

A Quaker Family  
through Six Generations

The Passmores  
in America



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**Passmore Middleton**<sub>6</sub>, b. Apr. 2, 1835, d. Feb. 14, 1895; m. **Lilian Scrogin** (b. Apr. 30, 1872); the couple lived in Ky.

**Gabriel Middleton**<sub>6</sub>, b. Nov. 4, 1836, d. Feb. 24, 1886, in Orlando, Fla. He made his home in Philadelphia.

**Edwin Middleton**<sub>6</sub>, b. Apr. 4, 1838; m. Nov. 8, 1870, **Mary Anderson**; the couple lived in Bedford, Pa.

**Naomi Passmore Middleton**<sub>6</sub>, b. Nov. 30, 1839, d. Dec. 29, 1915, at her home in Lansdowne, Pa.; m. May 5, 1864, **Alfred Sill** (b. May 25, 1837, d. Nov. 2, 1893, at Darby, Pa.; son of Joseph and Jane Sill). The couple lived in Philadelphia and were members of the Monthly Meeting of Friends in that city.

**Elizabeth Middleton**<sub>6</sub>, b. Oct. 14, 1841, d. Aug. 4, 1843

**Charles Middleton**<sub>6</sub>, b. Sept. 7, 1843, d. Aug. 25, 1915, and buried in the Friends' Burying Ground at Darby, Pa.

**Margaret Middleton**<sub>6</sub>, b. Mar. 5, 1845, d. Jan. 5, 1900

**John Levis Passmore**<sub>5</sub>, b. 1811, d. June 29, 1880, at his home in Glemore, Pa.; m. (1) Feb. 14, 1833, at the Darby Friends' Meeting House, **Mary Bunting** (daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Bunting of Darby in Delaware Co., Pa.). At the time of his marriage John was living at Glenmore in Kingessing Twp., Philadelphia Co.<sup>1</sup> John is said to have married (2) **Mary Louise Mullin**. His children, all presumably by his first wife, were:

**Elizabeth H. Passmore**<sub>6</sub>, b. Jan. 13, 1834, d. Feb. 21, 1929; m. **George**<sup>2</sup> **Rhoads** (b. 1823-24, d. Feb. 6, 1915, in Westtown, Pa. Elizabeth and George were members of the Birmingham Monthly Meeting.

**Naomi Passmore**<sub>6</sub>, b. May 26, 1836; m. — **Dalrimple**, a physician

**Levis Passmore**<sub>6</sub>, b. Apr. 26, 1838; m. **Kate Berlin** (or **Bartram**)

**Mary Passmore**<sub>6</sub>, b. Sept. 20, 1840

**Margaret Passmore**<sub>4</sub>, b. Apr. 26, 1778, d. Oct. 24, 1874, in London Grove Twp.; m. 1834 or later **William Bailey** (b. 1767-68, d. Jan. 11 or 15, 1848, at his residence in West Grove, Pa. Margaret, George's eldest daughter, remained unmarried during her father's lifetime, and cared for her father for almost fourteen years after her mother's death. Appreciative of her services, George willed her a considerable amount of money, which, however, was to remain in the

<sup>1</sup>Marriage notice in Poulson, Feb. 19, 1833.

<sup>2</sup>The given name is uncertain.

hands of her brother Thomas, who was to pay his sister three percent interest per year. George also specified that Margaret have "the full free and entire use of the East end of my dwelling house with free egress and regress to the pump for water etc. and her firewood cut and laid at her door suitable for her fireplace or stove, and also one horse creature kept for her use both winter and summer." But he did not intend that she have both the right to a cash settlement and these prerogatives; he required that she choose which she wanted. "Those privileges she is to have and enjoy so long as she remaineth never married; but on her marriage the said privileges shall cease and the aforesaid sum of money shall be paid to her. And also that if at any time she may choose to reside Elsewhere and Give up the aforesaid privileges then I direct that my son Thomas pay the said sum of money to her on her request." Margaret, already past the age of fifty-five, did, in fact, marry soon after her father's death. Her husband was a minister of New Garden Monthly Meeting. The couple had no children.

**Abia Passmore**<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 14, 1779, d. Mar. 17, 1848; m. (1) May 23, 1822, at E. Sadsbury Meeting, **Elizabeth Clemson**<sup>1</sup> (d. intestate Aug. 15, 1827; daughter of John and Susanna Clemson); (2) **Sarah Conrad** (b. between Mar. 16, 1797 and Mar. 15, 1798, d. Mar. 15, 1888, at West Chester, Pa.; daughter of Paul Conard). Abia was an elder in the New Garden Monthly Meeting and West Garden Particular Meeting. He lived in Penn Township of Chester County, and in some ways was typical of the well-educated, prosperous Passmores of the nineteenth century. His will shows that his homestead had a barn, a carriage house, and gardens, and that his household furniture included not only desk and sofa, but also carpets, maps, charts, and books.<sup>2</sup> Abia had no children by either marriage.

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<sup>1</sup>Also given as Clempson.

<sup>2</sup>The will was dated Feb. 24 and proved Mar. 24, 1848 (Chester Co., estate file 11281, which contains the inventory, venue list, and administrator's account); the will was copied in wills bk. 19, p. 299. The inventory of Abia's estate lists the following books: "Laws of Pennsylvania; Lavoin's Atlas; Polyglot Bible; Geography; Gazetteer; Geology; & Lot; Bible in 2 vols; Family Library; His. Reformation; 4 vols Goldsmiths An. Nat.; Treatise & letters; Farmers Cab.; Crisps Wks.; Tracts; Memorials; T. Elwood; Wm Williams; Geogy; Geography; Evans Ex.; Policy; 2 Political Jur.; Ec. His.; Moores View; Clarkson Hisy; Dillworths Reflections; Wm Penn; Sar. Grubb; Meeting map; Geog.; Suppliant; Book of forms; 13 pamphlets; Decision." Books identified as being "left to widow" consisted of "Friends Library; Classical Dic'y; Wakers do.; Hornes Introduction; Botany do.; Collection of Books & pamphlets." The work by Clarkson is Thomas Clarkson's *History of the Rise, Progress and Accomplishment of the Abolition of the African Slave Trade*, first published in 1808 and reissued in 1836; the Dillworth volume appears to be unknown, but may be a publication by a member of a Chester County family named Dilworth, which included some able professional men.