for the rest of his life, John Ely, throughout his long life, took an active interest in all public affairs, often writing articles on political and other subjects of interest at the time for the old "United States Gazette." He was a warm personal friend of Hon. William Bingham, first United States Senator from Pennsylvania; who presented to Mr. Ely an original marble bust of Benjamin Franklin, which is now in the possession of Rev. William Ely of Germantown, Philadelphia.

It may interest many to know that John Ely took part in the work of the First Day Society, of Philadelphia, organized in 1791 to conduct schools on Sunday, after the example of the Robert Raikes's schools in England. Although composed largely of members of the Society of Friends, Bishop White was its first and only President for forty-five years. In 1841 the semi-centennial of this Society was held, on which occasion John Ely acted as one of its Vice-presidents.

1529. Gad Ely, b. 1762, d. 1807, son of James Ely and Dorcas Andrews; m. Tamar Meeker; m. 2nd, ______ (Van Buren). Their children:

1. Nameless.
2. Eliza.
3. Edwin.
5. Gustavus.
6. Cropsey.

1531. Elizabeth Pearson, b. 1774, dau. of Mary Ann Ely and Richard Pearson; m. William Reed.

1532. Phebe Pearson, b. 1745, dau. of Mary Ann Ely and Richard Pearson; m. Elisha Royce.

1533. Sarah Pearson, b. 1747, dau. of Mary Ann Ely and Richard Pearson; m. Reuel Royce.

1535. Mehitable Pearson, b. 1752, dau. of Mary Ann Ely and Richard Pearson; m. Josiah Beckwith.

1536. Mary Pearson, b. 1754, dau. of Mary Ann Ely and Richard Pearson; m. Nathan Huntley.

1537. Peter Pearson, b. 1756, d. 1836, son of Mary Ann Ely and Richard Pearson; m. 1781, Parnal Corah, Long Island, who was born 1760, and died 1823. Their children:

2. Phebe, b. Nov. 4, 1784, d. 1877, m. Reuben Rogers.