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1776-1830
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The full title of this work is: Members of the **prison society**: biographical vignettes, 1776-1830, of the managers of the Philadelphia **Society** for assisting distressed prisoners and the members of the Philadelphia **society** for alleviating the miseries of public prisons 1787-1830.

RESTRICTIONS

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ABSTRACT

Biographical sketches of 18th and 19th century members of the Prison Society. At least 1/3 of the early members were also members of the Society of Friends.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The Philadelphia **Society** for assisting distressed prisoners was established in 1776, but did not survive the British occupation of Philadelphia in 1777. It was superseded by the Philadelphia **society** for alleviating the miseries of public prisons (and became the Pennsylvania Prison Society in 1887). The aim of the organization was the betterment of the prisons and the welfare of inmates and discharged prisoners. About 1/3 of the society's early members were Quakers.

(from: *Invisible Philadelphia: Community through Voluntary Organizations* / J.B. Toll and M.S. Gillam, p. 630)

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Some of the members for whom sketches are written include: Tench Coxe, Henry Drinker, Benjamin Hornor, Israel Morris, Zachariah Poulson, Abraham Pennock, Benjamin Rush, Abraham Shoemaker, Nicholas Waln, Jr., Roberts Vaux, Jeremiah Warder, Bartholomew Wistar, Caspar Wistar, Thomas Wistar, Ellis Yarnall.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

The following is a list of the members of the Prison Society for whom biographical sketches have been written:

Alphabetized List of Members and Date of Joining the Society

Abercrombie, James January 14, 1788	Baily, Francis May 8, 1787
Adams, Richard August 13, 1787	Baker, John May 8, 1787
Adcock, William April, 1788	Ballantyne, Thomas October, 1789
Affleck, Thomas April, 1789	Bankson, Jacob April, 1788
Allen, Andrew January, 1830	Barclay, James J. April, 1820
Allen, Enoch July, 1823	Barker, James N. April, 1820
Allen, Joseph 1776	Beaven, William January 14, 1788

Allen, Joshua November, 1810	Beck, William C. January, 1823
Andrews, John August 13, 1787	Bedell, G. T. October 1827
Annan, Robert April, 1788	Bend Joseph G. T. October, 1788
Anthony, John April, 1788	Benezet, Philip August 13, 1787
Anthony, Joseph, Sen. August 13, 1787	Bethel, Robert July, 1788
Ashby, William August 13, 1787	Bettle, Edward July, 1827
Attmore, Caleb August 13, 1787	Bingham, Archibald April, 1800
Bache, Franklin October, 1825	Bingham, William August 13, 1787
Bacon, Job August 13, 1787	Bird, Charles 1818 ?
Bacon, John December, 1802	Blackwell, Robert August 13, 1787
Bleakley, John July 1788	Claypoole, John August 13, 1787
Boothe, Thomas April 1812	Clifford, Thomas August 13, 1787
Boyd, George January 1823	Coates, Benjamin H. January 1821
Boys, Elias April 1788	Coates, Josiah August 13, 1788
Bradford, Thomas, Jr. April 1805	Coates, Samuel August 13, 1787

Bradford, William January 1807	Coates, William August 13, 1787
Bringhurst, John August 13, 1787	Collin, Nicholas January 14, 1788
Bunker, Nathan January 1830	Collins, Isaac January 1830
Bush, Solomon January 1791	Connelly, John January 14, 1788
Caldwell, T. January 1830	Connelly, Patrick January 1830
Carmalt, Caleb August 13, 1787	Conner, Michael April 1788
Carmalt, Jonathan April, 1802	Cooper, James April 1788
Carson, Andrew August 13, 1787	Connelly, Henry April 1805
Carter, D. B. January 1830	Cope, Marmaduke C, April 1812
Clark, Ephraim April 1788	Copperthwaite, Joseph August 13, 1787
Clarkson, Gerardus May 8, 1787	Coxe, Charles S. January 1830
Clarkson, Joseph January 14, 1788	Tench, Coxe May 8, 1787
Claypoole, David C. April 1788	Cresson, Caleb. Jr. April 1802
*Carey, Mathew October 1788	
Crawford, Charles April 1789	Engles, Joseph P. January 1823

Cruikshank, Joseph August 13, 1787	Engles, William M. January 1823
Davis, Samuel April 1788	Evans, Charles April 1812
Davis, Samuel July 1790	Evans, John August 13, 1787
Dawes, Jonathan August 13, 1787	Evans, Joseph June 1814
Delancey, William H. April 1824	Falconer, Nathaniel April 1788
Dobson, J. L. or Thomas August 13, 1787	Fare, John October 1825
Dobson, Judah November 1827	Fassit, James June 1814
Dobson, Thomas August 13, 1787	Fassit, John June 1814
Drais, Daniel July 1788	Ferris, Benjamin April 1802
Drinker, Henry August 13, 1787	Few, Joseph July 1788
Duffield, Benjamin August 13, 1787	Field, John August 13, 1787
Duffield, George May 8, 1787	Finley, Francis July 1790
Duncan, William October 1822	Fisher, Jeremiah August 13, 1787
John Dunlap April 1788	Fisher, John July 1790
Du Plessis, Peter Le Barbier July 1790	Fisher, William January 1788

Earp, Thomas January 1830	Fitzsimmons, Thomas August 13, 1787
Eldridge, Samuel December 1802	Forbes, William October 1789
Ely, E. S. January 1823	Foulke, John August 13, 1787
Fox, George August 13, 1787	Green, Jacob April 1812
Fox, Samuel M. July 1788	Griffitts, Samuel P. May 8, 1787
Franklin, Benjamin August 13, 1787	Haines Ephraim April 1819
Franklin, William Temple August 13, 1787	Haines, Reuben June 1814
Fuller, Benjamin January 14, 1788	Hall, William August 13, 1787
Gallagher, David January 1823	Hallowell, Israel July 1790
Gardner, John April 1788	Harding, Jasper October 1825
Gardner, Richard August 13, 1787	Harrison, Thomas May 8, 1787
Garrett, Philip October 1816	Hartshorne, Pattison January 1791
Garrigues, Abraham M. December 1802	Helmuth, J. Henry May 8, 1787
Garrigues, William August 13, 1787	Henderson, S. J. April 1812
George, Edward August 13, 1787	Hewes, Josiah August 13, 1787
Geyer, Andrew	Heysham, William

April 1789	April 1788
Gibson, James April 1800	Hill, Henry August 13, 1787
Gilpin, Henry D. April 1812	Hood, William H. October 1829
Gordon, Elisha April 1788	Hopkins, Robert, Jr. July 1788
Goffin, Joseph M. April 1789	Hornor, Benjamin August 13, 1787
Green, Ashbel August 13, 1787	Howell, Isaac 1776
Humphreys, Richard 1776 and January 14, 1788	La Roche, Rene July 1827
Humphreys, Thomas August 13, 1787	Latimer, George August 13, 1787
Hutchinson, James August 13, 1787	Lawrence, William July 1788
Ingersoll, Joseph R. April 1812	Leib, George July 14, 1788
James, John August 13, 1787	Leib, Michael April 1789
James, Joseph May 8, 1787	Lewis, Robert M. June 1814
James, Thomas C. November 1827	Lippincott, Samuel January 1816
Jobson, James August 13, 1787	Lippincott, William January 14, 1788
Jones, John May 8, 1787	Lloyd, Peter August 13, 1787
Kaign, John	Lloyd, Thomas

May 8, 1787	May 8, 1787
Keable, John July 1788	Lowber, John C. June 1814
Keating, William H. October 1822	Lownes, Caleb May 8, 1787
Keen, Joseph 1805	Lucas, William October 1788
Jackson, Kemper January 1823	Lucas, William July 1790
Kidd, William April 1789	Ludwick, Christopher 1776
Kimber, Thomas. 2d July 1827	McCrea, John January 14, 1788
Kite, Joseph S. January 1830	McGoffin, Joseph April 1789
Kittera, Thomas June 1814	McIllhenney, William August 13, 1787
Krebs, George May 8, 1787	McIllhenney, William, Jr. 1802
Large, Ebenezer January 14, 1788	McIlvaine, Joseph January 1830
MacKensie, William August 13, 1787	Moore, Joseph May 8, 1787
Magaw, Samuel August 13, 1787	Moore, Thomas 1776
Marshall, Benjamin 1776	Moore, Thomas L. July 1788
Marshall, Benjamin 1802	Morris, Benjamin W. August 13, 1787
Marshall, Charles	Morris, Israel W.

May 8, 1787	1802
Marshall, Christopher, Sen. 1776 and August 13, 1787	Morris, John May 8, 1787
Marshall, Christopher, Jr. August 13, 1787	Morris, Robert January 14, 1788
Maule, Israel June 1814	Morrison, John May 8, 1787
Mead, George August 13, 1787	Morrison, Thomas May 1787
Meder, John August 13, 1787	Morrison, William June 1814
Merriam, Ezekiel August 13, 1787	Morton, John, Jr. 1805
Miles, Samuel August 13, 1787	Morton, Samuel G. November 1827
Miller, Clement S. October 1825	Moyers, James April 1788
Mitchell, Abraham April 1788	Neal, Benjamin T. October 1829
Mitchell, Thomas January 1830	Needles, Edward October 1825
Molyneux, Robert August 13, 1787	Norris, Joseph P. July 1788
Montgomery, James October 1827	O'Brien, Michael M. August 13, 1787
Moore, Charles August 13, 1787	Oldden, Daniel January 14, 1788
Moore, James April 1788	Oldden, John May 8, 1787
Palmer, Samuel	Pilmore, Joseph

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Palmer, Thomas August 13, 1787	Pleasants, Samuel January 14, 1788
Parke James P. June 1814	Potts, David August 13, 1787
Parker, Jeremiah August 13, 1787	Poulson, Charles A. July 1823
Parker, Richard August 13, 1787	Poulson, Zachariah May 8, 1787
Parker (Parkinson), Thomas May 8, 1787	Poultney, Benjamin 1776
Parrish, Isaac May 8, 1787	Price, Richard January 1830
Parrish, Joseph 1802	Price William January 1821
Paschall, Joseph 1776 and August 13, 1787	Pyle, Joseph April 1819
Paul, John October 1809	Ralston, Gerard October 1829
Paul, Joseph M. October 1809	Randolph, Edward, Jr. April 1809
Paxson, Benjamin April 1802	Randolph, Jacob April 1820
Pemberton, James August 13, 1787	Rawle, William August 13, 1787
Pennock, Abraham June 1814	Read, John M, January 1823
Penrose, Jonathan May 8, 1787	Reed, Joseph January 1816
Perot, Elliston August 13, 1787	Reed, William B. November 1827

Perot, John
August 13, 1787

Redman, John
July 1788 ?

Pickering, Elihu
April 1809

Remington, Job B.
June 1814

Riley, John
April 1788

Shields, Thomas
August 13, 1787

Reynolds, James
May 8, 1787

Shiple, Thomas
January 1815

Robbins, Samuel J.
June 1814

Shippen, William, Jr.
May 8, 1787

Robinson, James
December 1802

Shoemaker, Abraham
October 1817

Roberts, George
August 13, 1787

Shoemaker, Benjamin
1776

Roberts, Robert
August 13, 1787

Shoemaker, Jacob
May 8, 1787

Rodgers, F.R.B.
August 13, 1787

Sims, Joseph
January 14, 1788

Rogers, Thomas
May 8, 1787

Smith, George Washington
October 1829

Rogers, William
May 8, 1787

Smith, Henry
August 13, 1787

Rotch, Joseph
January 1816

Smith, Robert H.
June 1814

Rundle, George
July 1827

Snowden, Jediah
January 14, 1788

Rush, Benjamin
May 8, 1787

Sproat, James
August 13, 1787

Rutledge, E.
January 1830

Stansbury, Joseph
1776

Ryerson, Thomas 1802	Starr, James August 13, 1787
Sansom, Samuel 1776	Starr, John August 13, 1787
Say, Benjamin July 1790	Starling, John April 1788
Shade, Peter January 1830	Stewardson, Thomas 1802
Shewell, Thomas June 1814	Stockton, Richard August 13, 1787
Stroud, George McD. October 1827	Waln, Nicholas, Jr. 1802
Swanwick, John May 8, 1787	Waln, Robert January 1791
Taggart, Robert August 13, 1787	Warder, Jeremiah August 13, 1787
Tatem, Joseph April 1788	Watson, Thomas, Jr. August 13, 1787
Thaw, Benjamin August 13, 1787	Wayne, Joseph January 1815
Thomas, Jacob April 1819	Wayne, William, Jr. December 1813
Thompson James B. June 1814	Weatherly David October 1825
Thompson, Jonah December 1813	Weiberg, Caspar August 13, 1787
Thornton, William October 1789	Welbert, F. Anthony August 13, 1787
Tittermary, Richard	Weller, George

April 1788	October 1827
Todd, John April 1788	Wells, Richard 1776 and May 8, 1787
Towers, Robert January 14, 1788	Wharton, George M. January 1830
Troth, Henry October 1822	Wharton, John August 13, 1787
Tyng, S. H. January 1830	Wharton, Kearney August 13, 1787
Tyson, Daniel August 13, 1787	Whim, Francis January 14, 1788
Uhler, George October 1823	White, William May 8, 1787
Vaux, Richard August 13, 1787	Whitall, James May 8, 1787
Vaux, Roberts January 1808	Wilcox, Mark August 13, 1787
Will, William August 13, 1787	Yarnall, Ellis H. 1819
Williams, George January 1816	Young, William August 13, 1787
Williams, Joseph April 1819	Zane, William May 8, 1787
Williams, Thomas October 1788	Wistar, Bartholomew April 1820
Wistar, Bartholomew August 13, 1787	Wistar, Caspar January 1815
Wistar, Richard May 8, 1787	Wistar, Thomas January 1791
Wood, James January 1816	Wood, Samuel R. January 1815

Wood, Thomas
January 1823

Wylie, Samuel B.
January 1815

Wynkoop, Benjamin
January 1815

Yarnall, Benjamin H.
May 8, 1787

Yarnall, Charles
July 1823

Yarnall, Edward
July 1827

Yarnall, Ellis
April 1800