

The Byrnes Were an 18th Century Quaker Family.

Daniel Byrnes was Clerk of Wilmington Friends Meeting & a Founder of White Clay Friends Meeting.

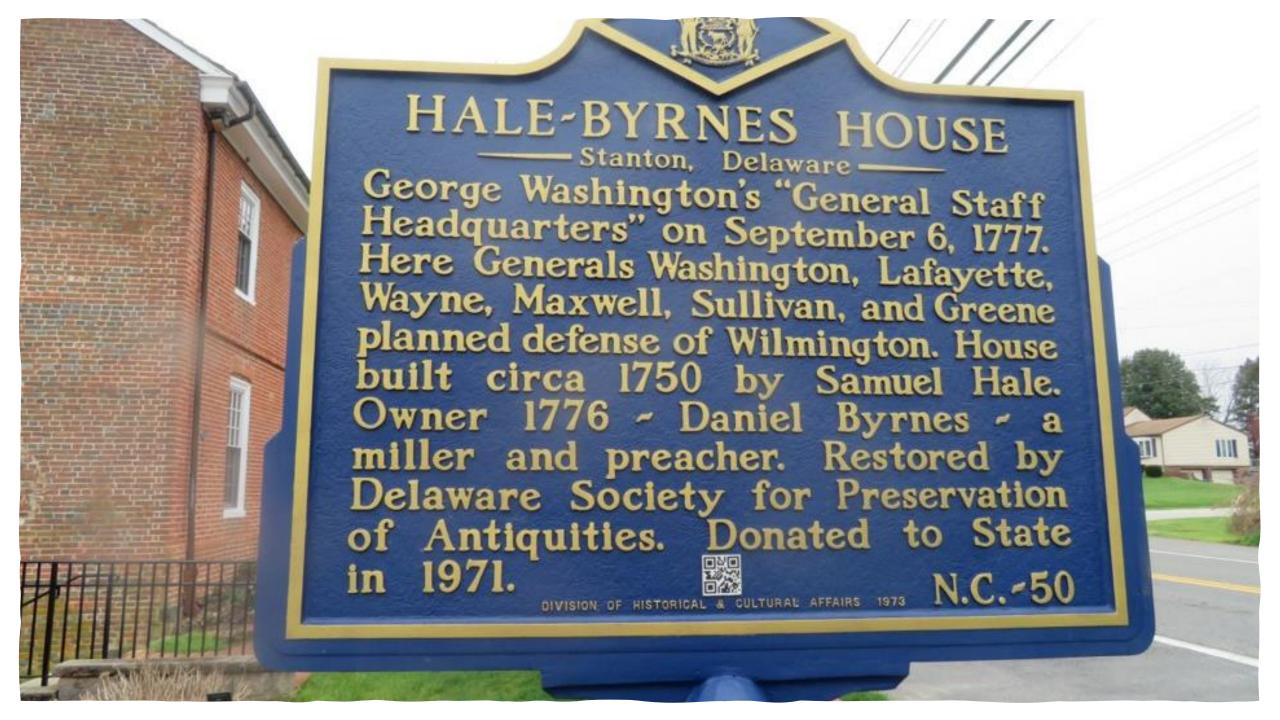


English Colonies in North-America.

BSERVING in the public prints, the twentieth of next month recommended. as a day of humiliation, falling, and prayer for their colonies, my mind was affected with defires for the good of mankind, and especially the people of this land, over whom a dark cloud appears to be arifing, that fuch a fall may be adopted and kept which would be available; and that falt was brought to my remembrance, which the Lord proposed to his people formerly by the mouth of his propher, also that which he would disapprove, Ifaiab lviii. " Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loofe the " bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the opprehed go free, and " that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou " bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou feest the naked that thou es cover him, and that thou hide not thyfelf from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light " break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy " righteoutness thall go before thee, the glory of the Lord thall be thy rere-ward. Then " fhalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer: thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I " am. Ye thall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Is " it fuch a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his foul; is it to bow down to his head as a bulruth, and to spread fackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this

" a faft, and an acceptable day to the Lord." Alas! my brethren, what will a faft for a day do, while we are living in that which the Lord (who delighteth in justice) bath a controverfy with? Are not many keeping the Africans and their defeendents in abject flavery, who as a nation, never have offered us the leaft injury. Are they not frequently fold in these colonies, so as to separate them from their nearest connections, as if they had not the common feelings of mankind? are not fome kept to hard labour, and in want of the necessaries of life? Thus are we treating the people of nations, who as fuch, have never fought our hurt: a people that belongs to the fame common Father, and have an equal claim to the fame common Saviour of mankind with ourselves, and consequently to the same privileges and freedom.

Daniel Byrnes was one of Delaware's earliest abolitionists







George Washington Was Here!



The House was saved by the Delaware Society of the Preservation of Antiquities





DSPA fought to Save the house from demolition during the Colonial Revival Era in the 1960's & 70's





In 1971, as the Bicentennial was approaching, DSPA deeded the House to the State. Today DSPA remains in charge of Hale Byrnes' daily operations but after 50 years, is considered a tenant!



2020 is a quiet year with most things being Zoomed. In normal years, the Hale Byrnes House brings in local craftsmen & artists for a Holiday Open House.







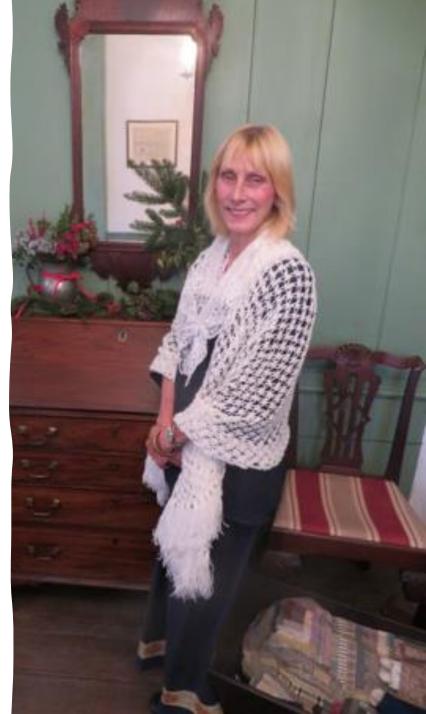




Ladies of the House







Children Are Welcome Here!



They Learn by Doing!



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Party On, Dudes!

Libby and Michael McDowell



