

### *Other Voices Recall Samuel Harvey*

In the 1895 book, *A Century of Methodism in Germantown*, author Robert W. Thomas, says that Samuel Harvey “served the Church faithfully for many years as preacher, class leader, and trustee, down to the time of his decease. He was a strict disciplinarian, of a conservative nature, yet very liberal, and gave largely of his means toward the church and other enterprises; and to his financial aid in times of need and his general liberality the Church is indebted for her success. When the Bank of Germantown was chartered in the year 1814, he was elected President of the same, and continued to hold that office down to the time of his death. Under his judicious management the bank was enabled to pull through many financial and commercial crises, coming out of them all with her capital unimpaired, and her credit as a banking institution always standing ‘A Number 1.’ Brother Harvey... after a very short illness, died on March 3rd, 1848.”

A notice in the *New York Herald* of April 9, 1848, “Samuel Harvey, late of Germantown, PA left by his will \$1,000 to the Chartered Fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, \$1,000 to the Bible Society of Philadelphia, \$1,000 to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the Philadelphia Conference.”

In the *Journal of the General Conference* (1848), page 101, can be found a tribute passed in Harvey’s memory on behalf of the trustees of the Chartered Fund: “Resolved, That the condolence of the General Conference be tendered to the family of Rev. Samuel Harvey, in whose death the Church, and society at large, have lost a most worthy ornament, and by which event the Chartered Fund has lost one of its earliest and most faithful officers, whose devotedness to its interests was not only evinced in the services he rendered, but in the provision of his will, bequeathing to the fund the sum of one thousand dollars.”