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In 1798 he was married to Jane Reynolds daughter of Thomas King who was removed by death in less than one year.

In 1801 he was married to Rebecca daughter of Stephen & Martha Wilson of Bucks County P^a with whom he spent the remainder of his life.

More than 40 years since while he resided at East Nottingham he had a dream to the following effect. He saw a dark cloud arising in the East, which spreading over the heavens & gathering into a storm, swept nearly all the members from that meeting except himself. This dream appears to have been very strikingly fulfilled at the time of the Separation. Not one friend who was at that early period a member of that meeting himself excepted but was swept off by that great and devastating storm and but very few escaped who were members there when it took

place. Throughout this season of trial ¹⁹⁹ which befel the Society he remained firm and unshaken in his adherence to our Christian principles & doctrines, as they were believed in and upheld by primitive friends whilst he was also exceedingly watchful to guard against hard feelings towards those who had separated themselves from us.

He was careful in the bringing up of his children and those under his care. He discouraged them from reading books and other publications having a tendency to destroy a relish for things of a religious nature and endeavoured to restrain them from hurtful company. On first days of term it was his practice to have his family collected and to read & have read portions of the Holy Scriptures & of some religious work accompanied with a suitable pause in which he was not unfrequently drawn forth in tender and reaching counsel to his rising family.