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The subject of this sketch was born in Bedford, England, March 22, 1721, and died at Lancaster, Pa., May 15, 1792, aged 71 years. He arrived in Philadelphia June 7, 1742, on the ship "Snow Catherine," Thomas Gladman, Captain. The ship left London, England, March 15, 1742.

John Okely was a member of the colony called by the early Moravian writers, "The First Sea Congregation." He came with Bishop Spangenberg, to whom he was as a son. He assisted in founding the Moravian church and college at Bethlehem, Pa.

He married three times; on March 9, 1743, to Johanna Robbins, by whom he had several children who died young. Johanna died March 31, 1745. On October 16, 1745, he was married to Elizabeth Home, who died December 23, 1775. She came from Berwic-on-the-Tweed to New York May, 1738, and joined the Moravians 1745. Left no issue. On February 8, 1780, he married Margaret Moore Graeff, widow, whose maiden name was Moore. She had been the widow of Mathew Graeff, of Lancaster, Pa., to whom she was married February 7, 1769, and who died at Bethlehem July 1, 1779. Their daughter, Elizabeth Okely, was born in Bethlehem May 19, 1782, and their son John was born there April 23,