

SOME FACTS RELATING TO THE TYSON HOUSE

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Reynier Tyson was the head of one of the original thirteen families to settle Germantown in 1683 under the care of Daniel Pastorius. In 1700, Reynier bought land in Abington Township and moved from Germantown shortly after this time. He and his children settled much of Abington Township, especially the Glenside, Roslyn, and Abington areas.

Their "claim to fame" was the fact that Tyson Limekilns furnished lime for the mortar used in building the State House in Philadelphia...the State House was later known as Independence Hall.

Abraham was the fifth of Reynier's nine children. He was born in 1694, married Mary Hallowell in 1721, and died in 1781. His tombstone is the oldest marked grave in Abington Friends Cemetery. His descendents continued to farm in Abington and lived at the Homestead...or Manor House...for generations until around 1900, when the farm land was divided up into building lots.

