



John Brothers of Lavington 1681

An Early Wilts Settler in New England

“From a deed of 1764, which happens to have come under my notice, it appears that in 1681 John Brothers, of Lavington, in Wiltshire, purchased some 250 acres of land in Pennsylvania, from William Penn. His daughter, Elizabeth, married Ambrose Draper, and their son Ambrose eventually sold the land to William Peters, of Philadelphia.

Is anything further known of these parties, or do their names occur among Wiltshire Quakers?

Draper seems to be a local surname in Lavington or its immediate neighbourhood”.

SAGE

“I have looked through the Digest of Quaker Registers for Wiltshire, and do not find any entry of either “Brothers” or “Draper”.”

NORMAN PENNY

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