

given the ground for, and erected a picturesque stone Methodist meeting-house, still standing, near Swedesborough. Samuel Adams came to Philadelphia, where he ventured his all in business, and being burned out in a great conflagration one night, lost hope and died. Elizabeth, his wife, had one of the sweetest faces ever seen, as her portrait, still preserved, shows, and had been brought up as a Quakeress and was a descendant in the fifth generation from Benjamin Scott, provincial Councillor, and was likewise a descendant of the Wright, Petty, Garwood, Hancock, Antrim and Hance families. Bravely she sought to provide for her children and later kept boarders in the large building still to be seen at the southeast corner of Front and Pine Streets. She had a daughter, Grace, pretty, light-hearted and chatty, with a wealth of brown hair kept in all its profusion until her eighty-second year, and with a becoming pride in the importance of her New Jersey relations. Among the boarders was Evans Rogers, who later became wealthy, and whose daughter married the well-known Horace Howard Furness. Both of the young men sought the favor of the maiden, but she preferred Whitaker, and they were married April 28, 1811, in the Old Swedes Church, at Wicacoe, by the ugly and pious Nicholas Collin. Encouraged by the smiles and helpfulness of his young wife, he set to work with energy, and often the sound of his hammer could be heard the whole night long. They lived at different times in Coates Alley and in Strawberry Alley, and in New Street. In 1814 he enlisted in the 2d Company, Captain John R. Mifflin, 1st Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Col. Clement C. Biddle, and for several weeks was at Camp Dupont at Marcus Hook, on the Delaware, throwing up intrenchments; but the danger of British invasion soon disappeared and he came home. Twice within a few years