

married at Plumstead meeting in 1767. (The Morgan family was a prominent Quaker family; Sara Morgan, a sister to both Edward and William, the father of David's first wife, married Squire Boone and was the mother of Daniel Boone, the famous frontiersman).

In 1771, Jonathan and Elizabeth Hough attended a wedding held in the Plumstead meeting house. (The Plumstead meeting was subordinate to the Buckingham Meeting, never became a Monthly Meeting, and thus never kept its own records). Others attending this wedding were Mary (Hough) Preston, Sarah (Townsend) Smith, and Mary (Townsend) Skelton Carey, all aunts of Jonathan. Mary Carey's step-daughter was the bride. Jonathan's attendance at this wedding is the primary basis for our acceptance of John and Hannah (Townsend) Hough as the parents of Jonathan.

Jonathan and Elizabeth were apparently living in New Britain Township, as he appears on New Britain Township tax lists in 1778, and an Oath of Allegiance list in 1777. He apparently was living in an eastern part of New Britain Township that became a part of Plumstead Township in 1780, as he is listed as resident of Plumstead Township thereafter.

Jonathan's first wife, Elizabeth, died of the flu in August 1777. About 1778, Jonathan married Ann Barton, apparently also of New Britain Township. The tie has not been proven at this time; however, Ann was probably the daughter or granddaughter of Joseph Barton, who died and left a will in 1778, or a granddaughter of Thomas Barton, who died intestate in 1784. Joseph's daughter, Ann, is named in his will as being married to a Weaver. The Barton family was of Welsh origins, probably Quaker. Thomas Barton was baptized into a Welsh Baptist congregation about 1758. Joseph appears to have settled earlier in Gwynedd, purchasing land in Bucks County in 1745.

Jonathan Hough and his family were still living in Plumstead in 1786, being listed in the tax records. At about this time, John Barton, a son of Thomas, left with his wife for the Juniata Valley. It is not known at this time if Jonathan and his family went with John, followed him later, or ever preceded him. We do know, however, that Jonathan and his family were living in the Juniata valley (more precisely, Milford Township in the Tuscarora Valley, just south of the Juniata River) in 1788. He appears on the Milford Township tax records of Cumberland County in those years. Mifflin County was formed in 1789, and Jonathan is listed in the 1790 and 1800 censuses in Milford Township. Ann and Elizabeth Hough, the twin daughters of Jonathan, were born in 1794. Sometime prior to 1808, Jonathan moved his family to Derry Township, Mifflin County, as he is listed as a "Supervisor" of that township in that year. This was the same township in which most of William Carson's children were living.

Ann Barton Hough apparently died prior to 1810, as she is not listed in the census that year. It is not known when Jonathan Hough died. It is believed that he was the elderly male listed living with George Carson in 1820. If so, Jonathan may or may not have lived to travel with George and Ann (Hough) Carson to Ohio in 1823.

(Much of the information listed above appears in the book, "The Hough's of Bucks County, Pennsylvania", published in 1975 by Orville Louis Hough; the remainder of the information comes from family research and from Raymond Bell of Washington, Pennsylvania).

In the spring of 1788, Jonathan Hough (believed to be our Jonathan) signed a petition in Plumstead Township asking for mercy for two Doan brothers. The Doan family lived in Plumstead Township, and during the Revolutionary War, were Tory sympathizers. In the later stages of the War, they terrorized the local neighborhood, robbing, looting, and burning, to further the British cause. The two brothers were arrested, tried for treason, and eventually sentenced to hang. The petition of 1788 apparently was the final try by the Plumstead citizens asking the State to spare their lives. They were executed anyway, leaving wives and children.