

Imprint No.: **1817.101**

Short Title: **The Life of the Pilgrim Joseph Thomas.**

Author: Thomas, Joseph (1791-1835).

Title: The life of the pilgrim Joseph Thomas, containing an accurate account of his trials, travels and gospel labours, up to the present date.

Place Issued: Winchester

Issuing Press: Jonathan Foster

Description: 372 pgs.; 18 cm. (16mo).

Notes: Thomas was an itinerant evangelical minister who came to be known as "The White Pilgrim," based on his adoption of a simple linen suit as his only clothing style; in 1812, he established residence in Frederick County, where Foster, an elder in the Presbyterian Church, officiated at his wedding to the daughter of a prominent farmer there; Foster published seven works by Thomas over the next several years, including this title. The first was a justification of his ministry (1813.103) now lost; but the rest of Foster's publications have proven to be the bulk of Thomas's surviving corpus, as seen in the titles *A Poetical Descant on the Primeval and Present State of Mankind* (1816.125); *Pilgrim's Hymn Book* (two eds.: 1816.124 & 1817.101); an autobiographical *Life of the Pilgrim Joseph Thomas* (this item); *A Discourse on ... Sunday Schools* (1818.117); and *The Trump of Christian Union* (1819.092). Several of his poetical works were frequently reprinted in his lifetime.

Title page bears an imprint date of 1817, so the date reported here; yet this autobiography was evidently printed over the closing days of 1817 and opening ones of 1818 as last page carries a concluding address dated January 8, 1818, indicating that this personal tale would be continued "God willing."

IVP Associated Names: Jonathan Foster (168); Joseph Thomas (411)

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