EVEREEND Nicholas Collin acted as the rector of Gloria Dei, a Swedish Lutheran Church in the Philadelphia suburb of Southwark, from 1786 to 1831. During his tenure, Collin recorded in five volumes the marriages, births, and deaths which occurred among the predominantly working-class people served by Gloria Dei (also called the Old Swedes' Church). These documents not only register genealogical information and vital events in the lives of "ordinary" Philadelphians, but they also provide valuable insights into the daily existence of the city's poorer citizens since brief descriptions of their housing, health, attire, recreation, behavior, material conditions, familial relationships, and attitudes are included.

The record of burials in Gloria Dei's cemetery contain Collin's commentary on a variety of these issues as well as indications of the causes of death as early nineteenth-century Philadelphians understood them. While fatalities among young children often were attributed to worms, vomiting, purging, teething, weaning, measles, and smallpox, it was believed that adults commonly expired from fevers, diarrhea, and consumption, and, on occasion, from walking barefoot, cooling off too fast, and insanity inspired by Methodist preachers. These registers
reflect the precariousness of life itself and the physical hardships which so many Philadelphians suffered.

The records of interments in the grounds of Old Swedes’ Church from 1800 through 1804 are reproduced below. The next issue of *Pennsylvania History* will contain selections from Reverend Collin’s notes about individuals who asked him to perform their marriage ceremony.

We have expanded abbreviations, but otherwise have retained Collin’s capitalization, use of the ampersand, and spelling. Punctuation has been altered silently to render the text more comprehensible.

January, 1800

Members, Grown

16: Hester Guest, widow of William Guest, heretofore near Raccoon; about 70. Sick 11 years with Palsey; generally bedridden. Note: The mother of said Guest was of the Halton family.

April

29: George, son of William & Mary Cursain, in Front Street Alley, near the new Cemetery. This lad was apprentice to Thomas Mason, Windsor-chair maker in Callowhill Street. He came last Sunday to visit his parents; Walking, after service, with his father, they were accosted by William Henderson an unruly and drunken man; he having been robbed by his wife, who broke open his chest, had taken great ill-will against the said Cursain & his wife, being next neighbours, for not having observed and to him notified his wife’s crimes. Meeting him and the son he renewed former abusive language and threatened to murder this man and his wife. The lad, being much frightened, could not on his return home get clear of his terror, in consequence of which he was taken with chills in the night and fits which never left him til he died this morning at 2 o’clock. He had not spoken since yesterday 10 o’clock. He had been a healthy lad; his age was 16 years within a month. His father’s membership is from his mother who was a daughter, only one, of Peter Rambo, in Upper Merion.

June

22: Samuel Davis, aged 71 and 1/2. Had been bed-ridden since last week in August of last year. Then he was taken with rheumatism; this after two months fell upon his intestines and caused a very troublesome diarrhea. During the two last months he literally ate almost nothing but drank weak mixtures of wine with water. He also smoked.

July

23: Debora, widow of George May & wife of Patrick Haye, aged 50 and 5 months.

Member’s Children

April

19: Ann, daughter of Charles & Elizabeth Grant. Sick only 3 days with hives, or as the name also is, *croup*. She had next before got a very great cold; a co-operating circumstance might be that an issue on her neck below the ear, which she had since 1798, had stopt.
July
12: A still born male of Jacob & Elizabeth Rusk, son-in-law of deceased Nicholas Forsberg.

August
1: John, son of deceased Andrew Armstrong (the Swede) and his relict Brita, born Svanson, 24th January, 1799; disease, vomiting, purging, teething, worms.
4: Christiana, near 20 months, daughter of William & Elizabeth Shillingsford, born 12th December 1798. Disease, Worms, vomiting, purging.
22: Anne, 22 months old. Sick for 8 weeks with vomiting and purging. Also worms, having voided 4 of the white kind, one of them 1/4 of a yard long. Daughter of the deceased Francis Pap and his relict Mary, now wife of Peter Andrews, and daughter of William Foy with his first wife.

November
22: dead born daughter of William & Julip Dairs; his right by the Smith family.

September
Members, Grown
23: Thomas Tallman, 25 years old; son of deceased Augustine Talman & his relict Margaret; residing in Pottsgrove, of Pennsylvania, daughter of deceased Andrew Bancson. He had been sick for three weeks with a kind of decay. By imprudence he had got into jail and there fell sick.

Strangers, Grown
February
3: Emelia Fultz, 21 years old. Sick 5 days; daughter of Fredric and Patience, both deceased. She had been ailing from her childhood. Last summer she had a severe intermittent 4 weeks. Now she had been exposed to cold previous to sickness. The disease was malignant, attended with much green-dark pewking, pain and great weakness in the knees, etc, also a mixture of Pleuresy. Being buried at expense of relatives, 8 dollars were accepted.
12: Oliver Ross, 60 years, died suddenly yesterday, having gone to work in the morning; had no previous sickness.

Strangers Children
January
8: Female child of Thomas Donnel, 4 months old.
17: Female child of James Cogel, 5 weeks old; had fits for 10 days.
27: William, 5 weeks and 3 days old. Parent John Coppinger.
29: Maria Matilda, 7 weeks old. Disease, hives. Parents Benjamin and Sarah Svane. Note: He is a Swede, sailing under the Swedish flag, in the Bartholomew trade, but not yet become a proper member by election, according to charter, by neglect of petitioning. In consideration of all this and of her poverty, late sickness, etc., I took only half price.

March
1: Captain Peter Foster's male child. Still-born.
17: David, son of James Simpson, 1 year old. Note: Another child, a little older,
being left alone with it burnt it in playing with fire, which occasioned the death.

19: A female child of John Morrison, near 2 years old.

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Stranger's, Grown

March

23: Latitia, wife of Thomas Dilworth, about 33. Sick since last August.


April

18: Patience, wife of Henry Louderback, 48 or 9 years old. Sick since beginning of winter. This disease owing to the change of the female constitution, usual at her age. In the course of it her bowels seemed reduced within a small space. She was also out of her senses. Being very low spirited she had refused food.

July

29: James Jackson, in Love Lane; about 30.

27: James Frazer, past 50. Sick since the 23d in morning, being last Thursday; then was affected as with an intermittent, but by persuasion of two men he went down the river, below Wilmington, in an open boat and got worse. Was brought home on Monday evening (day before yesterday) very ill. As he had no property, and had also buried three children here, one dollar was abated; thus 9 paid. He had been a healthy man. The origine of the disease probably getting wet on a raft, his business being in that line, it naturally increased by exposure to the sun and to night air in an open boat, to such a degree as to render him delirious etc., before he got ashore.

31: Caleb Combs, 24 years 9 months. Sick nervous fever, joined with previous diarrhea. Mariner. 2 dollars abated on account of the family's want.

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September

5: William Johnston, about 40; sick for six weeks. Pleuresy. Chestnut Street near Eight.

November

8: Debora, wife of Peter Flootwell, about 51. Taken sick last Sunday night; died this morning (Saturday). Inflammatory fever of the head, vulgo head pleuresie. Had been midling healthy.

29: Francis Lovat, past 50. Taken yesterday morning with convulsive fits and died last night between 12 and 1 o'clock.

December

27: John Caldwell, between 30 and 40. Seaman just came from sea; had been ailing a good while, decay. His family from Ireland only 3 months.

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Stranger's Children

April

1: Sarah, daughter of William & Sarah Galfrey, 5 months & 2 weeks old. Died Small-pox.
May
16: William, son of deceased William Rook and his relict Sarah. Had fits and eruptions similar to Small-pox.

June
7: Cathrine, daughter of Anne, widow of Christopher White and of John Keen (first husband), near 12 years old. Died of a severe natural Small-pox on the 14th day. Place, Mary Lane, between Cathrine and Christian Streets, near the rope-walk.

July
11: Henry, son of Thomas & Cathrine Babington (in Mead Alley, resident 5 years), born 21st August 1799. Ailing since 3 weeks; the first a diarrhea, afterwards pewking with it.
13: Joseph Shaffer, son of Alexander & Sarah Dunbar; one year & 7 months (vomiting & purging).
16: Hannah, daughter of Andrew & Elizabeth Robeson, 11 months. Vomiting, purging.
19: Phebe, daughter of John & Elizabeth Saring; six months. Vomiting and purging.
20: David, son of Joseph & Sarah Manning, 2 weeks and 3 days old.
25: Male child of Mr. Pane; past 4 months. The disease dropsy of the head for 13 days. Had a bad cold when 3 weeks old; then an eruption, which by ointments had been repelled into the head.
25: Susannah, born 10th April this year. Parents Christopher and Susannah Mirtetus. Sick but two days with constant fits; had been healthy.
30: James, son of Fredric & Mary Williams, born 29th of January 1797. Disease, flux without much vomiting. Sick 13 days. Place of residence in 3d Street by Plum.

August
1: Thomas, son of Thomas and Ann Moore, 16 months old; disease not specified.
2: Daughter of John & Mary Lancaster, not quite 2 days old.
3: Still born, of James & Cathrine Morrison.
7: Ann, daughter of John & Anne hall; 4 months. Disease, Vomiting and purging.
7: Mary Ann, daughter of John & Rachel Davey, 21 months. Vomiting and purging.
25: Robert, son of Robert and Martha Allen, 6 months. Sick 6 or 7 weeks. Vomiting and purging.

September
2: Elizabeth, daughter of Peter & Ann Green, 5 months old. Disease lax of bowels. He is a Swedish seaman now at sea. The woman indigent.
2: Cathrine, daughter of Jacob & Eleonore Waters, 1 year & 17 days. Disease, purging.
3: A new born, 7 months, male child of John & Nancy Drake. He has been at sea for 4 months, the funeral is at the expense of friends. Paid 3 1/2 dollars.
18: Son of Alexander & Elizabeth Ramsey, a year old. Purging & vomiting. 9 weeks sick at intervals with it. Paid 3 dollars as he [was] buried in the same grave with a former young child.
19: Elizabeth, daughter of Alexander & Sarah Adams, 4 years old. Disease, worms.
23: George, past 12 months; son of George & Jane Alkorn, in Shippen Street, Number 46. He was inoculated last March, and sickly ever since. Died Vomiting and purging.
30: James, son of John & Elizabeth Saring, 2 years, 4 months & 2 weeks. Disease, diarrhea, little vomiting. Had been sick 3 weeks. 2 worms had come from him, one down, in part decaid, the other up, about 4 days ago, with a pointed head, whitish 7 inches long. In Christian Street.

October
27: Elizabeth, daughter of Richard & Judith Woolfall; born 4th of April this year. Disease hooping cough. The father at sea.

November
8: Female, still-born of John & Elizabeth Mansell.
19: Son of John Williams, 2 weeks.
26: William, son of Samuel & Mathilda McCutchen, 5 weeks.
30: Son of Nehemiah & Eunice Eires, ten months old. Disease, hives for three days. Healthy before. In Parram's alley.

December
14: Edmund, son of Edmund & Jane Potter, three years old. Taken sick last Wednesday; died yesterday, 4 P.M. (Sunday).
25: Daughter of John McConnachy, 4 weeks old.
31: William, son of Robert McDorvel, 5 years old. Had the stone and underwent an operation; got a fall on the edge of the gutterstones which caused a swelling that required cutting. The stone taken from him was large as a pea.

January, 1801
Members, Grown
None, except the wife of Basset and her child, recorded under the list of strangers.

February
18: Captain Samson Harvey.

Children
May
15: Rosannah, daughter of George Hester May, 13 months; disease, hives; it had, some weeks ago, been inoculated. Note: The right of the mother by her father Moses Lang. Her first husband was George Cook.
Members, Grown

May
5: Sarah, widow of Captain George Blewr, daughter of Lindmeyer, sister of Mrs. Nordenlind & Mrs. Ord, in her 64th year.

September
13: Mary, wife of John Taylor, on Tinnicum Island; near 75 years old. Sick for a week with vomiting and purging. Her parents were Conrad and Christina Neithermark. She was born 21st November, 1726.

Children of Members

June
28: Elizabeth, daughter of William & Judith Davis, three years and six months; disease, flux for 2 weeks. His right by the Smith family.

July
21: Leanard, son of Charles & Rebecca Jutkis; 22 months old; died of the so-called blood hives. Born 23rd September, 1799.
26: A still-born daughter of Mary Featherbridge. His right by the wife who is a daughter of Peter Matson.
27: William, son of Garret & Elizabeth Boon, born 20th September last year.
30: Cathrine, daughter of Jacob Smith Junior & his wife Cathrine, born 11th January, this year.

Grown Members

October
16: Jonathan Brady, aged about 60. He had been ailing many years with rheumatic pains and consequential infirmities, particularly in the back, but was seldom bed-sick, and had till within six months been able to saw wood some times. The 27th of July last he entered the Bettering house; grew weaker so as hardly able to walk, and died without confinement or sensible sickness. He and his wife are of Irish race and akin to Swedes. But as they had been educated by Swedes in Ridley and came to Swedes service frequently, this favour was granted.
30: Mary, wife of Peter Halton, aged about 33. Sick with intermittent fever for 10 weeks, beginning with vomiting and purging. She had recovered but relapsed by exposure barefoot to damp ground, etc. Note: Said man is 2 years ago from Raccoon, where his mother, now Cathrine Davenport, lives. She speaks well Swedish. Her husband, Peter, did also.

November
5: Lydia, wife of William Causey (in Cathrine Street between Front & 2d). She has been in a weak state since her child-bed, six weeks ago, but bed-sick only 5 or 6 days. Dropsy in chief was a leading symptom. Her parents were Zebulon & Drusilla Lock in Rapapo; Members of the Swedish Raccoon Church.
29: Edward Murray, about 20 years; has been sick with dropsy and consump-tion. He was buried from the Bettering house where he had been. He was married to a daughter of the widow Louder, whose maiden-name is Helms.

Children of Members

August
5: James, son of Solomon & Rebecca Supplie (now living near Lebanon in 11th Street), 3 years old. Disease, Hives with racking pains in the bowels for a day.
9: A still-born male child, not come to full age, of same parents.
October
28: Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas & Mary Loudon, born 22d of September 1796. First she had pewking for 4 days. On 5th day became speechless and was in a high fever, her face very red and flushed. A doctor gave medicine to expell the disorder, supposed the measles. She continued speechless for 2 weeks, until death; only once asking for a bit of potatoe; appeared in no pain, and in perfect senses. Doctor Pasc, who was called, attempted to bring out the measles, but only small watery pimples came out on her neck and breast. Dissection showed the intestines mortified and the heart corroded with many spotted holes.

Strangers, Grown
January
14: Hannah, wife of Zebedia Basset, 23 years, had been in decay, and died in child-bed.

Children
January
5: A female child of John Connor, 2 weeks.

February
6: John & Cathrine Thompson’s son John, above 2 years old. Had a fall 5 weeks ago down the cellar steps, but the hurt was not visible. In the course of a week got sick; disease chiefly in the head. The Doctor said that mortification had taken place.

March
12: Robert, son of Thomas & Mary Ann Crawford, 9 months old. Supposed hives or teeth. Note: They have had two, both dead; the first a female still-born, 2nd 22 months old, died in 1799 during the fever.

Strangers, Grown
February
8: Hannah, Widow of John Payton (dead 19 years ago) aged 61. Had been ailing for 3 months and had failed much for 4 or 5 weeks, but was bed-sick not quite 3 days. Was first attacked by a pain in her breast.
19: Angus McCloud, aged 51. Had been ailing for some years and subject to fits. In the morning he was taken in or near the market and fell down, was taken home and died.

March
28: Mary, daughter of Andrew & Elizabeth Robeson, born 11th September 1800. Sick 5 weeks with the Scarlet fever. Note: He is from Norway, son of a Swede who married his mother, a native of that country. He came to America as a Seaman, but settled here for life.

April
14: Female child, still-born, of Captain Peter Foster.
23: Mary, wife of Peter Widdy, seaman, about 26 years. She was brought to bed 5 weeks ago. Her breast had gathered and broke but she was recovering and yesterday sitting up, died suddenly against all expectation. Paid 9 dollars. The husband being at sea, 4 children left in great poverty and the funeral expenses falling on a brother-in-law.
24: Elizabeth Low, or Loe. Had been unwell since last sumer and spit blood at times. She has had four children buried here, as appertaining to one Scarlet, who
died in the fever. As her friends must bear the funeral expenses and also for the present take care of her surviving children, they paid only 8 Dollars. Note: As her mother was anxious to bury her in the old cemetery along with her children, I consented, strictly charging the sexton to find out the vacant spot in order to make the grave sufficient deep.

Children
27: A female child of William Saunders, Seaman, 4 days old.

Strangers, Grown
May
12: Simon Atsong, a German from Frankfort on the river main; had been in America since 1794. Kept shop for a while and got broke; was 32 years old, had a decay for 2 years or more. Buried from the house of Fredric Oeler in Second Street.
23: Joseph Wayne, about 40. Ship Carpenter. He went to St. Mary, on the frontier of Georgia, 17 months ago in good health. About 9 months ago he got hurt by carrying a heavy weight. He came back by water having a stormy and wet passage of 20 days, laying also among wet sails at times. He has now been at home six weeks; died in a deep decay. In consequence of the said accident something had broke within him. To the last much blood issued from his ears. He was buried at the expense of his friends.

Stranger’s Children
May
15: John, son of John & Sarah Cole, 11 months, 2 weeks. Sickly from his birth. Had gathering inward; was inoculated; the pock had come out and turned yellow. The gathering broke and he voided much blood from his ears.

Strangers, Grown
June
16: Peter Frazer, aged 28 years, 7 months 11 days. Disease consumption.
16: Mathew Robeson, a person about 30 or less, lately come from Ireland.
21: John Howard, native of England, seaman of the American Vessel Surprize, about 30 years. He fell from a horse yesterday near the market in South Street, and broke his scull. As the Landlord, John Green, Spruce Street, Number 94, pleaded the hardship of entering him at his own expense, he paid only 8 dollars.
24: Richard Bateman, native of South Carolina; had come from Charleston a week ago for his health, being far gone in dropsy. He walked about yesterday evening. Craved several light articles of food and drink. Age about 40. Buried from the house of Mrs. Vare, corner of Spruce and Water Street, where he lodged.

July
10: Daniel Conover, aged 21 or more. 6 weeks ago a horse trod on the top of his foot and caused a sore. This had not healed up but was skinned over, when it was renewed by the same accident three weeks ago. Still it had produced no
extraordinary consequences in all probability, but for the following accident: On the 4th of this he joined with other young people in the frolics of the days; and being heated by dancing in the evening, laid down upon the grass. The consequence of which was a very great cold. Tuesday his jaw was locked; and could not be loosened by abundance of mercury taken inwardly, and rubbed externally. Samuel Heyms, blacksmith, paid 9 dollars, one was abated on his pleading the great expense of the sickness and funeral of the deceased.

Stranger's Children

May
29: Esther, daughter of deceased William & Mary Williams, 3 years old, disease, Small-pox, natural, very-full, rose and lurrid black. Buried at expense of Thomas Fitzgerald, whose wife is a relation.

June
12: Anne, daughter of Patrick & Grizle Cathall, one year. Was sick with vomiting and purging a good while. 16 weeks ago she got a sore mouth which continued til said malady came.
16: Eleanor Jeffrys, aged 13 years. Had her scull broke by a window shutter falling upon her.
21: A female child of George Cline, aged 3 months.

July
9: Lambers, son of John & Jane Wharf, 10 months & 8 days.
9: Sarah, daughter of Christopher & Susannah Myrtetus, born 1st of this month. Place, Christian Street between 1st and 2d. Paid only two and a half dollars, as the babe was put into the grave of its sister, that was buried last August, four months old.
10: Still born of Doile Sweeny.
16: John, above 6 months, son of John & Elizabeth Balbier, died with the flux; sick one and 1/2 weeks.
20: A son of William Dunwick, 2 weeks.
25: John, son of Patrick & Mary McClasky; 13 months. Disorder, Vomiting, purging.
26: Sarah Ann, daughter of Daniel & Anne Brown, 14 months, purging, vomiting, also by being weaned and cutting teeth.

Strangers, Grown

July
19: wife of Doyle Sveney (or Sweeney), mother of the above mentioned child; died in child-bed.

August
4: Martha, wife of Adam Lamb, in Parram's Alley; near 60. Disease, Nervous fever.

September
6: John Hendrick. Died after a few days illness; but his constitution was impaired by excessive drinking.
23: John Kean, aged 39; had been long in a Consumptive decay and often bed-sick for the last 20 months. Daniel Kean, Grocer, in Queen Street declared that he is at the expense of his burial, wherefore he paid but 9 dollars.
October
1: Mathias Miller, past 70. Sick 7 days; disease, strangury.\(^{18}\) Resides in Front Street near Christian.

November
21: Edward Kirby, son of deceased Timothy & Mary Kirby, 14 years of age. Had been ailing all his life, owing probably to his having been dropt and got his back broke, when a child, 9 or 10 months old. He had been supported by his two sisters, the widow of Doyle & her sister a young woman, and they are indigent; the former having two small children, therefore I took but 8 dollars.

Stranger's Children
July
28: Hannah, daughter of John & Rachel Loyd, 2 years next month. From birth unwell; sick since 2 months; first vomiting and purging, the first not continuing long.
30: Henry, son of Henry & Elizabeth Jennings, 8 months old. His father is a ship carpenter, come from Boston to settle here. The passage was 21 days owing to North west winds. They had only coarse bread and salt provisions during a considerable part of the time which in some degree, at least, effected the child.
30: Mary, daughter of William Elder, 11 months old. Disease, flux. In South street near 5th.
30: Thomas, son of David & Elizabeth Rush, 6 weeks. George street, between South & Shippen. The husband is at sea & the mother poor.
31: Mary, daughter of John & Rebecca Robeson, born 23d September 1800. Disease, Natural Small-pox. In Front near Cathrine.

August
1: Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Fleming, 18 months. Disease Vomiting, purging. Resided in Cathrine Street between 2d & 3d.
2: Margret, daughter of Hugh McBrag, 3 weeks old. Resides in George Street.
8: Hannah, daughter of Thomas & Martha Smith, in German Street. Disease, Measles, finally mortification in the bowels.
10: John, 6 months. Son of Mary Wood; disease, fever, diarrhea, fits. Had been hearty til last friday. Resides Robert Carr's, in Cathrine Street, above 5th.

September
1: Mary Ann, daughter of William & Sarah Grimshaw, 18 months, disease, Vomiting and purging, the first which stopt but the other continued.
16: John, son of John & Elizabeth McLochlin, 2 weeks.

Strangers, Grown
December
5: James Norris, Mariner, from New England, about 25 years old. Had been sick near a twelfth-month, confined 3 or 4 weeks and died with a diarrhea, etc. Being very poor, the parties concerned paid 9 dollars.
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Stranger's Children

September

18: Samuel, son of Samuel & Ann Shepard (corner of Plum & Second Street), Disease, by a fall. His step-sister-mother's daughter by a former husband, had let him fall divers times, and last 2 weeks ago, by which his head had been hurt. Age 7 months & 11 days.

29: William, son of William & Elizabeth Williamson, 14 months old. Disease, Dropsy in the head. Resides Penn Street below South.

29: Male child of William Wiseman, 2 weeks old; nursed by wife of John Mack's, his mother being dead.

October

7: William, son of William & Jane Brooks, 18 months old. Disease, flux. Resides 2d between Christian & Queen. The parents being very poor, having come from Ireland 10 weeks ago.

14: Alexander, son of Morgane & Elizabeth Alberris, 2 months.

23: Thomas, son of deceased Barney Clayton & his relict Margret, aged 2 years; died in Measles. Paid 3 Dollars. So much was abated on account [of] her poverty, having 3 children now sick of the Measles. Besides, her husband was buried here in December 1799. He laid long in consumption and they had lost all their property in the Moravian Alley that fall.


31: George, son of William & Ann Elkins, in the vicinity, five weeks old.

November

6: Sarah, daughter of John & Eleanor Steel, in Queen Street, between 1st and 2d.

7: Thomas, son of John & Lydia Sylvin, 6 weeks old. Two and 1/2 dollars. The woman assuring me that her husband is a Swedish seaman, and she being very poor in his absence at sea, an half was abated of the usual price.

9: John, son of Walter & Jane Foster (corner of Mead Alley in Water Street), 9 months. Disease Small-pox. He had buried a child before and is indigent.

December

8: Rosannah, daughter of John & Mary Veymer; 2 years old. Died of Measles after 2 weeks illness.

22: A male babe of Manuel & Abigail Peterson, 5 days old. Paid 2 dollars. He is indigent, supporting himself by carrying fish for sale; he pleaded with tears his desire to enter the babe in consecrated ground, and his being a member of the Lutheran Church, having been brought up in Hesse-Darmstadt, from whence he came two years ago. By his earnest request I also attended the funeral, and he insisted on giving me a string of perch for my trouble.

24: William, son of Isaac & Elizabeth Rickards, 4 years last 23d of August. Was sick with Measles and could walk about, but took cold, and fell into an intermittent or bilious fever of which he was sick 16 or 17 days. He is an indigent journey-man taylor, working at very low wages, like many others at this time.

26: A still-born, son of James Farley.

31: Robert, son of Braycroft, 2 years old; died of Measles.
31: A still-born male child of Alexander Taylor. As he had buried a child before & has part of a pew in the church, I was content with 3 dollars.

February, 1802
Grown Members
9: Mary Marshall, widow of Joseph Marshall, who was buried.

May
10: Moses Long, son of deceased Andrew & Cathrine Long; born 20th June, 1738. His disease was Pleuresy for 8 days.

August
29: Hannah, wife of John Fredrich Schluck, daughter of Andrew & Elizabeth Cassel; born 22d of June, 1782. She was struck with a palsy in the left side, on the 25th instant & lost all her feeling in it within four hours. She had been sickly from her 12th year.

Members's Children
March
30: Mary, daughter of Caleb & Margret Cushing, aged 4 months & 18 days.

April
12: William, son of Henery Brown & his wife Eleonore (daughter of deceased James Toy), 7 months old. Distemper, decay of some parts of the intestines for 8 weeks. They live in Smith's Alley, by Dock Street.

July
30: Thomas, son of William & Elizabeth Shillingsford, born 26th of June, 1801. This child died of worms, as so many others do. Their abundance was singular; he having voided in the course of a week above one hundred, and at once, on the 21st of this month, 45. The mother told me that they were all from 1/4 to 1/8 of a yard long, and that in the beginning of the disorder 14 of them were vomited. The kind was the usual white. He had been sick a month.

Grown Members
October
20: Jacob Toy, son of deceased Elias & Barbara Toy, heretofore in Pennipack, born 11th December 1751. He had been ailing for several years under diseases of the liver, spleen, etc.

Member's Children
August
7: John, son of William Causey & his deceased wife Lydia, born in latter part of September 1801. He had been sick all summer, with vomiting, purging, cutting of teeth.
22: Sarah, daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth Allen, born about the 22d or 3d of June, this year.
23: Anne, daughter of Andrew & Elizabeth Morton, aged 2 years, 5 months & 7 days.
30: Henry, son of Wilson & Louisa Toy, 3 months old. Supposed that he was
born effected, owing to the mother having, during pregnancy, been hurt by heat and heavy lifting.

Strangers, Grown

January

21: Elizabeth, wife of Edward Jones, 59 years. Consumptive for many years, bed sick for 3 months. Her husband being very poor, & her daughter's husband, George Lenington, defraying the funeral charges, one dollar was abated.

28: Mary, wife of Frederich Williams (Tailor in Spruce Street near 6th) aged 25 years and 11 months. Sick for 18 months with consumption. She was always weakly. They have had one child who died of the flux, 3 years & 6 months old.

Stranger's Children

January

7: David, son of David Virtue, in 2d near Christian Street, Shoemaker; 7 weeks old. It was quite well last night; died this A.M., became black about the face and some parts of the body. The Measles had been in the family. Being very poor, with six children and entreating a considerable abatement, I took but Three and 1/2 dollars.

28: Elias, son of Davis, in Front street, by Mead Alley; four months. Died of decay.

Strangers, Grown

January

30: William Nichols's wife, about 36. She had been in a decay for 13 weeks which came at first by a kind of intermittent fever. Resides in 2d. On account of poverty, the funeral charges being defrayed by friends, paid only 8 dollars.

February

13: Laurence Mahan, about 53. Was taken unwell on the 11th of this [month], but walked about the house yesterday, was sitting up in the evening about 7 o'clock and died suddenly. His wife Mary (born McCarthy) had for her second husband William Johnson, of the Swedish Line in America, who was buried the 4th of September 1799.

April

12: Eleonore, wife of Thomas Walker, aged 33. Disease, decay for a year, attended finally with Diarrhea; He resides near the Hay scales in 5th near South.

Stranger's Children

January

29: Hannah, daughter of Derric & Elizabeth Cleaver (in German Street between 2d & 3d, Carpenter), 4 months & 9 days old. Disease a bad cold and hives, after Measles.

30: Margret, daughter of William & Ann Farrar, 18 months. Died with hives which did not come out; after death her legs & back turned purple. Three weeks ago she had gone through the Measles which had come out full.
February
1: Mary, daughter of Richard Potter & his relict Cathrine, 10 months.
24: John, son of deceased Daniel Reese, above 4 years. Was taken last sunday (21st of this) toward evening with a difficulty in swallowing; grew worse Monday, but cat and drank; Tuesday, about 10 o'clock A.M. was stifled. His back before death was full of red dusky spots; after death the whole body, face excepted, was purple. Resided in Plum Street by George.
26: A female child of Mathew Kinney (Master of a Vessel), & his wife Elizabeth. Almond Street, Number 32; 3 weeks old.

March
4: A male child of Samuel & Alice Wasey, in Shippen Street, near Front. 2 weeks old.
27: A female (still-born) of Thomas Brown, seaman, now out, & his wife Nancy.

April
27: Elizabeth, daughter of James & Elizabeth Furlong, 6 months. Diseases, Vomiting, purging. The child so young & the parents poor, half a dollar was abated.

Strangers, Grown
4: Ake Anderson, a Danish man and American Sailor. He died suddenly yesterday after his breakfast, by a cramp of the stomach. His was 25 or more. One dollar was abated on account of the family's poverty.

June
7: Elizabeth, daughter of Michael Boyer & his relict Debora, aged 20 years. Died of a rash fever after 5 days.
21: Elizabeth Beatty, aged 73; widow of ___ Beatty. She lived near the Drawbridge. Her daughter's husband, who managed the funeral, did not know his name.

July
10: Martha Robeson, aged 32. Died of a Dropsy.
15: William Hooton, aged 68. Died of a decay, beginning with Palsy, 2 years ago.

Stranger's Children
June
1: Elizabeth, daughter of Mathew & Elizabeth Kinney, 3 months 3 days old. (He is a Captain, in Almond Street, Number 32).

July
3: William, son of deceased John Morrison & his relict Nancy, (living in Shippen Street, between 2d & 3d) about 2 years old. Sick about 10 days with vomiting and purging.
9: John, son of John & Hannah Pennington, 21 months. Disease, Measles 3 weeks ago, afterward flux.
16: Alexander, son of Edward & Jane Ridley, 8 months old. Died with fits after 3 weeks. First probable cause change of Milk; the mother being obliged to hire herself out as a wet nurse, and to put him out, her husband being at sea.
17: Lucy, daughter of James Snell & his deceased wife Elizabeth; died of decay; aged 3 years & three months. By the request of her father, Captain Snell, the body was put in the grave of her mother, who was buried on the 1st of May, 1799.

18: A child from Mead Alley, a few months old; by report, since given in, John, son of James & Susanna Ruddiman.

Strangers, Grown
July
25: John Morris, aged about 40. He was drowned yesterday from a vessel opposite the middle of the city, in the sudden gale that came with the thunder.
28: Thomas Masey, aged 54. Died in Consumption after 15 months sickness. His son John Maysey, Whitesmith, in 2d below Cathrine Street paid the funeral, having also supported him a long while.

August
10: Johanna, wife of Henry Styrkeson, 19 (or less) years of age. Died of a consumption, bed sick for 2 months. He being a Norway sailor, not very able, one dollar was abated.
30: James Crowley, aged 31. Had been consumptive for 3 months, confined to his room for 2, in general. Came down stairs the last time 2 weeks ago. Resides in South Street between 2d & 3d, Number 79.

Stranger's Children
July
21: Mary Anne, daughter of John & Elizabeth Merriman, past 2 weeks. (Cathrine Street, between Front & Water). He being poor and the child so small, 2 Dollars were abated.
24: William, son of William & Sarah Edward, born 22d of May, this year.
25: Alexander, son of Philip & Amelia Muck, 1 1 months old.
29: Dougal, son of Dugal & Mary More, aged 3 months & 2 weeks. It had been sickly from the birth and was very small. The mother, wife [of] an absent seaman, struggling hard to support two children and old sickly mother, pleaded pathetically her poverty.

August
3: Agnes, born 10th of October 1801, daughter of Thomas & Cathrine Hoffman, unwell for 10 weeks.
6: Peter, son of Joseph & Sarah Morrell, 19 months; died of decay with final Diarrhea.
8: James, son of James & Cathrine Carr, aged 5 months. The father being at sea and the mother indigent, 4 1/2 dollars accepted.
8: William, son of William & Elizabeth Harvert, about a year. Disease, vomiting and purging.
10: Susannah, daughter of Richard & Lea Karrams, past 2 years. Died of the same.
10: Samuel, son of Richard & Mary McFee, age 8 months 10 days. Disease, teeth fever, vomiting, purging. Teeth had began to appear. Resides Somers' Court, between 2d & Christian.
27: George, son of John & Elizabeth Saring, born 22d of February this year. Resides in Christian Street between 1sr & 2d.
31: Francis, daughter of William & Susannah Gillet, 15 months, decay.
Number 9 Parram's Alley.

September
9: A male child of Jeremia Lee Bagley & his wife Hester, 9 days old. Resides in Plum Street between 3d & 4th. Came in April last from Sommerset County in Maryland.
15: Maria, daughter of said Bagley, born 5th February 1797, being so much above 5 years. Sick a month with diarrhea, had been hearty before. One Doctor Anderson had given her medicine for 3 weeks.
20: Anne, near 8 months old, Parents Anthony & Sarah McKeever. Resides in 5th Street by Love lane. Disease, sore mouth for 4 til 5 weeks.
22: William, son of same parents, born 17th of March, 1799. Same disorder; had been sick 4 or 5 weeks. The same disorder alone. Many small whiteish pimples on the gums. He escaped this distemper when young.

Strangers, Grown
September
7: Jane, wife of John Williams; aged about 36. She began to feel a decay in November 1800, after her child-bed. (The child was buried here on the 19th of November, 2 weeks old). Three months ago she began to be confined to her bed-room, but was not constantly until for the 2 last weeks. Resides Number 110 Cathrine Street.
21: Edward Jones, about 62. Died in a general decay. Had been ill since Spring, bed sick 2 months. Resides at the Plough Tavern on Passayung road.
11: Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Boon, aged about 39. She was taken sick on the 5th with a fever that became violent, and died yesterday. She had miscarriage 2 or 3 days before and imprudently exposed herself, washing the brick pavement barefooted. Said Boon is of the deceased Cornelius Boon, heretofore in Pens- neck, & a Swedish descendant though not a member of this church. On this account 2 dollars were abated.
23: Sophia, wife of John Fredric, aged 26. She was taken sick in the night, between 15th & 16th, and died this day about 12 o'clock. The burial being hastened by the health Committee.
29: Elizabeth, wife of Adam Schytz, aged 49. She got sick on the 22d, soon after midnight, and died the 28th about 8 or 9 o'clock in the evening. No charge made as he is sexton of the church.

October
18: John Sheridan, aged about 35. Sick for some time; was taken ill on the 12th, but had no violent symptoms in the course of the disease. His head was dizzy without much pain; stomach sore, a pain about the heart. Was bled once on the 2d day; took a vomit which threw up only the liquid given to work it off; dejection little. He was not constantly confined to bed. His colour was not changed. Tailor and Huckster. Resides on Water Street, a little above Beck's Alley.
22: Cathrine, wife of Robert Bickerton, aged about 33. Had been sick some
weeks. Resided in Shippen Street, near 3d. A brother of her husbnd is member by marriage. The husband being at sea and the family poor, 8 dollars.
22: Elizabeth, wife of Paul Godshall, 38 years old in July this year. Began to decline a year ago. A consumptive decay has [been] considerable for the 6 months past, and she has been almost continually bedsick 4 or 5 weeks. Resides in 2d street, a little below Christian.
24: Edward Gibson, sick on the 8th day with a fever.
27: Phebe, wife of Henry McKollan, aged about 27. Died after 10 days of fever attended with bad puking and yellowness. Resides Christian near 2d street.

December
5: Sunday. Mary, relict of Thomas Massey, aged 45. She was taken suddenly the 30th of last month, about 10 A.M., and expired yesterday about the same time; and was dozy from the first. She had been pretty hearty. She was corpulent. Residence in Second Street above Christian.

Stranger's Children
September
25: Sarah, daughter of the above Bagley, 2 years & nearly 1 month old. Had been ailing a year, much for a month, with diarrhea and tokens of worms.

October
29: Mary, daughter of Lancelot Glanvill, aged 9 years. Had been hearty til three weeks ago.

November
22: Elizabeth, 4 or 5 weeks old; daughter of a German Woman Bectur, now in the Bettering house. Colonel Gurney paid. Note: About the middle of the month Alexander Taylor had two twins, male & female, buried in the grave of his formerly buried children; but he had paid nothing for it. This appears now so late on the occasion of a request to bury a still-born. However, the sexton had ordered him to inform me on my return (being in the country).

January, 1803
Strangers
30: Henry Skellinger, Pilot, aged about 35. Ailing for several months but sick only a week. Had got very much hurt by the cold. One dollar abated on account of his wife being poor with children, so that his funeral expenses must be borne by donations from the pilots.

February
18: Eleonore, wife of John Grey, a mariner, about 40. Had been sickly since last autumn, when she moved into the country and got the fever & ague, & was more debilitated by child-birth six weeks ago. Her female friends made charitable exertions for a decent funeral, & with much difficulty collected 8 and 1/2 dollars to pay for the ground, which was accepted. She left three children, & the husband is worthless. Resides near 5th and Lombard Street.

Stranger's Children
January
10: Nancy, daughter of Davis & Elizabeth Rusk, aged 3 months & 2 weeks. The disease was fits; they began 3 weeks ago, in the left arm and finally both hands and feet were in constant convulsive motion. Paid 4 dollars. The abatement because he had before buried a small child and times are now hard.
12: Mary Ann, nearly 5 months old. Parents William and Susannah Thomas, resides in Church Alley. Her disease was fits for 9 days, but she had always small inward fits.


March


April

12: Charlotte, daughter of George Alcorn, aged 6 months. Resides 167 South Third street.

23: A still-born male child of Jacob & Elizabeth Riss, in Fullerton's Alley. Being put into the grave of a child formerly buried, the abatement was proper. 2 1/2 dollars.

23: Chrisanna, daughter of Francis Bacon, aged 3 months. She had been inoculated, but took fits; became comatose in the morning of the 19th last & continued so til death, yesterday. The father being at sea, the money was collected by charity and much trouble.


Grown Strangers

March

28: Alexander Brady, aged between 50 & 60. Had been sick 4 weeks. The first occasion was perhaps falling from a cart. Resides in the neck. The funeral being by charitable subscription, one dollar was abated.

28: Stephen Ruskel, mariner, aged 36. Had been consumptive some years, was bed-sick one week.

April

15: Thomas Dawson seaman from the ship Perseverance, lately returned from Canton, aged 25. He was taken the 5th instant and died yesterday morning past 8 o'clock. Cramp in the stomach was a prominent symptom. Residence in German Street, Number 66. It was also related to me that he had a pleuresy, with considerable & constant pain in the left side, and pain at his heart as it is expressed generally, but in medical terms oppression of the pracordia, but that his fever and vomiting were not remarkable.

Adult Members

May

22: George Culen, son of deceased George & Eleanore Culen, born 4th July, 1764. He died of a fever on the 8th day. Had been sickly from his youth by some ailment in his breast, on which account he could not assiduously follow his trade of shoe-making.

25: Mary, wife of Jacob Smith, born 12th of June, 1751. She had been ailing, but died suddenly yesterday morning about 10 o'clock. Resides in South Street, near 5th.

September

21: Elizabeth Furutrad, aged 28. She [was] born in Halmstad, principal town of the Province Halland, in Sweden, of which her father had been Mayor, and by good accounts, a respectable character. After his death, the inheritance being
small among many children, she went over to Denmark, and acquired a decent support. Being lastly in the family of Mr. Olsen, who came here as Consul-general and Minister to the United States, in summer of 1801, she came with him, his lady and children, as attendant, and was well esteemed by them. On his departure she had the offer of returning with them, but preferred remaining here. Having a disposition for consumption, that disease became serious about 2 months before she died. She took the summons immediately as a heavenly call, and supported the whole course of it with a pious resignation and a panting for heavenly felicity that won the admiration of all that beheld it.

November
12: Fanny, wife of Daniel Colman, aged 29 years. She had been in a decay for several months, occasioned in part by fatigue in keeping with her husband, a stage house at New Castle, last summer, going there often barefooted in a brick kitchen floor when heated. She was bed sick for several weeks, had cramps in the whole body, frequently and some times in the stomach, was very weak, and towards the last, by intervals, delirious. Resides near the church. She was a daughter of John Hoover and married the first time to James Nichols, the 10th October 1790; second time to said Colman, 29 of July last year. Said Fanny was older, being born 17 of January 1773, as appears from the Baptismal Records.

February, 1804
Adult Members
26: Sunday. John Hoover, aged 60 years on the next 1st of March. Sick for weeks. He had some days previous to his malady been somewhat drowsy. The immediate occasion of it was a sudden cooling after heat; he having in his official duty as a custom house officer, walked far and fast in order to visit a vessel, and then cooled himself in the breeze on the shore with his hat off.

April
21: Cathrine, wife of Andrew Lycon. She was a daughter of Nicholas Boon (or as in the Swedish Nils Bonde) & his wife Maria, born the 18th of July, 1724 and thus nearly 80 years old. She was the second wife of said Lycon, and had no children with him; she was then widow of David Hughes, with whom she had 8 children, among these are the wives of Preston, Till and Lind. She had been confined to bed for weeks, by debility. Her mind was intelligent, lively and virtuous. Her bodily constitution was healthy, robust, and active. She spoke the Swedish tongue better than could be expected from the rare opportunities, it being for many years nearly extinct, and never used in the family except by her husband. She had also that laudable attachment to ancestry which is found in all generous characters. A month ago I visited her on their plantation in Pennypack, found her very weak, but in good spirits and resigned to the Divine will under doubt of recovery. The plantation being sold and the family having removed to the Northern Liberties of this city. I paid her the last visit there the day before yesterday, found her dying, the legs and arms already cold, and her speech impaired, but remarked with great satisfaction her perfect sensibility and her wonted kindness, of which a remarkable proof was that she directed the attendants by sollicitous gestures to give me something to drink. A funeral sermon was preached.
June
4: John, son of John Cox and his first wife Elizabeth, aged 14 years & 10 months.

Member's Children

July
14: Thomas Smith, son of deceased Laurence & Elizabeth Justis, born in August 1795. He lived in the country near Norristown, and died there. On the 9th he was taken by 12 o'clock, in returning from school, with a violent headache, fell down before he came to the house, his tongue faltered, he felt a cramp from head to feet and the spasms in his hands was great. In the afternoon he recovered from these violent symptoms. On the 12th about 9 or 10 o'clock he grew very bad and the returning cramps finished the scene. He had complained much of burning heat in the head & stomach, saying that his head had burst. Perhaps he was sunstruck. Worms might, however, have been the principal cause, as after death some came off, in all 3 or 4; 2 out of one nostril, their length about 8 inch.

20: Rebecca, daughter of George & Mary Veymer, born 10 March, 1802. Sick 9 days of Vomiting, purging.

25: Benjamin & Margret Aydelot their son Fetus, 9 months old.

27: Andrew Bell, son of Henry & Mary Peter, born 21 April, this year. Sickly from birth, now Vomiting, purging.

August
3: Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac & Sarah Thompson, 13 or 14 months old. Resides in Christian Street about 2d. The mother is a daughter of William Van Neaman, heretofore in Pensneck.


September
28: Andrew, son of Peter & Mary Peterson, born 7th of March, this year.

November
11: Jemima, daughter of the aforementioned wife of Isaac Thompson with her first husband James Toland; age near 10 year. Disease, worms, fever; one came up and several down. Resides in Front Street below Mary. On the evening of the 4th she was taken with head-ache, sickness at stomach and fever; pewked up a white worm of a hands length; the fever went off in the course of her disease; in 2 or 3 days she pewked several worms, somewhat coloured 10 inches long. She had been pretty healthy, but often complained of gripes in the belly. This ailment continuing in her sickness gives reason to suspect remaining worms.

December
25: Mary, daughter of Peter & Mary Anders, born 20th of this month. The mother is a daughter of William Toy with his first wife. The father is a seaman, at present on a voyage.

Children of Members

January, 1804
30: John, son of (Andrew Lycon's son) George & Ester Lycon, 8 weeks old this morning. Resides in Front Street, beyond Brown Street.
May
25: Caleb, son of Samuel & Anne Pierce (or Pearce) born 13th September, 1797. He had fell into the river from the wharf near the still house, opposite the Parsonage.

July
13: Mary, daughter of John & Anne Hutton, born 1st February, this year.
14: Rebecca, her sister twin, both age 5 months & 2 weeks.
20: Mary, daughter of William & Margret Lind, born 15th August 1800. Had been hearty til the 16th in Morning, about 8; was then taken with purging, in the evening a violent fever with delirium and fits; these ceased about 5 P.M., but the fever continued with delirium til 2 hours before death, which took place 7 o'clock this morning. A little before she died, purple, dim spots came out in plenty on her face, many on the breast and some on the legs. About 11 A.M. yesterday two worms came down; after 5 P.M. several in succession til 2 this morning, some 9 inches, the smallest 4 or 5. All of the usual white kind.
20: Hester, daughter of John & Ann Smith, born 1st of June, 1803. The difficulty of getting the jaw teeth threw her into a violent fever, and a consequent lax, which in order to lessen the former, was continued so long that inflammation in the bowels followed. The main sickness lasted about 2 weeks. She had already got 10 or 12 teeth, even the eye teeth and the 2 next called by some stomach teeth. In the evening the small blisters appeared on her legs, thighs and back of the neck, that contained a hot clear water. Next morning some of them had the seize of an egg, and full of stinking, yellowish water.
29: Peter, son of John & Elizabeth Cassel, age six months. Vomiting, purging. Teething might have some influence.

August
31: Henry, son of John & Mary Hoover, born December 25, 1796. Was taken sick on the 28th, about noon and died yesterday. The parents suspected worms; and the physicians gave him a strong purgative, which did not work well; violent retching was occasioned by it, but puking prevented by something filling his throat. The violent efforts pushed out the tongue in a shocking manner and made it look black. Two years ago he had much trouble from worms, and by medicine voided 12, 8 til 10 inches, most of them whole, of the usual kind. He had not been hearty since.

Adult Members
July
2: Jacob Sutter, son of deceased Jacob Sutter & his relict Cathrine (a daughter of Joseph Hellms, deceased). He was born the 11th of September, 1770. Had been in a decline for 9 months, and often bed-sick for 2 til 3 months. The disease was general debility.
24: Christiana Brittenham, aged about 47. Had been in a decay for 2 years and often, since winter, confined to bed, but entirely only for three weeks. The disease was consumption. She was in considerable uneasiness on 21st & 22d in my last visits, but quite sensible. She was a daughter of deceased William &
Christina Van Neaman, heretofore in Pensneck, and sister of the widow Wells and Mrs. Thompson.

26: Alexander Gardner, son of deceased Alexander Gardner, aged about 22; mariner. Disease, Consumption, of which also his father died. His mother, sister of the late John Hoover, was of the Morton family.

August

Sarah Walker, daughter of deceased Joseph Hulings. She had gone 5 years ago to Charleston, in South Carolina, with her brother Laurence & his wife. There she got married to a foreigner of the above name who went to sea and was no more heard of. In 1795 she returned to Philadelphia. By grief and partly by hearing the Methodists she got crazy and was in the hospital. There she was repeatedly bled and salivated, by which she got very meagre and weak, and also took cold from being in a low cell for 6 weeks during the salivation. Her full state of body might have made that medical treatment plausible, but she became reduced to extreme debility by extreme purgation. In that condition she was brought to the house of her sister and her husband William Shillingsford, in Church Alley, and after a few days died, having recovered her reason.

Children of Members

September

5: Rachel, born 30 August 1803; daughter of William & Margret Lind. Disease, Natural Small-pox.

29: Laurence, son of William & Rachel Finley, born 28 February this year. Disease, Natural Small-pox.

October

11: Caleb, son of Caleb Cushing, born 8 July, 1800.

November

19: Mary, daughter of William & Rachel Finley, born 27 October 1795. Disease Natural Small-pox.

December

20: Mary Ann, daughter of Joseph & Mary Swanson, born 16th of this month.

28: John, son of Samuel & Sarah Darby; 5 weeks old. The mother is a daughter of Robert Hews who is a son of deceased Mrs. Lycon, that was a daughter of Nils Boon, and had for the second husband Andrew Lycons, yet living.

NOTES


2. These records are at the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. For a more extensive discussion of the nature of these records, see Susan E. Klepp, “Philadelphia in Transition: A Demographic History of the City and Its Occupational Groups, 1720–1830” (Ph.D. diss., University of Pennsylvania, 1980).


4. We appreciate the kind permission of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church and the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society to publish these records.

5. Palsy: a condition characterized by uncontrollable tremors or quivering of the body or one more of its parts.


8. That is, the daughter of William Dairs could be buried for free in Gloria Dei's grounds because of Dairs' relationship with the Smith family who were members of the church.

9. Collin considered "Strangers" to be any people who were not members of the church and he charged for interring them in the cemetery.

10. Intermittent: recurring attacks of a fever.

11. The usual burial fee was 10 dollars for adult strangers and 5 dollars for their children.

12. That is, Catherine did not contract smallpox through inoculation, a process whereby individuals were infected with the disease, usually at a young age, in order to build up an immunity to it. For a discussion of this procedure, see Donald R. Hopkins, *Princes and Peasants: Smallpox in History* (Chicago, 1983).

13. Ddropsy or edema: an abnormal accumulation of serous fluid in connective tissue causing puffy swelling.


15. Lax: diarrhea.

16. The bettering house generally served as the last refuge of paupers, both those physically capable and incapable of working. For the clerk's comments on those who entered the house, see Billy G. Smith and Cynthia Shelton, "The Daily Occurrence Docket of the Philadelphia Almshouse, 1800," *Pennsylvania History*, 52 (1985), 86–116.

17. The yellow fever epidemic of 1799 was one of several outbreaks of the disease which plagued Philadelphia during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.


19. Instant: of this month.