

THIRD GENERATION IN AMERICA—*Continued.*

by one of the merchants of New Hope. The head was marked as when it was shipped,—“B. Parry & Co., New Hope; Kiln Dried Corn Meal.” Mr. Coryell, in the same letter, remarks that for many years “the Parry’s” had a great monopoly of traffic, doing an immense business in grain, lumber, pork, merchandise, &c., &c.

In the chapter on New Hope, in General Davis’ “History of Bucks county,” (to which allusion has been made before,) he says: “Mr. Parry was a man of scientific attainment, having patented one or more useful inventions, of varied and extensive reading, was public spirited, and took deep interest in all that would improve his neighborhood, or the county; his death was a serious loss to the community.”

Upon property purchased at New Hope in 1784, Benjamin Parry began the erection, shortly thereafter, of the fine old stone mansion house still (1877) standing and owned by the family, which they occupy as a summer residence. This old mansion, as was the custom of that day, took several years to build, and stands a good specimen of the workmanship of the last century. In it Benjamin Parry breathed his last on the twenty-second day of November, 1839, in his eighty-third year, and lies buried in the family lot at Friends’ Solebury Burying Ground. Jane Paxson Parry, (wife of the above Benjamin Parry,) was born in 1767, and died in Philadelphia, May 13th, 1826, and was buried in “Friends’ Burying Ground,” east side of Fourth street, below Arch street. No stone, however, marks the spot, and it cannot be found.

As will appear, (see Appendix, page 33,) by an acrostic addressed by Benjamin Parry, to Miss Jane Paxson, before she became his wife, his attachment for her was of quite the romantic order, which feeling fortunately appears to have been lasting, for he closes a letter, written several years after their marriage, by saying: “I expect B. Paxson will go up (to Solebury,) in a day or two, in a chair; perhaps there may be opportunity for thee at his return to write, or come down thy own pretty self. From thy loving husband, Benjamin Parry.” And that the attachment was fully returned, appears