

Rev. John Wallace was born 4 miles from Parkersburg, Highland township, Chester County. His parents were Friends of the strictest order, and he was raised to attend Quaker meetings until he was about 21 yrs of age. He then became acquainted with a young widow lady, a Mrs Gibson, who had been all her lifetime a Presbyterian of the "bluest" kind. Under her influence Mr Wallace was brought into the Presbyterian church. This lady afterwards became Mrs Wallace. Without a Classical education Mr Wallace after his conversion devoted himself to the study of theology under Mr White of Faggi Manor. It had always been his purpose to be a minister and he had often spoken among the Friends before he became a Presbyterian. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New Castle in 1814, and

preached as a missionary within its bounds for nearly 20 years. Presbytery supplied the churches of Pequea and Cedar Grove. Among those sent here was Mr Wallace, who preached very acceptably to the people as a supply for several months.

Sept. 9, 1833 a congregational meeting was held in the forenoon at the church, and in the afternoon at Cedar Grove church for the purpose of electing a pastor. The Rev. John Wallace was unanimously elected. Nov 5 of the same year he was ordained and installed. He maintained his relations as pastor of this people until summer of 1866.

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