The British foraging parties and the local Colonial Salem Militia skirmished for two days. On 21 Mar 1778, the British ambushed a small Quaker garrison, who were sleeping at Judge William Hancock's house and bayoneted all occupants. Some survived, but Judge Hancock perished. This occurred within .6 mile of the meeting house. William Silver and his family were living in the vicinity of this area at the time of the battle.

William, Rebecca, and their 4 minor children were granted a certificate from Pilesgrove Monthly Meeting, recommending them to Springborough Monthly Meeting in the State of Ohio, in March 1827. William's older brother Samuel had removed to this meeting, two years prior.

A few months after William Senior and Rebecca Bates Silver arrived in Springboro, Rebecca wrote an extremely sad and forlorn letter to her folks back in New Jersey. A few snippets from the letter are provided below:

"...If not I can tell you wee found very bad roads indeed, but we got all safe there, not one thing broke an our bonits carried very well, but wee had maney difficultyes to go through by traveling through rain, hail, snow, wind, mud and mire, and having to walk nearly constantly it was very trying to my eyes, and they havet got over it yet, for I can hardly see how to wright yet, but I can make out to see to go about my little cabin.

Now I will tell you as near as I can wat cind of a cabin wee live in. Its wat is cald a Staked and Divided cabin. Its about the size of Hannah Farley's and it has but one window below stairs and none above, but there is plenty of holes that the rain, wind and light can cum in at so wee don't need a window much, and as for the flowar it is so loose wee can sweep the dirt through the cracks aneywhere and the steps is a ladder so wee have no trouble to scour them. So you may see how handy we have things in this land, for our house is a very fashionable one, for they are all so except some that have bought farms and got abel to build the second time. They have handsom brick houses, but they are not for tenants. And for my part I cant think yet that wee are aney better off than wee were their, but William thinks high of it yet."

William, Rebecca and Phoebe Silver, were received by the Westfield Monthly Meeting, Preble County, Ohio on a certificate from Springborough Monthly Meeting, dated 26 Mar 1835.